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Foundation Grant Helps Students Conduct *CSI: Ephrata* Project

December 19, 2011 – Ephrata High School Honors Chemistry 2 students recently conducted their own *CSI: Ephrata* project that walked them through the steps of a murder investigation. Their task was to gather evidence and conduct interviews with suspects to identify a murderer and accomplice in the mock murder of Assistant Principal Kristin Holst. More than two dozen Ephrata High School teachers volunteered to be suspects in the project.

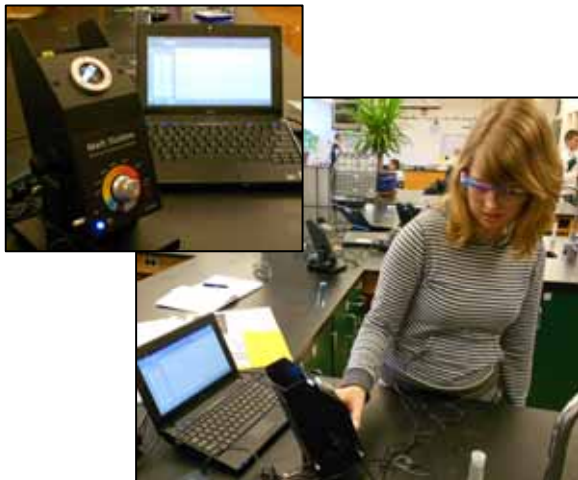
Students were provided with “crime scene” samples which included powder, hair, and writing samples and impressions of shoe prints. By comparing these samples to the evidence they gathered from suspects, they were able to identify Language Arts teacher Angela Graybill as the murderer and Physical Education teacher Josh Clair as her accomplice in the mock murder.

The project was made possible in part with a Venture Grant from the Ephrata Area Education Foundation. The grant was used to purchase melt stations, which the students used to determine the melting points of powder samples they collected.

The Foundation awarded 15 Venture Grants for the 2011-2012 school year totaling \$14,500. The grants help Ephrata Area School District staff enhance and expand educational experiences and opportunities using creative and innovative programs that would not normally be funded through the school budget.

Since its inception in 2004, the Ephrata Area Education Foundation has supported the District by funding over 50 Venture Grants. Alumni, community members, and businesses can support the Foundation with tax-deductible donations. Donations can be mailed to the Ephrata Area Education Foundation, 803 Oak Blvd., Ephrata, PA 17522. Please contact Kati Farrer at k_farrer@ephrataeducation.org or (717) 721-1465 for more information.

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Ephrata High School senior Sophia Fast uses a melt station to measure the melting point of a powder sample.

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