



Administration unveils new water fountains with 50% more lead

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The WY Class of 2017 has unarguably seen enormous success across the board: an average ACT score of 29.6, the highest scores the school has ever seen; 18 National Merit Semifinalists; college acceptances to Stanford, Harvard, Yale, University of Chicago, and more. When asked about these accomplishments, CPS CEO Forrest Claypool commented, "The success of this year's graduating class is unprecedented for the school. I don't know what they put in their water but whatever it is, it's working."

In November of 2016 it was discovered that five water fountains throughout the school had abnormally high lead counts. Upon this finding, the water fountains had been shut down, until a recent WY study discovered that with the increase in the lead count, test scores increased proportionally. The fountains have since reopened.

Psychology teacher Carl Pasowicz explained, "I teach causation versus correlation in my class. A correlation between the discovery of lead and



Will Jamison '18 at the red house water fountain excited to get his daily dose of lead.

increased test scores in no way imply that one is the cause of the other." The school released their official response 24 hours later: "Eh, it's good enough for us."

By the end of 2017's spring break, all 46 water fountains in the school will

have the lead content increased from 15 ppb (parts per billion) to 22.5, a 50% increase. Each fountain will be implemented with a bonus feature of a lead dispenser to refill mechanical pencils.

Initially these developments were met with overwhelmingly negative reception. Lead has been known to cause extreme health damage, especially to the still-developing teenage brain. However, a recent focus group has found that 63% of WY parents, while somewhat concerned, think it's well worth the risk to increase their child's chances at getting into their dream college. Felicity Blank, mother of a current sophomore, stated, "I am well aware of the negative effects lead-contaminated water can have, but a little lead poisoning is nothing a Harvard education can't fix."

To further academic success, it has also been reported that the administration is partnering with Chipotle to develop a new E. Coli containing menu, and are working to install toxic mold in every locker.

Ms. Stojak threatens to quit

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The following is a play-by-play account of the events that occurred on March 27, 2017.

"That's it. I'm over it. I'm done," Ms. Stojak says as she storms out of her office. "I'm so tired of these kids. Every single day there are constant phone calls and emails signing them out. There is no way that some of them get signed out this often, which means it's fake. I know these kids do this themselves. I should not have to sit at school and deal with this, while they get to stay home and do whatever they want. I quit," she screams. By this time, everyone in the office is looking at Ms. Stojak speechless. We are at the edge of our seats waiting for Dr. Kenner's response to these sentiments. She takes a deep breath and begins to speak.

"I understand where you are coming from. You should not have to track down kids faking being their parents and calling in. Instead of doing that, and punishing them, because they obviously do not want to be in school. I know exactly what to do." Everyone waits for Kenner to come up with her solution to the problem.

"Students, it seems as though many of you have been constantly getting signed out of classes. Ms. Stojak has caught on and knows that some of them are fake. However, instead of putting in the work to track you down, which stresses her out, we are going to install a new policy: abolishing the attendance office all together," says Kenner over the PA system. In order to alleviate Ms. Stojak's stress, WY is moving to self-reported attendance. Everyday students will mark their attendance for classes on Edline. With this new system, Ms. Stojak will not receive hundreds of emails and calls, and avoid potentially fake ones. Immediately after this announcement, the halls erupted into cheers. Kenner continues, "Now this should make everyone happy, and no one should try to get past Ms. Stojak and sign themselves out. By entrusting you all with this privilege, we expect you to be honest and truthful with your attendance. Of course you all could just not try to get out of school and see the value in education, but that's crazy. Self reported attendance is the answer to all of our problems. Thank you all and Go Dolphins!" Ms. Stojak looked around the office. All of the administrators were shocked that Kenner just did that. According to our staff stationed in the Main Office, Mr. Swanson's jaw was to the ground.

We caught up to an anonymous student in the hall. "DJ Ken Ken knows wassup! I already marked my attendance as present for the day and I'm on my way home." At the conclusion of the meeting, Ms. Stojak walked back to her office with ease, knowing she would no longer have to track down students anymore. Life was good.

WY boys struggling to find their identity after being told they aren't beautiful by Dr. Kenner



A group of WY boys dresses up in hopes of gaining Dr. Kenner's approval.

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"[Dolphins] are problem solvers and utilize their critical analysis skills to perform well in the classroom. They are also beautiful and graceful. Although I can't call my male students beautiful, I can say so for all of my female students! GO DOLPHINS!"

Sunday, February 19th. 6:04 p.m. From that moment on, the world was never the same for Evan Radomski '17. "It was world-shattering", he told Beacon reporters. "My phone buzzed. I eagerly opened the Whitney Young Weekly, because I love Kenner's Korner. I was so excited to learn why our school mascot is the dolphin, but instead... I don't even know who I am anymore."

Radomski is not the only one who was deeply affected by the Whitney Young Weekly he received that evening, in which Dr. Kenner decreed all female students were beautiful while admitting she couldn't say the same about the boys. Numerous seniors have reported feelings of hopelessness, anxiety, and even a loss of school spirit after that unfortunate Kenner's Korner. "The words echo through my brain every day... 'beautiful and graceful...' although I can't say so for my male students, I can say so for all my female students..." says student Jalen Frizzell '17. "I simply don't understand. Don't male and female dolphins look, like, the same?"

Despite this email, WY students continue to persevere. Radomski comments, "At least I am a problem solver and critical thinker. Imagine if I didn't have that, and on top of that, I wasn't beautiful. At least I have something to keep me going." No matter what, WY students continue to look to Kenner's Korner for critical life advice.

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