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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to start my first letter by saying, **THANKS**. Thanks for the positive reception by students, parents, and staff. In my first days here at Pathways, students have approached me and introduced themselves, invited me into their classrooms to see their work, and shown pride in what they have accomplished. I want to build on these positive first days and promise you that Pathways will continue to lead the way in excellence in learning.

Over the next several weeks, I will be updating the Principal's Blog on the Pathways website, so the Pathways community can get to know me better. I will also be visiting classrooms to meet the students and PTO functions to meet parents. I hope that you will read the blog and take an opportunity to get to know me.

My goals for Pathways will include:

- Making every instructional moment a positive and enriching experience.
- Using technology to create a system of communication to keep everyone informed about the events and happenings in our school.
- Securing a permanent site for our school.
- Developing a program that keeps Pathways at the forefront of technology.

As your new principal, I look forward to meeting everyone that makes up this wonderful community. I encourage parents to share their expertise, talents, and time.

Please contact me if you want to know how you can be involved.

Sincerely,
Steven Dellinger-Pate
Principal

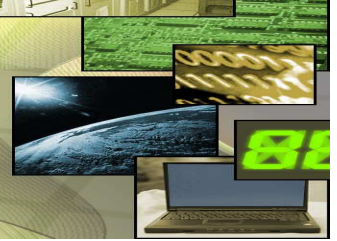
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Pathways Professionals

Pathways is proud to announce that the Professionalism Program has begun. Students will have the opportunity to earn rewards based on excellent behavior, high academic standards, and professional dress. The following students earned Professional Status for the month of January:

Adrian Dunkley	Kayla Ferro
Amina Chukadze	Keisha Stewart
Andrew Calderon	Khemchand Gajju
Arjun Mohan	Kimberly Stewart
Betool Al-Mazraawy	Lisette Rodriquez
BJ Babbitt	Mathew Stanko
Brittaney Roldan	Melissa Walters
Courtney Mitchell	Miguel Vazquez
Denise Mitchell	Mohamed Zaid Bhura
Desiree Hernandez	Nadine Holong
Devin Teal	Nakema Joyner
Eli Miranda	Raul DeLeon
Francheska Santiago	Rebekah Sanchez
Gilmaris Rodriquez	Remzjia Muminovic
Hajrija Guster	Rogert Fernandez
Hasudin Petratovic	Sean Priest
Hazmira Udovcic	Shameena Nasrudeen
Jacob Conde	Shelby Prendergast
Jamar Goulbourne	Shinell Austin
Jessica Ortiz	Sophiann Moore
Jhmyle Crocker	Steve Cortes
Joann Dominique	Venice Sterling
Jordan Fromson	Vida Hoyle
Jorge Castillo	Vincent Moore
Joshua Rivera	Wesley Sanchez
Katerina Valentin	Whitney Johnson
Kayla Ferro	

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Recruitment Open House

Parents, if you have friends or family with eighth graders who are looking for a technology high school next year, encourage them to visit one of our two up-coming open-houses. Potential students and their parents will experience lessons in each of the subject areas, as well as meet our staff and students. Students will have the chance to see if our high-tech, hands-on environment is right for them.

2/9 - Recruitment Open House will be held at Pathways beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.

2/25 - Recruitment Open House will be held at Pathways beginning promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Any questions please contact the Pathways Recruitment Specialists:

Miss. Dougherty Dougk001@hartfordschools.org

Mr. Loveland Loves001@hartfordschools.org

From the Nurse

Children of all ages work hard during the school day, and for an ill child, the energy required to complete the day is often not there. Not only does this put your child at risk for prolonged illness but also puts the children around him or her at greater risk for becoming ill. Please consider the following guidelines when making the decision to send your child to school:

Fever of 100 degrees or higher. Children should be fever free (less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Cold symptoms and or persistent cough.

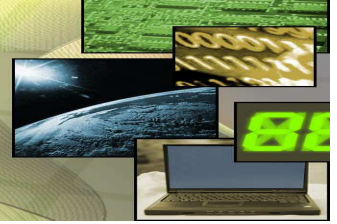
Nausea and vomiting – children should be free of vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

Inability to sleep most of the night because they don't feel well.



Keep washing those hands and stay healthy!

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FRESHMAN CLASS FUNDRAISER

Ready to bake Cookie Dough

The Freshman Class will be selling 3 pound tubs of cookie dough in the following flavors:

Chocolate Chip	Peanut Butter
Oatmeal Raisin	M&M
Triple Chocolate Chip	Sugar Cookie
Snickerdoodle	White Chocolate Macadamia Nut
Heath Bar	Pecan Coconut
Sugar Free Shortbread	

Each tub makes 96 one half ounce cookies. The dough can be kept refrigerated for three months or frozen for one year. All ingredients are natural and contain 0 grams of trans fat.

The cost is \$13.00 per tub.

The sale will begin on Thursday, January 24 and will end two weeks later on February 7.

This is a pre-paid sale so all money must be collected with the order, and unfortunately we are not able to accept personal checks.

In advance, we thank you for your support. If you would like to place an order, see any member of the Freshman Class or contact Debby Leonard in the PASS office.

Senior Financial Aid

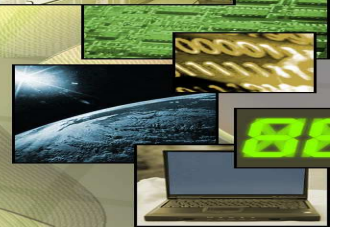


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FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Seniors....if you plan to go to college in the fall, now is the time for you to begin working on your college financial aid application. College Goal Sunday is a free program to help senior students and their families in the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

On Sunday, February 10, 2008, between the hours of 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM, volunteers from Connecticut college financial aid offices and community agencies will be available at Capital Community College to help you with your FAFSA and make sure that applying for financial aid does not become an obstacle that could keep you from going to college. There will be volunteers available to assist those who speak Spanish and English.

By attending College Goal Sunday, you receive free assistance with your financial aid application, and can walk away from the event knowing you tackled one of the scariest steps in getting ready to go to college. If interested in attending, go to www.collegegoalsundayct.org to register.



**YEARBOOKS
ARE ON
SALE!**

Dear Parents or Guardian,


Remember it—forever!

Our school year is packed with special memories that your child will want to remember forever. The yearbook captures the excitement and fun of this school year in a keepsake that your child will treasure for a lifetime.

Order a yearbook today.

Price: \$35.00 in full or a \$15 deposit by 4/30/08

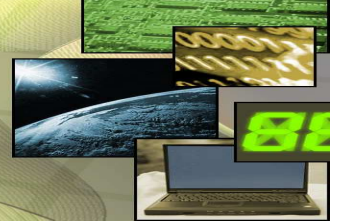
How to order: Contact Pathways Office @ 695-9450



*From the desk of our Family Resource Aide,
Batimah Simms-Westberry:*

Parents and guardians please be reminded when your child is absent or going to be late for school, please call 695-9450 to report the absence/tardy. Also, please send an excuse letter with your child upon their return to school for us to keep in our files.

Classroom Happenings



Connecticut Innovation Academy

The CTIA (Connecticut Innovation Academy) is in full swing this year. This year-long class, under the guidance of Ms. Bennar, is working hard on this year's challenge. Students have been taking monthly field trips to either IBM or Manchester Community College for collaborative meetings about the challenge. This year's task for the CTIA is to make a video game that would educate seventh and eighth graders in one of the STEM areas, Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math.

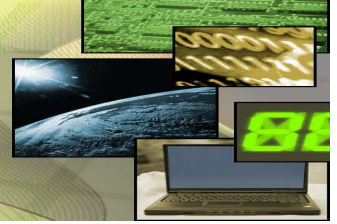
Pathways students are currently working on a video game that incorporates solving linear equations and using a coordinate plane. The students are using the newly released Scratch software to create their game. For more information on the Scratch software check out <http://scratch.mit.edu/>.

The Pathways CTIA team is developing a partnership with another school in China. On January 10th two teachers from China came to Pathways to take a look at what the class had created up to that point. For the first time, two teams from China will be joining the students in this year's challenge. The class presented the teachers with a PowerPoint presentation detailing the progress to date. The teachers were very impressed and learned a lot of great ideas to take back to their students. Pathways students look forward to working with the Chinese teachers and students in the near future.

The student's final projects will be presented at the Hartford Convention Center on May 10 where the public is invited to attend.



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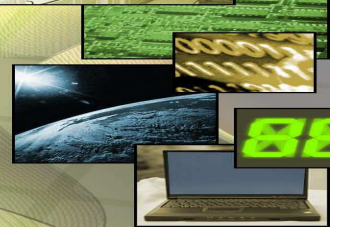
Putting the Fountain Back into Fountain Drinks

Ms. Alberto's Algebra classes will begin their work on scatterplots this month. To finish the topic, students will experiment with Diet Coke and Mentos to gather data and determine if there is a linear relationship between the number of Mentos put into a soda bottle and the height of the fizz. Students will take the data they have collected, create a scatterplot, determine the relationship (if there is one), and use interpolation and extrapolation to make predictions of heights of fizz on amounts of Mentos that were not tested. This culminating project will include all topics within the unit and require extensive knowledge and understanding of each topic in order to make sense of the Mentos madness.

The particular chemistry of the Mentos candy interacts with the chemistry of the carbonated Diet Coke, causing the carbon dioxide gas, or CO_2 , to suddenly come out of suspension in the liquid and make a break for freedom. Basically the Mentos start to dissolve, and it's like tripping a switch. It's not what you would call a chain reaction, because that's something else in chemistry terms, but it's a cascade whereon all of a sudden, all of the CO_2 that was contained in the liquid is suddenly not as attracted to the liquid as it was before, because of this slight change in the chemistry that occurs.



Upcoming Events



2/1- Mrs. Mullady on a field trip to Business Strand Students enrolled in Ecommerce presentation @ the University of New Haven with 40 students



2/9- Recruitment Open House being held at Pathways from 10:00–12:00 a.m.

2/5- Mrs. Flaherty on a field Trip with 50 students to UCONN for a conference on Climate Change, Human Rights & Workplace Practice

2/12-Lifetouch will be taking class pictures from 9:15-10:30 each grade as a whole will get their picture taken for the yearbook

2/13-Mrs. Flaherty holding a Science Fair at Pathways from 5:00—7:00 p.m.

2/13-Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 p.m.

2/14-Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00—3:00 p.m.– Early Dismissal for students 11:00 a.m.

2/14-Freshman Class Valentine's Day Flower Sale

2/15-Mrs. Mullady's on a field trip from 9:30-1:30 with her Personal Finance Class (20 students) to the Hartford Insurance Group

2/15-DEADLINE for all Magnet School Applications 3:30 p.m.

2/18-President's Day– No School

2/20-PTO Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2/25 -Recruitment Open House will be held at Pathways beginning promptly at 5:00 p.m.

2/29-Mrs. Mullady & Mr. Griffin on a field trip to Manchester High School with the Business Strand Students enrolled in ECommerce



3/3-3/16- Senior trip to China with Mr. Loveland (note: not totally confirmed of exact dates)

3/19-PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

3/24-In-Service Day for Staff no school for students