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A Message from Dr. Schuetz - January 28, 2022

Update from Dr. Schuetz - January 28, 2022



SCHOOL CLOSURES

First, I want to thank our community and parents of the Smithville School District for their support! With districts closing their doors around us for short periods of time to manage the high volume of staff absences I wanted to provide you with an update regarding our status in this regard.

I look at two data points on a daily basis, the staff absence fill rate and student attendance. The fill rate tells me the percentage of positions where a substitute has been secured. Secondly, our student absences give me some insight as to the health of our student population. While we are taking a hit in these areas, it is not devastating at this point.

While I do not anticipate having to close our doors I understand our situation could turn south at any given time. Again, we will continue to evaluate our situation and our options if our absences threaten our ability to safely have school.

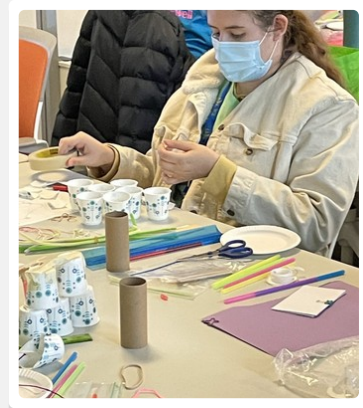
I am grateful and pleased with our ability to manage our absences thus far and obviously everyone's desire would be to keep our doors open. Thank you to our substitute teachers, administrators, teachers, and staff for all that you are doing to help make this happen!

Todd Schuetz, Superintendent of Schools



JOB SHADOW WITH ERIC CRAIG

Five Housing & Interior Design students from Mrs. Sinclair's class at SHS had the opportunity to job shadow part of the Eric Craig Real Estate Team. Students were able to see two new build homes in the construction process, were able to see a future AirBnB site under construction, and had the chance to sit in a meeting with a builder who had an offer to review. The team was inviting, welcoming, and very supportive of the students. They even had a little competition for students to make suggestions for the AirBnB and provided a prize for the winner! Thank you to the Eric Craig Real Estate Team for their continued support of SHS and providing these opportunities for students who are interested in housing and real estate careers.



INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY JR.

Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day Jr. (IGED Jr.) is a day established to help acquaint young women with the opportunities available in the field of engineering. The event introduces girls in 6th-8th grades to various engineering disciplines with interactions with women engineers, a keynote speaker, hands-on activities, and more.

Eight of our middle school girls spent the day at this year's IGED Jr. event, held on the UMKC campus. The students were matched with mentors to explore engineering activities, learn more about STEM, and ask questions about what it's like to be an engineer.



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