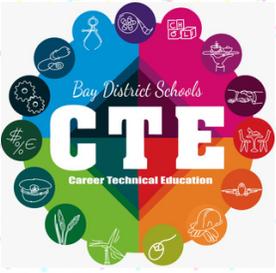


# Who Else Needs to Know?

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION NEWS  
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## The Important Stuff

Thank you all for your patience (with me) as we have navigated the start of the school year! On more than one occasion I thought I knew what I was doing, only to learn that I was clueless. I am proud to say that we have started the process of bringing digital tool certifications to elementary students in our district. Southport Elementary has over 100 students working on ICT Fundamentals and Into to AI. Tyndall Academy has joined the party with over 100 middle school students working on the same certifications. The data from these groups will be critical to future opportunities with digital tool certifications.

## What's In This Month's Issue?

- 1st Friday
- Ag at Bozeman
- Aviation
- Culinary
- Tyndall Triumph
- Merritt Brown PLTW Grant

## Business is Boomin'

I believe our programs are a beacon of light for the local community. Our teachers and students shined their light at the 1st Friday event. Multiple members of the Chamber reached out with positive comments. Several members inquired about getting more access to the programs and wanting to help support the growth of our CTE programs. The Agriculture program at Bozeman continues to do great work. The students were recently featured in a short video discussing "Bug Out Bags." The link has been shared in an accompanying email.



## Premier Aviation!

Premier Aviation is headquartered in Quebec, Canada, and will soon open its second location in Bay County! Premier is an international aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul company that focuses on regional-sized aircraft. Premier will soon begin work on opening a two bay hanger at the local airport (ECP). This company will bring 250 “high-wage jobs” to our area over the next four years! The team at Haney Technical College played an integral part in landing this aviation company. The CTE Team is already at work planning for a High School Aviation program!



Aviation!

## CULINARY/VISITPCB



In June, Bay District Schools received a gift of funds from our partners at VisitPCB. This money (\$175,000) was given for the purpose of improving and enhancing the High School Culinary and Hospitality programs. We recently received 150 new books for our Culinary programs. These new books will replace the current books which are several years old. The new books will be a huge benefit to our students as they are now learning the most current ServSafe standards that are equal to those standards on the ServSafe Food Manager exam.

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## Tyndall Tech-No Birds

In July, Tyndall Academy began the implementation of its summer engineering and robotics club. Tyndall will also implement an after-school club focused on VEX Robots. These programs have been funded with grant money from Triumph Gulf Coast. Fourteen students participated in twelve days of activities, with perfect attendance this summer. The students worked with drones, 3D printers, ICT CyberSecurity, and coding. The summer event culminated in a parent showcase where the students were able to demonstrate their newly learned skills.



**Tyndall Tech!**

## MERRITT BROWN

Merritt Brown has recently been awarded a Project Lead The Way grant in the amount of \$9,000!! This grant will be used to start an Engineering program this school year at Merritt Brown. The program at Merritt Brown will use PLTW curriculum that will provide foundational skills for our High School Engineering Programs. These are integral skills as the students will enter BDS High School programs with prerequisite knowledge!



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