



Science in the Sixties Day

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By As students entered the science building last week, they were surrounded by bamboo, sandbags and rice patches. Pictures on the walls portrayed impactful events that shaped the United States throughout the 1960's and the remainder of the 20th century. Science in the Sixties Day, part of the Vietnam intensive, introduced students to battlefield medicine, weaponry of the warfront, the space race, the tunnel systems underground, and other technologies that accompanied the Vietnam War era. The day served as a lesson of how science played a role in the war.

Dr. Cook, Ms. Walker, Dr. Dibble, Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Welsch and Mrs. Schlumper each prepared a presentation that demonstrated these various scientific topics. Junior Isabella Hurley said that her favorite part was "learning about what components make up napalm, especially those that make it destructive as a weapon."

On the other hand, senior Sydney Jerman's favorite part was "watching Coach Harcourt launch a water bottle rocket into the ceiling." Although the demonstrations were fun and entertaining, students still took away knowledge about the Vietnam War era.

Freshman Kayla Ralston described the experience as "a different approach to education that allows us to see the many different ways science affected the duration and outcome of the war." Science in the Sixties Day and the lessons that it taught will stick with students as they continue the intensive throughout this semester.