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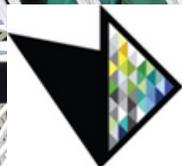
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*Congratulations to the MPS graduating Class of 2023!*

# ADAMS ELEMENTARY

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Mrs. Capua's 5th graders at Adams performed the Hall of American Heroes. As part of their Primary Years Programme unit, "How We Express Ourselves," students each chose an American hero that has positively impacted the world. Students researched their heroes to write a first-person speech about their contributions. They designed a background, prepared a costume as they transformed into their hero, and recited their memorized speeches that displayed these significant American world changers' visions, actions, and accomplishments.



Mrs. Grillo's 1st grade class working on some artwork and enjoying some sunshine outside!

Mrs. Budka's class worked on biographies of famous people! Each student chose a biography to read about a famous person. As they read, students took notes on their person's life, accomplishments, and the challenges they overcame. They used those notes to create a timeline, informational writing, and an illustration for each famous person. It was a big project, but our class learned so much!



All of the 5th grade classes at Adams contributed to a project which taught students a little bit about Ramadan.

"We have been very fortunate to receive some amazing books from the Islamic Center in Midland," said teacher Maryanne Lipovsky. "We were recently gifted the book *The Kindest Red* by Ibtihaj Muhammad and K.K. Ali. This reminded us that Ramadan was about to begin. We reread *Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story* by Reem Faruqi. Fifth grade wanted to do something to show our support to our friends celebrating Ramadan. It is important to us that all students feel accepted, seen and respected."



All four Kindergarten classes went to see Latin artist, Sonia de los Santos, at the Midland Center for the Arts. Sonia was born in Monterrey, Mexico, and in 2007 started touring the world, singing in English and Spanish, playing guitar and jarana. She is a Latin Grammy Nominated artist, nominated in the category "Music for Families."

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## PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME



Central Park's Primary Years Programme 5th Grade Exhibition occurred in March. The event demonstrated how students could take action in their learning.

They celebrated the transition of learners from primary to middle/secondary education and reflected upon their journey through the PYP. Families and community members gathered to enjoy student projects in the halls of Central Park.



## 5TH GRADE EXHIBITION



State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice visited Midland and requested a tour of Central Park Elementary.

He visited two Central Park classrooms as well as an ALPS classroom.





# WE ALL BELONG

We All Belong Night was held at Chestnut Hill Elementary on Thursday, February 2, 2023. Several CHE families and friends, along with the Middle East North Africa group from Dow Corporation, shared information about their countries/cultures. Visitors took a passport to each "country" to have it stamped before having access to the wonderful food table. All in attendance were appreciative of the presenters and the school for providing this wonderful opportunity for ALL!  
 (Photos by Mark Guerin, CHE Teacher)



These Periodic Tables of People are on display entering the Maker Space at Chestnut Hill School. The idea behind the displays was to make connections between the Sciences and our diverse world. By displaying a wide representation of individuals both known and unknown to students, it sparks that curiosity to explore and learn more. Jennifer Brenes, Culture and Climate Leader for Chestnut Hill, was responsible for the addition to the hallways of Chestnut Hill. "My classroom is just across the Maker Space from these displays and I love seeing the students stop, reflect, comment, and explore the individuals represented. It is so important for our students to see representations of positive role models from a variety of diverse fields and backgrounds to both mirror their world and expand it." The Periodic Tables highlight "Courageous Kids", "Latino Legends", "Black Leaders", and "Inspiring Women" in the areas of artists and performers, activists and advocates, athletes, scientists and mathematicians, and trailblazers.



# PIONEER FIELD DAY!



With the help of parent volunteers, Pioneers spent the morning playing a variety of games, relay races and team activities on the Northeast & Plymouth playgrounds on May 25th.



The 5th grade Primary Years Programme Exhibitions were held at Plymouth Elementary outside this year. This spectacular event ended their PYP journey and celebrated their transition into middle school. The intense 6-week process involved research, application, action, and reflection.

Each group worked with a knowledgeable community member who was a mentor throughout the process. Family and community members attended the Exhibition, allowing students to share their expertise. We are so proud of all our 5th graders and know they will make a positive difference in our school, community, and world.

They shared how "actions make a difference in conflict and resolution." Well done!



The MIRM (March is Reading Month) bookmark contest has become an annual part of Plymouth's MIRM festivities. Students are all given a blank bookmark to decorate however they wish. A winner is then selected from each grade level and they get to have their bookmark printed for the whole school and also receive a prize from principal Margaret Doan. "It seems to be a hit and the kids are always asking me when we are doing it and are looking forward to it every year," says Doan.

\*In other Media Center News:

The Media Center Superstars program is sponsored by the amazing Plymouth PTO when they host our book fairs. Students are able to receive a ticket with their name on it when they are showing expected behavior while in the media center. All entries are put into a box and the PTO draws names and the winners are able to pick out a free book of their choice at the book fair! The kids love this also and last year they drew around 50 names which is amazing!





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHARGER CLASS OF 2023!

Calvin Adamczyk  
 Jacob Ahn  
 Salem Al Ahmad  
 Hailey Allen  
 Clara Allington  
 Norah Allington  
 Mohammed Alshaif  
 Emily Ammerman  
 Emily Anderson  
 Malaaylah Anderson  
 Zoey Archbold  
 Gabriel Armour  
 Charlotte Ault  
 Elizabeth Avery  
 Thomas Bacigalupo  
 Tyler Bacigalupo  
 Cole Bailey  
 Jack Bakus  
 April Ballor  
 Peter Barbeau  
 Paige Barnard  
 Sarah Barnard  
 Durriyah Barodawalla  
 Jamila Barodawalla  
 Timothy Bawar  
 Piper Beall  
 Jasmine Beaty  
 LaighLa Beckord  
 Amelia Behm  
 Emma Beiser  
 Isabelle Beman  
 Jacie Beman  
 Austin Benchley  
 Travis Benfield  
 Erika Bennett  
 Sophie Biggs

Bailey Bills  
 Sydney Birch  
 Samuel Bobaleb  
 Nicholas Bond  
 Sydney Bond  
 Luke Bonotto  
 Mariah Borsen  
 Spencer Bowerson  
 Moria Brady  
 Adam Brenske  
 Ciara Brooks  
 Isabella Brown  
 Tyler Bryant  
 Elleana Bucknell  
 Hannah Burse  
 Jenna Butcher  
 Corrine Cai  
 Rachael Cain  
 Lucas Callihan  
 Allyssa Carroll  
 Afton Chappell  
 Hillary Charles-Anaele  
 Daniel Charters  
 Joline Che  
 Jacob Chisholm  
 Nathan Cleghorn  
 Emily Cochran  
 Anthony Coleman  
 Joseph Craig  
 Erin Crichton  
 Amber Curryl  
 Giuseppe D'Alessandro  
 Brendan Dastick  
 Sophia DeBoe  
 Tyler Deibel  
 MaRissa Deschenes-Hall

Leanna Dixon  
 Emma Dodick  
 Paige Dolph  
 Lilly Donley  
 Spencer Donnelly  
 David Dorlybounxou  
 Drew Doty  
 Grant Douglas  
 Raven-Mae Driver  
 Joseph Eisenman  
 Ashlyn Elford  
 Zaky El-Nachef  
 Brooklynn Elston  
 Jessica Erickson  
 Neovanna Esme-Eclipse  
 Luciana Fabiano  
 William Fagan  
 Adrienne Feige  
 Wyatt Felton  
 Connor Fewkes  
 Elyssa Fields  
 Maia Figueroa  
 Elizabeth Filson  
 Jake Finney  
 Dabotah Fischer  
 Summer Flint  
 Dominic Florey  
 Matthias Francisco  
 Ciarra Franklin  
 Darwin Froese  
 Riley Gayheart  
 Brooke Grames  
 Katherine Gray  
 Catelin Greiman  
 Tyler Griffin  
 Liesl Grossman

Isabelle Halldorson  
 Sean Hansen  
 Bella Harsh  
 Lindsay Hart  
 Noah Haselhuhn  
 Amelia Hatfield  
 Bryce Hawley  
 Zoe Helm  
 Cora Helmer  
 Lucas Henderson  
 Madalynn Hernden  
 Victoria Heyart  
 Matthew Hignite  
 Elinor Hnizda  
 Julia Hoffman  
 Otis Hofmann  
 Reagan Holm  
 Nathan Holmes  
 Miles Hook  
 Tyler Huber  
 Kathryn Hudack  
 Brandon Humburg  
 Emelia Ingalla  
 Kane Inman  
 Caleb Irving  
 Venkatbrishnan Iyer  
 Amanda Jendretzke  
 Ethan Johnson  
 Haley Johnson  
 Charlotte Jones  
 Taylor Jones  
 Caleb Kaiser  
 Alexandria Kalo  
 Bennett Kanitz  
 Nadia Karbowskii  
 Alexander Karl

Frank Karl  
 Reagan King  
 Cole Kinney  
 Brianna Konze  
 Emily Krzciok  
 Arthur Kuper IV  
 Elioenai Kutrieb  
 Emily Lacher  
 Thomas Ladwein  
 Casey Lambert  
 Noah Langley  
 Gabriel Laske  
 Alexander Lauderbach  
 Amy Lee  
 Tanner Leigeb  
 Andrew Li  
 Alexandra Little  
 Kurtlyn Logan  
 Artur Louro  
 Delaney Lovely  
 Kody Lucbe  
 Meya Luft  
 Rachel Luptowski  
 Noah Mahoney  
 Luke Maldonado  
 Nadia Malkowski  
 Logan Mann  
 Chloe Marbell  
 Chloe Marsh  
 Cabe Martin  
 Sadie Martin  
 Maggie Massaro  
 Sienna Mattichal  
 Carson May  
 Henry McCarty  
 Aurora McCaugh

Justin Oliver  
 Zakk Osmun  
 Gavin Painter  
 Myah Parker  
 Zachary Parker  
 Alexus Marie Parks  
 Madelynn Parks  
 Sydona Parks  
 Madelyn Pate  
 Ethan Pence  
 Helen Pendleton  
 Maria Pereira  
 Nicholas Pisarczyk  
 Skylynn Pomeroy  
 Alyssa Pomranky  
 Madison Poole  
 Kaden Prescott  
 Alexandra Price  
 Gage Randall  
 Jade Remacle  
 Morgan Retzlhoff  
 Hope Ridley  
 Kyle Riter  
 Ella Roberson  
 Jaime Rodea Jr  
 Robert Roe  
 Tansley Rogers  
 Benjamin Root  
 Rachel Rose  
 Brookelyn Roten  
 James Rozeveld  
 Brooke Rubenacher  
 Danny Safadi  
 Kate Savage  
 Jenna Schaefer  
 Alaina Schalk

Alana Schroden  
 Jasmine Schutt  
 Benjamin Scott  
 David Seidel  
 Carly Seymour  
 Grace Shephard  
 Riley Sherman  
 Garrett Shook  
 Harrison Shuster  
 Isaac Skinner  
 Megan Smith  
 James Snead  
 Johnathan Soback  
 Saumya Somasi  
 Hyunjin Song  
 Sophia Souer  
 Dominic Sowle  
 Spencer Srebinski  
 Benjamin Stebleton  
 Lilliana Stilwell  
 Joanna Striebel  
 Rebekah Strike  
 Olivia Stuart  
 Anthony Tang  
 Aiden Tanis  
 Jessica Thomas  
 Ginny Thomasson  
 Sydney Thompson  
 Abigail Thornton  
 Megumi Togashi  
 Yuki Togashi  
 James Toole  
 Aidan Trijo  
 Nevin Trijo  
 Caeven Trotter  
 Alexander Unterste

Aaron Urlaub  
 Eli van der Leij  
 Thomas Vanheel  
 Juliana Vargas  
 Vladyslav Vasylyb  
 Oden Verschure  
 Reilly Wagner  
 Danielle Wallace  
 Grant Wang  
 Kannon Weckesser  
 Zoe Whitlock  
 Annabelle Wilken  
 Taryn Williams  
 Abigail Wilson  
 Ryan Wintland  
 Logan Witte  
 Jaydin Wood  
 Tyler Wood  
 Raegan Woodiwiss  
 Samuel Wright  
 Andy Yao  
 Nicholas Yaroch  
 Christian Zielinski  
 Ethan Zinkweg  
 Virginia Zorn



From March 17-19, four Dow High Key Club members attended the 72nd annual Michigan District of Key Club Service Leadership Conference.

Current President Eleanor Hughes, Secretary Raven Driver, and incoming board members Chikanma Okoisor and Faith O'Connor participated in the three-day conference. They participated in workshops to learn engagement techniques, Key Club mindfulness, and some fun cultural dances.

Raven and Eleanor were also delegates who voted for the 2023-24 Michigan district executive board. It was a fantastic weekend, and Dow High Key Club looks forward to next year's conference!



Each year the 15 member schools of the Saginaw Valley League select a teacher that meets the qualification to be named SVL Teacher of the Year. Each teacher that wins this award must be a full or part-time employee that has taught at MPS for at least 5 years. Each year the award's recipient demonstrates excellence in teaching and makes a positive impact both in the classroom and in their students' lives. This year's SVL Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Cindy Meyer. Congratulations Cindy!

On Saturday, April 15th, 7 teams competed in the AH Nickless Innovation Competition at SVSU. This competition allows teams to create a solution to a real-world problem. The team meets for at least 8 months to do research, develop a solution, and write a business plan to implement their solution.

The Dow High SAGA team of Amy Lee, Shubhan Nagarkar, Andy Yao, and Grant Wang won 3rd place in the competition with the invention of a device that will help diabetics measure their glucose levels without having to prick their fingers to draw blood.

Congratulations to all seven teams on their hard work and professional presentations that were delivered.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHEMIC CLASS OF 2023!

Daniel Abilphi  
 Henry Adam  
 Brock Adams  
 Bailey Alber  
 Siera Allen  
 Tamryn Alvarez  
 Lauren Applegate  
 Caedynce Bailey  
 Kevin Bartlett  
 Alyse Barton  
 Jayson Bates  
 Kacy Bauer  
 Megan Bean  
 Thomas Bell  
 Hunter Blackhurst  
 Robin Bloxom  
 Aaron Borlace  
 Tanner Bowerson  
 Taylor Bravt  
 Madalyn Bremer  
 Alejandra Brenes  
 Andrew Brenes  
 Anthony Brenes  
 Laura Brookens  
 Caleb Brown  
 Carter Brown  
 Jed Brown  
 Wyatt Brown  
 Benjamin Bucci  
 Amy Burgess  
 Liam Burns  
 Emma Buschlen

Lindsey Campbell  
 Ashley Carlson  
 Cole Carpenter  
 Veronica Castañeda  
 Logan Cauchi  
 Jack Chambers  
 Natalie Christopher  
 Ashton Church  
 Molly Coady  
 Colin Coffey  
 Declan Cook  
 Brandon Cowan  
 Hayden Coyer  
 Lincoln Danner  
 Jason Davenport  
 Dalton Dice  
 Lucas Diederich  
 Jenna Draves  
 Elaine Dunsmore  
 Mária Eagle  
 Caleb Edgington  
 Jakob Edgington  
 Hayden Edmonds  
 Arden Eschtruth  
 Stephanie Fales  
 Emily Florey  
 Cheryl Fritz  
 Nathan Gambrell  
 Kaylee Geiger  
 Atticus Gentle  
 Hudson Gerstacker  
 Hailey Gohl

Alexander Gorm  
 Michael Graham  
 Aliviah Graton  
 Emma Green  
 Jayden Green  
 Kevin Groulx  
 Abigail Gudmundsen  
 Steven Hackbarth  
 Abram Haddad  
 Helen Haight  
 Benjamin Haney  
 Daelynn Harris  
 Janelle Harris  
 Paige Harry  
 Samantha Hayes  
 Alyssa Hebert  
 Aeschli Heidger  
 Brendan Hogan  
 Ava Hohmeyer  
 Mallorie Hollenbeck  
 Benjamin Hoover  
 Lea Houghtaling  
 Divina Howery  
 Lexus Hoyt  
 Maia Hudson  
 Faith Hurst  
 Morgan Hussey  
 Lindsey Jacobson  
 Moriah Jacobson  
 Emily Jankens  
 Javonn Jarvis  
 Madeline Jay

Marcus Jenerou  
 Jonathon Jenkins  
 Autumn Jones  
 Caden Jorgensen  
 Jayden Julian  
 Sydney Kaplan  
 Nathan Kenny  
 Kiara Kiely  
 Darius Kienbaum  
 Ethan Klaffer  
 Lincoln Kliniski  
 Lane Kloha  
 Finian Knight  
 Gabriella Koste  
 Emily Kraenzlein  
 McKenna Kramer  
 Thomas Kroll  
 Ronan Kuch  
 Jason Lacreuse  
 Bailey LaFavor  
 Mariah LaForge  
 William Langer  
 Macy Larente  
 Lars Larsen  
 Kade Laur  
 Jacob Leff  
 Mikayla Lewis  
 Lillian Lince  
 Jaiden Lindauer  
 Paige Lukowski  
 Gabriel Malace  
 Molly Maloney

Caitlin Marbel  
 Natalie Marsh  
 Layla Marthaler  
 Aveion Martinez  
 Maya Matich  
 Madison Matonican  
 Benjamin Maxwell  
 Tyler McKenzie  
 Lane McPhillips  
 Olivia McMath  
 Caden McPhillips  
 Rachel Mecca  
 Michael Meyers  
 Trenton Midlam  
 Robert Miller  
 Alauna Millward  
 Brianna Moline  
 Gabriel Moline  
 Hannah Monville  
 Luke Mooney  
 Brooklyn Moore  
 Gage Morey  
 Ruberto Morr  
 Ruberto Mosqueda  
 Andrew Mosser- Sprague  
 Brooke Murphy  
 Megan Murphy  
 Daniel Nadort  
 Ainsley Newcomb  
 Eleanor Newcomb  
 Brody Nicholl  
 Chloe Nieto  
 Emily Northrup

Katelyn Page  
 Jorja Palmer  
 Jocelyn Pardel  
 Ella Parber  
 Davorin Pasovic  
 Drew Passalacqua  
 Riley Penwell  
 Jocelyn Perez  
 Grace Perz  
 Aiden Porritt  
 Chase Prather  
 Nathan Prorowski  
 Carter Purvis  
 Anissa Quiroga  
 Skyy Reid  
 Forrest Rich  
 Kelsi Rickman  
 Sophia Ried  
 Ryan Rinearson  
 Samuel Ringgold  
 Morgan Rocha  
 Connor Rock  
 Jack Romatz  
 Anthony Rupert  
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 Cody Smith  
 Tyler Snoddy  
 Nathan Snnyder  
 Mira Stahlbush  
 Andrew Steger  
 Natalie Steinka  
 Ellie Stevens  
 Jocelyn Stopka  
 Isabella Sullivan  
 Nathan Surbrook  
 Alexander Sutherland  
 Lauren Swanson  
 Kenneth Swanton  
 Hailey Sweeny  
 Maxwell Teall  
 Thomas TerBurgh  
 Andru Thompson  
 Kendall Thompson  
 Maria Toner  
 Anh Thu Truong  
 Michaela Ullery  
 Chloe Vandenbossche  
 Kayla Veitengruber



## WELCOMING STUDENTS ON INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT:



Chemics welcomed prospective students for their Incoming Freshman Night. Families could tour the building, join a breakout group for specialized programs, learn about various clubs in Eyeball Alley, and even visit Chemic Corner for free cookies and discounts!

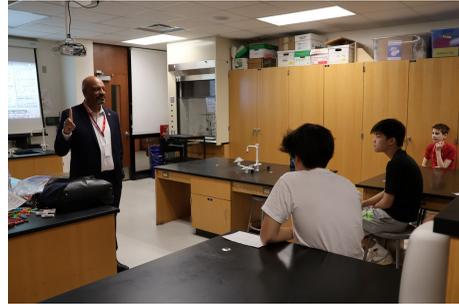


During testing week at MHS, Midland High Parents came out in full force to show support for all our students testing for the SAT, PSAT, M-STEP, ACT Work Keys, etc... MHS Parent Partners collected donations for breakfast foods and brain snacks to feed all of our students before the testing and during break times. Thank you to McDonald's on South Saginaw Rd. for donating 275 breakfast burritos on the first day of SAT testing for the junior class. We know students really enjoyed the snacks! Thank you to MHS Parent Partners for their incredible support!

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In April, Jefferson hosted an event for 8th-grade students: "Voices of Our Community." Various presenters came in to discuss topics ranging from diverse texts in literature to senior services, to children's grief, to accessibility resources and accommodations. Over 200 students participated in the event.

## Annie Jr.



In March, the JMS drama department put on an amazing production of "Annie Jr." under the direction of Mrs. Amy Sabourin. The entire cast and crew did an outstanding job and sold out each of their performances. Congratulations!



The final match of Book Madness is over! It was *The Hobbit* vs *The Hunger Games*. The odds were forever in favor of *The Hunger Games*! In a landslide 121 to 59 victory, *The Hunger Games* became the Champion of Jefferson's Book Madness 2023. We had 163 students and staff play this year- thank you to all who voted and filled out a bracket!



In April 6th, students in the Art Honors Club at Northeast traveled to Detroit for a fun-filled day of art and food! The day began at the Detroit Institute of Arts, where students were able to see the Diego Rivera mural and other amazing works of art.

After leaving the DIA, the group traveled to Greektown to eat at The Pegasus restaurant and explore all of the tasty options at the Astoria Pastry Shop across the street.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to see art in person, many by the artists they have studied in their Art classes throughout the years. Special thanks goes out to Principal Dirk DeBoer for assisting with funding for the trip!



Northeast was fortunate enough to play host to a number of guest speakers this school year! One of the last ones of the year was a presentation on the lifecycle of Mussels. Emma Poellet and Abby Thelen are MSU graduates serving with Huron Pines AmeriCorps at US Fish and Wildlife Service. Their main focus is educational outreach about imperiled species through programs like the Mussel Outreach Program.



Mrs. Lenon hosted a STEM Club every week on Wednesdays. Everyone was welcome to join and the group worked on various Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-related projects. One of the most engaging projects was the mousetrap cars. Students built mousetrap-powered vehicles and measured the distances they traveled.



Life 101 is a hands-on, skills-based class at Northeast where students of all abilities learn life skills. They cook, clean, organize, do laundry, sew, practice mindfulness, and learn to be good digital citizens. Life 102 focuses on meal planning, budgeting, entrepreneurship, and customer service. Our goal is to prepare students to be a positive part of our community and workforce.



Artwork from various schools was on display at the Midland Mall for the MPS Art Shows. Different schools and grade levels took turns being shown each day. Mugs, sculptures, and pictures of varied media were admired by families and student artists. These works are from students at Northeast Middle School. Nice job, Vikings!

# SIEBERT ELEMENTARY

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## 5TH GRADE EXHIBITION PROJECT PLANNING

Kathryn Tate, President & CEO of the Legacy Center, visited Katherine Morden's classroom as a mentor for one of Siebert's Exhibition groups.

In 5th grade, all students at MPS complete an Exhibition Project where they are able to explore a topic that they feel passionately about and work with a group to discuss ways that they could take action and/or bring awareness to their topic.

Ms. Tate, along with many others that she was able to recruit, served as mentors for groups this year.

Each group is assigned a mentor to help them through the process. Sometimes these members are class parents or school personnel - however, this year, in Ms. Morden's class, the majority of the mentors were members from the community that were contacted/connected through the Legacy Center.

They met with their groups roughly once a week until May 18th, when Siebert hosted its Exhibition Celebration and students shared with the school and community their projects and action plans.



The Mona Lisa is Siebert Art Teacher Ms. J's quiet signal so every month she tries to put up new Monas inspired by what her classes are working on. When she makes lesson videos, each video starts with Mona Lisas and ends with happy creating!



Siebert students enjoyed a visit from their friends at RE/MAX Realty, who gave Mr. Schroll a ride in their hot air balloon!



Run Club is a parent-led, PTO-sponsored, running group that encourages elementary kids of all ages to get excited about the sport of running.

What started as a group to prepare kids for the Dow Run Walk at the Community Center by running a cumulative 26.2 miles before the race, has turned into a group of kids who make a variety of goals and encourage one another as they walk, run, and jog side by side to accomplish their own personal goals.

Kids run laps around the playground and after each lap they receive a popsicle stick to keep track of the number of laps they've gone. Four laps/sticks is equal to one mile. At the end of the time we meet, parents record their laps. Throughout the time we meet the kids receive tokens to put on a keychain that show how far they've gone.

The kids love to put these keychains on their backpacks and show off their accomplishments. If kids want to run

outside of the Run Club time to earn more tokens, we encourage them to pursue their love of running and have their parents report the extra mileage to the adult leaders.

We have loved seeing kids find joy in running together, accomplishing their goals, and learning to love fitness. These youth are determined and strong!

We can't wait to see what they do next, after run club is over for the season, there is nothing stopping them from doing more!

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## WOLVERINE 5TH GRADE EXHIBITIONS



The 5th Graders at Woodcrest Elementary held their annual Exhibition on March 15th and 16th, 2023. Working within the theme of Who We Are, students researched issues related to the Central Idea, "Water Defines Our World". Topics included: water pollution, endangered and invasive species, clean energy, and more.

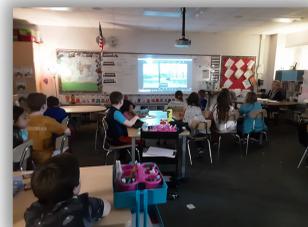
## Toledo Zoo Virtual Field Trip



Woodcrest students enjoyed a virtual field trip to the Toledo Zoo!

From the comfort of their own classrooms, teachers set up their document cameras for a Zoom call with a representative from the zoo.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions, interact in real-time with staff, and see some of their favorite animals they've been learning about throughout the year.

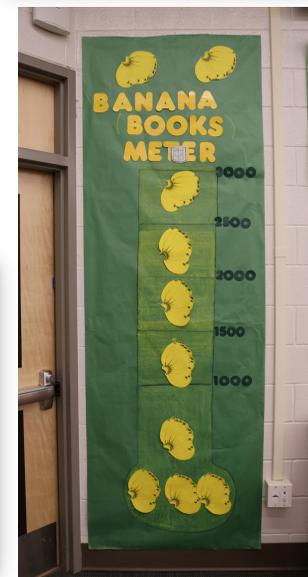


## RAINFOREST READING PROJECT

Every year, Media Specialist Dawn Smith puts together a project to encourage students at Woodcrest to read as many books as possible. This year, she set a goal of 2500 books to read in 3 1/2 weeks. To document each book that had been read, she (along with the help of her family during the weekends and Mrs. Hall) created a giant gorilla (Mr. Bananas) and a vine that circles around the ENTIRE school.

Bunches of bananas, butterflies, and toucans each represent a certain amount of books. Last year, with the creation of Chester the Cheetah, they celebrated Reading Month by reading just over 2,000 books. This year, the school surpassed its goal by reading 3,155 books - a very proud milestone for Mrs. Smith and all of her page-turning Wolverines.

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**2022-23 Coming to a Close at The Pre-Primary Center**

We have had a wonderful year. It is just so amazing to see the growth over one school year. We feel grateful to all families that shared their children with us and entrusted us with their growth and development for this school year, thank you. We are actively still accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year.

Some highlights from this year include getting to know all of our friends with the kickoff of "Kindness Wednesday", by getting our T-Shirts. We enjoyed the change of colors in the fall. "Play Inquiry Pilot" was a success with all kinds of explorations. We waited and waited to play in the snow and then couldn't wait for nice weather. We opened a brand-new sensory walk, to help with whole body growth. Finally, we are adding another play space near basketball court area.



Midland continues to meet students' needs through virtual course offerings, including our eLearning, Virtual Academy, and PATHS programs. We serve students who are recovering credits, taking a course beyond our traditional offerings, in need of virtual due to a medical situation, or needing an alternative program.

We also offer a Summer eLearning Opportunity! Through this program online courses are available to high school students who wish to earn initial credit in select courses.

Courses will begin on June 5, 2023 and must be completed by August 4, 2023. Students may only register for one course at a time.

The cost for each course is \$150 for Standard Edgenuity courses (EDG - Edgenuity on course list) and \$235 for Edgenuity Instructional Services courses (EDGIS - Edgenuity Instructional Services on course list) for Midland Public Schools students and \$175 or \$250 for students outside of the MPS district.

If you would like additional information or would like to register for a course, scan the QR code below.



**Congratulations  
to the retirees of 2023**



**Michael Sharrow  
Superintendent**

**Thank you for your years of  
dedication and service!**



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