



DIGITAL LEARNING & INNOVATION NEWSLETTER

The Center For Innovation has hosted numerous events this month. Our V3A Huskies had a great time during their Enrichment Experiences. Students participated in S.T.E.A.M. lessons and showed off their many talents in engineering, music, movement and technical skills.



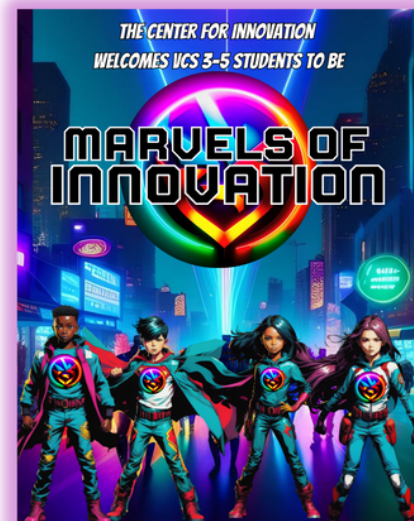
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“Marvels of Innovation” at CFI.

3rd-5th grade students across the district will learn about:

- human body systems
- undergo superhero mind and agility training
- solving a mysterious illness through an investigation of bacteria in the food and water supply,
- robot coding to complete a superhero mission



INNOVATION TRAILBLAZER

Mrs. Ashley Boone-Roach is an amazing educator at Vance County High School. Her students have been engaged in many lessons that integrate digital tools and blended instruction. She has worked hard to instill independence in her student’s ability to use these tools to help create and complete lessons while navigating their individual path and at their own pace. Way to go!



Excellence

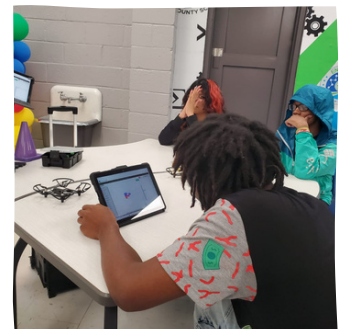


Mrs. Boone-Roach

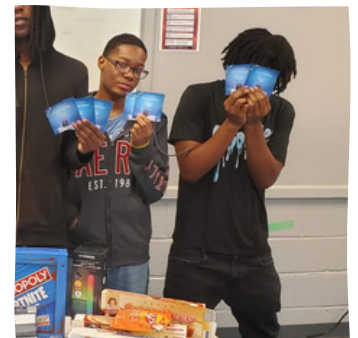


HIGH TECH LEARNING ACCELERATOR COURSE

Students at SparkNC's High Tech Accelerator, led by Mr. Nicholas Barrett, had an exciting learning experience when Betabox introduced robotics coding, driving, and drone coding and flying directly to their school. Engaging in hands-on activities that ignited their curiosity and nurtured creativity, these students gained valuable skills during this transformative educational adventure.



Exciting News! SparkNC's High Tech Accelerator Learning program introduces the Spark Economy, rewarding students' achievements with amazing prizes. Led by Lab Leader Mr. Nicholas Barrett, this innovative addition recognizes dedication and unlocks a world of opportunities! 🎉



JOIN THE VCS TEACHERS GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR DIGITAL RESOURCES!

CFI is committed to ongoing, professional learning. We welcome everyone to join our [Google Classroom](#), VCS Teachers. Don't see what you need? Reach out to our team and let us know how we can help!

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AI TOOL OF THE MONTH

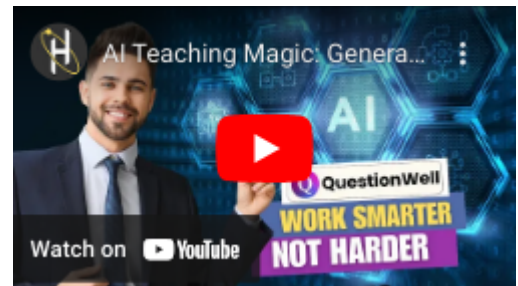


The QuestionWell AI website helps teachers create questions based on reading material for their students. The website uses artificial intelligence to generate essential questions, learning objectives, and aligned multiple-choice questions in the free version.

Whether you are making an interactive classroom activity, sub plans, or a summative assessment, there are export options for everyone!

AI is a great tool but must be used appropriately.

Export to: Kahoot! Quizizz Gimkit
canvas Blooket moodle
Google Slides Google Forms Quizlet Q schoolology



WEEKLY DIGITAL LEARNING SESSIONS

The Center for Innovation will offer
**Teacher Support Sessions every Thursday from
3:30 pm–5 pm beginning September 14.**

Sessions are offered district-wide with BT support prioritized. Teachers can choose the specific topic they would like help on during the month of September!

- AI for Teachers
- Google Classroom LMS
- Canvas LMS
- Blended Learning
- Schoolnet
- Canva for Educators
- Google Workspace
- Let's Talk Digital Tools
- STEM Challenges for Classrooms

[Sign-up here](#)

FROM VANCE COUNTY STUDIOS

Our Audio Production after-school club is officially underway! Students are taking time to become comfortable with the studio environment and learn the equipment that's here. Our first project is a collaborative compilation album where students work together to create songs that merge styles and interests.



Exciting updates from the past month include the introduction of new staff-led and student-led podcasts, as well as a collaboration with STEM's 6th grade Robotics class on an upcoming robot dance party.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP October 16–20th

Every year, the third week of October is coined Digital Citizenship Week. Teachers use this time to teach about digital citizenship and support students in developing the skills they need to use devices safely, ethically, and effectively. Now more than ever, it's important to empower students to think critically and participate responsibly in the digital world through media literacy and social and emotional learning skills. Click on these resources to help plan all your lessons.





INNOVATOR SEARCH

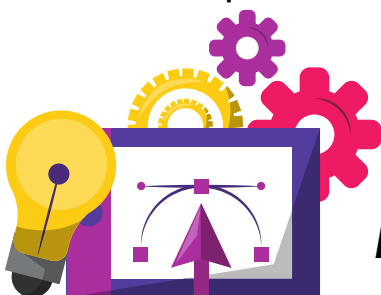
Innovation is all around us! It is the process of introducing new and creative ideas, methods, technologies, or approaches to improve and enhance the learning experience. It involves thinking outside the box and finding novel solutions to challenges in education. We know there are educators that are doing a fantastic job and we want to share their success. Help us recognize them by nominating someone in your school. A committee will vote on the nominees and they will be recognized monthly.



DIGITAL STARS

Beginning in November we will have a shout-out page to celebrate and recognize educators who demonstrate consistent and innovative use of digital tools in their classrooms. By spotlighting these educators, we aim to promote best practices, encourage collaboration, and create a supportive community where others can learn and draw inspiration from their successful implementations of digital tools in education.

Examples of digital tools we want to recognize usage for: IXL, IReady, Learning A-Z, See Saw, Xello, and Nearpod.



**Nearpod Shout-Outs
for September**

Top Ten	School
1. S. Small	VCMS
2. W. Thomas	VCHS
3. K. Mitchell	STEM Early HS
4. B. Schlessinger	VCECHS
5. C. Nnaemeka	V3A
6. J. Broughton	New Hope
7. E. Ball	L.B. Yancy
8. K. Vaughan	Advance Academy
9. S. Randall	Clarke
10. K. Jennings	Dabney



Click to schedule a meeting with a
Digital Learning & Innovation Specialists