A feather and a bowling ball fall at the same rate when dropped from a 5-story building. A person’s mass and weight stay the same on other planets. All plants die in the winter. All facts that are completely wrong!

At Spratley Gifted Center in Hampton, seventh and eighth grade students create NASA eClips Spotlites videos targeted to younger students and their peers to help dispel common science misconceptions. In the process, the students learn and are actively engaged in all aspects of creating videos from crafting the script, filming, sound and video engineering, editing and even costume design!

Lisa Ann Wilson, whose students are enrolled in her digital studio class, was interviewed by Jane Hammond, an education writer for the Daily Press newspaper serving the middle and upper peninsula regions of Virginia reaching over 120,000 readers daily. Wilson explained that the older students at Spratley interviewed and worked with younger students to determine their most common misconceptions. Student research from several reputable sources helped to drive what topics would be used for the videos.

The students’ work was also highlighted in the Hampton City Schools website. And to read the article published in the Daily Press on February 27, 2018 visit: http://enewspaper.dailypress.com/html5/desktop/production/default.aspx?pnum=3&edid=ae0af302-2a6a-40e2-be3b-7a269bf0d5b9

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