

BAY COVE ACADEMY NOTES

The Newsletter of Bay Cove Academy

Welcome Back To Fall!

A new school year brings fresh faces and energy

As autumn brings its warm, vibrant colors to leaves in the Boston area, Bay Cove Academy's 2002-2003 academic year is in full swing. With new students and staff settling in and first term coming to a close, the halls of Bay Cove are abuzz with activity.

It's back to business in the history classroom where students are studying the Middle Ages in Europe, the rise of Islam, and African kingdoms. And that's not all, adds Dana Brinson, "We're also covering the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment, colonial America, the

early 20th century, and the rise of world war."

English Teacher Meg Lush is covering a wide selection of literature, including *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*; *The Outsiders*; *Romeo and Juliet*; and *Of Mice and Men*. "We've also focused on grammar, elements of fiction, and writing papers," Meg details.

In science, students are studying a range of topics, including: matter and elements; weathering, erosion, and soil; cells and photosynthesis; chemical reactions; and health, concentrating

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Students work hard to master new skills at Bay Cove Academy....



Workin' It

Students On the Job

Dave, a junior at Bay Cove Academy, has turned his love for cars and business into a fast-paced job at RPM Motor Sports. There, he works with rare, customized automobiles that most students his age only dream about.

Stories like Dave's aren't unusual. Thanks to Bay Cove Academy's award winning Career Development Program, students are able to secure jobs in their areas of interest for both pay and school credit.

According to Career Development Director Kathleen Pignone, "Bay Cove Academy's Career Development Program provides comprehensive job and skills training,

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

A Word on the Street with the Candidates for Student Council

And the race is on! Ten students are blazing the Bay Cove campaign trail in the upcoming Student Council election. Five candidates for President, three Vice Presidential candidates, and two contenders for Clerk are stumping the halls of Bay Cove Academy to win critical votes. Each candidate possesses a unique vision for his or her prospective office and a plan to impact the school community via the power of office.

James, a senior at Bay Cove and a candidate for President, has a wide variety of issues to tackle. "I plan to change V.I.P. and clean up the boys' bathroom. I have some other plans, too, but I have to save some for my speech," he says with suspense.

Susanne, a candidate for Vice President and a Bay Cove junior, focuses on the strengths she could bring to her Student Council office. "I'm smart and orga-

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Welcome Back to Fall...

on systems of the body.

Ryan Camire, Math department head, is having fun in all his classes. “We’re working on algebra, geometry and other advanced processes. We’re also studying and applying the four operations on decimals, creating constructions with a compass, and conducting a survey and then illustrating the results via graphing.”

John Brister, Bay Cove’s resource teacher, describes many special projects to enhance student reading and writing, such as an SAT preparation class and a program to prepare students for MCAS re-testing in December. Brister adds, “We’re doing a lot of individual assessments and tutoring. Our writing class is putting together a newsletter that has a cross-curricular connection

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career counseling, career related internships and employment opportunities. Our students develop a wide range of skills as they move from highly structured and supervised job sites to increasingly independent work situations,

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with art.”

This year’s art program features an encore unit of Simple Screamers, a curriculum in which students construct and sculpt comical monsters out of papier mâché, wire, and cloth. Other art students are building portfolios of print art.

In addition to these classes, this year’s students can fill their

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schedules with a variety of elective courses, including web design, physical education, violence prevention, independent living, and jobs.

Many students also take part in a variety of groups facilitated by Bay Cove’s therapists. “The social skills group,” according to

ending with competitive employment.”

Dave’s job requires more than just auto know-how; he uses math on a daily basis. “I use a lot of percentages, especially when we talk about profits,” he explains. Dave plans to continue working in the automobile industry as a career, and he is especially interested in the rare and special edition sports cars like the “Platinum Mercedes Benz from Thailand” he once saw at RPM.

Joe, a freshman, works on-site at Bay Cove with school cook Shirley Jones. Joe, who has an interest in the restaurant industry, works once per week preparing for lunch. “I

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Jennifer Kane (LICSW), “is in full swing.” She and Tracy Breen (LICSW) work with the group’s five students to enhance social skills and communication. Kane describes, “We talk about friends and social situations, and we also do activities to build teamwork.”

Add to a packed academic schedule a full roster of extracurricular activities. Upcoming field trips include an IMAX viewing of the Lewis and Clark story and a trip to Salem, MA. In Salem, students will explore the

Salem Witch Museum and the Pirate Museum. Trip leader Alli Carroll-Ware explains, “We’ll take a walking tour of Salem which includes the burial place of some famous American colonists.”

All and all, Bay Cove’s academic year 2002-2003 has begun on a strong note, according to staff and students alike. Rick Nault, coordinator of student services, agrees, noting, “Student interest and participation in the P.E. program has greatly increased – so has interest in the school store. We’re having a lot of successes this year.” Susanne, a junior, echoes Rick’s thoughts, and adds her own personal barometer, “My grades are good – As and Bs,” Susanne says, “It’s going to be a good year.” AN

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Student Council Candidates....

nized, and I'd make a good Vice President," she explains.

Everett, a sophomore and another candidate for Vice President, is combining his class work with his vision for office. "I would make a centralized government in Bay Cove," he says with a laugh. (His history class is studying medieval governments).

Joleen, a senior and candidate for Clerk, feels that her experiences at Bay Cove make her a good candidate for office. "I have been here almost three years and I would work hard to take everyone's thoughts into consideration and bring them to my team," she says.

Students and staff will soon vote in the upcoming election, and the new officers will take office immediately.

Best of luck to the candidates. 

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Fun Summer Learning *Offbeat & Upbeat Classes*

Come summer, when other schools let out, students at Bay Cove Academy face another six weeks of class. They soon discover, however, that their teachers are not about to put them through the same September-to-June rigmarole of math, science, English, and history.

Last summer's classes included Wild Discoveries, Building Bridges, Books & Stuff, and Stock Market Analysis.

"It's an opportunity for teachers to try some new approaches to their subjects, and for students to get involved in hands-on activities that contribute to academic enrichment," said John Brister, Bay Cove's resource teacher. He taught the Building Bridges summer course with Assistant Teacher David Coleman. David designed the course based on a competition he had participated in as a student.

"The students design and build bridges out of balsa wood then test them to determine which holds the most weight," said David. Students are awarded points for creativity and efficiency of design, and teamwork. The winning bridge held 68 pounds—plus seven phonebooks and three dictionaries.

Wild Discoveries, while focused on endangered species and natural disasters, had an underlying goal of building skills in language and the visual arts. Of the students' performance,

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Staff Profile:

Science Teacher

Allison Carroll-Ware

During her first summer at Bay Cove Academy, Alli Carroll-Ware learned the importance of precise scientific measurement – the hard way.

"We were mixing glue and a Borax solution. We used too much glue and the slime stuck to the students' hands. They walked around all day with green, slimed hands."

Bay Cove's diverse Science curriculum, which includes physical and earth sciences,

biology, physics, and health, is a perfect match for Carroll-Ware, whose background also includes education and speech-and-language pathology. She is




Allison Carroll-Ware

continuing her education through a Master's program in Creative Arts and Learning. "It focuses on ways to bring the arts into a science classroom," she

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like the responsibility of keeping things clean," says Joe.

David, another freshman, is learning the ropes of small business in a host of Bay Cove placements. A former employee of Hadassah Thrift Store, David is preparing to begin a new job at Herrell's Renaissance Café. "I like working with customers, and I especially like working with kids," David says. Through his employment, David says, "I've learned a lot about good and bad business [practices]." He plans to use this knowledge as a small business owner himself someday. 


Summer Learning....

lead teacher Alli Carroll-Ware said, “They like to do hands-on activities, and its great to see the kids get excited and create original works.” Activities included drawing, coloring, and collages, as well as poetry and other writing.

Books & Stuff blended world history with art as it explored the history and art of the written word. History Teacher Dana Brinson, and Art Teacher Alison Hodge taught the class. Students made their own paper, bound and decorated their own scrapbooks, and practiced Chinese and Celtic calligraphy. Looking at writing across cultures and time periods including the Middle East, China, Europe, and Central America, the class was able to get a brief history of human society and its

migration around the globe.

Stock Market Analysis, taught by Ryan Camire, covered topics including the history of the stock market, types of stock, I.P.O.’s, insider trading, short selling, the NYSE, bull and bear markets, and market indexes. This class proved to be a wild ride in playing the market as the group saw the second and third biggest one-day declines in the Dow’s history and, at the end of the program, consecutive days of rallies. Given an imaginary \$100,000 to invest, buying and selling followed real quotes from the NYSE.

“The students enjoyed this class, and many worked on their portfolios at home,” Ryan said. “I was happy with their dedication.” 

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

4	Term 2 Begins
11	Veterans Day - (BCA Open)
28	Thanksgiving

DECEMBER


22	Winter Begins
23	Vacation Begins

JANUARY

2	School Reopens
17	Term 2 Ends
20	MLK JR Day
21	Term 3 Begins

Carroll-Ware....

explains.

Alli feels she has found her niche at Bay Cove, stating, “I have freedom in my classroom and staff support. Plus, the kids always make things fun and interesting. This is a close-knit community.” 

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