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BEAVER HIGH STAP

NEWSLETTER

PETE&C

Recently, some members of our STAP team had the opportunity to attend the Pete&C event. The students who went were Eleni, Ella, Olivia, Ava, Mia, Chloe, and Vivian.

While they were there, they helped Apple with their accessibility playground. At the accessibility playground, their job was to help people learn how to use different accessibility features on Apple devices. Some people didn't know how the tools worked, so they helped guide them and answered any questions they had. Chloe says, "It was really cool to see how these features can help make technology easier for everyone to use."

Later in the day, they had a presentation session with Susquenita. Instead of one big presentation, they were split into smaller groups. Each school talked about what their tech teams do and the different projects they work on. It was interesting to hear how other schools run their tech teams and what kinds of things they help with.

Overall, the presentation went really well. It felt like there was less pressure than the presentations they usually do because the groups were smaller and more like conversations. It was a great experience, and they learned a lot from the other schools and from helping people with accessibility tool.

Minion Minutes

Welcome back for February's minions update! This time, the minions have been experimenting with new apps for upcoming 3rd graders on their iPads to take better notes with. Currently the Beaver Area School District uses the app Notability to help students with note-taking. Right now, the minions personally don't think it is a good idea to switch apps. So let's see what apps they have been working with.

The first app is Notes. When interviewing the minions, they highly emphasized that they will for sure not be using Notes for future generations. The boys stated that Notes wouldn't be a good transition because of the trouble it might take for kids to try to become familiar with it. The next app is Freeform. The minions do say that Freeform is a slightly better app as a replacement for Notability instead of Notes (if necessary to switch). They say Freeform is easier to use and makes it better for other students to learn lessons while being able to take notes in class.

After further discussion, the minions want to keep Notability, the app we currently use, because it is less confusing and more familiar compared to the other apps they explored. Notability is better for many reasons including being able to export worksheets and files into a note, allowing students of all ages to navigate on the app quicker.

If you see this, make sure to email gacst@basd.k12.pa.us on any feedback about the monthly newsletters!!

Student of the Month

As usual, the STAP board (a board of higher members in the program that are in leadership positions) met to discuss innovations in STAP and to select an outstanding student in the program to be January's student of the month. For this month, the board chose Sean Perez, a junior at Beaver. Sean has exemplified a model student in STAP through his dedication, integrity, and responsibility, and he is a member of the STACS department. Congratulations to Sean Perez!

Sean Perez

Freshman Spotlight

Gracyn Rhoads

I'm Gracyn Rhoads and I'm a freshman! I'm a part of the newsletter department in STAP and I'm currently working to remodel the technology page on the BASD website. Among other things, I have a passion for my extra curricular activities like forensics, colorguard, art club, yap club, stage crew, shout, and reffing for beaver soccer! I keep myself very busy, but it's what brings me joy! I cherish my friends and my academic aspirations, as well as my family. I'm honored to be a part of STAP!

Elliana Hilty

Hey! I'm Elliana, and I'm part of teacher training in STAP. I love helping teachers and spending time with my friends whenever I can. You'll usually find me outside whether I'm fishing, baking , running track, or just enjoying the fresh air. My favorite place is the beach because it's so calming! And my favorite quote to live by is, "Being yourself is the best thing you can be."

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