June 4, 2019

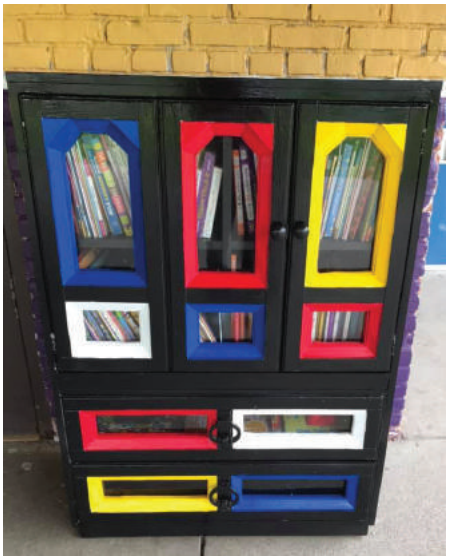
THE BRIGHT SIDE

Lansing School District

BOOKS AND FUN CONVERGE AT WILLOW

Willow Elementary now has a free library with age-appropriate books in an area adjacent to its playground! The library was painted in collaboration with Ms. Miros and our third grade students and will be replenished regularly.

Thank you to Mike and Stacy Conlin, sponsors and volunteers of Communities in Schools imagination library initiative, for having a passion for literacy in the Lansing area.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5

- 1/2 Day for High Schools - Exams

June 6

- 1/2 Day for High Schools - Exams
- Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

June 7

- Last Day of School - 1/2 day for All Grades

June 13

- Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Correction:

In the May 14 issue of *The Bright Side*, we attributed a box city project to Gardner International students. It was actually created by INSIGHTS students who came to Gardner from all of the elementary and 4-6 schools in the district.

Graduation Day!

Sunday, June 2 marked a community-wide celebration of local student achievements, with hundreds of Lansing seniors and adult education students receiving their high school diplomas.

Ceremonies began at 10:00 a.m. at the Lansing Center, where adult graduates achieving their dreams of finishing high school celebrated together.

Everett High Schools' commencement ceremony begain at noon, followed by Sexton High School at 3:30 p.m. and Eastern High School at 6:00 p.m.

"We are so proud of all our graduates," said Lansing School District superintendent Yvonne Caamal Canul. "Today we honor their accomplishments and look forward to a very, very bright future for all."

(photos continued on next)

Class of 2019

During each commencement ceremony held on June 2, 2019 for the Lansing School District students (Adult Education, Everett, Sexton and Eastern), superintendent Yvonne Caamal Canul had a brief speech before she introduced a video for each commencement ceremony called "Voices of Victory."

> "One of the things I know to be true about today is that you are ready to move forward with your lives! You are not interested in listening to one more talking head giving you advice that may or may not be relevant to you at this time.
>
> Adults love to give advice. I love to give advice, but today is not a day for advice. Today is a day to celebrate your voice and your victory! We are so proud of what you have accomplished and we know it is just the beginning. So, my gift to you today, is to let you be the voices of victory for all of us."

Click below to view each the commencement video for each graduating class:

Eastern Everett

Sexton Adult Ed

Class of 2019 Celebrates Baccalaureate

Lansing clergy, community members and school district officials came together to honor the Class of 2019 with a special baccalaureate program on May 19.

Hosted at Union Missionary Baptist Church (UMBC), the special service included, music, prayer, speeches, and a keynote address by state Representative Sarah Anthony.

The program was part of the Adopt a School Initiative, created by the Greater Lansing Clergy Forum (GLCF) in 2017. Member churches were assigned in clusters to support high schools throughout the community, so students could gain life skills, mentoring, support, and character education.

The program, which is supported by UMBC and GLCF in partnership with The Turning Point of Lansing and Southside Community Colaition and the Lansing School District, is on track to expand in the coming years.

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OF
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CLASS OF 2019

DECISION DAY at Woodcreek

Woodcreek graduates recently celebrated their commitments to the colleges they'll attend in the fall.

The Capital Area College Access Network helped lead the May 22 event. We are so proud of our Woodcreek graduates!

Lansing Students Explore Careers

Picture students standing on the floor of the Lansing Center learning to code from a computer science engineer, developing a Snapchat filter with a social media manager, or drawing blood from a manikin while a nurse helps guide them.

These were the scenes at the MiCareerQuest Capital Area on Friday, April 26, 2019.

The hands-on career exploration event drew 4,400 regional students, exposing them to jobs they may not have considered before, particularly those that are in high local demand.

More than 70 local businesses helped plan the activities, creating meaningful experiences for students from districts throughout the area.

Exhibits were divided into four quadrants: health sciences and human services; business, information technology, arts and communications; natural resources and agriscience; and manufacturing, engineering and industrial technology.

Each quadrant's exhibits engaged employers and students in activities designed to expose students to a variety of occupations and career paths available in our region and beyond.

MiCareerQuest Capital Area is the fourth regional MiCareerQuest effort in the state.

"Greater Lansing's kids deserve this kind of exposure to hands-on career exploration and to know what possibilities lie in their futures," said Edythe Copeland, CEO of Capital Area Michigan Works!.

MiCareerQuest Capital Area is being spearheaded by Teach. Talent. Thrive., or T3.

Interactions Matter: Public Safety Officers Partner with iCollaborate

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has embarked on an initiative that may now be considered district-wide as emphasis is placed on Culturally Responsive Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (CRPBIS) with a trauma-informed, restorative mindset.

It all began in August 2018, during the administrative retreat, when the director of public safety, Cordelia Black, attended an iCollaborate data review session. "As I participated in the session, I thought...our officers work every day to build relationships with students. I wonder if the officers could be observed and assessed so they could grow," said Black. "We needed some way of measuring safety officers' interactions with students and determining what steps were needed to strengthen them."

After the session, Black met with Liesel Carlson, iCollaborate project coordinator. They discussed the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) framework and the public safety officers role in schools and the answer was...yes! Let's try it!

Black believes that staff-student relationships are the district's first line of defense to the unique challenges faced by every school district in America today.

According to research conducted by the University of Virginia, students who are motivated and connected to adults demonstrate positive trajectories of development in social and academic domains.

"Therefore, assessing staff-student interaction is critical to a safe and positive school climate" said Black.

Between November and March, Carlson spent a day in each of the nine LSD schools supported by public safety officer-educators. From arrival to dismissal, she observed the interactions between DPS and students and staff through the emotional and organizational support domains of CLASS.

After the pilot observations and review of iCollaborate data of Eastern High School officers, Black met with the officers and Eastern principal Marcelle Carruthers.

"I think using iCollaborate to observe public safety officers was a benefit not only to Eastern High School, but to the district," Carruthers said. "The feedback the officers received will improve their relationship building skills and validates how important they are to the culture and climate district-wide."

Associate superintendent for school culture Dr. Karlin Tichenor said, "iCollaborate data have been used to help reshape instructional practices for teachers to engage, more intentionally, with students within their classroom. It's only fitting that we begin to apply this assessment tool to support staff like DPS officers to help us review, assess, and improve our practices from a support lens."

Black and Carlson are working together to determine what the next steps will be in continuing to become data informed. Already planned is a summer professional learning session for DPS officers with a focus on enhancing positive practices with the CLASS framework.

THE FUTURE AWAITS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 RETIREES

Together, they have nearly 575 years of service to the Lansing School District.

As we prepare to bid our 2019 retirees a warm farewell, the staff, students, families and residents of our community offer their heartfelt thanks for their dedication, talent and leadership in our community. Bon voyage!

Name	Position	Years of Service	School
Charlotte Williams	PACE Records Clerk	48	PACE
Sue Cater	Print Shop Supervisor	39	Hill
Mary Corso	Psychologist	35	Special Ed.
Jill Gilbert	Teacher	33	Beekman
Daniel Briggs	Teacher	31	Attwood
Susan Fox	Assistant	31	Attwood
Ann Wesley	Teacher	30	Averill
Rebecca Stevens	SLP	30	Pattengill
Cheryl Warren	Teacher	29	Everett
Thomas Rademacher	Teacher	28	Cavanaugh
Diane Knapp	Teacher	27	Sheridan Road
Janet Crosthwaite	Assistant	27	Cavanaugh
Soledad Ramirez-Heiler	Teacher	27	Gardner
Roxann Ellis	Secretary	26	Pattengill
Joel Lubick	Teacher	25	Eastern
Monika Rademacher	Teacher	25	Post Oak
Ann Braman	Teacher	23	Eastern
Sally Spedoske	Teacher	23	Sheridan Road
Maureen Monahan	Teacher	21	Gier Park
William Heuer	Teacher	16	Everett

Lansing School District Hosts H.S. Student Health Fairs

For the third year in a row, the Lansing School District has hosted student health fairs at each of its high schools.

This year, 14 community partners hosted tables, letting students know of the support and services available for them to use.

We focused on inviting teen friendly services that ranged from mental health support, help with relationships, support for teens and families going through rough times, and places they can go for health care needs as well.

There were giveaways, drawings and contact information shared with all the teens that took the time to visit the tables. Students were interested in learning what was available to them.

Many thanks to our participating partners:

- Women's Center of Greater Lansing
- Planned Parenthood
- Stepping Up Together
- EVE (Ending Violent Encounters)
- Families Forward (CMH - Clinton, Eaton, Ingham)
- Child and Family Charities
- Shared Pregnancy
- Lansing School Nurses
- Ingham County Health Clinics
- Community Mental Health - Outreach & Prevention
- Refugee Development Center
- Lanisng F.O.R.T. (Families Overcoming Rough Times)
- Alive
- Resolution Services

Lansing School District Launches "Full STEAM Ahead"

Thanks to a Women's United grant, the Lansing School District launched a new initiative called "Full STEAM Ahead" in May.

"Full STEAM Ahead is an initiative meant to encourage Lansing School District's eighth grade girls to excel and pursue their studies in STEAM," said Teri Bernero, who directs Lansing's Pathway Promise and HOPE/Promise Scholar programs. "Women make up only 29 percent of the engineering and science workforce, so it is important to capture their interest at a young age."

Lansing-area women working in STEAM fields (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) will help provide awesome STEAM experiences for underserved students.

As the program launched district-wide (see photos below and at right), every eighth grade girl in the district received a book, *Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World* by Rachel Ignotofsky.

Other great opportunities in store for Lansing girls include:

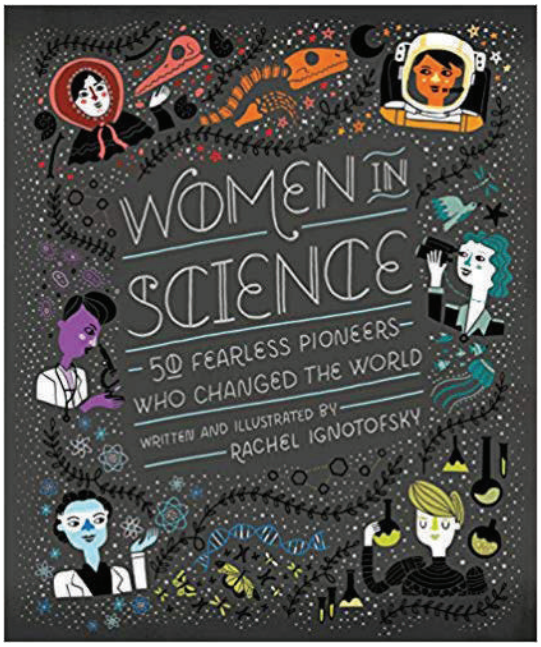
- STEM Dream Fair
- Tour of Michigan State University's FRIB
- Book clubs
- ITEC Summer Camp
- Summer STEAM
- Celebration: Movie in the Park, "Hidden Figures"

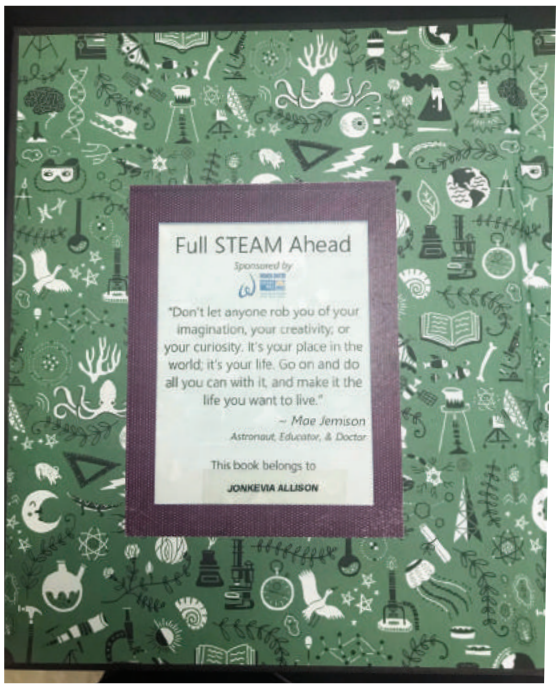
Local businesses and other community partners are helping expose girls to a variety of experiences that will cultivate an interest in one or more of the STEAM pathways.

In particular, these partners will be partnered with girls in one of several planned book clubs, where they will discuss the important accomplishments of the women featured in the book, and to also mentor them as they discuss their own studies.

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics




Full STEAM Ahead
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"Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live."
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Vanilla Greek Yogurt
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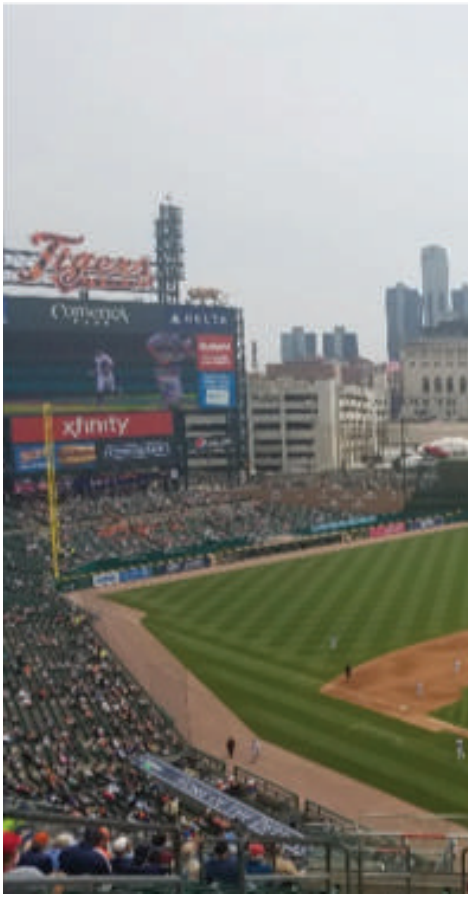
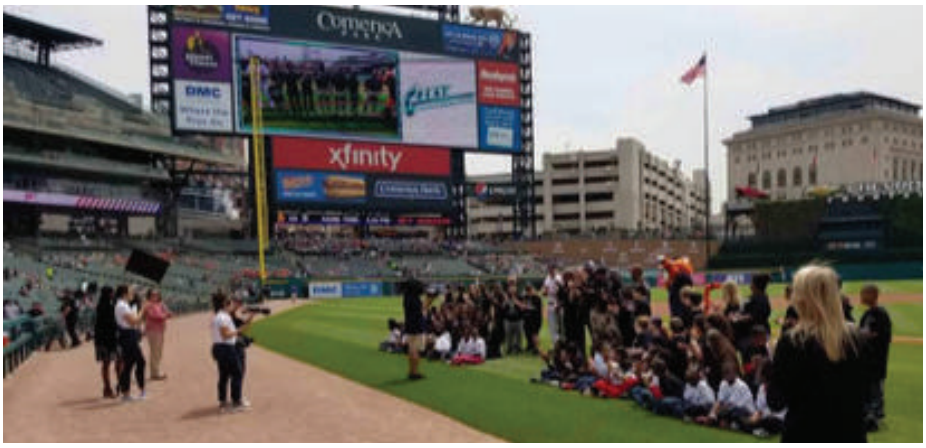
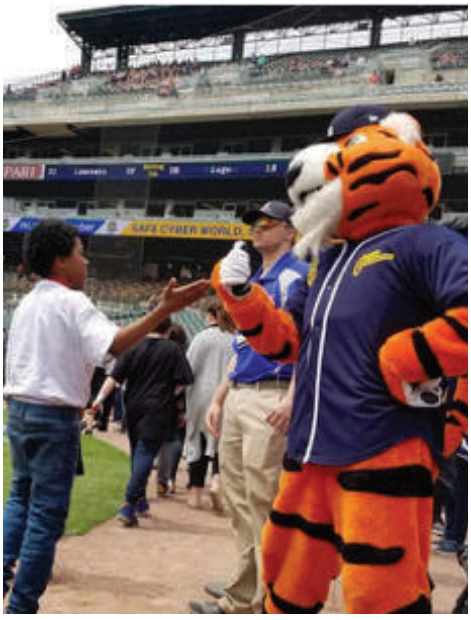
Lansing Students Visit Comerica Park





Lansing School District Department of Public Safety partnered with the Lansing Police Department to take nearly 50 fourth grade students from Wexford, Lewton, Mt. Hope and Sheridan Road schools on a field trip to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Oakland A's on May 16. The students were rewarded for participating in the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program, an evidence-based and effective gang and violence prevention program taught by Lansing police officers.



1919

On June 5, America celebrates 100 years since women obtained the right to vote. Here's how one Lansing School District leader helped write history.

Lansing School Board Member Leads Drive on Votes for Women

On July 20, 1917, then-Lansing School Board member Ella H. Aldinger stood before the White House in what was then a revolutionary act. She was protesting the President's stance on votes for women.

Her participation in the protest drew gasps back at home. Not only was Aldinger very active in Lansing's "social and educational affairs," she actually was one of the first two women to be elected to the Lansing School District board of education in 1916.

Her courageous stance on women's rights was not an easy one, however; in 1920 she nearly lost her bid for re-election because of her decision to picket at the White House (see article at right).

Aldinger utlimate served on the board for 16 years, acting as secretary, president and treasurer. She passed away in 1952 after a lifetime of service.

A century later, the Lansing School District celebrates Ella Aldinger's brave stance in support of equal rights and works to continue her legacy of leadership.

THIS SUFFRAGIST PROVES GOOD FIGHTER

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Mrs. F. C. Aldinger

LANSING, Mich., April 13.—A woman played the best April fool joke in the state capitol this year. Mrs. F. C. Aldinger, one of the White House pickets, showed the male citizenry something about politics.

Mrs. Aldinger, who is the wife of a minister here and who has addressed republican and democratic state conventions in favor of a woman suffrage plank, sought re-election as a member of the school board. The men of her ward put up a leading business man with fraternal connections who was considered the strongest timber available. They campaigned to beat Mrs. Aldinger on the grounds that her picket work hindered the prosecution of the war.

The men worked hard, bringing in voters; but the women rallied late in the day, and when the votes were officially counted, after the men had celebrated their victory on the first returns, it was found that Mrs. Aldinger had won by 9 votes.

Earth Day at the Zoo

Attwood New Tech One World students traveled to Potter Park Zoo on Earth Day (April 22) to help clean the grounds.

One World lunch clubs, led by Communities In Schools, focused this year on how students can help save and protect the planet. One World students chose to clean up the Zoo as the culmination of their year.

Attwood One World students raked leaves, gathered trash, and toured the zoo to visit the animals! Many thanks to the Potter Park Zoo for providing Attwood One World students a great day.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Lansing Students Set the Pace

Girls from across the Lansing School District participated in a local "Girls on the Run" 5K on May 19.

Girls on the Run is aimed at inspiring girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

Congratulations to our participants—hard work and perseverance pay off!

Everett Students Win Award for Public Service Announcement

The 10th-grade students at Everett New Tech High created a public service announcement (PSA) on health, diversity, or character as part of a Project Based Learning (PBL) unit.

Students were placed in groups of three or four and charged with the creation of a 30-second PSA. The final products were then submitted to the Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival.

Students traveled to Gerald R Ford Museum in Grand Rapids to discover the winners.

Two of the groups qualified as finalists and received a $75 gift card. One group won second place with their diversity PSA and received a $1,000 gift card from Meijer.

Click below to access our winning videos:
Finalist
Finalist
Second Place

On May 13, Lansing School District team members celebrating work anniversaries were honored with a special "Years of Service" reception. The event recognized many fine educators and staff for their exemplary service.

Students from Dwight Rich School of the Arts performed at the State Capitol on April 25 at the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Rally. Sharing their dance and vocal skills with the public is a huge privilege–great job!

Office of School Culture secretary LaNette Hester will achieve her lifelong dream –singing on the Carnegie Hall stage in New York– on June 9, 2019.

She will be participating in the Robert Ray's Gospel Mass during the "Calling All Dawns" Concert.

"This has been a dream of mine for many years and the fact that it has actually come to pass is absolutely remarkable and humbling to say the least," Hester said.

The Everett jazz band played at Impressions Five Museum on Saturday, May 11 as part of the Adopt a River cleanup activities downtown. The students were awesome. Thanks to Lansing BWL for sponsoring the jazz band!

Oon May 20, students from across the district came together to share their achievements in the written word at the Calbery Writing Contest award ceremony. Congratulations!

Students and staff from the Everett Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program have been coming to the Beekman Riding Center on a weekly basis since February and assisting with various activities, such as barn maintenance, horse grooming, and riding. Thanks for all your hard work this year!

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3RD – 8TH GRADERS

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TOPICS:

- HOMEWORK
- TEST PREP
- WRITING
- SPEAKING

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

Wednesday sessions are from 3-7 pm on the following dates: 6/19, 6/26, 7/24, 7/31, and 8/7.

CI-MSU PRESENTS

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FRIDAY SESSIONS

Friday sessions are from 1-5 pm on the following dates: 6/21, 6/28, 7/26, 8/2, and 8/9

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