

21st CENTURY NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember...

- November 22 -24: No Program
- December 1: Program ends at 5:30pm.
- December 15: Family Night and Last day of Fall program. Field Trip to The Big Thrill Factory!



December 2016 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 st	2 nd
			*Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Carrots Cinnamon apples French Bread	*Beef Sloppy Joe Corn Peaches Hamburger Bun
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
*Chicken Bulgogi (Korean Chicken) Steamed Carrots Mandarin oranges Steamed rice	*Shepard's pie Peaches Garlic butter biscuit	*Chicken Alfredo Green beans Pineapples	**Cheese Raviolis w/ Red Sauce Fresh Garden Salad w/ Ranch dressing Fruit Cocktail Italian bread	*Pizza Sticks Chopped salad Pears Marinara sauce
12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
*Chicken Sandwich Steamed carrots Mixed fruit Hamburger Bun	*Chicken stir fry Steamed Rice Mandarin Oranges	*Chunky beefy Chili Cornbread muffin Apple slices	*Turkey ala king Green beans Peaches Biscuit	*BBQ Chicken Pinto Beans Pears Corn Bread
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd
*Lasagna hot dish Broccoli Pineapples Italian bread	**BBQ Meatballs Coleslaw Pears WW bread slice	Chicken Fajita Black beans Peaches Tortilla Salsa	*Cheeseburger Carrots Bananas WW bun Ketchup	Closed Bag lunch options available
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th
Closed	*Chicken Nuggets Mix veggies Apples BBQ sauce	*Mac & Cheese w/ beef Peas Mix Fruit Italian bread	Chicken fried rice Diced Carrots Pineapples	*Bean & beef burrito Mexi-Corn Banana Salsa

Staff Profile: MS. CAPRICE (by Tatiana Dean)

What is your full name? Caprice Marie Whimper



How long have you been with 21st Century and why did you choose to work at 21st Century? I've been working at 21st for about nine months. I chose to work here because I've always wanted to work with kids. At first I wanted to be a children's doctor, but it wasn't the work I wanted to do with kids. I wanted to build relationships with kids that would benefit their everyday lives. So when my brother told me about 21st and the work he did here, I knew that this is the job I wanted.

What do you think about the students at 21st Century? I feel like each scholar is great in their own way. Each and every one of them has their own unique personality and that's one of the main things I love about them. They are always full of energy. It's never a dull moment when I'm at 21st.

Which school did you go to and who was your favorite teacher and why? Middle School: Osseo (hated it). Chiron

Olson (hated it). Afrocentric Academy. My favorite teacher there would have to be Mr. Sheban. He was really funny and made me feel like it wasn't just a check for him.

What are your concerns for the future? My concern for the future is that the violence in North Minneapolis will continue to rise.

What makes you happy? My family and spending time with them.

Tell us about the funniest experience you've had. It was about three winters ago and my brother, my friend, and I were walking to the store. There was a lot of ice on the ground and my friend told me to watch my step. I got really smart with her and then ended up slipping. My brother and my friend started laughing, but as soon as I hit the ground, I tripped her and then she tripped him, so in the end we all fell like dominos.

Tell us about the saddest experience you've had. My saddest experience is when I found out my brother was murdered on October 31, 2007.

What are your hobbies? Reading, and chilling with family.

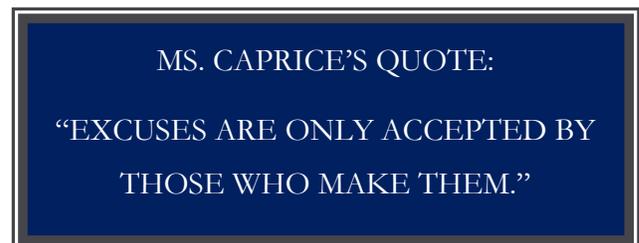
What are your talents? Cooking.

What are you not good at? I'm good at everything :)

FAVORITES:

Sport: Football. **Animal:** White tiger. **Author:** Eric Jerome Dickey. **Song:** "Strength" by India Arie. **Season:** Fall.

Food: A hot ham and cheese sandwich.



Staff Profile: MR. MATT (by Tatiana Dean)

What is your full name? Matthew Timothy Hamilton



How long have you been with 21st Century and why did you choose to work at 21st Century? I have been with 21st Century for 2.5 years. I started as a volunteer then became staff. I wanted to work with youth and empower them to grow and learn.

What do you think about the students at 21st Century? I would give my life for any one of them. They bring me so much joy and I consider it a blessing to be able to work with them.

Which school did you go to and who was your favorite teacher and why? I went to middle school and high school in Fergus Falls, MN at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. My favorite teacher there was Mr. Preston because he was easygoing and knew how to teach students in a casual way. I went to college at MSUM in Moorhead, MN. I don't remember the name of my favorite professor, but he challenged my perspectives and held me accountable to my potential.

What are your concerns for the future? My concerns for the future are firstly the scholars at 21st Century. I fear for what the implications of a Trump presidency mean for them. I fear for their well-being and their opportunities. I also am concerned about the state of our country and how divided we are. I am also concerned with widespread ignorance about many important issues.

What makes you happy? Spending time with the scholars at 21st Century brings me a lot of happiness. Also, spending time with my wife, my family and friends, and my two dogs.

Tell us about the funniest experience you've had. A couple summers ago, I was fishing with my brothers from the dock on a lake. One of my brothers cast his line into a tree sticking out over the water from the shore. My other brother, being the

adventurer that he is, decided to climb the tree to retrieve the lure that was stuck on a branch. He climbed up the tree, got to the branch the lure was on, and started crawling towards it. As he was moving toward it, I thought I heard a crack, and told him to get down. He kept going, and right before he reached the lure, the branch broke. I saw my brother, still hanging on to the branch as it fell, fall all the way down into the water and make a huge splash. As soon as he said he was okay, it quickly became a very funny moment!

Tell us about the saddest experience you've had. The saddest experience I've had I will say was also one of the most meaningful experiences I've had, and it stretched over the course of a year. I lived in Atlanta, GA, and worked at a shelter for homeless youth. I learned a lot about the injustices they've faced and continue to face on a daily basis, how cycles of poverty and homelessness affect people so young and innocent,

MR. MATT'S QUOTE:

"DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT."
(MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

and the exploitation they face.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy camping and almost anything outdoors, spending time with my family and dogs, and playing poker.

What are your talents? I am pretty good at reading people, knowing when they are lying or being honest, and I'm a pretty good cook!

What are you not good at? I am terrible at anything artistic, from music to painting or drawing. I even have bad handwriting! I am also not good at making difficult decisions quickly.

FAVORITES:

Sport: Football. **Animal:** Dog. **Book:** *It Starts with Food*.
Song: "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley. **Season:** Fall.
Food: A well prepared steak!

FUNNIES



Q: IF A FROG PARKS
ILLEGALLY, IS HE A TOAD?

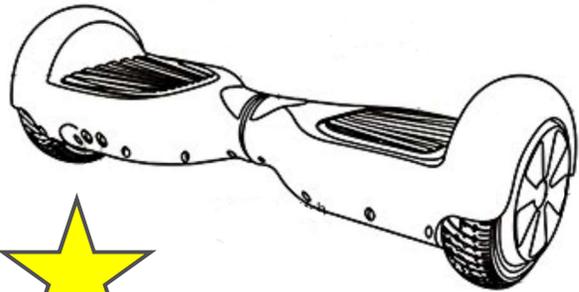
Q: WHY DID THE GIRL
PUT ON MASCARA
DURING THE QUIZ?

A: BECAUSE IT WAS A
MAKE-UP TEST!



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NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DID, NO MATTER WHERE YOU'VE COME FROM, YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE, BECOME A BETTER VERSION OF YOURSELF.

- *MADONNA*

YOU MAY ENCOUNTER MANY DEFEATS, BUT YOU MUST NOT BE DEFEATED. IN FACT, THE ENCOUNTERING MAY BE THE VERY EXPERIENCE WHICH CREATES THE VITALITY AND THE POWER TO ENDURE. - *MAYA ANGELOU*

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE; YOU'LL END UP HAVING MORE. IF YOU CONCENTRATE ON WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE, YOU WILL NEVER EVER HAVE ENOUGH. - *OPRAH WINFREY*



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