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Construction Careers Center Charter High School

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From the Administrator:

Like all public institutions we are subject to criticism; however, as educators and parents of CCC students we need to do our parts to promote our training for a labor force that is skilled as well as ethically, socially, and morally responsible. We do not have an undoable task before us, but working together, parents and teachers, we can face the strongest challenges.. Our staff needs parent support to have their student in attendance daily without regard for SLPS school schedule or that of a surrounding district. Attendance is the driving force behind the dollars available for operation and for academic exposure. We also need encouragement for academic proficiency and gain. Let your student know your expectations and never hesitate to contact your student's teachers to confirm behavior and academic achievement.

Help us be fervent advocates for our kids.

CCC Celebrates Black History Month

Harambee!! That is a Swahili word that means, "to work together." That is exactly what the staff and students did to prepare for Black History Month 2004. CCC designated February 17-February 20, 2004 as CCC Black history week. Our theme this year was "African American Heritage, Celebrating our future and Recognizing our Past."



Tuesday STAR students watched a movie titled "Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored." Wednesday we were honored to have Mr. James Rykard from Kwamee Construction Company. Thursday was "Readers Theatre" where our very own Applied Communication

instructor Juan McAfee enlightened students with excerpts of poems from the Harlem Renaissance. Friday we saved the best for last and hosted a "Black History Exhibit." Students were able to travel to different stations such as Civil Rights Trivia, Soul Food Desserts, Hair braiding, African Bracelets, and students were able to try on authentic African clothes and have their pictures taken.



Black History Month Guest Speaker

James Rykard spoke to a group of freshmen and sophomore students on February 18 to help celebrate Black History Month. Mr. Rykard has made himself known to CCC by volunteering with the new ACE mentoring program that was initiated by him and several other architects, engineers, and construction managers around the St. Louis area. He made such a positive impact on Mrs. Remaklus and Mrs. Washington after the first ACE meeting that they decided that more students should have the opportunity to hear him speak. Mr. Rykard is an employee of Kwame Building Group of St. Louis. He is a graduate of the prestigious Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. He is presently the construction manager of the airport expansion project. A power point presentation, African American Youth: Celebrating the Past, Recognizing the Future, connected the old with the new and entertained and enlightened the students. Mr. Rykard volunteered to help any student who was interested in any aspect of the construction field.

Charity Golf Tournament to benefit CCC

A Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by Construction Data Services (CDS) is set for Saturday, June 26, 2004 at the Norman K. Probstain Golf Course at Forest Park. Entry Fee: \$125 per person. Lots of contests and prizes along with plenty of food and beverage. Contact Terry Miles at 314.645.5577 with any questions.



Construction Students take a trip to the Zoo courtesy of the Tarlton Corporation

Friday, February 13th, proved to be a lucky day for 13 students from the Construction classes as they were treated to a cold, yet crisp day at the Zoo as guests of Tarlton Construction Company. Tarlton is the general contractor on improvements to the Zoo, including a new train maintenance shed, the carousel, the new penguin and puffin residence, and the new Living Forest area for the orangutans and monkeys to have an outdoor area to enjoy. Another project that is part of the contract is the remodeling of the Bird Cage, and original structure from the 1904 Worlds Fair.



Our tour guide, Mr. Jeff Wampler, a civil engineer and project manager for Tarlton, greeted us at the Living World pavilion entrance and guided us through the various projects. At the new Living Forest area, the students were able to walk into the new area and see the terrain and the “forest” that the orangutans and monkeys would have access to, and they saw how the “rocks” and “cliffs” are handmade using reinforcing steel and wire mesh and shot concrete to form the landscape. This particular job is completed by a crew of tradesmen that work full time at the Zoo, and specialize in this form of construction.



As the tour continued, the students were able to see the new maintenance building for the trains that circumvent the Zoo during the season, the new Carousel that is unique in the fact that the ride has endangered species of animals to ride on instead of the usual horses. These animals are hand carved and each is individually detailed to represent an animal in the wild. The next part of the tour was to the new Puffin and Penguin house that is a former bear exhibit converted to

accommodate the cute little puffins and penguins. There is an indoor and outdoor viewing area, with the indoor area being climate controlled to a constant 45 degrees year round for the comfort and health of the penguins and puffins. The roof area in this exhibit is unique and has the trait of changing color to represent a typical day and evening, with sunrise and sunset.



After the completion of the tour, the students explored the rest of the Zoo on their own, taking in some of the sights and sounds that are familiar to all who visit the Zoo. Then it was off to McDonalds for a free lunch courtesy of Tarlton before returning to school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Tracy Hart, President of Tarlton and Jeff Wampler for allowing us to visit this unique and exciting construction site and to view the unusual types of construction taking place at the St. Louis Zoo.

Students Recognized for their Achievement

High Honors – 4.0 for 2nd Quarter: Brian Cox, Kendrec England, Kentrall England, Erica Harwell, and Cherrell Sipes.

Honor Roll – 3.9-3.0 for 2nd Quarter: Joanna Jacobs, Nashara Robinson, Aaron Miller, Danielle Furman, Garland Patton, Shameka Wallace, Rachel Shelton, Sean Herbert, Jesse Page, Terrell Toney, Brandi Harris, Jeremiah Love, Melisa Boyd, Miesha Neely, Candice Thomas, Dwight Shelton, Alicia Moore, Kellie Young, Ivori Moose, Craig Higgins, Cherea Brown, Marshall Matthews, Demeisha Bledsoe, Deandre Boyd, Jonathan Campbell, Ashley Galvin, Miranda Hayes, James Jordan, Myisha Kilgore, Crystal Montgomery, William Parks, Jr., Joi Pickett, Rhonda Russell, Matthew Walker, TeSean Weathers, and Ashley Wells.

High Honors – 4.0 for 1st Semester: Brian Cox, Erica Harwell, Rachel Shelton, and Cherrell Sipes.

Honor Roll – 3.9-3.0 for 1st Semester: Shameka Wallace, Nashara Robinson, Joanna Jacobs, Garland Patton, Sean Herbert, Brandi Harris, Jeremiah Love, Kendrec England, Aaron Miller, Miesha Neely, Craig Higgins, Terrell Toney, Ryan Egan, Kentrall England, Kellie Young, Danielle Furman, Matthew Walker, James Jordan, Jeffrey Amie, Marshall Matthews, Mohamed Mohamed, Alicia Moore, Candice Thomas and Ashley Wells.

Spring Break – Saturday, April 3 - Monday, April 12, 2004