



ACC Child Care Students practice skills they will teach to their pre-school students.

ACC Course Happenings

As is pictured above, ACC Child Care students are busy working on understanding the developmental stages that will be present when they work with the Pre-School students who enroll in their program. Students will be given the opportunity to have an understanding of the potential that evolves through play within all areas of development /academic disciplines (language/literacy, music, creative movement, mathematics, science, physical activity, social studies, health, and safety). The students have had the opportunity to learn how to establish an aesthetically creative environment for children as well as learn methods of presenting activities to young children in ways that enhance and encourage creativity.

Once the developmental stages are understood, the students will work on the creation of appropriate lesson plans and interaction activities. This is done to foster social and cognitive growth in the children they will work with. Learning is very intense at this point, as the pre-school (Edu-Care) will open on October 18th. The pre-school is open to the community and the cost is very minimal (\$5 for a week). It is the same cost if the child comes for one day, or the whole week. For more information on the pre-school :Contact Barb Rutkowski at brutkowski@lphs.net, or call the Career Center at 815-223-2454.

MATT DAWSON—RESIDENTIAL WIRING



Having taught Residential Wiring for the past six years at the Career Center, Mr. Matt Dawson takes pride in teaching his students concepts that will instill in them a marketable set of skills and an understanding of how a majority of the world around them works.

Bringing almost 25 years of experience to the classroom, Mr. Dawson has had the honor of passing his vast experience on to a group of kids that have taken the newly acquired skills and turned it into a career. Below is an example of work a former student has done in his career as an electrician.



Mr. Dawson takes pride in seeing his students take on and then master a difficult concept. One of his favorite units to teach is on wiring three-way switches (the type that let you turn a light on and off from opposite ends of the hallway). In challenging his students to master this concept, his reward is found in both the literal and figurative interpretation of seeing “the light bulb come on”.

As he goes forward Mr. Dawson looks to add to the curriculum by infusing many of the new innovations in renewable energy into the learning process. Incorporating solar energy units into the learning process is at the top of his list!

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Automotive Students Chart Their Future



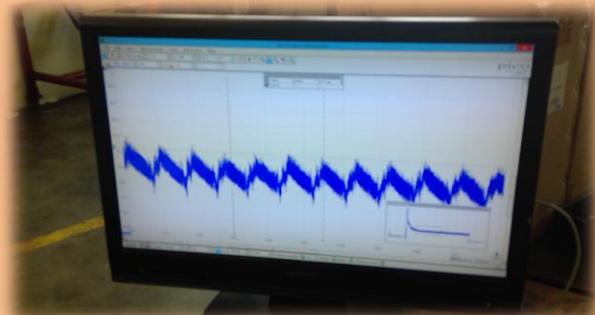
Automotive students received an early jump on Career and Education Planning with a little help from Illinois Valley Community College.

Instructor Doug Narczewski opened up the first week of school by having his counterpart from IVCC come and speak to his classes. Mr. Shane Lang who is one the two auto instructors at IVCC spoke to the classes on the topics of post-secondary education and new innovations in auto diagnostics.

Students received very practical information on the earning potential of trade occupations and fiscal advantages of starting higher education at the local community college.

Additionally, Mr. Lang demonstrated new diagnostic equipment that allows technicians to diagnose internal engine problems without having to disassemble major engine components. As a secondary bonus, the software and tools demonstrated, reinforced the need for understanding of mathematics by incorporating knowledge of algebraic graphing. As Mr. Lang emphasized, the days of the mechanic covered in grease are slipping away. Today's mechanic needs to be technologically proficient and consequently, that tends to keep him a bit cleaner.

Below: Internal Diagnostic Software in Action



Hourly Wages of Tradesmen (wages include all benefits)

Electrician: \$73.50

Carpenter: \$75.83

Ironworker: \$71.30

Operating Engineers: \$83.08

Bricklayer \$72.26

Info from: <http://www.cisco.org>

Check These Out



Graphic Communications



Students in Ms. Deb Parisot's Graphic Communications class prepare to enjoy Linotype the Movie.

As part of the Graphic Communications class, students learn the history and evolution of printing devices. Upon completion of their unit on Linotype, the students were treated to Mocha Frappuccino's and popcorn while watching a documentary on the development and history of the Linotype machine.



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