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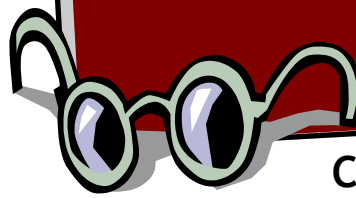
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SNEAK A PEEK

Career Development Events in Your Schools

Garfield Heights City School District

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MEET COMMUNITY WORKERS

On January 17, kindergarteners from William Foster Elementary School listened to community workers describe their jobs and heard about how they help their community.



Ed Jamison told students how important it is to know what signs mean. He explained what the Service Department does to maintain the signs and about all the other services it provides to the city.

Community personnel who participated in the event were Ed Jamison from the Garfield Heights Service Department, Lt. Dave McKee and Inspector Joe Rody from the Garfield Heights Fire Department, Officer Mike Naso from the Garfield

Heights Police Department, Jennifer Haag and Carol Able from the Garfield Heights Library; and Bernice Hanzel from Something Special, a florist shop.

Students had been studying a unit on community workers in their classes. Becki Brehmer, CVCC Career Specialist, scheduled the speakers and facilitated the event.

ICE CREAM LESSON TEACHES “FACTORS OF PRODUCTION”

In February, fourth graders at Maple Leaf Intermediate School were able to relate the steps in manufacturing a product to the process associated with the production of ice cream.

Becki Brehmer, Elementary Career Specialist from CVCC, taught the economics lesson using Ben & Jerry as the entrepreneurs and their ice cream as the product. The lesson involved the four factors of production, a unit the students had been studying.

PROFESSIONALS DESCRIBE THEIR CAREERS

Sixth grade students in Mrs. Thomas' English classes at Garfield Heights Middle School met three professionals representing three different careers. **Mayor Longo** spoke to the classes on January 31. In March, Ranger **Fayza Panno** was the guest speaker.

On April 8, **Eve Phythyon**, a nurse anesthetist, explained to students how she puts patients to sleep during surgery. She also talked about the education required and the responsibility involved in her job.

The speakers described their positions, as well as why they chose their career, their job responsibilities and the education required.



Eve Phythyon, CRNA, demonstrated the equipment she uses to put patients to sleep.

ELMWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MEET "BENJAMIN" AT CVCC

Students from CVCC's Teaching Professions and Graphic Imaging Technology classes hosted students from Elmwood Elementary School on May 9th for a day of fun revolving around the children's book, "Benjamin Saves the Books."

The annual event is arranged and facilitated by CVCC Career Specialists and gives students in Josie Everhart's and Bill Delgado's classes an opportunity to practice their skills in a meaningful way.



GLASS CEILING ROUNDTABLE



The Glass Ceiling Roundtable held its year-end event at CVCC on April 29. The high school juniors and seniors from Garfield Heights, who were selected for the program based on their leadership potential, enjoyed meeting girls from Cuyahoga Heights, Independence and Nordonnia High Schools. Kelli Buccini, CVCC Career Specialist, coordinates the Glass Ceiling Roundtable program at Garfield Hts. High School.

After brunch served by CVCC's culinary students, Patricia Coyne, Career Development Program Developer, led a group activity focused on self-examination. The girls were challenged to assess their identity and determine what aspects they would like to work on before leaving high school for college life. Common themes included decision-making, time management, self-confidence and concern for others.

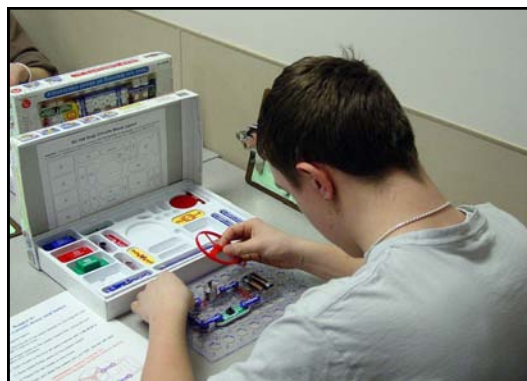
The keynote speaker, Barbara Daniel, publisher and editor of the Cleveland Women's Journal East Edition, spoke of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the next generation of women leaders. Ms. Daniel reminded the girls that they will be empowered through knowledge.

Seventh Grades Visit CVCC for "Exploration"

During February, March, and April, 7th graders from CVCC's district middle schools and their teachers had an opportunity to tour CVCC and experiment with some of the skills students in the school are practicing in their classes.

CVCC Career Specialists conduct a lesson at each associate school to introduce career and technical education. The day spent at CVCC includes a school tour, "Tryvertising" lab in which six activities simulate skills used in various careers, "CVCC Bingo," lunch in the cafeteria and an online interest survey that helps students match their interests with potential careers.

Career Specialists conduct a follow-up lesson in students' classrooms to answer questions. Exploration at CVCC gives students a head start in planning their high school classes and activities, which they begin to do in the 8th grade.



A student tries his skill at creating an electronic circuit that spins a propeller, following a diagram.



Seventh graders used "Anatomical Annie" cutaways and miniaturized organs to build human systems for a glimpse at what a health career might involve.

Arranging several types of flowers and foliage according to directions provided students with practice in a career as a florist, one of the units taught in CVCC's horticulture class.

"VEHICLE DAY" GIVES STUDENTS A CLOSE-UP VIEW

William Foster's kindergarten and first grade students experienced "Vehicle Day" on May 8. It was an opportunity to see occupations in an up-close and personal way. Students visited a school bus, police car and horse; a fire truck, Ohio Department of Transportation truck and Garfield Heights city sign truck. A G&M Auto towtruck, ADS logistics truck and a CVS Samaritan van were also visited.

After they toured the vehicles, students met with employees to ask questions and hear about the jobs of each worker.



The mounted patrol is always a big attraction. The students were also able to examine a variety of other vehicles at this event.



A teacher waves from the "cherry picker," demonstrating how it works.

PARENT SPEAKER SERIES
COLLEGE SURVIVAL SKILLS 101



On February 13 from 7 to 8:30, a panel of experts addressed issues critical to college-bound students. More than 70 parents and students attended the session. Panelists were Alma Sealine, Director of Housing at CWRU (social and emotional ramifications), Danny Shoo, senior at CWRU (a student's perspective on college life), David Pelland, CFP, Bear Pelland Associates (financial responsibility); and Sgt. Chad Cunningham, University of Akron (safety and legal aspects of being 18). Each family received helpful articles and a checklist of "must-have" conversations prior to a student's leaving for college.

SOUP WITH THE SUPE



Community Seniors enjoyed a soup and salad lunch buffet prepared by CVCC culinary arts students in December. Roscoe Schlachter, CVCC Superintendent, welcomed guests. The luncheon was one of three hosted by Career Development Community Liaisons, Bridget Murphy and Marie Elias that targeted community groups.

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR BRUNCH AT CVCC



Fourteen middle and high school counselors attended a *Career Connections* brunch December 7, 2007 at CVCC. The brunch was planned to familiarize counselors with CVCC programs, introduced by Roscoe Schlachter, Superintendent, and Mike Hall, Principal. Middle School Career Specialists, Gretchen Weber, Kathy Richards and Michele West, along with CVCC Community Liaisons Bridget Murphy and Marie Elias, hosted the brunch. Participants viewed a presentation on the career exploration program offered to all K-12 students and heard about new programs and ideas from additional CVCC staff. The presentation enabled counselors to see how career exploration fits into the career planning process, and the advantages of including career-technical programs in students' plans.

2008 STUDENT JOB FAIR ATTRACTS 850+



Students from all eight districts age 15 and up met employers, interviewed and completed applications for part-time and summer jobs on March 13 at CVCC. Students were prepared for the event by their career specialists

through instruction on interview techniques, professional appearance and resume preparation. More than 50 employers were arranged at color coded tables according to the age groups they were hiring, facilitating students' job search. Members of the Cleveland Society for Human Resource Management assisted students with completing applications. Parents who accompanied students were able to get handouts on child labor laws, work permits and occupational trends, as well as other events of interest at CVCC.

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Our objective is to prepare all district students, K- Adult, to make the best possible informed career choices and position them for future career success by providing impactful age-appropriate resources and relevant experiences

CVCC Coming Events

- Career Connections Workshop (New Teacher Orientation) August 11, 2008
 - Teacher Externship Luncheon November 6, 2008—12 Noon
- Parent Speaker Series**
 College & Career Planning Seminar
 November 12, 2008- 7-9 PM
- High School Student Job Fair March 12, 2009—4-7 PM

CAREER PATHWAYS

CVCC DISTRICT STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The Ohio Robotics Club held its spring HORD robotics competition at CVCC on April 19. Teams from Brecksville-Broadview Hts., North Royalton, Independence and CVCC entered Ant weight (1-pound) robots constructed in their industrial technology classes. CVCC program instructors conducted a workshop in February on design and building techniques for district teachers. Career Pathways donated the basic components to participating schools to build and operate the robots. The students built wedge and spinner type robots. While they didn't win, the students fared well in their first competition and learned a lot from watching the winning combatants.

TECH COMPETITION SUPPORTS "STEM" EDUCATION

Career Pathways and the industrial technology district teachers held the 8th consecutive Technology Competition at Independence Field House on May 2. Students used their pre-engineering knowledge and skills to design and build structures and vehicles. Airplanes and magnetic levitation cars were timed and the winner was selected based on optimum performance. Towers and bridges were stressed to failure to determine the winning design. Technology Wars pitted four school teams against each other in a problem-solving event. Beverly Kuch, Career Pathways Specialist, coordinated the robotics and tech competition events.

Students from Brecksville-Broadview Hts. celebrate winning the trophy for the second year in a row.



Dan Dulik and Ron Surace, teammates from Independence, exhibited high confidence in their robot, "Gold Digga" prior to the fight. They won in the first round, but were eliminated in the second.