

## Worn Out Intercom System

By: Shaniya Larbi

Mr. Leroy Travers, Campus Community School (CCS) principal, recently contracted a company to repair the school intercom system.

He said that the intercom system just got old and started to have problems in the beginning of September and then eventually broke. This was not a surprise since it had been in the school for about 15 years.

Travers said the intercom systems go forgotten, undervalued, and overlooked. That is of course, until it stops working at the end of summer break

The new school intercom will run CCS about \$7,500. This includes repairing all the classroom intercoms as well as some additions to the systems like connecting to the phone systems.

The part that bothered staff members the most was that some class intercoms worked and some didn't. There still doesn't seem to be an explanation for this difference.

Travers and Mrs. Shawn Beecher, head custodian, worked together to find a solution as promptly as possible.

The intercom system is vital to the school. It projects warning announcements, school wide reminders, and safety information. The system was repaired in January 2017.

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### The Cougar Page Vision

*As a collaborative community of learners, we commit to investigating ethically and reporting the truth to the school and local community.*

## The Colonial Winter Ball

By: Nadia Sheikh

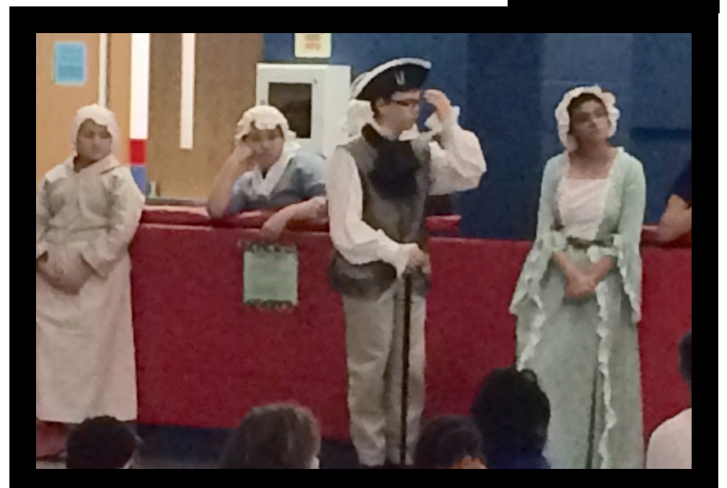
The day before students went on holiday break, besides the idea of sleeping in late, the First State Club and Crocs (Cougar Reaching Out) Club decided to leave 2016 on an exciting note.

Students came to the gym to learn Colonial games, colonial dancing, eat popcorn, drink cider, and listen to storytelling about Dover, DE.

The main purpose of this was to show students not only what the clubs have been doing, but to show them what it was like for kids in the eighteenth century.

Students enjoyed playing and dancing to the colonial beat. They loved the stories about the great Caesar Rodney who cast his final vote for Independence while having delicious popcorn and refreshing apple cider.

According to students running the event, the best part was sharing their love of history and volunteering with their school community.



The First State Club share their knowledge with CCS.

Photos by: Mrs. Jessica Rash and Nadia Sheikh

# Police Officers Connecting with the Dover Community

By: Chad Cerutti

The Dover Police Department (DPD) has officers helping the community. These officers are active members of the Dover community on and off duty.

Part of their job includes community outreach like playing basketball with neighborhood children. They also connect in ways that reach the local and state-wide community. Off court they talk to children, neighbors, business owners, and passersby.

add photographs of people they are searching for and community members see these photos and can report sightings or information.

These officers are actively involved with the community to inform, save, and improve. They are passionate about making lasting connections with the Dover community.

Officer Hoffman is the Public Information Officer for the DPD. One of his many duties is to update and connect on social media. Social media has had a huge impact on crime investigation. They

Hoffman joined the force in 2004 and says that becoming an officer changed his perspective of what being an officer is really about.

Meeting and communicating with new people is Hoffman's favorite part of the job.

An officer's job doesn't end when their shift ends. Whether they are on or off duty, it is their job to



The Dover Police Department Special Units and civilians celebrating the DPD's 90th anniversary in 2015. Photo by: Lt. Chris Hermance

## Third Grade Class Visits Winterthur

By: Orin Turner

Wilmington, Delaware holds a treasure few elementary students know. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class of Campus Community School (CCS) traveled to Winterthur last December. Mrs. Ruff and Mrs. Thompson planned the trip together for December 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.

They left around 9:00 in the morning and didn't bring anything special except chaperones and lunch. According to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers, Mrs. Ruff and Mrs. Thompson, they took a school bus that took 30 minutes to get there and 30 minutes back.

Prior to arriving, most students thought they were going to a "normal" museum; one with walls, rooms and things you can't touch. However, Winterthur museum is a unique treasure.

The museum website, [www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org), boasts that it is "the premier museum of American decorative arts," along with a 60-acre naturalistic garden." It focuses on du Pont family, specifically it focuses on Henry Francis du Pont and decorative arts from years 1640-1860.

Upon arriving at the museum, students were split into groups with chaperones and a tour guide. During their tour they learned about various bugs. They learned about their habitats and purpose. After their tours they visited the decorated houses, tree house, and the gift shop before heading home again.



The DuPont house at Winterthur. Photo by: Mrs. Jennifer Boland

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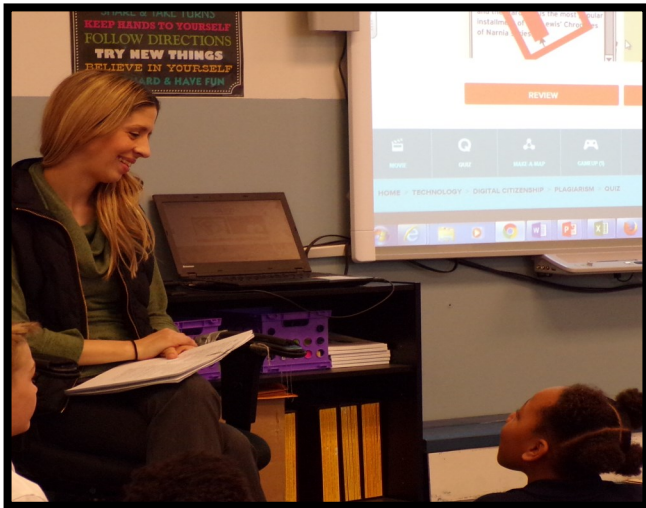
# Getting Technical

By Samaria Mensah

Campus Community School (CCS) is a k-8 public charter school in Dover, Delaware. Like most public schools, students attend core classes like math and reading but they also attend related arts classes like art and music.

The teaching position for CCS technology teacher opened up over the summer. Ms. Jennifer Howard eagerly applied and ultimately accepted the technology position.

“I choose to teach technology because I have a background of doing business and business falls under technology” said Howard. She has fun teaching technology. “I like teaching my students things to use lifelong. Everything I teach my students will be something that will stick with them”.



Ms. Howard teaching 4th grade technology. Photo by: Mrs. Jessica Rash

“7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are two of my favorite grades to teach. They learn some things about technology and other important things to know.”

Ms. Howard says there is not many different qualifications of being a technology teacher and a subject teacher. “If you are teaching math, reading or any other type of subject, it is the same as being a special arts teacher. You are just teaching students different topics.”

“I was looking for a school to apply at and then there was Campus Community School. They had an opening spots for a technology teacher and a few other spots. I was grateful for the opportunity to teach at ccs.” She was most excited sharing about her wealth of knowledge.

# Little Shoppers Go Shopping

By: Nadia Sheikh

In Ms. Boland’s art room, the Cougar Reaching Out Club (CROCS) hurry to set up for the second day of Little Shoppers. What *is* Little Shoppers?

Little Shoppers is a store where kid’s students buy their friends and family gifts for the holidays. Everything was priced so there was an item for every budget.



CROCS club at Little Shoppers. Photo by: Nadia Sheikh

“It’s great to work in Little Shoppers because your helping kids get better prices for their family rather than buying the same thing at the store for an expensive price,” Piper Biggs says, Biggs is a member of the CROCS Club, were they help the school At Campus Community

There are so many things you can buy at the store, like teddy bears, necklaces, rings, Christmas Ornaments, key chains, and toys. Student leaving Little Shoppers proclaimed that there was a gift for everyone. There were many prefect choices for friends and families! In fact Little Shopper was so popular, that they were high on demand and short on supply. They delivered the out of stock merchandise to students who ordered them after the shop closed and before Winter break

“The teachers suggested [Little Shoppers] it to help students with real life money skills.” Ms. Cinque explained. Ms. Cinque advises the CROCS Club, and helped run the whole shop. “It’s a fun activity were they can buy gifts for their parent were they don’t always have the opportunity and then again, they get to practice a very basic skill of money.”

Parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas were delighted and surprised with the gifts they received for holidays, thanks to the CROCS Club.

# Close Call On the Court: Campus Against Caravel

By: Nadia Sheikh

The crowd was roaring, fans jumping to their feet when Cheyenne Brown ran down the court dribbling the basketball at the last December home game. She shoots and score and the crowd goes wild.

It is the first game of the season for the Cougar boys and girls basketball team. They played Caravel Middle School.

“We really try to stress the fundamentals of dribbling and

shooting.” Says Coach Peter Campbell, girls’ basketball coach. “Motivation is key. You have to watch out for you fellow teammates and try to pump them up. Our girls have worked really hard I’m confident!”

Blake Bryant, who is on boys’ basketball player says “I listen to music and try to relax myself.”

Besides the basketball game, Cougar cheerleaders that used skills to pump up the team and the crowd. When it was half

time, their spirit came to the court.

The girls’ basketball team lost to Carvel but the boy’s team won over. Both girls and boys and boys played with Cougar Pride.



Pregame huddle for the Campus Cougars Boys basketball team. Photo by: Nadia Sheikh

## Homework Hub is a Hit

By : Amaia Cannon

Ms. Chelsie Hauler runs Homework Hub during S.T.E.A.M. afterschool Monday through Friday. During the day she teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Homework Hub is a dedicated time for students to work on homework.

The group is very organized. Hauler has students on computers and at tables where they can work on assignments and ask for help if they need it. When they are finished, they are given a pass to return to their club.

This club gives students a chance to have fun and learn after school at the same time. It is so popular because they can play when they get home instead of finishing homework.

## National Junior Honor Society: What does N.J.H.S. mean to you?

“Being the president of N.J.H.S., I want members to explore leadership and scholarships.”

- Nadia Sheikh, 8th grade

“I feel like it’s nice that I was accepted into the society because I can see a good example for others.”

- Maddie Jackson, 8th grade

“[It means] to be the best I can be.”

- Adil Sheikh, 8th grade

“N.J.H.S. takes a lot of hard work to get in. A lot of studying, asking questions, getting work done, and community service.”

- Isata Bangula, 8th grade

“I think it’s a good thing for the school. It takes good kids to do good things for the school.”

- Cole Hoffman, 7th grade

“I think it’s a great experience and it will help me out in the future.”

- Ovi Umoh, 7th grade

“I think it’s a privilege to be accepted. It is also a great opportunity to experience new things.”

- Danny Greene, 7th grade

“We organize to help out with our school and it helps us be better students.”

- Ahmed Alkaye, 7th grade

“[It means] to be a good student and to excel in school and to help our school and community.”

- Cole Greene, 7th grade

“It means that I’m a really good student and I’ve exceeded expectations. It also means that my behavior is good.”

- Mickey Weis, 7th grade

“It means that I can help students and be a leader. It also means I have more teachers and students looking up to me. It is a privilege to work with my peers..”

- Amir Cooper, 7th grade

## Robotics and Theater Unite

By: Zalarie Lodvil

Theater is one of the many choices of S.T.E.A.M. This is an after school program and stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

Ms. Pam Lloyd is one of the afterschool teachers. She runs the robotics and theater club. Lloyd teaches robotics and theater because she likes robotics and different types of theater.

She likes to teach students about different robots. She teaches students how to create code and make robots follow code.

Lloyd enjoys working with children. During the day she is a paraprofessional in a first grade classroom at Campus Community School (CCS).

# School Calendar

## March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Dr. Seuss Night 5-6:30pm	4
5	6	7 Japanese Host Family Meeting 6pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 PTO meeting 6-6:45pm	17 Birthday cel- ebrations and Tag day  St. Patrick's Dance 1st- 3rd grade 3:30	18
19	20	21	22	23 Poetry Slam 6pm	24 Inservice— NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29	30 Student-led Conferences	31 Student-led Conferences	

## Announcements

- PTO meets every third Thursday.
- Mandatory student-led conference March 30-31.
- Book fair April 3rd-7th
- Spring break April 14th-21st

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## February/March Character Challenge: Empathy

- Ask others how they are feeling.
- Disagree politely by saying things like, "I understand what you are saying but I don't agree."
- Think about how your actions impact those around you before doing something.
- Ask others to tell you about their culture and experiences.
- Try to understand an opinion that is different from yours.

## Responsive Classroom Tidbits:

### *Positive Language*

Responsive Classroom is a research-based approach that brings learning and social skills together within the school community. This has been a positive change within in the school but there are ways to bring Responsive Classroom home too. One HUGE aspect of this program is positive language. This is broken into reinforcing and reminding language.

Reinforcing	Reminding
What can we do to make ____ even better?	Show me how ____
What made you decide to do that?	What do you need to be doing right now?
Which of these things were you really successful with	How can we make sure everyone feels included?
I noticed....	What are you going to do

**Look for the next Tidbit in the April volume of the Cougar News!**

#### Enrichment Word Search

By: Kellyn Andrews

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Gratefully,

*The Cougar Page student staff  
and Mrs. Rash*

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Sincerely,

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