



Linda Hall joins CRCS Rebels Noah Alles and Jordan Shaller in Mr. Cappelletti's Social Studies class room on their first day back to school.

Today's lesson in Mr. Cappelletti's Social Studies classroom was on Government. Linda Hall is the Director of Rural Outreach in the United States Department of Education. Her questions for the kids were. Do you know what you want to be in the future? Are you planning on going to College? Who of you is considering being a teacher? What do you want to teach? She received the full spectrum of answers. She paid close attention as our students explained their plans for the future and how teaching was the direction of choice for a few of them. Then she pointed out the growing demand for quality teachers at the time they will be graduating College. She captured the attention of everybody in the room with her listening skills, thoughtful responses and kindness. What a pleasure to have in our school for our students to meet.



Chris Cappelletti explained and had the students demonstrate how they are 21st century innovators. Through the use of technology and innovative teaching and learning methods the students were

consuming information from primary and secondary sources on their iPads. They were creating an understanding of our Federal Government and where Linda Hall fits in. She reports to Arne Duncan the Secretary of Education who reports to the president and is a part of his cabinet. Her message was very clear. For America to regain its competitive position in the world it has to start right where the students were sitting. It starts with the very best education for our kids. And she is serious about making sure that is taking place in rural communities across America just like Cuba-Rushford.



From the vantage point of the wetland observation deck Scott Jordan shared his vision for CRCS Outdoors and all the students that participate in it with Linda Hall, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ed Zaller, Lee James, Ginger Malak and others after his students introduced them to the wetlands and the species the students study from this vantage point.



Scott Jordan shared with Linda and others information about CRCS outdoors. The turkey and deer collaring program, The Fish Hatchery, The Deer Project and the student travel opportunities. The trips allow students to further explore the environment that they share on this planet. The message is “The

animals are the hook, learning life skills in the environmental conservation settings is what students will be able to use in our competitive world economy. In the pond the students maintain are two 6 foot paddle fish that the students have raised from the time they were 1inch long. The Brook Jordan and her fish Hatchery team also showed Linda and the tour group the fish hatchery. This is where a team of students maintain a brook trout breeding tank similar to a small scale fish hatchery like NYS DEC maintain to keep our trout stocked throughout the state. All in all the CRCS students like Ivy Reynolds from the FFA do a wonderful job sharing the exciting ways they are preparing to solve the opportunities for improvement there generation will be dealing with.



Another high light of the tour was seeing Cody Card in action. In collaboration with the Pursuit Channel Cody Card edits student generated content for a nationally televised TV show called CRCS Outdoors. The show is about the students, their hunting trips and the importance of conservation and protecting our environment. Cody utilizes the skills that he developed in his Video Creation and Editing class to bring the shows together from beginning to end including adding animation that he has created. If you get the chance check out the show Saturday mornings and let him know what you think.



Dillon Lewis showed Linda Hall and Jeffrey Schwartz his use of triangulation to track the location of the collared deer that is one of the ongoing CRCS Outdoor Research Programs. Dillon and his team track deer that they previously captured and put radio collars on. With this information combined with weather patterns and lunar data deer activity can be better understood and predicted. This data is used to compare and contrast similar information that is collected on deer in Texas. Some of the CRCS outdoors students have gone down to Texas during February break to share their findings and attain better a understanding of the similarities and differences between Texas deer and white tail deer of the Cuba area.