October lessons in the elementary have begun.
We are continuing our discussion of the properties of choices, as well as taking a look at how our choices impact us every day.

A couple of weeks ago, presenters from The Child Center spoke to students in 1st, 4th, and 5th grade,
along with a portion of our Pre-K and Preschool students. The presenters did an excellent job of talking about cyber (online) safety and body safety to our students. The groups were attentive and took the material seriously, asking questions and commenting afterward.
From the Lincoln County Resource Board:

FREE Love & Logic Parenting Classes

LCRB-funded Saint Louis Counseling has published its upcoming FREE parenting classes for Lincoln County residents.

As a recognized leader of the Love and Logic approach, the classes help parents reduce stress associated with raising children (from toddlers to teens). The sessions offer practical techniques to help parents raise more responsible children in a positive atmosphere.

To learn more, please call the Troy office at 636-528-5911. The October session begins Oct. 3 from 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Dates in Guidance:

- **Friday, October 12th**: ASVAB Testing – All Juniors (See Below)
- **Sunday, October 14th**: FAFSA Frenzy at SCCC Tech. Bldg. 2-4 (See Below)
- **Monday, October 22nd**: Truman State University Lunch Visit
- **Tuesday, October 23rd**: Mizzou Lunch Visit
- **Wednesday, October 24th**: State Technical College (Linn) Lunch Visit
- **Wednesday, October 24th**: Bowling Green College Fair (See Below)
- **Wednesday, October 24th**: Troy R-III College Fair
- **Thursday, October 25th**: Elsberry College Fair (See Below)
- **Friday, October 26th**: State Technical College (Linn) Field Trip (See Below)
- **Saturday, November 3rd**: Women’s Self Defense @ PLTC (See Below)

Notes:

The SCCC “Be Ready” Program is for seniors who plan to attend St. Charles Community College. Representatives from SCCC meet with students, help them apply, complete placement tests, select courses, and more over the course of the year. Then, in the spring, those completing the “Be Ready” Program will visit the campus and be ready for the fall.
The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the document that all students attending college and seeking ANY type of financial aid must complete, including those students qualifying for A+. This is done online and has become an easier process, but it can still be confusing or frustrating. SCCC does workshops to help parents and their students with the application process. Your student does not have to be a SCCC student now or in the future to attend. I strongly recommend this as an option. Make sure you take your 2017 (not 2018) tax information. Additional information is available at: journeytocollege.mo.gov/fafsa-frenzy or you may call Abby Vernon at 636-922-8586.

The ASVAB will be administered to all juniors. Military personnel will come to Silex to complete the test and will return to share the results during a classroom lesson. The ASVAB is an excellent tool for identifying strengths and aptitudes in areas not commonly tested.

There are several college fairs coming up. Our students have been invited to the Bowling Green and Elsberry fairs, both which will take place during the school day. Juniors and Seniors completing the field trip form may attend the Bowling Green Fair; Freshmen and Sophomores may attend Elsberry’s if they complete the field trip form.

Last year, students had the opportunity to visit Lindenwood University, SCCC, and Ranken during a one-day field trip. This year, we will be taking interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors to Linn. This is primarily for students who have an interest in a technical field and would consider State Technical as a serious college option.

Pike-Lincoln Technical Center will be hosting a Women’s Self Defense class from 9:00 – 12:00 for women ages 15 and up. The cost is $30 per person. You may register by calling 573-485-2900.

Scholarships:

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#1 – Find the application at: scholars.horatioalger.org
#2 – Find the application at: https://asaadmin.wufoo.com/forms/r1ee6571au0onh/
#3 – Find the application at: http://mkto-ab080206.com/Q0jR0nZ0EO0ZF6lo900BiJ0
#4 – For those attending SCCC. Info. is at: stchas.edu/scholarships
#5 – For members of Vantage Credit Union, apply at: vcu.com/qfe

For students interested in Cyber-Security or related fields, here is a link to a scholarship opportunity: https://niccs.us-cert.gov/formal-education/cybercorps-scholarship-service-sfs

For those students involved in FFA, Mr. O’Brien provides a list of scholarships associated with that field. The link to that list at the Silex R-I Website is below.

http://www.silex.k12.mo.us/o/silex-r-i/browse/2318

Below is a link to a list of scholarships of every imaginable type. Read the criteria and information for each carefully. Some may not be worth the effort or available to your student. However, there are very likely some that might be worth checking into.

https://studentscholarships.org/#sthash.rEjftbNh.dpbs

For additional sources of financial aid to consider:

https://lendedu.com/blog/missouri-student-loans-scholarships-and-grants/
https://lendedu.com/blog/student-loans-without-a-cosigner/

Have an Awesome Week!

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