



Bartlett Elementary students Sean Leigh and Marshia Ervin illustrate Bernoulli's principle of moving air during a scientific experiment directed by Mid-South "Mad Scientist" Monica Norris.

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Mad about science

Demonstration of experiments puts the subject in fun context

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Bartlett Elementary goes mad — that's mad scientist. From watching air move to making slime, Bartlett Elementary students were entertained and engrossed in scientific facts during a recent visit by Mid-South "Mad Scientist" Monica Norris. Eyes popped as she showed the difference between burning average paper and "magic" paper, which burned 100 times faster. Minds were boggled at how dry ice could talk and make steam from a flask.

The crowd of K-5 students thoroughly enjoyed watching demonstrations while teachers smiled knowing the inquiry-based workshop was meeting curriculum requirements.

After an hour of demonstrations, the Mad Scientist visited



Second-grader Briley Anderson created her own "slime" by watching two liquids form a solid.

individual classrooms and the students created their own "slime" by watching two liquids form a solid.

The Bartlett Elementary PTA sponsored the highly educational and electrifying science program.

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