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INNOVATION CENTER

NEWSLETTER

Monthly Highlights

What's New At The IC

CONNECTING THE CAMPUS: This month, our high school students participated in a meaningful mentorship program with students from the Early Childhood Center, fostering valuable inter-generational connections.

In our Introduction to Design and Engineering course, high school students showcased their completed launch design projects. It was a rewarding experience to observe the younger students engaging with these devices under the guidance of our high schoolers, who explained the mechanics behind their creations.

Furthermore, we celebrated the season with our annual Halloween Parade. The early childhood students processed through the Innovation Center in costume to the enthusiastic greetings of our high school students, who distributed treats and participated in the festivities. These collaborative efforts exemplify the unique and supportive community we strive to cultivate at the Innovation Center.

STRONGER TOGETHER: We are pleased to announce the successful inclusion of the parent-teacher conferences at the Innovation Center. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the families who participated, as your commitment to your student's academic journey is integral to our collective success. We deeply value the collaborative connections established during these sessions.

COOKING UP SUCCESS: The East Star program has been hard at work putting their East China Educational Foundation (ECEF) grant into action. By acquiring a variety of essential cooking supplies, students have been able to dive into hands-on culinary projects, turning recipes into tangible life lessons. This initiative has proven to be a cornerstone for experiential learning, allowing our students to develop practical skills—such as following instructions, practicing kitchen safety, and understanding nutrition—that will serve them well beyond the classroom. We are thrilled to see these funds directly enriching our school community through such meaningful, skill-building engagement.

THE "FRANKENPIRE" PROJECT: Students in AP World History were required to function as architects of history, determining which institutional structures best support a thriving society and fostering a profound understanding of the mechanisms that dictate imperial stability and influence. The Frankenpire Project provides a creative, interactive approach to historical study by transforming abstract concepts into tangible visual representations. By synthesizing the political, economic, and social frameworks of various historical powers, students are encouraged to transcend surface-level memorization in favor of high-level analytical evaluation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 6 - End of 1st Marking Period
- November 18 - PLC Day / Early Release
- November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

October was a month full of great experiences for our staff and students at the Innovation Center. The collaboration in classrooms is energizing to see and there were lots of fun, in-depth projects done throughout the month. As we get into November, I am thankful for the great relationships that our students have made across the district, especially with the new students they have met at the Innovation Center. The closing of quarter 1 represents a little bit of a fresh start for any of our students who struggled the first couple of months of the school year, all while offering the ability for continued success into quarter 2 for our students who excelled in September and early October. As always please don't hesitate to reach out to me, if you have any questions or concerns about your child and their education. I am glad to help!

With Kind Regards,
Michael Walling

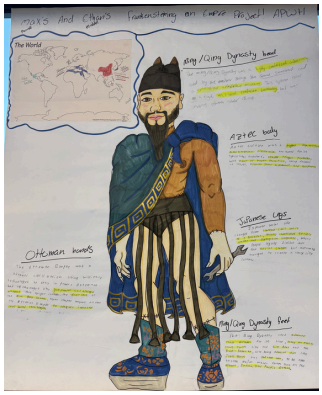














YEPP

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Getting a Work Permit in Michigan is Simple!

If you're under 18 and getting a job, Michigan's online Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP) makes it easy for you to complete the permit process.

Here's how to get started:

- ☑ Begin the process through Michigan's Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP).
- ☑ Complete your permit application online.
- ☑ Find step-by-step guidance and helpful resources all in one place.

Scan the QR code or visit **Michigan.gov/YouthEmployment** for the latest information, resources and updates.

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EAST CHINA CELL PHONE POLICY

ALLOWED USAGE: Before school, Lunch, After school

OFF-LIMITS: Instructional time, Restrooms

STORAGE: In locker or cell phone caddy

CONSEQUENCES:

1st Offense: Referral + Phone to Office + Meet with Administration + Warning

2nd Offense: Referral + Phone to Office + Meet with Administration + Lunch Detention

3rd Offense: Referral + Phone to Office + Meet with Administration + Lunch Detention

4th Offense: Referral + Phone to Office + Meet with Administration
+ Loss of all cell phone privileges during the school day

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