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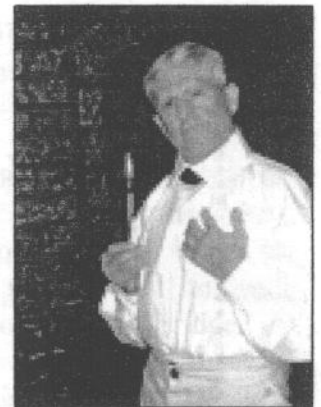
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On Wednesday, December 5th the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders watched a performance by Duende Drama and Literature called *The Air We Share*. This play was written by Rick Foster and featured Thomas McGuire as Joseph Priestly (scientist, 1733-1804) and Susannah Holland as stage manager. Priestly had discovered oxygen in the mid 18th century. Priestly's research of oxygen, which he called dephlogisticated air, began by capturing the gas which formed over the fermenting mash at a brewery. Priestly had a life of amazing experiments. He realized that any living thing would die without fresh air. Priestly discovered how to isolate pure oxygen by heating the ash of burned mercury. Sadly, a French scientist named Antoine Lavoisier tried to steal the credit for this discovery. *The Air We Share* was a fascinating play and had a big impact on the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.



Here is
an article that
appeared in our
school's newspaper that
highlighted the performance!
Thank you - it was
great