

November 12, 2008

Dear Brenda,

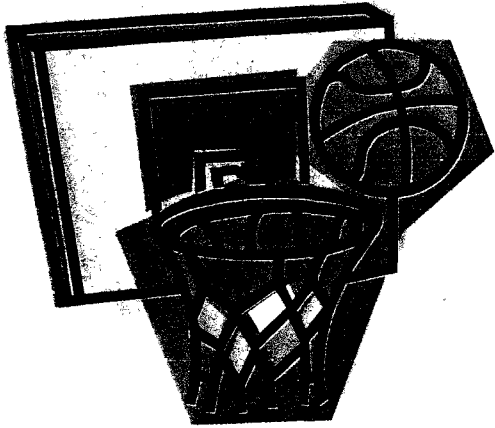
Here is a packet of the materials we shared at the “Ideas That Work” session at this year’s OACHE Conference. Here is a little Central data for the good of the order.....Coshocton’s graduating **Class of 2006** was the Central class one year before we started taking our college trips. **5%** of that class from Central went to college. The **Class of 2007** was the first class we took to college. **13%** of that class from Central went to college. The **Class of 2008** was the second class we took to college. **31%** of that class from Central went to college this fall! I am so proud of our kids and hope we are making a difference. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work at OACHE.



Sincerely,

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Ideas That Work

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- 1. March Madness Project**
- 2. College Care Package Project**





MARCH MADNESS PROJECT

1. **Assign** teams from the 64 NCAA teams/pick from a hat
2. **Bracket sheet** – predict winners by filling in the brackets.
3. **Posters**

Use 12 x 18 white paper
Look up mascot using website www.collegeboard.com
or www.espn.com
Poster must have mascot/logo picture, name of mascot,
name of college, city, and state.
Color the poster
4. **Reports**

Use the same website as above looking up information
about their college.
Use the report form to find all 20 answers.
Use the information to write in paragraph form a report
about their college.
5. **Accelerated Reader Auction Letters/Envelopes**

Write a letter, using correct letter form, to your college
requesting an item such as a t-shirt, hat, or keychain for
the accelerated reader auction to be held in late May.
Rewrite on good paper and address an envelope.
6. **Winners' Bracket**

On another bracket sheet keep track of the winners of the
games using the blow-up sheet of the brackets posted.
7. **Your Team's Progress**

Extra credit - Turn in the scores of your team, who they
played, and the winning teams' names throughout the
tournament.



NCAA Tournament Project 2005
5th Grade



Name _____
Teacher _____

College _____

****ALL WORK IS DUE _____****

English Grade:

50pts – Poster:

- 10 - College Name
- 15 - College Mascot/Logo
- 10 - City and State
- 15 - Neatness

50pts - Report:

- 5 - College Name
- 10 - Location
- 10 - Size
- 10 - Tuition
- 10 - Programs
- 5 - Facts/History

50pts –Speech

- *Tell information found from report to class.
- *Any info must be on 1 3X5 index card.

Social Studies Grade:

50pts - Written Directions:

Write directions to college from Coshocton.

50pts - Map to College:

- *Label Coshocton and college city and state
- *Label all roads, highways, and interstates
- *Show route by drawing a line
- *Map key
- *Name of college on top of map



5TH GRADE



NCAA Basketball Tournament 2005
6th Grade Project



English Grade

50 pts – Poster

- 10 – College Name
- 15 – College Mascot/Logo
- 10 – City and State
- 15 – Neatness

50 pts – Report

1 page report including:
college name, location, size, tuition,
programs, facts, history, extra
curricular activities,

50 pts – Letter

Letter to college asking for donation
for AR auction.

- 10 – Heading
- 10 – Greeting
- 20 – Body
- 5 - Closing
- 5 – Signature

Science Grade

25 pts – Athlete health report

1 page on what an athlete should eat
and why. You must include what
specific types of food do for your
athletic performance. (Example-
carbohydrates give you energy.)

25 pts – Weather conditions

Look up city in which your college is
located.

- 5 – average rain fall
- 5 – average temperature
- 5 - average snow fall
- 5 – normal winter climate
- 5 – normal summer climate

Social Studies Grade

70 pts – College Map

- United States Map with all 64
colleges correctly labeled.
- 64 – 64 College Names, city, and
state
- 6 – Name of map at top

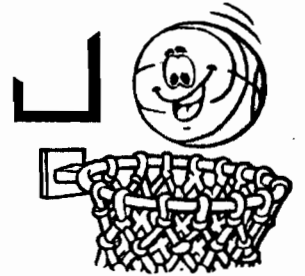
Math Grade

120 pts – Mean, Mode, Median of
game scores

- 10 – Midwest 1st round
- 10 – West 1st round
- 10 – South 1st round
- 10 – East 1st round
- 10 – Midwest 2nd round
- 10 – West 2nd round
- 10 – South 2nd round
- 10 – East 2nd round
- 10 – Sweet 16
- 10 – Elite Eight
- 10 – Final four
- 10 – Championship game

6TH GRADE

NCAA REPORT



NAME _____

1. www.collegeboard.com

2. Full College Name _____

-type in your full college name in the search box "college quickfinder"

****spell it correctly****

-pick your correct college from the results listed

3. ***Be sure you have chosen the correct college. Look at the city and state to be sure. If you are still unsure choose a college, and then look under the sports to see if the mascot matches yours. If it does not then you have the wrong college. Ask for help if you are still unsure***

4. College Address _____

5. College website _____

6. Degrees offered _____

7. Size (degree seeking undergrads) _____

this is the number of students

At the top click on "admission"

Go to the bottom of the page

8. High school preparation _____

At the top Click on "cost & financial aid"

9. In state tuition & fees (living on campus) _____

10. Out of state tuition & fees (living on campus) _____

11. Cost per credit hour in state _____

12. Cost per credit hour out of state _____

COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE



College Care Package

Through our initial OACHE grant, we took our first group of 5th grade students to visit colleges during the 1999-2000 school year. These students graduated in May 2007. Last fall some of them entered college. To continue our project with those students we decided to send care packages for their "finals weeks."

- **Found out the names of the students in college from our high school guidance department**
- **Called the parents of those students for addresses**
- **Fifth/sixth grade language classes wrote "Good Luck on your finals" letters to the students**
- **Held a fundraiser to make money for snacks**
 - **bake sale**
 - **pajama day**
- **Bought boxes and variety of snacks**
- **Sent the letters and goodie boxes right before finals weeks - late November**
- **Repeated the activity for spring finals - late April**

Several of the college students came to school to thank our students and tell them about college. Some wrote thank you letters to our students. We plan to continue this activity every year.





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“THE FUTURE IS NOW”

History of our grant project...

- 1999-2000** Initial Two year OACHE grant \$5500/year
Four college trips: Muskingum College, OUZ/Zane State,
OSUN/COTC, and Hocking College
Study tables - one/two days a week
Red Central T-shirts
Guest speakers from the community
- 2000-2001** Five college trips: Muskingum, OUZ/Zane State, OSUN/COTC
Kent State and Hocking College
Study tables – one/two days a week
Red Central T-shirts and Coshocton Redskin sweatshirts
Guest speakers from the community
- 2001-2002** No OACHE grant
Received assistance through colleges, principal,
superintendent, PTO, and Coshocton City Schools Foundation
Four college trips: Muskingum College, OUZ/Zane State,
OSUN/COTC, and Kent State
Study tables – one/two days a week
Red Central T-shirts and Coshocton Redskin sweatshirts
Guest speakers
National Honor Society partnership
March Madness project
Presented at the OACHE conference- Roundtable
- 2002-2003** No OACHE grant
Received \$1000 from OACHE, candy sales, school dances
Five college trips: Muskingum College, OUZ/Zane State,
OSUN/COTC, Kent State, Jefferson
Study tables – one/two days a week
Sixth grade accompanied to Jefferson Community College
Red Central T-shirts and Coshocton Redskins sweatshirts
Guest speakers
National Honor Society partnership
March Madness project with letters to 64 NCAA teams
Accelerated Reader Auction with donations from colleges

2006-2007

Six college trips: Muskingum College, OUZ/Zane State,
OSUN/COTC, Jefferson, Kent State, and Hocking
Study tables – four days a week
Sixth grade accompanied to Jefferson and Hocking
Red Central T-shirts and Coshocton Redskins sweatshirts
Guest speakers
National Honor Society partnership
March Madness project with letters to 64 teams/Ohio colleges
Accelerated Reader Auction with donations from colleges
“Where did my teacher go to college?” hall bulletin board
Teacher showcase of college memorabilia
Presented at OACHE conference - CHS seniors from first college grant trips
Senior CHS students presented to Coshocton School Board
Took numerous sophomores/juniors (former Central students) on our visitations

2007-2008

Two year OACHE grant \$2000/ year
Two year Coshocton City Schools Foundation grant \$2000
Five college trips: Muskingum College, OUZ/Zane State,
OSUN/COTC, Jefferson, and Kent State University
Study tables – four days a week
Sixth grade accompanied to Jefferson and Kent State
Red Central T-shirts and Coshocton Redskins sweatshirts
Guest speakers
National Honor Society partnership
March Madness project with letters to 64 teams/Ohio colleges
Accelerated Reader Auction with donations from colleges/community
Presented at OACHE conference – “Successful elementary project”
College freshmen “goodie boxes and good luck letters” project
Took numerous sophomores/juniors/seniors (former Central students)
on our visitations