

EdMatters

Crossroads Early College Inducts Students into Beta Club



Crossroads Arts & Science Early College was excited to induct 33 students to join its Senior National Beta Club on Monday, February 17th. The ceremony was held in Mac Gray auditorium and was attended by current Beta Club members and advisors, Crossroads staff and students along with friends and family members of the inductees. Beta Club is a national organization that is built upon the four pillars of achievement, character, leadership and service. The

student officers of the Crossroads Beta Club introduced the new inductees to these pillars in a candle ceremony and then led the way for the inductees to follow as they led the Senior Beta Pledge. The service concluded with officers being pinned for their excellent efforts this school year and new inductees receiving their membership certificates and pins. All in attendance celebrated afterwards with light refreshments.

A Student-Led Initiative Results in Planting Seed of Learning



At Troutman Middle School, students in Ms. Swanson's Math Enrichment and Mr. Richtmyer's Reading Enrichment classes took the initiative to improve their school's outdoor environment. Located in the old part of the building, the area outside these classrooms had suffered from severe erosion and a lack of nutrients due to drainage issues and the presence of old growth trees. This neglect turned the ground into a muddy mess, especially after even light rainfall, creating significant challenges for the students.

The situation worsened after heavy rains from Hurricane Helene in October, followed by a particularly wet winter. By early February, many students found their shoes ruined by the muddy conditions. Recognizing the need for change, Mr. Richtmyer encouraged his students to engage their families in helping to donate supplies for a reseeded project. The Porras family generously contributed 50 pounds of grass seed and mulch, enabling the students to begin their work.

In preparation for the project, students in Ms. Swanson's class dedicated a day to measuring and calculating the square footage of the affected area. Meanwhile, Mr. Richtmyer's class researched various types of grasses and learned about effective planting techniques, as well as the causes and prevention methods for soil erosion. With spring break approaching, both classes were excited to put their plans into action.

In the days leading up to the break, students worked diligently to remove rocks and debris, rake the area, turn over the soil, and plant grass while laying down straw mulch. Throughout this hands-on experience, they recalled and recited key information about seeding and mulching that they had studied. Their enthusiasm and pride were evident when they returned from spring break to see vibrant grass and a much-improved landscape.

This project not only provided practical learning opportunities but also emphasized the importance of reading for understanding and applying math skills to real-world situations. The students showcased their abilities to follow procedures and calculate necessary measurements effectively. Excited about their success, they are now looking forward to the next phase, which will involve planting wildflowers in the challenging-to-mow areas of the school grounds.

LMS Welcomes Future Students



In March, Lakeshore Middle School welcomed rising 6th graders from Lakeshore Elementary and Shepherd Elementary. Students enjoyed learning about their campus and hearing about the new interest clubs which will be meeting during the school day beginning in August. The event concluded with students asking questions about middle school life and were also taken on tours led by group of 6th grade students. This event was very successful and the 6th grade group leaders did an excellent job.

WHMS Garage Band Performs



Downtown Mooresville got a taste of Woodland Heights Middle School talent as their Garage Band students took the stage on March 23rd. With epic beats and standout performances, they turned the streets into a concert. A huge thanks to everyone who came out to show them support!

CATS Auto Extrication Training



Career Academy and Technical School Fire Academy students learned auto extrication skills from Troutman Fire Department firefighters on March 3, 2025. Students were taught to safely break windows and use the "Jaws of Life" to force open car doors to remove trapped victims. Students were also able to use strong extrication cutters to cut car parts in order to remove door hinges and other car metal components. A special thanks goes out to Troutman Fire Department for use of their Hurst Edraulic tools and Southside Fire Department in Stanly County for their donation of blue extrication protective coveralls.

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