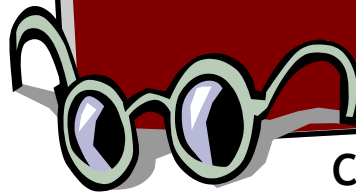




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SNEAK A PEEK

Career Development Events in Your Schools

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6TH GRADE STUDENTS DISCOVER



Students who were not able to go to work with a parent or relative on “Take Your Child to Work Day” on April 24 heard career speakers at their school.

Nine professionals visited the middle school and each student was able to hear three speakers.

Lisa Bires, Revolutions Dance Owner and Instructor, got everyone involved and dancing.

The following professionals shared career information: **Nikki Golden**, Director, Radio Disney Promotions; **Kevin Culum**, Federal Prosecutor; **Mike Maier-son**, Fitter, Orthotics & prosthetics; **Bob Stout**, Fuerst Automotive; **Ed Pfister**, Auctioneer & Pfister Insurance; **Lisa Bires**, Owner & Instructor, Revolutions Dance; **David Donner**, Golf Manager, Washington Park Golf Center (Cleveland Metroparks); **Marlena Battle**, Barbizon Modeling & Stone Talent Agency; **Deb Monaco**, Bryant & Stratton.



Dave Donner, Golf Course Manager, told students about different kinds of turf and their care, as well as his managerial responsibilities.



Deb Monaco talked about attributes needed to succeed in the world of work.



Students practiced bidding on items after Ed Pfister, auctioneer, explained the process.



Marlena Battle spoke about the perseverance required to succeed in her industry.

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(L-R) Bob Stout, Fuerst Automotive, demonstrated a water-fueled car, talked about cars of the future and opportunities in the automotive industry; Kevin Culum, a federal prosecutor, discussed legal careers; Mike Maierson, a fitter for Leimkuehler, Inc., explained the process of fitting a client for artificial limbs; Nikki Golden, with Radio Disney—a radio station targeted to children to age 14, arranges promotion for the station and is responsible for Disney celebrities when they visit.

CAREER DAYS CELEBRATED AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN VARIOUS WAYS

Albion, Royal View and Valley Vista Elementary Schools celebrated Career Week May 12-16. Students enjoyed activities involving career exploration. Each day started with Career Announcements that presented an unusual career of the day. Together, students learned about some new careers such as photo-micrographer, lexicographer, cryptographer, Foley artist and gerontologist.

First grade classes each had a Career Bear of the Day packet that included a stuffed bear dressed for a specific career with a book and video to complement it.

On Wednesday, the students participated in a Career Dress-Up Day. Teachers had access to a variety of career videos, literature books and activities provided by CVCC Career Specialist, Julie Regula.

Naturalist Kelly McGinnis from Brecksville Nature Center visited all second grade classes at Albion and Valley Vista during their “Winter Adaptations” unit.

Students explored ways that animals, plants and humans adapt to changes in climate. Along with beautiful slides, McGinnis had items to examine that included beaver, deer and mink fur, as well as a variety of leaves, conifers and seed pods.

Patty Gunsalus from the North Royalton Post Office visited all kindergarten and pre-school classes on February 8th. Her annual visit is part of their Community Helpers and Mail unit. Students each received their own sealed piece of mail, which included a Post Office Activity.



Julie Regula, CVCC Elementary Career Specialist, conducts an “EWOW” lesson (Exploring the World of Work) with 3rd grade students. The students completed a form asking them to think about things they like to do. Afterward, the students shared their career aspirations with the class.

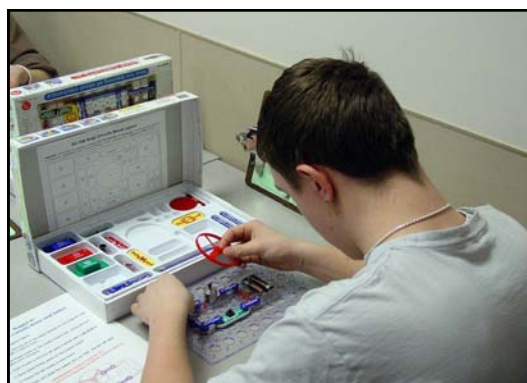


Seventh Grades Visit CVCC for "Exploration"

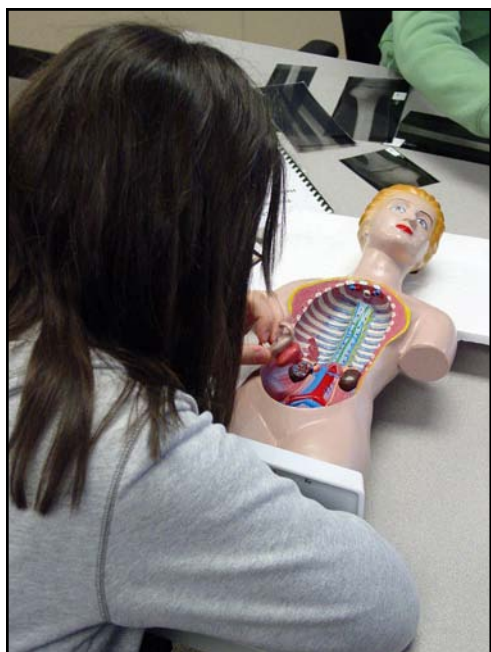
During February, March, and April, 7th graders from CVCC's district middle schools and their teachers had an opportunity to tour CVCC and experiment with some of the skills students in the school are practicing in their classes.

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.

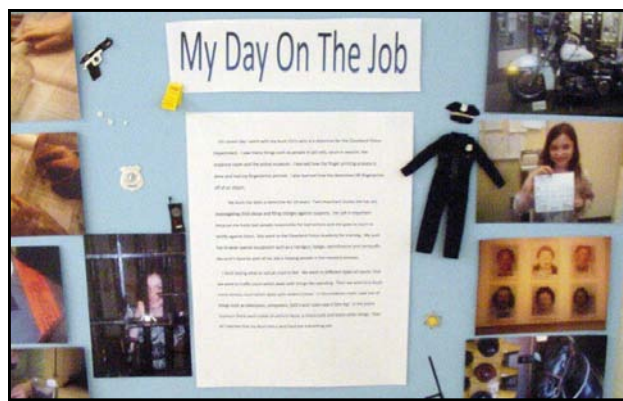
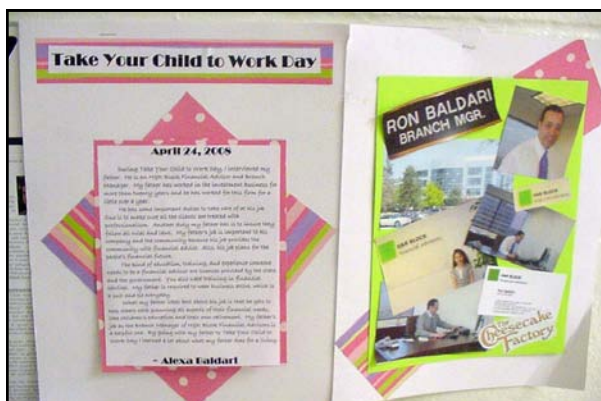
Career Specialists conduct a follow-up lesson in students' classrooms to answer questions. Exploration at CVCC gives students a head start in planning their high school classes and activities, which they begin to do in the 8th grade.



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



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.



On April 24th, 300 students participated in the Annual Fourth Grade Take Your Child to Work Day. Students were excused from class to spend the day "on the job" with their parents or family members. Interviews, reports and presentations were assigned for information to be shared with other students.

Dentist Dr. Heather Petroff visited all kindergarten and pre-school students on February 22. She encouraged students to think about healthy snacks for their teeth by comparing, through taste, the different textures of marshmallows and carrot sticks. She also demonstrated proper brushing techniques. As with any visit with a dentist, students left with smiles and a new toothbrush.

As part of their social studies unit on Today and Long Ago, Naturalist Stacy Allen of Garfield Heights Nature Center (pictured at right), spoke with Mrs. Biesiada's kindergarten class on the process of sheering sheep, cleaning wool, making yarn and spinning. She brought samples of wool and her spinning wheel to show students.

Third grade classes at Valley Vista had individual presentations in conjunction with their Health Series units. Speakers included Laura Brady, Senior Audiologist from Cleveland hearing and Speech Center. She stressed the importance of hearing wellness.

Other visits this year included Optometrist Dr. Emanuel Zanoudakis who informed students about eye care and sight through an interactive program called "Real Eyes" featuring the character of "Vinnie Vision." Students used optical illusions to solve a mystery. Dr. Zanoudakis also did a presentation for 5th graders as part of their science unit, "Sight and Sound."



SPEAKERS SHARE CAREERS IN PYROTECHNICS, MUSIC THERAPY AND AQUATICS BIOLOGY



Assemblies on unusual careers were held as part of Valley Vista's Career Week activities. Salvatore Lanara, Pyrotechnician with Zambelli Fireworks (pictured at right), spoke on the many skills needed to work in fireworks display. He also stressed the danger involved and the safety precautions required when handling fireworks.



Music Therapist, Brenda Calovini, spoke about how her love for music, her desire to share it and how her high school counselor helped her to choose the relatively unknown career of music therapy. She demonstrated through song and instruments how she works with disabled people, disadvantaged children and terminally ill patients.

Mike Durkalec, Aquatics Biologist from Cleveland Metroparks (pictured left), explained that unlike a marine biologist who works with ocean life, he works with creatures that live in our lakes, rivers and streams. He encouraged students to find a career that they love to do. He also mentioned that *Field and Stream* magazine recently named Rocky River as one of the top fishing locations, and encouraged students to enjoy all the Metroparks programs have to offer.

STUDENTS HEAR SPEAKERS DURING "LUNCH MEETS"

Every year, Valley Vista 4th grade teacher Rich Nesbett offers his students a program entitled "Lunch Meets." This lunch speaker series is an informal way for students to learn more about careers. This year's speakers featured Susan Johnson, Aeronautical Engineer at NASA and Executive Chef Jim Martin (pictured right). Both presenters shared information about their careers and offered valuable tips on pursuing a career in their fields.



NORTH ROYALTON MIDDLE SCHOOL GETS CLOSE TO CAREERS

Jim Nemet, with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Education Department, presented his annual Animal Assembly. This year's animal highlights included a Fenwick fox and a frog from the Zoo's new exhibit, "Frogs, Hogs and Dogs." Nemet also brought a kookaburra bird, a very large python snake and the favorite of all, Hissing Cockroaches. Nemet began his presentation with a hands-on activity that encouraged students to consider all the careers available at the Zoo.

Gene Stepanik, Training Director for Cleveland Electrical JATP, spoke to fifth grade classes as part of their Electricity unit. In addition to bringing one of the largest fuses the students would ever see, he showed a video of one of the most dangerous jobs – repairing high tension lines via helicopter.



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.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.



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

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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 and 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

CVCC AND CSU PARTNER TO PRESENT "COLLEGE ROAD RULES"



In February and April, senior and junior students respectively attended a presentation of CSU's "College Road Rules." The agenda covered college planning and resources, the value of a college education, financial resources, scholarships and other options. Students who might not have been planning to attend college learned of various ways to achieve a college education. The event was initiated to meet the state challenge to increase college attendance and college graduation rates. The event was the first partnership between high schools and a 4-year college.