

Director's Report to the Board of Education November 2009



Item #1: Update on CDC Enrollment

Our official 2009-2010 count as of October 15th report to the state is as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9	38	22	60
10	41	29	70
11	106	68	174
12+Adults	97	79	176
TOTALS	282	198	480

Last Year's total at this time was **425**.
That's a **13%** increase in enrollment.

Item #2:

Working with Sue Maguire, the MAUHS Principal, the CDC has issued ID badges to all current adult students in our day program that they are required to wear if and when they choose to purchase lunch in the HS cafeteria.

Item #3:

As per the board's request, Bob Mazur is scheduled to present the first "Annual Review of the Adult Education Program" to the board and to the general public. Future presentations will take place annually in September.

Item #4:

The students in the Human Services Program have focused this past month learning about child development, child abuse & mandated reporting as well as ethics & confidentiality. The Human Services Club has continued to meet and recently had two probation & parole officers attend a meeting to discuss their careers. In the next month club members will be volunteering & fundraising to support local holiday festivities for the less fortunate.

The second year Human Services took a phenomenal two-day field trip to Boston where they had the unique opportunity to tour Tufts Floating Children's Hospital. There they got to see many services and careers that address the unique needs of children and families when dealing with medical issues, including the pediatric intensive care unit, a pediatric emergency room, a children's hospital floor and a





play area where they are free from medical procedures. The students also visited the Boston Children's Museum where they identified the various ways children learn and develop through play activities. Additionally students toured both Bay State and Fisher Colleges which are in the city of Boston; several students have now completed applications to one or both of the colleges.

Item #5: Health Occupations Program:

Through a partnership between the CDC and the Bennington Rescue Squad, Medical Professions II students are taking the First Responder- ECA course. At the completion of



the course, students will have the option to travel to Albany for the written certification exam*. Students who successfully complete the certification exam will be certified as First Responders, the first level of EMT training in Vermont.

The First Responder course consists of 40 hours of training and includes both academic and hands-on skills. The academic skills align well with the National Health Care Skill standards which the Medical Professions program is based upon (Academic Foundations, Legal Responsibilities, Ethics, Safety, and Technical Skills).





The pictures show how students were learning how to safely move patients. They learned how to safely use different types of stretchers and the stair chair.

Medical Professions programs across the state offer various industry-recognized credentials. The First Responder certification was chosen because even if students do not pursue an emergency medicine career, these skills will be valuable for anyone who comes across a motor vehicle accident, medical emergency or injured person in their everyday life.

Item #6:

The CDC just underwent a very successful and positive audit of its financial statements. A presentation is scheduled to be made to both the finance committee and again to the full board.

Item #7: Cos for Kicks

We have had 3 “Cos for Kicks” classes so far. Presently there are 5 students from the middle school who have joined. We started with intentions of 1 hour a week and after the second class decided to make it a 2 hour class. We are having a blast! Some of my cosmetology 1 students are helping out and earning extra hours. We are having them start a portfolio with pics of them and some of the stuff they are having a grand time doing.

“Cos for Kicks”

Mosaic After School Program

Come join the fun!

Guys and gals come test your talents and challenge your skills in the fashion and beauty industry!

We are getting together every Thursday after school to practice hairstyling, nail painting and more!

You will be working hands-on with mannequins and your fellow students!

Who’s to say?.....maybe someday you’ll become famous!

Where: The Cosmetology Department~Room c150

**@ Southwest Vermont Regional Career Development Center
321 Park Street
Bennington, Vt 05201
(802) 447-0220 - x 150**

When: Every Thursday, 2:45-3:45

Who Do I Contact?

- **This program will introduce students to all aspects of current trends in cosmetology and the beauty industry.**
- **Careful consideration will be given to safety and sanitation.**
- **Some trivial theory will be explored through text and research.**

Item #8: Communications Technology:

Students will be visiting Lyndon State College on Nov. 17. In recent years, Lyndon has become a school of choice for many recent Comm. Tech graduates. The quality of their graphic arts department and their affordability are key factors.

Still growing. While the semester began in August, Comm. Tech and Technical English I have continued to add students throughout the fall. We've been fortunate to be able to meet the needs of students who have had different scheduling needs than usual.

Comm. Tech & Business Management Take a Bite of the Big Apple -- On December 11, students will visit Stein Rogan & Partners, an advertising agency, and Ketchum, a public relations firm, in NYC. The trip affords students the opportunity to visit industry partners that are located in a major metropolitan area.

Alumni Success -- 2007 Comm. Tech. graduate Brad Cameron of Arlington has landed a much sought after internship at JDK Graphics, as part of his ongoing studies at The College of Saint Rose. JDK works closely with Burton Snowboards and produces many of their snowboard designs. As respected player in a high profile segment of the graphics industry, JDK internships are highly sought after. The company receives internship requests from over 200 qualified college students each year and this year took on only six interns. Congratulations to Brad for his continuing and well-earned success!

Look for our work out in the community...

- Little Shop of Horrors Program MAUHS
- BE Passionate (Breast cancer awareness) t-shirts
- Banners for DET Job Fairs at the CDC
- Hand sanitizing posters -- CDC, Manchester Elementary & MAUMS

Item #9:Greenhouse News – November 2009

This semester is turning out to be quite exciting in the Agroecology Department. Students have been steadily cleaning up the CDC front gardens and planted over 300 tulip and daffodil bulbs for our spring enjoyment. Projects this semester have included building Rain Gardens at the New England Tropical Conservatory Education Center and assisting with the set of the Little Shop of Horrors (LSH) production.

Students also sold Venus Fly Trap plants in support of the LSH production. We are happy to announce that we sold out Friday night! In addition, students are holding a fundraiser to support the



CDC's Passionately Pink for the Cure Campaign. Students have over 300 pink carnations, white daisies, multi-colored gerber daisies and red roses for sale to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be added to the Cosmetology donation.

Other projects include learning and presenting about topics in the History of Agriculture, creating Herbaria and experimenting with soils. Students in both Plants and Flowers and Bio/Ag have also germinated flats of fresh herbs to be sold during the holiday season for kitchen herb pots. In addition, we have been caring for a wide selection of poinsettias. Students will again be offering amaryllis and paper whites as well as a variety of other beautiful house plants for the holiday season. Please feel free to stop by and check out the exciting new stock we have in the greenhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doc Barone