

Down the Hall

What is the best gift you have ever given?



"Blood, after the Sept. 11th tragedy."
-Brandy Payne
Junior

"I let the girls look at me."
-Ben McKibben
Sophomore



"Mamaw Jewell stories, because you're guaranteed a laugh."
-Tammy Reynolds
Chorus Teacher

"I gave a woman at church a candy dish; it was the only present she got that Christmas."
-Christina Amyx
Junior



"Cookies and milk for Santa Claus."
-Josh Hale
Senior

Co-op students missing out

BY INDI RUHE

You have just gotten back to school from morning co-op and you enter the gym, which is where you were told to go for a program when you got back. To your surprise the gym is completely empty.

If you would have been able to listen to the morning announcements you would have known that the program was going to be held in the auditorium instead.

"It gets aggravating, because we never know what's going on," says co-op student Kaliesha Robinson.

Mr. David Riddle, who supervises the co-op program, said he tries to keep the co-op students up to date by giving them packets that contain the morning announcements and the other things that will be going on throughout the day, such as programs that may occur.

Morning co-op students are missing out on a lot of things, not just the morning announcements.

Voting is another concern. When you are a morning co-op student

you don't get the opportunity to vote for Homecoming Queen, Jam-borje Bowl Queen, and also Who's Who for the yearbook. Not being present also decreases the chance that a student could even be nominated.

This may not seem very important to some, but when you're in high school, those things are important.

Attendance seems to be another issue that needs addressing.

According to the office, if a co-op student misses, then they will be caught up with the next day.

However, one teacher notes that a morning co-op student has missed third and fourth blocks at least three days this semester. This student presented an admittance slip, but computer records still indicate this student has only missed one day.

Perhaps most importantly, morning co-op students are missing A/A, and are unable to do any work on their IGP folders which are

required for graduation. They are done in A/A and morning co-op students are unable to attend A/A because of their work hours.

One solution to the problem is to move A/A to the beginning of first block, instead of between first and second, and make A/A daily, instead of once a week. In addition, require ALL students to attend, even co-op students.

If all students were required to attend a daily A/A, they would be able to hear morning announcements, attendance could be taken in A/A, students would be able to spend some time working on their IGP folders, and would be able to take at least some part in high school life.

According to Mr. Riddle, the co-op program continues to grow as more people call, requesting student workers.

As the program continues to grow, so can the problems teachers and students are facing.

What do you think? What issues are concerning you? Do you see a problem that administrators should be aware of, but aren't?

Express your ideas in a letter to the editor, and let your opinion count!

Fifteen Minutes of Fame

What do you do in your free time?

Work at Wendy's, go to the movies, hang out with friends

If you had to cut off any body part, which one would it be?

Ears, because it would look funny

Where do you think you'll be in 10 years?

Good nursing job, nice house and car



Name: Pam Shackelford
Class: Junior