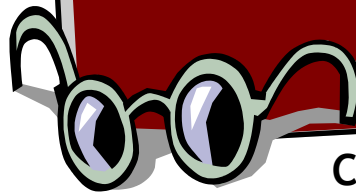




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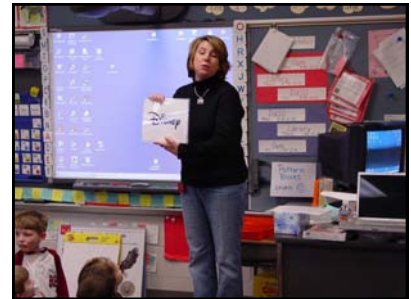
CAREER WEEK AT HILLCREST ELEMENTARY

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Seven career professionals shared their career experiences with kindergarteners at Hillcrest Elementary School from March 4th through March 10th.

On March 4th, David Flynn, Graphic Artist, told morning class students how he produces advertisements and catalogs for clients. Jeanette Geer



(pictured at right) represented the advertising industry for afternoon students. On March 5th, Renee Brinker, Physical Therapist (pictured below) talked with students about her career. Physical therapy



student Nicole Amersbach from OU assisted Brinker.

Elizabeth Rathburn, Sign Language Interpreter, and student helper Claire Jimer-



son, (shown top left) talked to the morning class on March 7th about helping hearing challenged individuals understand what people are saying. Tony Alexander, Owner, Chick-Fil-A, (pictured below left) brought a friend to help explain his career.

Michelle Boltz, Registered Dietitian, spoke to the morning class on March 10.



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189 STUDENTS IN FIRST GRADE AT HILLCREST ELEMENTARY HEAR CAREER SPEAKERS



Five parents shared their careers with students in the first grade at Hillcrest Elementary on February 6th. Pictured at left is Connie Sasala, Environmental Scientist at Cameron-Cole, LLC. Thad Hete, a police officer with the City of Norton (pictured at right), also spoke to the classes.



Additional presenters included Dr. Sheldon Padgett, Veterinary Surgeon, Ohio Veterinary Surgery and Neurology, LLC; Pete Manousos, Meteorologist, First Energy; and Stella Bonilla, a violin teacher and member of the Akron Symphony.

CAREERS ON WHEELS INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO CITY VEHICLES



Laura Podboy brought her Adam the Groomer (pet grooming) truck.



Summit County Metroparks Ranger, Grant Van Fossen, told students how he uses the Metroparks' vehicles.



Deputy Anthony Moore, Summit County Dog Warden, showed students his animal control vehicle.



The ODOT Crewzer was displayed by Marty Sarlouis.



Students got a close-up look at an earth mover and snow plow from the Village of Richfield Service Department, displayed by Richard Kovak and Dan Reeves.

All Hillcrest first graders were able to examine a variety of service vehicles on May 8th. In addition to the vehicles pictured above, Lori Blueter brought a USPS postal truck; Bob Jones displayed a fire truck and Michael Simmons brought his police car – all from the Village of Richfield. Drivers spoke to the students about how each vehicle was important to the community and to their job.

FIRST GRADE STUDENTS AT HILLCREST GET INVOLVED IN RECYCLING EFFORT

In conjunction with Earth Day, Shelly Kadilak from the Summit Akron Solid Waste Authority, addressed an assembly on sustainability, waste reduction and recycling. Kadilak was a very dynamic speaker and motivated the students to get excited about recycling.

She used puppets to illustrate the theme “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink and Respect.” Students brought a recyclable item to the assembly, and Kadilak helped students identify items that could and could not be recycled. She also talked about what could be done or made from recycled materials. She encouraged students to do their part and recycle at home.



Students with the signs (L-R) are Maya Kerr Coste, Fernanda Calderon-Rojo, Christopher Sivak, Tara Ebert, Isabella Uhrich and Sydney Flynn.

PARENTS SHARE CAREERS WITH SECOND GRADERS FOR CAREER DAY



Julie Nitzsche, former forest ranger at Black Hills Forest Service, Custer District in South Dakota, talked about her responsibilities.



Jennie Fettig, Deputy U.S. Marshal, shows students a bullet-proof vest.



Michael “Eddie” Meyer, is a radio programmer and on-air talent on station Mix 94.1.



Virginia Albanese, President/CEO, FedEx Custom Critical, explained what her daily routine includes and how she became a president and CEO of the company.

Students donned surgical caps while they listened to Julie Branch, (right) RN at Akron Children’s Hospital pediatric intensive care unit.

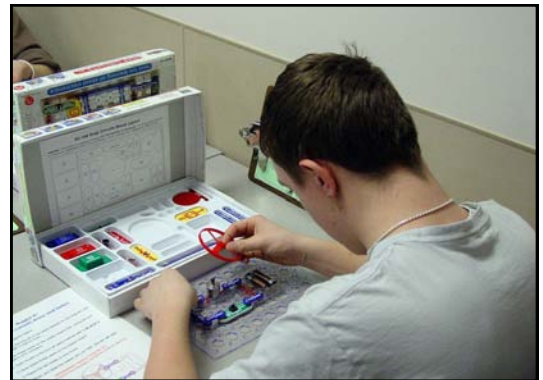


Seventh Grades Visit CVCC for "Exploration"

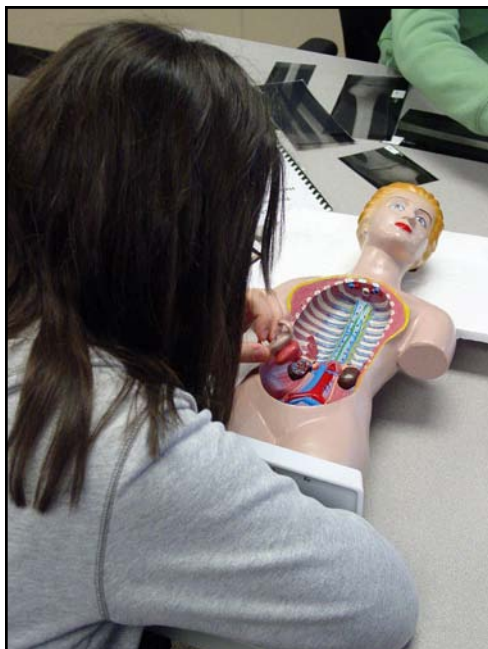
During February, March, and April, 7th graders from CVCC's district middle schools and their teachers had an opportunity to tour CVCC and experiment with some of the skills students in the school are practicing in their classes.

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.

"GOVERNMENT DAY" PANEL ADDRESSES 196 THIRD GRADERS

Michael Lyons, Mayor of Richfield, Judge Kenneth Spanagel, Parma Municipal Court, and Janet Jankura, Trustee of Richfield Township formed a panel of community speakers to address third graders on May 13 regarding their responsibilities.

Each presenter spoke for 10 minutes, telling students about their branch of the government and how it interacts with other branches. Students were invited to ask questions after the presentation.



FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS PRACTICE INTERVIEWING SKILLS

Early in March, 5th grade students at Bath Elementary attended a Career Exploration lesson conducted by Debbie Turner, Guidance counselor at the school, which introduced them to different career clusters.

On March 17th and 18th, each class attended an Interview Assembly. Students learned the appropriate way to ask questions and gather information about careers.

Students were able to practice their new skills on March 20 when parents came to school to be interviewed about their careers by groups of three to four students.



Bradley Stevenson (left) and Diane Ash, two of the 32 parents who volunteered to be interviewed about their careers, talk with students.

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.

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 middle school 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.

CAREER PATHWAYS

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.



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.

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.

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Career Development Department



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

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.