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Construction Careers Center Charter High School

First Quarter Honor Roll

A breakfast was held on December 4, 2003 for students whose first quarter GPA was 3.0 and higher. Three students were recognized for High Honors with a GPA of 4.0: **Brian Cox, Rachel Shelton, and Cherrell Sipes.**

Following are the names of students who achieved recognition:

- Brandi Harris
- Garland Patton
- Erica Harwell
- Jeremiah Love
- Ryan Egan
- Craig Higgins
- Sean Herbert
- Billy Rooks
- Shameka Wallace
- Nashara Robinson
- Aaron Miller
- Joanna Jacobs
- Marshall Matthews
- Scotty Lee
- Matthew Walker
- Jeffrey Amie
- Kellie Young
- Danielle Furman
- Trina Easley
- Gary Turner Jr.
- Kentrall England
- Christopher Jackson
- James Jordan
- Sean McArdle
- Sierra Minton
- Miesha Neely
- Terrell Toney

Secretary of Treasury, John Snow, Visits CCC



Treasury Secretary John W. Snow stopped at CCC following a construction site tour on December 05, 2003. He visited two classrooms, even signed one dollar bills for students in Mrs. Washington's American History class. He spoke with students regarding the responsibilities of his job as Secretary, gave them information about the Treasury Department and revenue collection/disbursement, and the effect education has on their ability to be financially secure. Secretary Snow joined construction industry



leaders for lunch and a discussion of the effect the overall economy has on the industry. Each guest had the opportunity to share with Secretary Snow the impact the economy has had on their business in 2003. He concluded his visit by touring the new shop facility and observing students working in the construction modules. Before leaving our site he responded to questions posed by representatives of the media.

What an exciting experience to host Secretary Snow!

Freshmen and Sophomores tour the facilities at the Laborers Training School in High Hill, MO



Representatives from the freshman and sophomore construction classes toured the Laborers International Union training facilities at High Hill. Dr Dreier, and three adult chaperones took sixteen students to the midday presentation. The students were informed about the make-up of the different types of laborers that are in the union. The Union started with the hod carriers and has added concrete workers, pipe fitters, hazardous material handlers, welders and postal workers. Workers and apprentices enjoy



a modern facility on 640 acres with lake and living facilities for trainees and state of the art class and laboratory buildings. The CCC students were extremely interested in the 60 per cent of journeyman salary to start training as well as retirement benefits that after 30 years are giving current retirees \$4600 a month. One of the more interesting factors to the students was that the training and the food and lodging for the apprentices were free, although actual cost for the training would cost about \$21,000. The training also counts for toward 46 college credit hours and The Union Sponsors Scholarships for those who want to continue their education. Everyone who attended came away impressed in one way or another about the program.



Construction Careers Center Parent/Teacher Organization

The Construction Careers Center Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) is off to a great start and we are looking for new members!! Mrs. Meyer has announced that all students that bring or have their parent attend the next PTO meeting will get a dress down day the following Friday! Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. in the school cafeteria.

Joining **YOUR PTO** is a chance to meet other parents/guardians and show great support for our kids. It also lets you know what is going on at the school and gives you the opportunity to be a part of your child's learning experience.

To kick off Fund raising, we are going to be selling GOLD C coupon books. We would like everyone to participate. This is a great fundraiser. The books are only \$10.00 each. They have coupons for all over the area that everyone can use to save money. They are also great stocking stuffers and last minute gifts. If every family at the school purchased one that would give our school a great profit for the kids....just think what selling to friends and family could do! So encourage your son or daughter to participate since this is for them.

We will be having some other fundraisers coming up also that are just as easy. But you need to come to the next meeting to find out more. Come meet some new friends, meet the officers and support your child.

Susan Atkins - President
Georgia Higgins - Vice President
Leslie Wright - Secretary
Libby Biggs - Treasurer

2004 CONSTRUCTION IMAGE CAMPAIGN CALENDAR CELEBRATION PROGRAM

Construction Careers Center was host to the "unveiling" of the 2004 Construction Image Campaign Calendar Celebration on December 4, 2003. The event featured the twelve participants selected for the 2004 Image Calendar to promote a positive image of the St. Louis Construction Industry. Copies of the calendar were made available and the calendar participants that represent the various construction trades were recognized. CCC students were among the guests which gave them the opportunity to talk with apprentice and journeymen construction workers. This event helped to promote the many positive aspects of working and making an excellent living in the construction industry.

From the Administrator:

The other evening Mrs. Remaklus and I were fortunate to attend the 2003 Legacy Awards dinner hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters. We have a site chapter and several of our students along with their Big are involved in the program. I have chosen to share with you the Prayer for Children written by Ina Hughes for Big Brothers Big Sisters.



A Prayer for Children
By Ina Hughes

We pray for children
Who put chocolate everywhere,
Who like to be tickled,
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their pants,
Who sneak Popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who can never find their shoes.
And we pray for those
Who stare at photographs from behind barbed wire,
Who've never squeaked across the floor
In new sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes."
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.
We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who sleep with the dog and bury the goldfish,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
Who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
Who slurp their soup.
And we pray for those
Who never got dessert,
Who watch their parents watch them die,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.
We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store
And pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed
And never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of car pool,
Who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at
And whose smiles can make us cry.
And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being.
We pray for children
Who want to be carried,
And for those who must.
For those we never give up on,
And for those who don't get a chance.
For those we smother,
And for those who will grab the hand of anybody
Kind enough to offer.



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