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Monthly Highlights

What's New At The IC

STOP THE BLEED - Dave Hankins, Injury Prevention Specialist from McLaren Macomb Hospital, delivered a presentation and provided hands-on training for students as part of the Stop the Bleed initiative. The Stop the Bleed campaign was launched by a federal interagency workgroup convened by the National Security Council staff at the The White House. This collaborative effort, led by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, aims to equip the public with critical bleeding control knowledge and strengthen national resilience. Stop the Bleed trains individuals to save lives through three essential actions designed to control life-threatening bleeding during everyday emergencies, as well as man-made and natural disasters. The initiative is informed by advances in hemorrhage control developed through military medicine and research during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. These advancements have been translated into civilian preparedness efforts, bringing lifesaving knowledge to communities across the country for the benefit of the general public.

STEAM MEETS PLTW - Elementary STEAM students from Palms joined the PLTW students at the IC for a fun activity. Integrating elementary STEAM with high school Project Lead The Way (PLTW) creates a vertical pipeline that fosters early critical thinking, builds long-term confidence in engineering, and improves collaborative skills. This partnership enhances engagement for younger students while offering mentorship opportunities, preparing both groups for future STEM careers and improving problem-solving abilities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13 - PLC Early Release
- May 25 - Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we close out April and move into May, I would like to congratulate all of our students and staff on successfully completing the state standardizing testing. To all of our Advanced Placement students, best of luck on your upcoming tests throughout the month of May. Your extra preparation and pursuit of excellence will pay off. Finally, to our seniors at the Innovation Center, enjoy the last few weeks of your high school experience.

With Kind Regards,
Michael Walling



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INNOVATOR OF THE MONTH



Nathan Lester
11th Grade

Nathan received a gift bag full of goodies, which included an IC water bottle, portable phone charger power bank, and some sweet treats. Congrats to Nathan!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getting to Know...



JASON DILLER



What is your favorite aspect of teaching?

"I enjoy figuring out how to break down the lesson in a way that will hopefully make sense to the students. I like creating my own worksheets to practice the lesson in the way that makes the most sense."

What is one thing about you that most people would not guess?

"I don't know? I haven't grown up yet? I still love to read comic books and play video games."

If you could only eat one meal (repeatedly) for the rest of your life, what would it be?

"Pizza."

What is your favorite sports team?

"University of Michigan basketball."

What was your favorite thing from this past summer vacation?

"It was a great summer - my daughter got married, we found out we were having our first grandchild, and we took a great trip to three national parks in Oregon and northern California."

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