

Strafford Learning Center

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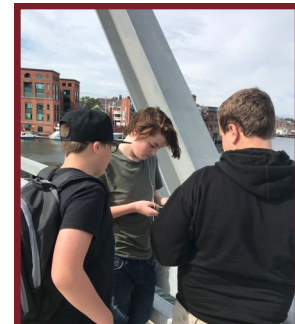
LIGHTS, CAMERA, REVOLUTION!

Here at COA, students are learning about the birth of our great nation and entertaining ourselves while we are at it! Students have been studying our rebellious origins through reading and watching films about the American Revolutionary War. To apply their newfound knowledge, students have set out to film their very own film trailer to simultaneously educate and entertain.

The students have been learning and developing many skills as we explore the film industry. In order to write a film script, we have been analyzing scenes from super he-

ro movies. They have also been flexing their artistic muscle by drawing “snowman storyboards, demonstrating knowledge of perspective. Looking forward, we the basics of camera work and cinematography to give their trailer a professional look. They will also be practicing their presentation skills in front of the camera, putting their acting skills to the test. We cannot wait to show you the final product!

-Ross Jackson



X MARKS THE SPOT

As part of our Physical Education curriculum, we have been treasure hunting. As a way to increase our step count, we have been exploring our community through geocaching. Geocaches are secret “treasure chests” hidden in plain sight; they could be under a park bench, in a graveyard, or beside a waterfall. These geocaches are created and hidden by community members, and we use GPS technology to uncover them. Our adventures have taken us from the

streets of Boston, following the Freedom Trail to the summit of Mount Agamenticus, taking in gorgeous views. We hope to return the favor by making and hiding our very own geocaches for others to discover and enjoy.

In addition to exploring our community, we have also been exploring ourselves. Strafford Learning Center’s very own occupational therapist, Ruth Ashley, has been teaching how to practice mindfulness. We have increased our mindfulness tool kit with a

variety of techniques such as Tai Chi exercises for relaxation and doodling for concentration.

Starting off the year with a focus on healthy minds and bodies will take us far this year!

-Ross Jackson





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Supporting learners in reaching their highest potential

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PUT THE COFFEE ON!

This year is really exciting for students as we discover the science and business of coffee roasting, marketing, and sales. Students are working to master the roasting process by developing an understanding of physical science and math. Learning never smelled so good! Our plan is to create a tasty cup of micro roasted coffee and learn what it would take to sell, and profit from our efforts. Students will be branding the school-based business and marketing to those interested in experiencing our one-of-a kind creation. STEM is a perfect model for learning about problem solving, mathematics, and science. Our school focuses on these unique experiences that engage students at the highest levels and gives them experiences that build confidence, create memories, and encourage collaboration and team building skills. As we continue to develop our product, stay tuned for how you may be able to try our COA coffee!

-Mr. Newell

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Myka is our student spotlight this quarter because of her drive, perseverance and commitment to reaching her evolving goals. Beginning with COA her freshman year, Myka has been a host at the Ottscars, a baker at Top Chef, and the moderator at Debate Camp, among other roles as a student here at COA.

Myka, now a senior, took on the role of student more and more each year she has been at COA. First observing, then applying, trying, failing, collaborating, and now leading. Myka has taken an active role in reaching her goals as well. Myka has always been a lover of animals and during her sophomore year, participated in an ELO in Animal Science to begin her studies in this area. During her Junior year, she was accepted to the Dover Career Technical Center's Animal Science program where she continues to study this year.

Myka then set the goal to return to her sending high school, so that she can have a more typical high school experience, connect with her community and further prepare for tackling her next goal: attending college.

Thank you, Myka, all of the joy you have brought to COA! We all wish you all the success in the world as you complete your senior year and move on to your next challenge! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what comes next for you!

