

Scholastic Book Fair



The annual Scholastic Book Fair to benefit the Library at New Horizons' Woodside Lane campus was held March 21 - 30, 2011. The book fair raised over \$800 in books and educational materials for students! During the event, a contest was held to encourage student reading. Students who passed the most Reading Counts quizzes at each grade level won \$15 to spend on books at the fair and the teacher with the most student participation received \$100 to spend. Two elementary students, two middle school students, and one high school student all received gift certificates. Two middle school teachers split the prize and received \$50 each to spend on new books for their classroom. To boot, students throughout the building were thrilled to get a visit from Clifford, the Big Red Dog! The fair continues to be a successful and a much anticipated annual event for staff and students.

New Special Education Carpentry Course

Chris, a student at the Center for Autism, has learned a lot and has really enjoyed the new Basic Carpentry course offered to Center for Autism and Newport Academy students at New Horizons. Chris recently printed off a picture of a cartoon and said he wanted "to make a time clock machine". After showing the picture to his teacher, Mr. Extine, Chris got started. Taking only two weeks to complete, Chris is extremely proud of his project because HE picked it out and HE completed it by himself! Allowing Chris to be creative and pursue his own interests has motivated him to learn many new skills. This is just one example of the benefits students receive while participating in the new Carpentry course.



International Science and Engineering Fair

Governor's School for Science and Technology student, Rachel Reon placed 1st and 3rd at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in California. The ISEF is the world's largest pre-college science fair competition. Each year, more than seven million high school students from around the world compete in local science fairs with the hope of reaching ISEF. Only 1,500 of these young innovators are invited to attend the event to share ideas, showcase cutting-edge research, and compete for over four million dollars in awards and scholarships. Rachel's project, Behavioral Evidence for Cerebral Asymmetry in Green Anoles, placed 1st in the American Veterinary Medical Association category and 3rd in the American Psychological Association category. Rachel received \$1,500 in prizes and is now eligible for the Gordon E. Moore and Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award.



Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to the four Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) Odyssey of the Mind teams and the Governor's School for Science and Technology teams that competed in the Virginia Odyssey of the Mind State Finals Tournament on April 16, 2011 at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. The teams joined 91 other first place winners in this creativity and problem solving competition. Glenn Getty of Heritage High and Hongji He of Woodside High are members of the New Horizons Extreme Mousemobiles team. The Governor's School team will represent NNPS and the state of Virginia in the 32nd Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in May and compete with approximately 800 other state and international winners at the University of Maryland.



Business Feature

W. W. Grainger, Inc., a leading distributor of industrial supplies, is partnering with NHREC through their corporate program "Engage Your Community". W. W. Grainger, Inc. will be supporting career and technical education at New Horizons through both financial and mentorship support. This year W. W. Grainger, Inc. will award five (5) \$1000 honorariums at the Career and Technical Recognition Ceremony on June 4th, 2011 to students from the automotive, manufacturing, and construction clusters. In addition to these honorariums, W. W. Grainger, Inc. will provide technical assistance and mentorship to students, instructors and CTE leadership.

