

Climax-Scotts

Highlights 2024-2025



KALAMAZOO RESA

Career Connect

Career Awareness & Exploration (CAE)



Xello & EDP Support

Educational Development Plans were revisited with all **7th and 8th grade students** at Climax-Scotts. Classroom lessons were led by KRESA Career Development Consultants, giving students the opportunity to explore their transferable skills, learn about Career Clusters, explore careers aligned with their favorite subjects, and update their experience timelines in Xello. Special thanks to the teachers for welcoming the Career Connect team into their classrooms and supporting these valuable learning experiences.

Climax-Scotts students logged into Xello a total of **3,514 times** this year with an average of **7.26 times** per student. Students logged in the most in January.



Experiences

- The Get Real Reality Fair is a hands-on budgeting simulation giving students a taste of real-world financial realities. Students have the chance to experience how life choices and events connect to financial wellness. **Students in the 9th grade** had the opportunity to experience the Reality Fair this spring during Dielle Madison's BMA class. Following the event, students had the opportunity to add to their experience timeline in Xello.
- The Career Connect Discovery Lab visited Climax-Scotts in the fall. A total of **88 students in 5th and 6th grade** engaged in hands-on, interactive career exploration activities related to careers in manufacturing.

Family Engagement

Career Connect staff hosted a table at JR/SR high conferences in the fall to connect with families, raise awareness of Career Connect opportunities and answer questions for students and families.

Notable Partners

Career Connect staff supported Mr. Haynes in securing KVCC as a partner to provide financial aid information during conferences.

Future Opportunities

The Career Connect team looks forward to continuing our partnership with Climax-Scotts for the 2025–2026 school year. Potential opportunities for collaboration include:

- Xello training for staff and families
- Connecting students with industry partners through guest speakers, industry tours, and more
- Financial literacy and entrepreneurship education
- Tools and resources that support family involvement in career learning
- Participation in the Career Champions Fellowship Program

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