

RANDOLPH TECHNICAL CENTER

January 2018 Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

- 2/2 Groundhog's Day
Midterm ends
- 2/9 Report Cards sent out
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/19 Regular School
- 2/20 President's Day



RTC would like to welcome to the building Mr. James Harman. Mr. Harman has worked at Champion Auto for 21 years, he is also the owner of this business. He went to high school at our local Elkins High and he was a completer in our very own Vo-Tech in the class of Auto Body. He is also a post grad in collision repair here at the Randolph Technical Center.

Harman's first semester here at the Tech Center as went well and everyone has been very welcoming of him. He teaches Collision Repair; Fundamentals, Non Structural, and Structural. His favorite hobby is to go work on his farm. Out of school he likes to BBQ, running his body shop and he is also an owner of a lawn mowing business. Once again, Welcome Mr. Harman!

-Madison Hart



Conversations from Across the Hall

Mr. Patrick attended Fairmont State College to get his Bachelor's degree in Secondary Social Science. Before he started teaching he was and still is a part of the US Army. He started teaching because he wanted to help students that were not interested in school and help them understand the benefits of their schooling. This is his first year at Elkins High School. Mr. Patrick teaches social studies. A few random facts about Mr. Patrick, he has almost traveled around the whole world, but he is absolutely terrified of flying. Mr. Patrick is also a part of the Elkins High Football staff. His favorite moment at the school so far was deadlifting with Garrett Smyton at the first reward activity. Mr. Patrick came here with good intentions and has been able to impact many student's lives and minds. -Etola Kelly

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an important day to The United States and anyone in the world. What is Martin Luther King Jr. Day? Well it's the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000. Ben Shiflet says "I enjoyed the day off of school, much like every student."

-Seth George



The Future Farmers of America has their 7th annual Buckwheat Breakfast coming up. It is a fundraiser for the FFA National Convention. It is February 3rd from 8am-1pm and is being held at 4H camp in Beverly. Kids 5 and under eat free as well. The price of the tickets is \$7 and can be purchased from one of the FFA members. FFA president Alisha Arbogast says "Come on out and enjoy some food with me!"

-Easton Birchfield

SkillsUSA is a club made up of students and teachers working towards ensuring that America has a skilled workforce. Mr. Isner, one of the Advisors of SkillsUSA, says that his favorite part about this club is the annual chicken burn, and the skills competitions. He also added that some of the necessary skills to become a member of this club are good attendance records, leadership skills, and trustworthiness. The next local Skills competition will be sometime in late February or early March, while the state competition is set for April. -Rachel Nestor



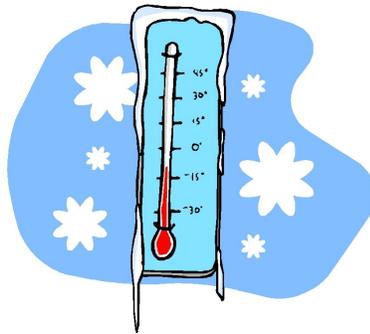
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), is an organization that educates students about their future careers and it introduces them to the business world. This month was a big move for most of the students. Many of the competitions were chosen and are now ready to be worked on. Also, FBLA State President, Micah Toney, has gotten the members of the club on the Stock Market Challenge, where the members are given a certain balance to purchase stocks and try to get the most money back. If a member wins they will be given a cash prize. After a brief talk with Mrs. Losh, she is glad for the way things are effectively moving in FBLA, after the disturbance of several snow days.

-Dylan Hutchison

Weather

The typical weather during the month of January is snow, ice, and very cold temperatures. The average low temperature in January is 26 degrees Fahrenheit, the average high is 37 degrees Fahrenheit. Make sure that you shovel your walkways, and salt the ice! This will reduce the risk of injuries. Also when driving on the roads after it has or while it is snowing, make sure you are at a comfortable and safe speed, and when you have to stop, do not slam your breaks, pump them. When power outages occur, make sure you are prepared, if your weather channel informs you of a storm coming, go to the store and get the necessities. Calista Chewing, a student in the Randolph Technical Center does not like snow, but likes how it looks. She enjoys snow days, because she gets time off school, and gets to sleep in, watch Netflix, and clean.

-Joseph Satterfield



Snowday Packets

This year all Randolph County Schools have started a snow day packet plan. Due to recent weather we experienced our first snow days for the 2017-2018 school year. These special snow days prevent the addition of days to the end of the school year by doing work at home while teachers still attend at least a 6 hour work day. Mr. Isner, our automotive repair teacher says that so far he has received positive feedback from his students who completed the packets that consisted of crosswords containing the vocabulary necessary to complete and understand his lessons. Isner also says, "These days are very beneficial and instructional for my students."

Hopefully this new winter packet plan prevents our students from having an extended school year into the summer of 2018!

-Kassie Miller

Winter Sports

Harman High School boys' basketball team is currently 2-9, When asked their biggest competitor, Harman basketball player, Kory Bishop said I believe that East Hardy will be the toughest game for us. He also commented on how the season was going and stated, I think we should be winning more games and playing better. Elkins boys' basketball team is 8-7. When asked the same questions Elliot White, Elkins Tigers boys' basketball team member, said Between Byrd and Liberty those will be tough games and he said he like how the season is going, and if we keep it up we can make it to the finals! The EHS girls basketball team is currently 6-9. Also the wrestling team and swim team for EHS are wrapping up successful season and results of the Sectional and Regional tournaments will be in next month's issue. Good luck to all our Winter sports teams!

-Justin Sharp and Josh Conti

New Year Resolutions



Happy New Year

Did you know that New Year's has not always been celebrated on January 1st? Four thousand years ago, New Year's was celebrated in March when the crops were planted. We also were not the first to set New Year's resolutions, Ancient Babylonians (southern Mesopotamian people) were the first. In fact, they are recorded to have had large celebrations on New Year's. Looking to improve yourself and your life is an almost unavoidable part of transition to a new year. Hunter Simmons says, "That this year better be better than last year and it's a great time to celebrate another year of being alive." Hunter doesn't make any New Year resolutions at all. But if you do, we hope you are still holding to them and looking to improve yourself this upcoming year!

-Chris Stalnaker

Scholarships



Not only is this a busy time for most students but for the seniors of Elkins High School and Randolph Technical Center it is a big moment for them to realize what they want to do after high school.

Some important information that was given by the counselors was that seniors should be preparing these important things to graduate high school. Go into the workforce, go to a technical school for more trade experience, or finally go to college. Mrs. Thomas gave this advice: "Graduating seniors need to have completed these few things, letters of recommendations, your decisions on what you want to do after high school weather that is college, trade school, or in the workforce. You need to have completed your FASFA (Federal Student Aid), and any possible scholarships such as the Albert-Yanni Scholarship for CTE Completers or the Davis Foundation Scholarships for students that are going into the healthcare fields."



Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Parker at Elkins High School gave these additional ideas for seniors. "Register to take your ACT or SAT again if needed. Apply to college. Send your 1st semester transcripts to colleges. Focus on your classes now and at all costs AVOID senioritis."

-Erin Hohl

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