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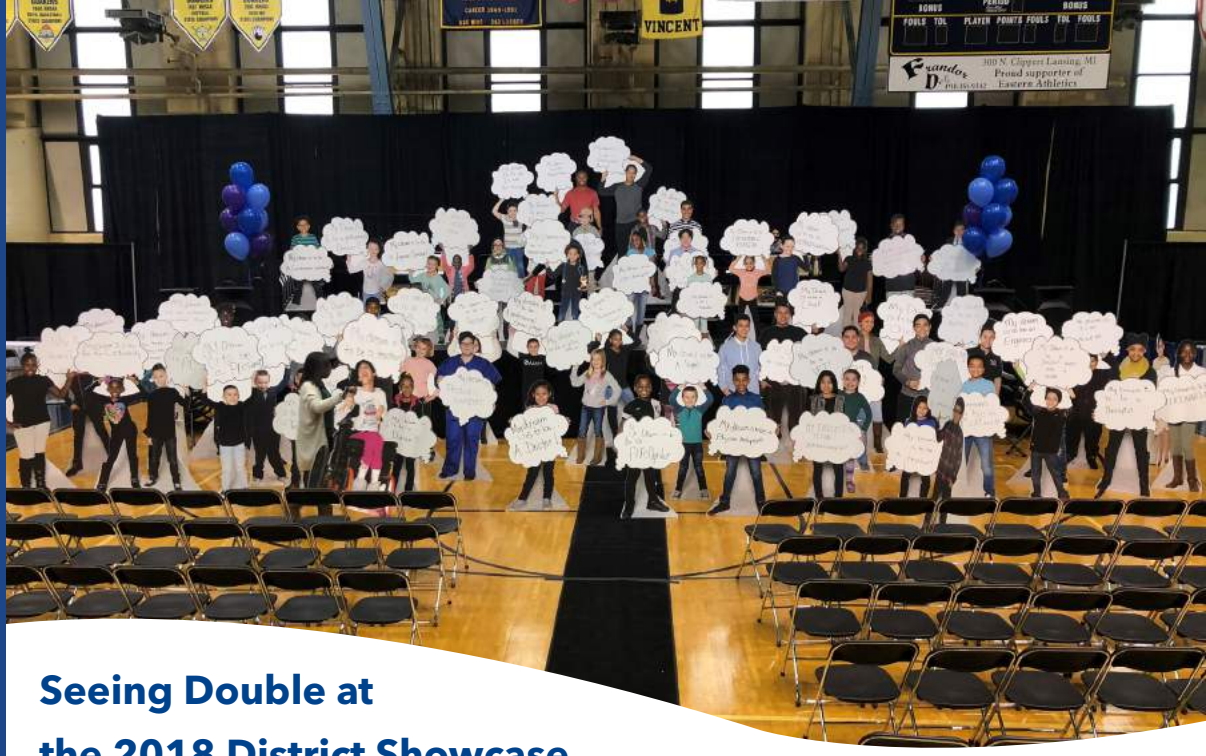

Seeing Double at the 2018 District Showcase

Lansing School District's 2018 District Showcase had its attendants seeing double, thanks to 64 life-size standees featuring current district students and their dreams. The event, which was well-attended in spite of the intense February weather, was focused on teaching current – and incoming – Lansing families how to navigate and utilize the district's pathways to achieve their dreams and unlock the added bonus of a Hope/Promise scholarship!

The single largest event that the district puts on, the showcase has become somewhat of a staple for Lansing area families. It is a place to go learn about district schools, students and staff as well as the supportive surrounding community – not to mention it is fun for the whole family. On display were each of the district's 25 schools - including six BRAND NEW magnet schools; many of the district's departments; special programs including Project PEACE and the wildly successful Summer Explorers Program; and so many of the district's wonderful community partners.

Special thanks to everyone who rolled out the stops to make this showcase out of this world.

Events

02/27 - PCAC Meeting
6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Eastern

02/28 - Late Start Wednesday

03/01 - Regular Board Meeting
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Admin.

03/05-08 - Book Fair
School Hours, Fairview

03/06 - Kindergarten Round Up
1-7:00 p.m., All KG Schools

03/07 - Late Start Wednesday
- Music Enrichment Series
7-8:00 p.m., Pleasant View

03/08 - Information Study Session
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Admin.

03/09 - Winter Band Concert
7-8:00 p.m., Everett

03/14 - Late Start Wednesday

03/15 - Regular Board Meeting
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Admin.
- Music Enrichment Series
7-8:00 p.m., Pattengill

03/21 - Late Start Wednesday

03/27 - PCAC Meeting

03/28 - Late Start Wednesday

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE DISTRICT SHOWCASE!

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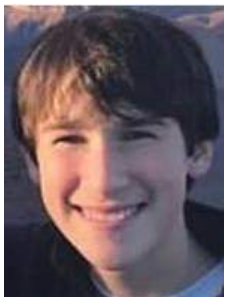

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Arts Integration at Wexford

In addition to monthly art lessons, K-3 students at Wexford are experiencing Arts Integration with Ms. Naccarato. Arts integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding of curriculum through art. Students engage in a creative process which connects visual art and another subject to meet evolving objectives.

Under the guidance of Miss Angie and Ms. Naccarato, pairs of kindergarten students created gorgeous ceiling tiles - developing skills and encouraging pride in their school (social emotional) along the way. The circles in the designs form the project's connection to math. Students used concentric circles and either warm or cool colors to create the stunning end result.

Wexford students have been integrating in several ways this year and every experience has been exciting. Students have created fabulous Kindergarten winter bears (science) using shape and line to draw. Students studying at ABNL have used art to connect learning from the real world. Through art, students have also had the opportunity to explore science by using leaf prints to represent fossils; social studies by creating Ojos de Dios in natural colors with found sticks; and a combination of the two by creating cardinals and a winter pine tree collaboration.

All points of art integration form benefits and implementation to linking arts with core curriculum. The benefits of arts teachers working with classroom teachers have been innumerable and the entire process is enjoyed by all who have the opportunity to be involved.

Parent Community Advisory Committee

Agenda

The February 27 PCAC meeting will feature a District Athletics presentation and discussion, and a review of the plans for the new Eastern athletic fields.

Dinner and childcare will be provided to those who attend.

Questions? Call Sergio Keck (517)755.2945
Find Us Online! www.lansingschools.net/parents

What is PCAC?

The Lansing School District Parent/Community Advisory Council is a district wide council consisting of parents, teachers, principals, and community members who come together on a monthly basis to discuss parents' interests, concerns, and to share important district information.

Who can attend PCAC meetings?

Any parent/guardian of a Lansing School District student as well as community leaders and citizens of the Greater Lansing Area that recognize the need for parental and community involvement in our children's education.

Why attend PCAC?

You will have the opportunity to provide important input to leaders in the Lansing School District.

When does PCAC meet?

PCAC holds their meetings every fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2017-18 Meeting Dates:
October 24, 2017
December 5, 2017
January 23, 2018
February 27, 2018
March 27, 2018
April 24, 2018
May 22, 2018

Where does PCAC meet?

10/24 @ Riddle Elementary
12/5 @ Attwood Elementary
1/23 @ Mt. Hope STEAM
2/27 @ Eastern High School
3/27 @ Welcome Center
4/24 @ Administration Board Rm.
5/22@ Welcome Center

Lansing RIF Hosts
Jackson in Action Volunteer Day

Jackson National Life Insurance staff didn't dress in red simply because it was Valentine's Day. They donned the festive hue because they are part of the company's "Jackson in Action" program. Through the program, Jackson pays their employees to do volunteer work in the community.

The group pictured above chose Lansing Reading is Fundamental (RIF). They spent the morning of Valentine's Day at the RIF office at Elmhurst Welcome Center shelving new books and those returned from school distributions. As "Shelf Elves" they did the crucial work of making sure the books are sorted, shelved, in good condition, and ready to go into the hands of district students for future distributions.

Through grants, fundraising, board members, and hands-on service, Jackson National has taken an active role in Lansing RIF, helping the organization in its mission of "helping children love to read!"

RIF provides three distributions a year to students in Pre-Primary (GSRP) through 10th grade in all Lansing schools – with an impressive total of approximately 30,000 books each school year! Every bit of shelf-elfing is part of what makes that work happen. Thank you, Jackson National!

Pictured are Jackson associates Sue Zuniga, Michael Beard, Alyssa Chandler, Felicity Davila, and Taylor White – a Lansing School District alum who still has all her RIF books!

LANSING BWL

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Electric Safety Program

Second Grade

The 60-minute presentation begins with a Safety World video. Following the video, our BWL presenter will use an energized high line hazard model to demonstrate electrical accidents that have actually occurred in Michigan.
Each student receives a copy of an electric safety activity book. Both the film and the activity book have been endorsed by the National Education Association for grades K-4.

Fourth and Fifth Grade

The BWL SHOCKING TRUTH/LINEWORKER program is available for both 4th and 5th grade students to assure youngsters in our service area have an opportunity to learn about electric safety before leaving elementary school.
The program is geared to older students and begins with a 20-minute video called the Shocking Truth. The video does an excellent job of explaining electrical concepts such as grounding. Following the video, our BWL representative will reinforce its safety messages using the energized high line hazard model. Students will each receive a copy of the The Shocking Truth About Electrical Safety discovery guide.

Both programs are available FREE of CHARGE to elementary schools in the Board of Water and Light service area.

- The program is offered in the months of December, January and February
- Schools may schedule the presentations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, during those months
- Equipment is only set up once at each school
- We can schedule up to four sessions during a school day
- No more than 30 students per session, please

Grow with Google!

Lansing School District teachers are invited to participate in Grow with Google Lansing on March 9 and 10. The event, which is the result of a partnership between Information Technology Education Center (ITEC), Lansing School District (LSD), Capital Area Michigan Works (CAMW), Lansing Community College (LCC) and Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) will allow area professionals to learn about practical, real-world application of digital skills for both their students and themselves.

Google will be doing an educator-focused day on Saturday, March 10 (10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) and would love to have as many interested educators as possible sign up! The Grow With Google website has more information (including how to register), but the content will be geared toward middle, high school, and adult educators, though all educators are welcome.

The March 10 session will contain the following parts:

- Introduction to Digital Skills in the Workplace
- Workshop: Collaborative Digital Tools for Teachers
- Workshop: Applied Digital Skills Instructor Deep Dive
- Workshop: Build an Applied Digital Skills Lesson Plan

Space for these workshops is limited, please register promptly to reserve your place!

We'll see you there!

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Attwood Receives New Water Fountain

Attwood Elementary is among 61 schools in the state that will soon have new water fountains and bottle filling stations.

As a result of a $200,000 partnership between MESSA and the Delta Dental Foundation (DDF), schools across the state will receive new water fountains/bottle filling stations as part of the "Rethink Your Drink: Water's Cool at School" program, which encourages children to drink more water during the school day.

In all, 95 water fountains/bottle filling stations will be installed across the state.

"Drinking water throughout the school day is key to staying focused and energized," said Teri Battaglieri, Delta Dental Foundation director. "Not only are sugar-sweetened beverages like pop and juice drinks bad for your teeth, they can contribute to other health issues such as obesity and Type 2 diabetes. We want more students to have access to drinking water during the day so they can keep their teeth and bodies strong and healthy."

MESSA Executive Director Ross Wilson said: "We are thrilled to be partnering with the Delta Dental Foundation on this important program. MESSA is committed to supporting education employees as they look to improve their own health while modeling good examples for their students."

Also as part of their prize package, Attwood also received reusable water bottles for students and staff.

Thank you Delta Dental and MESSA!