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CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY

written by: Ms. Gwen Crimm

Among the 339 students from 17 area high schools in attendance, over fifty Construction Careers Center junior and senior students and five chaperones attended the Construction Career Day on October 5, 2005 at Washington University North campus.

This event was presented by Association for Construction Careers, Education and Support Services (ACCESS) and sponsored by PRIDE of St. Louis and the Home Builders Association. The event was hosted by several other companies and organizations.

Students from Construction Careers Center took advantage of exploring the many trades that had displays and they asked questions from leaders in the building trades industry. The students seemed to enjoyed the lift equipment the most.



ACE MENTORING PROGRAM

written by: Ms. Gwen Crimm

ACE is a 10-year old organization designed to enlighten and motivate students toward architecture, construction management and engineering as well as provide mentoring opportunities for future designers and constructors. On October 12th, Hellmuth Obata and Kassabaum (HOK) architectural firm hosted the first ACE Mentoring Program meeting of the 2005-2006 session. The current ACE participants are Ebonee Ali, Lamont Anderson, Victoria Berry, DeAndre Boyd, Demetron Brent, Deloris Cairo, Louis Chatman, Stephanie Cheeks, Cynthia Davis, Frederick Davis, Craig Higgins, David Irving, Michael Kent, Alesha Lee, Lee Lumpkins, Erston Mallet, Michael Marion, Marshall Matthews, Cherrell Sipes, Kevin Strayhorn, Cory Watkins and eleven mentors from the firms of HOK, Alberici and Mackey Mitchell.



An overview of the Cardinals new baseball stadium was the topic presented by HOK, which designed the stadium. The new ballpark will be 1,250,00 square feet with a seating capacity of 46,687 and will have a sunscreen for inclement weather. The stadium blueprints require a lot of details that show elevation, electrical, cement masonry and all other materials that will be used. The architecture was inspired by objects surrounding the structure and the obliqueness of those projects. Students enjoyed the unique design for the emergency vehicle access where the stadium seats lift up to allow passage of the vehicles. ACE participants will be touring the new site in November 2005. It was also announced that ACE participants would be considered for internships and scholarships from affiliate architectural and constructor firms.

CCC SkillsUSA ATTEND STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

written by: Ms. Erica Snelson



The 2005-2006 CCC SkillsUSA Chapter is working hard already! The group went to Jefferson City, Missouri in late September for the State Leadership Conference. The team is currently getting ready for the local district leadership conference in November. All members attending the conference will bring a non-perishable item to donate to the USO.

Members are still urged to join. Dues are \$20.00 and should be paid to Ms. Snelson.

Standing are Lead Advisor Ms. Erica Snelson and Advisor Mr. Tom Price. Middle row are Coy Kariuki, Michael Dahl, Brian Cox and DeAndre Boyd. Sitting are Tiara Black, Alesha Lee and Marquisha Hill.

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

written by: *Dr. Michael Musick*

During the past three months, the staff and administration have been working closely with members of the Associated General Contractors to develop a three-year Strategic Plan. The goals outlined by this plan will guide our staff to help make our school an even better place for learning.

The major areas of focus are:

Student Achievement	Parent Involvement
Student Recruitment and Retention	Industry Outreach and Involvement
Faculty and Staff Retention	

Within each area, the Strategic Planning Team identified three to five specific objectives that the school will implement in the next thirty-six months. This is a very ambitious plan, however it will provide the administration and staff with a pathway to make CCC an even better school for our students. To address the goals and objectives outlined in this plan, we will be making changes to the school calendar by adding six and possibly ten early dismissal days. The early dismissal days will enable the staff to hold discussions and implement strategies to complete these goals. The early dismissal days are as follows:

1. Thursday, November 3
2. Thursday, December 1
3. Thursday, December 15
4. Thursday, January 19
5. Thursday, February 2
6. Thursday, March 2

The following dates are *tentative* depending on the number of snow days:

7. Thursday, April 6
8. Friday, May 12
9. Thursday, June 1
10. Thursday, June 15

On each of these days, CCC students will be dismissed at approximately 1:00 p.m.

AIMING TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

written by: *Dr. Michael Musick*

CCC is making an effort to improve academic performance by providing after school tutoring to our students. Monday through Wednesday three staff members have been assigned to tutor students. This program allows our entire student body to have access to teachers so they can stay ahead in their classes. In addition, CCC recently began partnering with UMSL to have college students visit on Friday afternoons to tutor math and science.

CCC Administrator Dr. Musick believes these programs will provide our students time to do homework that often is not completed at home. Students are assigned to the programs or may come on a drop-in basis.

Students or parents who would like to join may contact Mr. Wilson at extension 102 for more information.

CLASS OF 2006 NEWS...

written by: *Mrs. Sybil Morgan*

All parents should have received information from Horizon Photography regarding senior portraits. The Josten's representative will meet with the Class of 2006 on January 13th at 8:30 a.m. He will present information about class rings, caps and gowns, graduation announcements, and other products that may be purchased by seniors. Parents, if you are available at that time we would encourage your attendance as well. The Josten's representative will return on January 26th to measure the seniors for their caps and gowns and to collect any orders they may have.

If you have any questions regarding the senior portraits, you may contact Mr. Humphrey at Horizon Photography, (314) 991-2245. *Please Note: Mrs. Morgan will be on maternity leave from November 10th through January 6, 2006.*

NOVEMBER

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November	3	Early Dismissal (1:00 p.m.)
November	8	Big Brothers Big Sisters Meeting (7:30 a.m. Annex)
November	9	ACE Mentor Meeting
November	10	P.T.O. Meeting (6:30 p.m. – Cafeteria Annex)
November	12	Homecoming Dance (6:30 p.m. – Cafeteria)
November	14-21	Student Government Canned Food Drive
November	18	Midterm Progress Reports for Term 2
November	24-25	Holiday – Thanksgiving (no school)

JANUARY

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January	2	Holiday – New Year’s Day (no school)
January	3	Teacher Work Day (no school)
January	4	Classes Resume Term 3 Begins
January	10	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Meeting (7:30 a.m. Annex)
January	11	ACE Mentor Meeting Jefferson National Memorial Expansion
January	12	P.T.O. Meeting (6:30 p.m. – Cafeteria Annex)
January	16	Holiday – Martin Luther King Day (no school)
January	19	Early Dismissal (1:00 p.m.)
January	25	ACE Mentor Meeting

DECEMBER

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December	1	Early Dismissal (1:00 p.m.)
December	8	P.T.O. Meeting (6:30 PM – Cafeteria Annex)
December	12-19	Student Government Toy & Coat Drive
December	13	Big Brothers Big Sisters Meeting (7:30 a.m. Annex)
December	14	ACE Mentor Meeting
December	15	Early Dismissal (1:00 p.m.)
December	21	End of Term 2 (40 days) End of Semester (84 days)
December	22-30	Winter Break (no school)
December	26	Holiday – Christmas

FEBRUARY

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February	2	Early Dismissal (1:00 p.m.)
February	3	Midterm Progress Reports for Term 3
February	8	ACE Mentoring Meeting
February	9	P.T.O. Meeting (6:30 p.m. – Cafeteria Annex)
February	11	Student Government Sweet Heart Dance (Cafeteria 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.)
February	14	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Meeting (7:30 a.m. Annex)
February	17	Professional Development (no students)
February	20	Holiday – President’s Day (no school)
February	22	ACE Mentoring Meeting
February	27	MAP Testing Begins

ET – End of Current Term
NTB – New Term Begins

ED – Early Dismissal
PC – Teacher Work Day/Parent Conference

H – Holiday

NS – No School
PR – Progress Reports

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS AT CCC

written by: Mrs. Nancy Remaklus

The Construction Careers Center is very lucky to have an established partnership with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri. The site-based program was established in 2002 with a handful of Bigs and Littles. The program has grown each year to the current enrollment of 22 Littles.

Vivian Gibson is the CCC Site Base Manager who is actively involved in the recruiting of Bigs from the construction industry and matching them with the students, or Littles, at CCC. In addition, Ms. Gibson plans and implements an hour-long activity on the second Tuesday of each month at CCC.

Mrs. Remaklus is the CCC liaison for this program. She facilitates student selection and off campus visits for Bigs and Littles. Administrators, teachers and students recommend Littles for the BBBS program. Littles are required to fill out an application and get parent permission to participate in the program.

Bigs commit to attending the monthly meeting at CCC and then to at least one other activity with their Little during that month. Most Bigs set up their extra activity through school. They pick up their Littles and take them to lunch and then usually on to a construction site visit. Bigs and Littles have enjoyed sports outings, the zoo, museums, and plays together.

Interested students and parents can contact Mrs. Remaklus at Ext. 103 to find out if there are current openings. Interested Bigs can contact Ms. Gibson at (314) 361-5900 to volunteer. BBBS continually match Bigs and Littles throughout the year as Bigs volunteer.



"Littles" Jasmine Taylor and Stephanie Cheeks, and "Big" Fralana Latham

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

written by: Mrs. Sybil Morgan

Prom is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2006. Attendance at school is required on that day, or students *will not* be allowed into prom. This is an early dismissal day so students should have plenty of time to get ready for prom after the school day ends. Because of the time constraints, dinner will be served at the prom, which will be held at Lemp Grand Hall (near the intersection of Lemp and Cherokee). Watch the BluePrint and the website for more details.

2004-2005 YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

written by: Ms. Erica Snelson

The 2004-2005 Yearbook, the First of Its Kind, is now on sale at a reduced price. Students may purchase them for \$30.00 each. This yearbook will be the only one ever that has photos all from the first four years that CCC has been opened. Grab one and capture the moments from years past!!! See Ms. Snelson for details.

MAP Testing

written by: Mr. Gregory Wilson

Each year our students take a school-wide test to chart their individual growth and also CCC's growth as a school. The **MAP** test will be given in February 2006 to all CCC students. Sophomores will take a Mathematics assessment, while juniors will be tested on Communications/Arts or English.

It is critical that your student: (1) be at school during these testing periods, (2) be here on time and (3) it is very important they do their *very* best on the test. Thank you very much for your help with these tests!

Mr. Wilson has the results if any junior or senior parent would like to know how their student did last spring. His phone number is (314) 588-9991 extension 102.



**BOBCAT
DEN
NEWS**

THE BOBCAT DEN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

written by: Mrs. Nancy Remaklus

The Bobcat Den is in full operation. There is a stock of shirts, pants, belts, and sweatshirts. There is a selection in all sizes except 3X shirts. The supplier is having difficulty in finding 3X shirts at the \$6.00 price.

Shirts are \$6.00 Pants, \$5.00 Belts, \$2.00 Sweatshirts, \$5.00

There is a limited supply of \$5 sweatshirts, and the price will go up to \$6 or \$7.

Embroidered shirts are available also. Students can get the school logo or Bobcat mascot and their name on a shirt for only \$16 including the price of the shirt. These are special orders and must be paid for in advance. It usually takes a week to get it back. There is also a full line of school supplies including folders, spiral notebooks, filler paper, pens, pencils, etc. In addition to school supplies, the Bobcat Den also carries small gift items and cards that students can purchase for birthdays and special occasions. Most of these items are \$1 or less. Please contact Mrs. Remaklus at Ext. 103 if there are questions.

2ND ANNUAL MULTI-CULTURAL DAY A SUCCESS

written by: Mrs. Nancy Remaklus

On Friday, October 21st, students and staff at Construction Careers Center charter high school enjoyed an afternoon learning about eight countries and cultures at the 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Day. The featured countries included Egypt, Germany, Poland, Philippines, Nigeria, Pakistan, Wales and Mexico. Students from different classes planned and carried out activities from each country. All students and staff had the opportunity to visit each booth and learn more about each country. One highlight of the day was a group of Mexican dancers called the Kids Mex. They were dressed in native Mexican apparel and performed several Mexican dances. CCC thanks them and the Red Latina for making arrangements.

Another highlight was the return of Mr. Glenn Dennison, originally from the Philippines. He was a part of last year's multicultural day and volunteered to return this year. Students heard a few words of encouragement and information about how to walk away from a fight situation. Mr. Dennison is a master of Tai Chi and several other martial arts forms that he demonstrated for the students. One of the most daring exhibitions was when he picked up a ten pound sledge hammer by the end of the handle and slowly touched his nose with the head of the sledge. It was amazing!! He also demonstrated many other defensive moves!! This was a great hit with the students. Students were also able to taste a Polish cookie and dance a Polka, eat a German pretzel and do the Chicken Dance, observe a High Tea from Wales, and "woodburn" a favorite Nigerian saying onto a small piece of wood. Lastly, students who were able to mark a world map showing all eight countries were treated to light refreshments. It was a great learning experience and staff is already planning for next year's event.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT 2005-2006: Upcoming Activities

written by: Mrs. Shelly Stidmon

Ms. Kym Tolman is working diligently on various activities with the 2005-2006 Student Government. A fundraiser Barbecue was held October 27th. In November, the Student Government will sponsor a canned food drive and homecoming dance, in December a toy and coat drive for the less fortunate, a Sweet Heart Dance in February and a Junior Class "RING" Dance in the Spring of 2006. Please check the calendar insert for dates, times and locations. Other information will be made available on the website or in later editions of the BluePrint.

CCC NAMES ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Written by: Dr. Michael Musick

CCC is pleased to announce that Elbert Harris has been appointed Head Basketball Coach and Athletic Director. In addition to his wealth of coaching experience, he had the opportunity to play in the NBA. Most recently, Mr. Harris served as the women's coach at NJROTC. He is excited about the team and the opportunity to build a winning tradition at CCC. More importantly, he wants to build a program where all athletes can find success. Sport teams begin practicing on October 31. All players must have a physical to participate in this program. See the insert for 2005-2006 Basketball Schedule.

2005-2006 CHEERLEADING UPDATE

written by: Ms. Erica Snelson

The 2005-2006 Cheerleading season is underway!! The squad consists of 10 girls; 8 seniors, 1 junior, and 1 freshman. The cheerleaders sell snacks at each lunch to help raise funds to cover the cost of their new warm-ups and season's activities.

We were able to participate in a fundraiser at Busch Stadium during the first and the last play-off games against the Houston Astros. Wow, we can all say we were there the last night a game was played in the old stadium. What an honor!!

Please come out and see the girls as they show off their talent. We will be cheering for the boy's Varsity and Junior Varsity teams.



Cheerleaders who helped at Busch Stadium Fundraiser are: Cherea Brown, Tiffany Stewart, Shereka Gant and Brandi Harris



"Little" Justin Anderson, "Big" Rich Ledbetter, and "Little" Hardin Ingram

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS FUNDRAISER

written by: Mrs. Nancy Remaklus

BBBS is sponsoring a fundraiser called Bowling for Kids Sake on Dec. 2nd and Dec. 3rd at several local bowling alleys. Teams are formed, then team members collect pledges or donations, and finally bowl. Please contact Jane Smith at (314) 406-4753 to form a team to support BBBS.

Alumni News...

written by: Ms. Gwen Crimm

The class of 2005 met on September 28, 2005 to establish an alumni association for CCC. Officers and committees for this organization have been formed and the work has begun. Kendrec England and parents were honored on September 13, 2005 at the University Club at the Construction Financial Managers Association meeting to acknowledge Kendrec's receipt of a \$1,000 renewable scholarship. Kendrec is currently enrolled at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park pursuing an engineering degree.



Class of 2005 Kendrec England at the CFMA meeting on September 13, 2005

BREAKING GROUND ON IMPROVEMENTS

written by: Mr. Duane McGowan

The CCC Activities Park Project is going very well. Mr. Mills' Gateways to Construction class completed the Versa-Lock wall and it looks excellent. The track and basketball field are being prepped for the final stages of construction and everything is going according to plan.

If weather permits, the park should be 75% complete by the end of November.

