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From left to right, front row: Daija Jackson, Daija Reed, Kennedy Huff, Cynthia Jackson, Cheyenne Dotson, Artennio Morris. Back row, left to right: Tonika Johnson (Co-founder), Asiaha Butler (Co-Founder), Norman Morris, Latesha Dickerson (Co-Founder), Calvin Dean. Not photographed: Synamon Watkins, Teeyauda Mable, Khadijah Shabazz, and Maryann Shabazz.

Media-N-Motion gets RAW

By: Cynthia Jackson and Daija Jackson

Media-N-Motion students participated in beat and video making workshops at Columbia College Chicago Saturday, April 30 as part of the school's annual Raw Voices Festival.

Raw Voices is about media and how teens and youth can learn new things through technology workshops. More than 200 students came to Columbia College Chicago to visit other workshops, eat a box Subway lunch and share their class pieces with others from Jenner Elementary Academy of Arts, near the former Cabrini Green public housing buildings, and Sabin Elementary Magnet School, 2216 W. Hirsch Blvd.

Media-N-Motion is a news writing program for young people in Englewood, ages 9-15 years old. All who participated in the event included Daija Jackson, Cynthia Jackson, Kennedy Huff, Cheyenne Dotson, Calvin Dean, Norman Morris, Artennio Morris, Synamon Watkins, Teeyauda Mable.

One group attended the "Beat Making" workshop in room 317 at 1104 S. Wabash Ave. Students were asked to make up some new raps or write down rhymes they have already done. In the workshop, there were mini computers that Artennio of Media-N-Motion used to create

instrumental music and beats. The room had a flat-screen TV with an equalizer that played the raps and beats to make it a better instrumental piece.

"It was fun experience and you can get to learn new things with others," said Artennio Morris, 11, after the event. When asked why he chose beat making, he said: "I love to make beats like I do at home."

Asiaha Butler, co-founder of Media-N-Motion, also attended the music workshop. "I love Columbia College. I loved the interactive activity and loved being there with Media-N-Motion. I love seeing kids engage in creating lyrics and learning new things."

Another group attended "Engaging Your Audience in Online Video." They looked at sample videos on YouTube. The students recorded three videos on the Mac computers, they created their stories, downloaded it to the flash drive and downloaded it onto YouTube on [www. YouTube/columbiatv.com](http://www.YouTube/columbiatv.com).

"I liked it even though I did not get to go the 'Beat Making' workshop," said Cheyenne Dotson, 12. "Making videos is not about getting in front of the camera. It's about editing and other things."

Media-N-Motion had fun doing all of the experiences they had at Raw Voices!

HOT FLAMIN CHEETOS, RUN!!!!

By: Kennedy Huff

Flamin' Hot Cheetos are so good. They have a spicy taste that no one can resist. They are also popular at many elementary schools and in a lot of communities. There are so many reasons why kids like them and even adults.

"They are very delicious," says Calvin Dean, age 15.

Adult and Media-N-Motion co-founder, Tonika Johnson, age fully classified, says "They are delicious. I love the hot tangy taste."

A lot of people think that Flamin' Hot Cheetos are crispy, crunchy, and taste unusually good but are they healthy? One ingredient in Flamin' Hot Cheetos is monosodium glutamate (MSG).

According to MayoClinic.com nutritionist Katherine Zeratsky, MSG is a white crystalline powder that enhances the flavor of food. It can also cause pressure around the eyes and mouth, rapid fluttering heartbeats and nausea. All of these things are very bad to the human body and caused by monosodium glutamate. Flamin' Hot Cheetos also make it hard to use the bathroom after you eat these VERY DELICIOUS treats. So, guess what you should do? Stop eating Flamin' Hot Cheetos.

Although most people love Flamin' Hots, there are people that think it's bad.

Cynthia Jackson, age 12, says "the red dye is really bad, people are addicted to it."

Another student named Cheyenne Dotson says, "they are really good and delicious but really, really unhealthy."

Norman Morris, age 15, says, "You should never, ever, ever eat these !!!!!"

His brother Artennio Morris, age 11, doesn't eat them, too.

"It takes several days for that dye to get off of your hands," says student, Daija Jackson, age 14.

President Barack Obama should make the Cheetos company stop making these treats because of the bad things that happen to people when they eat it. Until then, watch your back. You don't want Flamin' Hots messing up your body, do you?

Artennio Morris' Summer Reading Suggestions

THE BATTLE OF THE LABYRINTH

Author: Rick Riordan

After being assigned to a new and dangerous guest, Percy and his friends make a last attempt to stop the Titan War before it starts.

THE LAST HERO

Author: Rick Riordan

In the second book of the series, the goddess Hera goes missing, Jason, Piper, and Leo are brought to Camp Halfblood and are issued a dangerous quest to save the queen of heavens herself.

THE LAST OLYMPIAN

Author: Rick Riordan

While the gods are off fighting Typhon, the storm giant, Percy and his camp mates must stop the Titan army from invading Mount Olympus.

Profile: Mindless Behavior performs with a “future”

By: Khadijah Shabazz and Cheyenne Dotson

There is a new singing group that a lot of young people love. They are young, fresh, can dance, rap and they look good! They are Mindless Behavior! Have you ever heard of them? If not, this is for you. Mindless behavior is a singing and rapping group of four teenage boys: Princeton, Prodigy, Ray Ray and Roc Royal. Mindless Behavior formed in 2008. Before they became Mindless Behavior, Princeton, born April 21, 1996 (the one with the curly afro) was doing commercials. Prodigy, born December 26, 1996 (the one with the Mohawk) was putting videos on YouTube of himself dancing. Ray Ray was born January 6, 1996 (the one with the long braids), and he was in a “Krumpin” dance group named “Rize.” Wikipedia defines Krumpin’ as a free, expressive, exaggerated, and highly energetic popular street dance that involves moving the arms, head, legs, chest, and feet.” Lastly, Roc Royal, (the one with the hats and the puffy ponytail) was dancing and rapping in Los Angeles before joining the group.



Mindless Behavior’s current manager, Keisha Campbell, held an audition in 2008 to form a new boy group. That is when they all got accepted and Mindless Behavior was born.

As Mindless Behavior, they have performed around the world and toured with Justin Bieber and Janet Jackson. All of their tours are on the Internet. They stream live using the MB Cam and have tons of videos on YouTube, U-stream and other social media websites. One of their most popular songs is “Future.” Mindless Behavior is definitely a multi-talented group that is one of the most popular boy groups around the world right now. For more info about Mindless Behavior go to www.mindlessbehavior.com

Englewood Students Turn up the Dial at WBEZ Studios

By: Artennio Morris

On Saturday May 21, Media-N-Motion students participated in Radio Station WBEZ - FM studio tour given by Daniel Ash, WBEZ’s VP of marketing.

WBEZ is a radio station located on 91.5 FM.. It reports information that helps the community benefit and gain more knowledge.

During the tour, Media-N-Motion students visited numerous (mini) studios and music making rooms. The students learned how to use different kinds of radio equipment, how to speak, and how to handle being in a radio studio.

Media-N-Motion students also learned facts about the radio stations like, 40 minutes of every hour on the radio are commercials; every station from 93 and up on the FM radio dial all have commercials and all station 92 and lower do not have commercials. WBEZ is one of those stations that do not have commercials. They broadcast news and shows 24 hours and operate on donations which means everything is paid for by sponsors.

One of the people who help WBEZ run smoothly on air is, Ramsey David, the engineer. If anything goes wrong, he has the solution to the problem. Media-N-Motion students enjoyed the field trip and learned many new things that are sure to help them later on in life.

Englewood Streets Word Search

Y P K O T F T Y A F B Q S E Y
P R I N C E T O N D H R X Q U
O P N Z M M M Q V U S N I H S
A U A O F E A U F O I I P H D
M J G H Z R R F Q H P L D Z N
A B R X H A S W T R D F O M X
Y Z O E Q L H W C T F A O O F
X V M U T D F U S S O L W W V
A O L J Q S I N K M Y C E D Z
B D B W D L E I F R A G L L X
A V Y J V I L H L R N W G O H
D Z N E M A D R C H C A N E W
A S S A M Z O G N N N Z E P Q
G V V Y H D X D F X I W X K O
T J Q U T B Q C F A V W X B R

WOLCOTT
WINCHESTER
PRINCETON
DAMEN
ENGLEWOOD
MAY
MORGAN
EMERALD
MARSHFIELD
LAFLIN
ADA
GARFIELD

POETRY

Media-N-Motion Student Daija Jackson’s was inspired to write her poem “They Say You Are” after being introduced to Carl Sandburg’s poem, “Chicago.”

They Say You Are

They say you are loud
crazy, half naked,
your nickname is South Side.
you are walking before talking,
breaking before thinking.

They say you are careless, ghetto,
living the thug life, stuck on the streets
and I believe them.

They say you run and hide all day.
They say you wear your pants below
your butt and you’re available.

They say your ‘hood don’t
go to school and don’t know nothing
but hood life.
I know you only care about hood life.

They say you got hood love, which means
you try to get every girl you can that is
nosey, ugly, dirty, and stank.

Baggy pants, hat turned to the side of back,
talking, saying “Shawty,”
to every girl when they got names.
You say stuff like, “look at her” or “Dat butt
so big.”
They say you need to wash your
mouth out with soap and put clothes on.
Smoking, drinking crying babies, court dates,
guns.
They tell me the streets will eat you up...
half naked girls
runnin round
babies poppin up

The tell me the streets is cold and to stay away.

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