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JMS students take assessment, welcome visitors



All four were checked out the next day, media specialist at the school said.

Chad Crews, an educational entertainer, helps seventh graders choose books in the media center during a break between performances.

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Eighth grade students at Johnakin Middle School recently took the Kuder Career Person Match Assessment. This assessment provided students with value-added guidance for college and career exploration. The assessment provided each student with a report of their results immediately following completion of the assessment. Reports are available from any Internet location and students are encouraged to review their results with their parents or guardians. Sixth and seventh grades have began taking the South Carolina Occupational Information System (SCOIS) assessment, which provides them with information they need about careers, career clusters, colleges, college majors and more. Students can save all of their information to their electronic career portfolio and can use the SCOIS Career System from home. The website address is <http://www.scois.net/>.

Also, Bill Saye, a motivational speaker, recently shared his message with the Johnakin Middle School eighth grade. He is, as he states, “not proud” of what he has done, and said he shares his life’s story so those who hear it will not commit the same mistakes. He said he draws from his experiences as a gang

member, drug dealer and mobster to give students real stories of the horrors of breaking the law. He seeks to do this in a way that shows concern for each of those listening, speaking plainly and eloquently, keeping each student's attention from beginning to end. His message was centered around making good choices, staying off drugs and living a clean life. He donated two copies of each of his books, "Unconditional Pardon" and "Mister, Can You Help Me?" to the school's media center. Earlier in October, Chad Crews, an educational entertainer, presented "Authors of Mystery and Horror." Teachers and students said they were thrilled with his performance and students listened to his words and raised their hands to be selected to participate in his program at Johnakin Middle School.

The program is designed to promote interest in the literary works and lives of several famous authors, such as Edgar Allen Poe, Bram Stoker, Mary Shelley, Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini. Students witnessed many spooky and mysterious effects that emphasize the works and strange connections between the lives of these authors. Students who had the opportunity later "raced" down to the media center to check out the books discussed. Excited students "gobbled" up books from the media center display and the shelves. Almost all the authors discussed have been checked out and quite a few are "on hold" for others when the books are returned.