

THE MESSENGER

TIS THE SEASON!

As you prepare to celebrate the holidays with family and loved ones, I'd like to thank you for helping to make the first portion of this school year a very successful one! This edition of *The Messenger* will highlight some of the career events and activities that took place during National Career Development Month. Be sure to enjoy your extended holiday break and rest up as the remainder of the year awaits you upon your return! Happy Holidays!



IGP Success Planner Update

Your voices and concerns have been heard! The EEDA team is working diligently with the creators of the IGP Success Planner tool to allow for the seamless transition of courses from the IGP Success Planner tool into PowerScheduler. **Please note** that courses will only transfer from the IGP Success Planner tool to Powerscheduler, not vice versa. This feature is expected to be available in mid- March.

**SC Department of Education
Office of Student Intervention Services**

A monthly newsletter for Guidance Personnel



Career Specialist/Guidance Personnel Accountability Report

A Career Specialist/Guidance Personnel Accountability report is required for ALL schools serving students in grades 6-12 regardless of if the school is being served by an EEDA funded Career Specialist.

The CSAR is due no later than January 9, 2015 and should include information on activities done August – December 2014. Only **ONE report per school is needed**. Please collaborate with your colleagues to ensure that all activities taking place in your school are reflected on the report.

The link to complete the CSAR has already been sent to persons identified by EEDA Coordinators as being responsible for submitting the report. If you have questions please feel free to contact Dorothy Nero at dnero@ed.sc.gov.



FYI

Upcoming Dates

January 9, 2015

**CSAR due for reporting period one
(August –December 2014)**

January 16, 2015

**IGP Success Planner for Guidance
Personnel Webinar**

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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**IGP Success Planner for Curriculum
Managers Webinar**

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

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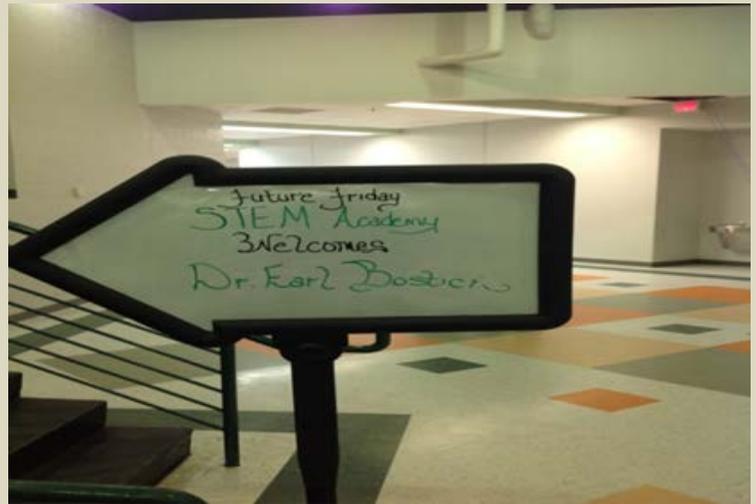


BEST PRACTICES**Blythewood Middle School
Pre-IGP Expo**

Submitted by

Lara Schmitz, Career Specialist

In a continuous effort to ensure that students will be college and career ready Laura Schmitz created the Pre-IGP Expo. This activity is designed for CATE instructors and Career Specialists from Richland District Two high schools to showcase the Career and Technology programs offered at the respective schools to all 8th grade students. The ultimate goal of the Pre-IGP Expo is to prepare students for their transition to high school, heighten their awareness to all the programs that will be available to them, and assist with the choosing of their career major during the IGP conferences held in the spring.

**Hardeeville Ridgeland Middle School
Future Fridays**

Submitted by

Sylvia Cobb, School Counselor

The Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle School Counseling Department hosts "Future Friday" to boost middle school student's career and college aspirations. Future Friday is a new initiative to introduce middle school students from Jasper County to the concept and the importance of colleges and careers.

The speaker for the week of November 14, 2014 was Dr. Earl Bostick, Sr. of Ridgeland Family Dentistry. Dr. Bostick presented to STEM Academy leaders. The leaders asked a lot of questions and were engaged in the career topic of dentistry. The goal is to increase student's aspirations for education beyond middle school completion.

"We believe that by exposing students to career events as early as middle school, that students will be more likely to think about their post-secondary plans while they still have plenty of time to carefully select their courses", stated Mrs. Cobb.

Are you doing awesome things in your school?

If so, SHARE, SHARE, SHARE..... Submit information and pictures so that we can share them with your colleagues across the state via this newsletter. All submissions should be emailed to dnero@ed.sc.gov.

Landrum High School Students Get a Taste of Reality

Submitted by
Shannon Mcrimmon, School Counselor

On November 12, 2014, Landrum High School juniors were given a taste of reality when they participated in Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union's "Reality of Money." Sponsored by Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union, the primary goal of the event is to assist students in making wise financial decisions so that they are better prepared for the future.

Through direct participation and at random selection, students are given a card indicating a career, salary, marital status, number of children, credit score and a certain amount of money in their bank account. While one student may be assigned a career as a computer programmer in a dual-income household, another may be assigned as a high school dropout in a single parent household. Students then have to purchase housing, transportation, electronics, food, health insurance, childcare, and entertainment – all of life's essentials. When they're over their budget they have to see a credit counselor for advice on how to remedy the problem, which can mean downsizing or taking on a part-time job. The overall goal is for them to have money in their bank account at the completion of the event.

Says, Terri Hendrix, Vice President of Business Development and Community Engagement at Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union, "As a financial cooperative, Carolina Foothills operates by 7 International Principals – one of which is to educate, train and inform members and general public so that they can be informed consumers. And it's fun! The junior class at Landrum High never disappoints us with their enthusiastic and engaged response to this simulation. It is a pleasure to be able to bring this budgeting program to the school."

Students finish the event with a better understanding of what it will take to live in the real world. They experience "real world" costs on items that are currently being paid for by their parents.

"We value our partnership with Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union and are excited that they have selected Landrum High School as a site to implement this beneficial program. Many of our students have stated that after participating they realize the importance of furthering their education and living within their means. We look forward to holding this event next year," says Shannon McCrimmon, School Counselor.

National Career Development Week Celebration

Submitted by
Sierra C. Hughes, School Counselor

Geiger students recently participated in various activities in observance of National Career Development Week. “At the elementary level, it is my focus to start getting our students college and career ready through exploration and awareness”, says Miss Hughes. A variety of activities were held throughout the week. Students got to wear college t-shirts and 3rd – 6th graders attended a Lunch and Learn session with the District’s HR Director, Denise Sowell. In addition, students practiced dressing for a job interview on Dress for Success Day; while 6th graders toured York Technical College and Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC). This week also featured the school’s first-ever Career Fashion Show. Geiger Elementary School truly appreciates members of the community coming together to provide such a unique learning opportunity for our students. Below are scenes from the various activities.

6th Graders Visit Winthrop University

Lunch and Learn with FCSD HR Director

Students operate robots at York Tech

Industrial electricians sport their work attire during the Career Fashion Show





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WEST FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER FULL OF ENERGY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Submitted by
Janice Howard, Career Specialist

West Florence High School Career Fair was very successful. The event was held in the cafeteria during all four lunches. There were thirty six representatives, including US Probate Court, FBI, Powers Aviation pilot and instructor, Kenneth Shuler Cosmetology School, Florence Career Center Agriculture, Culinary Arts and Construction instructors, Florence Civic Center, McLeod Health AHEC, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Well Fargo Bank, Vulcraft Manufacturing, Florence County Fire Department and Pee Dee Medical Professionals (Orthopedic surgeon, Optometrist, Family Practitioner, Pediatrician, Dentist and Obstetrician/Gynecologist). Bingo cards were placed on each representative's table and students were asked to get signatures from the representatives while visiting each station. All cards were collected for prize drawings which were donated by the representatives and community. Prizes included meal coupons, traveling bags, mugs, and gift cards.

Students also participated in a homeless awareness sleepover where students built houses of cardboard boxes and slept in them. We sponsored our fall blood drive and collected 65 units of blood. For every unit of blood collected, three lives are saved. The students enjoy talking with the technicians about their positions and training.

For Veteran's Day, we acknowledged our veterans and students who have family deployed. A breakfast was prepared along with a short program before classes began and we thanked our veterans for serving our country.

Students really take advantage of the opportunities we present to them as we continue to Explore Careers One Knight at a time. For more information about the article feel free to contact Mrs. Howard, West Florence High School Global Career Development Facilitator at jhoward@fsd1.org.



Boiling Springs High School Career Week

**Submitted by
Pamela Lewis, Career Specialist**

In recognition of National Career Development Week Pamela Lewis, Career Specialist at Boiling Springs High School hosted a plethora of career development activities. Staff and student participation played a huge part in this successful event. Businesses in the area donated prizes which allowed for drawings to be held daily as a form of encouragement for participating students. For more information contact Pam.Lewis@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us .

It was an exciting week at BSHS!!

- **Career Fair- The top companies in our school district.**
- **College Day- Our teachers engaged in wearing their college shirts, and shared their alumni information and career paths.**
- **Dress for success- Fashion show at every lunch led by our leadership class.**
- **Veterans Day- Our veterans attended classes to share their stories with the students.**

This week is designed to highlight the importance of life-long career development and the personal empowerment of all people. Events and activities are planned to help examine lives, careers, and the alternatives available to increase every student's personal goals, success, and happiness.

Career Academies are career-themed schools within high schools in which the learning environment reflects the atmosphere and expectations of college and careers in the 21st century.

The three initial areas of focus for Career Academies are:

- HEALTH PROFESSIONS
- HOSPITALITY/CULINARY ARTS
- STEM (Science, Technology , Engineering, Math)

Why does education after high school matter?
....and why is it worth it?

- Opportunity – Education after high school can open doors to valuable and unique opportunities.
- Outlook – Advanced education increases your knowledge of the world around you while challenging you to think critically and express yourself clearly.
- Goals – Gaining additional education after high school assist you in setting goals for the things you want to accomplish in life.
- Ownership – The credentials that you gain after high school belong to you for the rest of your life – no one can take them away.
- Money – It's a fact! Those who gain additional credentials after high school are typically paid higher salaries than those with a high school education.

It's important for students to have a sound understanding of the world of work and how they can fit in the future workforce. The point is made that we do best what we really want to do. To do this well, we must look at our interest, goals and values, preferred activities, lifestyles and personality.

Representatives from the areas of College Admissions, Manufacturing, Law Enforcement, STEM and Health Professions spoke to students about their careers. For more information contact Pat Bradley at pbradley@dorchester2.k12.sc.us .

Tuesday
College and Career Readiness

Wednesday
Law Enforcement
Sworn officers play a vital role in maintaining safety and welfare at all levels of government and across the country, but law enforcement is a service career at its core.

Thursday
Manufacturing
The influence of manufacturing goes far beyond the direct contribution to national product and employment. Manufacturing is a global business underpinning all economic activity.

Submitted By
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