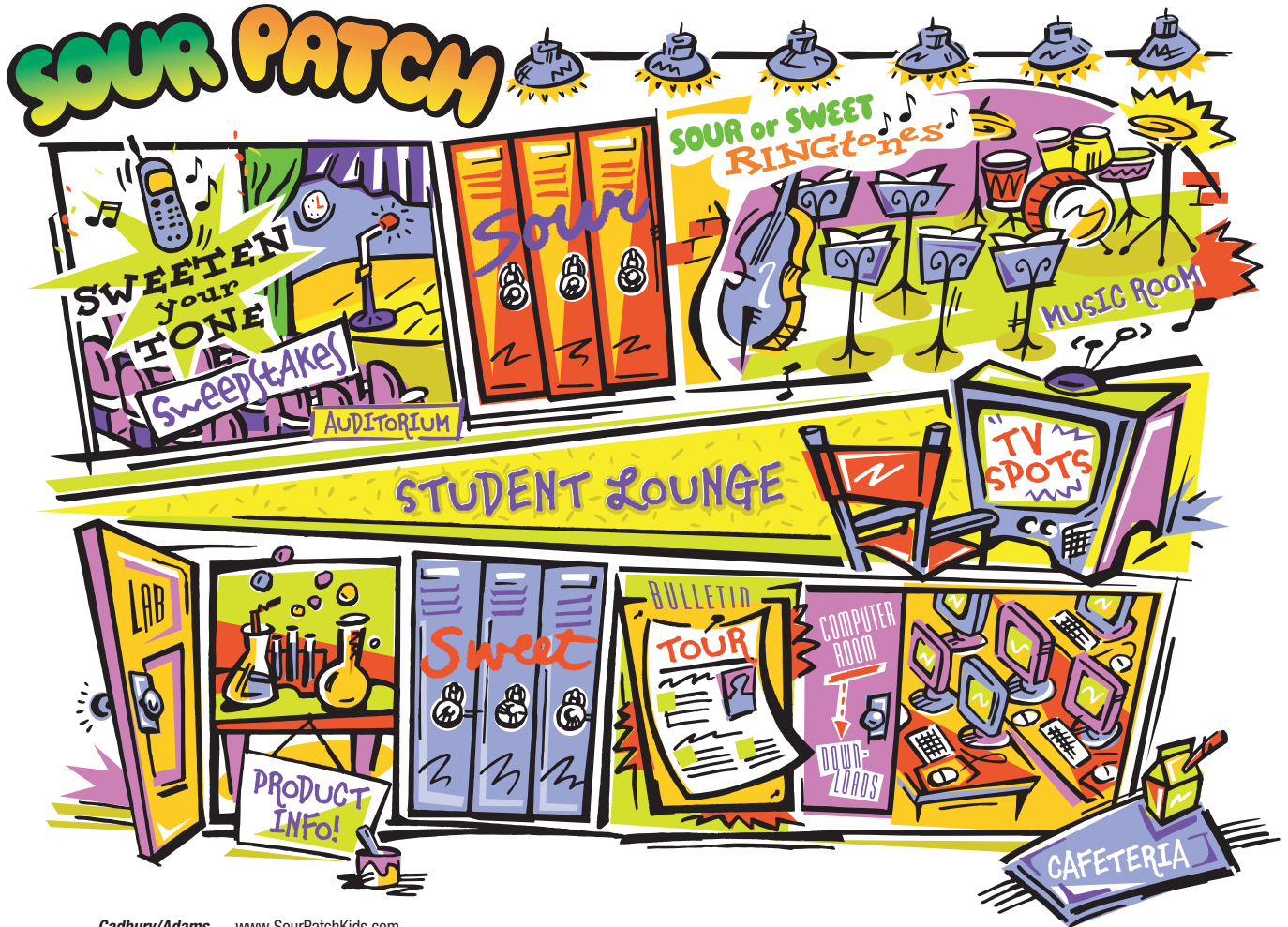




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The scoop on poop.

- Over 7,000 dung beetles have been found in one pile of elephant dung. That's enough beetles to fill almost half of a bath tub. The beetles remove dung left by elephants and use it as food.
- A hyena leaves its den to poop in a specific location called a latrine. Doing so, keeps predators away from the hyena den.
- Before some African plant seeds can germinate, or grow, they must pass through the intestines of an elephant.

Simple facts about poo.

- Elephants poop almost 80 pounds per day, enough to fill the trunk of a car.
- A male Nile hippo defends its territory by facing backside to neckside with other hippos and showers them with urine and poop.
- A dik dik (small African antelope) marks its territory by dropping poop on other animals' dung.
- Scientists study fossilized poop, called coprolite, to determine what ancient animals ate.

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