

Cedar Cliff High School Board of School Directors Report November 21, 2019

Science- Miss Beekler took 35 AP Biology students to the 1st Annual Healthcare Career Summit at Dallastown Area High School. Students from 11 school districts got to hear from 40 careers in the health field and watch them in action as they act out a scenario. Students also got to participate in the audience using the Nearpod App.



Students in Mrs. Plassio's biology classes have been studying cells. They are doing classic labs such as the onion and cork cells, but have also been challenged with finding moving organisms, and trying to see very small bacteria under the scope. Students have shared they like seeing things that they have, such as their own cheek cells and the prepared blood slides. Some kids were fascinated with the moving live euglena; "Where did they come from?" was a common question.



From October 15- October 17, 18 students from Cliff and three staff members, Mrs. Eisner, Ms. Beekler, and Mrs. Haun had the opportunity to attend a trip of a lifetime to the Karen Noonan Center with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Every year the trip is different from the previous year when it comes to what they are able to catch, see, experience and you never know what the weather may bring. The relaxing but chilly boat rides, gorgeous sunrise and sunsets were worth it



and the unexpected storm brought a flood to the center that we have not seen before. The pictures represented before and after pictures...getting out was not an option.



Mrs. Burrows' biology class spent a few days researching and learning about clipping, growing, and maintaining succulents. The students proposed the necessary materials to purchase to create appropriate container gardens for the plants. The students then planted small succulent gardens using clippings and plantlets from a variety of sources.



Spanish Club:

The Spanish Club planned a scavenger hunt for the month of November. The theme was "Thanksgiving" and three groups were charged with completing 31 missions to win a gift card to Neato Burrito. With the help of technology (GooseChase), students tracked their progress and submitted evidence in the form of a written answer, picture or video to win the sweet first place spot on the leaderboard. From students telling administrators, "Muchísimas gracias por todo lo que haces", seeing hysterical videos of students running on the track like a turkey yelling "Yo corro muy rápido, rrrrr", and writing positive messages with chalk by the main entrance of the school; to writing the lyrics of a rap song about being thankful in Spanish and singing it with props and sound effects and sharing an inspirational quote that helps them get through their day. Bonus points were given when tasks were completed in a creative or clever way. Points were also deducted when missions were not completed correctly. It was intense, engaging, fun, and VERY competitive. The winners were: Senior Julia Breneman, Sophomore Alexis Slaseman, and Freshman Bianca Valadez Vechinski.

Sra. Leland's Spanish 1 Classes:

Students are just finishing unit 3 which promotes the acquisition of vocabulary they will use while visiting places in a city, using different modes of transportation or having a conversation at a restaurant. Students have also learned about interesting places to visit in Mexico City, the murals of Diego Rivera, Mexico City's landmarks and cuisine and Frida Kahlo and her art. Besides learning the present tense of the verb *ir* (to) and *-er* verbs, students are also using *ir a* + infinitive to talk about things they are going to do in the future to create bucket lists. This week, students are creating maps of their Spanish city and writing sentences to indicate the location of each place on the map. We are also having a Skype interview with Cooper Clark, a sophomore at Cedar Cliff currently studying in Madrid, Spain. Students are looking forward to learning more about the challenges and benefits of becoming an exchange student. Our week will not be complete without our International Education Week's Food Day on Friday, November 22. Students are bringing a dish from their heritage or a Spanish speaking country to share with other classes in the World Language Department before Thanksgiving recess.

English Department Update

New inductees into NHS have been hard at work serving the community within and outside our building. They are embarking on a gift buying campaign for local families, so there is something under their trees this holiday. They will assist with conference days and directing parents through the building next week.

The stuffed animals drive is wrapping up and schools will begin counting the donations in preparation for pick up on Monday. The bears will be delivered to Hershey for the annual throwing of bears onto the ice. The donations will then find a new home through first responders helping children in trauma. This is the second annual collaboration between the district and WSEA, and we hope it is one that continues into the future.

Mrs. Hoch's seniors are working their way through the novel *All American Boys*, which deals with the difficult themes of racism, police brutality, and justice. They have gone on multiple site visits to manufacturing firms in order to see what kinds of jobs local employers are in need of. The next trip is scheduled for December 6 to visit Ames True Temper in Camp Hill.

Mrs. Hoch's A.P. students are experiencing what it is like to create a lesson from the ground up to teach. The students were required to research logical fallacy types, select one, and build a lesson with an assessment for their peers.

In Ms. Boweman's AP Literature course, we just finished reading Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* and will be writing about it in various ways. After the holiday break, the students will each choose a complex novel published after the year 2000 to read independently. The College Board will be focusing on the test to include more contemporary texts.

In English 101/College Comp 1, the students are writing and revising their main argumentation papers that are due after the Thanksgiving break. They are using scholarly journal articles found through HACC's library to support their assertions.

The English Language Development (ELD) program at CC currently represents 56 students from 22 countries and 15 languages. Six students were recently inducted into the ESL Honor Society that was held during the World Language Honor Society inductions. Students in English for EL I class have been working with aquaponics students to research plants from their native countries that could possibly be grown in the lab. Ms. Sementelli and Mrs. Rizzardo have been working to expand our ELD curriculum with two new classes this year in order to reach the diverse needs of our students.

Ms. Forsyth's classes are currently learning the effects of an author's use of certain literary devices and the element of setting and how they can affect characters, conflict, mood, and theme. They will then analyze selections of literature for the effects of the author's use of these devices and then write an original description of a setting of their choice using some of these devices.

Mrs. Wolfe's Creative Writing class is participating in National Novel Writing Month by setting ambitious goals for themselves to write longer pieces of fiction. Student's goals range from 5,000 words to 50,000. Even Mrs. Wolfe is participating!

This week, 9th grade students in Miss Russell's classes will begin their unit on Monster by Walter Dean Myers. In addition to studying the unique literary elements of this novel, we will dive into the issue of bias and discovering our own biases. We are excited to welcome Mr. Santiago into our classroom throughout this unit and are eager to see how his insight and this novel can interact!

Art- The CC NAHS and Honors Studio students are in the developing stages of a collaboration with Allen Middle school to develop a "Visual Response" mural on a wall in the ES department. The mural project is designed to provide positive peer mentorship between the HS and MS students while at the same time giving the MS students ownership in the construction of the mural and a better sense of belonging in their larger school community.

Physical Education- The Cedar Cliff physical education department purchased amazing little pieces of technology called "activity trackers" that monitor each student's progress toward fitness goals. We can now monitor our students' daily steps, distance, heart rate and calories burned throughout a class. Students and teachers can gather and review data collected with the activity trackers. The information will show them activity levels, areas they could improve and how they compare to classmates.

Friends Forever Club- Cedar Cliff Friends Forever kicked off the start of the holiday season celebrating their FRIENDS-GIVING dinner on Thursday November 14 in the cafeteria where they enjoyed pizza and turkey subs with sides provided by students and families. There was crafting and of course SINGING! Next month they will venture to Capital City Mall and enjoy an afterschool party at Medard's House with "UGLY" sweaters, snacks, games and SINGING!!! Friend Forever would like to wish everyone a Spectacular Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!!



e-Sports- Mrs. Haun is beyond excited to report that an e-Sports team is starting at CCHS! E-Sports is competitive video gaming. Many colleges including Harrisburg University have e-Sports teams and offer scholarships for students who play on their teams. A team of 5 students will be created to play in this winter's season, which starts in January. This team is made possible with the support of Dr. Kevin Fillgrove, Steven Vogelsong, Shawn Keezel, John Kosydar, Angie Kamps, and others. This is an amazing opportunity that helps build communication skills, digital literacy, team work, and confidence in our students. If anyone is interested in more information about this amazing new endeavor, contact Haley Haun at Cedar Cliff High School.

Technology Education - Students in Mr. Kambic's Applied Engineering course designed a working bridge. At first, they had to design the bridge using West Point Bridge Designer program. They then built a one quarter scale model of the bridge to test it out with 120 pounds of weight. After that was proven successful, the students built a full scale bridge eight feet in length. The students in the group walked across the bridge, one at a time, to demonstrate the safety of the bridge.



Cedar Cliff's Construction Technology class had the opportunity to design and build a modular greenhouse. The class researched local building codes and applied them to the design, construction, and transportation of the structure. Students worked together as a team to lay out the foundation, walls, custom-designed tresses, and door to meet real-life constraints. Students finished the greenhouse with paint and the disassembled the structure to be transported to the final construction site.





On November 9th, CCHS JROTC Cadets Mitchell James, Joshua Weber, Aven Sandoval, Khoi Ngo, and Rebecca DuBose performed Color Guard duties at the Army Heritage Center's (AHEC) unveiling of the new World War II D-Day educational exhibit titled "Liberation Pointe." The new display honors the sacrifices of D-Day and WWII veterans. The display is part of an Eagle Scout project designed to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. Reenactors dressed in period military garb attended the ceremony while four actual D-Day veterans were also in attendance. Cadets were able to witness and take part in the dedication as the WWII veterans poured sand from each of the five D-Day beaches into the base of the monument.





Cedar Cliff High School JROTC cadets Abby DelliGatti, Dylan Everett, Ryan Everett, and Caleb Roadcap are pictured here with Mr. Harry Jung, a Chinese-American World War II veteran who was the recipient of the 2019 Living Legend Award presented by the Army Heritage Center Foundation. Sgt. Harry Jung of the 414th Infantry Regiment received the award on November 2nd on behalf of the 20,000 Chinese-Americans who served in the war, over 90 percent of which were in the Army. His unit fought in Europe with the 104th Infantry Division from late 1944 into 1945. The JROTC cadets formally opened the ceremony with the presentation of the colors and closed the ceremony as they retired the colors to conclude the event.



Over the course of the Veteran's Day weekend, JROTC cadets from Cedar Cliff High School performed a totals of eleven separate Color Guards in support of area schools, businesses, and community organizations as many people took time out of their busy schedules to honor those who have served and sacrificed for our nation. Pictures above are Khoi Ngo, Aven Sandoval, Nina Zheng, and Ryan Everett who performed Color Guard duties at VFW Post 7530 on Monday, November 11th. They were also featured on channel ABC 27 news that evening.



Cedar Cliff High School hosted the 9th Annual Veteran's Day Spaghetti Dinner at the school cafeteria on Friday, November 8th. Veterans were able to get a free meal while family members could also eat for a small fee. Adventurous folks were able to see "Dinner and a Show" as the JROTC sponsored event coordinated for a double-discount for those who also wanted to attend the school play, "It's A Wonderful Life." Over 300 people attended the dinner that JROTC cadets planned, organized and executed as part of their Service learning and Community Service oriented curriculum.



Young Democrats Club-The Young Democrats Club traveled to the State Capitol on November 19th to meet with Democratic lawmakers and to learn about their journeys to elected office. We heard about their assistance to constituents and the issues that they were passionate about. We also met with Representative Patty Kim's legislative assistant, Ms. Paula Hunter, who arranged for a tour of the beautiful building for us, and Rep. Kim herself, who offered her perspective on public service. The day of our visit was busy and we had a chance to see democracy in action: grassroots lobbying, a press conference, and a House chamber prepped for a vote. It was a great experience to learn about public service and State government.



Athletics

Our football team is playing for a District Title this Friday against Cocalico at 7PM! This is the first trip back to the District Championship since 1996. The team has been playing unbelievable since starting the season 1-2. Their current record is 10-2. With a victory, the Colts will advance to the PIAA Semifinals.

Jaheim Morris has been a main reason for our football team's success. He is a senior and now holds the record for career rushing yards (eclipsing the mark set by Jayden Demmy a few years back) and the single season record of Coy Wire (set in the 1990's). Congrats Jaheim on your record setting season.

Winter sports began this week. It is always a great time of year as teams just begin. There is a lot of excitement surrounding our winter sports programs. Boys and Girls Basketball look to have success with both having post-season aspirations. The girls have been a constant in the District and State playoffs and the boys are looking to get back to that level. Wrestling is seeking its 8th straight Keystone Division title and further success both as a team and individuals. Swimming and Diving have their highest numbers in years. They are looking to make noise this season. Finally, our Cheerleaders also have record numbers and will have both a JV and Varsity squad to cheer on our teams.

CEDAR CLIFF'S BELLA ANDERSON IS CHANGING THE WORLD!

Empathetic. Compassionate. Humble. These are all qualities of a giving person; a philanthropist. But these are also qualities of a leader. And Bella Anderson is both! This month we are honoring her for all her work in Mini-THON® and her community.

Bella is the Corporate Sponsor Committee Captain for Cedar Cliff Mini-THON®. Last year, Bella was a stand out performer- putting together a team of 9 committee members she led to help find addresses, stuff envelopes, make phone calls and personally visit businesses. She led her team and completed all tasks that resulted in raising over \$37,000 in money and about \$3,000 in gift-in-kind donations (many of which were auctioned for money). She is creative and open to others' ideas, and supportive and positive with teammates and advisors alike.



Bella is beyond committed and has a very special reason to be involved. Bella and her mom came up with the idea to create a corporate sponsorship in honor and memory of her best friend, Emilia Dameshek who passed away at the age of 12 after battling cancer three times in three years. Emilia's sponsorship raised more than \$13,000 during the past two years.



But Bella isn't just a great Mini-THON leader, she is a great person! In her spare time from school, field hockey, friends, family and Mini-THON - she is making a difference in her community and helping others. She is no stranger to medical conditions and fights to help others Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. She also has a special calling to helping make food available to those in need. With the help of her family and social media, she blended these passions at a young age.



Bella- you are an inspiration to everyone, no matter their age. Your efforts for Mini-THON aren't unnoticed. We are humbled that you choose to fight with us for childhood cancer. Emilia's light lives on in you. We can't wait to watch the incredible things you accomplish this year and in years to come.