

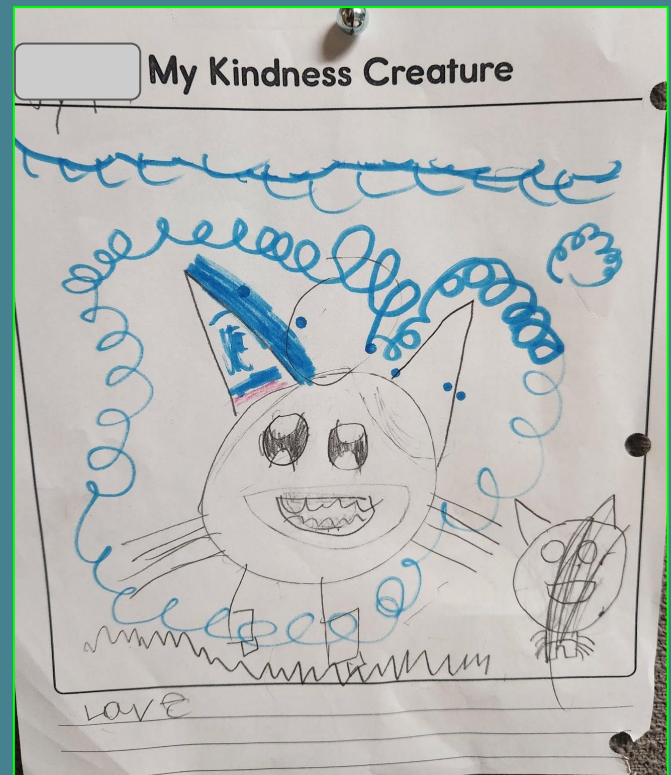
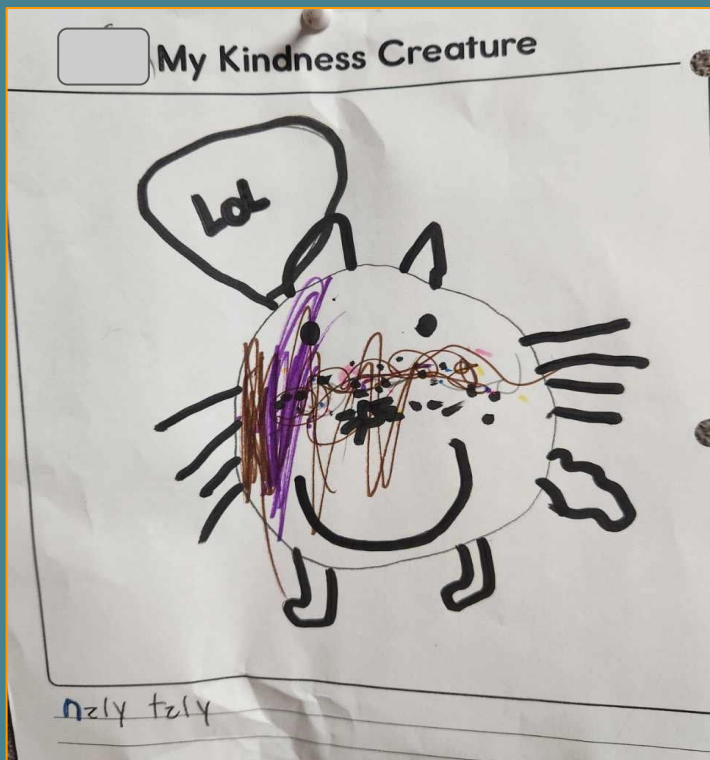
PCSD College Readiness and Workforce Education Newsletter



November 2024

Elementary- College and Career Awareness and Exposure

Kindness Creatures: The week of Nov 15th, at Clinton, Morse, and the ELC the focus was on kindness for International Kindness Week. Students discussed ways to be kind to themselves and others and then practiced being kind with a partner in their class. Students then created their own kindness creature.



College and Career Readiness was embedded in the lesson by Ms. Post, the elementary school counselor. She shared with her students how kindness has helped her in the professional setting and discussed how kindness and other similar traits can be applied in school, college, and a professional setting.

Because College and Career Readiness is about all we do and it is embedded in every aspect of education and our lives.

Morse Elementary School/Career Presentations:

Presenters from all walks of life- a firefighter, Skylar Corcoran- Sanitation Worker, Victoria Cazorla-Financial Center Manager from PenFed, Mayor Flowers and Tara Cirigliano a local photographer were invited to present at Morse elementary on Oct 15, 22, 28 and 29th. They presented their college and career journeys. Students in the 5th grade classes were able to ask questions such as “What is the hardest part of your work?” “What does a Mayor do all day?” “What do you like about your job?” The Presenters discussed the importance of being on time, being responsible, loving what you do, as well as the type of education needed to get a job like theirs.



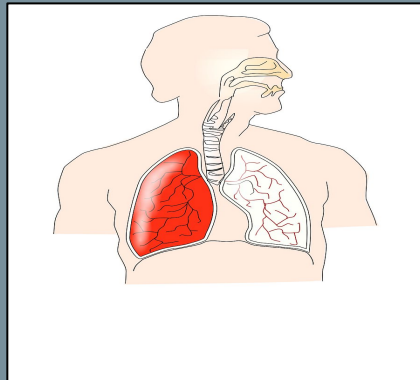
Exploring career pathways and community members sharing their journeys to discovering what their passions are, help students understand that finding a career pathway can be a journey of self-discovery, where they can envision their ideal career and ways to get there.

The PCSD gives thanks to all of our community volunteers for engaging in this very important work and to all of the teachers who made this possible.

Middle School-College and Career Exploration and Planning

Mr. Gibson, the 8th grade counselor introduced Respiratory Therapist as a career option during his classroom push in lessons.

Respiratory Therapists care for patients who have trouble breathing with conditions such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Patients range from premature infants with undeveloped lungs to older adults whose lungs are diseased. Entry level education: Associate's degree



Mrs. Birsner, the 6 grade counselor's push in classroom lesson focused on STEM careers in the military. A Poughkeepsie High School graduate's experience in the Air Force was highlighted.



ANDREW SMALL

Class of 2019
PHS Graduate.

- Joined the Air Force in 2020
- 8.5 weeks of Boot Camp
- Enrolled in Air Force Tech School
- Trained to be a Military Police Officer
- Worked in Ohio guarding a military base, air craft and housing.

Smart Scholars Early College High School Performing Arts Academy

The first cohort of the Smart Scholars-ECHS met together for the first time on Nov 14th at Dutchess Community College to receive their cohort orientation.



The students had a grand tour of the Performing Arts wings of Dutchess Community College. They visited a Boxed Theater, The Backroom, Dressing Rooms, Practice Rooms, Dance Studios, Music Production and TV Production Studios and had a stage tour. The 18 student cohort will continue to visit DCC for extra Career Counseling as well as other specially designed tours. Many students shared they would like to focus on music and were excited to hear about learning to be producers as a career option if they are not interested in playing an instrument. Students in this cohort will be able to attend at no charge to any of the shows at DCC.

Vassar Visit- 9th Graders



9th graders went on a tour of the Vassar campus. They engaged in different activities such as creating their own college class schedule and designing their dorm. They heard from Vassar students about their college experiences and were treated to an amazing lunch.



The PCSD thanks Vassar for designing an interactive tour and for partnering with our District to continue to provide these opportunities to our students.