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Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 11 & 25, 2017
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Kalamazoo Students Find Voices with "Being a Writer" Program

Fourth and fifth graders are using a new writing program designed to help them write better, develop writing stamina, and unlock stronger voices.

The "Being a Writer" series launched in KPS fourth and fifth grades this fall, and will roll out to lower grade levels next year. The implementation of the program is integrated with the unveiling of the new Eureka math program, which is being used by lower grade levels this year and will be added to the upper elementary grades next year.

Angela Justice, district coordinator of English language arts, social studies and library services, said several things



Monica Vandenberg helps, left, Dante Gullon-Brock and Isaías Hernandez-Lopez look up words in a dictionary during their Being a Writer lesson at El Sol Elementary.

appealed to the district about the "Being a Writer" program.

"This program had a strong

doing that providing constructive feedback on how to improve their classmates' writing. Not only are students receiving feedback, but they're offering it.

"Also, the title itself indicates to students that they are constantly growing as writers. It doesn't say you have to be at this level to be a writer but that this helps you grow into being a writer in a way that best fits you."

El Sol Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Monica Vandenberg participated in the "Being a Writer" pilot last year and is using the program with her students this year.

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Washington Celebrates a Thanksgiving for Literacy, Renames Library after Former Principal

Thanksgiving came early to the Washington Writers' Academy community.

About 225 people attended the school's 10th annual Thanksgiving event, called Giving Thanks for Literacy. The celebration was open to community members as well as students and their families. The night included a Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn and dessert.

The event was also used to celebrate the renaming of the school library, which was named the Barbara Ruhs



Saleena Leake attended the Washington Writers' Academy Thanksgiving event with her daughters Sanii Leake, left, and Samiyah Leake, a first-grader at Washington.

Witzak Media Center in honor of Witzak's leadership as principal of the school from 1992 to 2005. In her long and distinguished career with Kalamazoo Public Schools, Witzak also served as the assistant superintendent for teaching and learning services.

Witzak is retired but continues to work for the district as the coordinator of the Lift Up Through Literacy program, which provides hands-on-training to support parents in their children's school efforts.

In his remarks congratulating Witzak, KPS Superintendent (continued on page 5)

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Kalamazoo Central Teacher Left Students with the Skills to Mourn, Remember

It is with tremendous sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Kalamazoo Central High School English teacher Chris Bullmer. Chris was kindness and inspiration rolled into one terrific human being. He was also all about his mission. In 2010, he wrote:

*Some people believe in the God they worship.
Some people believe in the sports they play.
I believe in the students I teach.
Every one.*

Chris Bullmer was a great teacher, one who tried to help each student — through writing — with his or her specific challenges in life. He taught children to express their feelings first on paper and then orally, in public, skills that many children didn't think that they had, but which will now help them process Chris's passing and all that Chris meant to them.

Two days after his death, an auditorium full of students — past and present — bore witness to his kindness as a human being and his extraordinariness as an educator.

I am sorry that our Kalamazoo Central and KPS students and staff have lost such an important part of their lives. But I am so proud of the compassionate way they have supported one another since Chris's death. It would have made Chris proud.



Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.
Superintendent

It's impossible to sum up an individual in a single piece of writing, but the following poem, "Jerome," written by Chris Bullmer himself, gives you a glimpse into the man and the educator.

Jerome

*There is a subtle buzz that
Rises from a full classroom
A kinetic teaming that streams
Between students
Flows full force through the
Ears and eyes and those little minds
Blazing a straight path from the
Hands of the teacher.*

*Mostly we teach what is given
The answers laid out in the
Backs of books study guides
And student handouts.
But sometimes we must teach
Only from what we know
And I learned that from
3'11 5th grade Jerome.*

*He sat in the back of the class
With the extreme distance
Of a rain soaked horizon
Huddles in his chair head
Just about the tabletop
Looking lost right there where he*

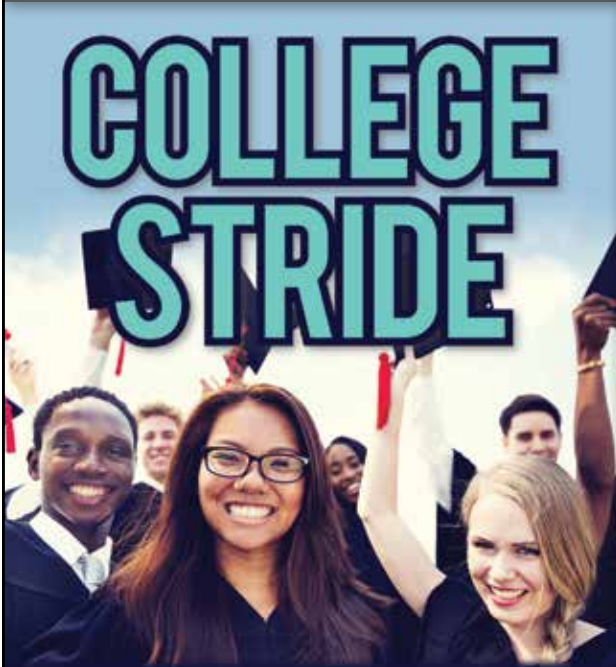
Was supposed to be.

*In the middle of every art lesson I taught
I saw how cruel kids can become.
They called him imp, midget, monkey, elf,
Gnome, squirrel and one hundred other
Nicknames to remind him how
Tiny he really was.
Eventually he came up to me and
Said in these exact words,
"It must be golden to be tall"
Explaining that being small must be
All the things wrong in the world
Rolled into one.*

*For ten minutes I watched this little man cry
Thinking back to me at that age
Hovering over everyone
The teacher calling on me every time
She couldn't reach something
And my classmates called me tree,
Bean pole, giraffe, jolly green giant,
And they called me freak.
Fifth grade going home hunched over
Hoping I wouldn't grow anymore.
Looking down at Jerome,
Trembling tear shuttered
I saw his sketchbook open
To the perfect picture of a dragon devouring*

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Explore

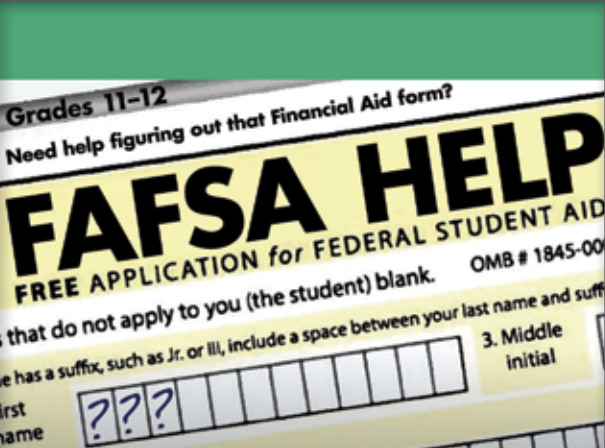


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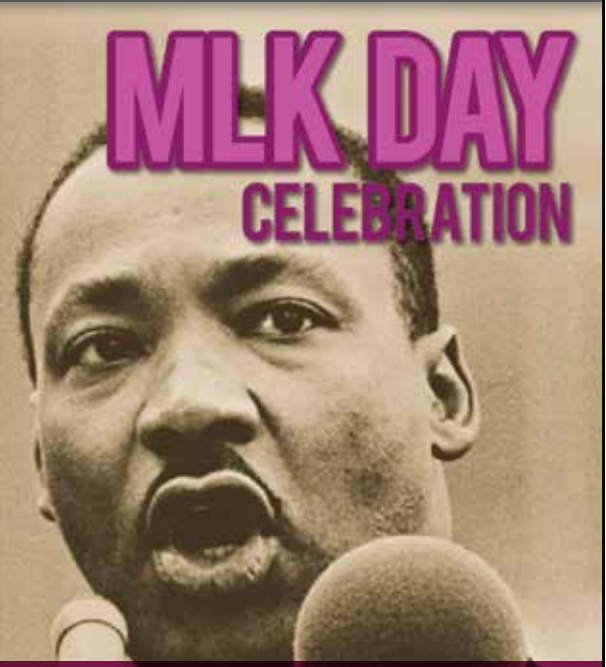
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Kalamazoo Students Finding Voices with "Being a Writer" Program *(continued from page 1)*

"This program gives students the opportunity to build on their own thinking," Vandenberg said. "It does not give a formula to their stories or their ideas. It is truly a program that allows them to write at their level and explore their creative side."

The major difference between this program and others, she said, is that students are given tremendous freedom to generate ideas, style, voice and pacing.

"The pace of the writing is a huge difference," she said. "It does not seem rushed and takes time to break down the writing process so students understand how and why certain steps are followed."

During one visit to her classroom, students are in the revision stage of writing and, on that particular day, focused on spelling.



Morgan Steward, left, and Yamilet Brito-Arevalo consult with each other during a Being a Writer lesson at El Sol Elementary.

First, they discuss what proofreading means. This is an example of the socio-emotional part of the program. Students

are encouraged to keep all discussions kind, then after thinking about the word for a few seconds, they discuss with each other what proofreading means.

"I would say having students work with their peers enables them to become more confident writers," Vandenberg said. "Meeting with a peer is less intimidating than conferencing with a teacher. This process

allows students to share their work on a daily basis. I like to have them think before they turn to their partners, so they are ready with an idea to discuss and are using time wisely."

After the discussion, the students then go to their works and circle words that might be misspelled — or words that they know are misspelled. "Swallowed," "completely," and "regurgitated" are examples the students identify within their work.

They then talk about commonly misspelled words that are in their workbooks. They also talk about how they might double check their spelling, such as using classroom resources, talking to friends, and checking the dictionary. The next few minutes are spent checking spelling, creating personalized spelling lists in their workbooks, and correcting their rough drafts.

The students explore best writing practices through a variety of genres, such as poetry, information, opinion and narratives, which they explore through "mentor texts" or

sample writings. The expectation is that students will write 30 minutes a day.

The mentor texts are extremely valuable, Justice said. The students study the examples of good writing and are expected to model what they read. The readings provide inspiration not only for the first drafts but for the revisions, she said.

"They read the mentor texts and really want to revise so it is at the same level as the text as much as possible," she said.

The program emphasizes the writing process and the concept that writing is never done, Justice said.

"But what we want the most is for students to know they have a voice," she said. "Sometimes your voice may not be very big orally, but it may be big through written form. We want to show the students there are various avenues to express themselves. We want students to walk away thinking, 'I can put my thoughts on paper. My thoughts make sense and express who I am. When someone picks up a piece of paper, they can know me.'"

Skills to Mourn, Remember *(continued from page 2)*

*A little boy in the back of a classroom.
I remember that drawing,
It was a tiger, the boy was taller but the picture
Was the same.
All I could tell Jerome that day
Was that it would all be O.K.
But this is what I was supposed to say....*

*There are words, whole worlds, and even wisdom
That we can not possibly comprehend. You must be careful
When listening to what others have said.
Do not be discouraged.
The truth is that we are all imperfect to perfection,
All of us are screaming in opposite directions
We grow and rage and move and change
And sometimes we end up a little bit strange
But we are all golden
And your strength should not be broken
By those who would remind you
That they are flawed too
By insulting the way that you are made.*

*Jerome, remember
We are only as tall as the tops of our heads
Next time measure your spirit instead.*

It was Lao Tzu, the Chinese writer, who wrote 2,500 years ago in "Tao Te Ching," "To die but not be forgotten: that's true long life." By that measure, Chris Bullmer lives on in the large numbers of KC and KPS students — and staff — whom he touched, guided, and taught in his uniquely kind and powerful way.



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JANUARY 28 – APRIL 29

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January Mobile Health and Dental Clinic Schedules

The Family Health Center Mobile Health Clinic serves Kalamazoo Public Schools students and their families. It provides physicals, immunizations, well-child visits, and other services. The clinic takes insurance and offers a sliding scale fee. Here is the medical clinic's schedule for January, along with the schedule for the Kalamazoo County mobile dental clinic. For more information, visit fhckzoo.com. Appointments can be made by calling (269) 349-2641 or contacting

Community in Schools at your school.

Mobile Health Clinic

Jan. 8 — Greenwood
Jan. 9-10 — Milwood Magnet
Jan. 11 and 16 — El Sol
Jan. 17-18 — Arcadia
Jan. 22-23 — Edison
Jan. 24-25 — Lincoln
Jan. 29-31 — Loy Norrix

Dental Clinic

Jan. 8-9 — King-Westwood
Jan. 10, 16-17, 22-23 — Linden Grove
Jan. 24, 29-30 — El Sol
Jan. 31 — Loy Norrix

Author and Illustrator Help Arcadia Celebrate "Maya" Day

Author Mahak Jain and illustrator Elly MacKay helped Arcadia Elementary School celebrate "Maya" Day in October.

Jain and MacKay are the creative team behind the children's book "Maya," which won the 2017 South Asia Book Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature. When they visited, the school declared it Maya Day and two Arcadia students, Maitreya "Maya" Carroll and Maya Van Heest, received autographed copies of the book.

The book tells the story of a young girl who must deal with the death of her father and an enormous blackout in her Indian hometown. Her mother shares the story of banyan tree, which helps Maya remember her father and deal with the stress of the blackout.

Jain told the students that the story was inspired by her own relationship with India, where she was born. She knew she wanted to create a story that included the peacock, which is the national bird of India, the tiger, which is the national animal, and the banyan tree, which is the national tree.

And she used those elements to create a story to show that "sometimes, the things we think are scary are not so scary if we think about what they're doing."

In the book, the animal characters, seemingly frightening, are shown to be not so scary at all. The elephant is not stomping but rather she's dancing, and the tiger is not really sneaking around a tree but trying to scratch an itch.

"I can put something in a story and transform it," she said. "I can make it silly. I can make it happy. I can take a scary snake hiss and make it silly."

MacKay explained her process of making illustrations



Author Mahak Jain helped Arcadia Elementary school students with a group art project and talked about her book "Maya."



Illustrator Elly MacKay talks to Arcadia Elementary school students about her illustrations for the book "Maya."



Lamontay Cox works on an art project with author Mahak Jain and illustrator Elly MacKay at Arcadia Elementary school.



Alanoud Almandeel shows off the butterfly she created for a group art project at Arcadia Elementary School.

for books.

She handpaints paper, then, inspired by the painting, she cuts out shapes and figures. She uses those to create little collage worlds, which she photographs. MacKay took

some figures and asked students to help her create a collage.

She worked with them to create butterflies that were taped against a colorful backdrop as part of a group art project.

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Washington Celebrates a Thanksgiving for Literacy, Renames Library after Former Principal (cont. from page 1)

Dr. Michael Rice called her a "warrior for children."

Washington Principal Lanisha Spiller called Witzak the original "Queen Bee" of Washington.

Spiller welcomed guests to the event saying, "We're thankful not only for your investment in your children but for your investment in Washington as a whole."

The event, which was organized by Title I interventionist and coach Emily Ziegler and data coach Nina LeSuer, opened with a song from Washington students. The tables were decorated with gourds, which families were invited to take home and cook for



Barbara Witzak, center back, is pictured with Deputy Superintendent Gary Start, left, Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice, and fellow former Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Services and principal Patricia Coles-Chalmers. The Washington Writers' Academy renamed its library after Witzak for her service as the school principal.



The Hudsons, from left, Tammy; Asia, who is a student at Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts; Adelaide, a fourth grader at Washington; and Gary, celebrated a meal together.

Thanksgiving, as well as colorful placemats on which the students had written about all of the things for which they give thanks,

including families, pets, and a free education.

The program was supported with donations from New Way

Thrift, the Senior Services Foster Grandparents program, Maggie's Cafe & Catering, and anonymous donors.

Save the Date for KC Hall of Fame Induction

The Kalamazoo Central High School Maroon Foundation will hold its 2018 Kalamazoo Central Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony on March 10 at Western Michigan University's Bernhard Center.

Save the date to recognize members of the Kalamazoo Central community for their contributions to society and for bringing honor to their alma mater.

This year's inductees into the Hall of

Fame are: James Long, James Ross, Kay Barstow-Clark, Robert Lake, Charles Hall and James Short.

The inductees into the Hall of Honor will be the 1996 National Championship Mock Trial Team, including founding coach Mikell Thurston Griffith. The 1996 team consisted of students Sonya Datta-Sandhu, Jordan Klepper, Aash Bhat, Nick Dybek, Joelle Renstrom, Aida Levy-Hussen, Linnaea Eberts Thomas,

Andrew Fink, Ursula McTaggart, and Ghislaine Storr Burks. The coach was Sherry Ransford, who was aided by assistant coach Keith Platte, and legal coaches Kurt McCamman and Annette Nickel.

For more information, contact Maroon Foundation President Geanice Miller at (269) 271-9813 or email kcmaroonfoundation@gmail.com. The foundation can also be found on Facebook at KC Maroon-Foundation.

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Loy Norrix Senior Chosen for All State High School Orchestra

Rhiannon Pitcock, a Loy Norrix High School senior and violinist, auditioned for and was chosen to perform in the Michigan Music Band & Orchestra Association's (MSBOA) All State High School Orchestra at the Michigan Music Conference January 25-27. With hundreds of students from the state auditioning, she earned one of the 32 violin seats in the ensemble. In 2016, she was selected for a spot in the Sphinx Performance Academy for African American and Latino Students, where her quartet was voted best in camp. These feats are especially notable when considering she only started private violin lessons her freshman year of high school, much later than others who've attained these

honors, said orchestra teacher Sandra Shaw.



Loy Norrix violinist Rhiannon Pitcock was selected for the Michigan Music Band & Orchestra Association's (MSBOA) All State High School Orchestra.

Applications Being Accepted for 2018 EFA Arts Education Grants

Education For the Arts annually offers more than \$150,000 in Arts Education Grants to schools, teachers/artists, and students. The application process for 2018 is currently open.

Grant applications can be found at kresa.egrant.net. Eligible applicants must create an account, select the appropriate grant application listed under "opportunities," and then complete and submit applications electronically by the appropriate deadline. All applications must be completed and submitted online.

Eligible students' legal residence must be within one of the nine local districts serviced by Kalamazoo RESA.

Education For the Arts is the countywide arts program administered by the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency. It provides arts programming and support to students across Kalamazoo County.

The available grants and their

deadlines are:

Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Scholarships: These scholarships are available to eligible K-12 Kalamazoo County students for artistic education and enrichment beyond the classroom. Funds for the 2018-2019 school year will be awarded for private arts instruction, classes at art institutions or summer arts camps, and other arts-related activities. All intermediate and advanced level applicants must also upload a work sample to be reviewed by the grant panelists. Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 25, 2018.

Irving S. Gilmore Student Artistic Equipment Program: Scholarships give eligible, advanced-level Kalamazoo County students access to equipment that is either not available through rental programs or is prohibitively expensive to purchase. All applicants must upload a work sample to be reviewed. Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 22, 2018.

EFA Artistic Project Grants for Classrooms: Grants are available to eligible Kalamazoo County schools to help enhance and expand arts education curriculum, classroom projects and extracurricular activities through workshops, artist residencies, and field trips to performances and exhibitions. Deadline: 11:59 p.m. March 22, 2018.

EFA Artistic Development Grants for Educators: Grants are available to eligible EFA Teaching Artists as well as Kalamazoo County arts teachers and educators who integrate the arts into core curriculum. This program grants educators the opportunity to develop their own artistic abilities and knowledge base through artist retreats, workshops, and mentorships. Deadline: 11:59 p.m. March 22, 2018.

For more information, contact Kristine DeRyder at kris.deryder@kresa.org or (269) 250-9244.

NOT-TO-BE-MISSED EXHIBITIONS at the KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Dawoud Bey, *A Boy in front of the Loew's 125th Street Movie Theater*, 1976, silver gelatin print. ©Dawoud Bey. Courtesy of Stephen Daiter Gallery



Dawoud Bey: Harlem, USA and Harlem Redux January 13 - April 11

Explore everyday life in 1970s Harlem and the transitioning landscape of this historic neighborhood 35 years later. Bey holds an MFA from Yale University and is professor of art at

Columbia College, Chicago. In October, Bey was named MacArthur Foundation Fellow.



Artist's Talk with Dawoud Bey
March 22
6:30 pm, \$5

Dulce Pinzón, *Superman from The Real Story of the Superheroes series (detail)*, 2005-10, photograph, 16 x 20 in.

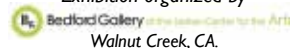


My Hero! Contemporary Art and Superhero Action February 3 - May 13

More than 130 artworks by 44 international artists explore superhero imagery, paying homage to our idols and questioning their popularity and stature--some imagining the hero as a child or an elder. Viewers will find the perspectives familiar yet new, in a wide array of media: painting, photography, sculpture, drawing, and fiber.

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Magic Nine Spinach Salad

Happy New Year Kalamazoo! Starting the year with healthy fresh foods is a must. Taking care of the body includes an excellent diet. Please enjoy this salad, as leafy greens are a critical part of our diet. As always, take time to share with family and friends.
Best regards, Chef Shaun.



Shaun Robinson is the district chef for Chartwells at KPS Food Service.

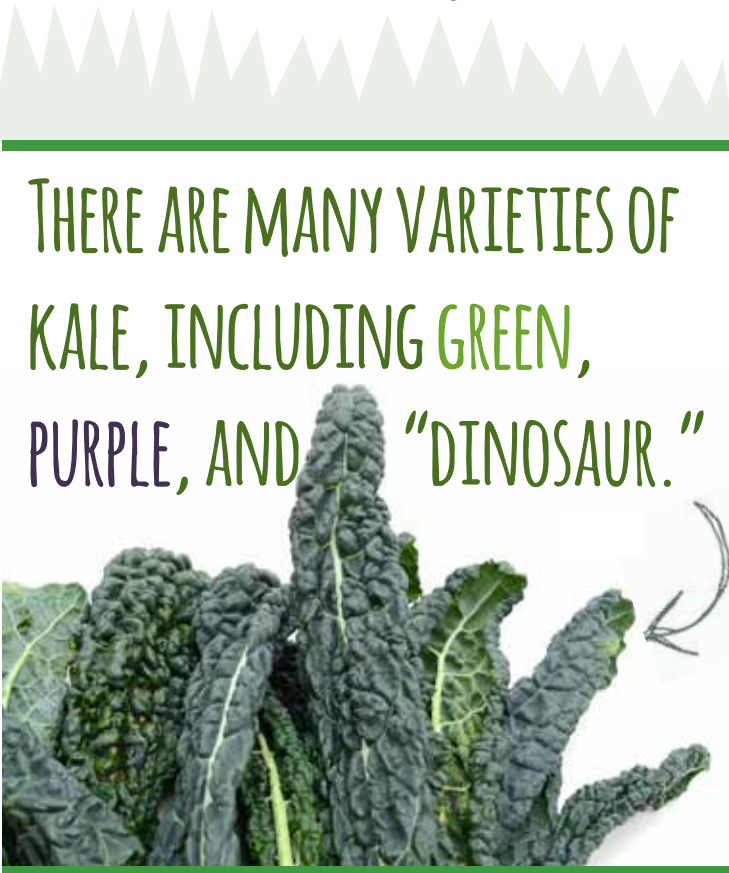
Ingredients

- 6 oz. baby spinach leaves
- 1/3 cup Cheddar cheese, chopped
- 1 Fuji apple, diced
- 1/3 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup sweetened, dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup blanched, slivered almonds
- 3 Tbs. poppy seed salad dressing
- 4 oz., chicken breast
- Fresh basil to taste

Directions

1. Combine all ingredients, except salad dressing, chicken breast, and basil.
2. Grill or oven roast chicken breast to 170 degrees internal temperature. Slice thinly and layer over salad.
3. Garnish with fresh basil or your favorite herb. Rosemary is another hit with this salad. Toss with dressing immediately before serving.

Servings: 1



THERE ARE MANY VARIETIES OF KALE, INCLUDING GREEN, PURPLE, AND "DINOSAUR."

Maple Street Presents "Guys and Dolls Jr." Jan. 18–20

Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts is 'Rockin' the Boat' in January with a production of "Guys and Dolls Jr."

The show is being co-directed by teachers Taryn Fooy and Julie Davis and will feature a double cast to allow even more students to participate in the classic musical, which features songs such as "A Bushel and a Peck," "Luck Be a Lady Tonight," and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat."

The show runs 7 p.m. Jan. 18 and 19, and 3 p.m. Jan. 20 at Lincoln International Studies School, 912 N. Burdick St. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$6 adults, \$3 students.

"Guys and Dolls" follows Salvation Army crusaders and high rollers from the streets of Times Square to Havana and back again. Nathan Detroit, who is permanently engaged to showgirl Miss Adelaide, will be forced to fold Detroit's Oldest



Maple Street Magnet School will present "Guys and Dolls Jr." in January at Lincoln International Studies School.

Established Permanent Floating Craps Game unless he wins a bet from high roller Sky Masterson. When Sky boasts he can woo any "doll," Nathan bets him that he can't convince uptight missionary Sarah to go to Havana with him. Sky and Sarah end up teaching each other

about love and the meaning of "winning." "Guys and Dolls Jr." is from the Musical Theater International Broadway Junior Collection, which includes 60-minute versions of musicals designed for middle school performers.

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Announcing the availability of our 2018 online scholarship application as of January 1

Deadline for all scholarships is March 1 (unless otherwise noted)

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Students who plan on using The Kalamazoo Promise can use our scholarships for additional educational expenses.

(If you don't have a computer, just let us know. You can use one of ours or we can send you a paper application. Call us at 381.4416).



MiCareerQuest Southwest Exposes Thousands of Students to Career Possibilities

More than 2,500 Kalamazoo County eighth graders — including students from Hillside Middle School — took part in MiCareerQuest Southwest in November at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds.

More than 85 businesses are participating in the event, including: Bronson Healthcare Group, CSM Group, Flowserve, Graphic Packaging International, Humphrey Products, Kalsec Inc., Landscape Forms, National Flavors

LLC, Pfizer Inc., Republic Airline, Schupan & Sons Inc., SMART Local 7 Union, United 4 Change, and Western Michigan University College of Aviation.

This is the third year for MiCareerQuest. Students explored various careers through hands-on activities, which ranged from making smoothies to pretending to examine injured animals to learning how to lay bricks. The businesses were organized into four industry

groups: arts and communication; business, technology and human services; engineering and manufacturing; and health and natural sciences.

The event expanded to include a community open house and job fair focusing on job opportunities available to 16 to 18 year olds as well as adults.

The event was sponsored by KRESA, Southwest Michigan First, and Michigan Works! Southwest.



Kalamazoo students not only attended the MiCareerQuest event, some presented information about careers. Kalamazoo Central teacher Ken Briggs, left to right, and students Joshua Winters-Brown, John Sidwell, and Jakob Preston talked to students about KRESA's Education For Employment electronics and robotics class.



Hillside Middle School students Keyten Thompson-Johnson, Devon Garrett, Clayton Jamar, Khalil Peters, Cornell Frank, Andre Tarver, Khaniya Greene-Little, Cinclear Lewis, David Givhan, Ketron Davis and Le'montae Daniels-Thompson (in the truck) check out the Schupan heavy equipment.



Hillside students Cameron Parsons and Xavier Vannavong tried their hands at laying bricks at the MiCareerQuest Southwest.



Hillside Middle School student Andre Tarver learned about veterinary science at MiCareerQuest Southwest.



Hillside students Zoe Bryan and Brittany Wright practiced intubating a patient at the EMT station at MiCareerQuest Southwest.



Addison Todd and Kali Vallier check out the equipment at the Stryker display.

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Artists' Corner

Fourth-grade students at Lincoln International Studies School have been exploring the elements of architecture. Students visualized and created their own houses inspired by homes in the Kalamazoo community. Their art teacher is Abbey Ruffer.



Aaliyah Williams



Josue Villanueva Sanchez



Draven Heileman



Lariyah White

Seven KPS Students Selected for Middle School Honors Band

Seven Kalamazoo Public Schools middle school band students participated in the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association District 11 Honors Band concert in November.

To be accepted to this group, students had to be nominated by their directors. They prepared scales and a challenging etude, and they submitted recorded auditions

tapes that were judged by experts on their instruments. Students from across MSBOA District 11, encompassing the counties of Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Branch, submitted auditions for the group.

Students met at Vicksburg High School for a day of rehearsals with the group's conductor, Mark Stice, the most recent MSBOA Teacher of The

Year. The students prepared three pieces of music in just four rehearsal sessions for a concert that evening.

The Kalamazoo Public Schools students in the group were Kayla Maikoski, Robert Wheeler, and Noah Thompson from Hillside; Erica Sanchez-Elias from Milwood; and Sarah Mughazy, Gabriella Barry and Julia Morrison from Linden Grove.



Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association District 11 Honors Band members included Kalamazoo Public Schools students, from left, Kayla Maikoski, Robert Wheeler, Noah Thompson, Erica Sanchez-Elias, Sarah Mughazy, Gabriella Barry and Julia Morrison.

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Milwood Magnet Students Conduct Field Work at Kalamazoo Nature Center

Milwood Magnet School seventh graders learned about water health, conducted science experiments, and explored waterways for macro-invertebrate life at the Kalamazoo Nature Center (KNC) in November thanks to the KRESA/Project Lead The Way (PLTW) science curriculum and a grant from Bosch.

About 160 students visited the nature center for the three-day field trip of outdoor exploration and science work.

"During their day trip to the Kalamazoo Nature Center, PLTW students examined their connection to the natural world, and explored why environmental sustainability is so important," said Debra Kolberg, a STEM teacher consultant for KRESA.

KNC educators led classes on Beech Maple trail, which is in an old-growth forest, and had students follow stream and river waterways to learn about water health. Students conducted pH and dissolved oxygen tests and then splashed in the river to look for signs of macro-invertebrate life. They examined bioaccumulation in food chains and participated in an oil spill simulation.

For the self-guided portion of the day, classes explored a geothermal exhibit; were led on a short, guided hike; and were asked to consider the environmental impacts of different energy sources. Classes were also encouraged to examine KNC's solar panel field.

"Students had a very full day



Students from Milwood Magnet School: A Center for Math, Science and Technology visited the Kalamazoo Nature Center to study water health and alternative energy.

of investigation and consideration of the planet we live on," Kolberg said.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that promotes science education by helping provide students with real-world skills in areas of computer science, engineering and biomedical sciences. KRESA and its Education For Employment program have been working to integrate it into schools in Kalamazoo County.

The seventh graders at Milwood have a PLTW class called Energy and the Environment, which studies alternative energy. All KPS middle schools offer three of the middle school PLTW courses: Design and Modeling, Medical Detectives, and Energy and the Environment. Kalamazoo Central High School has the Intro to Engineering Design as part of the EFE Electronics & Robotics class

offered at the school.

Bosch provided the KNC grant to help expand environmental awareness as part of the middle school energy and environment class.

"Many students who have never been to the Nature Center were able to attend," Kolberg said. "It was a fantastic experience for all."

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\$100 a week for half-day care, and \$42 a day. Two snacks and lunch are provided for full-time students.

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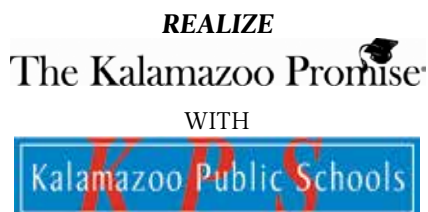
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