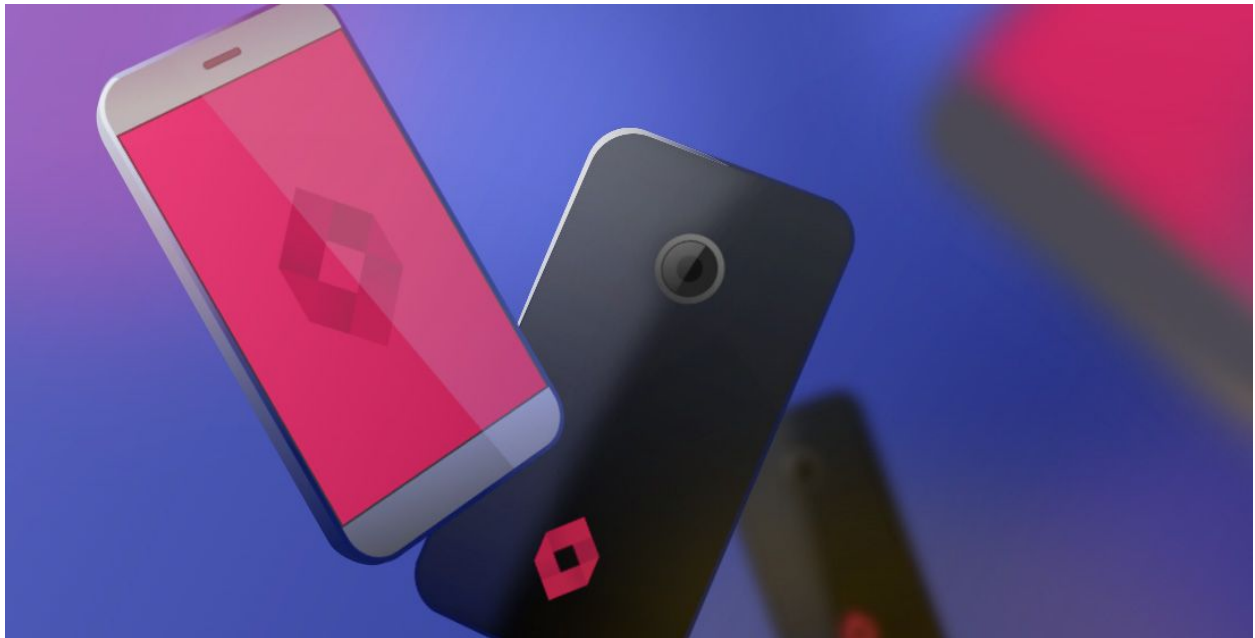


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Should schools pick up cell phones at the start of each school day? Read our students response to this idea.

My Visit to Region 20 by Valeria Luna

On April 18 a few select GT students were offered the opportunity to visit a really cool place; Region 20. I was selected to go, though I have to admit I wasn't sure what to make of this visit because I had never been there before, and I wasn't sure what exactly we were going to do. But I loved it. We apparently had to select some classes before we got there because the whole day was to be spent on "interactive activities" in separate classrooms. Oh no. We were travelling somewhere to go into a class. Can't be. Well it was, and it wasn't because every single class

was vastly different from some of the things I know about school because while school can be fun, this day was fun extreme. Sometimes we travelled in pairs, sometimes alone, but the entire day was spent in classes like “Fractured fairy Tales”, a Dee-Jay teaching Musical Math”, and “Stop Action Animation”. Those are the classes I took that day.

The whole experience was fantastic. I hope I get invited to go again.

Circuits of America by Davian Medina

Now there’s another reason to visit Austin and on April 25 we found out that reason. “Circuits of America” is a sports complex built in Austin, Tx. around the year 2012 and it is impressive. Twenty-five students from Losoya and twenty-five students from Matthey Middle School were selected to visit Circuits and it was fun. The first thing you see when you get there is this huge race track that has several fast cars running around it. Like everything else, I guess everything looks different when you see things in person, and for some reason the cars running the track seemed much larger, maybe even much faster than when you see them race on tv. We saw soccer players, professional soccer players practice on a soccer field, and we even saw a go-kart track complete with speeding go-karts thrash around in a crazy circle.

While all of that was great, I kept wondering how we had gotten so lucky to visit Circuits. I think they choose us because in the middle of the tour they also had a presentation in the complex where several members of the Circuits team talked to us about making proper educational choices in our lives. They also explained how many people working with Circuits have their degrees in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering, there are a few workers there with Medical Degrees, and there was even one driver with a Physics degree.

The whole trip was fun. And I hope to get another chance to visit "Circuits of America."

Cardboard Kids and the Teacher who brought them to Losoya

By Mya Campos and Xandra Hernandez.

Cardboard Kids have visited our campus now and it is all thanks to the efforts of Mr. Tufino, an ELA teacher at Losoya. These cardboard cut-ups of small children that you can dress up to look like they are a part of a chosen career figure; firefighter, business person, doctor, etc. are identified around the world as figures to help call attention to abused children around the world. Mr. Tufino brought the cardboard figures on campus from a distribution center, then had some of his students decorate and place them in a location on campus that was extremely visible, such as the school cafeteria. We sincerely want to thank Mr. Tufino for allowing all of us the possibility of getting involved in a small way towards helping everyone.

Cell Phone: Friend or Foe. Should schools pick-up our cell phones at the start of everyday?

Here are some of the comments from the Losoya Times staff.



“NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!” Wrote Abigayle.

Writes Amy - “Taking away phones is crazy. What if your Mom is trying to call you and your phone is locked in the office. Really!”

“I think phones should be banned from schools because students are secretly using them in class, and they are not paying attention in class.” - Anonymous

“Don’t ban the phones because we get to play with them during lunchtime and it’s the only time at school that we can use them.” - Edgar