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**POLARIS CENTER**  
Guiding students to learn and grow

## OCTOBER 2025 NEWS & NOTES

### DETERMINED LEARNERS!

These students are being honored for their strong drive to succeed & the great effort they put into their iReady diagnostic testing. We are proud of you!

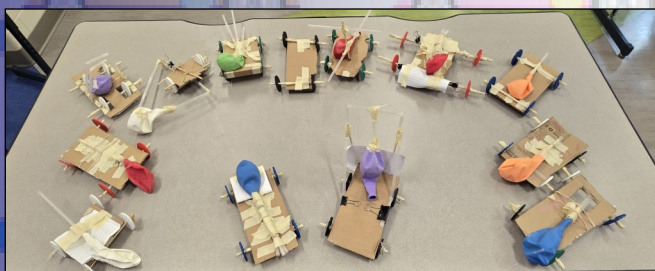


### WORK, WORK!

Students in our Workforce Ready program have been busy putting time in on the clock! We have taken on two new worksites this fall with the addition of CT Cat Connection in Windsor & Burlington Coat Factory in East Hartford.

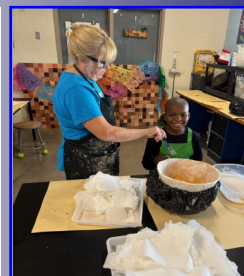


Students over in the STEM lab were busy this month harnessing the power of air! Their first STEM project was to build a car powered only by the air escaping from a balloon. While fun and competitive, this project taught the students about aerodynamics, friction, axle design and mass. To make things even more fun, we had a competition to see whose car went the farthest, and whose went the fastest.



### CREATING FOR A CAUSE

Art students have been busy creating centerpieces for the CREC Foundation's 11th Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Event. Revenue generated from this event will directly benefit recipients of CREC scholarships including the Bruce Douglas Scholarship for Overcoming Adversity.



Students created & hung Papal Picado festival banners throughout the school in honor of **Hispanic History Month**. They were created by cutting elaborate designs into sheets of paper. Papal Picado is a Mexican folk art that dates back to the 16th century.

### 2025-2026 PROGRAM HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
8am—2pm

Wednesday  
8am—12:30pm

**NO SCHOOL**  
**October 13**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**TYLER \* ALEX \* KENDRICK P. \* JACK  
URIAH \* PRYCIEN \* CHAKIRIS**

These students have excelled at upholding  
our three core values:

**BE SAFE | BE RESPECTFUL | BE RESPONSIBLE  
KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**