



Accessing quality education world-wide: bridging the gender disparity

By Olivia Smyka olivia-smyka@ccaschools.org

Many of us have heard the story of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani girl who was shot by a member of the Taliban for speaking her mind about girls' access to education. Since that fateful day in 2012, Malala has continued to campaign for bringing about change to make girls' education more equitable.

There are at least sixty million girls in the world who do not have access to an education, and many of these girls live in third world countries like Pakistan. According to the news company VOA (Voice Of America), one reason that many girls in Pakistan do not go to school is due to fear of violence, as thousands of rapes, kidnappings, and killings occur in Pakistan each year. Another reason

has to do with Pakistan's government not investing much money into education.

In other countries, such



as Ghana, girls often do not have access to education due to living in poverty and therefore not being able to pay for things such as uniforms and food, according to UNGEI (United Nations Girls' Educa-

tion Initiative). Long distances from home to school are also a factor for why girls are not able to go to school.

Luckily, with activists like

Malala petition caused Pakistan's government to release the Right to Education Bill. It states that every child who is between the ages of five and sixteen has the right to free education.

Pakistan isn't the only country that has experienced changes in education for girls. An organization called World Bank (which, just like Plan International, helps girls have access to education), gave scholarships to thousands of girls in Ghana. The scholarships help girls aged fifteen to seventeen pay for their tuitions, books, and uniforms. The scholarships essentially help them complete their education.

"[Improvement of girls' education] would change gender equality issues in these developing countries," said

CCA Eastern Cultures teacher Gretchen Muhlenbruck.

She also explained that making education more accessible for girls could help to increase the age of marriage (as many girls in developing countries marry before they become adults), reduce birth rates, and change the perception of women as 2nd class citizens.

Though girls' education still has a long way to go in order to become more accessible, activists like Malala Yousafzai and organizations such as Plan International and World Bank have made efforts in places around the world so that more girls will have opportunities to learn.

"Education is empowering and these women need to be empowered," Muhlenbruck stated.

Two paw-some additions to the American Kennel Club

By Caroline Black caroline-black@ccaschools.org

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show: a yearly event that's very popular thanks to all the dog-loving citizens of America. While it's certain not everyone's favorite breed will win, it's nice to see all of the beautiful, handsome, and oftentimes goofy canines on the big screen.

With 332 breeds of dogs, 190 of which

are recognized by the American Kennel Club that are in the dog show, it's not common that new breeds pop up. This year the total breeds recognized in the AKC have increased by two, these additions being the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje (pronounced neigh-der-land-sa coy-ker-hund-ja) and the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen.

The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen has been placed in the hound group, where they can compete with their smaller cousins, the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen. While slightly bigger than the Kooikerhondje, standing 15.5-18 inches tall and weighing 40-45 pounds. They originate from France, more specifically in the department of Vendée located on the west coast. Their purpose was to track and hunt animals such as boars, deer, rabbits, and hares. Today Vendéens are still used to hunt boars, but as with

most breeds, are commonly enjoyed as companions. While they are never high-strung, they have a high level of energy that demands the need to be exercised. Unlike the Kooikerhondje, Vendéens are friendly with anyone. Also unlike the other newly accepted breed, Vendéens are not known for obedience. Fortunately, they are willing to please, which can be a boon when it comes to training.



For information on the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, visit our website at: theanchorccahs.weebly.com

Invaluable importance of service animals

By Holli Duke holli-duke@ccaschools.org

Service dog handlers can only be asked two questions:

1. "Is that a service dog?"
2. "What does the dog do for you?"



Any type of service animal can be a crucial part in any person's life. Whether it be for vision or a mental disability, service animals are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act National Network as animals that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. There are a couple main types of service animals and what they can help with.

It takes roughly one to two years to train a dog to be a service dog. This training includes things such as un-

derstanding signs of mental distress, being able to retrieve things for their owner, and also reminding their owner to take certain medications if needed. After their training, typical service animals work for about six to eight years before retiring.

Service dogs and animals are facing abuse by people who fake an illness or injury to obtain the animal as well as people putting the animal in an unsafe situation due to the lack of training or instruction. In 2015, Florida adopted House Bill 71 which provides that knowingly and willfully misrepresenting oneself as being qualified to use a service animal or being a trainer of a service animal is a second degree misdemeanor. Upon conviction of the offender would be required to perform thirty hours of community service that serves individuals with disabilities.

Service animals are a great tool to help anyone with a disability, but there are also emotional support animals that can help aid a person with a mental disability. The Americans with Disabilities Act National Network states, "While Emotional Support Animals or Comfort Animals are often used as part of a medical treatment plan as therapy animals, they are not considered service animals under the ADA. These support animals provide companionship, relieve loneliness, and sometimes help with depression, anxiety, and certain phobias, but do not have

special training to perform tasks that assist people with disabilities." In order for a pet to obtain an emotional support title, the person just has to get a letter from their physician stating it is in their care plan.

Under The Fair Housing Act (FHA) a landlord may not reject a housing application due to the service animal, even if the landlord has a "no pets" policy. This includes dorms for college students with a mental disability; they may bring their service animal or emotional support animal.

Animals and more specifically dogs, are used for more than just service. Many foundations use their animals or dogs for more serving the community. According to Therapy Dogs International and their program called "Tail Waggin Tutors" their program goals and objectives state, "Many of the children chosen for this program have difficulties reading and as a result have developed self-esteem issues. They are often self-conscious when reading aloud in front of other classmates. By sitting down next to a dog and reading to the dog, all threats of being judged are put aside. The child relaxes, pats the attentive dog, and focuses on the reading."

Visit USAservicedogtraining.com to register an animal or dog for training courses near you or gain information on emotional support services.

CCA Booster Club

Thank you to our business sponsors for boosting us into the summer season!



- ACE Refrigeration
- Big Country Seed
- Casey's
- Charlie's Welding
- Chris Campbell
- Christian's Carpets and Fine Flooring
- Central Automotive
- Clark Orthodontics
- Cleanscape, LLC
- Court 45
- Croco Orthodontics
- Creative Man
- Elite Sports
- First Trust & Savings Bank

- Freeman Construction
- Gaffey Insurance
- Hart-Frederick Consultants
- Iowa Stone Supply
- Johnson County Refuse
- Jon's Ice Cream Shop
- KS Photography
- Letter B, LLC
- Little Clippers Child Development
- McCreeedy Ruth Construction LLC
- McDonalds
- Mosley's
- Neuzil & Sons Grading Contractor
- Oehl Plumbing and Heating

- Off Campus Auto Repair
- Old Creamery Theatre
- Olson Photography
- Pet Health Center of Tiffin
- Prime Properties, LLC
- Quality Care Storage
- Sky Zone
- Solon State Bank-Tiffin
- Sorensen's Water Conditioning
- South Slope
- The Depot
- The Family Dental Center
- Tiffin Creekfest
- UI Community Credit Union