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Dr. Ryaz Ansari Teaches Science at Ellington Middle School

ELLINGTON - Face it! Seventh grade science students at Ellington Middle School did just that on May 13 when Dr. Ryaz Ansari, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon from Manchester, spent time teaching students about facial fractures and how he treats them.

Science teachers Nicole Bolduc and Elizabeth Tautkus really value the experience when professionals from the community come in to visit their students. It brings the pages of their textbooks to life. "Dr. Ansari does an excellent job engaging and teaching the students about his career as an oral surgeon in a way students can relate to him," said Bolduc. This is the second year Dr. Ansari has visited the school.

As part of the 7th grade science curriculum, students spend the second half of the

year studying the human body. Dr. Ansari's visit tied in perfectly with the digestive and skeletal system chapters as

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students learned first-hand how important the bones in the face are at protecting the organs in the skull and how bones in general are important.

Most people don't realize the bones in your face can fracture just like any other bone in the body. The students asked several questions about facial fractures and learned about facial implants. Facial implants are specially designed to enhance or augment the physical structure of the face. The type and size of implants best suited for a person requires an evaluation of the patient's goals, the features he or she



wishes to correct and the surgeon's judgment. The students were especially interested in how Dr. Ansari performs the facial implants.

"His visit reinforced concepts about the human body that we've investigated in

class as part of the 7th grade science curriculum," said Bolduc. "We are looking forward to his visit again next year."

Dr. Ansari has an office on Middle Turnpike West in Manchester and has a website, www.jawfixers.com.