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Midlands Tech: Part II

by Ronan

At Midlands Tech, I am taking a college skills class. We are three weeks into the spring semester. There are twenty people in my class, and I have become friends with two of them, Kayla and Jessica.

I really like the professor. He is funny but really likes to motivate everyone to do their best. It has been a bit difficult to adjust to the college mindset, but I am much more prepared now.

At first, I was very scared. I didn't know a good route to class, who I would sit by and what the professor would be like. After three classes, I know where to go and who to sit by. Now, I am not scared anymore and enjoy going to class.

In the class, we are learning about the twelve power words used in standardized tests. We have to memorize them and their definition for a quiz this weekend. I was also given the task of having to write about myself and share it on the website we use so my classmates can learn about me, and I them. Professor Mack said that our best resources in college are our peers. There are

only eleven more weeks of class to go so I still have a lot to learn.

The Short Film

by Phillip

For a school project, the older groups at The Barclay School are making a short film. The film is around ten minutes long. The film was set in places like the school and a police station in Ridgeway. The short film is about a team of super heroes called the "Awesome 11" who are in a war against bullies, and each person has their own special power to fight with. The film is funded by Arts Access SC. Arts Access SC is a nonprofit organization that provided the school with playwright Ryan Ward. Ryan is the person who is filming the whole thing at all of the locations that are in the film. Ryan also helped make the script and the characters for each to play. The people at Arts Access SC have given the students playwriting and theater experience, and overall, I believe that this film is going to be amazing.





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My Volleyball Tournament!!!

by Alyx

My name is Alyx, and I am fourteen years old. I play a sport called volleyball. The name of my volleyball is Intense Volleyball. We had our first tournament a couple of Saturdays ago in Easley. The first game we played was a pretty stressful game because everyone on our team wanted to win. The team that we were playing with was actually really good. Toward the end of the first game, we lost. But as the games got harder and harder, our team got more stressed. But it was totally worth it because once the whole tournament was over, we won. And we even got bronze medals. And my volleyball season ends in May. But I love playing volleyball, and I think I will continue to play it.

I want to make a new friend. I want to take them to Nonnie's house. -Wil



My New Year's Resolutions

I wish I can write my own math. I can write multiplication. I will work on learning multiplication. I want to do it because it will make me smart, and it will make me learn more. -Sara

My New Year's Resolution for 2018 is to read *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. I want to learn how to make a submarine. I want to learn how it ends. -Ethan

I want to learn a new song on the piano because it's in the piano book and because Mama likes it. It makes me happy. -Naomi

Our Christmas Break

by Naomi

We had our Christmas break. We got ready for Christmas. I went to Emma's birthday party. She is my friend from church. We celebrated Christmas. I went shopping with daddy. We watched the Rose Bowl Parade. I waited to get back to school because of the pipes breaking from the cold. I enjoyed Christmas break.

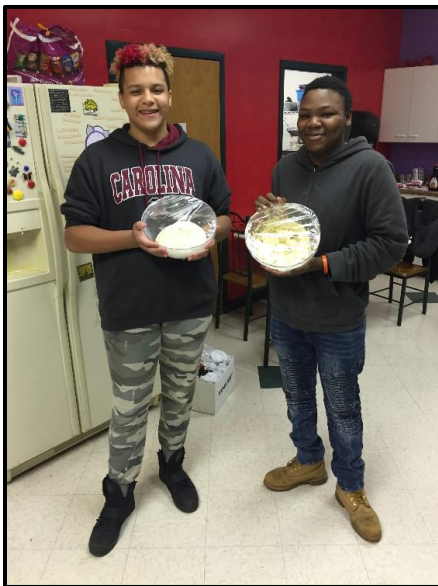


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Future Project - Gold Rush by Amy

For our future history project, Mr. C is going to let us choose a topic in history during the Gold Rush. The Gold Rush is about a lot of people mining and panning for gold to get rich. I am looking forward to learning about it. The people panning for gold would use these metal pans with holes at the bottom, scoop up the water and rocks, then shake it back and forth until gold appeared in the pan. The others mining for gold would use shovels or pickaxes. I really want to learn more about the Gold Rush like, what time period did it occur in? Where did they mine and pan? Was it happening in one country or in other countries too? There is a lot I do not know about and a lot I want to know about the Gold Rush. I can't wait to get started on my FUTURE PROJECT!!! I really hope you find it interesting as well.



Drums by Wil

I want to play drums. We have a drum set at school. Alyx played the drums. JJ played the drums. Sara watched me play the drums. I played guitar. Ethan played the drums. I sang "Yellow Bird." I like guitar better. Ethan and I made a band. I called the band "Storm." Phillip can be in our band, too. I want Mary to be in my band, too.





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Gunfighters by Piper

In my history class, I am doing a report on gunfighters. I am writing about what gunfighters did when they got themselves in a gunfight or how they would react when their loved ones were in danger. I'm writing about how they became a gunfighter and all the things they went through that makes them who they are.

I'm writing about how they could shoot, if they had gotten badly injured in a gunfight or somewhere else. I find them interesting because I want to know if they had brothers or sisters or children. I want to know where they lived or if they moved a lot. I want to know if they had been arrested. I love learning about new things.



Jeremiah the Gecko by Sara

We have a gecko named Jeremiah. He is a baby gecko. He has spots like a cheetah.

Jeremiah eats mealworms. He has to stay warm. He is very playful sometimes. Jeremiah has pretty colors. He has yellow, purple, and a little blue. He is really small. We play with him sometimes. He has no eyelids, so he has to lick his eyes. When he sheds, he is growing. We do not hold him by his tail because his tail will fall off. He will grow his tail back.

Coffee Cooking by Ronan and Amy

Part I (by Ronan): On Friday, Amy and I started roasting coffee beans for Barclay Coffee. I also taught Piper and Brandon how to roast the beans as well. We made three batches of coffee beans and got a couple of bags made.

Part II (by Amy): After Ronan finished cooking the beans to a brown color, she poured them into a pan, and we would wait until it was cool. Then, I would put a cup full of coffee beans into a bag and fold the top. I liked helping with it, and I got to cook some!





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My Brother, Amir by Desmond

I have a new baby brother. He is a loud little baby. He is a greedy little baby. He looks like me. He likes to grin. He is one week old. He is light-skinned, and he has lots of black hair. He has long legs like my uncle and Brandon. When my little brother is old enough, I can teach him how to count money and help him with his homework.

He can act silly sometimes. It's fun to be a big brother. I clean the house for Mom and Dad, so they can take care of the baby. It's hard work, but I like it anyway. I have to be careful holding him. When he does bad things, I will tell him, "Don't do that!"

When he turns one, I will have a nice birthday party with him. I will watch Teletubbies with him. When he gets old enough, he can watch me play video games. He can play it with me and have some fun. If he gets scared, he can sleep on my bed, and we can listen to music together. We can eat BBQ sandwiches together. I love my brother. And maybe I will protect him.

Potbelly Rumors by Phillip

Call it a rumor if you want, but the school might be getting some potbelly pigs. The potbelly pigs are going to be next to the chickens. They will have a shelter that attaches to the fence in the backyard of the school. The potbelly pigs are going to be very young, and we are making the pen for the pigs from scratch. The pigs are going to be able to run freely in the backyard, and I

think that this project is going to be amazingly cute.

Science Talk Show by JJ

In science, Dr. G's class is working on a project. Instead of a regular project, our class decided to do a talk show. We will still give our presentation to the other class and teachers. Each student will be interviewed by me. I will ask them questions about the animals they picked, and in between each guest, there will be a commercial break by Phillip related to the topic we're studying in science. I will also ask the crowd if they have any questions about the projects.



My Birthday by Ethan

My birthday was December 21st. I turned twelve years old. My mom and I went to Walmart to get a DVD. I got the new Lego Ninjago movie. It was off the chain! Mom got me nachos, and they were delicious.



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Chicken Coop

by Joe and JJ

These past few weeks, we have been working on building a chicken coop. Mr. Don was in charge of making sure the structure was put together safely and correctly. First, we buried posts into the ground, and we then stapled chicken wire to it. After that, we started on the roof. So far, that is all that happened with the coop, but we are very excited about finishing it for the chickens!

Big Bee Boxes

by Joe

A few weeks ago in science, we started to build our beehives. We will have five beehives for our bees. During the class, we built the frames and the actual boxes. The frames that we built were a starter for the bees to build their little capsules where the bee larva will hatch.

On the frames was a rectangle piece of beeswax that was formed into hundreds of little hexagonal shapes. When we put the box together, we first used a wood glue to create a seal between each piece of wood that came together.

After the glue, we used different sized nails to give the box and frame extra hold. Each of us made two frames. The frames were the most tedious parts of the hive. The most fragile part we put together was the beeswax. The wax was so thin, and it easily ripped.

The bee science classes have been really fun, and we all have learned so much about bees. Everyone's favorite fact is that during the winter, the drones (male bees) get kicked out of the hive and eventually die of the cold weather. That is why we will be calling our beehives, "No Drones Allowed."



My New Baby Brother

by Brandon

About four weeks ago, I had visited the hospital to see my baby brother for the very first time. We went to the elevator to go to room 222 because that's where Mom and Amir stayed. We asked the nurse where room 222 was. She led us to each room to



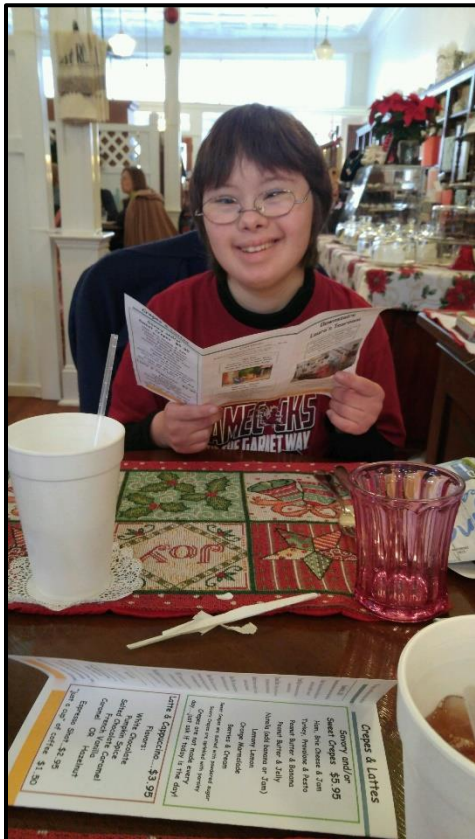
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find 222. When we found it, we went inside to see Amir. He weighs about 6 pounds, 9 ounces. I enjoyed seeing him. He is so cute.

2. We'd like to thank Hollis Plumbing in Blythewood, SC, for helping us in our time of need when our pipes burst from the cold temperatures earlier this month. They are incredibly honest, knowledgeable professionals and a wonderful resource to have. Hollis Plumbing Inc., 11113 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood, SC 29016, (803) 754-6239.

3. We'd also like to thank Sonya White who graciously donated new rubber mulch for our playground. If the kids fall, the rubber (environmentally friendly and recycled from old tires) will absorb the shock and lead to less of a risk for broken bones, etc. We are all so excited about this addition to the safety of our school, and we thank Sonya from the bottom of our hearts.



Announcements

1. Please continue using your Publix Partners card when shopping at your local Publix. If you don't have one or need a new one for friends or family, please stop by the school. We've got a bowl of them in the lobby. Every time you shop, Publix will donate a small percentage of your total to our school – no cost to you!