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South Tech Hosts *Day of Beauty* for Southview Prom Students

Thanks to Cosmetology students at SSD's South Technical High School, students at SSD's Southview School got their hair styled, their nails manicured, and their makeup applied for prom night.

"I am so excited," said Southview student Sarah Sharp as she consulted with her stylist on the day of the event. "I am wearing a pink dress to prom. I like getting my hair done. The best part of today is going to be dancing at prom."

The day of beauty was a treat for all of those involved. The Cosmetology students at South Tech take their state board exams as part of the class and gained valuable experience working with the Southview students.

"It's all about making others feel good," said Marquisha Terry, a student at South Tech and Kirkwood High School in the Kirkwood School District. "Today we are making them feel beautiful inside and out."

Southview students were able to choose what services they wanted to receive. Hair styling, makeup and manicures were all available.

South Tech's Cosmetology program allows students to learn in a full-service interactive salon and spa environment. They use their creativity to provide a wide range of hair, nail and skincare services. And they get to work with a professional cosmetologist while developing their own point of view.

"This is such a great experience for the South Tech students to work with kids from Southview," said South Tech teacher Jean Werner. "They come away from this day appreciating the opportunities that they have."

To help the Southview students prepare for their day of beauty, their teachers and paraprofessionals helped them search the Internet for hairstyles. And then they brought pictures with them to their stylists.

Kilia Summers, a student at South Tech and Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School, summed it up by saying that it was exciting to help the students feel extra special for their prom.

"We were happy to help them prepare for prom and hope they had a lot of fun," said Summers. ■



South Tech's Cosmetology students prepare for a day of beauty with Southview students.



Caroline Kijowski, a student at Southview, gets ready to get her hair styled for prom.



Hannah Henke, a student at Southview School, gets her fingernails manicured by South Tech student Jessica Koenig as an SSD staff member looks on.



From left, Caroline Kijowski and Sarah Sharp, students at Southview, pose for an after shot with Sarah's stylist, South Tech student Miquella Allen-Cochran.

This issue of Special Edition features important dates, resources and opportunities for families, and we hope it will serve as a yearlong reference to help you plan for the upcoming school year and all it has to offer.

SAVE TIME

Need to get in touch with SSD staff? Quickly access staff by first name, last name, title or location in the searchable staff directory located at the top of the SSD website at www.ssdmo.org. Find phone numbers and e-mail addresses for staff at all levels within the organization. Or if you want to get a list of SSD contacts at a particular school or partner district, visit www.ssdmo.org/ssd_services/schools.html and click on the school or district. Lastly, contact information for SSD leadership groups like administration, Board of Education, Parent Advisory Council and Governing Council can be found under the “Leadership” tab at www.ssdmo.org. ■



Rosemary Zander
Award recipient
Deric Liddell

SAVE YOUR QUESTIONS FOR THE EXPERTS

SSD’s Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Program offers families a variety of opportunities to learn more about special education and disabilities through educational workshops, District resources, referrals, resource fairs and other special events.

A variety of free workshops are offered on topics ranging from basic sign language and teaching kids social skills to college preparation and understanding the IEP process. For more information about these events or to register, visit www.ssdmo.org/cool_tools/workshops.html



The Family & Community Resource Center (FCRC) provides a vast array of special education and disability-related tools and resources for SSD families and the community at large. The FCRC’s collection includes thousands of books, journals, videos, resource packets and more. For details, visit www.ssdmo.org/cool_tools/fcrc.html. Materials may be sent home through school mail to families whose children receive SSD services or people may visit the center to check out materials. ■

SAVE MONEY

SSD, the Special Education Foundation, the Bonhomme Lions and a variety of other organizations offer scholarships to SSD students. Applications can be found on the SSD website beginning in September at www.ssdmo.org. Application deadlines are in February. ■



Rosemary Zander Award
recipient Alexis Henderson

SAVE THE DATE

CALENDAR FOR SSD SCHOOLS*

AUG. 11, 2014

First Day of School

SEPT. 1, 2014

School closed in observance of Labor Day

OCT. 17, 2014

Teacher and staff workshops, no student attendance

NOV. 26–28, 2014

School closed in observance of Thanksgiving

DEC. 19, 2014

Teacher and staff workshops, no student attendance

DEC. 22, 2014 – JAN. 2, 2015

School closed for Winter Break

JAN. 5, 2015

Teacher and staff workshops, no student attendance

JAN. 19, 2015

School closed in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEB. 16, 2015

School closed in observance of Presidents Day

MARCH 6, 2015

Teacher and staff workshops, no student attendance

MARCH 23–27, 2015

Spring Break

APRIL 24, 2015

Teacher and staff workshops, no student attendance

MAY 21, 2015

Last Day of School

JUNE 8, 2015

Summer school begins

* Students that attend school in a partner district follow the school calendar of the partner district. Visit www.ssdmo.org/ssd_services/schools.html for links to partner district websites.

Community-based transition sites follow the SSD school calendar above.

SAVE THE SITE:

www.ssdmo.org

The SSD website offers a variety of resources, including detailed descriptions of the entire special education process. The process has been broken down into three steps, so visitors can easily find the information they need.

Step 1: Getting started at SSD

Learn about the evaluation process and special education services at SSD. Visit www.ssdmo.org/step1.html.

Step 2: Making the most of the IEP Process

Get questions answered about the IEP process, including timelines, IEP meetings and placement. Visit www.ssdmo.org/step2.html.

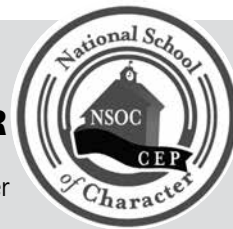
Step 3: Planning for adult life

For more information about planning for adult life, including employment, continued education, recreation, independent living, financial resources and more, visit www.ssdmo.org/step3.html. ■

Neuwoehner High School

EARNS NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER HONOR

The Character Education Partnership has named SSD's Neuwoehner High School as a 2014 National School of Character.



Neuwoehner is one of 41 schools and three school districts being recognized nationwide in 2014. It is the only one of 10 schools and two school districts honored this year in the St. Louis metropolitan region that serves an entirely special education population.

Each year, CEP selects schools and districts that demonstrate through a rigorous evaluation process that their focus on character development has had a positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate. Selected schools will serve as models for other schools, helping them to achieve the same results.

Service projects, guest speakers, monthly focus on individual character traits and bullying prevention activities are all key elements of Neuwoehner's character education efforts.

Earlier this year, Neuwoehner was among eight schools and two school districts from the St. Louis metropolitan region to earn distinction as a 2014 Missouri School of Character before advancing to the national level for review.

Neuwoehner is the second SSD school to recently receive recognition as a National School of Character. Northview High School earned the honor in 2012.

CEP will honor the 2014 National Schools of Character at the National Forum on Character Education, to be held the weekend of Oct. 30, 2014, in Washington, D.C. For more information about CEP and the National Schools of Character program, visit www.character.org. ■

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VALUES: student success • collaboration • integrity • stewardship • continuous improvement • equity

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BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

proposition S
Investing in student success

Voters showed their support for SSD and its students by voting yes on Proposition S in 2012. To follow the progress of the repairs, updates and renovation projects made possible with the tax increase, visit the new Prop S Progress section on our website: www.ssdmo.org/Prop_S/Prop_S.html

With the 19-cent tax increase, SSD is able to continue providing students with quality special education services and cutting-edge career and technical education. In the coming issues of *Special Edition*, we will feature some of the projects taking place at our schools. Thank you for your investment in our students. ■

