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SLPS SUPERINTENDENT VISITS CCC

Written by: Dr. Michael Musick

On February 28 Dr. Creg Williams visited CCC. He toured our campus and met with members of the Board of Education and Administration. Dr. William spent over two hours discussing CCC and SLPS strategic plans with the school's leadership team. During his visit he observed Mr. Prost, Ms. Perry, Ms. Morgan and Mr. McAfee's classrooms as well as toured our shop. Dr. Musick and Ms. Washington left the

meeting excited about the opportunity to meet and work with Dr. Williams and his staff. It was truly a chance to showcase our school.

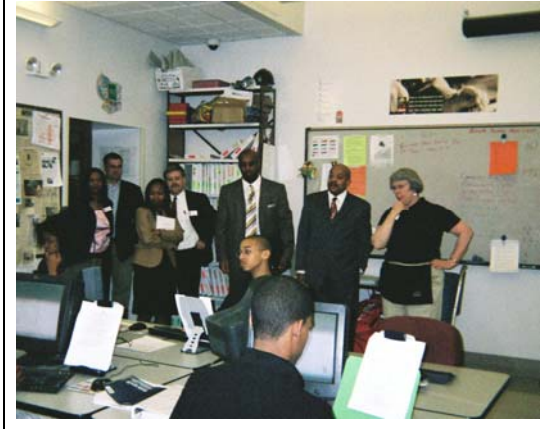
Rich Ledbetter, BOE Chair wrote, "I must say something about our students and teachers. They were perfect. Our tour of several classrooms was filled with engaged students, applicable lessons, real learning...we even witnessed a powerful moment as one student in Mr. McAfee's class told a story about



Above: Roosevelt Brown (SLPS), Dr. Creg Williams (SLPS), Katonja Webb(SLPS), Mrs. Gina Washington (CCC), Mr. Rich Ledbetter (CCC BOE), Dr. Michael Musick (CCC), and Mr. Len Toenjes (AGC)

a memory that included receiving flowers in class after the passing of a parent...it was an amazing walk around. Our students and teachers deserve sincere thanks and congrats."

Below: Dr. Creg Williams visits Mrs. Ellie Perry's classroom.



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CCC REQUESTS PARENT INVOLVEMENT

written by: Dr. Michael Musick

CCC is looking for parent support with our Strategic Planning Committees. We are attempting to implement an extensive and far reaching Strategic Plan. The five goal areas are: Academic Achievement, Parent Involvement, Recruitment and Retention of Students, Industry Involvement, and Staff Recruitment and Retention.

We specifically need a few parents to help with the parent involvement committee. The committee meets once per month. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Musick at 588-9991 ext. 101.



Students prepare storage bins for future hands-on projects.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear CCC Families:

I was talking to a group of seniors last week and they could not believe spring break is right around the corner and graduation is four months away. My staff is busy preparing for our fifth term that runs from May 30th to June 30th. This is a requirement for all students.

We will have a very important Junior/Senior Parent night on March 15th. This is a time for celebration and time for the staff to talk to students and parents about the transition to apprentice programs and college. We will have food and door prizes!! Junior and senior students will also be eligible for dress down days if they attend. Please mark this date on your calendars.

We have been working closely with our students about the importance of coming to school on time. We have found a number of students have been coming tardy to first block. Consequently, we would like to work with you to see that your child arrives on time to school. In the next few weeks, we will be sending attendance letters home. Please call Mr. McMahan or Ms. Washington if you have any questions about your student's attendance.

The winter sport season has come to end. Coach Harris led the boy's team to an impressive 13 and 6 record. The girls also were successful in preparing for their first varsity season in 2006-07. More importantly, the teams worked hard together.

Last week, we received board approval to start a new track team. The boys and girls have been working out hard for their first season. Coach Harris, Mr. Klement and Mr. Pierce will be coaching the team.

After spring break we will begin our MAP and WorkKeys testing. Please encourage your student to do their very best on these tests. Many of these scores will be placed in your child's portfolio.

Finally we are in the 3rd month of our strategic plan. We need parent participation. If you are interested in serving on our parent involvement committee please call me at 588-9991.

Dr. Michael Musick

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

written by: Dr. Michael Musick

Recently we added early dismissal days for our students to allow Professional Development Workshops for CCC faculty. We hope in the long run it will pay dividends for our students' achievement. The following are tentative professional development days for CCC faculty: Thursday April 6, Friday April 14, Friday May 12, Thursday June 1, and Thursday June 15, 2006. Notices will be sent home to advise of class time off for students.

CCC WELCOMES STUDENT RECRUITER TO THE TEAM

written by: Dr. Michael Musick

After years in the making, Construction Careers Center has hired a student recruiter, Patience Jones-Washington. Washington's primary objective is to increase student enrollment and retention.

The CCC student recruiter is responsible for planning and implementing the entire student recruitment, application and orientation process. A solid working relationship with the local middle schools is essential for the success of recruitment of St. Louis' best and brightest students.

Construction Careers Center was the first charter school in the nation to promote a construction curriculum. Washington travels to elementary and middle schools throughout the St. Louis area to promote the school's unique curriculum, she also serves as the single point of contact for any question concerning CCC and the application process.

Participation at all local educational events gives great opportunity for recruitment as well as helping to build a relationship with the St. Louis Public Schools. "Parochial schools are also included in this quest to achieve 425 students," said Washington. CCC serves city students and students from select county school districts.

Washington is married and has two sons ages 7 and 17. She brings to CCC a diverse background, employed by Maritz, SBC and Saks Fifth Avenue. She is actively involved with the Parent/Teacher Organization in the Normandy School District. She is also a Normandy High School Band Parent.

"I want my CCC kids to leave this school totally prepared for the industry, it is imperative to address the entire student academically, vocationally and socially." "When a student leaves the halls of Construction Careers Center they are ready for the world."

JAG STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

written by: Mrs. Olivia Langendoerfer

During December ten delegates from Missouri attended the National Jobs for America's Graduates Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Victoria Berry, a junior, represented the Construction Careers Center and was supervised by Mrs. Tommie Pillars, Specialist from Riverview Gardens High School. The State Director, Mrs. Pat McBride from Jefferson City, led the Missouri Delegation.

Participating students took part in team building and leadership sessions and gained knowledge and information to share with their JAG Career Associations. The students and specialists were guests at formal luncheons and dinners attended by senators and governors from states affiliated with JAG, and even Miss America.



ABOVE: Victoria Berry, stands in the same location Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C.

The students participated in a number of tours including Arlington National Cemetery, Washington National Cathedral, Embassy Row, the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Monument, and Kennedy Center to name a few.

Victoria participated in a talent show that followed the awards dinner and closing ceremony. This was a unique experience for her. Victoria gave presentations by request during Black History Month at CCC.

TRACK TEAM NOW FORMING

Written by: Dr. Michael Musick

The CCC will start its first season of varsity track in March. Dr. Musick announced two weeks ago that the CCC Board of Education approved the track program.

Since that announcement was made, Coach Harris, our athletic director, has been working hard to recruit athletes, buy uniforms and organize a schedule. The students are excited to be a part of the first season of track at CCC. The schedule has been included with this publication.



Students prepare the new track field for CCC's first ever track team.

CIVIL ENGINEERING INTERNSHIPS

Written by: Ms. Gwen Crimm

During the 2004-2005 school year Ms. Marjorie Melton, President of the Board of Public Service for the City of St. Louis visited Ms. Crimm, CCC Student Placement Coordinator. Ms. Melton inquired about the school and what she could do to assist with its success. She agreed to arrange for two students possessing an interest in

civil engineering from CCC to intern with the City of St. Louis Civil Engineering Department. Mr. Guasto, Internship Supervisor, and Ms. Crimm arranged for four students to be interviewed by the City of St. Louis.



Above: Students work hard to prepare a circle track at the CCC Sports field for the newly approved track team.

Through the interview process, Nicholas Conner and Matthew Marshall were selected as candidates to work with the department. Prior to the start of their internship, Ms. Crimm visited the site and was impressed to find they would each have a cubicle, computer, telephone and one intern has a window with a view. CCC is very pleased to have such an opportunity. Likewise, Ms. Melton has expressed there will be other internship opportunities for CCC students in the future.

CCC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

written by: Mrs. Nancy Remaklus

There have been several activities throughout February to celebrate Black History Month. Some of the activities include a game called Total Recall, a visit to the Black Repertory Theatre, Dress Down Day, and a finale on March 10th.

Total Recall took place on Tuesday, February 28th. Each teacher sent a team of six students to compete in a trivia challenge. There were six rounds consisting of ten questions each in the areas of history, old music, sports, entertainment, and interesting facts about the African American staff members. First place went to Mr. Mill's class, second place to Mr. McAfee's class and third place to Mrs. Morgan's class. A big thanks to Mr. Meehan for the great questions and to Ms. Tolman's class for great score keeping. All participants received goody bags of food and drinks with first place winners getting \$10 in McDonald gift certificates. Mr. Meehan is already planning next years Total Recall using the new SMART boards for movie and music clips!

A group of 30 students and 3 staff attended the Black Repertory Theatre production of Relativity on Wednesday, March 1st. Afterwards, they enjoyed lunch at McDonalds. This was the first time that many of the students attended a professional theatre production. The students expressed that they would like to attend other productions such as this.

Student Government sponsored an Afro-centric dress down day on Wednesday, March 2nd and the final activity for celebrating Black History Month was scheduled for Friday, March 10th. All students had the opportunity to visit multiple booths where they made bead bracelets and pins, Kinte pompons, BHM buttons, participated in wood burning activities, African drum and dance group performances, several Afro-centric games, tasted different types of food, bought Afro-centric items from the CCC African Mercantile, dressed up and had pictures taken in Afro-centric clothing, learned to tie a head wrap, got their face painted and tried to guess who students are imitated during the Living Library activity.

Students were selected to attend several movies including School Daze and Rize with Mr. McAfee, and enjoyed treats of popcorn and juice. All CCC students enjoyed musical selections from Miles Davis, Aretha Franklin, gospel and other Afro-centric music during the morning cafeteria period compliments of Mr. McAfee.

The Black History committee this year consisted of Mrs. Frost, Mr. McAfee, Mr. Meehan, Mrs. Jones-Washington, Mrs. Langendorfer, Mrs. Washington, Ms. Tolman and Mrs. Remaklus.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

written by: Ms. Kym Tolman

The CCC Student Government has some exciting plans for the spring months ahead. We will be sponsoring a dance tentatively set for April 8th. The theme for the spring dance will be Las Vegas. Guest forms will be available from Ms. Washington. They must be returned by Wednesday, March 29th. Tickets will be \$7 and will be on sale starting Monday, March 27th, and the last day to buy tickets will be Wednesday, April 5th. Students *must* attend school on Friday, April 4th to go to the dance. The gate will be locked promptly at 8:00 p.m. There will be no refunds for late arrivals or suspended students. Students receiving disciplinary consequences for the week of April 3 - April 7 will be allowed to attend at the discretion of the administrators.

On May 18th, we are planning to have our springtime BBQ fundraiser. We will be open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm or until the food runs out. Students who place orders before May 15th will receive a discounted price. Students will have a brown bag lunch choice on the day of the BBQ. We would be thrilled to have any parent volunteers who would like to help. If you do not have the time to help, please support us by purchasing dinner from us that night. You will not have to cook and you will be helping CCC student government. Selections will include: hamburgers, hot dogs, rib tips, bratwurst, chicken breasts, pork steaks, & chicken wings. Call the school for information as the time gets closer.

HOMECOMING

written by: Dr. Michael Musick

Homecoming was a wonderful event. We sold over 140 tickets and the students came early and stayed late. We had 6 parents and 12 faculty members help at the dance. I was asked numerous times, 'How does it compare?' It doesn't. I loved every minute of it; the decorations, the music and most importantly the students who were so well behaved. Thanks to everyone who made this a successful event!

CCC REPRESENTED IN SkillsUSA STATE COMPETITION

written by: Ms. Erica Snelson

On Friday, February 10, 2006, Brian Cox placed 1st in the Plumbing Competition at North County Technical High School on the district level. He competed against several other students from the SkillsUSA East District and is now going to compete at the State level in Jefferson City on April 6, 2006. Brian is the first CCC student to receive 1st place at the district level.

Marquisha Hill will also join Brian in Jefferson City as she competes to become an officer for the state of Missouri. She now holds the position as East District's Reporter. Congratulations and good luck to both students!

PLEASE PASS THE HAMMER

Written by: Dr. Michael Musick

"If I Had a Hammer" is a program created by Memphis native Perry Wilson which helps teach math and reading skills to 3rd-9th grade students. Wilson was recently in St. Louis to demonstrate his unique teaching style to students in the Wellston School District. Several CCC students assisted the Wellston students with the building of a replica of a country home.

Corey Payne, a senior at CCC led the crew by assisting his younger counterparts by teaching them the proper way to use tools, and how to properly build the house. Payne was selected to participate in the project due to his hard work ethic, attention to detail and his ability to follow directions. Corey's hobbies include rehabbing homes and assisting the elderly with home repair projects. After graduation he intends to enroll in a union sponsored apprenticeship program. He also wants to attend St. Louis Community College to pursue an A.A.S degree in Construction Technology.

CCC HOSTS INDUSTRY LEADERS

written by: Dr. Michael Musick

On Friday, February 17, 2006, more than 25 construction industry officials joined select staff and students of the Construction Careers Center (CCC) to discuss workforce values and entry-level employee expectations. As an outgrowth of the school's strategic plan, this event is part of an ongoing attempt to broaden industry and union involvement in students' learning and workforce preparation. Construction industry contractors and consumers, apprenticeship coordinators, and human resource personnel spent four hours discussing their workforce concerns, values and desires with school officials and distinguished upperclassmen. Their insights will be used to inform CCC's curriculum enhancement efforts and will help school officials improve their marketing of students to various industry interests.

The half-day workshop consisted of three distinct components – an early morning panel discussion with a cross-section of industry leaders, small breakout discussions among specific industry interests and rotating staff/student groups, and a culminating general session where participants summarized the day's lessons and highlights. While there was a variety of discussion formats employed to ensure meaningful industry / school interactions, the discussion content was the same across format, with a three-pronged focus on student training and preparation, workforce skills and work ethic. This was a very important day for the five students who attended the program. Also, it gave teachers a frame to develop curriculum ideas that mirror industry's needs.

ALUMNI CHRISTMAS GATHERING

written by: Ms. Gwen Crimm

The Class of 2005 had their first gathering since graduation at the Construction Training School December 17, 2005. There were decorations, good food and door prizes. The showstopper was '05 graduate Calvin Miller arriving in a "pink sports coat, sprinkled with green flamingos." They discussed current events in their lives and had plenty of food. Refreshments for the evening were provided by the Construction Training School and MOKAN.

KeyTrain PROVES HELPFUL WITH TESTING SCORES AT CCC

written by: Mrs. Kathye Bishop

The Missouri Association for Workforce Development will hold its spring conference, *Excellence in Workforce Development: The Frontline is the Bottom Line*, at the Lake of the Ozarks from April 3 -5, 2006. A workshop, *Building the Future: Construction Careers Center and KeyTrain*, will present information about how CCC implements the internet-based curriculum.

Mrs. Joanne Engel, AGC's technology support person for CCC, and Mrs. Kathleen Bishop, Applied Communications instructor at CCC, will show how students have been utilizing *KeyTrain* to reinforce their reading and math skills and to prepare for standardized testing.

Of the 24 students in the ACT Preparation class, 67% raised their WorkKeys math scores from spring '05 to winter '05, while 45% of 22 of these students raised their reading for information scores during that same testing period. Practicing on the computer by taking the *KeyTrain* tests, 75% of the class either matched their *WorkKeys* math scores or scored higher on *WorkKeys* than *KeyTrain*. In addition, 77% of the class had either the same or higher reading scores.

KeyTrain use has had a positive impact on the students for several reasons. All students are working independently and receive immediate feedback for their work. The results of their work help students to identify exactly which types of errors they are making on what kinds of problems or questions. Students are able to practice those types of problems until they master the concept. The students are able to retake the tests multiple times to achieve at least an 80% so that they can move up to the next level with 7 being the highest and 6 being the minimum level in math to be eligible for entry into the apprenticeship programs in the construction industry.

KeyTrain has been a motivating resource for students at CCC as they prepare for entering the work force or for taking other standardized tests for entry into colleges like the ACT or SAT. Mrs. Bishop is extremely proud of the progress of her class and hopes that they continue to build upon their success during the remainder of the school year. Additionally, she intends to implement the writing component of *KeyTrain* into the Applied Communications classes at CCC this year.

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**Construction Careers Center
2006 Junior Varsity and Varsity Boy and Girls
Track and Field Scheduled**

Principal - Michael P. Musick
Athletic Director - Elbert. Harris Jr.
Boys Coach - Mr. Darnell Pierce
Girls Coach - Mr. Klement

*****ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT DIFFERENT SITES*****

March Track Schedule

March 23, 2006	Girls	Oakville		
March 27, 2006	Boys and Girls	Berkeley	Fr. & Soph	4:00
March 28, 2006	Boys and Girls	Berkeley	Fr. & Soph.	4:00
March 30, 2006	Boys and Girls	Beaumont		

April Track Schedule

April 4, 2006	Boy and Girls	Berkeley		
April 8, 2006	Boy and Girls	Hazelwood East		
April, 11, 2006	Boys and Girls	Union High School		
April 13, 2006	Boys and Girls	Gateway Tech		
April 18, 2006	Boys	Beaumont		
April 19, 2006	Boys	Beaumont		
April 29, 2006	Boy and Girls	Clayton Invitation		

May Track Schedule

May 5, 2006	Boys and Girls	Brentwood		
May 8, 2006	Boys and Girls	Brentwood		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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March	8	ACE Mentoring Meeting
March	9	P.T.O. Meeting (6:30 p.m. – Cafeteria Annex)
March	10	End of Term
March	13	Term 4 Begins
March	13-17	MAP Math Blitz
March	14	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Meeting (7:30 a.m. Annex)
March	15	Field Trip - AGC-Construction Craft Laborers Training Facility in High Hill, MO
March	20-24	Spring Break (no school)
March	23	Girls Track @ Oakville
March	22	ACE Mentoring Meeting
March	27-31	MAP Math Blitz
March	27	Track W Berkeley (Fr. & Soph.)
March	28	Track W Berkeley (Fr. & Soph.)
March	30	Track at Beaumont



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April	4-7	MAP Testing
April	4	Track @ Berkeley
April	8	Track @ Hazelwood East
April	11-12	MAP Make-up Days
April	11	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Meeting (7:30 a.m. Annex)
April	11	Track @ Union High School
April	12	ACE Mentoring Meeting
April	13	Track @ Gateway Tech
April	18	Boys Track @ Beaumont
April	19	Boys Track @ Beaumont
April	21	Midterm Progress Reports for Term 4
April	24-28	WorkKeys Blitz
April	25	3 rd Quarter Midterm
April	27	ACE Mentoring Meeting
April	28	MAP Testing Ends
April	29	Track @ Clayton Invitational

MAY

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May	9	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Meeting (7:30 a.m. Annex)
May	12	Prom @ Lemp Mansion
May	19	Student Government Bar-B-Q
May	24	End of 2 nd Semester
May	25-26	Teacher Work Day
May	29	Memorial Day
May	30	Start of 5 th Term

ET – End of Current Term	ED – Early Dismissal	H – Holiday	NS – No School
NTB – New Term Begins	PC – Teacher Work Day/Parent Conference	PR – Progress Report	
PD-Professional Development Day		SB-Spring Break	



**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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TAKES CCC STUDENTS TO ALTON, IL

Written by: Mrs. Nancy Remaklus

On February 10th, approximately 35 American History students who were selected by Mr. Meehan, Mrs. Remaklus and Mrs. Washington boarded a school bus and headed North to Alton, Illinois. The group was met at the Alton Visitor's Bureau by Mr. Eric Robinson, an Alton native and history instructor at Lewis and Clark Community College. Mr. Robinson boarded the school bus along with a St. Louis Post Dispatch reporter, Terry Hillig and a photographer, David Carson. With Mr. Robinson as the guide, the bus carried the group to various sites where everyone got off the bus and listened to the fascinating stories and information relayed by Mr. Robinson. As most of the sites are privately owned, there is no access into the buildings. Students were most inquisitive about freed slaves and how they managed to avoid being caught. Most slaves had to spend countless days in dark, cold, dingy basements or coal bins. They traveled by foot at night from one safe place to the next. Students were shown a tuberculosis sanitarium used in the 1800's which serves as an apartment building today. Slaves had to walk from the Mississippi River to this safe house, then get into a dirty coal bin and hide. A woman named Priscilla Baltimore operated as an ally by helping the slaves. She later moved to Brooklyn, Illinois and brought the AME Church to this region. The students also learned about the Connelly Brothers who were African American bricklayers. They laid most of the brick streets that are still in Alton today, and were instrumental in desegregating Alton Schools.

They visited the Union Baptist Church, where students learned of an architect, Lucas Vicenberger who in his later years trained Theodore Link. Link was the designer of Union Station in St. Louis. The church was built in 1837 and is the second oldest church west of the Alleghany Mountains. Union Baptist is considered the mother of the black Baptist church.

The tour continued to the Alton Cemetery to the grave of Elijah Lovejoy who died at an early age because he published a paper which told people about the conditions of living as a slavery. Students stood beside the statue of Robert Wadlow and compared how they measured up to his 8'11" height and his size 37 shoe. They also sat in a bronze cast of a chair that he used.

Students learned of a tactic used against white persons who were caught helping Black slaves called tar and feathering. They learned that quilts were used as signals so that slaves knew which houses were safe, and when it was safe to travel.

After completing this great tour, the CCC students and staff headed further north to Grafton, Illinois to the Fin Inn restaurant. Students were quite taken with the huge aquariums that were at each table and showed huge catfish, loggerhead turtles and other aquatic life from the Mississippi River. It was a great learning experience. Both Mr. Robinson and the Fin Inn staff complimented the CCC students as the best behaved group ever.

ACE VISITS WITH HOK, ALBERICI AND KWAME

written by: Ms. Gwen Crimm

On November 9, 2005 ACE mentors and participants toured the new Cardinal Baseball Stadium. Eric Romano from HOK Architectural Firm took us through the dugout, player's lounge, and private clubs, concession stands, and up 120 feet to the highest seats in the stands. The new stadium will provide more accessible seating for patrons. There is also a kid's corner and pavilion for children who get restless during a baseball game. The current stadium's field is ten feet higher than the old stadium. The air ducts inside have a system where the air is released from the top of the stadium. Construction Careers Center ACE participants were very privileged to get a tour of the stadium while it is still under construction and are very grateful to mentors for making this happen for their group.

"It was cool to see Interstate 64, which is approximately 30 feet from the new stadium."



Students view different parts of the new stadium while Eric Romano from HOK explains various aspects of each new feature.



Another point of interest was the wrecking of the current Busch Stadium. A quarter of the stadium will be craned in for the new area of the infield.

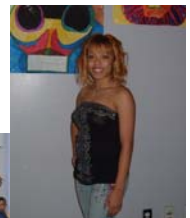
ACE participants have been on two incredible field trips this year. In January, Alberici Constructors mentors invited ACE to the Marquette Building to learn about the multi-million dollar renovations to restore the building with condos, restaurants and office space. Participants walked through a model two-bedroom condo ready for a tenant. They saw the uniqueness of this building which formally housed a radio station and the tower, still mounted on the building. The developers have devised a plan to remove and possibly sell the tower to the City Museum. Upon completion, the building will have a rooftop swimming pool, a dog walk and a great view of the new Cardinal Baseball Stadium.

In February, KWAME Building Group invited ACE to see the newly completed landing airstrip at Lambert/St. Louis International Airport. Participants rode the entire strip and toured the newly built Fire Station. Students learned that the Lindbergh Tunnel is underneath the new landing airstrip. As a result of this project, homes, businesses and a schools were relocated or rebuilt. The new Fire Station is state-of-the-art with six dorm rooms and one dorm for the captain and a guest dorm. There is a kitchen with cupboards for each shift, an exercise room and a large garage for two fire trucks. This was a very good learning experience for CCC students.

SWEETHEART DANCE RECAP

written by Ms. Kym Tolman

CCC Student Government sponsored our annual Sweetheart Dance on February 11. Although we got off to a slow start, the DJ who was supposed to arrive at 6:00 p.m., finally arrived at 7:15 p.m. As usual, our students were real troupers and made do with a boom box until the DJ was ready. Everyone appeared to be having a good time. Clarence Haines & Stephanie Cheeks were chosen "Best Dressed." Devine Patterson & Dwayne Clemmons were chosen "Hottest Dressed." Finally, Marquisha Hill & Antonio Calvin were chosen "Cutest Couple." The evening may have been chilly outside, but a "HOT" time was had by everyone at the CCC Sweetheart Dance. We will not be using the DJ or the photographer for any future dances.



LEFT to RIGHT: Marquisha Hill and Antonio Calvin; Stephanie Cheeks and Antoine Oden; Dwayne Clemmons; and Devine Patterson