

Cedar Cliff Special Interest News

Teacher- Mrs. Kamps

November 2017

Special Interest Stock Market Teams Participate in Break Out Activity

In preparation of the PA Stock Market Game simulation, Special Interest students participated in a timed break out activity, similar to an escape room, during their flex periods to solve stock market related problems and puzzles in a 45-minute time period.

Presently, eight Special interest student teams are competing in the simulation, which runs from October 10-December 15. Student teams have "\$100,000.00" to invest in the market. Currently, a team from Boiling Springs is in first place with an equity of \$109,538.04.

Stock Market Break Out Winners Rachel Lyden and Ella Miller Lions, Tigers, Bulls, and Bears, Oh My!



Congratulations to Rachel and Ella who solved stock market problems to break out of four locks on three boxes with 9:45 left on the timer! Students had 45 minutes to break out. Six Special Interest teams participated in the challenge.



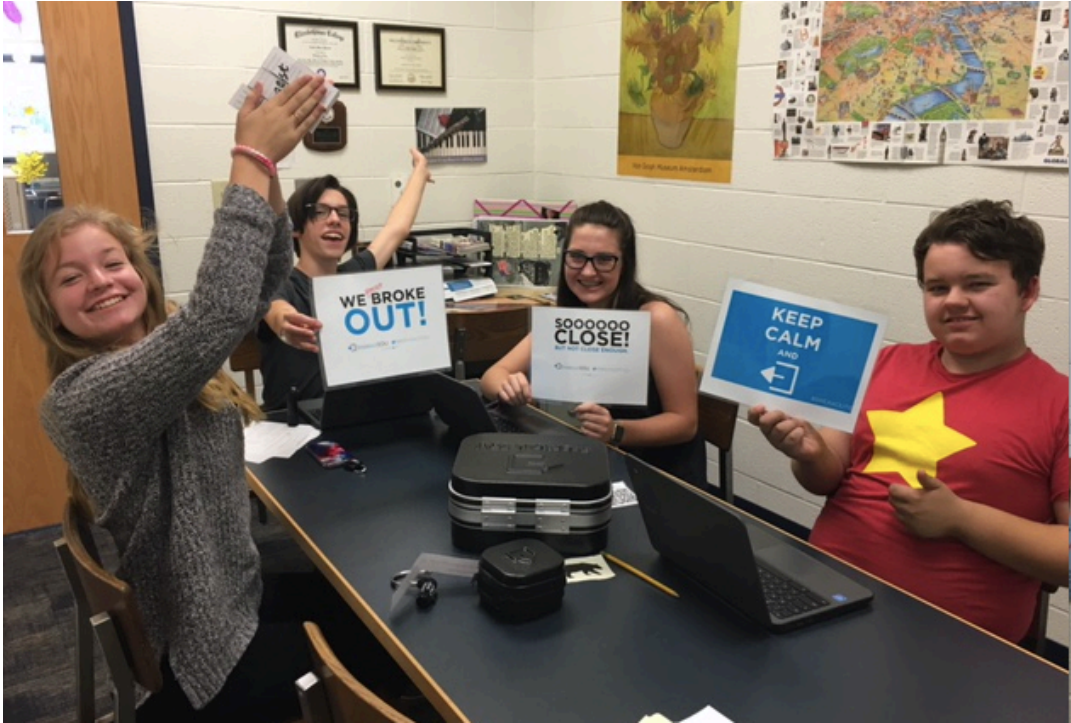
Lamont Mahoney,
Will Farrell, and
Thussenthan Walter-
Angelo broke out with
7:26 left of the 45
minutes.

Karina Chima and
Abby Runkle broke
out with 32 seconds
left!

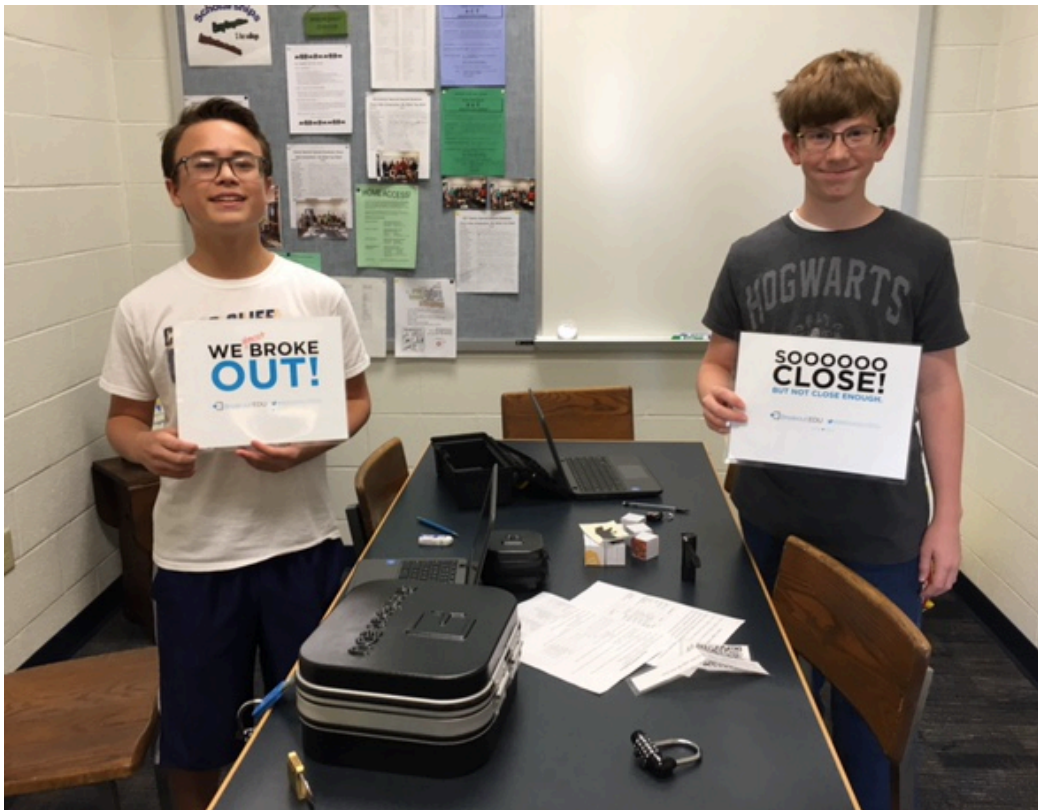


Garrett Helvy broke out just
under the wire. Haven Smith
helped at the beginning
before an early dismissal.

Sooo close for Kassidy, Eli, Lily, and Cayden!



Zyler and Brendan ALMOST Broke out too!



New Tradition for Special Interest Graduates and Freshmen



At the beginning of the school year all 9th grade Special Interest students (pictured above) met with Mrs. Kamps to receive notes of encouragement and advice from the Special Interest students from the class of 2017.

The graduates wrote the letters in May of their senior year reflecting on what advice they wish they had received when they arrived at Cedar Cliff. Here are the top suggestions:

1. Get Involved
2. Take Difficult Courses
3. Take Three Years of a World Language
4. Participate in Special Interest
5. Study Skills are Important
6. Ask For Help
7. Don't Be Afraid to Fail
8. Use the Library
9. Speak Up Against Bullying
10. Don't Cheat

Many of the graduates shared their majors, where they're attending college, and contact information. Each 9th grade student received a packet of thirteen letters. We will be continuing this tradition in the years to come!

Aidan Moretz, Cedar Cliff Special Interest Alumnus, visits Cedar Cliff as a Lehigh University Ambassador



On Monday, October 16, 2017, Mrs. Kamps welcomed Aidan Moretz, pictured far left with Anthony Perez 12th grade. Aidan returned to Cedar Cliff to speak with flex students about college life at Lehigh University. Aidan is a freshman attending the university majoring in mechanical engineering.



Pictured above from right to left counter clockwise: Hunter Anderson, Zylar Woof, Fiona Hilt, Katie Addams, Anthony Perez, Aidan Moretz, and Brendan Moore

Upcoming Special Interest Activities

Scholastic Writing

Rough drafts are due to Mrs. Kamps on November 28. Final drafts for submission are due Wednesday, December 13. For more information and samples of award winning work visit: <http://www.artandwriting.org/>

3-2-1 Academic Competition

Cedar Cliff Special Interest students will compete on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 8:00-10:00 AM in the CC library in this online nationwide academic competition. All Special Interest students had the opportunity to sign up to participate. Participating students will be responsible for missed classwork.

History Day Competition

The theme for 2017-2018 is *Conflict and Compromise in History*. Interested students may submit individual or team entries in a variety of categories including: performance, project, documentary, web design, and paper. The competition will take place on Saturday, March 3 at Messiah College.

Academic Worldquest Competition

Special Interest students are forming teams to compete in the World Affairs Council Academic Worldquest Competition. Students will be studying international topics such as Combatting Climate Change, NAFTA, Cybersecurity, and Saudi Arabia. This year's competition will be held on Saturday, March 17 at Elizabethtown College. Last year our students traveled to Washington D.C. to compete at the national level!