



November 2018



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

CCH is always working on improving the opportunities for our students. This month, we had the privilege of revamping our fitness center. We currently have weight machines, free weights, cycle machines, plyometric Jump-boxes, and a Power Cage. The students have been learning the appropriate ways to use the equipment and gym sanitation. The students also have been creating self-made fitness/health programs, including fitness regiments, fruit and vegetables smoothies and the impact of strength training on the body. At the initial assessment, each student creates a goal to focus on for the month. There is a pre and post assessment, monthly, to track personal progress and to celebrate success!

PLC-B

PLC-W

PLC-Y

PLC-S

PLC-M

November Events

PBIS Focus: Disturbing

- Parent-teacher Conferences
- Visit to the Grand Prairie Library
- Cultural Fair
- Thanksgiving Feast for Jr. High

Upcoming Events

PBIS Focus: Staying in the Green

- Logic Challenge
- Winter Business Market
- Canned Food Drive (Dec.)
- Winter Break 12/24-1/4
- School Resumes 1/7/19
- End of Semester 1/25/19

Superstars

Ms. White
&
William C.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

Country Club Hills Tech and Trade PBIS Mission Statement

“We at CCH believe that optimal student achievement, both academically and behaviorally can be attained by utilizing a proactive approach for creating and maintaining a safe and effective learning environment.”

**2017/2018
GOLD LEVEL
PBIS status**

PBIS is a school-wide system that is used to help students ' make positive behavior choices. At CCH we use proactive strategies that define, teach and reward student behavior that pro- motes a positive learning environment. November we focused on students de- creasing they number of CIBS referrals.

GREAT JOB to the students that met this goal!!

For the month of December, our focus is "STAYING IN THE GREEN." Each week students will be held accountable to "STAY IN THE GREEN" by remaining in the green section of our behavior triangle. They can accomplish this by passing all classes, attending school each day and not generating referrals. We will be focusing on one section of TABS (Truancy, Academics, Behavior, Safety) each week. If students remain "IN THE GREEN" at the end of each week they will be rewarded for their hard work with festive incentives such as hot chocolate, donuts and sugar cookies. This month our COOL TOOL focus is Goal Oriented by being accountable for yourself and being college, career and citizenship ready.

S.W.A.G

Students who achieve goals by being Safe, Well-mannered, Academically focused, and Goal orientated.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

PLC-B: For the month of November Mrs. Boswell's students have dived into quite a bit of learning. We focused on the Regions of the United States and have worked our way through the West and Southwest. There are 13 states in total within those two regions. Students were responsible for learning the state name, shape, location, capital, climate, attractions, and geography. We have also been very busy exploring our solar system, specifically the inner planets. Students have learned planet names, colors, climate and atmosphere, if the planet can support life, what it is made of, its distance from the sun, distance from Earth, How many days it takes to have one revolution around the sun, and how long each rotation is. Students have learned a number of new vocabulary words between these two topics and have retained a lot of knowledge. We have also started to explore our body systems in Health. We have been working on the Nervous system this month. Students have been participating in a handful of simulation activities to help them understand how information travels from our brain to other parts of the body, as well as the many signals our brain gives to other body parts. Students have been fascinated with the parts of the brain and what each part controls within our body.

In Mrs. Koy'n's classroom, we started a novel study on *Wonder* by R.J.Palacio. The students have been learning about the literary concepts of perspective, similes, metaphors and how to use adjectives to describe characters. Students have also been exploring the topic of compassion as they work through simulations and read the experiences of each character from their point of view. They will complete the unit by watching the movie *Wonder* before our break. Additionally, our class has been learning about the early American Explorers and the 13 Colonies. The student's are enjoying a scavenger hunt while learning facts specific to each colony. We will begin studying the Constitution after the winter break. Finally our health unit on hygiene includes learning to take care of ourselves!

This month we also hosted our first Thanksgiving Feast. Students practiced math skills needed to budget and purchase all items as if they were hosting a Thanksgiving dinner. They also made their own butter to go along with the feast as a science experiment. THANKFULLY, it turned out great!

Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

PLC-W; November was a wonderful month in our PLC! We are thankful for students coming in each day and giving their best effort! Students participated in a field trip to the Cultural Fair where they presented projects they created focused on Morocco and Moroccan culture. In Construction class, students have been working with portable power tools and are looking forward to utilizing the new table saw stop, as well as attending the Skilled Trades Fair mid-December. In Science, students explored aerodynamics, looking at how flight is both achieved and controlled. Our students have also had an opportunity to utilize new fitness equipment and participate in challenging themselves with their fitness goals. In Language Arts, students have explored types of conflict in relation to the novel they are reading. Students are excited to be creating and marketing items for our Winter Business Market in December. In Social Studies, students have been discussing the Middle Passage and its significance. In Math class, students have been developing their math skills through the use of the distributive property and simplifying equations. We are looking forward to even more fun in December!

PLC-M: Ms. Mary's Transition and Mr. D's self contained learners are working together as a community to promote kindness and giving out time to others. A giant shout out to Jaquan S., a Transition student, gained employment this month and Dacota J. was offered a job and will be interviewing within the next few weeks. Mr. D.'s students have shown growth in attendance and increasing their Levels through PBIS strategies and Interventions. Our Student Council representative, Aqucwa J. is working hard collecting non-perishable items for the Food Drive. Many of our students are excited about attending the Menta Skilled Trades Fair which will be hosted at Fox Tech Transition Program in December.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

PLC-S: November was a busy time for PLC-S. In early November, students prepared for the Cultural Fair on November 15. Students did projects, papers and the students in Mr. Sosnowski's classes prepared an exotic (and tasty) Moroccan dish. Our PLC explored much in the academic realm. In literature, students read short stories and discovered meaning through context clues. Their favorite short story was *Getting the Facts of Life* by Paulette Childress White. This story was about a young girl in Detroit whose family was forced to move. In social studies, students studied World War I and the time period before and after that. They were surprised to find that, just like today, the United States has major disagreements about immigration.

PLC-Y: The students in PLC-Y have been learning hot and heavy throughout the month of November. The Menta Cultural Fair, held on November 15th, saw CCH well-represented with cultural projects from all the PLC's and the elementary side. Mr. Burkett's class created tri-fold boards that featured an examination of Moroccan money. Ms. Rush's class contributed samples of Moroccan poetry. Finally, Mr. Sykes' classes created booklets that described many aspects of Moroccan culture. Overall, the students gained a new appreciation of Moroccan art, music, clothing and food.

After the Cultural Fair activities were completed, the students in Mr. Sykes' classes looked forward to learning about The Great Migration, The Harlem Renaissance and Hip Hop culture. This will make up the rest of his curriculum for the rest of November and December. In Ms. Rush's classes, students have been reading and writing about the novel *Freedom Writers*. *The students also do daily edits for improving grammar and reading and responding to various quotations. Finally, in Mr. Burkett's classes, students have been working on order of operations in the math classes and been positively involved raising funds for a community project. In his music classes, students are discussing and writing about how music makes them feel.*

Special CCH Event

CCH MAKES GREAT SHOWING AT THE MENTA CULTURE FAIR

CCH 's contribution to the annual Menta Culture Fair was very much appreciated by all the students and staff members from the various Menta schools that were present. It is unfortunate that CCH was not able to attend this year, as the first snow of the year made travel hazardous. While we participated in spirit with all of our Moroccan cultural artifacts, hopefully next year we can be there to see ours and the other school displays.

The students and staff learned about Moroccan money, customs, clothing and music, but what they seemed to like the best were the Moroccan meat-balls prepared by Mr. S and his classes. CCH was not the only school to have food samples from the various countries that were represented. Right next to our display there was pita bread from Egypt being served and that made for a great combination.

Next year, the Culture Fair will focus on the various regions of the United States. We have been assigned the North Eastern portion of the U.S. So, if you're here next year, we hope you're at your home school, we are getting a good head start on planning.

Special CCH Event



Right before the holiday break, the Elementary Classroom went to Grand Prairie Public Library and learned about electricity and currents. Using copper tape, wooden sticks, a battery and small lights; the students were able to assemble a wand (Harry Potter inspired). Not only was there project-based learning, but the students also enjoyed browsing the library for books and discussing the books together! We will be returning to the library in the upcoming months to do other project-based activities.



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Our Superstars

Student



Our star student for the month of November is William C. William enjoys school and his favorite subject is math. After high school, he would like to go to college. William enjoys music and hopes to pursue a career in the music industry. He would like to be a Rapper. His favorite color is blue. He plans on return to his home school and graduate!

Staff

Hi! My name is Mrs. White, and this year I am excited to be teaching High School Language Arts! This is my 11th year teaching- I can hardly believe it 's been that long! I went to college at the University of Saint Francis in Joliet, IL for my Bachelor 's Degree in Special Education and loved it so much that I went back for my Master 's Degree. I love to read and write, so Language Arts is exciting for me to teach, but my favorite subject has always been math! I am excited for another wonderful year!

