

FREDERICK V. PANKOW CENTER

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December 2011



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Dates to Remember:

January 9
School Re-opens

January 16
MLK Jr.'s Birthday
Observance - School
Closed to Students,
PD for Teachers

January 24, 25, & 26
Final Exams-High
School

January 31 &
February 2
Pankow 10th Grade
Tours

February 3
Dialogue Day

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to Pankow for winning 1st Place in the Macomb County Lip Dub Challenge!

The results of the Macomb County lip dub challenge are in! The challenge was set forth by the New Haven High School video club to see who could come up with the best lip dub in the county. All schools had roughly four to six weeks to plan, choreograph and rehearse their film, with no cuts and no editing! The Pankow Center's *Thriller* by Michael Jackson, took number one! A panel of seven judges awarded trophies to the top five videos and a \$300 scholarship for first place (The Pankow Center), and a \$200 scholarship for 2nd place (Fraser High School).



The winners were as follows:

- 1st The Pankow Center - \$300 Scholarship
- 2nd Fraser High School - \$200 Scholarship
- 3rd L'Anse Creuse High School
- 4th New Haven High School
- 5th Romeo High School

In-district, you can watch their entries on the *Video on Demand* menu of your set top box, or to view other county school entries, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dstionSKbnQ>

NEW Program Offering - Fall 2012 Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy

The Pankow Center is pleased to
announce: a new

Health Science program for fall 2012.

Students interested in Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy can get a jump start on their education in this class. Topics included are; injury prevention, patient care & mobility, ambulation techniques, range of motion activities, CPR, First Aid, aseptic techniques, and vital sign monitoring. Qualifying students have the opportunity to participate in a job-shadowing experience.

Careers connections in this field include:

Physical therapy, Occupational Therapy, Athletic Training, Sports Medicine, Coaching, Exercise Physiology, Physician, Registered Nurse & others.

SAVE the DATE!

The L'Anse Creuse Community Action Coalition

Dialogue Day!

Friday, February 3, 2012

Dialogue Day is an annual activity day hosted by the CAC which provides students an opportunity to meet with community leaders in the hopes of building relationships throughout the community. Students are able to discuss various topics in groups and focus on creating resolutions and programs for those topics. The Coalition is dedicated to building assets, preventing substance abuse and empowering youth. The coalition encourages a healthy, safe environment where all young adults can be successful.

For more details visit: lc-ps.org/
Parents/Guardians/ Community Action
Coalition

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Santa Claus Comes to Town....

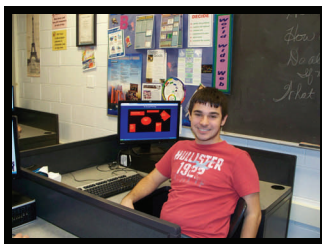
Santa Claus comes to visit the "Teen for Tots" classroom on Wednesday, December 20th. The high school students in the Early Childhood Education class helped Santa create a fun-filled day for the tots. The preschool toddlers were able to make a wish and receive gifts from Santa and teachers. Parents also joined in for the day and watched the tots and elves perform their annual Christmas recital with songs like, "I want a hippopotamus for Christmas." The day was topped off with yummy cookies and hot chocolate for all.



Pankow Web Design

For the past ten years the Web Design classroom at Pankow has completed Websites for local businesses and non profit organizations as a community service to give them the opportunity to work professionally with local business people, and to show the importance of giving back to their community. The students work within guidelines supplied from the organization, while putting to use their own creativity and design skills. All websites are then presented to the business owner for the client to choose the site that most satisfies their needs and represents their company. Creating professional websites in the classroom that will actually be published and used every day in the business world motivates students in a new way emphasizing rigor and relevance in their coursework, and inspiring a higher level of professionalism.

This partnership brings the real world of work into the classroom and is an economical means to a professional business web presence. Please view our student portfolio at <http://pankowwebs.com>. ~ Mrs. Schmid, Web Design and Business Management & Technology Teacher.



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



Thespian Performing Arts Students Recognized at the Board of Education Meeting

Members at the December Board of Education meeting recognized students in the Performing Arts Troupe 7494 for their achievement in the Michigan State Thespian Festival in Saginaw, Michigan, December 3rd. The students earned eight excellence ratings and five superior ratings which qualifies the students to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and the National Thespian Festival, held each year in Lincoln, Nebraska.



The Superior Ratings were as follows:

Noah M. (10th grade)
Solo Musical, Empty Chairs and Empty Tables, "Les Miserables"

Katherine N. (10th grade)
Solo Musical, Climbing Up Hill, "Last Five Years"



Hannah V. (10th grade), Jacqueline R. (11th grade) and Angelina D. (10th grade) group acting, "The Diviners"

Anthony G. and Madison K. (both 11th grade), duet acting, "A

Midsummer Night's Dream"

Justin P. (11th grade), monologue, "The Odd Couple" and "Nobody Heard Me Cry."

"Preparation Meets Success"

"Preparation meets success" was the message given to Mr. Erickson's 10th grade Acting students on Thursday, December 22nd. Broadway actor, Danny McNie shared his perspective and many of his personal experiences with students on how to choose the right college education and training towards advancing in the acting world. McNie had been in town for business involving the national tour of the Broadway musical "Wicked" currently showing at the Detroit Opera House. Students also had the opportunity to perform an audition while gaining constructive feedback from Mr. McNie on their singing performances.

McNie, a Michigan native, and former student of The Pankow Center's Performing Arts Director, Michael Kaufman, has toured nationally in productions such as "Miss Saigon" and has worked worldwide as the key soloist in The Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra in The Music of Alan Menken. Currently, he is the lead role in Cirque de Soleil, a production held in Shanghai, China.



Congratulations to

"13" The Musical

Company List!

Your first rehearsal is January 10, 2012 at 3 pm in Mr. Erickson's room

- Eric M.**
- Matthew P.**
- Armondo G.**
- Madison K.**
- Angelina D.**
- Conner H.**
- Katy N.**
- Shelby M.**
- Alaina J.**
- Jackie R.**
- Brandon D.**
- Kevin K.**
- Noah M.**
- Brandon S.**
- Anthony T.**
- Tiffany H.**
- Tony G.**
- Joshua B.**
- Miranda I.**
- Mackenzie W.**
- Shelby R.**

Congratulations! The Pankow Center *December* Students of the Month



Brandon D., LCCHS ~ Acting

“Brandon has been with me for 3 years. He is the only student I have ever had who has never been absent in 3 years. Brandon is dedicated, hard-working, and goes beyond *the call* every time; he is an inspiration to me.” ~ Mr. Erickson, Teacher for: Acting, Drama, American Literature, and English.



Kira L., LCCHS ~ Programming

“I chose Kira L. because although she is a first year programming student with no prior experience, she has quickly excelled beyond her peers, some of whom are in their second year of programming here at The Pankow Center. In an industry and classroom typically dominated by males, Kira has done a mature and professional job of overcoming that disparity; her hard work and dedication will pay her dividends in whichever field she chooses to pursue post secondary.

~ Mr. Paterni, Programming for C#, and Microsoft Network Administration Teacher



Haley B., LCCHS ~ Automotive Collision & Refinishing

“As a second year student in the program, Haley is demonstrating strong leadership skills and has become a valuable asset in our classroom. She is a role model for other students, and is especially adept at helping first year students with mastering entry-level skills.”

~ Mr. Stumpf, Automotive & Refinishing Teacher

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December 5th recognizes **International Volunteer Day**

This event recognizes volunteers involved on the local, national and international levels, and who also promote volunteering as an international movement year round. In addition to the personal satisfaction that comes with volunteering, there are also benefits to career development. Volunteering provides individuals with hands-on experience that allows you to discover and explore different types of work. It looks good on your resume too. For more information visit: www.worldvolunteerweb.org.

This Month's Career Feature: Computer Programmer

Computer Programmers write, test, develop and maintain computer software programs. These programs are detailed instructions written in special languages that a computer can understand. Computers and their software are used everywhere including household, automobiles, engineering, art and medicine. Every function you complete on a computer is the work of a different piece of software. As a result, computer programmers are found in a wide variety of industries. For more information visit: www.careercruising.com.

Michigan Career Pathway: Business, Management, Marketing & Technology

Entry-Level Earnings: *In General people in this profession can make between \$40,000—\$110,000 annually depending on education, experience, location or employer. The reported median wage in Michigan is \$68,000 annually.* (Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics www.bls.gov).

Education & Training: While in high school, take as many math and computer classes as possible, especially programming. Many companies require a Bachelor's degree however some programmers may qualify with an associates degree or certificate. Certification is available for different programming languages.

Related Frederick V. Pankow Center Courses: Programming (Visual Basic.NET), Programming for XBOX 360, Networking & PC Servicing, Microsoft Network Administration, and Business Management Marketing Technology, and Web Design.

Career Quote: “The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”

~ Vince Lombardi