

Fast Pace of Technology at Kids Zone

The evolution of technology is one aspect of the few attributes of life that is certain. Every six months it seems that new devices and upgrades are being put out on the market. Acquiring data by analogue devices barely exists, and the digital age has engulfed every aspect of our lives.

Here at Kids Zone we recognize this phenomena and have implemented a Computer Technology course and embarking on the Science Technology Engineering Arts and

Mathematics (STEAM) projects as a major part of the Science curriculum.

The technology lab at Kids Zone recently underwent a revamp with new PC's and Windows 8, a teaching station, and tablets that will be used for one on one training.



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Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall and Kids Zone Volunteers



Recently in September, the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall arrived in Lincoln City, OR at the Chinook Winds Casino. Volunteers were needed to help find names in the registry, as well as to assist visitors to locate names on the actual wall. Two teens, a board member, and a teacher volunteered at the wall and came back with a deeper appreciation for the veterans.



Microsoft Word

Here at Kids Zone we start with the basic foundations and build up to high levels of achievement. With that in mind the Computer Technology course began with the use of Microsoft Word, and learning how to utilize all the aspects Word has to offer.

Teaching this compo-

ment of the Office Suite was broken down into age groups of K-1, 2-3, 4-6, and Teens. The two younger groups did simple typing games to learn keystrokes, homework reports, and how to use thumb drives to save

their work. The 4-6 grade group learned keystrokes, how to add and use clip art, how to write a proper report with titles and fonts. The teens learned how to also write proper reports as well as how to take notes for classes and developed ABC flashcards for use by Kids Zone staff for K-1 tutoring.

Microsoft Power Point

Microsoft Power Point is becoming a pivotal point in the way teachers exchanged information to the students. Most schools do not utilize the blackboard anymore and instead are using power point slides in both high school and college.

Again the use of this software is broken up into age groups. 2-3 grade have been exposed to the uses of Power Point. 4-6 grade are beginning to utilize the tools for making slides for their science class. Creating the slides included incorporating structured concise sentences of the topic, clip art or internet photos allowed through the software, and developing their own art work and placing within a slide.

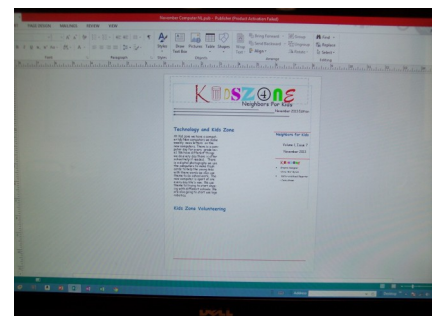
The teens being exposed to this vehicle of information transfer have been using power point to develop posters for their classes or for helping to promote Kids Zone events.

Microsoft Publisher and Journalism

Publisher has taken on a key role in the computer technology course as the main software for developing the monthly Kids Zone Newsletter. Currently Publisher is only being used by the teens, with 4-6 grade gaining exposure.

The teens take the time set aside in class for Publisher as a time to also incorporate Journalism into their curriculum. To date, Kids Zone has published seven monthly newsletters, with more to horizons to expand

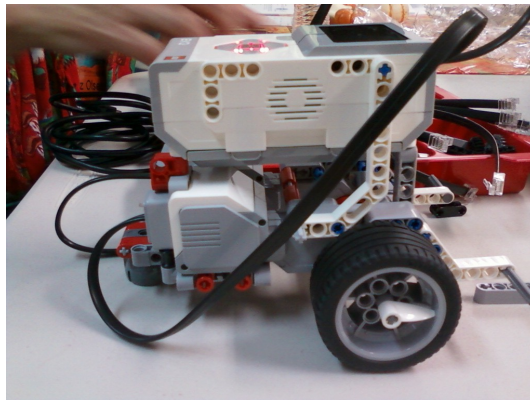
upon in the future.



Lego Robotics Software

A new and invigorating component that will be implemented in the up coming months is Lego Robotics. Students will construct projects in science class to focus on engineering, and program in computer tech class their creations using special software designed by Lego.

Potential projects range from drag cars, catapults, sumobots, ramp crawl-



Lego Robotics Sumobot

ers etc. Each individual creation will need to be pro-

grammed with specific sequences to ensure the robots function properly and function for their specific task.

Most projects are centered to be close to 90 minutes from start to finish. Afterwards, each group will sit down together and talk about how they cooperated together and what more they can do to work as a team.

Paint and Pivot

Not all days in computer technology class are stringent, as some free time is allowed for the students to learn other computer skills not taught or required in class.

Two favorites for the students to use are Paint and Pivot. Students use Paint as a way to use their imaginations and create their own digital art work.

Pivot is downloadable software off the internet that allows students to create their own animations for

fun. This software also teaches the students how to work together in small groups and to share ideas.



Laci's Jellyfish

Kids Zone Kids of the Month!!



Name: Angelina Luttrell
Grade: 1st
Age: 6 years old
Career: Teacher

Angelina was selected as Kid of the Month for the excellent friendship skills and superior sportsmanship that she displays.



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NEIGHBORS FOR KIDS

Mission Statement: Neighbors For Kids' mission is to provide youth in our region with educational enrichment, positive youth development, and recreational activities; all in a safe environment which focuses them toward healthy lifestyles and leads them to become responsible, contributing adults.

Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to helping kids reach their full potential.

We are always interested in new volunteers, so please click that tab, above, if you'd like to apply to become a volunteer—working with youth groups is a great way to spend your time!

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Turkey Trot and Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)



3 mile and 1 mile run
Suggested Donation: Canned or dried goods or \$3
All food will be donated to the Depoe Bay Food Pantry
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PIC

PIC is designed for parents to be actively involved in Kids Zone. Parents are taking a role in fundraising and create awareness, acting as spokes people for all Kids Zone parents.

Meeting are held twice a month to discuss up coming events and the PIC would like to invite more parents to join. If you are interested contact Kids Zone at (541)-765-8990.

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