



ELO Hub Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

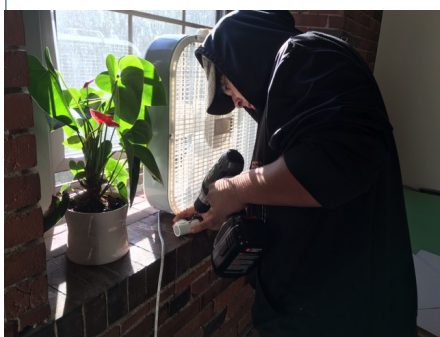
The ELO Hub has been buzzing with activity this semester. Extended learning opportunities are different for every student. We have seen a greater connection happening between student's interests and real world experiences. The goal of the ELO Hub is to have students earn credit towards graduation while getting excited about the process of learning. Students have shown real dedication to discovering what they are passionate about. The challenge is to connect these passions with opportunities in the community.

We are working to strengthen student's connections between school and life. A student's family and network outside of school brings possibilities for others to learn from. Everyone has specific skills and knowledge that students could be exposed to. We could connect your skills and experience with a student's ELO. Our goal is to get students to see that they have diversity and resources all around them. Through our network and community the possibilities are limitless.

The ELO Hub is dedicated to supporting district efforts and goals for their students. As a transition service for students, we have been working to find local business and community partners willing to help expose our students to career possibilities. These connections have helped fuel a deeper understanding of what students may want to pursue after they leave high school. The ELO Hub has had a positive impact on students taking these interests and using them to make progress in core academic areas. Please give us a call or drop us an email if you would like to know more about what is happening in the ELO Hub or how you can contribute in some way. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing all the great working happening here!

-Paul Newell

A BUSY, REWARDING SEMESTER



It has been a busy, yet rewarding semester here in the ELO Hub. Our new learning environment includes a music recording studio, a digital arts studio, a sewing area, and many areas to sit and brainstorm ideas, complete work, and share amazing thoughts!

As our first semester comes to a close, many of our students will be putting the final touches on their ELOs. As part of the ELO process, students are required to do a presentation of learning, which encompasses all of the knowledge and skills they acquired throughout this semester. Students will be presenting on such topics as auto sound systems, music production, fashion design and game design. Students will be using this opportunity as practice and preparation for a bigger celebration of their ELOs and all their learning at the conclusion of Semester 2 in the spring. Please stay tuned for this exciting and rewarding event! As always, thank you for all your hard work and effort to help make our students as successful as they are!

-Joshua Shawver



ELO Hub Student, Julianna, showing off her custom make-up brush tote, which she designed and sewed herself.

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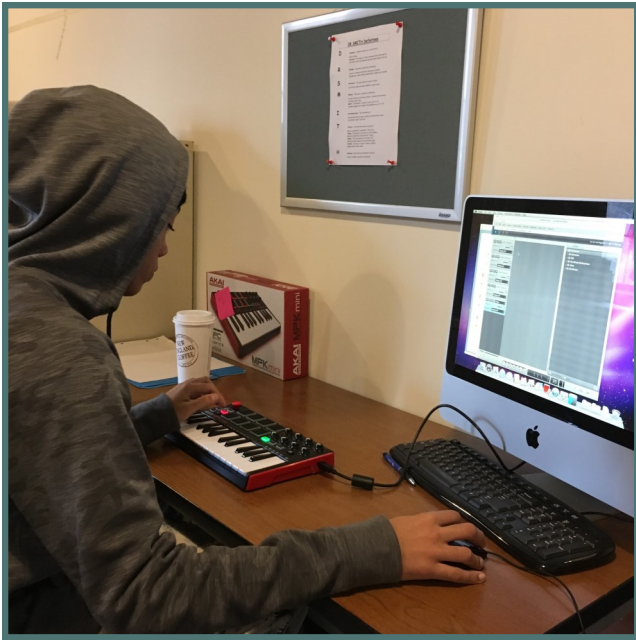
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USING STUDENT PASSIONS TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES



ELO Hub student, Terrell, working with a new piece of technology for the program. Thanks to the SLC Founders' Fund, we were able to purchase this keyboard, allowing him to write, hear and record at the same time!

Happy New Year, and thank you to all of you for your invaluable support of your students here at the Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Hub.

The fall has been quite a whirlwind with students planning projects, rising to challenges, and working hard to complete their coursework. Many of them have also gone out into the community for job site visits or internships. A common theme for our students is that they have identified a passion and are using those passions to guide their school work. We have the good fortune to work with some great students, whose ideas guide and inspire me.

After moving into our new classroom space in October, we have seen the students adapt well to the change and are beginning to use the space to inspire their creativity and foster excitement for their projects. I have been very impressed with some of the ideas the students have come up with. We have students planning fundraisers for charities that are important to them, and others getting their feet wet in careers that they hope to pursue after they graduate high school.

Looking forward to the next semester, a small group of students will be learning about automotive maintenance and repair, and will be visiting the Port City Maker's Space in Portsmouth to practice some of those repairs and get familiar with the tools of the trade. We further hope for these students to complement this work with internships at local automotive businesses where they can learn more about diagnosing issues and running a business in the automotive industry.

The students' projects stemming from their interests, are dynamic and exciting, and I could not be more proud to see them taking shape.

Terrill Covey

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TAKING PLACE:

- Using coding and web site design to create an online game. This student is also working with a peer to create tutorials to help other aspiring game makers.
- Studying fashion and learning how to sew and create a make-up carrying bag. She has done so well that family members and peers have asked her to make some for gifts.
- Turning a passion for music into an exciting learning experience through discovering the basics of reading music, mixing music and eventually, creating and recording a music video to display what he has learned.
- Two students are supporting charities by planning and following through on their own fundraisers, which involves learning about accessing community supports, and planning events details as well as ensuring that the money raised gets to the charities they hope to support.
- A student is concluding an ELO on mythology in which she studied monsters across various regions and created a complex board game which puts all her knowledge on display.