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MISSION THE CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL STUDENTS WITH SUPERIOR ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ENABLING THEM TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

Eighth Grade Visits

The Center for Technology hosted their yearly eighth grade days on November 13, 14, and 15. Students from Greeneville Middle School and all Greene County schools spent either the morning or the afternoon learning about the programs offered at the Center. Instructors and students in each program present the curriculum offered and related career information in a fun and creative way. It is hoped

that the eighth graders will leave with an understanding of elective courses that they can choose to take while in high school and how these courses will help them with future plans for post-secondary education/training and their chosen careers. According to Dr. Feathers, "This is always a very busy week but a very rewarding one. It makes it worthwhile when high school students tell us they

are now attending the Center in the class they chose because of coming here as an eighth grader and seeing what we have to offer."

Dr. Tammie Feathers



Advanced CAD & Criminal Justice Students Attend BWXT Y-12 EXPO in Oak Ridge, TN

The Advanced Computer-Aided Drafting and Criminal Justice classes along with two Health Science students attended the BWXT Y-12 Safety Expo in Oak Ridge,

Tennessee on October 24th. While at the Safety Expo, the students got the opportunity to learn about all types of safety. There were over 100 booths displayed demonstrating safety, safety equipment, security, and good health. There were booths on safety equipment such as safety glasses and welding helmets.

The local law enforcement was on hand along with the FBI to discuss security with the students. Y-12 engineering departments

were there to discuss engineering safety and bridge design. Several local hospitals were present with health information on diabetes, sleep disorders, and many others. Every student in attendance learned valuable information about safety.

The Greeneville/Greene County Center for Technology was recognized as the first high school to ever visit the Safety Expo. We hope to make this a yearly event for our students.

Tonya Cloyd

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Mr. George E. Dials, President & General Manager of BWXT Y-12, L.L.C. & Mrs. Tonya Cloyd, Drafting Instructor @ CFT, discuss how important safety is in our everyday lives.

"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there."

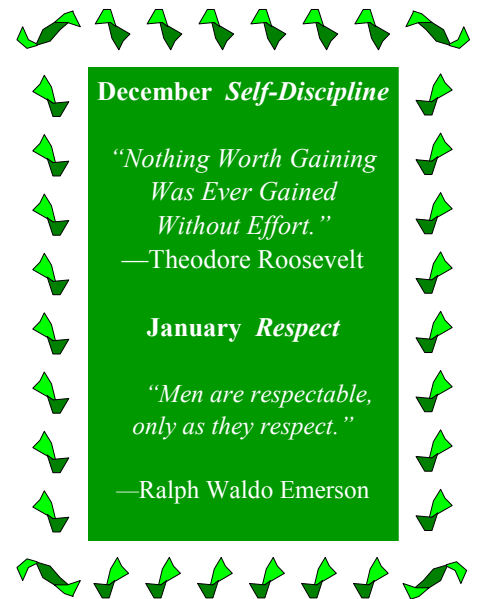
-- John Wooden

Partners in Education Vistawall

The Center for Technology and Vistawall Group are Partners in Education. Vistawall is an industry in Greene County that manufactures and distributes entrances, storefronts, framing systems, and curtain wall systems. As we prepare students to enter manufacturing careers, we want our students to know what kinds of high school and higher education classes are recommended by Vistawall for their employees. Their recommendations for those wishing to work in the business part of their company include: speech and communication skills, algebra, geometry, keyboarding skills, and business writing. For those wanting to work in the manufacturing area, skills

needed might include: electricity, CNC machining, PLC machining, electronics, hydraulics/pneumatics, welding, carpentry, blueprint reading, AUTOCAD, industrial math, and measuring and gauging. Other recommended skills include chemistry, accounting, office practices and procedures, and basic computing and use of software skills. Classes offered at the Center for Technology that would meet these recommendations include Principles of Machining, Welding, Carpentry, Computer Aided Drafting, and PC Repair and Networking.

Dr. Tammie Feathers



Hamblen County Visitors

On October 19, visitors from Hamblen County toured the Center for Technology. Included in the group were members of the Hamblen County Board of Education, the Director of Schools, administrators from the two high schools, and county commissioners. They are looking at ways to handle their growing numbers of students, as well as the growing expectations of the area business community.

Principal, Jerry Renner, outlined both advantages and disadvantages of being a

separate center that serves five different high schools. Some of the advantages include being able to purchase more and better equipment and having a larger pool of students to draw from when deciding on classes. Another advantage is working closely with business and industry. Most of the disadvantages spring from the center being a joint operation between two school systems and the distances some of the students have to be bused.

The visitors were impressed with the visit. They are continuing their efforts to

determine the best route for their school system to take between building a new shared facility like the Center for Technology or renovation to both East and West High Schools. One advantage the Hamblen County schools already have is access to the Tennessee Technology Center where some of their high school students already take classes as a part of their high school curriculum.

Dr. Tammie Feathers
Taken from: The Citizen Tribune

Criminal Justice Gets High Tech Driving Simulator

The Criminal Justice class at CFT has a new learning device. The new driving simulator gives you many scenarios for police chasing and the basics of learning how to patrol and other situations. CFT is the only high school in the country that has one of these machines according to the company from which they purchased it. The students in the class, as well as all the local police agencies and the po-

lice academy will be using the simulator. The simulator includes three 42" plasma PC screens, a seat and dash board with all lights and buttons as a real police unit would have. You can choose a police car, fire truck, ambulance, or tractor-trailer.

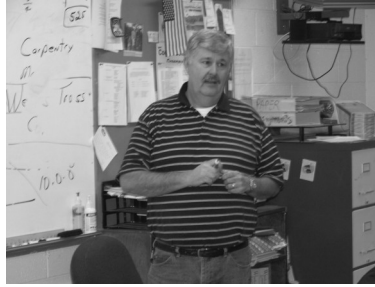
Elizabeth Prince
Criminal Justice III



Instructor Highlight

Billy Joe Wilds-Carpentry

Ten years ago the Center for Technology got one of the best carpentry teachers in the country. This was Mr. Billy Joe Wilds. Mr. Wilds went to ETSU where he got his masters in Supervision and Administration and bachelors in Industrial Education. Before he came to the Center for Technology, he taught 20 years at West Greene High School where he coached football and tennis. Mr. Wilds looks forward to coming to school every day for many different reasons but the biggest reason is being able to teach his student's things about carpentry. What he likes teaching the most is things in the shop like how to use a saw and how to put things together. If you plan on taking a class in carpentry with Mr. Wilds, come in with a good attitude and good attendance. Don't take the class



just to hang out with friends or because your boy/girlfriend is taking the class. Take the class because you want to do this for the rest of your life or you want to be able to know something that not many people know anything about. Mr. Billy Joe Wilds teaches amazing skills. I guess that is why he is such an amazing teacher.

Chasity Blazer
Carpentry

*"When one door of happiness
closes, another opens;
but often we look so long
at the closed door
that we do not see the one
which has been opened for us."*

— Helen Keller

Helping Students Learn

Start Your Day With A Positive Attitude

How you feel is a decision you make every day. So decide that today you are going to have a positive attitude. To get your day started right:

- **Wake up peacefully.** If you use an alarm clock to wake up make sure it doesn't have a loud, annoying sound. Instead, try a clock radio that plays soft



music.

- **Allow enough time to get ready in the morning at a relaxing pace.** If you start your day off behind, you're setting yourself up for a stressful day. Picking out your clothes and organizing school items the night before will help, too.
- **Eat a healthy breakfast.** When you eat breakfast, you are likely



to think faster and more clearly, solve classroom problems more easily and are less fidgety throughout your day.

- **Expect the best.** Plan to have a wonderful day, and odds are, you will!



Taken from Student Tips
The Parent Institute
#5023

CFT Club Members Visit Fun Expeditions

Student club members from Skills USA, HOSA, and FCCLA had an opportunity to go to Fun Expeditions in Johnson City on Saturday, October 20. Students indicated this was a really fun trip. Students got to ride the go-karts, play laser tag, bowl, and lots more. Maygon Broyles, Skills USA member, said "My two personal favorites had to be the laser tag and the go-karts. When you played laser tag

the whole room was dark, but the carpet and walls had glow-in-the-dark designs on them so you could see what you were doing. Also you could attack your opponents. The go-karts were such a rush because you get to drive so fast and race against everyone else." They also had a wide selection of food. All participants got the chance to meet new people from other schools, and hang out with old

friends. The chaperones were Mr. Chris Dotson, Ms. Vanessa Dabbs with her nephew Mason, and Mrs. Pat Carpenter. Fun Expedition had a lot of arcade games such as virtual roller coasters, shooting games, and Dance-Dance Revolution. All in all it was an awesome trip and lots of fun.

Maygon Broyles
Cosmetology

Belief Statements

1. All students can learn.
2. Students learn best when instruction is applied in a meaningful context.
3. Learning should be assessed by a variety of instruments and strategies.
4. Decision-making should be a shared process involving students, staff, parents, and community members.
5. Relationships among people flourish in an environment that includes safety, comfort and friends.

December 2007/January 2008

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December 7 Awards Day

December 14 & 15 Final Exams

December 18 Abbreviated Day

December 19 - January 1 Christmas Break

January 2 Administrative Day

January 3 Students Return

January 16 Advisory Council Meeting

January 21 Martin Luther King Holiday

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