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Better to do something
imperfectly than to do
nothing flawlessly.
—Robert H. Schuller

VPA Poetry Reading By Kelly Ellis

Dr. John Gorman was a guest speaker for the School of Visual and Performing Arts first community outreach event on October 16th. Dr. Gorman has his BA from the University of Notre Dame and his MA and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, and he currently teaches American Poetry, Texan Images III, and Modern Poetry at the University of Houston Clear Lake. He is exten-

Students continue to gather & listen to Dr. Gorman read even in light rain showers



sively involved in the writing community, reads frequently at various venues, and has served as a mentor to many local poets. Dr. Gorman is published widely and is the author of several



Banks Miller takes a turn reading his own poem

chap books; in fact, we were privileged to hear some of his early poems from one of his books. Despite a power outage, an alarm that sent us outdoors, and inclement



Dr. J. Gorman, guest poet

weather, Dr. Gorman continued to read as students listened, transfixed. Two Clear Brook students — Sydney Burrows and Banks Miller — then read some of their own poetry to the crowd of listeners that had gathered outdoors. It was a unique event, and all who attended felt privileged to have participated in this poetic "meeting of minds."

One of Nation's Busiest Hazmats Visits Brook

HAZMATS are Hazardous Materials vehicles. In conjunction with the externship Ms. Hunt, our Science Department Chair, experienced in the summer, the HAZMAT truck and crew visited the Clear Brook campus. Students were encouraged to step aboard the truck and see all of the chemicals and safety gear used by one of the busiest trucks in the nation. Crew members escorted and explained the items carried by the truck. There are plans to have follow-up chemistry lessons related to the visit. What an exciting time for our science students!



Students gather 'round as one of the crew members explains different equipment

Congrats, Red Ribbon Week Door Winners



Mrs. McComas
CAPS



Mrs. Motes
VPA



Mrs. Mullins
BATS



Mr. Samp
Overall



Mr. Chang
EATS



Mr. Hiser
Medical

Random Spotlight



Doug Hiser is a new face in the medical field, teaching Advanced Art I. He has also coached football and enjoys soccer, doing his own art and writing. He is the published author of several books, including: The Honey Bee Girl, The Secret Grotto, Lost Oasis, Wink-Eye Creek, and Crow Canyon among others, and will read his short story, "The Barefoot Girl" at the Coffee Oasis on Monday, November 6 at 7pm.



Jennifer Birge teaches IPC for the School of Fine Arts. Her hobbies include drawing, reading, calligraphy, 80's and Big Band music, and says, "I'm a sucker for a good video game." She enjoys the Super Nintendo and Atari 2600. She has traveled to both England and France as an adult sponsor for senior trips from the Nettleton HS in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and has lived with a host family in Sweden.