Philip Clarke named Advocate by Society for Science & the Public

Congrats to Centennial High School Social Studies and MESA teacher Philip Clarke on being selected for the Society for Science & the Public 2019-2020 Advocate Grant Program. The Advocate Grant Program seeks to empower adult mentors to transition underserved middle and high school students from conducting scientific or engineering research to completing applications for science research competitions. Entering these competitions can provide students with invaluable experiences that boost confidence in academic performance, enhance scientific and writing skills, and foster a passion for scientific inquiry. Inspired by their experiences, many students choose to pursue post-secondary studies in a STEM field, leading to more scientific careers from low-income and underrepresented populations.

Advocates are awarded a $3,000 stipend to support their students by identifying appropriate science research competitions, keeping track of deadlines, gathering the information the application requires, and helping students to maintain a strong group to support each other. Additionally, Advocates receive training and ongoing support from the Society and communicate regularly with a cohort of fellow program participants.

Hao Li places third at state

Centennial High School junior Hao Li took third place at the state Speech and Debate meet with his LIELL (Literary Interpretation for English Language Learners) piece on the power of poisonous and positive words.

Freshman Zain Al-Saood placed fifth in LIBEL. His piece was title “Stepping Stones,” dealing with refugees leaving Asia. Senior Honey Sebeh made it to the semi-final rounds with her Program of Oral Interpretation with the topic Black Oppression (she missed the final round by one point). Congratulations!
Internet Safety class offered to parents, guardians and grandparents

An Internet Safety class is being offered to parents, guardians and grandparent of school age children 5 -18 years old. The class, presented by Lt. John Rasmussen of the Gresham Police Department, will be held Tuesday, May 28 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Centennial High School.

Oliver Elementary School Lit Night draws 300 people

Oliver Elementary School held their Lit Night (photos left) last week attracting 300 people. The festivities included a performance by the K-2 choir, a book walk and raffles. Students got the opportunity to read to service dogs and each grade showcased their learning in English Language Arts through fun classroom activities.

Centennial elementary school students featured in videos

Kindergarten students in Sarah Flury's class are featured in a video with Joanna Pearson, Music Specialist, Meadows Elementary School to help raise awareness of how the Arts Tax is benefitting students in the district. To see the video, go to https://youtu.be/vLJDz620TaQ. If the little girl speaking into the microphone looks familiar – her name is Keegan and she is the daughter of Centennial High School teacher Adriann Hardin and Centennial School Board member Jess Hardin.

Students at Patrick Lynch Elementary School are also featured in two videos, to see those videos go to: https://youtu.be/kbeOZbnHVzc to see the fourth graders and https://youtu.be/DLQ0lxUxUpk for grade six.

Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse Sale

Scholastic Book Fairs is holding a Customer Appreciation Warehouse Sale, Thursday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 26th at 5127 N.E. 158th Ave., Portland, OR. To register for a Super Savings Pass discount, go to scholartic.com/bookfairs/warehouse. For more information, see the attached flyer.

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Avoid Electrical Shock

As you go about your work tasks that involve portable electric tools, you may not give much thought about the hazards electricity can pose. That is why it is so important to take the proper safety precautions at all times.

Causes of Shocks

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), electricity travels in closed circuits, normally through a conductor. However, sometimes a person’s body – an efficient conductor of electricity – mistakenly becomes part of the electric circuit. Shocks occur when a person’s body completes the current path with:

- Both wires of an electric circuit;
- One wire of an energized circuit and the ground;
- A metal part that accidentally becomes energized (such as a break in its insulation); or
- Another “conductor” that is carrying a current.

When a person receives a shock, electricity flows between parts of the body or through the body to the ground.

Inspect Your Tools

Accidental grounding is one of the most common preventable incidents occurring when working with electricity. One way to avoid this is by always examining your tools for these conditions:

- Defective or broken insulation
- Improper or poorly made connections to terminals
- Broken or otherwise defective plugs
- Loose or broken switches
- Sparking brushes

If any of these conditions exist, have the tool repaired before using it, report it to your supervisor and above all, do not use it!

Additional Safety Rules

- Do not attempt to repair or adjust portable electric tools while they are plugged in.
- Do not use portable electric tools in the presence of flammable vapors or gases, unless they are designed for such use.
- Always use the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the job, even if it may seem unnecessary.
- Maintain tools regularly.
- When using a tool to handle energized conductors, check to make sure it is designed to withstand the voltage and stresses to which it has been exposed.
- Ensure your portable tool is equipped with a three-prong plug, the best way to guard against shock.

If you or a co-worker does receive a shock, it is important to seek immediate medical attention. Even if the victim does not exhibit signs of injury or stress, internal injuries may have resulted from the shock. Low voltage shocks can actually be fatal.
Knowing how to work safely with portable electric tools can save your life. Stay alert on the job, always check equipment prior to use and do not take any unnecessary chances.