College App Week at Middle Schools

It’s never too early to promote a college going culture in your schools! Middle schools present an excellent opportunity to start getting students excited about post-secondary education.

The focus of College App Week at high schools is applying to postsecondary education; at the middle school level, College App Week encourages students to start thinking about college and begin planning for their future.

Utilize CollegeforTN.org

Review Site Coordinator training materials and contact the Tennessee Higher Education Commission if you have questions.

- Students can create their accounts.
- Students can explore their interests using activities like the Career Cluster Survey and Interest Profile.
  - https://secure.collegefortn.org/Career_Planning/Learn_About_Yourself/Learn_About_Yourself.aspx
- Students can explore the College Planning Timeline to see what they can do NOW.
  - https://secure.collegefortn.org/College_Planning/Prepare_for_College/College_Planning_Timeline/7th_Grade.aspx

College Gear Day

- Encourage teachers and staff to wear apparel from their alma mater. Students can wear apparel from their favorite postsecondary institution.
- This is a great way for teachers to start a conversation about their college experience.

Door Decorating Contest

- Create college buzz with some friendly competition. Which homeroom can design the most creative college themed door decoration?

Homeroom Workshops

- Create mini-lessons for topics like decision making and setting goals that teachers can implement during homeroom.
- For curriculum and lesson ideas, see what the College Foundation of West Virginia has done.
  - https://secure.cfwv.com/Home/Roads_to_Success/Grade_8.aspx

Guest Speakers

- Recruit professionals from the community to talk to students about their careers and postsecondary experience.

College Facts Trivia

- Ask College Trivia questions on the morning announcements or during lunches.