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Above: Gardner LL&G students strike a pose for a group photo after their community service project on September 25.

Gardner Students are UNIFIED

Over the past several years [Project UNIFY](#) has been establishing itself as a national school-based program. Though Project UNIFY's structure and implementation strategies vary, the idea remains the same: bring students with and without intellectual disabilities together to increase athletic and leadership opportunities for all involved, with the end goal of creating communities of acceptance for all.

Project UNIFY is created in a way that allows it to fit within each school's goals and existing programs. At Gardner Leadership, Law and Government, one of the implications is to empower and activate youth to create opportunities for and with them in sports, friendship and advocacy such as community service.

This year, the first Project UNIFY project at Gardner LL & G was a school-wide beautification project that took place on September 25. The project involved establishing partnerships with high-profile organizations (such as the Lansing Police and Fire Departments) as well as the Special Olympics and Lowes, who graciously provided the two full pallets of mulch that made the project possible. Staff at Gardner donated rakes, shovels and other tools for the students to use. The labor was provided by Project UNIFY students at Gardner as well as staff as well as supportive community members.

Carolyn (CJ) Wilson and Catherine Heyd are Project UNIFY teacher-coordinators of grades six through eight at Gardner LL&G. Using Project UNIFY, they are promoting a school community of inclusion and acceptance for all students. Gardner LL&G has UNIFIED sports teams, youth summits and rallies, student-led r-word and anti-bullying campaigns and other student-led projects.

While at the community service event, the Bright Side was informed that Gardner LL&G would like to add a student-painted trash can (that showcases Project UNIFY through hand prints) to the front of their school. If you or someone you know has a trash can to spare, please contact [CJ Wilson](#) or [Catherine Heyd](#).

Thanks again to all who participated!

Events

10/5 - Bond Community Input Meeting
6-7:30 p.m., Sexton

10/7 - Count Day

- Late Start Wednesday
All Schools

- Safe Walk to School
Fairview

- Parent Teacher Conferences
4:30-7:30 p.m., Everett

- Hispanic Heritage Night
6:00-7:30 p.m., Lewton

10/8 - IB-PYP Evaluation Visit
Post Oak

- Regular Board Meeting
6:30 p.m., Admin. Bldg.

10/13 - School Improvement Meeting
3:40-4:40 p.m., Fairview

10/14 - Late Start Wednesday
All Schools

10/15 - FFTA Meeting
5:30-6:30 p.m., Fairview

- Regular Board Meeting
6:30 p.m., Admin. Bldg.





The Brickheads are BACK!

A new partnership has made it possible to support a First Lego League team for Lansing STEM Academy! ITEC, a non-profit organization that works with students and families to build excitement and interest in science, technology, engineering, and math, has generously stepped in to support Lansing STEM's robotics team called The Brickheads. They are running this as an after school program for our 5th through 8th grade interested students.

The First Lego League is devoted to helping young students enjoy the world of science and technology. Most importantly, the cornerstone of the FLL program is TEAMWORK. By practicing how to work together, teammates learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals, and that helping one another is the foundation of teamwork.

If you visit the Engineering Zone at Lansing STEM after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays it is quite possible that you will see The Brickheads having the time of their life-researching real science issues, practicing a skit that describes innovative solutions to world problems and designing, building and testing robots that can accomplish missions on a huge 4 foot X 8 foot board!

Best of luck to The Brickheads and a huge THANK YOU to ITEC for making this learning opportunity a reality for Lansing students!

To get more information on ITEC, click the logo:



To see the Legos that the Brickheads will be using, click the logo:



Parent Community Advisory Committee Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
6:30-6:50 p.m.	Pathway Cafe: Dinner and Roundtable Discussion
6:50-7:00 p.m.	Building Administrator Announcements
7:00-7:15 p.m.	Introductions and Housekeeping
7:15-7:45 p.m.	Learning Segment: What's new in the Lansing School District
7:45-8:00 p.m.	Questions
8:00 p.m.	Adjourn



Questions? Call Linda Sanchez-Gazella (517)755-4974
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.

What's in it for you?

Dinner and childcare will be provided to those who attend. You will also have the opportunity to provide important input for 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.

2015-16 Meeting Dates:

- September 22, 2015
- October 27, 2015
- December 8, 2015
- January 26, 2016
- February 23, 2016
- March 22, 2016
- April 26, 2016
- May 24, 2016

Where does PCAC meet?

Elmhurst School
2400 Pattengill Ave
Lansing, MI 48910
(behind Colonial Village Shopping Center)



Did you know?

- The Lansing School District received a five year grant, Project Prevent, from the U.S. Department of Education to implement PEACE: **Promoting Peace by Expanding Awareness of Culture and Equity!**
- PEACE is being implemented in five Lansing schools: North, Gardner, Attwood, Pattengill, and Everett with a brand new cultural awareness center in Gardner.
- Culturally Responsive Positive Behavior Support (CRPBIS) is being implemented district-wide in collaboration with the Ingham Intermediate School District over the next three years.
- CRPBIS focuses on equity, diversity, student voice, and cultural responsiveness to the needs and learning styles of all students to develop clear and consistent systems of support and behavioral expectations.

Great things are happening in Lansing Schools!



Beekman Center

2901 Wabash Road, 48910
P:755-1170 F:755-1179
Lori Abbott, Principal

PreK - Grade 3

Averill
3201 Averill Drive, 48911
P:755-1220 F:755-1229
Kyron Harvell, Principal

Cavanaugh STEAM*

300 W. Cavanaugh Road, 48910
P:755-1250 F:755-1259
Angela Tarry, Principal

Cumberland

2801 Cumberland Road, 48906
P:755-1280 F:755-1289
Martha Rusesky, Principal

Fairview STEM*

815 N. Fairview Avenue, 48912
P:755-1310 F:755-1319
Janice Marchal, Principal

Forest View

3119 Stoneleigh Drive, 48910
P:755-1330 F:755-1339
Emily Brown, Principal

Gier Park

401 E. Gier Street, 48906
P:755-1360 F:755-1369
Rebecca Stephens, Principal

Kendon

827 Kendon Drive, 48910
P:755-1450 F:755-1459
LaDonna Mask, Principal

Lyons

2901 Lyons Avenue, 48910
P:755-1480 F:755-1489
Terry Baker, Principal

Reo

1221 Reo Court, 48910
P:755-1620 F:755-1629
Teri Bernero, Principal

Riddle

221 Huron Street, 48915
P:755-1720 F:755-1729
Marilyn Earley, Principal

Willow

1012 W. Willow Street, 48915
P:755-1680 F:755-1689
Steven Lonzo, Principal

PreK - Grade 6

North
333 E. Miller Road, 48911
P:755-1710 F:755-1719
Ariel Rodriguez-Pena, Principal

Post Oak

2320 Post Oak Lane, 48912
P:755-1610 F:755-1619
Camela Diaz, Principal

Grades 4 - 6

Attwood
915 Attwood Drive, 48911
P:755-1210 F:755-1219
Sharon Pease, Principal

Lewton Global Studies/ Spanish Immersion*

2000 Lewton Place, 48911
P:755-1460 F:755-1469
Dr. Tom Buffett, Principal

Mt. Hope STEAM*

1215 E. Mt. Hope Ave., 48910
P:755-1550 F:755-1559
Elizabeth Jones, Principal

Pattengill

626 Marshall Street, 48912
P:755-1130 F:755-1139
Tony Forsthoefel, Principal

Sheridan Road STEM*

16900 Cedar St., 48906
P:755-1630 F:755-1639
Jessica Benavides, Principal

PreK - Grade 8

Gardner
333 Dahlia Drive, 48911
P:755-1120 F:755-1129
Connie Nickson, Principal

Pleasant View

4501 Pleasant Grove Road, 48910
P:755-1600 F:755-1609
Jennifer Lynn, Principal

Lansing STEM

2600 Hampden Drive, 48911
P:755-1160 F:755-1169
Ellen Beal, Principal

Wexford

5217 Wexford Rd., 48911
P:755-1740 F:755-1749
Nancy Lubeski, Principal

High Schools

Eastern
220 N. Pennsylvania Ave., 48912 P:
755-1050 F: 755-1059 Donna Pohl,
Principal

Everett*

3900 Stabler St., 48910
P: 755-1080 F:755-1089
Sue Cheadle-Holt, Principal

Sexton

102 S. McPherson Ave., 48915
P: 755-1070 F: 755-1079
Sandra Noecker, Principal

Woodcreek

4000 Woodcreek Ln. 48911
P: 755-1700 F: 755-1709
Carl Word, Principal

* Denotes Magnet School

History Maker, Dr. Eva Evans, Visits Kendon

On September 25 former Lansing School District Deputy Superintendent [Dr. Eva Evans](#) visited Mrs. Williford's class at Kendon. The visit was part of the national [Back to School with the History Makers](#) event. Dr. Evans spoke to kindergartners about the importance of education and making a commitment to completing one's education.

The History Makers presentation was about local history makers, including Eva Evans herself who earned notoriety for being a president of [Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority](#) and a Lansing School District teacher. A broad overview of history makers of local note was presented and served as a great segue into an inspirational presentation for them to make their own history.

Dr. Evans did a small program with the students called "No Letter is Better." She told the students that the alphabet needs all the letters to work – drawing comparisons to everyone in the classroom. She explained that they are not all the same, but the classroom needs each one to contribute and be part of the team to function properly.

Because of the visit, Kendon gets a free year of student access to [historymakers.com](#) which will be a great resource as Kendon students learn more about local and national History Makers. Dr. Evans visit goes along with Kendon's theme – "We are CAREER AND COLLEGE BOUND."

Thanks to Dr. Eva Evans and the History Makers!





Sexton Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2015

A class of 10 individuals and two teams were inducted into the Sexton Athletic Hall of Fame on September 25. The 1946 and 1961 state championship football teams as well as coaches Paul Bozega and Al Bovard, Norman Young, Wilkie Hopkins, Josephine Mask, Charles Davis, Cliff Foster, Lowell Wade Sr., Dave Campbell and Michael Husby were formally inducted to the hall of fame during a ceremony prior to Friday's football game against Okemos – which at 26 to 8 was a Sexton victory. Go Big Reds!

Dave Campbell also served as the special guest presenter for the event, which was recorded on video. Campbell is a Sexton class of 1959 graduate who went on to work as an announcer for the San Diego Padres before working Sports Coverage with ESPN for many years.

The Sexton Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its first female athlete at the event that evening. Josephine Mask gained her induction from being a record setter for the class of 1978.

The festivities included an induction dinner at 5 p.m. in the Sexton foyer and social room and a ceremony following at 6 p.m. and was attended by board president Peter Spadafore, board trustee Bryan Beverly and Deputy Superintendent Mark Coscarella. The inductees shared stories of old times and fond memories of Sexton and their time at the school. The event culminated when inductees were introduced during halftime at the football game



Fall Events at the Library

9/30/15

DOWNTOWN LANSING

401 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
517-367-6363

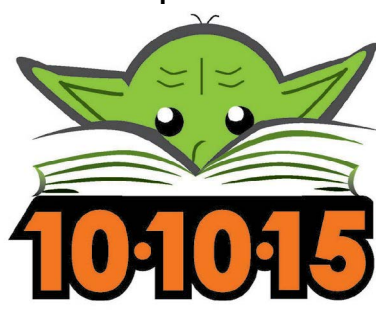
SOUTH LANSING

3500 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48910
517-272-9840

Star Wars Reads Day

Saturday Oct. 10 • 1–4 p.m.

Get your force on! Celebrate this most stellar day with games, crafts, movies and of course, reading. Come dressed in a costume to meet and greet other fans-you never know what Galactic Empire or Rebel Alliance character will be lurking around the bookshelves!



15 Superhero Science

Saturday, Oct. 10 • 2–3 p.m.

What do Hulk and Thor have to do with electromagnetic waves and static electricity? Find out with some "shocking" hands-on experiments from our friends at Impression 5 Science Center.



WKAR PBS Kids Day

Sunday October 11 • 1–4 p.m.



Meet PBS Kids' characters Super Why and Ladybug Girl! We'll also have crafts and a family photo space plus a 20-minute kids concert from members of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra

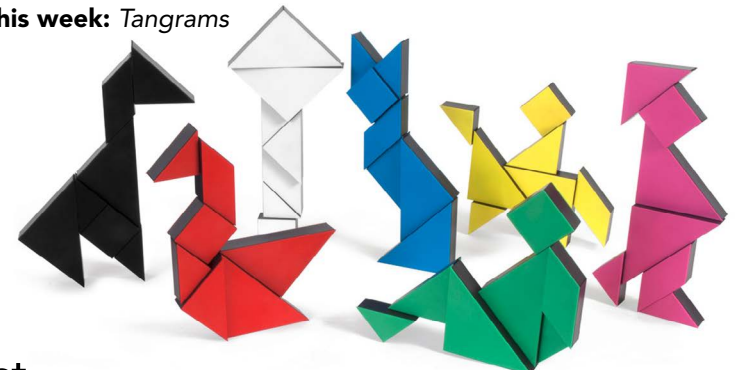


Drop-in Maker Day

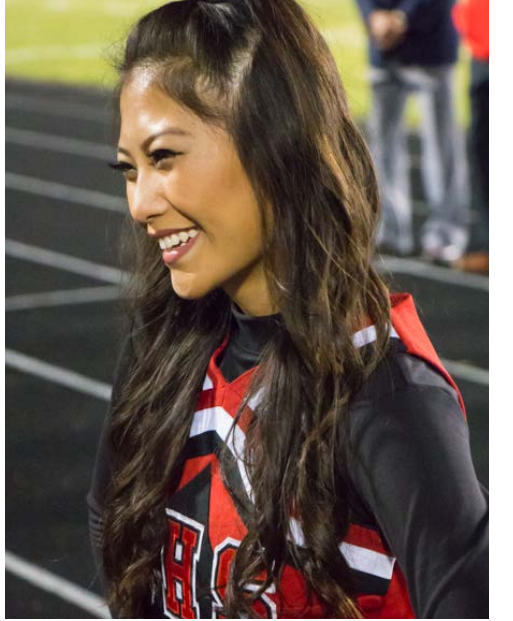
Thursday, Oct. 15 • 3–8 p.m.

Drop in on Thursday afternoons to make an item you can experiment with. Check with your teacher to see if you can use your findings for extra credit! We'll have a different project each week.

This week: Tangrams

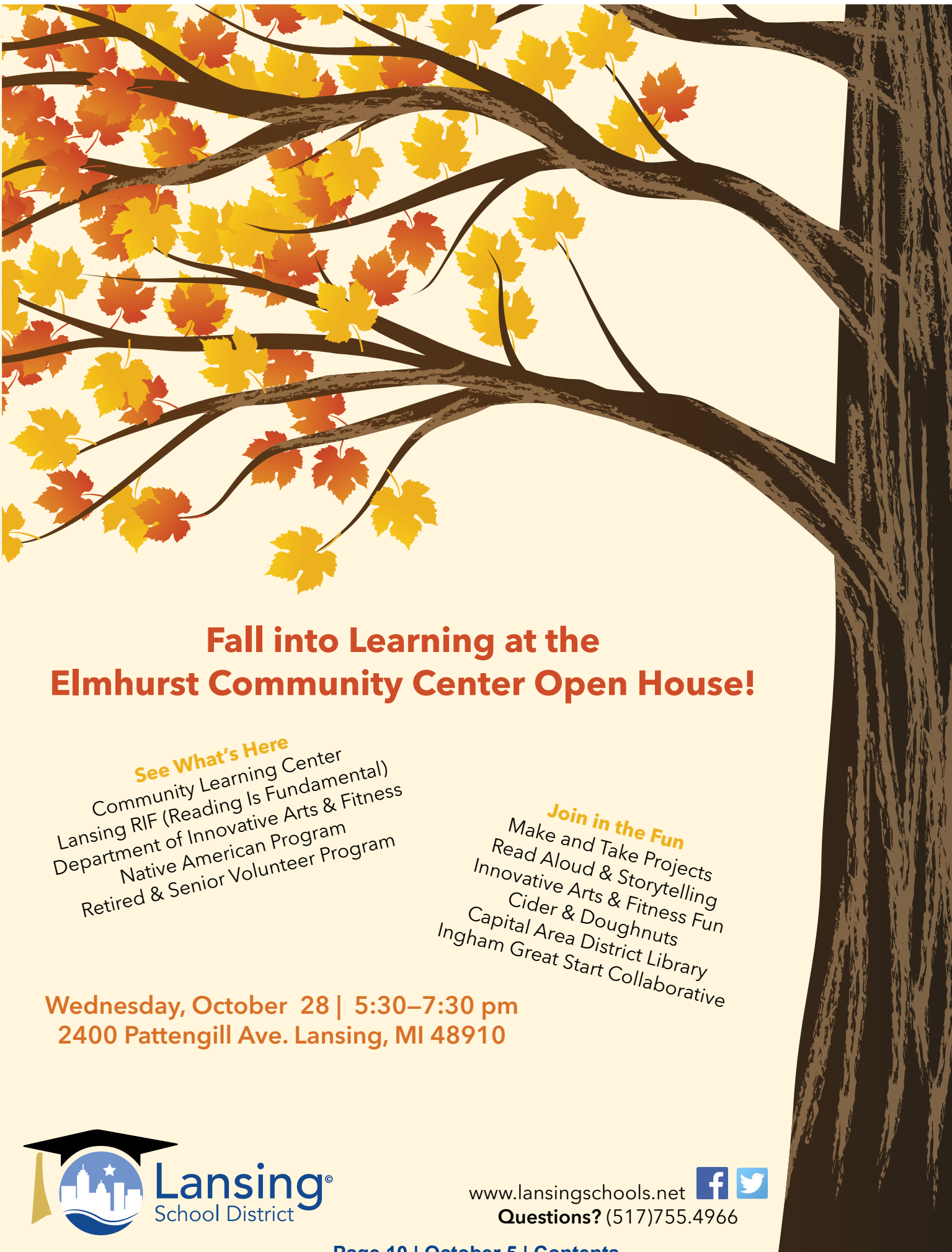


For events at all 13 branches, visit cadl.org/events.



VICTORY FOR SEXTON!

SEXTON BIG REDS BEAT OKEMOS 26 TO 8!



Fall into Learning at the Elmhurst Community Center Open House!

See What's Here



- Community Learning Center
- Lansing RIF (Reading Is Fundamental)
- Department of Innovative Arts & Fitness
- Native American Program
- Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

Join in the Fun

- Make and Take Projects
- Read Aloud & Storytelling
- Innovative Arts & Fitness Fun
- Cider & Doughnuts
- Capital Area District Library
- Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Wednesday, October 28 | 5:30–7:30 pm
2400 Pattengill Ave. Lansing, MI 48910



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Questions? (517)755.4966



Lansing State Journal Staff Members Read to Riddle Students

On September 30, 2015, Kindergarten, first and second grade students at Riddle Elementary were excited to have guest readers from the Lansing State Journal visit their school. 15 Lansing State Journal staff members gathered in the library for about two hours to read to small groups of students to encourage reading, which is very important to the members of the Lansing State Journal.

Matt Hund, Lansing State Journal Engagement Editor commented, "We wanted a chance to engage with the community, something the LSJ has been working on quite a bit lately. One of the first places we wanted to reach out to was the Lansing School District. Principal Earley has been great. We have had several conversations about what would most benefit the kids and we are excited to be included."





Stop Hunger with Cereal in a Cup

During a busy morning, it's easy to let breakfast fall low in your list of priorities, but taking just a few minutes to have something to eat can really make a difference to your day. Breakfast provides the body and brain the nutrients needed to refuel your body and kick start your day.

Join us in participating in [Sodexo's Stop Hunger Cereal-In-A-Cup Campaign!](#) When you purchase Cereal-In-A-Cup, General Mills and Kellogg's will donate \$0.08 to Sodexo Foundation to end child hunger. Eight cents may not seem like a lot, but it all adds up. Last year, General Mills and Kellogg's donated a combined \$27,620, which is the equivalent of 110,480 meals to help feed hungry kids across the United States.

The Cereal-In-A-Cup campaign runs from October 1 through November 30, 2015. General Mills and Kellogg's will donate a maximum of \$50,000 to Sodexo Foundation. Every Friday students will receive cereal by participating in the Breakfast in the Classroom program. Adults may purchase Cereal-In-A-Cup at any of the schools or at Hill Center's Convenience store.

Together we can make a difference!



Youth GED Program Participates in State of Michigan Focus Group

On September 30, the Lansing School District/ Capital Area Michigan Works! Youth GED Program got to participate in a focus group with the State of Michigan Economic Development Corporation at the [Capital Area Michigan Works!](#)

We are super proud of how professional they were and how they helped shape the future of a very helpful tool that combines information about schools and jobs in Michigan!



Hop on the Hay Wagon Partner! for Family FUN!

**Sunday, October 11, 2015
12pm-4pm**

At the
Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center
Located behind the
Marvin E. Beekman Center
2901 Wabash Rd.
Lansing, Michigan 48910

FREE Admission!

- ★ Come learn about WHO, WHAT & WHERE we are!
- ★ Take a family HAY RIDE!
- ★ Meet our staff, get information on our riding program!
- ★ **RIDE A HORSE!**
 - ★ Sample lesson \$10 -
 - ★ Trail Ride for \$25
 - ★ Pony rides \$8
- ★ Come learn in our **FREE** educational stations
- ★ **PUMPKIN CARVING!** Carve your own here and take it home!
- ★ Games, face painting and more!
- ★ Free refreshments provided!

LIVE demonstrations!
12:30pm - Natural horse-KID-ship demo
2pm - Therapeutic riding demo



www.beekmanriding.org
see us on Facebook!
517-758-2174

All proceeds will benefit the Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center

BTRC is a non-profit program of LEAF (Lansing Educational Advancement Foundation)

Publication Deadlines for *The Bright Side*

Issue	Content Due Wednesday*	Published On Monday*
1	September 16, 2015	September 21, 2015
2	September 30, 2015	October 5, 2015
3	October 14, 2015	October 19, 2015
4	October 28, 2015	November 2, 2015
5	November 11, 2015	November 16, 2015
6	December 2, 2015	December 7, 2015
7	December 16, 2015	December 21, 2015
8	January 6, 2016	January 11, 2016
9	January 20, 2016	January 25, 2016
10	February 3, 2016	February 8, 2016
11	February 17, 2016	February 22, 2016
12	March 2, 2016	March 7, 2016
13	March 16, 2016	March 21, 2016
14	March 30, 2016	April 5, 2016 (Tuesday)
15	April 13, 2016	April 18, 2016
16	April 27, 2016	May 2, 2016
17	May 11, 2016	May 16, 2016
18	June 7, 2016 (Tuesday)	June 10, 2016 (Friday)

*= Unless otherwise noted



Dates are deemed reliable, but may be subject to change.

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