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IMPORTANT DATES

Board of Education Meetings

Thursday, Sept. 14 & 28, 2017
7 p.m.

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First Day of School

Sept. 5, 2017
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Sept. 6, 2017

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District Co-Sponsors 'Mirrors of Me'—A Celebration of Multicultural Literature

More than 250 educators came together in August to discuss strategies to help children connect to literature and to help them use literature to connect to other ideas at the conference "Mirrors of Me: Children Seeing Themselves in Their Literature."

Spearheaded and co-sponsored by Kalamazoo Public Schools, the event was held Aug. 1 at Western Michigan University's Bernhard Center.

The conference included a discussion on how writing can help in the literacy development of African-American males, a program that encourages barbers to create reading corners in their shops, and a Kalamazoo writing project centered around social justice.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr.



Dr. Alfred Tatum, dean of the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was the keynote speaker at "Mirrors of Me: Children Seeing Themselves in Their Literature."

Alfred Tatum, dean of the college of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago and director of the UIC Reading Clinic. He is the author of "Fearless Voices: Engaging the Next Generation of African-American Male Writers" and several other books.

Tatum said he tries to place children in chambers of optimism because that "does something profound for the soul."

"We frequently ask students about connections they feel to the texts they read," Tatum said. About five years ago, he said he broadened that approach to include one of trying to use text to make children feel connected to the larger world.

"There are some things that are socially and scientifically significant and that we want
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Kalamazoo Central Mock Trial Wins Second Place at Nationals

Kalamazoo Central High School Mock Trial won second place in the National High School Mock Trial Championships in Hartford, Conn., in May.

The second-place national win topped a year that included first place wins at the regional and state mock trial competitions. This was Kalamazoo Central's 19th trip to the national contest. The team won the national championship in 1996 and placed second in the nation for three years in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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The Kalamazoo Central Mock Trial Giants Team pose in the Connecticut Supreme Court Courthouse, where the final round of the National High School Mock Trial Championships was litigated. Students are, from left, Conner Havenaar, Zachary Cook, Rosemary Sidwell, Nicholas Sosulski, Rochelle Sims, Nathan D. Scholten, Julia Kemple-Johnson, and Olivia Burrell.

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Summers Busy in KPS in Preparation for Upcoming School Years

Summers have always been busy in Kalamazoo Public Schools. They provide a valuable opportunity to prepare for the next school year. The summer of 2017 has been no exception.

First, we have had our annual summer activities: the cleaning of our buildings; summer school for 1,300 students; the hiring and orientation of new teachers, support staff, and administrators; the ordering, receipt, and preparation of materials, supplies, and equipment; capital projects, large and small, in our schools; the rewriting of curriculum guides aligned to changes in state grade-level content expectations and any new district instructional materials; staff professional development; and the registration and scheduling of students.

Second, we held events associated with particular efforts or directions of the district. On July 31, KPS hosted area barbers for a presentation by Alvin Irby regarding barbershop

literacy. On Aug. 1, with the Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Michigan Association of School Boards, Middle Cities Education Association, Michigan Association



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Superintendent

of Secondary School Principals, the Reading Now Network, and Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency, KPS co-sponsored, and staff attended, a statewide conference at Western Michigan University on diversity in literacy.

The conference, entitled “Mirrors of Me: Children Seeing Themselves in Their Literature,” was headlined by Dr. Alfred Tatum, noted

University of Illinois at Chicago literacy professor, dean, and researcher on efforts to improve African-American male reading achievement. A week earlier, KPS staff participated in Safe and Civil Schools training by Dr. Randy Sprick in partnership with KRESA and some of its staff.

We in KPS are excited about the coming school year, about new math materials for students and staff in grades K-3; new

writing materials for students and staff in grades 4-5; new high school social studies materials; an expansion of the more than 400 mentors supporting more than 1,700 students last year; a deepening of our culturally responsive education professional development; an expansion of the Kalamazoo Innovative Learning Program (KILP), our predominantly online alternative high school, to 100 students in its second year; the beginning of a three-year rotation for all of our Advanced Placement (AP) teachers to accelerate the improvement of results in our AP program; and trauma informed care training for a number of our staff.

The myth is that summers are down time in school districts. The reality is that a busy summer sets the stage for a successful school year. We look forward to just such a school year, beginning — for our children — on Sept. 5.

Best wishes to all of our students, staff, and families for a great school year!

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Is your child ready for preschool? The Loy Norrix Child Care Center, a five-star rated Kalamazoo County Ready 4s program, is accepting applications for childcare and preschool for fall 2017.

The center is located inside Loy Norrix High School, 606 E. Kilgore Road. Open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., LNCCC offers full-day and half-day enrollment, as well as a daily rate. Tuition is \$155 a week for full-time care, \$100 a week for half-day care, and \$42 a day. Two snacks and lunch are provided for

full-time students.

The school accepts 3- and 4-year-olds. Students must be toilet-trained. School district residency is not required for the program, which is open to the public.

For more information, call Mary Hentschl-Early at (269) 337-0264, or email hentschl_earlym@kalamazoopublicschools.net.



Kalamazoo Central Mock Trial Team *(continued from page 1)*

Last year, the team finished 11th in the nation.

“All our students performed magnificently and we have every reason to be extremely proud of each of them,” Francis Bilancio said of all the Kalamazoo Central students who participated in Mock Trial last year.

Approximately 3,200 teams competed across the nation in regional and state competitions. Forty-eight teams competed in the national event. After two days of competition in Hartford, Kalamazoo and North Carolina advanced to the Final Blue Ribbon Round, which North Carolina took in a split decision.

This year’s case revolved around a teacher who was stunned by a taser by police as she ran to catch a commuter train home. The teacher was leaving a baseball game and running to catch a train at the same time a police officer was searching the area for an armed robbery suspect. The officer claims he shouted a warning for the woman to halt and to raise her arms. The teacher alleges that the officer used excessive force and the department’s ill-defined policies made the officer and the department liable for her injuries.

Among the questions the mock trial participants had to consider in their arguments in the case included: Were the officer’s actions reasonable and justified? Was the officer and the department responsible for the teacher’s damages? Did the officer act in a reasonable way to protect the greater good?

Kalamazoo Central sent two teams, the “Maroons” and the “Giants” to the regional competition. The teams competed against each other in the final round at regionals, with the “Giants” taking first place. “Giants” team members are Nicholas So-sulski, Julia Kemple-Johnson, Olivia Burrell, Nathan Scholten, Rosemary Sidwell, and Rochelle Sims. The Giants went to the national competition.

“Maroons” team members were: Andrew Cichy, Zachary Cook, Connor Havenaar, Jeremiah Johnson, Malcolm Jones, Benedict Nsenga, Gurman Rai, Charity Sidwell, Madison Van Natter, and Sydney Woodcock.

In mock trial competitions, teams of students take on the roles of attorneys and witnesses and present arguments and testimony in legal cases before a panel

of judges. One judge presides over the trial, while the others form a jury. The students develop an understanding of the law, court proceedings, and the legal system. They also build skills in listening, speaking and reasoning.

The Kalamazoo Central High School Mock Trial team was founded in 1986 by retired coach Mikell Thurston Griffith and is currently coached by Bilancio. The team has won 18 state championships, more than any other team in America.

Bilancio was assisted this year by attorney coaches Cody Crane, Tibble Law Office, P.C.; REh A. Starks, Starks Law, P.L.C.; Nicholas J. Spigiel, Kreis Enderle; Joshua C. Hilgart, Legal Aid; Morgan Schut, Lewis, Reed & Allen, P.C.; Maggie Rucker, Legal Aid. Student Amanda Sidwell served as coach assistant.

The team also receives support from the Kalamazoo County Trial Lawyers Association; the Kalamazoo County Bar Association; the Kalamazoo County Family Bar Association; the Young Lawyers Section; Hills Law Office; Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone; and Kalamazoo County Ninth Circuit Court.

KC Baseball Team Brings Home Academic All-State Honors

The Kalamazoo Central baseball team earned academic all-state honors with a collective GPA of 3.71. Kalamazoo Central’s baseball team was a district finalist and was ranked second among Division 1 schools. The team graduated 10 seniors from the team in the spring, but this year it will see the return of several underclassmen who also excel academically.

The team had several players, who carried 4.0 GPAs or greater, including senior Kegan Miller who was the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Gary Vitto Scholarship winner.

Other KC baseball players receiving academic all-state honors were: junior Owen O’Neil, senior Patrick Fulton, senior Jonah Bolton, senior Benjamin VanZo-



The Kalamazoo Central baseball team earned academic all-state honors for having a collective GPA of 3.71.



Several team members were honored at the school board meeting on Aug. 3. Pictured (L to R) are Owen O’Neil, Hilario DeLaPaz, Jack Uekert, KC athletic director Dylan Patterson, Derek Bradley, Patrick Fulton, and Kegan Miller.

est, and sophomore Jack Uekert. Team academic all-state criteria is: a varsity team GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, excluding GPAs for exchange students, transfer students and freshmen. Individual awards are given to

students who maintain at least a 3.0 GPA for five semesters or more of high school work and who earn a varsity letter for the spring 2017 season. Those with GPAs over 4.0 were rounded down to 4.0 for the awards.

Chef Shaun - KPS FOOD SERVICE CHEF

Shish Tawook

Welcome back, Kalamazoo! A new and exciting year is upon us, and the tailgating season remains a popular event. Please try this Middle Eastern grill recipe, which has some unique herbs and spices. The recipe makes an excellent wrap sandwich on pita bread with a touch of garlic yogurt sauce, sliced tomato, lettuce and pickle. As always, please enjoy with family and friends. Best regards, Chef Shaun



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

Directions

1. Whisk together the lemon juice, olive oil, yogurt, garlic, tomato paste, sea salt, oregano, pepper, allspice, cinnamon, and cardamom in a large bowl; add the chicken and toss to coat. Transfer the chicken mixture into a large plastic bag; refrigerate at least 4 hours.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill to medium-high heat and lightly oil grate. Thread the chicken, onions, and pepper onto metal skewers. Cook on preheated grill until the chicken is golden and no longer pink in the center, about 5 minutes each side. Sprinkle the parsley over the skewers.

Servings: 4-5

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Arcadia Students Share Immigration Experiences in Anthology

Arcadia Elementary School students help give voice to the experiences of immigrants in a new anthology “Immigration & Justice for Our Neighbors.”

The children’s poems are filled with longing and sweet memories of their homelands. They are full of images of beaches and loving relatives, beautiful landscapes and innocent pleasures.

In her poem, “Dear Iraq,” Nada Alhasnawi writes, “Do you remember how much I love you? I love you more than everything. Sometimes I wonder if you are doing alright. Thank you for the best memories.”

Hala Alhasan, who is from Syria, writes in “Dear Syria”, “You make me feel happy. I remember the sound of the ocean in Tartas. Do you remember when we were grilling on your beach? ... Sometimes I wonder what you will be like when I return in 15 years. Thank you for giving me happiness.”

The anthology was co-edited by writers Jennifer Clark and writer Miriam Downey.

Clark was approached by Mollie Clements, who asked her to help create the book to raise awareness of Justice for Our Neighbors, a Kalamazoo legal clinic for immigrants. The clinic is one of about three dozen in the country and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

The book has now had its second printing. It is available for \$10 at Michigan News Agency, Bookbug, Kazoo Books, First United Methodist Church, and Tudor House Tea and Spice in Kalamazoo.

“We decided to do an anthology with a focus on immigration, then we thought to make it better than that with the idea of being a good neighbor,” Clark said.

She asked some of her favorite area writers, such as Elizabeth Kerlikowske, Bonnie Jo Campbell, Buddy Hannah, and Lynn Pattison to contribute to the project. She also put out a general call for submissions. Clements looked at the list of contributors and suggested adding children’s voices.



Arcadia poet Nada Alhasnawi



Arcadia poet Faris Bukhader



Arcadia poet Abdullah Tayara



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Arcadia poet Lisbet Lopez



Arcadia poet Reem Ahmed



Arcadia poet Roziya Rustamova



Arcadia poet Hala Alhasan



Arcadia poet Ritika Verma

Clark, who does public relations for Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo but who used to work with students, approached Arcadia, where an Americorps Vista worker had submitted his own piece and a poem by student Ritika Verma.

Clark held two lunchtime writing sessions and was overwhelmed by the response from the fourth- and fifth-grade children.

“There were 42 students,” she said. “I was a little freaked out when I got there. Usually I’ll have 15 kids. If I get eight, I’m really happy.”

She found help from the KPS bilingual staff and school principal Greg Socha. The students were eager to write and took editing suggestions well, broadening ideas and playing with the language.

“I think the kids have so

much wisdom,” Clark said. “The kids said, what makes a good neighbor is kindness. We’re doing this at a time when people aren’t being so kind to each other right now. The kids are reminding us you need to be kind, you need to care for your neighbors.”

“Those are the basics. If we can do that, everything else will fall into place.”

The students helped celebrate the book launch with readings at the Arcus Center for Social Justice at Kalamazoo College in April and Bookbug in June. They stole the show, Clark said.

“They were reading alongside these consummate readers, people who this is what they do,” Clark said. “The grown-ups were saying, ‘I’ve never been so nervous to read.’ It’s so important to see these kids. That is what it’s all about.”

Many of the adult writers and readers said they have been impressed by the the children’s memories. They focused not on wars or fleeing desperate conditions but on the normalcy of life in their homelands. They talked about going to the beach in Tajikistan, grilling out in Iraq, listening to stories from their grandparents in Syria.

“One of the people in the bilingual program told me that having the children read their works to their families has been a healing process,” Clark said. “In some cases they haven’t talked about those memories, they haven’t talked about leaving their country. So the parents are hearing how their kids were feeling and about what they missed, what they loved, what they remembered. That was a positive experience, an emotional one, but a positive one.”





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Mobile Health, Dental Clinics Ready to Roll Again

The Family Health Center launched a mobile health clinic for students and families in Kalamazoo Public Schools in 2016.

The clinic includes three examination rooms and a waiting area. It's staffed by two teams of three health care professionals with specialties in pediatric and adolescent care. The clinic provides physicals, immunizations, well-child visits, and other services.

During the 2016-17 school year, the mobile unit saw more than 1,000 KPS students, said Phil Curley, the mobile unit manager. Most of the visits were for well child exams and immunizations, but they also managed sports physicals

The clinic takes insurance and offers a sliding scale fee based on family income. Here is the clinic's schedule for

September. Families should note that the schedule is tentative at the beginning of the school year. The center also operates a mobile dental clinic, which maintains a separate schedule, noted below.

For more information, visit fhckzoo.com. Appointments can be made by calling (269) 349-2641 or by contacting the Community in Schools of Kalamazoo at your school.

September Mobile Health Clinic schedule (subject to change)

Sept. 12-15 — Loy Norrix
Sept. 18-21 — Milwood Magnet

Sept. 22, 25-26 — Edison
Sept. 27-29 — El Sol

September Dental Clinic

Sept. 11-22 — Kalamazoo Central
Sept. 25-29 — Hillside



Holocaust Author Tells Students to Always Question the Media

Author Edwin Black brought his research into the history of the Holocaust and the media to Kalamazoo Central High School as part of a Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"From Holocaust History to Today's Headlines," was the topic of Black's lecture, which was part of a tour of Michigan. Dr. Margaret Lincoln, Battle Creek Lakeview High School librarian and Holocaust historian, invited the Kalamazoo Public Schools to be a part of Black's lecture tour.

Black is the author of books such as "IBM and The Holocaust," "Nazi Nexus," and "The Farhud."

Black began his presentation by sharing "fake news" with the Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix and Phoenix high



Author Edwin Black greets Kalamazoo Public Schools students during a presentation on Holocaust Day at Kalamazoo Central High School.

school students attending his lecture. He related current issues with "fake news" to false information about the Holocaust, and he showed the students how to check for details and the truthfulness of stories in the media, pointing out that not everything reported is correct, said Cindy Green, assistant superintendent of teaching and

learning services for KPS.

Black has been researching the Holocaust for the past 35 years. His research includes the oral history of his parents, who were Holocaust survivors; travel to Europe; and review of documents.

IBM made the punch cards that contained explicit details on each person being sent to the concentration camps, Black says.

The Jewish people were separated into camps by the work they could perform and life expectancy if they performed manual labor. IBM profited from tracking people throughout the Holocaust period. Black argues that IBM's owner knew Hitler and supported his efforts to exterminate the Jewish race.

Black says other American companies, such as Ford, General Motors, and Kellogg's, supported Hitler's view and profited during this period.

Around 350 students listened to Black's presentation, which was timed to coincide with lessons on the Holocaust which were taking place in social studies classes as part of Holocaust Remembrance Week, Green said.

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Income Guidelines for National Free and Reduced Priced Meals for Schools and the Child and Adult Care Food Program Announced

The Michigan Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture for free and reduced-price meals and free milk through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Families should contact their school, school district, child care center, or family day care home sponsor to find out whether it participates in these programs.

Schools, child care centers, adult day care centers, and family day care home sponsors will provide a form for applying for free or reduced price meals. Only one application is required per household. Most participating centers and all participating family child care homes provide meals to all enrolled participants

without any separate charge.

Adults, children, or foster children who are recipients of various programs such as Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or who are enrolled in Head Start, an At-Risk afterschool center, or an emergency shelter automatically qualify for free meals. Households with incomes less

than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced price meals or free milk.

An application to a school, child care center, adult day care center, or family day care home sponsor can be approved if it contains complete documentation of household income or documentation of current participation in Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food

Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Information supplied on an application for free or reduced price meals may be verified at any time. An appeal procedure is available for households where applications are denied.

Participating schools, child care centers, adult day care centers, and family day care home sponsors accept applications for free or reduced price meals at any time during the year. A household may qualify for free or reduced price meals due to a temporary loss of income, such as a period of unemployment.

If a doctor has determined that a child or adult has a disability, and the disability would prevent the participant from eating the regular school or center meal, the school or center will make any substitution prescribed by a doctor at no charge. The doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department of the school or child or adult care facility.

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3	\$26,208	\$2,184	\$37,296	\$3,108
4	\$31,590	\$2,633	\$44,955	\$3,747
5	\$36,972	\$3,081	\$52,614	\$4,385
6	\$42,354	\$3,530	\$60,273	\$5,023
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Kalamazoo Innovative Learning Program Graduates 14, Hopes to Expand for 2017-18

The Kalamazoo Innovative Learning Program attracted more than 60 students last fall when it launched with a unique combination of online learning, smaller classes, and focus on credit recovery. In June, 14 students graduated from the program.

“What I was hoping for was that we could get one student across the finish line,” said director David Gamble. “Fourteen, I thought was excellent. We had two additional students who came here the first part of the year, completed their credit recovery, and then graduated from their home schools this spring.”

Gamble said he likes to claim those two girls as part of the success of KILP’s first year.

The program helps some students complete their academic work and then graduate with the classmates, who they’ve been going to school with for the past four years.

“That’s part of the program too,” he said. “A large portion of our student body didn’t make



The Kalamazoo Innovative Learning Program offers small classes with a focus on online learning.

really good choices. For a variety of reasons, they couldn’t fulfill the education requirements at their home schools. This offers them an opportunity for credit recovery, with a smaller class size and an individualized academic plan.

“If they’re able to manage that, then they’re able to graduate from here or their home schools.”

KILP focuses on the Michigan Merit Curriculum, or the core classes in math, English, social studies, world languages, and science required for graduation.

The academic requirements are similar to Phoenix High School in that it takes 19 credits to graduate: 18 Michigan Merit Curriculum credits and one elective.

Students are able to attend a morning session 7:30 a.m.-12:23 p.m. or an afternoon session 11:30 a.m.-4:23 p.m. There are approximately 15 students per class, which focuses on student-



David Gamble is the principal at KILP.



Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice congratulates Diana Whitmore at the KILP commencement ceremony.

directed online study, with teacher assistance when needed.

The small size of the program allows the staff — two teachers, two tutors, and Gamble — to focus on the individual needs of the students.

He said he’s spent most of his professional career working with alternative high school populations, but he said he was caught off-guard by the emotional needs of the KILP students.

“I think I speak for the team when I say we were a little surprised by some of the challenges for our students,” Gamble said.

“Maybe 60 to 70 percent of our students really struggled with some trauma they experienced in their lives.”

The program hopes to expand this year to 100 students and three teachers, Gamble said.

The school offers open enrollment throughout the school year, but there is also an official registration period 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 28-Sept. 1 at the school, 3333 S. Westnedge Ave.

For more information, contact Gamble at gambleds@kalamazoopublicschools.net or at (269) 548-0190.

Eastside Schools Holding 40th Annual Reunion

The 40th Annual Eastside Schools Reunion will be held 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairgrounds, Room A.

Former students, teachers, principals, and faculty from Roosevelt, Brucker, Wilson, Burke, Spring Valley, St. Mary’s, Northeastern and Barbour Hall are all invited.

Potluck begins at 1:15 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and

memorabilia to share. There will be door prizes, a grand prize, a 50/50 raffle drawing and tables of memorabilia.

Tickets are \$6 at the door.

For more information, contact Nancy Ruse Flipse at Nanjac@chartermi.net or Ailene Lind Buchtrup at Lindytwin1@yahoo.com. Alumni can also find information and historic photos on the Eastside Schools Annual Reunion Facebook page.

Former Eastside Schools students, including Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell tipping back in the chair in front, pose while chewing gum — a huge school “no no.”



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to connect our children to to develop their broader and deeper humanity,” Tatum said.

One of his techniques, he said, is to ask students to read multiple texts and then to write a piece that uses concepts from both works. He may use two poems, or he may ask them to consider a work of nonfiction and a work of fiction or a poem. That provides multiple ways to approach a topic, he said.

Some worry that may be too challenging for students, but Tatum urged educators not to put preconceived limits on their children.

“There is no research that says if you turn down the volume of the text, kids become better readers, but we do it all the time,” Tatum said. “When you begin to level texts for older students, you begin to level lives. That works to the detriment of a lot of our students.”

Dr. Theresa Saunders and Ms. Linda Foward from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Dr. Michael Rice, KPS Superintendent, offered welcoming remarks on behalf of the two major

sponsoring organizations; KPS students Da’najah Perry-Gibson, James Jeffries, and Michaela Martin participated in a panel mediated by Justin Jennings, Muskegon Superintendent, on literature that engages students.

Other presenters included Yvonne Caamal Canul, who spoke about Latino literature; Dr. Michelle Johnson, Denise Miller and KPS student Rae’sheana Robertson who talked about the Great Writers Project in Kalamazoo, which uses writing to promote social justice; Dr. Jill Griffin and Dr. Antoinette Pearson who discussed how perceptions of others can lead to biases; Dr. Bena Hartman, who showed how multicultural children’s literature can be used in the classroom; Drs. Hakim and Rosalyn Shahid, whose interactive presentation looked at culturally relevant teaching with multicultural texts; and Alvin Irby, who presented information on his initiative called Barbershop Books.

The day before the conference, Irby met with about a dozen Kalamazoo area barbers to talk

about Barbershop Books, which promotes creating reading spaces in barbershops.

Irby said barbershops are key cultural centers for many black communities, and barbershops present a unique opportunity to link fun, enjoyable reading with a male-centric environment. The Barbershop Books program provides bookshelves and a selection of books for all participants.

Irby told the barbers that they are not expected to be teachers per se but simply enthusiastic supporters of reading.

“It’s about fun,” he said. “We want to create a positive early reading experience for kids. We want to create the feeling that books are cool. Reading is cool.”

Besides KPS and MDE, co-sponsors included the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP), the Middle Cities Education Association (MCEA), the Reading Now Network (RNN) and the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA).

Bus Drivers Honored for Work at Annual Transportation Luncheon

The Kalamazoo Public Schools Transportation Department held its annual Safety Awards Luncheon in June, at which drivers were given Safe Driver Awards, Certificates of Appreciation and Perfect Attendance Awards.

The Safe Driver Awards were given to drivers with three points or better on the No-Fault Attendance Policy,

no more than two points on their Michigan CDL drivers license, and no at-fault collisions.

Drivers must also have a good rating on two out of the four categories: regulate student behavior, cooperate with co-workers and others, maintain current paperwork, and keep his or her bus in a clean and safe condition.

The 2016-2017 Safe Drivers Awards

Myshia Abron	Mary Lewis	Kathy Williams
David Allemang	Susan Lockett	Stanley Williams
Jennifer Baker	Al Logan	Jeannie Wilson
Corcelia Barnett	Meghan MacCarron	Certificate of Appreciation
Lane Bertrand	Tamara Maldonado	Mike Champion – Foreman
Jason Bower	Matthew Martin	Kraig Champion
Tina Bowman	Joanna Miller	Marty Crawford
Renita Broadway	Thomas Miller	Robert Greis
Cindy Carroll	Jessica Mitchell	Mike Smith
Brian Cleveland	Darrin Moore	Brad Webber
Charlene Cook	Dorothy Moore	Gary White
Larry Cruse	Joseph Morgan	Perfect Attendance
Lasasha Davis-Ndiaye	Edward Palmore	Tina Bowman
Mark Davis	Hermon Phillips	Larry Cruse
Assane Dia	Leita Pillars	Victor Dominguez
Tricia Dinda	Susanne Porter	Jeffrey Flora
Victor Dominguez	Jeanine Potgiesser	Vickie Hassiel
Donald Ebbitt	David Rank	Al Logan
Douglas Fleming	Laura Rothwell	Matthew Martin
Jeffrey Flora	Robert Schellenberg	Edward Palmore
Annalisa Ford	Penny Schneider	David Rank
Derick Gilling	Michael Shabala	Michael Shabala
Abigale Hamilton	Troy Slayton	Troy Slayton
Robynne Hanko	George Slomp	George Slomp
Vickie Hassiel	Raymond Vader	Edita Vais
Nelson Hiestand	Edita Vais	Roman Vais
Patricia Hulbert	Roman Vais	William VanderKlok
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Gregory Johnson	Jacille Ware	
Richard LaPorte	Britnie White	

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Barbers Help Students Look Their Best, Feel Their Best at Lincoln

Sometimes a man just wants to look sharp — even if he's only 5 years old.

About two dozen students at Lincoln International Studies School, starting with kindergarteners, got spruced up for summer in the last week of school thanks to volunteers from the West Michigan College of Barbering and Beauty.

Barbers Jathan Carter, Chamika McIntosh, China Campbell and Dre Patterson transformed the Lincoln gym into a barbershop for one morning and gave free haircuts to students before the end of the school year.

"I think it's a necessity for the kids," Carter said. "It always made me feel good as a kid to get a haircut."

For several hours, the barbers snipped and clipped and trimmed. Some boys had definite thoughts about fades and high tops, and some wanted neat lines carved into their hair. Some were just interested in the lollipops that sat on the tables — for especially patient students who could sit still during a haircut.

Carter owns Internation-



Quenton Murphy offers a smile in the barber's chair of Dre Patterson, when the barber visited Lincoln International Studies School.



Kaylynn Edward Burton-Davis smiles as he poses for a photo before his haircut.



China Campbell works on trimming up Zion Rudley.



Jathan Carter works on John'Tay O'Day during a day of free haircuts at Lincoln.

al Profyle Barbershop and was serving as a representative for the West Michigan College of Barbering and Beauty, owned by Jackie Rush. McIntosh is a student at the

college. Campbell and Patterson are barbers with Ennovy's Beauty Bar.

The project was inspired by Lincoln paraprofessional Elaine Willis, who brought two students

to the college for lunchtime haircuts in the spring.

"People were just commenting and complimenting them when they came back to school," Willis said. "It definitely was a positive thing for them. Their mom saw them and said, 'Oh! My babies!'"

Willis and Carter talked, and Carter thought that Lincoln might be the perfect place for him to give back to the community.

"I grew up on the Northside," he said. "This is a way to say, 'Hey I care about where I came from.'"

Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo Champs Honored for Helping Students

Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo honored community members who have helped make a difference in the lives of Kalamazoo Public Schools students at the 10th annual Champs celebration this spring.

Communities in Schools provides activities and support for more than 11,000 students throughout 20 Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Von Washington Jr., executive director of community relations with the Kalamazoo Promise, emceed. "You are all champions for children," he said.

Writers, educators and performers Von and Fran Washington were given the Diether Haenicke Promise of Excellence

Award, which was named after the late Western Michigan University President Diether Haenicke. As educators, creators, and professional performers, they use their company, Washington Productions, to encourage dialogue about race, culture, and identity.

Milwood Magnet School evening custodians Mike Free, Ike Thurman, and Chalene Watson were recognized for ensuring the school is a safe and welcoming environment for the students who stay after school for CIS activities.

The Kalamazoo College men's baseball team received the CIS Higher Learning Partner Award for serving as tutors, playground friends,



Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo honored Fran and Von Washington Sr. for their work in schools.

and in-class supports at Edison Environmental Science Academy.

Prevention Works was recognized for giving students "a healthy start and a healthy

future," which fulfills one of the mission points of CIS. The program addresses issues such as substance abuse, sexual health, parenting and decision making.

Pfizer Global Supply workers

were thanked for supporting students and providing career exploration through hands-on activities that introduce science, technology, engineering, and math concepts.

Susan Knox has volunteered at Kalamazoo Central for seven years. Her volunteering has included one-on-one interactions, small group tutoring, and after-school supports. She was recognized for creating a "community of hope."

The Rotary Club of Kalamazoo was honored for supporting KPS students through a number of initiatives, including mentoring, adopting CIS families for the holidays, and visiting classrooms for Rotary Is For Reading each spring.

Annual Notifications

Notification Regarding Staff Qualifications

Under the Every Child Succeeds Act, parents have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of their children’s classroom teachers and the qualifications of any paraprofessionals who provide services to their children. Parents may request and receive information about: (a) whether the teacher is state-certified, (b) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status, and (c) the baccalaureate major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification. Parents may request information on the level of achievement of their child in each of the State academic assessments.

If a student attending a school that receives any Title I, Part A funds is assigned to, or taught, for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified, the school must provide timely notice to the student’s parents.

Inquiries to:
Human Resources
1220 Howard Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children’s education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are “eligible students.”

• Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student’s education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons, such as great

distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools must honor your request to review your child’s education records within forty-five (45) days of receiving the request. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible students of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

• Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him or her of his or her right to

a formal hearing regarding the request for amendment. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

• Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student to release any information from a student’s education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions:

– School officials with legitimate educational interest; contractors, consultants or volunteers to whom the district has outsourced institutional services or functions; for example, the district shares data with educational institutions that have a vested interest in helping district students, such as Communities In Schools and Loaves and Fishes.

- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law.
- Information the district has designated as “directory information”.

Disclosure of Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) require that the Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior

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to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, KPS may disclose appropriate designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow KPS to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include but are not limited to the following: a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production; the annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs; or sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which includes student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized school activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance and previous school(s) attended, is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, and can also be disclosed to organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. The District may disclose personally identifiable information from education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student to other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the District has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the District has outsourced institutional services or functions. In addition,

two federal laws require us to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories — names, addresses and telephone listings — unless parents have advised KPS that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want KPS to disclose information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District by writing to:

Kalamazoo Public Schools
Information and

Technology Services
1220 Howard Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Or faxing (269) 337-0195 on or before Friday, September 22, 2017.

For further information, please call Information and Technology Services at (269) 337-0146.

Nondiscrimination and Title IX Contact Information

Kalamazoo Public Schools welcomes all students and staff of any religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, pregnancy, gender identification, height, weight, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, and disability. The District will not tolerate or condone any act of bias or discrimination toward any person on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, pregnancy, gender identification, height, weight, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability in any of its activities, hiring practices, programs, or services. Further, in accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), students, employees, and candidates for admission to any educational program and/or employment and all other persons are protected against all forms of sex discrimination and

sexual harassment, including based on gender identity or stereotypical notions of gender identity.

The following person is designated as the Title IX coordinator with respect to any Title IX complaint of discrimination and/or harassment involving staff members:

Sheila Dorsey-Smith
Assistant Superintendent
of Human Resources
Kalamazoo Public Schools
1220 Howard Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 337-0182

The following person is designated as the Title IX coordinator with respect to any complaint from students regarding discrimination, harassment and/or bullying from another student(s):

Nkenge Bergan
Director of Student Services
Kalamazoo Public Schools
1220 Howard Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 337-0161

In addition, building level administrators are responsible for monitoring adherence to the District's nondiscrimination policy and for incorporating the District's policy statement in all printed promotional materials and newsletters.

Students should report concerns or complaints about discrimination, harassment, bullying, or cyberbullying by another student or students first to a teacher, and then if not satisfied, to the principal or assistant principal. Any concerns or complaints of discrimination, harassment, bullying, or cyberbullying not satisfied at the building level may be reported to an administrator in the Student Services Department. Concerns and/or complaints should be in writing, with the date, details of the concerns and signature of the person making the complaint.

Any complaints and concerns of discrimination, harassment, bullying, or cyberbullying that involve adults and/or staff members

should be reported to the building principal. If the inquiry is not satisfied at this level, or if the building principal is the subject of the complaint, then the concern may be directed to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. All concerns should be in writing, with the date, details of the concern and signature of the person making the complaint.

Complaints of any violation of the District's nondiscrimination policy will be promptly investigated and appropriate actions taken based on the results of the investigation. Individuals who report violations of the District's nondiscrimination policy will be granted confidentiality to the extent reasonably practicable. Any questions or assistance required in regard to the District's nondiscrimination policy, bullying policy, or Title IX protections should be addressed to the office of Student Services (269) 337-0161 for students and Human Resources (269) 337-0182 for staff.



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