Kudos to NECA for a successful research collaboration with Mrs. Payton-Roby! Mrs. Payton-Roby, Ms. Amaker and Mrs. Rivieccio, Mr. Defelice, Mrs. Rorick, Mrs. Husain and Ms. Kober met often to design an incredible lesson on ethics in business that integrated ethics in research. After a successful library orientation, students engaged in a three-day lesson where they learned about the importance of being information literate in this digital age. This era has been referred to as the fastest growing age since the beginning of time, which has made it impossible to keep up with.

Today, as we know, anyone can be an author on the Internet, which compromises our online resources. Certain skills are required in order for students to engage effectively in using information. Students learned how to synthesize, detect credible information, use multiple resources, decipher hidden messages in visual literacy, scrutinize information for biases, etc. Video clips, Prezi, and PowerPoint tools were used as visuals, which kept the lesson interesting. Students worked independently, in small groups and in whole classroom settings. Built in ready-assessments like the red, green, and yellow cup and a kinetic running trivia assessment were integrated each day.

Mrs. Payton-Roby has been asked to research with NECA again this year for both 9th and 10th grade students. ***If you wish to learn more about how you can collaborate with Mrs. Payton-Roby, ***Please, see her in the Library!***

Lunch Bunch Book Club: High School Students Do Read! Keep Our Club Going! Donate a Book to the Book Club!

Each year Mrs. Payton-Roby struggles to obtain funding for her book club that has continued to grow with each passing year. She has gained funding from DonorsChoose, The Father’s Club, Brien McMahon, Stew Leonard’s, Mr. Roberts, etc. In order to keep it going, she needs funding or book donations.

The Club has been featured in the Hour Newspaper and has received wonderful feedback from club members. The number of members increases yearly, but reached an all-time high at the Activity Club Fair this year, where 49 students signed up! Mrs. Payton-Roby’s commitment to reading encourages her to continue to seek funding tirelessly.

If anyone knows anyone who would like to donate books, knows of an organization that would support this literacy initiative, or would like to become a sponsor for a Book Buddy team (a team of two students paired together to read one book) please see Mrs. Payton-Roby in the library media center.
In “Credible” Resources to Use:

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⇒ Linked to national & state standards
⇒ Contains varying resources like newspapers, reference, primary resources, journal articles, etc.

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Celebrating the Independence and Contributions of Latinos/Hispanics
http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/

Featured Author: Julia Alvarez’s family lived in the Dominican Republic until 1960s when her family escaped from the dictatorship of Trujillo and fled to the USA. Julia was 10 when her family returned to the USA after their first failed attempt in the 50s. She developed a love for writing early in life as she learned about her own culture through oral tradition. Her desire to write was shaped by her inability to speak the English language. Julia did not become a published writer until she was 40. Her message to writers is to keep writing and not to be discouraged if you do not get a book contract immediately! She is responsible for writing: Finding Miracles, In the Time of the Butterflies, Something to Declare, Before We Were Free, How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents, etc. Check out her books on our library display!

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