



SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND
MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT
NMA 2021



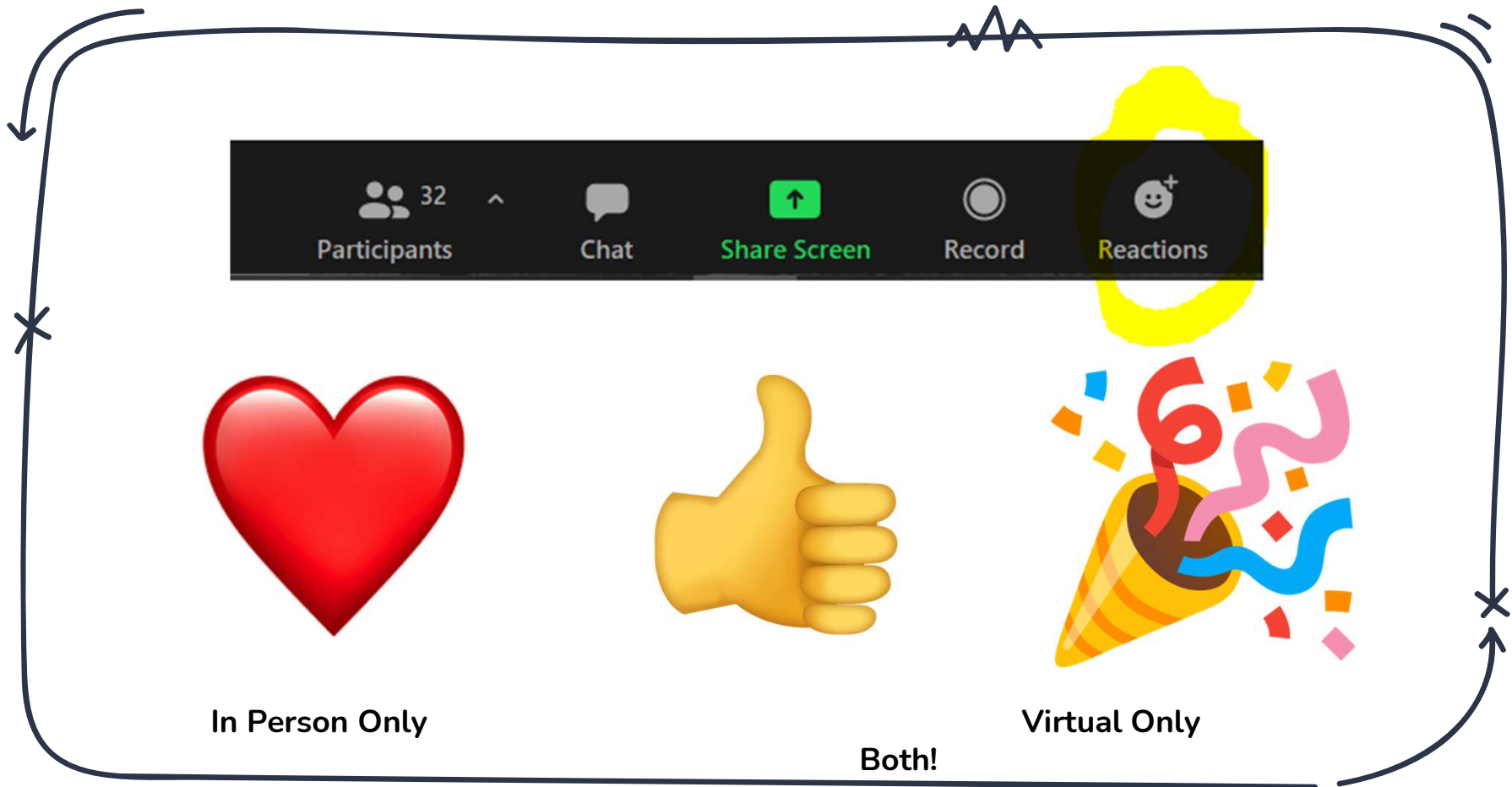
WHAT IS A SCHOOL PROGRAM

SCHOOL PROGRAM:

EDUCATOR BASED TOUR THAT IS BOOKED BY SCHOOLS / HOMESCHOOLS

- IN PERSON
- VFT





IN PERSON

Class Tours



BUILDING AN ENGAGING PROGRAM

It Factor

- What makes it cool?
- What is 'wow' about it?

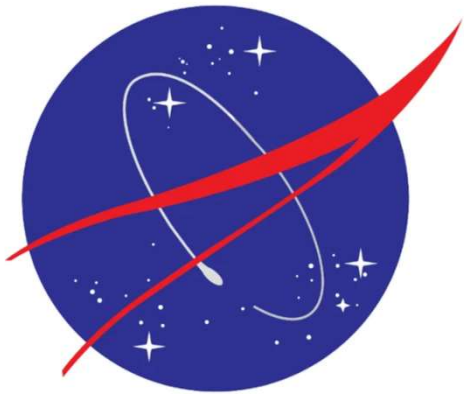
Standards

- 3rd- Local
- 4th- State
- Check history and science out

Talk with Teachers!

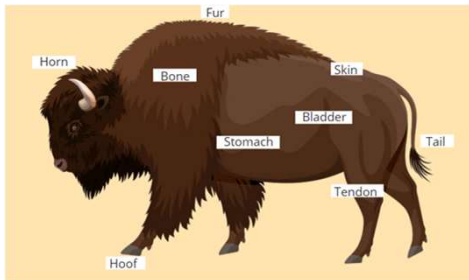
- PLCs
- Current schools who come

BRANDING GAME



“The snack
that smiles
back”

OTHER EXAMPLES



Mineral Search



Mark off each box as you find the answer. Be sure to check out the pull out drawers for answers as well!



Find a mineral for each color of the rainbow.



Look for a mineral that can be found in Nebraska.



Some rocks have openings when they are forming where minerals will develop. These are called **geodes**. Find a

Igneous Rock

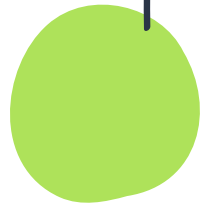
Things to Look For:

- Air Holes
- Looks like Lava
- Speckles of Minerals Visible

5 AND GROVE

Talk for 5 minutes and then move

- Pelts / non-collections artifacts
- Games
- Actions and Dances
- Moving locations doesn't count

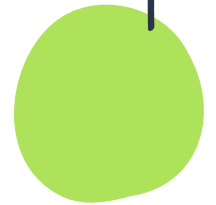


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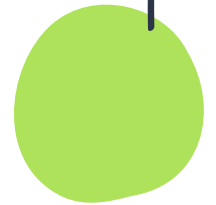
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BE ENGAGING?

- Web Cam
- Screen large enough to see class easily
- Internet
- Bonus-
 - Doc Camera
 - Good Speakers
 - BT Headphones
 - Moveable Cart



WE LEARNED THE HARD WAY

- Glass and Lighting
- Does your exhibit echo?
- Classroom booking vs Individual screens
- Size matters (carts and screens)



ENGAGEMENT

What separates you from a textbook?

- Handouts to class
- Stand up / Sit down
- Move to sides of the room
- Games

EXAMPLE



OTHER EXAMPLES



WANT TO TALK MORE?

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