



Virtual Schoolhouse

High Quality Alternative Educational Experience

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Great Happenings

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- Our 4th graders are studying castles; we built clay models of castles from the Middle Ages. We are also studying Amphibians and visited Ms. Brown's class to look at her frogs, etc. We will be having a Parent Craft Day this Friday. Parents are invited to come and join us make our Thanksgiving Performance Costumes. Next Tuesday we are planning a feast and parents are invited. (submitted by **Luanna List**)
- **Ms. Pinozzi** and **Mr. Rose** are planning a Lake Erie Monsters Student Education Day that will take place in February. Students will spend an exciting educational day with the Lake Erie Monsters. (submitted by **Dan Rose**)
- Our High School Honor/Merit Roll students were treated to a pizza party on Wednesday from **Ms. Brooks!** Congrats!! Keep up the great work! (see attached photo)
- **Kristin Callahan's** math class scored all A's and B's on their big math unit last week! Great job!
- Our winner of positive phone calls is **Esther Schrager!** (parking spot?)
- **Mariana Irimies'** husband, Dave, and co-worker, Mike, were at the STS-129 shuttle Atlantis launch last week! The launch was great and marked a day in Science History.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAu5MhS7ffk> (submitted by **Mariana Irimies**)
- 1st and 2nd graders had a visitor last week! On Friday, November 20th, **Mrs. Glusauskas'** and **Mrs. Leyser's** classes had a visit from **Ms. Esther Schrager** and her service dog, **Gari**. Ms. Schrager read them a book about different working dogs (search dogs, sheep dogs, sled dogs, service dogs, police dogs), and explained how her German Shepherd Dog, Gari, helps her. The children learned that it's important not to try to pet or even call to a dog

wearing a special service harness or vest, because when the dog is in its "working clothes" it must pay attention to its person and not run off to be petted. But after the story, Ms. Schragger took Gari's harness off and the children were able to pet him — which he liked a lot! The children asked many good questions about what Gari and other working dogs do, and Gari "sat up" and "waved" and even "danced" on his hind legs for them! Well done Gari! You are welcome anytime down in the elementary wing! (see attached photos)
(submitted by **Esther Schragger, Kristina Glusauskas, Jill Leyser**)

- On Friday, November 20th, the High School had a "Dress Down Day!" Our students brought in canned goods for a food drive and on that same day, **Mrs. Betty Bohannon** held a raffle for some holiday aprons. Together we raised \$90. this money was used to buy Thanksgiving dinner for 4 of our families; *India Harris* from High School, *Carl Jones* from Middle School, *Akili Hammond* from Elementary and *Charles Smith* from Home School. **Mr. Ronald Turner** was kind enough to deliver those baskets to the families who were unable to come up to get them. (submitted by **Latoya Hunter**)
- My *Children's Literature* class continues to work with the students in kindergarten and first grade once a week each. This last week, the High School students read a picture book with the younger students, then the older students helped the younger students write a "review" of the book. In the review, they had to answer basic questions about the author and illustrator, and then they explained specific things they liked or didn't like about the book. To finish the review, the younger students drew a picture that reminded them of the book. At some point, we would like to collaborate with the younger students to create some original stories of our own. As the year progresses, we also hope to work with other students in the elementary school on literacy projects. (submitted by **Denise Rynes**)
- The assembly with CSU Admissions Officer **Stephen Williams** was a rousing triumph for our students. We had 17 students attend the assembly while 9 of them expressed concretely their intent to apply to Central State. Mr. Williams expressed to me that this was his best presentation thus far. Some contributing factors to this belief included: wondrous questions were raised by parents and students alike, keen interest on the students' part, and the students' attentiveness and respect paid Mr. Williams. At the conclusion, Mr. Williams conducted an automatic admission program. The students were able to apply on-spot, have the fee waived and be given verbal acceptance to Central State pending test scores and achievement of diplomas. We had four students provisionally accepted. Those students included:

Accepted pending results of ACT and OGT Test Scores and receipt

of HS Diploma:

Corey Bulger

India Harris

Giovanni Braden-Dorsey

Accepted pending achievement of high school diploma:

Michael Sims

I would like to offer my sincerest praise and thanks to our students and Mr.

Williams for a wonderful happening today. (submitted by **Paul Skyrn**)

- Thank you to **Mrs. Michelle Pinozzi** and **all of our excellent Elementary teachers** for arranging a wonderful Thanksgiving presentation today! From song to play to reading poetry, our elementary students really got us in the holiday mode! (see attached photos) Great job, Elementary students!
- Open Class was organized on Nov. 19, 09 (4th period, the last 15 minutes) for the Best Projects. Some discussions from Ms. S. Craig, Ms. M. Brown, and Mr. D. Worthy evidenced the values of this project, and their suggestions were for more such activities in the future. For our 10 student winners for the Best Project, a necklace with wallet card was awarded and some chocolates for all participants involved in this special activity. (submitted by **Arqile Pipa**)
- 7th & 8th Grade had a GREAT Thanksgiving Feast today! All of our students participated in a cooking or candy making activity. Some of the things we made for our dinner included: Honey glazed ham; Green bean casserole; Sauteed asparagus; Garlic mashed potatoes; roasted potatoes and carrots; macaroni and cheese; and for dessert a super gooey blueberry cobbler. We shared our dinner with the entire 7th & 8th Grade, all the middle school teachers, and even a few of our maintenance, security and house-keeping staff. We definitely were thankful for EVERYTHING that **Mrs. Heidi Brown** and **Ms. Michelle Monske** provided us with to cook and eat. We can't WAIT until the next holiday meal! YUM!! (submitted by **Heidi Brown**)
- The following students had PERFECT ATTENDANCE in Nov:
 - 1st Grade: **Briasia Winfree**
 - 2nd Grade: **Carra Barton, TaZhon Greenwood, Cordell Jackson**
 - 3rd Grade: **Robert Becoat, Kurtez Jackson**
 - 5th Grade: **DeVon Cooper, Sherriona Snowden**
 - 6th Grade: **Dontez Tell**
 - 7th Grade: **Dante Hurd, Curtis Jackson**
 - HS: **Andrew Alexander, Delante Boyce, Ronald Inkton, Devontay Perry, Mathew Singleton, David Woods**