

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



Wayne State University School of Medicine Visits The Pankow Center

Wayne State University School of Medicine and M.D. Candidate, Courtney M. Moore visited Ms. Dickinson's Health Occupations 2 classes on October 19th. Ms. Moore addressed the students on the academic path and cost-benefit analysis of school for a student who may be interested in pursuing a career in health care and medicine. Additionally, students learned as Ms. Moore presented information from her research *Health Is Where the Heart Is*, which explains step by step how to progressively increase healthy habits into everyday lifestyles in a way that is manageable for busy individuals. Moore is the founder and president of Public Health Outreach, an organization consisting of medical students and young professionals who offer assistance in cardiac health and free hypertension screenings. For more information visit the website at: healthiswheretheheartis.com.



Erik Edoff,
Senior Director of
Instructional Programs

Amy Gole, Director of
MST/CTE

Michael Kaufman,
Director of Performing
Arts

Dates to Remember:

November 8
Election Day

School **Closed** for
students, Professional
Development for all
Teachers

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Recess

November 28
School Re-opens

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The "Flower Pot" at The Pankow Center is now Open!

Visit the "Flower Pot" and Horticulture Science class here at The Pankow Center for floral arrangements, centerpieces, and corsages for all occasions! Brighten your space in the home and office or place an order for the holidays, prom, weddings, showers, parties, and any other special occasion. The Flower Pot also has house-plants, perennials, and annuals for sale throughout the year. Open school days from 7:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Are You Doing Any Fall Home Organization?

If you are planning any home organization projects this season, the Horticulture Science class would welcome any donations that could be used by their classroom. Items such as: floral vases or containers (large or small), baskets, floral or seasonal-type decorations, craft supplies, ribbon, small boxes or shoe boxes, or any other decorating and crafting items. If so, please contact Horticulture Science Teacher, Shirley Tautolo at: (586)783-6570 x 2428 or tautosh@lc-s.org. They will be put to good use!

The Creuse Café Re-opens for 2011-12



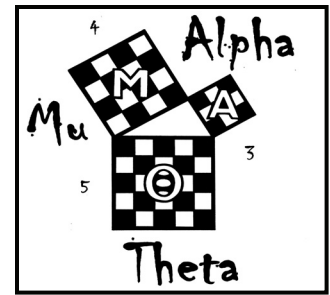
The Creuse Café is now open for the 2011-12 school year and the students are fired up and ready to tantalize your taste buds! Stop in, or grab a snack to-go from 10:00 a.m. –11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday *excluding school closings*, for scrumptious bread and savory soups, snacks, lunch, or decadent desserts. The Café's most proud and famous feature is the "Chef's Table" where students demonstrate their culinary expertise and prepare your meal cooked to order right in front of you! The Creuse Café is also available for catering! Visit lc-ps.org/Schools/Pankow/CreuseConnection/CurrentMenu for an extensive menu selection or contact Chef Scott Satterly by phone (586)783-6570 x 2433 or via email at sattesc@lc-ps.org for more information.



Mu Alpha Theta Inducts New Members

The Mathematics, Science & Technology Program
is proud to announce its
newest Mu Alpha Theta members.

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| Michael A. | Drake K. | Bronwyn M. | Jasmine V. |
| Alexa B. | Alexandria E. | Ashley R. | Tristan Z. |
| Alexa P. | Marc M. | Sydney S. | |



Welcome and congratulations to each of you on your acceptance into Mu Alpha Theta, an organization composed of the most gifted mathematics students in the country!

Newly Elected Officers 2011-2012

- President: Alexis S.
Vice President: Trevor K.
Secretary: Nicole B.
Treasurer: Austin Z.

Mu Alpha Theta Members

2011-2012

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| Nicole B. | Drake K. | Sydney S. |
| James C. | Bronwyn M. | Jasmine V. |
| Alexandria E. | Marc M. | Natalie W. |
| Shelby F. | Alexa P. | Tristan Z. |
| Renato Jesse F. | Ashley R. | Austin Z. |
| Emily G. | S. Sukhvir S. | |

Mu Alpha Theta Offers Math Help Day !!
Open to all Pankow Students
Get one-on-one help from Mu Alpha Theta tutors!
Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30 pm in Room 202
No sign up necessary, stay as little or as long as you like!



Hovercrafts Touch Down at The Pankow Center

Students completed their first project for the new Introduction to Energy class by assembling hovercrafts as part of a team-building exercise. The hovercrafts were then used by the MST AP Physics classes to conduct and demonstrate experiments using *Isaac Newton's-Three Laws of Motion*. The hovercrafts allow students to validate the law of inertia, effects of objects in motion or rest, and prove how velocities change when force is applied. On the forefront, students will also learn how to build hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles while studying its blade orientation, the electricity generated by it; in addition to the electricity generated by wind turbines, and solar-powered system designs.



"A Simple Gift"



The Future Educators Association and the National Technical Honor Society at The Frederick V. Pankow Center are working to fill 100 shoe boxes with hygiene products, toys/games and school supplies (books, markers, colored pencils, etc.) as part of a community service project for Samaritan's Purse, an international relief agency. The FEA (a student club for Early Childhood and Teacher Cadet classes) and the NTHS were successful in collecting over 200 boxes last year which were then delivered around the world to children in need. The FEA and NTHS would like your support by contributing to this project. The **deadline is November 18, 2011**. To donate, or for more information contact Bonnie Awrey-Kaulfuss, Teacher, at awreybo@lc-ps.org.

Career Cruising *Corner*

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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

The NDEAM focus is to increase awareness on the importance of making the world a more accommodating place for everyone. For more information visit: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/index.htm>.

This Month's Career Feature: *Physical Therapist*

If you enjoy helping others, physical therapists help people who have been ill or injured return to healthy living. They assess and treat patients who have problems with movement due to an illness, injury, or physical disability.

Entry-Level Earnings: *In General people in this profession can make between \$52,000– \$106,000 annually -depending on experience* (Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics www.bls.gov).

Education & Training: In order to practice as a physical therapist, you will need to earn a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited college, then pass a state licensing exam. Training can begin as early as high school. **Related Frederick V. Pankow Center Courses:** Health Occupations 1 and 2, and Medical Assisting.

Career Quote: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

~ Lao Tzu

Want Free Money? Did you know there is a scholarship available for just about anything?

Visit these national data bases for information: www.scholarships.com & fastweb.com

Substitute Teachers Needed!

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools

\$65 per day (non-certified)

\$75 per day (certified)

\$85 per day for long-term

\$500 bonus for 60+ days in a semester

Certified Teachers or

90+ hours of college credit

Fill out application at:

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L'Anse Creuse Public Schools

Contact person:

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The Facts... *Our kids... our future*

on the Macomb County Special Education Ballot Proposal

- 1 in 7 Macomb County students receive special education services
- Last year, Macomb County schools lost over \$103 million in funding
- Home values have decreased by an average of 34 percent, resulting in lower special education funding
- Proposed increase will cost the average household \$.20 cents per day
- Proposed funding will positively impact all Macomb County students

Please VOTE Nov. 8th



The Diviners Was a Great Success!

The Frederick V. Pankow Center Performing Arts students presented “The Diviners,” October 21st and 22nd at the John R. Armstrong Performing Arts Center. The drama, written by Jim Leonard, takes place in the 1930s in the town of Zion. It focuses on the relationship of two main characters; a mentally challenged boy (Buddy) whose near death experience from drowning left him terrified of water, and took the life of his mother who died while rescuing him, and a bitter ex-preacher who has lost his faith. The preacher, who was set on breaking away from his practice, is persuaded by the townspeople to lead Buddy into the water to bathe and face his fear, but in the end— they meet their tragic destiny.



“It was a really great experience!” said students who participated in the production. With only five props in the entire play, the use of unique lighting effects to portray flowing water, and no microphones; students showcased their acting abilities by projecting their voices, and using their imagination to depict dramatic acting techniques. “It was strictly acting- Mr. Erikson is really good at directing and really has an eye for it,” said Brandon S. Being his first time in a dramatic play, Brandon played the lead role as Buddy. He is considering perusing a career in Acting and would like to explore college options in either New York or Los Angeles. “It was a good message, intensive, actor-driven, and students had fun,” said Mr. Erikson. Way to go Pankow PA! All in all, a great success!



TEEN FOR TOTS

**TRICK
Or
TREAT!**

High School students from The Early Childhood Education and Teacher Cadet, K-12 programs at the Pankow Center had another great day with the Teen for Tots preschoolers on Thursday, October 27th. It has been a customary practice for Pankow students and the *Tots* to dress up in Halloween costumes for a fun-filled trick-or-treating tour around the building and visit the other classrooms. The high school students enjoyed snacks and guided the preschool children in pumpkin carvings, and many other fun activities.

**Career & Technical Education
Student Activities**

Skills USA provides quality education services for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. Local, state, and national competitions are held to allow high school students to test their skills in their particular trade.



SkillsUSA Offerings at The Pankow Center:

- Automotive Collision & Refinishing*
- Automotive Technology*
- Culinary Arts*
- Law Enforcement*
- Visual Imaging Technology*

Health Occupations & Students of America (HOSA)



- Health Occupations 1 & 2*
- Medical Assisting*

Future Farmers of America prepares students for success in Agriculture Education



- Horticulture Science*

The National Technical Honor Society promotes ideas of honesty, service, leadership, and skilled workmanship.



An international student organization dedicated to supporting young students interested in education-related careers.

- Education-Early Childhood*

- Education -Teacher Cadet K-12*



Business Professionals of America

America -Prepares Students in business management and other career-related fields.



- Business Management Technology*
- Network Administration & Computer Servicing*
- Programming for X Box & Web Design*