

SNICKERDOODLES AREN'T JUST COOKIES

The Snickerdoodles, Lawton Academy of Arts and Sciences (LAAS) 6th grade eCybermission team: Fabiha Azim, Nathan Livingston, Rahul Sodam and Austin Wiley, just returned from competition in Washington, D. C. This is a national science contest sponsored by the Department of the Army to promote science in schools. The Snickerdoodles won at local, state and regional contests to be able to compete in this national event. The team was told that they missed winning 1st Place by a minuscule amount. What's remarkable about that is they had had only two weeks to prepare their project whereas; the other teams had two months. This was an all-expense paid trip with sightseeing and an Army Lab day scheduled where students saw and interacted with the newest technology designs from Aberdeen. Students were also able to interact with the scientists and developers.

These Snickerdoodles researched and discovered students were consuming three times the amount of daily recommended sugar intake in just their drinks. After much study, parents were surveyed to see if the students had convinced them to cut down on their children's intake of sugar. Many parents did make the changes, thus proving their hypothesis was true.

Ms. Kay Johnson, principal at LAAS, said, "Never have I been around such wonderful people as the (national) eCybermission crew who held this event. What a wonderful job they did in carrying out their mission. A total of 59 students, 6th-9th grade...and not one incident! The Army needs to be proud of this group of individuals and the eCybermission sponsors!"

Way to go, Snickerdoodles. We are very proud of you!