

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## WHAT IS HAPPENING @ CEC

### Upcoming Events

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent Engagement and Attendance Award Night (6-730PM)**

October 29th First 9 weeks Attendance Awards (6-7PM)

November 4th CEC Financial Aid Night in 212

November 6th CEC College Fair in Cafeteria (10-12PM)

November 12th CEC Open House (530-730PM)

November 12th Family Night with Ms. Fant

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break (No students)**

December 10th Excel Awards and Family Night

December 14th-18th Finals for Full-time students

**December 21<sup>st</sup>-Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Winter Break**



## From The Principal's Desk

*October 5, 2015*

Dear CEC Community:

We are off to another successful year and it's hard to believe we are entering our second month of school! We are close to the half way point of the first semester, and winter break will be here before we know it! I encourage parents to check their student's grades and attendance on Parent Portal. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, please contact Diana Perez, our registrar, at 720-423-6636.

Many great things are happening at CEC! We are currently maintaining over a 95% attendance rate! Parents, please help keep our attendance rate strong by ensuring our student gets to CEC each and everyday. In addition to students actively engaged and learning everyday at school, we had a great fall dance and honor roll reception at the end of September.

I want to remind everyone that finals will be the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please do not plan any vacation before Dec. 18, as all students need to be in attendance for finals.

Have a great remainder of Fall and the semester!

Mr. Springer

Principal



## Event Highlight

For the past three years, CEC has been apart of a competition formally known as the Aspen Challenge, but DPS took ownership and named it Challenge 5280. The directors of the challenge select community leaders to identify any issues they see affecting society. Their job is to propose a challenge that the students will take on and create a lasting solution for. Each school is required to recruit eight students, a staff member, and a student coach. This year the the students participating will be: Jared Velo, Gisel Alfaro, Jared Fling, Hugo Burciaga, Tito Cueto, Andrea Garcia, Alex Ochoa, and Francisco Terrones. The student coach will be Mr.Deanda and Mr.Howard will be the staff member. They selected a challenge that asks them to educate the youth, the community, parents, and peers the value of water and encourage them to change their lifestyle that will keep water flowing today and far into the future. They will keep the community informed with any updates and any support they may need.

Written by students,

Francisco Terrones & Tito Cueto



## Class Spotlight:

Our new biomedical science courses at CEC are designed to explore the roles of biomedical professionals as they investigate and study the concepts of human medicine, physiology, biotechnology, microbiology, and public health. In this career program, students will conduct an investigation into the death of a fictional person, design heart pumps, dissect a sheep's heart or cow eyeballs, and use the Anatomy in Clay system. This class is all about doing real-world, hands-on, project based stuff. There are currently two, semester long courses offered: Principles of Biomedical Science and Human Body Systems. To be eligible, students need to be at least a second semester 9th grader and above with a B or better in biology. Recommendations from previous teachers are also important for admission. Contact David Mack at 720-423-6610 or david\_mack@dpsk12.org for more information.

## Counseling Corner

The Counseling Department has been working with students to create and update their Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) which includes academic planning, goal setting and career exploration. Seniors are narrowing down colleges to apply to and completing college applications in Senior Support and juniors have begun ACT prep in Junior Support. Students in grades 9-11 will be attending college visits to various campuses in October. We are excited to welcome over 18 colleges to CEC's college fair on November 6th from 10:00am-12:15pm open to 11th and 12th graders and their families

In November we will be working with students to help them pick next semester's career classes. Our goal is to have every student complete a career class, pass college classes and complete an internship in their chosen career field.

We continue to work with all students and invite parents to call, email or visit us with concerns: Mary Abbott 12th grade 720-423-6622, Candice Neverve GearUp 10th/11th grades 720-6650, Dan DePinto 9th grade 720-423-6681.



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