



DIGITAL LEARNING & INNOVATION NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AT CFI



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On October 25th, Liliana Soto's students from Aycock Elementary School visited CFI to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The day's activities included a reading of "PePe and the Parade" story, a Piñata Art Project, a Robotics Coding Mission and a video interview session, where students had the opportunity to share stories and interviews about their family history. To add an authentic touch to the celebration, an Hispanic meal was prepared in collaboration with Mrs. Mitchell's culinary arts students from VCHS.

OUR MARVELS OF INNOVATION 3-5 EXPERIENCES

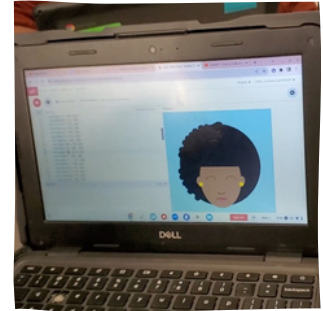


In October, 3-5 grade students from Aycock, LBY, New Hope, Clark and Dabney participated in the "Marvels of Innovation" Student experiences. Students experienced human body systems in zSpace, robot coding in Mindsphere, lab testing in the SLICE lab and superhero training with the LU in the En-Tech Engineering and Technology Lab!



HIGH TECH LEARNING ACCELERATOR COURSE

HTLA students, empowered by SparkNC, participated in the successful launch of the District C Teamship, guided by the expertise of District C certified coach Nicholas Barrett. They will partner with local businesses to pitch their ideas.



Extraordinary students from the STEM Early High School have harnessed the power of coding to craft Social Justice posters that transcend traditional artistic boundaries. By utilizing their programming prowess, these young visionaries have ingeniously created stunning posters using just computer codes. Witness their remarkable fusion of technology and art, and art as they redefine the boundaries of creativity and activism.

INNOVATION TRAILBLAZER

From funding provided by her VCPSF LEAP Grant, Ms. Launtia Dallas has created a Makerspace STEAM Lab for school-wide use. Students at Clarke Elementary will be able to explore science, technology, engineering and math by engaging in stations with Sphero, Lego's, Makey Makey, Kid K'nex and 3-D Doodlers!



Excellence



Launtia Dallas

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



Magic School AI promises to help educators save time, by automating the task of lesson planning. The powerful tool is already seeing use in real classrooms, with powerful grading functionality, and adaptive feedback for individual learning needs. It also offers educators AI-powered tools to proof read and summarize text using generative AI, similar to ChatGPT.

- Create original content for your students
- Safety & Privacy First – FERPA & COPPA
- Give meaningful feedback to students
- No more being "stuck" with ideas from Magic School
- Stuck staring at a blank page? Relax and let Magic School generate ideas for your classroom
- Break Through the language barrier
- Accommodate diverse learners
- Rewrite existing content instantly with text leveler to support students at different reading levels.

AI is a great tool but must be used appropriately.



Choice Board Generator (UDL)

Based on the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), create a choice board for a student assignment.



Decodable Text Generator

Generate a decodable text based on the Science of Reading to support early literacy for younger students.



Math Spiral Review Generator

Generate a brief spiral review activity to provide students with an opportunity to practice skills they've mastered and reinforce skills they still need to work on.

WEEKLY DIGITAL LEARNING SESSIONS

The Center for Innovation offers
**Teacher Support Sessions every
Thursday from 3:30 pm–5 pm.**

Sessions are offered district-wide with BT support prioritized. Teachers can choose the specific topic they would like help with.

- 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

Students from Vance County High School, Vance County Early College and STEM are expanding their knowledge on audio production to create unique projects that reflect their own knowledge of the subject. They've transitioned from guided sessions to creating their own original content using the equipment and software provided.

Staff members are also taking full advantage of the studio, coming in to record high quality and informative podcast episodes on a weekly basis.



MEET OUR INTERNS

The student interns at The Center for Innovation are part of the Vance County Schools ACTS (Achieving Career & Technical Skills) program. This program requires interns to collaborate with district and school administrators, teachers, support staff, and students on tasks involving technology. The interns embody and exhibit the essential ACTS Values, which include:



Aiyanna Jones
11th Grade
Vance County
Early College



Seth Williams
9th Grade
Vance County
Early College



Armani Daye
12th Grade
Vance County
High School

Adaptability/Flexibility, Appearance, Attendance, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking Skills, Empathetic, Learner's Mindset, and Responsible/Accountable.



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

Not only are they amazing educators, but they are taking every opportunity to engage students in blended instruction. This month we would like to recognize our top Nearpod users.



Alexandra De Guzman



Karl Morgan



Brian Schlessinger



Nearpod Camp Engage



If you are looking for some [free virtual professional development](#), then Camp Engage is the event for you! This virtual PD event is all about growing, collaborating, and innovating. Register now for Camp Engage by clicking below!

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