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Two Apollo's Collide

Central York High school is by far one of the most unique schools there is. Its enormous size and tech savvy mantra sets it apart from a lot of other schools. But what really characterizes Central York High School, is its one of a kind program called Apollo. This blended program combines English, art and history. It creates this wonderful work environment where students can create their own projects and set their own goals. With the guidance of three highly qualified teacher, the students in Apollo are able to create projects that don't just lie around. The projects reach out into the community to make a difference.

The Apollo program at NASA is dedicated to finding new ways to look at space exploration. Most famous is their Apollo 11 mission, where the United States sent the first man to the moon. The Apollo program at NASA is designed to create new technology and to gain knowledge on the lunar environment. As much as the Apollo program has had great success, it have also had great failure. Their first Apollo mission was very unsuccessful when the Apollo rocket exploded on the launch pad killing the three astronauts aboard. After that incident the Apollo program went under great speculation on whether or not they should continue. As suspected the program continued after careful evaluation and went on to have great success.

Like the Apollo program at NASA, the program at Central teaches students to learn from their mistakes. The NASA Apollo program teaches their astronauts how to deal with

malfunctions and failure. They run them through simulations and prepare them for the worst. This helps them focus on what they need to do better and how they can improve. Like Central's Apollo, they give feedback saying what they could have done better and how they could have improved. The teachers in Apollo make the students feel comfortable enough that they can get constructive criticism and learn how to use that criticism as a learning tool. All of these tools in Central's Apollo are what are used to build amazing projects.

At NASA they use different tools to build their projects. However, they still get a lot of criticism. During the time of the cold war between Russia and the United States, there was the great space race. It was a race between Russia and the United States to see who could get the first person on the moon. John F. Kennedy said that the United States would have a man on the moon by the end of the decade. By 1969 Neil Armstrong said those famous words and ended the space race. Even though the teachers in the Apollo program don't have to answer to the president of the United States, they do have to answer to superintendents who can be equally as scary. The superintendents at Central York decided if Apollo gets to run the program. They come to evaluate the program and to see if there is work being produced and if the program is reaching it required standards.

Overall both programs are very structured and very unique in their own right. They consist of hard working people who strive to have amazing outcomes. The Apollo program at NASA has clearly more technology and more intense projects, but the feeling of pride and accomplishment is universal. Central York's Apollo program is designed for students to be creative and expressive about a topic they are passionate about. At NASA you have people who are experienced and study their passion and make it their job. In Central York's Apollo you are

allowed to explore your passion in hopes that one day it becomes your career. Both Apollo programs are designed to create new and intuitive things that will hopefully change some perspectives and they way people view things.