

October

October is a big month for Careers and Technical Education and College Preparation

Perkins Grant - We consort Perkins funds through the ESU#2 each year. The ESU#2 asks for a request from each school and then has a committee that looks at the request and determines how the total will be divided. Through this process this year, we purchased two Miller Multimatic 215 Welders valued at roughly \$3200.

Each year, we can also apply for a state CTE grant for roughly \$ 5,000. This year, our grant was approved to purchase a chemical injection tank kit, an add-on 4-burner griddle top, and a structural testing device for STS.

Unlike other years, we have already received the go-ahead to purchase items, so many are already in use and/or have been delivered and will be in the hands of our students soon.

NEW CTE conferences - Look. Learn. Leverage

ESU 1, 2, 7, 8, and 17 collaborated to create a day of learning for CTE teachers. The event will be held on October 27th at Northeast Community College. Participants will have the opportunity to hear keynote speakers, attend breakout sessions within CTE content areas, and/or take an industry tour of Weildand Door Manufacturing.

College Readiness

October is also a big month with regard to college readiness. Mrs. Wess at the end of September hosted a parent's night, she presented on college options and basic financial aid information. Last year she presented and then shared the EdQuest webinar, but using feedback from last year, she changed things up and incorporated all the information into her presentation. She then shared Edquest resources with the parents. She had roughly 18 parents in attendance.

We encourage the seniors to take college visits either set up through Mrs. Wess or their families. Seniors can receive a school absence if they provide the appropriate documentation on their return to school. The juniors have requested to see the UNO campus this fall and UNL this spring. The sophomores will tour Wayne State College, freshmen will visit Southeast Community College, and 8th graders will take a short visit to Central Community College in Columbus.

Community Building

The Fun Forces meets regularly to plan activities for the students and staff to build community. In September our TAP classes participated in a scavenger hunt entitled "Adventure is out There." Classes had to go around the building and take class pictures such as taking a group photo by something that represents NBC school history, group photo by an animal or animal statue, TAP photo with as many members in the air as possible, and more. The photos were displayed on the electronic boards around the school building

Sunday, October 12th is the annual NBC Pumpkin Patch outing. The fun force has reserved a fire pit from 4PM to 8PM to serve as a landing site for our school family. Staff and their families are encouraged to attend and enjoy the pumpkin patch at a discounted rate. The Fun Force will provide hotdogs, smores and snacks around the fire pit when families are ready to swing by and take a break from all the Harvest Moon excitement.