

Sussex Charter News

Building Future Leaders in the STEM Community

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SCCST STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

SUMMER LEADERSHIP

By: Savannah Koller

During my time at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference, I learned important skills to help everyone grow as a leader. I learned the leadership skills, Character, Goal Setting, Teamwork, Communication, Problem Solving, and Respect. They also taught me to stand up for what is right and what I believe in even if it's not popular. We went all around Washington D.C., as well as to West Virginia and Maryland.

We learned about past leaders, like Abraham Lincoln and John Brown. We went to the memorials for soldiers who were in the Vietnam war, Korean war, and to Abraham Lincoln's memorial. We practiced what to do in situations where we didn't think the decision was right. The Junior National Young Leaders Conference is a great way to grow conference and leadership skills. I had so much fun and I would recommend this conference to everyone.



WATERMELON EXPERIMENT

By: Rayna Rambowski

On Tuesday September 13 2016, Sussex County Charter School's 7th grade did the watermelon challenge in Science class. What that is, is when you take rubber bands and put them around the watermelon. After a certain amount of rubber bands the watermelon will explode. We did this to learn about forces. All of the force from the rubber bands made the watermelon explode. It took about 400 rubber bands to make the watermelon explode. When the first class of the day went the watermelon exploded right in Mrs. Zangara-Fritts face. Plus our principal Mrs. Masandrea had a chance to try. When she did it, it exploded. This was very nerve racking when it was your turn to put the rubber bands on the watermelon because you never knew when it would explode. This really helped our class learn about forces. It was fun but you still were learning at the same time.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our student highlight on Savannah Koller's participation in a leadership conference over the summer is a wonderful example of what students at Sussex Charter are about. Students come to me on a regular basis with ideas for clubs, fundraisers or events that they believe in and want to give a try. I am so proud to be at a school where students are given a place to make those ideas a reality. Sometimes they work out and other times they don't, but the fact that they want to try is the great accomplishment. Steve Jobs once said, "We believe people with passion can change the world for the better...And we believe that people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones that actually do." The students and teachers at SCCST are passionate, creative, enthusiastic individuals who possess the power to change the world in big and small ways. We truly are building future leaders each and every day.

-Deirdre Mastandrea

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/20 PTO Meeting 6 PM
- 10/28 Halloween Dance
- 11/6 SCCST Open House
- 11/10-11 School Closed
- 11/14 Board of Trustees Meeting

WHO DID YOU HELP TODAY?

On October 11th, Sussex Charter welcomed Keith Hawkins, a national youth speaker, back to our school. The theme of his motivational assembly was Stand for Something. Keith challenged our students to help others, kicking off our "Who Did You Help Today?" initiative. Keith has the unique ability to know just when to break from his serious message and get our students laughing with funny stories about his own children. He also plays a mean game of Simon Says - make sure you ask your child about that! Keith spent the day at the school, joining our students for lunch, and meeting with small groups of students to teach them Leadership Skills. We are very appreciative of our generous PTO for funding this assembly.



PTO NEWS



You may contact the PTO directly at SussexcharterPTO@hotmail.com for any PTO related questions or concerns. The PTO's goal continues to be supporting the school, our children and parents as a community. Our meetings are open for all to attend and we look forward to seeing new faces at our next meeting on Thursday Oct. 20th @6:00pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Current Fundraisers:

Yankee Candle – Oct 11 – Oct 25

Gertrude Hawk – October 24-Nov 4

Natures Vision- Nov 28-Dec 9

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars

\$48 a box – prepay for box; sell at your convenience

SCRIP Gift Cards – Quarterly: Dec, March & June

Box Tops for Education

Stop and Shop – A+ School Rewards

<http://stopandshop.com/aplus/school-total>