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OAKMONT EDUCATION PULSE: NAVIGATING EXCELLENCE IN CREDIT RECOVERY & ADVANCEMENT

Steel City High School: A Fresh Start for Students and the Community



Since opening its doors on September 26th, Steel City High School is thrilled to serve the community with a new, forward-thinking approach to education. With over 75 students already enrolled and growing every day, we are dedicated to fostering an environment where students thrive both academically and personally.

Steel City High School offers four dynamic career-technical programs, designed to equip students with practical skills for successful futures:

- **Manicuring:** Students explore the art and science of nail care, preparing for fulfilling careers in the beauty industry.
- **Business:** This program delivers essential knowledge in entrepreneurship, finance, and management, laying a solid foundation for future business leaders.
- **Healthcare:** Students gain crucial skills for various roles in the healthcare sector, paving the way for careers that make a positive impact.
- **Construction:** Emphasizing hands-on experience, this program prepares students for diverse trades, focusing on safety, craftsmanship, and teamwork.

At Steel City High School, our mission is to empower young people to define and pursue their own vision of success. Every day is a new opportunity for a “reset”—a chance to rethink, redo, and refocus, so students can move forward without looking back.

We are committed to nurturing both academic excellence and personal growth. As Steel City grows, we look forward to partnering with local businesses and organizations to provide students with valuable real-world experiences and opportunities.

Together, we're helping students turn their dreams into reality and build a brighter future for our community!

- Submitted by School Director, Michelle Brown

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Empowering Educators: Brian Mendler’s Transformative Approach to Building Resilience and Connection in the Classroom

On October 16th, Oakmont Education’s 450 employees across 20 schools had the privilege of attending a dynamic session with the amazing Brian Mendler!

“Scream your struggles. Whisper your strengths.” This idea guides the work of Brian Mendler, educator and author of the bestselling book, “That One Kid.” The challenges Mr. Mendler faced are experiences some of our students know all too well. By leaning into the discomfort of those challenges, he was able to transform the lessons he’s learned into insights about how to diffuse power struggles with students and build stronger relationships. “Do you have the ability to stay personally connected to a student without taking personally what they do and say?” This question puts front and center the idea that in order to teach the students in our classrooms the content that is so important, we need to first prioritize modeling for them how to do hard things. The hardest of the challenges we face in life are often not math problems, but how to handle strong emotions. How do we treat others with respect, even when they are being disrespectful?

Throughout his presentation, Mr. Mendler offered key phrases that ground him in this practice, such as, “Retrain your brain to listen to what students are saying, not how they say it,” “You can only change yourself,” and “Questions are kryptonite for oppositional students.” Acronyms like “HOPE– Hearing Other People’s Experiences,” and “Listen Acknowledge Agree Defer” are simple and effective touchstones. Instead of “being the fish that gets hooked,” and pouring gasoline on the the fire of students’ trauma, we can consider Mr. Mendler’s central message– that we need to lead by example. We can be much more effective at empowering our students and teaching them that not only can they learn how to balance an equation, but they can learn to never give up hope.



Franklinton Prep High School Triumphs in Oakmont Education’s Social Media Challenge for Attendance Awareness

Congratulations to Franklinton Prep High School, the winner of Oakmont Education’s Social Media Challenge supporting the Ohio Department of Education’s *Stay in the Game!* campaign. This initiative emphasizes that student success begins with consistent school attendance. Students who frequently miss school often struggle to make up lost learning, impacting their progress.

The Stay in the Game! Attendance Network, a collaborative mission with the Cleveland Browns Foundation, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and Proving Ground, connects communities with resources to tackle chronic absenteeism. Tools such as posters, yard signs, and attendance trackers are available at stayinthegame.org/ resources, and everyone is encouraged to explore the 2024 Attendance Awareness Month flyer for additional activities.

Franklinton Prep’s dedication on social media, raising awareness and promoting the Attendance Pledge, earned them an Oakmont-sponsored lunch party. Towpath Trail High School came in a close second, demonstrating an inspiring commitment to supporting this critical campaign.

Together, educators, parents, community partners, and students can all help build a future where every student stays in the game and on track for success! District leaders are invited to join the movement and make a difference in tackling absenteeism.



Voices of Impact: Oakmont Education’s Partners Share Their Stories

From October 21st to October 31st, the marketing department at Oakmont Education collaborated with The Color Beyond film company to produce a series of impactful partner video testimonials. These testimonials featured key community stakeholders, businesses, and educational leaders, speaking on behalf of Oakmont Education and its mission. The value of having external voices championing the organization cannot be overstated. Hearing others authentically share their positive experiences and highlight the success of Oakmont’s initiatives adds credibility and trustworthiness to its reputation. It demonstrates the meaningful relationships the organization fosters and the real-world impact it has. These testimonials will be a powerful tool in showcasing Oakmont Education’s collaborative spirit, underscoring the importance of community support in driving educational excellence. Expect to see the finished product on our social media channels by the end of November.



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