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Hands-on learning gets new meaning



Health class is not like it used to be. A new piece of technology being used in high school health class is changing the way the students think about hands-on learning. Lauren Grogan's students have begun using a Merge Cube, which allows them to see a code-covered foam cube they hold in their hands be transformed into a 3D human heart, or other object currently being studied, when it is viewed through a phone, Tablet or virtual reality goggles.

"It labels anatomy and gives explanations through animation in real time," said Ms. Grogan. "The value in using this new technology is great

for student engagement, interest, and hands-on experiences. With virtual reality becoming a mainstream subject for students, it is perfect to have fun in the classroom while boosting learning outcomes." Ms. Grogan said her students are extremely excited about this learning tool.



Senior to travel with world class drum and bugle corps



After multiple auditions, senior **Cameron Salo** has been selected from hundreds of musicians across America to tour the country this summer with a world class competitive junior drum and bugle corps. Centerville's brass section leader, Cameron has been contracted to join Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps, based in Rockford, Illinois. Known for a preference for classical music and themes, Phantom Regiment is a long-standing member of Drum Corps International (DCI), having been a DCI World Championship top 12 finalist every year since 1974 and DCI World Champions in 1996 and 2008.

Band Director Charles Roesch said Cameron is a talented musician and has shown great leadership and commitment to the school's band program.

"He has participated in multiple solo and ensemble contests and has performed in every group we have offered," said Mr. Roesch.

"This is a tremendous honor to be selected to any DCI group, and I wish him all the best with this new adventure. We will definitely be cheering for him from the stands." The final weekend of performances will be in Indianapolis at the DCI World Championships August 8-10.

Centerville Bands have been under the direction of Mr. Roesch since 2002. The band program consists of three concert bands, one jazz ensemble and one marching band. The Centerville Blue Regiment (marching band) is a 16-time AA/Small Band Champion and perennial finalist at Indiana State Fair Band Day.

Kindergarten teacher desires kid-friendly classroom

Kindergarten teacher **Jessica Anderson** believes her decision to offer a variety of seating options in her classroom has resulted in a more kid-friendly and effective work environment for her group of 24 active and creative students.

“This year I am surrounded by passionate, enthused children eager to learn,” said Ms. Anderson, adding that the seating choices have particularly helped students who sometimes have a difficult time focusing.

Ms. Anderson explained that the students come in each morning and go to their “home spots,” which is an assigned spot at the table or desk. After their things are put away, announcements are over, and lunch is ordered, they use the “Flexible Seating Choice Board” to choose their smart spot and get started with their work. Of all the seating choices, students most often opt for scoop chairs and the adjustable floor seats.

“It has been a great experience to see them get excited to work,” said Ms. Anderson. “We go over the expectations for each type of seat regularly, and they know if they are not using it properly, they will be moved back to their home spot.”



A student author and illustrator

A high school student's book of art and poetry is a finalist in a national competition.

“Every single thing in the book is mine; it came from me,” said Taylor Chappel of *A Collection of Art and Poems*, written primarily in Lynn O’Neal’s Creative Writing class this year. The entire class was invited to have their work published in a book, but only a few did. Taylor’s was selected as a finalist in the National Book Challenge.

“Nature and wolves are a consistent theme because they inspire me, and I want to spread awareness about how beautiful both nature and wolves are,” said Taylor. “I think it is very sad that wolves are seen by most as evil and a nuisance because they are truly majestic creatures.” Taylor’s favorite poem is “A Doctor’s Promise.” She based it on a character from a TV show called “The Night Shift.”

Prizes for up to 50 finalists will include a \$50 gift card and three grand prize winners will receive up to \$5,000 in school grants. Finalists and winners will be notified by May 30.

Wellness Center upgrade

A recent upgrade at the Wellness Center replaces equipment that was nearly 20 years old.

“Our training program at the high school has really taken off with numbers of over 100 athletes a day,” said Wellness Center Coordinator Kyle Padgett. “This was tough on our old equipment and led to the need to upgrade.” Here is list of new cardio equipment at the center: six treadmills, five ellipticals, two recumbent bikes and two rowing machines. This brand new cardio equipment possesses the ability to link to your phone via USB chord for all fitness tracker apps.

In addition, the following new free weight equipment was purchased:

- Five cages or racks for pressing and squatting
- Five platforms for Olympic lifting
- Dumbbells up to 120 lbs
- Kettle bells up to 50 lbs
- Glute/ham raise
- Plates and clips
- 5 Hex/trap bars
- Bumper plates

Mr. Padgett said, “We now have a top class training facility, not only for our high school athletes, but also for our community. I would urge any community member wanting to join a gym to come over and give us a visit. They will find all the amenities of a franchise gym with all the comforts of a community facility.”



During a February membership drive, the Wellness Center is offering one month free with the purchase of a six-month membership.

Science fair winners



Pictured are winners from this year's science fair at Centerville-Abington Elementary School (which qualifies them to advance to regional competition at Ball State University in February), along with alternates (who are in line to attend if top winners are unable to):

Jack Duke, Jacob Elsrod, Maizy Martin, Hailey Elsrod, Avery Martintoni, Addie Talbot, Taylor Lickfelt, Elizabeth Nevels, Gavin Straszheim, Israel Adamson, Brady Moore, Daniel Williams.

Alternates

Anna Nevels (attending regional competition), Addison Butler, Avery Squires, Camilla Waters, Evan Stacy, Nick Tinkle

Restrooms have a new “encouraging and positive” feel

The restrooms at Centerville-Abington Elementary School were redecorated during fall break this year.

Principal Kelly VanWinkle said teachers added motivational statements to foster positive self-concepts in the students.

Rett Foster, fifth-grade language arts teacher, came up with the idea during a School Climate Committee meeting. Shelly Mauger, committee chairperson, purchased the lettering and other graphics and Mike Day (junior high teacher) painted the walls. Alaina Hickman, the art teacher, helped with the project too.

“We wanted to create an encouraging and positive atmosphere for the students,” she said. Mrs. Mauger said the bathrooms look great.

“It was fun to surprise the students with the newly decorated bathrooms when they returned to school after fall break,” she said.

Other members of the School Climate Committee are Tonya Paxton, Carol Gable, Beth Reagan and Laurie Shadle.



High School play Set For March

The High School Theater Department began practice in January for the spring play, “She Was Only Marginally Modest.”

“This comedy has the cast and crew in stitches already, and this is only the first week of practice,” said director Anthony Fioritto in January. Don’t miss out on the hilarity on **March 15 and 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

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of Moose
MUFFINS and
MOOSE CHIPS
Will be sold at
the event.*



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