Mike Parks

Students learning about ancient cultures at Mountain View Intermediate School found a unique treat last week, getting a chance to tour the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology at Harvard University.

The school’s children were in a classroom at the school in the school’s media center, got to meet Andy Majewski, education specialist for the museum, through Skype — an online video chat program that allowed the kids at the school to see and hear Majewski as he led them through specific exhibits in the museum near Boston.

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Majewski said that it was a conscious about interacting with the material and pointed out symbols in the way and pointing out similarities between forgotten cultures and today.

“The program, focused on the Aztecs and Maya, is a continuation of the ancient civilizations lesson. MVU sixth-graders have been studying ancient Mexico for ten years, and that is it’s very similar to a passive-type of experience students are more familiar with having, i.e., staring at a screen watching a movie.” Majewski said. “They can’t interact like that they the presenter is conscious about engaging them, it changes their reactions.”

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Students were given a survey to give to parents last week. Call 828-321-4388 for more information.

**Blood drive scholarships**

High school and college students can win scholarships this summer by hosting an American Red Cross blood drive. Registration for the Leaders Save Lives program is now open for anyone who wants to host a free first-time program for local kids.

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**The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology** provided a great introduction to the Aztec and Maya civilizations which will be greatly beneficial to my students when we begin our studies of those cultures. “I was like this gives my students the back ground knowledge that they need in order to make connections to the curriculum on the classroom.”

“Improved technology and Internet connectivity allows students to see close video of the exhibits and speak with Majewski in real time with no lag or buffering delays — making for an almost instantaneous feeling for participants who otherwise likely would not visit the museum. Many programs like this are already field trips usually limited to the age of people that have time and money,” Majewski said following his presentation Friday, May 1.

Schools pay a small fee to host the program for local kids. Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Education Briefs**

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