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300 Berkeley Middle Students Explore Careers At "Career Day"



About 300 Berkeley Middle

School 8th graders recently had the opportunity to explore 16 careers by talking to area professionals who attended BMS's "Career Day" event. Seventh grade classes were visited by individual career representatives. The goal of Career Day was to introduce students, as well as parents and community members, to the 16 "career pathways" that the U.S. Department of Education has recommended that all students become familiar with.

The Division invited employers representing the 16 pathways to attend. They talked with students about the pathways, helping them to discover many career options within each pathway. Students learned which careers require a high school diploma, or two- or four-year college degrees. Warhill High School students currently enrolled in career and technical education classes talked to middle school students about their experiences. BMS students who helped set up the day's events included Jesse McCue-Gomes, Caramia Capone, Sarah D'Arcy, Elizabeth Austin, and Shaterrick Taliaferro.

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Students can use the **Career Planning Guide** on the W-JCC website that correlates to the 16 career areas. This year's Youth Career Expo will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hampton Convention Center.

Photo 020510 Jones: Chris Jones, owner of Printwell Inc. printers in Williamsburg, welcomes Berkeley student Emelia Potter.

Photo 020510 Shaner: A special guest representing New Horizon's Career and Technical Education Center Veterinary Assistant program gives a special welcome to Berkeley student Patrick Shaner.

Photo 020510 Chefs: Williamsburg Inn chefs Scott Watson, left, and Travis Brust display the art of attractive food preparation to Career Day attendees. They were among many who represented the apprentice opportunities in the community.

Photo 020510 Karadeema: Sally Karadeema, Berkeley Middle School's Family and Consumer Science instructor who organized Career Day in cooperation with the W-JCC Office of Career and Technical Education and the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, talks with professional trumpeter Bob Ransom.

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WHS Interact Club Collects More Than 100 Coats For FISH



Members of the Interact Club at Warhill High School display the results of the recent coat and winter apparel drive. The club collected more than 100 items of clothing that were donated to FISH in Williamsburg. The Interact Club at Warhill is associated with the Historic Triangle Rotary Club. The WHS sponsor of the club is Pam Arnold.

Photo 020519 Coat Drive: From left: Emily Shea, Christy Cheesman, Alex Gruendl, Laura Marioneaux, Diana Balint, Elinor Trott, and Jared Griswold.

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Warhill Art Students Win First Place, Additional Honors In Local Art Show



Warhill High School Art students recently showed well at the This Century Gallery Student Art Show, a juried competition featuring work by high school students from W-JCC, York County, and local private schools, as well as home-schooled students.

WHS students brought home the following awards: Samantha Smith, first place; Lauren Middaugh, People's Choice; Kelsey Diehl, Andy Kennedy, and Kaye Trautman, merit awards; Ayatalla Ahmed, Forrest Deluca, Elicia Huggins, Trevor Thacker, Eleanor Trott and Darrell Templeton, honorable mentions.

Photo 020510 WHS Art: Top, from left: Andy Kennedy, Darrell Templeton, Middle row, from left: Trevor Thacker, Forrest Deluca, Kaye Trautman. Front row, from left: Lauren Middaugh, Ayatalla Ahmed, Eleanor Trott, Samantha Smith, Elicia Huggins, Kelsey Diehl.

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Berkeley Tech Students Build Winning "Future City" Model For Contest



Berkeley Middle School's after-school Technology Student Association, which competed in a recent regional Future Cities Competition hosted by the Hampton Roads Technology Council, received awards for the Best Presentation, Best Fire Protection Engineering and First Place -- Virginia South Region with their "future city" model entitled "Hospitalitus."

Kyle Bentley, Will Dixon, and James MacGowan presented for Berkeley. They presented their model first as a computer model using SimCity 4 software and then wrote a 500-word narrative essay telling about its key features and design attributes.

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The competition also requires the students to write a Future City Research Essay of 1,000 words. This year's topic required the team to come up with solutions for "Providing an affordable green living space for people who have lost their home due to a disaster or financial emergency."

Each presenter received an Acer Aspire One laptop computer and two \$15 gift cards to Target, one for each Award area. Berkeley's team was guided by Industrial Technology Teacher Richard Goode and Engineer Mentor Susan Patterson of the National Institute of Aerospace. The team will represent the Tidewater Region in the Nation Engineers Week Future City Competition Feb. 13-17 in Washington, D.C. All travel and accommodations are paid for by the Future Cities National Sponsors.

Photo 020510 Future City: Berkeley's future city model, entitled "Hospitalitus."

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JHS's Bradshaw Wins DAR Award From Williamsburg Chapter



Photo 020510 Bradshaw: Jessica Bradshaw of Jamestown High School recently won the Daughters of the American Revolution -- Williamsburg Chapter's Good Citizen Award. The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools that are in good standing with their State Boards of Education. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

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Rawls Byrd Fifth Grader Helps Decide “Beacon of Freedom” Winner



Rawls Byrd Elementary School Fifth Grader Abubakar Alawy was selected to represent the school on the committee of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who chose the history book that won the “Beacon of Freedom Award” at the 8th annual program sponsored by the Williamsburg Regional Library and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. All 4th and 5th grade students had the opportunity to vote for their favorite of five pre-selected titles. This spring, the winning author will come to Williamsburg for the formal presentation.

Photo 020510 Alawy: Abubakar Alawy and his sponsor, Rawls Byrd Library/Media Specialist Viky Pedigo.

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D.J. Expands Successful “Dads, Donuts and Reading” Program Again



D.J. Montague recently hosted its third “Dads, Donuts and Reading” program. The program continues to grow with a great response from our families. Kindergarten, first and second grade dads, uncles, and grandfathers were welcomed by school staff to enjoy a donut and listen to Jamie Claus, D.J.’s literacy coach, speak about the power of reading aloud to children. The fathers then went to their child’s classroom to read aloud to their child.

“This program has exceeded expectations in both response and importance,” said D.J. Montague Principal Sammy Fudge. “For example, this program has been a way of bridging interaction after a family divorce for one student. It has given the father a way to see the student with meaningful interaction. Two students have their grandfathers now coming who previously did not get to see them. The families are really enjoying this time, as they keep coming back to each program.”

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Photo 020510 Osouna: Ogonna Osouna, left, reads to son Elisha.

Photo 020510 Hanson: From left: Eligah Cyler, Jessica Comings, and Alex Proulx listen attentively as Luke Hanson reads.

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Recycle Old Tennis Shoes at Clara Byrd Baker

Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School, in a partnership with Nike, is now recycling used tennis shoes. Any rubber soled shoes from nearly any manufacturer can be placed in either of two black and green bins located outside the school office and in the gym. The soles are ground into small pieces and reused for flooring, tracks and playground surfaces.

The school also collected 75 30-gallon bags of plastic bags. Each day, Clara Byrd Baker recycles at least two 30-gallon trash bags full of paper, plastic and aluminum.

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Rawls Byrd Students Participate In Promo Video For New Kids' Book



Photo 020510 Rudolph: Author Dr. Ellen Rudolph, left, chose Rawls Byrd Elementary's Media Center for the production of a promotional video for the children's book, "Willi Gets A History Lesson In Virginia's Historic Triangle." Pictured with her is Lance Pedigo (in uniform), supervisor of the Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps and a prominent character in the book. Students from grades 1-3 participated in the video and received autographed copies of the book whose publication has been picked up by a large New York publisher.

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Stonehouse Students Combine Art and Science In 3-D Drawings



Students at Stonehouse Elementary turned a special art project into a science lesson in three dimensional drawings. Third graders in Sarina Lenihan's art class

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learned to manipulate color to cause dramatic illusions of depth. The students all did self-portrait collages using brightly colored paper. By using colors in a certain combination, they can appear to float over or sink into a simple two-dimensional surface, creating an exciting three-dimensional image.

Viewing the images through 3-D glasses results in each eye seeing a slightly different picture. The brain blends together the different images, and interprets the differences as being the result of different distances. This gives the image on the paper the illusion of depth. "It was so cool to know that we were able to make that happen ourselves," said Justin Cooper. Alyjah Saunders said, "I feel like I understand better now how 3-D movies are made." The portraits hung in the school on display for a month, along with the glasses for viewing.

Photo 020510 Stonehouse: From top: Stonehouse Instructor Sarah Lichtel, Jamari Johnson and Will Eveland put on their glasses and enjoy the 3-D artwork display in front of Sarina Lenihan's art room.

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Local Authors, Instructors Get Into Spirit of Literacy Night at James River



James River Elementary students, families, and staff recently enjoyed an evening of literacy events and activities, highlighted by a visit from local writer Kim Norman. During the school day, teachers transformed into their favorite literary characters. Sightings of the Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Viola Swamp, Fancy Nancy, Cam Jansen, Pocahontas, Miss Frizzle, and many more set the stage for the evening events.

Literacy Night offered a wide variety of activities such as reader's theatre, Boggle big-screen style using the smart board, phonics games, karaoke for kids, the Snowflake

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Poetry Café, and a book swap sponsored by the PTA. Students could sign up for their public library card with the Williamsburg Regional Library, have their Chester Comix signed by local comics author Bentley Boyd, view published works by all grade levels, and learn more about Battle of the Books and Virginia Young Authors.

Photo 020510 Stokes: James River Fourth Grade Teacher Dawn Stokes as Viola Swamp.

Photo 020510 Turner: James River Principal Lynn Turner as Cat in the Hat talks to students.

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JHS's Mee and Simerlein Win High School Heismans



Photo 020510 Heisman: Jamestown High School seniors Elliot Mee and Whitney Simerlein are JHS's 2009 Wendy's High School Heisman Award winners. For the past 15 years, Wendy's Restaurants have teamed with the Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee to create the award, which honors the male and female high school students who excel in academics, athletics and student leadership.

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W-JCC Middle, High School Latin Students Gather At *Certamen*

Latin students from W-JCC high and middle schools recently gathered at Jamestown High School for some friendly academic competition (called a *certamen* in Latin). The purpose of the contest was to allow students to review material for exams while competing as teams with students of their own level of study. Jamestown students who had already completed AP Latin helped teachers run each session by scoring and judging. Middle school students challenged high school students in levels one and two. Questions included topics such as: Latin vocabulary, English derivatives with Latin roots, Latin grammar, Roman culture and mythology. Winning teams were Toano Middle School (Latin I), Lafayette High School (Latin II), and Jamestown High School (Latin IV). Awards were presented to students on each winning team while students enjoyed refreshments after the games.

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Berkeley FCCLA Chapter Sends \$170 To Haiti For Earthquake Relief



Photo 020510 Slushies: The Berkeley Bulldog Chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently sold Swirl 100% Fruit Juice slushies as an ongoing fundraiser for trips and community projects. The students voted on sending a tithe of the money earned (\$170) to Samaritan's Purse, a very worthy organization, for Haiti earthquake relief.

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Whaley Fifth Grader To Participate In "Beacon of Freedom" Discussion



Jack Royes, a fifth grade student in Karen Marrow's class at Matthew Whaley Elementary, was chosen to represent the school at the Williamsburg Regional Library where he participated in a roundtable discussion of five "Beacon of Freedom" books. He, along with other fifth and sixth graders from schools in the area, will determine which book is worthy of winning The Beacon of Freedom Award. This program is sponsored by the Williamsburg Regional Library and Colonial Williamsburg.

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