

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2015

PROGRAM NEWS:

CULINARY: TAKING CATERING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Taking advantage of a unique opportunity the Culinary Program took on a lofty real-world learning opportunity. On September 12th students from the advanced culinary class catered an event for the Mount Washington Observatory. They featured tapas style hors d'oeuvres at the base and desert at the summit, truly becoming the highest performing culinary students in NH!



MINERAL SPRINGS CAFE OPENS THIS WEEK

The Mineral Springs Cafe will open to the public for the school year this week. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:00-12:30. We offer a regular menu with Themed Buffets every Thursday!

MACHINE TOOL

NASA CERTIFICATION

NASA requires all contractors working with flight level materials to be certified in materials compliance. As The Space Pencil Contractor our students will all need to complete and pass the NASA flight materials compliance protocols certification. This is a unique opportunity for students to demonstrate competencies with an Industry certification.

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RUNNING START

Beginning this fall students in the Machine Tool program can earn dual credits through Lakes Region Community College. Students are eligible to earn 5 credits of Running Start credit for a Machine Tool Processes class and lab. Costs for this opportunity are \$250 for the 5 credits, an enormous savings over regular tuition costs. Currently 6 students are enrolled.

BUILDING TRADES

We are proposing to construct a 14' x 22' lumber storage shed just off the parking lot. We will present this proposal to the Facilities committee on Thursday. Pending approval we will move forward with construction as quickly as possible. This will free up a significant corner of the room where we intend to annually build a two story mock-up. Additional work in the shop to maintain air quality and space is being investigated.



HEALTH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGIES: LNA PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that the second class of LNA students have begun their licensing program this fall and will soon begin their clinicals. By moving the course to the fall semester we allow students to earn their licenses earlier giving them an advantage in both the college application process and job seeking.



CENTER INITIATIVES:

IMPROVE STUDENT MATH ATTAINMENT

A Pre/post math assessment plan was created over the summer and was implemented last week. Teachers will receive data for their students. Through our PLC we will design program embedded math instruction to meet the various needs of our students. All students are testing but the data focus will be on students in level 1 courses this year.

IMPROVE STUDENT WORK ETHIC

In the next month we will identify a key elements of work ethic where we will focus our efforts through SMART goals. To inform these decisions we are collecting data around the issue of work ethic. We currently have anecdotal evidence on student performance and data on instruction around work ethic. We will be collecting information from business and industry as well as students in the next month.

IMPROVE AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO PROGRAMS

Our focus this year will be on Non-traditional students in programs. The staff has developed a plan to increase the overall awareness of program opportunities in the high school. A key element of this plan will be a career fair in the late winter/early spring. Our hope is to bring a number of industry representatives into the building for a day allowing for students to explore pathway options connected to our various programs.

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