



# CMS NEWS



## NEO TECHNOLOGY DAY

Commerce School Technology Classes were among nineteen schools to attend the annual NEO Technology Festival. This is a regional competition includes from public speaking, building scale model gliders and bridges, desktop publishing, graphic design, and biotechnology.

Our award winners from the middle school were: Outstanding Chapter 1st; Career Challenge - Jaycee Bauer 1st, Iris Perry 2nd, Ryley Kurtz 4th, Cameron Phillips 6th; Challenging Tech. Issues - Chelsie Bonham & Breanna Blankenship 3rd, Duncan Rowan & Jowa Zamarripa 7th; Communication Challenge - Delaney Ballard 2nd; Creed - Jaycee Bauer 2nd; Dragster Design - Tyler Garrett 4th; Enviornamental Challenge - Chelsie Bonham & Breanna Blankenship 1st; Flight Challenge - Tyler Garrett 4th; Graphic Design - Delaney Ballard 2nd, Duncan Rowen 3rd, Jaycee Bauer 4th, Humberto Chapa 7th, Iris Perry 8th; Medical Technology - Jaycee Bauer & Iris Perry 2nd; Structural Challenge - Kyler Ng & Tyler Garrett 1st, Andrew Rickey & gabe Shelton 10th; Tech Bowel Written - Kyler Ng 1st, Breanna Blankenship 4th, Iris Perry 10th.

## BENEFIT DINNER

The Shanna Miller Scholarship annual benefit dinner and pie auction was held on Saturday February 28, at the Commerce Middle School cafeteria. The dinner consisted of an all you could eat pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, a drink and dessert. Commerce middle School staff offered to serve and clean up afterwards. The pie/cake auction started at 7 p.m., and once again Joe Clapp donated his time and expertise in handling the auction. There were over 60 pies, cakes and pastries auctioned off along with a lot of good natured competitive bidding. The top selling pies were a chocolate sundae pie made by Joan McMinn which sold for \$250 and a strawberry cheesecake made by Trisha Nutting that also sold for \$250. A strawberry pie made by Mila and Ty Miller, children of the late Shanna Miller, brought \$230. Over 20 more pies and cakes topped the \$100 mark while the rest ranged between \$25 and \$100. All of the proceeds of this auction go to the scholarship foundation.



## CONSUMER SCIENCE

Mrs. Barnes consumer science class recently toured the local McDonalds in Miami. They were taken on a walk-through of everything that goes on from unloading the trucks to serving the customers. Several students expressed interest in the fact that their cooler is below 0 degrees yet the workers still had to shelve and orginize the items.

## EVENTS MARCH

- 06 End of 3rd Quarter
- 09 Start of 4th Quarter
- 10 House Warming for vera Myers
- 11 Teacher's Meeting 7:45 a.m.  
Cheerleader Clinic
- 12 Grade Cards Out  
8th Grade Girls Day  
Cheerleader Clinic
- 13 G.T. to Branson
- 16 - 20 SPRING BREAK
- 24 Spring Pictures
- 25 Cheerleader Try-outs
- 26 School Spelling Bee
- 27 7th Grade to Fantastic Caverns
- 31 - Apr. 3 TSA State Leadership Conf.



## APRIL

- 1 - 2 TSA Leadership Conf. Cont.
- 09 Progress Reports out
- 13 Junior High Tiger Classic
- 14 - 18 Mickey Mantle Classic
- 15 - 16 State Testing
- 20 Math On-line Testing
- 21 Junior High Lucky 7 Track
- 22 8 th Reading Test Practice
- 23 8th Reading Test On-line
- 24 7th Geography Test Practice
- 27 7th Geography Test
- 28 High School Lucky 7 Track
- 29 Baseball Districts

## Drug prevention tips

Because some middle graders use drugs, you probably wonder how to help your child stay drug-free. Talking about the subject really pays off. Children who learn about the risks of drugs from their parents are less likely to use drugs than kids who don't.

**Learn the basics about drugs and their side effects.** This information will come in handy when you talk with your child. Also, explain your feelings about drugs. *Example:* "I'm against illegal drug use. I love you and want you to stay safe."



**Set a policy and spell out the consequences.** *Example:* "If you violate the no-drugs rule, your privileges will be

taken away for a month. If it happens a second time, your privileges will be taken away indefinitely and we'll look into counseling."

**Help your middle grader practice ways to turn down drugs.** Suggest she walk away or pretend she doesn't hear an offer. Also, she can try "no" statements that reject drugs but not people. *Examples:* "I really like you, but I don't get high." "No, thanks. I'd rather go play ball." 👍

For more information, contact the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information at (800) 729-6686 or [www.health.org](http://www.health.org).

## Hooked on books

Reading is like throwing a baseball. The more you do it, the better you get. But how can you get your child to read more? Try getting her hooked on a book series. Here's how.



Get the first book in a series. Read one chapter aloud together. If she likes it, let her finish it on her own. Then suggest going to the bookstore or library to get the next book in the series. Some good series include:

- ✓ The "Redwall" series by Brian Jacques
- ✓ The "Black Stallion" series by Walter Farley
- ✓ The "Animorphs" series by Katherine A. Applegate 👍

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## Parent to Parent Building a family team

When my second wife and I married, we each brought a son and a daughter into our new family. The kids are different ages and go to different schools. They look like they have nothing in common. But they do! They share something very special—family traditions!

My wife and I have created our own traditions for every birthday and holiday. Our favorite is New Year's Day, when our family picks one thing that we all want to add to our lives in the coming year. One year we decided to be more active, so we took up rollerblading. This year, everyone wanted to have friends over more often—so we've been inviting them to have dinner with us every month.

It's a lot of fun, but the best part is that we're doing things as a family. It creates special memories for all of us to share. The traditions make us a team! 👍



## Q & A Flying solo with homework

**Q** I know I should let my son take charge of his own homework now that he's in middle school. But I'm afraid he'll forget assignments. What should I do?

**A** You're right. Now that your son is older, he should be responsible for his homework. That means he should keep track of his own assignments. You can help by getting him a special notebook and a desk calendar. Show

him how to write daily homework assignments in the notebook. Then show him how to mark test dates and long-term assignments on the calendar.

Finally, teach him to check off each assignment when he finishes it.

Once he understands the process, let him take over. If he does forget an assignment, it should be his responsibility to ask his teacher how to correct his mistake. 👍

