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Students Will Try to Create a Kid-Friendly Tongue Depressor

Open Your Mouth And Say 'Yummy'

-- So how often have you gone to the doctor's office and gagged on the tongue depressor?

We know it's kind of a gross topic, but it happens. Except maybe it won't in the future, thanks to some very clever Virginia fifth-graders who are among the winners of the National Science Foundation's Kids' Science Challenge.

Devin Claire Hollinger, Ian Michael Williams and Anna Xystros, students at the Cape Henry Collegiate School in Virginia Beach, will be teaming up with scientists to see if they can design a tongue depressor that will taste good, smell delicious and maybe even soothe a sore throat.

The Kids' Science Challenge asked kids in grades three through six to come up with problems that could be solved through science. More than 700 kids entered, and four winning teams will be paired with scientists to try to turn their ideas into reality.