

DIPLOMA+ DIGEST

A MESSAGE FROM DR. ERVIN:

As the calendar year comes to an end, I am amazed by all of the work we have done in the college and career readiness department to ensure our students have meaningful experiences that build the bridge between learning and the real world. Thanks to all schools that participated in the Hour of Code to help increase Computer Science awareness. We held our 1st virtual work place experience with the 5th graders from Quindaro Elementary. The students toured Holland 1916 and were able to participate in a Q and A session that centered around math skills in the workplace! In some of our middle schools, students have participated in Virtual Career Jumping where they listen to professionals explain their careers and what skills are necessary to be successful in that field. In addition, all of our high schools are preparing to implement the Google IT Professional Certificate Program to students interested in careers in IT starting the second semester. Our district is committed to providing access and opportunity to set all students on a path for post-secondary success. #bettertogether #Diplomaplus

~Dr. LaShonda Bilbo-Ervin Director of Diploma+

ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Holland 1916 is leading the way with Virtual Workplace Experiences. Fifth grade teachers and their students are stepping into a local company that has been serving the community and businesses across the world for 100 years. Our classrooms have been invited on a tour of the Holland 1916 facility and will learn how the same skills that make students successful, make employees successful. Students even have the opportunity to see how similar math skills are used at Holland 1916.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Who is ready for the Naviance Quarter 2 challenge? Check out the Naviance Tasks below to see what is on deck for you to tackle. Click the icon to explore your Naviance portal and get started on your task.

- 6th Grade - 20-21 SMART Goal
- 7th Grade - Complete Career Key and Add Careers to Plan
- 8th Grade - Learning Style Inventory



HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Google IT Support Professional Certificate

Are you interested in computer science? Kick off your career by participating in our new Google IT Support Professional Certificate program during the spring 2021 semester. To learn more about this opportunity click the icon below.



DUAL/CONCURRENT UPDATE

Interested in taking college level courses next semester? Due to the uniqueness of this school year, we are asking that students reach out to their high school counselor. Need help reaching out to your counselor? Need more information about the college courses at your high school? Each high school has a College and Career Facilitator, that is dedicated to ensuring you have what you need to succeed in these courses. Click here to see each Facilitator's contact information.

Do you want to be a teacher? Interested in education and want to learn more? Check out our K-STEP UP program, we are enrolling now for the Spring semester! Click the icon below to find out more.



ATTN: HS STUDENTS WINNING WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS ARE COMING!

We are hosting district-wide, virtual workshops in January and February. We want to ensure our students have all the information necessary to successfully complete scholarship and internship applications, understand the eligibility requirements, and meet the expectations of the opportunities available. Students from all five of our high schools will have the ability to log into the Connector to hear from professionals directly connected to the scholarships and internships available. In addition, each live session will be recorded and then archived, so students, parents, and others may login into the platform at any time to view the information. Students from all High Schools will all be encouraged to attend the Winning Wednesday Workshops.

Some sessions are listed below, we continue to add more:

Jan 13 2021 10:00am Kauffman Scholars 11th Grade 10:30am Summer Law Academy	Jan 20 2021 10:00am Kauffman Scholars 9th Grade Greater KC Community Foundation Scholarship 10:30am YEP KC Summer Internship	Jan 27 2021 10:00am Greater KC Hispanic Development Fund 10:30am Honeywell Scholarship & Evergy	Feb 3 2021 10:00am KCK Foundation for Excellence Scholarships 10:30am The Bran Lap Summer Internship
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winning Wed Workshops -
Registration Jan 6th in FA

Google IT Certification
Information

NAVIANCE Portal Access

