



What's Up with **GEAR UP**



Clover Park High School

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Phoenix Academy & Power House Edition

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Clover Park Juniors for Making History

On Saturday, February 10, 2007 over 200 juniors from Clover Park and Lakes High Schools took the ACT making history and changing the attitude of college preparation among their peers.

This was the first time the ACT test was held in the Clover Park School District. It was hosted by Lakes High School, where sixty-five CPHS took the test. This day was the result of a lot of work from our high school counselors, who handled the ACT pre-registration.

As part of GEAR UP's commitment to get our juniors ready for their senior year, we offered to pay the \$43.00 ACT test fee for any CPHS junior desiring to take the ACT. We congratulate those 135 students who took advantage of our offer. Although nervous, students were ready to go at 7:45am. Some took the ACT as a practice for fall 2007. Some hope to get a high enough score so they don't have to take it again. All were happy excited about the opportunity.

It's not too late. We will be offering one more chance for CPHS juniors to take the ACT in June, on us. See Ms. Garraway or your Counselor.



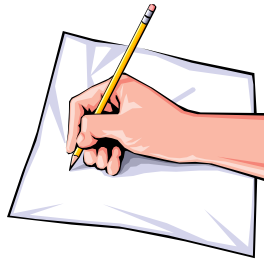
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The line is long...but it's worth the wait.
The ACT will be done!



Being Proactive. Tackling the college testing obstacle as juniors. WOW!!



Ready and waiting to get started.
BRING IT ON!!



Yes! We are ready.

AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE DAY

Clover Park High School was among the 2,000 students across the state who participated in the 3rd African American Legislative Day in Olympia, Washington on February 12, 2002. This event is part of a series of special legislative days aimed at helping students and registered voters understand the political process of Washington State.

Ms. Harrison-Ward and Ms. Haskins escorted 30 students who participated in educational workshops and provided the legislators with their opinions through ballots. The event concluded with a rally on the steps of the Capitol where students were addressed by Governor Christine Gregoire.

GEAR UP provided transportation for this event.



CPHS students participate in an impromptu dance contest at the Capitol
Steve Bloom/The Olympian

SO YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE?



Ms. Chapman, CPHS school nurse & Susan Keller, District Managing Nurse share nursing with Phoenix Academy sophomores

What is nursing? How do you become a nurse? And how much money do nurses make? Phoenix Academy is providing students with an opportunity to learn about careers prior to graduation from high school. Nursing was the feature of this month's job shadowing project.

CPHS School Nurse Yvonne Chapman, RN and Clover Park School District Managing Nurse Susan Keller, RN spoke with Phoenix Academy sophomores about the nursing profession. Their presentation answered those burning questions and provided the sophomores with information and insight on a few of the most common diseases diagnosed in our community.

Ms. Chapman also presented information about a Nursing Camp which will be held July 10 – 13, 2007. The camp is free to 100 selected students. Experience job shadowing while working directly in local hospitals. See Ms. Chapman for more information.

GEAR UP supports many programs which encourage our students to dream for their future by sharing information with their parents.



TEACHER'S CORNER

Ms. Kristi Fetterly



Meet the smiling face of Ms. Kristi Fetterly. She began her education career four years ago at Clover Park High School (CPHS) as a full-time student teacher. She was a natural fit for the CPHS staff and became a permanent member of the teaching staff. She is a 10th grade Humanities teacher and the House Leader for Power House.

Ms. Fetterly is no different from many high school students... she hated school. Her teachers wrote her off and believed that she would never excel in school, all because she came from a single parent family. They did not see that she had a good start for academic success and it seemed as though they felt she lacked the ability and desire to graduate from high school therefore would never attend college.

When Ms. Fetterly entered the running start program those skeptical teachers assumed she had dropped out of school. Her teachers were surprised when she earned her high school diploma, and she

did it on time. *What was different about Ms. Fetterly? She refused to allow her teachers to determine her future.* She was determined to be the exception to the rule. She wanted to educate teachers about the importance of not selling students short.

After graduating from high school she originally wanted to study Pre-Medicine but soon realized that she did not want to be in school that many years. She was then reminded of her goal to make a difference. So she switched to education. Her goal was to be a professional educator and teach new teachers “what it is to be effective” when working with students.

Ms. Fetterly received her Bachelor’s of Arts (BA) in Education from Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), her Master’s of Arts (MA) in Education from the University of Washington and is currently working on her Doctorial (PhD) degree in Educational Research through an on-line course with Walden University. She hopes to become an Administrator at the conclusion of this three (3) year doctorial program.

Ms. Fetterly is a great role model and inspiration.

Important FYI!!



March and April are WASL testing months for all sophomores. The Clover Park School District is providing FREE WASL Preparation Class for students who may desire extra help in preparing for this required graduation test. Parents must register their students.

To better accommodate student activities and parent schedules a variety of session times are available. Sessions will be offered at Clover Park High School unless otherwise noted. Students are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Note: Students should attend all Spring Break sessions.

- ❖ After school 2:30 – 4:30 or 5:00 – 7:00 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)
- ❖ Half Days & No School Days (2/28 Reading; 3/9 Writing, & 4/11 Math)
- ❖ Saturdays (3/3 Reading @ AL HS; 3/10 Writing @ Lakes; & 4/14 Math @ Clover Park)
- ❖ Spring Break 4/2 – 4/6 @ Clover Park High School

Please contact the Clover Park School District office for additional information @ (253) 583-5000.

PARENT WASL INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday, February 20th Clover Park High School hosted a “Parent WASL Information Night.” The purpose of this evening was to provide parents with information about the WASL, which will not be graduation requirement for the class of 2008.

Parents were given an opportunity to ask questions and learn additional information about GEAR UP, the Career & Resource Center, and academic support programs in the school. Attendance was low in numbers, however the program was beneficial for those who attended.



Mr. Rupprecht presents WASL information to a small group of parents.



HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE FAIR

On Saturday, February 3, 2007 GEAR UP provided transportation for parents and students to attend the 10th Annual Student of Color Recruitment and College Fair in Olympia, Washington. A special thanks to Ms. Allen and CPA Ms. Freya for providing the supervision.

I am sad to share that only a small number of students and parents participated. The college fair included 25 Historically Black Colleges & Universities, and colleges from Washington and Oregon State. Seniors who presented their applications and completed portfolios were presented with letters of admission and/or scholarship offers on the spot.

What a great opportunity for our students.

“See you around the Park.”

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS IMPORTANT!!!

Below is a list of upcoming “Parent and Family College Preparation” events. Please note, specific dates, times and locations will be provided upon confirmation at a later date.

SAVE THE DATES

- March 2007 Register for June ACT*
- March 22nd Latino Educational Summit*
- May 5, 2007 Family College Day
(9th & 10th grade families)*
- May 2007 Junior Family Night
(Senior Year & Beyond)*
 - ❖ *Funding College
“Understanding Financial Aid”*
 - ❖ *NCAA Recruiting – What every
student needs to know*



The only difference between *wanting* to go to college and *going* to college is planning and preparation. GEAR UP is a federally funded program that brings colleges, schools and community organizations together to help students aim high, stay in school, study and develop the skills needed to go to college. GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.