

DIGITAL LEARNING & INNOVATION NEWSLETTER

AIG ENRICHMENT

We're excited to share that AIG Enrichment has launched its after-school sessions this November! Our students are delving into the fascinating world of animal adaptations through engaging STEM activities. It's a hands-on learning experience that promises to spark curiosity and discovery. Stay tuned for more enriching adventures!

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NATIONAL STEM/STEAM MONTH

National STEM/STEAM Day brings attention to the realms of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. On November 20, The Center for Innovation, along with STEM Early High School and EM Rollins STEAM Academy, were recognized at the VCS Monthly board meeting. Watch the collaboration video below!

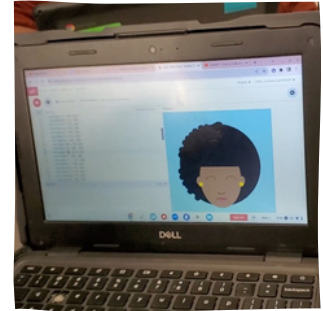
**Unlocking Futures: Vance County
Schools STEM and STEAM**





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.



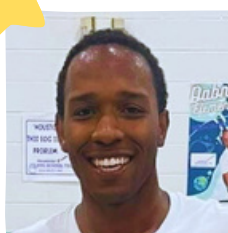
Extraordinary students from the STEM Early High School have harnessed the power of coding to craft Social Justice posters that transcend traditional artistic boundaries. By utilizing their programming prowess, these young visionaries have ingeniously created stunning posters using just computer codes.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

INNOVATION TRAILBLAZERS

Students at Dabney Elementary have been participating in some very innovative lessons in Mr. Hart and Mrs. Williams's classes. These educators have integrated S.T.E.A.M. and CKLA to create engaging lessons that include hands-on learning opportunities and simulations for the students. Way to go, Rockets!



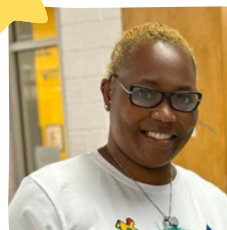
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Justin Hart



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Natasha Williams





AI TOOL OF THE MONTH



ChatGPT



From aiding in lesson planning and generating supplementary materials to answering spontaneous student queries and providing additional explanations, ChatGPT serves as a versatile tool. It can enhance language learning, support research activities, and facilitate group discussions, promoting collaborative learning experiences. Moreover, teachers can use ChatGPT for professional development, accessing the latest educational insights. While leveraging this technology, it's crucial to integrate it judiciously, ensuring it complements, rather than replaces, the teacher's expertise and maintaining a balance between technology and traditional teaching methods.

AI is a great tool but must be used appropriately.

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

The semester is coming to a close and students in our after-school club are continuing to make great strides in their individual artistry. Mainly, students acknowledge that they enjoy working alongside their peers who enjoy different styles of music. They are using this interest as a catalyst for building stronger artistic reference points.

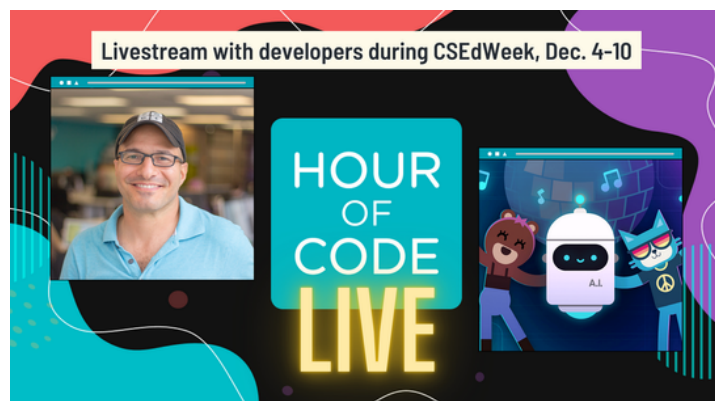
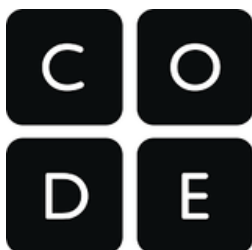
Staff-led podcasts are growing and developing their own styles more. We also have introduced two more student-led podcasts -- one from STEM and one from Vance County Middle School! Sharing our space and utilizing our professional resources as a means of developing others in the district is where we find our joy!



We look forward to having a happy holiday season & a successful 2024!

HOUR OF CODE

The week of December 4–10, 2023, schools around the world have joined the **Hour of Code** movement as part of Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek). With just one hour of coding—whether during CSEdWeek or anytime throughout the year—anyone can learn the basics of coding. We want to see your students in action! Share your success on social media and tag us @VCSCFI and use #VCScoders so we can all participate in these great learning opportunities.





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.



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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