



Cougar News

By: Mrs. Jessica Rash

Campus Community School (CCS) offers various enrichments for 4th through 8th grade students.

This year, I have the unique opportunity to introduce a new enrichment group: *The Cougar Page*.

During each cycle of this enrichment students learn how to write interview questions and articles, how to conduct an interview, and how to set and meet goals and deadlines.

The Cougar Page is written by student journalists.

This edition of the Cougar Page is a special first issue.

Students have worked hard to produce the first ever Cougar Page Newsletter.

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The Cougar Page Vision

As a collaborative community of learners, we commit to investigating ethically and reporting the truth to the school and local community.

Campus Rolls Out Red Carpet for Veterans

By: Chad Cerutti and Kellyn Andrews

Every year Campus Community School plans a Veteran day celebration. The Veterans that attend this program are a mixture of active duty and retired military.

Mrs. Jennifer Boland, art teacher at CCS, has planned the celebration for the last four years. "I think that when Veterans come home, they don't always get a thank you and now they get one."



Veterans sharing with middle school students. *Photo taken by Yearbook*

Veterans come to CCS to talk about their branch of military, how long they served, and what they did in the military.

According to Mrs. Boland, inviting and securing the Veterans is what takes all year. Her goal is to have two in each class. Each year, she sends invitations home to invite family

members who may have served. She also drops off these invitations to local Senior Centers, Dover Air Force Base, other public locations. This year, CCS had 34 Veterans attend the celebration. This year was the biggest turn out of Veterans at CCS in recent years.

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First grade teacher, Mrs. Long, and other Veteran's shared their experience with her class. *Photo taken by Yearbook*



Active Duty and Retired military attended a Veterans celebration November 4, 2016. *Photos taken by Yearbook*

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This year there were five World War II Veterans as well as younger Veterans who have served in Iraq, Afghanistan, United States, among other countries.

The program starts with every student and staff member standing outside around the flag pole as they watch the Veterans walk out on a red carpet. As they walked onto the carpet, the students and staff erupted in applause.

Once they were lined up outside, the CCS choir led everyone in the national anthem and pledge of allegiance.

Back inside the classrooms, Veterans shared their experiences with students. Some of the Veteran's in attendance included staff members like Mr. Cheston Boyd, Ms. Jennifer Howard, and Mrs. Kathy Long.

Mr. Boyd is the school disciplinarian and counselor. Prior to working at CCS he served in the Army in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He shared his experiences in his sons Kindergarten classroom. He used a PowerPoint that he and Mrs. Boland created together about his service, reasons for joining, and a map including his basic training and international service.

Once the Veterans were finished sharing their student escorts took them to a complimentary breakfast. At breakfast they also asked for the oldest and youngest Veteran's. These two individuals were given gift cards to Mission BBQ. Mission BBQ is known for supporting service workers including donating a portion of their sales to the USO (United Service Organization).

The oldest Veteran was Joe Lear, 92 years old and the youngest Veteran was Paige Yancy, 21 years old. Mr. Lear is retired Air Force and the grandfather to fourth grade CCS teacher, Mrs. Rash. Ms. Yancy is a former student of the celebration coordinator, Mrs. Boland.

Mrs. Boland's favorite part of the entire celebration is to see the joyful faces of each Veteran as they share their experiences with the students.

Coaching Continues off the Field

By: Chad Cerutti and Dimere Batson

Ms. Carrie Johnson coached boys' soccer at Campus Community School (CCS). Ms. Johnson also teaches 5th grade reading, writing, and social studies.

The 2016-2017 school year is her third season coaching soccer at CCS. She says students are her motivation to coach. She continues that, "Seeing new students that I haven't seen before and old students I have taught," is her favorite part of coaching.

To increase team morale she tells her team, "Do your best no matter what team you play! Campus Community School is the best school in Delaware!"

She plans on coaching CCS soccer as long as there is a team to coach.



2016-2017 CCS Boys Soccer team with Coach Johnson.
Photo taken by Yearbook

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What's the big deal about a small town?

By: Nadia Sheikh

It was a beautiful day, November 5th; a perfect day for Market Fair. Market Fair is an event run by The First State Heritage Park. It's about fun, games, music, and events with an eighteenth century twist.

The First State Heritage Park is dedicated to persevering Delaware history. Every first Saturday of the month, First State Heritage Park, hosts an event like Dover days or reenacting history plays like the "Poison Candy Murder," which is a true story about murder by mail. They also host tours around the Green for the public to see and learn about local history.



Left to right: Mrs. Cinque and Nadia Sheikh *Photo taken by Yearbook*



Traditional Colonial dancing at the State House. *Photo taken by Mrs. Rash*

I was ecstatic to work at this year's Market Fair. I dressed up in colonial clothes with other members of the First State Club and worked at a photo booth. One team was inside the John Bell house dressing people up in colonial attire and taking photos while the other team taught Fair goers various colonial games like hoops. Hoops is a game using rings from a barrel and a stick. The goal is to keep the ring rolling for as long as possible.

There was so much to do at Market Fair this year! I could create my own slate buttons, eat caramel apples, drink apple cider, watch a tightrope walker, see men in costumes on horses, and arts and crafts. It felt amazing to imagine that this actually happened two hundred years ago in downtown Dover. To think it happened in the exact spot where I was standing was thrilling!

In an interview, Mrs. Cinque said, "Market Fair is a wonderful event that has grown tremendously over the years into an entertaining and educational event."

Mrs. Amanda Cinque teaches middle school social studies at Campus Community School (CCS). She has worked as an interpreter for First State Heritage Park for the last nine years, is the club advisor to CROCS (Cougars Reaching Out Club), and advisor to the First State Club. Both clubs focus on giving back to the community but First State Club focuses on a more pointed way of reaching out by reenacting local history and bringing history alive again.

First State Club is one of my favorite clubs! I love learning about local history and then bringing it to life in my community. So often, history goes on forgotten. History is alive, engaging, and magical.

First State Club and CROCS are bringing history back to our school too with a Winter Colonial Ball. There will be dancing, storytelling, food, and games all with a colonial twist. I can't wait! I'm excited to have another opportunity to relive history but even more excited to bring it to my school community.

Big cities have huge events with lights, fireworks, and big spectacles. I was born in Chicago and my family frequently asks me why I don't do exciting things. They must wonder what's the big deal about a small town...

I believe that these types of events are the big deal; the Market Fair, Dover Days, the Colonial Winter Ball. It is a great way to share and teach local history. It creates a bond in the community. That opportunity to have fun with my community and give back is an amazing experience I wouldn't trade for the world. That's the big deal about my small town.



Mrs. Boland, Art teacher at CCS, and her daughters volunteering at Market Fair. *Photo by Mrs. Rash*

S.T.E.A.M. Provides Unique Educational Outlet

By: Kellyn Andrews

S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is an afterschool program at Campus Community School (CCS). The program is offered Monday-Thursday during the school year.

Students sign up for different clubs and rotate through them as the year progresses. These clubs include a variety of choices like woodworking, robotics, gardening, and engineering.

Mr. Jeremy Watson teaches 6th and 7th grade math at CCS. After school, he runs the woodworking club. He enjoys working afterschool because it allows him to work with students in a different way.

He teaches students how to use tools like hammers, nails, and blocks of wood. One of his major areas of focus at the beginning of each rotation of groups is tool safety. His favorite part of S.T.E.A.M. is working with the students and seeing their creations.



Mr. Watson enjoys his time working with students. *Photo taken by Yearbook*

Ms. Jennifer Howard runs the active life styles club and during school hours teaches Technology. She enjoys working with students' afterschool because it gives her an opportunity to engage students more one on one.

In this group they focus on active life styles including yoga, eating healthy, and playing outside. Her favorite part of S.T.E.A.M. is being active and having fun with her students. Her expectations are that everyone is respectful, kind, and participates.

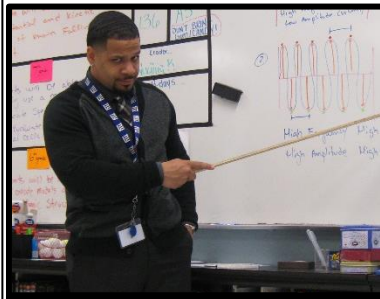
Most S.T.E.A.M. teachers agreed that their favorite part about teaching a club is interacting with students in a more individualized setting. These teachers love their students and go above and beyond their expectations to make their clubs engaging and meaningful.

Middle School Students Shoot Hoops

By: Nadia Sheikh

The middle school students of Campus Community School (CCS) stretch and warm up. As they start running around the gym, coaches yell words of encouragement.

"This is only day one! Come on!" Mr. Eric Morgan, the head girls and boys basketball coach yelled. After five long minutes, one of the coaches blew the whistle. The students started to walk, tired out from the intense exercise.



Mr. Morgan coaches on and off the court. *Photo taken by Zalarie Lodvil*

Basketball season is coming up at CCS. Eager middle school students are trying out hoping to get a spot on the team.

"I have done basketball for the last two years so I wanted to make it three years," Isata Bangura, the 8th grader shares. "I like being sporty."

Coach Pettyjohn is assisting basketball as a coach as well. During the day he is a paraprofessional at CCS.

"I feel like it's my way of giving back to the school. I'm very excited," says Coach Pettyjohn.

Coach Nixon is coaching the new girls' basketball team. She has coached in different places but this is her first time coaching at CCS.

"I definitely see us having a winning team. I helped out with the girls' volleyball team and I saw some of their games. I thought of how I can get in there to help out," Coach Nixon says.

"I am looking for students who are devoted. That are ready to come out, learn the game, and play hard." Mr. Morgan says. "The main points of basketball is conditioning and following directions and just to know how to play in a team. I chose to be the head coach because it is very close to my profession which is teaching science. I am ready and excited for a new season."

Mr. Morgan sees each game and practice as a unique opportunity to connect with his team. In the classroom and on the court he coaches students, encourages them, and empowers them with the necessary skills to succeed.

Wednesday November 16th the finalized team lists were displayed in the middle school hallway.

School Calendar

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <i>Holiday Cheer Bazar</i>
4	5 <i>Lil' Shoppers</i>	6 <i>Lil' Shoppers</i>	7 <i>Lil' Shoppers</i>	8 <i>Paint Night 6pm (Cougar Café)</i>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Junior National Honor Society Induction 6pm (Cougar Café)</i> <i>PTO 6pm (Library)</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Holiday Concert Location TBA</i>	20	21 <i>Basketball game- home Girls 4pm Boys 5pm</i>	22 <i>Colonial Winter Ball</i>	23 <i>Winter break – No school</i>	24
25	26 <i>Winter break – No school</i>	27 <i>Winter break – No school</i>	28 <i>Winter break – No school</i>	29 <i>Winter break – No school</i>	30 <i>Winter break – No school</i>	31
1	2 <i>School resumes</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Winter Ball for grades 6-8</i>	7

Announcements

- PTO meets every third Thursday
- Lil' Shoppers family night is December 7th from 3:30-5:30pm in the Art room.
- Donate to the Mitten Tree! Bring in mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves by December 22nd.



December Character Challenge: Kindness

- Pick up trash around your school, house, or community.
- Give a compliment to someone.
- Write a letter to a faraway friend.
- Donate supplies (food bank, People's Place...).
- Help someone do a job or chore.
- Tell someone why they are special to you.

Responsive Classroom Tidbits

Responsive Classroom is a research-based approach that brings learning and social skills together within the school community. This has been a positive change within in the school but there are ways to bring Responsive Classroom home too. One aspect of Responsive Classroom is Logical Consequences. Below is a list depicting the difference between logical consequences and punishment.

Logical Consequences	Punishment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respectful • Related to the problem • Reasonable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrespectful • Unrelated to the problem • Unreasonable

Example:

Mike spills milk on the floor.

Logical consequences: *“Clean up the milk on the floor. Next time, what should you do so you don’t spill anything?”*

Punishment: *“I can’t believe how clumsy you are! Clean up the entire kitchen!”*

Look for the next Tidbit in the January volume of the Cougar News!

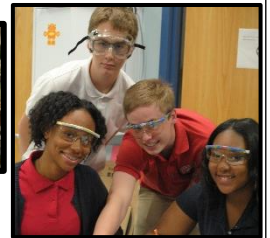
Join Campus Community School!

We are accepting applications for K-8th grade during the 2017/2018 school year. Families may apply online at campuscommunityschool.com or in person by visiting our office at 350 Pear Street in Dover.

Application deadline is January 11th at 4pm. *Any application received after that date will be placed on our waiting list.*

If you would like to see our school in action we will conduct **school tours** during the following dates and times:

- December 7 - 9:00 am
- December 20 - 9:00 am



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Farming Word search

By: Kellyn Andrews

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