

# CTAE Connections

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## Indian Creek Middle School

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Jordan Hicks at the Rockdale Sheriff's Office – she got to take fingerprints, etc.



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Students in Mrs. Moore's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Business and Computer Science classes have the opportunity to see what various jobs are like. They are given a day to go on individual "field trips" to job sites; this activity is called Job Shadow. For this year's first quarter, there were 40 students at job sites; 22 of them were at job sites within Newton County. Besides various NCSS schools, students shadowed at Inglett & Stubbs International, Johnny's New York Style Pizza, Komatsu, Forklift, Leggett & Platt, Newton



Michael Pope at Rockdale County Water Systems

County Code Enforcement, Pinnacle Realtors, SKC, Subway, and Woodlee's Christian Academy. Eighteen students ventured outside Newton County, including Connor's Florist, Fulton County Police Department, HZB Financial, Rockdale County Sheriff's Office (including the Criminal Investigation Division), the Rockdale County Water Authority, Rockdale Family Practice, and South Star Energy Services. Students are required to conduct an interview at the job site regarding the job, they are "evaluated" with a job evaluation form, and they must complete a short essay on what they experience during the shadow.

Mrs. Moore has been providing this opportunity for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students since 1996 where she began the program at Eastside Transitional and has carried it to Indian Creek as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum with an attempt to provide students first-hand knowledge of the employability skills required for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Malik Watson at Johnny's Pizza (our Partner in Education)



Jasmeen Sunner at Ficquett Elementary School



Lacey Brackett at Hearn Mixon Elementary

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# County News

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### Eastside and Newton High Schools Awarded Georgia Work Ready Training Grants

Eastside High School and Newton High School have each been awarded \$5,000 Georgia Work Ready training grants. They are two of only 56 high schools in the state to receive the grant that will provide three-year access to skills-gap training software to help students improve their Work Ready Certificate levels. The funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Work Ready Grants will enable our schools to provide training related to the Georgia Work Ready Assessment administered through the Governor's Office. In addition, it will assist students in preparing for academic assessments as well. This is a great honor for both Eastside and Newton High School.



Georgia's Work Ready program is based on a skills assessment and certification for job seekers and a job profiling system for businesses. By identifying both the needs of businesses and the available skills of

### Alcovy Industry Certification Grants

Alcovy High School has been awarded a \$10,400 Industry Certification Grant from the Georgia Department of Education. The grant will focus on updating the Manufacturing/Engineering Program. It will assist to purchase new computers and Autodesk Software to allow student the opportunity to improve design and manufacturing skills. The program will be required to undergo the state Industry Certification Evaluation in April. Students will have the opportunity to receive an industry credential.



### Liberty Middle School Construction Related Grants

Liberty Middle School has been awarded a \$95,000 Construction Related Equipment Grant from the Georgia Department of Education. The grant will be used to purchase equipment for the Engineering/Technology, Family Consumer Science and Business Computer Science programs. The grant is provided through the Career Technical and Agricultural Education Department to provide essential equipment that is beyond the normal equipment purchased through construction contract.



## High School Happenings

### Eastside High School



Eastside FBLA and FCCLA students collected canned goods for a flood victim from Lithia Springs High School in Douglasville. This 15 year old student's home eventually had water that covered the house from the foundation to the roof line.

Ms. Moore's DECA students will sponsor a Halloween Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31, 2009



Students in Mrs. Garrett's Early Childhood Care and Education class at Eastside High School recently made children's books. This project followed a unit on Child Development theories. During this unit, students learned about the child development theories of Piaget, Gardner, and Erikson. By studying these theories, students learned what type books would help with the development of young children.

## **Alcovy High School**

Open House: October 22rd from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Parents will attend four shortened class sessions where teachers will inform them of class rules and academic expectations for the year. Parents will have to get to their next class on time just as the students do. Varsity girl's basketball will be on hand selling hotdogs and hamburgers as a fundraiser.

Alcovy will host a College Probe Fair Monday, October 26th from 5:30-7:30. Approximately 100 colleges and universities will be represented all under one roof here at the school. You don't want to miss this once a year event.



## **Culinary Arts Students Provide Food with Flare**



Led by Chef Surrey-Thomas, Alcovy culinary arts students catered a community event at The Center on Washington Street. The community event was to promote the Green Enterprise work/planning for our county. Using locally grown products, the students prepared all of the food and beverages for the reception from scratch.



## Newton High School CTAE students participate in Porterdale Elementary School's Career Day –



CTAE students from Newton High School were asked to present at Porterdale Elementary School's annual Career Day October 8, 2009. CTAE students dressed for their chosen career field and worked on displays to show the Porterdale Elementary students.

CTAE students made presentations representing Culinary Arts, Interior Design, Computer Technology, Web Design, Teaching as a Profession, Entrepreneurship, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Accounting, Business Management, Childcare Services and Forestry.



Evalyne Davis, Counselor at Porterdale Elementary School, coordinated this event. According to Ms. Davis, "So many teachers and students here at Porterdale said it was the best Career Day ever! Please, let's plan to do it again next year."

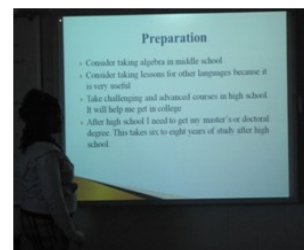


## Middle School Happenings

### Liberty Middle School

By: Lenzaree Owens

Liberty's Business and Computer Science students were very busy in September with career explorations. Students utilized Georgia Career Information Center's Career Cluster Inventory to correlate their interests, abilities, and aptitudes with possible career clusters and career choices. Students translated their career research into multimedia presentations, which were presented to their peers. Many students demonstrated excellent 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills throughout their presentations, which are evident of the potential for a successful Career Technical Student Organization at Liberty Middle School.



Region 14 FBLA Region Leadership Conference will be held at Newton High School

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## **Focus On: CTI**

### **CTI Visits Athens Technical College**



AHS/EHS CTI trip to Athens Tech October 7, 2009



On October 7<sup>th</sup>, fourteen students from Alcovy's CTI program and ten from Eastside visited Athens Technical College for a campus tour and informational session. The students learned about the admissions process, programs offered, and financial aid possibilities. After the presentation the group broke into two smaller groups for a campus tour. Following the tour the students stopped for lunch on the way home.

Not only did the students have a good time, but also a lot of information was presented. The students had several questions including housing issues, course offerings, and how to pay for college. The visit gave the CTI students an insight into a technical college as a possible option after graduation.

### **Alcovy Eastside Pizza and Games CTI Social**

September 28, 2009 3:45-5:00pm

CTI students from Alcovy High School and Eastside High School in Newton County had a blast on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at a Pizza/Guitar Hero social hosted by Alcovy High School CTI. The CTI students from rival high schools in Newton County had a great time meeting and networking. The students enjoyed eating pizza and playing board games as well as trying out their musical talents on "Guitar Hero". Johnny's Pizza is a partner in education with Newton County Schools and provided the pizza at a discount price. Several parents were in attendance. Everyone had a great time! Eastside High School CTI will be sponsoring a Halloween social on October 29<sup>th</sup> with lots of Halloween "tricks and treats"

