

Transcript of March 10, 2023 Video Message

Hello Kahok Nation. I'm Superintendent Brad Skertich.

And today we are in Mr. Watts' STEM class at Dorris Intermediate. And in a minute, the students are going to tell you what they do in STEM class, and what they enjoy about it.

First off - before we turn our attention to them - I want to remind parents that we are beginning testing season throughout the district, from the SAT, to the IAR, to the Illinois Science Assessment. It is important to have students at school with a good night's sleep the night prior, so keep that in mind over the next 6 to 8 weeks.

The most important thing in these videos as we move around the district is to showcase some of the things that are going on in our schools. And today we want to showcase the STEM class at Dorris. It is in its second year, and the most important voice we can hear from is our students, so I'm going to turn it over to them and let them tell you what they enjoy.

Hi I'm Sam Shafer, and I like going to STEM because I like doing hands-on jobs with my friends, and getting to do fun activities here at STEM with Mr. Watts.

Hi. Name is Rilee McGauley, and my favorite thing to do here in STEM is hanging out with my friends and doing all the fun crafts with Mr. Watts.

Hi. I'm Abby Gardiner, and what I like most in STEM is all the like the scary, gross things that we learn, and it's just all the hands-on activities, it's just amazing when it fits in the theme.

Hi, My name is Issac Torres, and the reason I like STEM is because I like doing a lot of crafts. And the best part of it is, I can do it with my friends.

Hi. I'm Henry Flick and the most...the fun...the funnest thing I do with STEM is the gooey, gross experiments we get to do with each other in the class.

Kahoks Love STEM!

Today I'm also joined with members of the CHS Student Advisory Committee. They meet with the high school staff, administration and members of the central office staff, around once or twice a month to talk about the good things happening in Collinsville High School, as well as how we can make changes to improve our district. But in addition to those meetings, they also have an initiative they'd like to tell you about, so let me turn it over to them to explain what they have going on to help in the spring semester.

This month, it's March of 2023, right, okay, so we're going to do a spring tissue drive!

To help our fellow teachers that might struggle otherwise to get through the season with allergies this year.

(Sneezes loudly!) Sorry! Allergies. (laughter) Anyways, the spring tissue drive is March 20th through March 24th.

It'll be located in front of the cafeteria during lunch, and there will also be a box in the office so you can drop off tissues.

Yeah. So, we're gonna have prizes if you bring in tissues to the lunch table - it's hard to keep track of stuff in the main office - um, so if you put in one box, you get a piece of candy, 2 boxes - a lanyard and a pen, three boxes - a cookie, and also everything in before for each box. So, yeah.

Come donate, please!

Woo! Yeah! Tissues!!

Thank you for your constant dedication to our students. Don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride!