

# District Update

## *Livonia Public Schools*

December 16, 2024

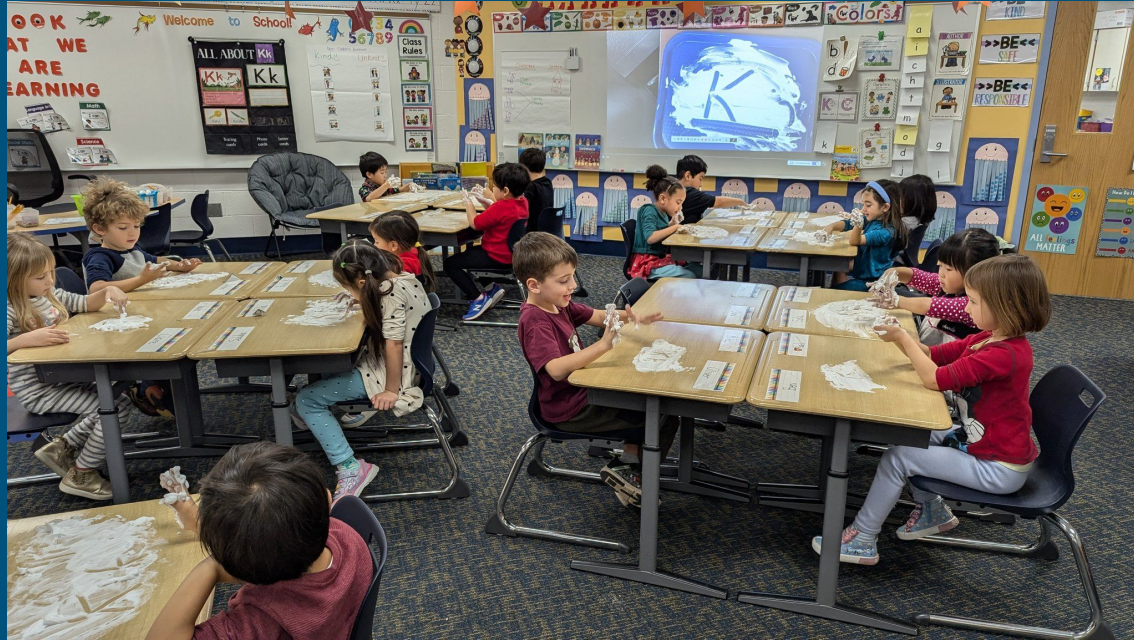


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**Mrs. Trombly's Humanities class at Churchill High School brought a Greek Orders architecture lesson to life by creating sculptures with Play-Doh!**

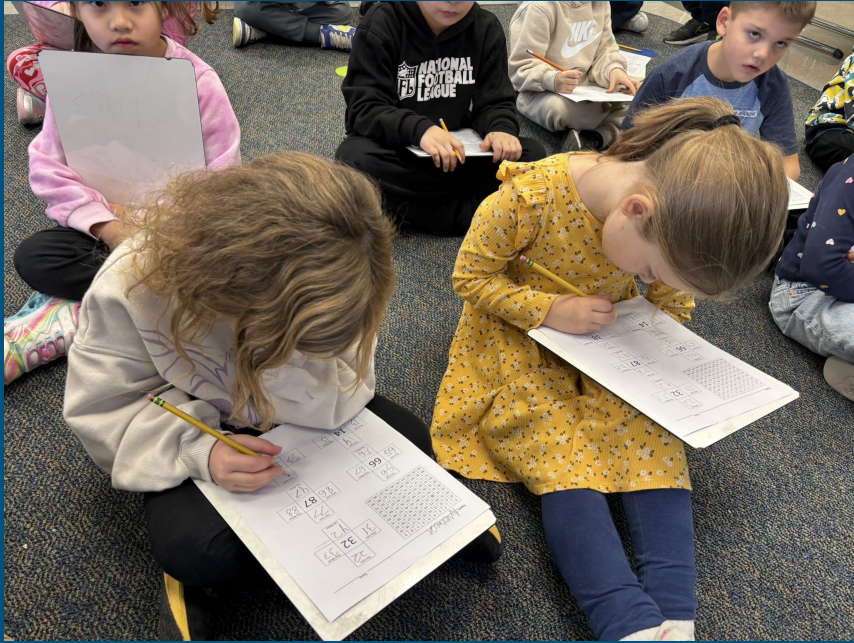
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Kindergarteners at Niji-Iro Elementary had fun practicing their letters with shaving cream!



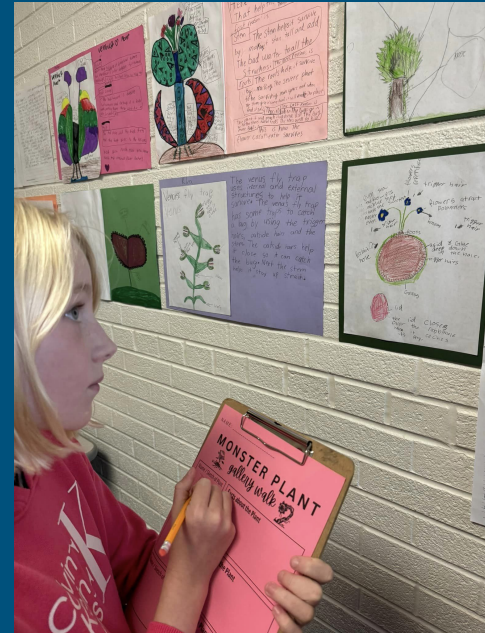
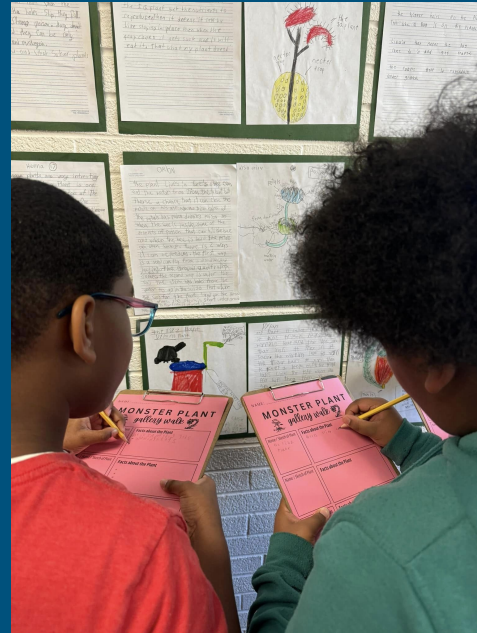
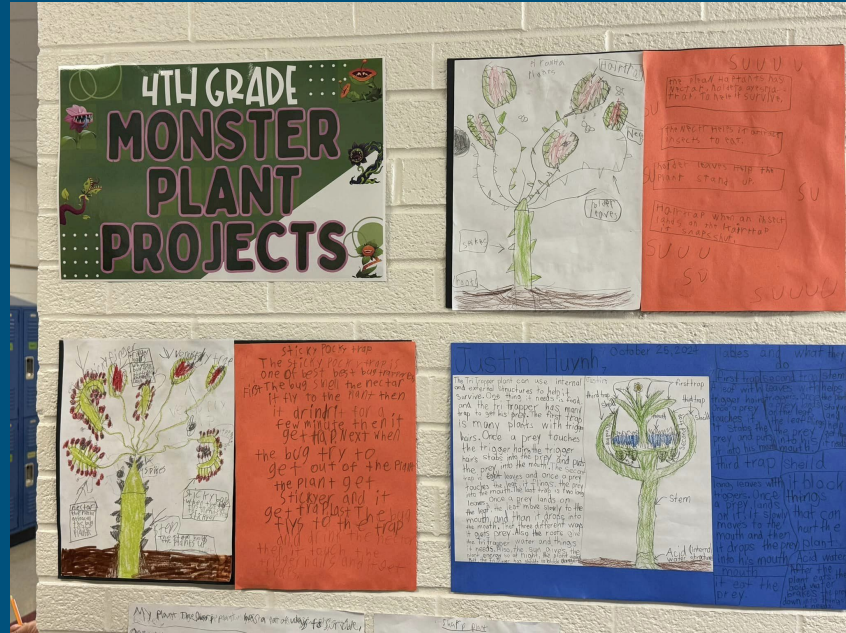
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**Coolidge Elementary first graders did a great job practicing their math with grid puzzles in Mrs. Shocker's class! Great job, first graders!**

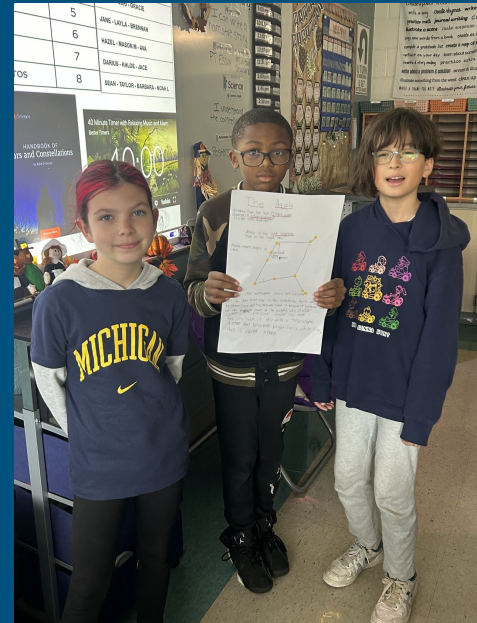
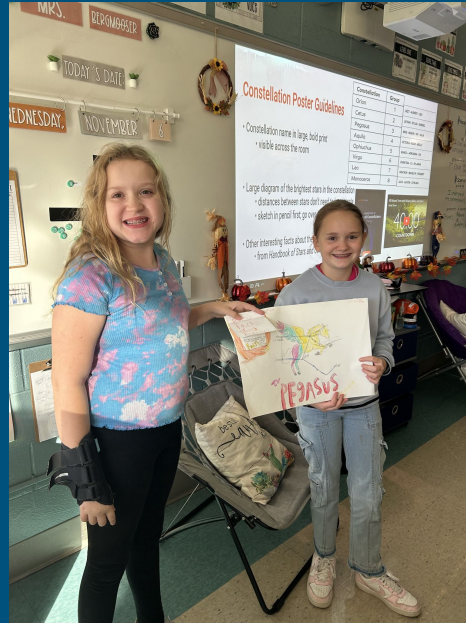
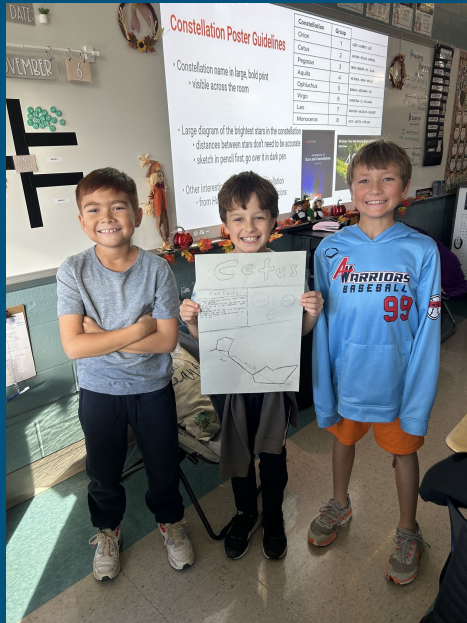


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Rosedale Elementary fourth graders went on a 'gallery walk' to learn all about Monster Plants! There are quite a few of such plants in the world!

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Cooper Upper Elementary students learned about constellations and created posters to show their learning!



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**Intervention time at Frost Middle School is soaring! Mrs. Polinsky had a full house of intervention students – all working on their I-Ready Study Plans through IXL at Falcon Time. These budding mathematicians are working extra hard to show what they know!**





# Franklin Bel Canto Choir Tour



**The Franklin Bel Canto Choir continued the tradition of visiting various buildings across the district to sing for staff and students! It was a wonderful treat for all involved, and we appreciate the students, staff, and parent helpers who make it possible!**

# Livonia Merry and Bright Parade



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# Music for the Season!



**The Frost and Churchill Band and Orchestra programs held their Winter Concerts 12/10-12/12 in the CHS Performing Arts Center. This included nearly 300 student musicians between the Frost and Churchill programs.**



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**CAPA vocal students in the Jazz Ensemble performed a beautiful concert for members of the Livonia Rotary Club during the club's holiday luncheon earlier this week!**

# The Giving Season...



**Students at Churchill successfully collected 17,028 cans for their canned food drive, beating their goal of 15,425 cans! Their total impact was estimated to be 9,394 meals, or 12,522 pounds of food donated. Well done, Churchill Chargers!**



# The Giving Season...



**The Franklin High School Baseball program donated new toys for children at Grant Elementary!  
Way to go! Your generosity is appreciated!**

# *The Giving Season...*



**The Stevenson High School softball program braved the weather to help families navigate the Night of Lights at Greenmead Historical Park! Your assistance was greatly appreciated!**



# The Giving Season...



**The Livonia United girls hockey team recently volunteered their time ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at both Livonia Kroger store locations! Great job!**

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**The Stevenson High School softball team was among the dozens of volunteers who participated in the SHS Fleece & Thank You event. They made blankets for children who are hospitalized.**



# Special Mentor at Frost

Frost Middle School musicians are treated to visits from Resident Flute Guest Peter Gruenewald, periodically.

Mr. Gruenewald is a professional flutist in the Metro-Detroit area. He is a member of the Southeast Michigan Flute Association, and has studied with many world renowned musicians.

He has developed a relationship with the Frost music program and donates his time to coaching Frost flute players.



# Connecting with the Community!





# Bill Brown Ford Donation



**Bill Brown Ford donated two brand new Mustangs to our Auto Tech class at the Livonia Career Technical Center! The vehicles were damaged in a flood, and make the perfect learning grounds for students!**

*With Many Kudos!*



*kudos!*



# BOE Members Take the Oath!



**Congratulations to LPS Board of Education newly-elected Trustee Dave MacFarland and newly re-elected trustees Crystal Frank, Karen Bradford and Madeline Acosta! They were sworn in on Dec. 3!**

# SHS Gymnastics Success



**Congratulations to the Stevenson High School gymnastics team for placing runner-up in the Holt Invitational on Dec. 7!**



# CHS All-State Swimmer!



**Congratulations to  
Churchill's Sadie Yessler for  
being named an All State  
swimmer by the MHSAA!  
Way to go!**

# FHS Wrestling Success



**Congratulations to the Franklin High School wrestling team for being named City Champs!**



# CHS Basketball Success



**Churchill High School boys and girls basketball teams were victorious at the “Clash of the Conways” event hosted by Gibraltar’s Carlson High School! Looks like a lot of fun!**

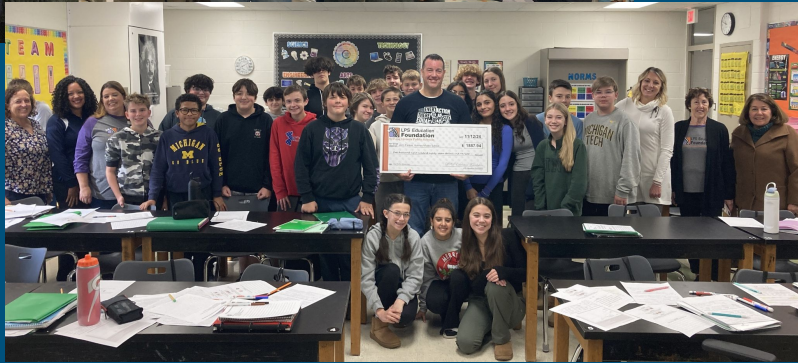
# New Administrators!



**Congratulations to Laurisa Burke, appointed last week as principal of Webster Elementary! And, kudos to Joe Schiavi, who was named assistant principal at Riley Upper Elementary!**



# Classroom Grants!



Last month, the LPS Education Foundation issued \$50,000 in classroom grants to our staff! The funds will be used for supplemental “extras” for students! Thank you to all who contribute to the Foundation!

# Vocational Excellence



**Congratulations to Livonia Career Technical Center student Mykola Hrabas, a senior at Stevenson High School, for receiving the Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence! Mykola is enrolled in the Game Design course at LCTC.**



# All-State Middle School Orchestra



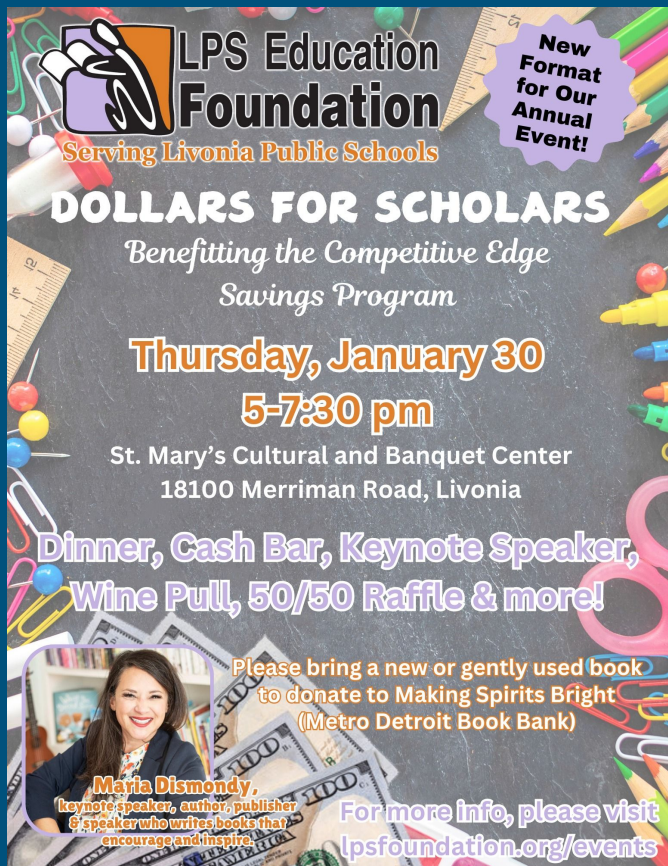
**Congratulations to Frost violinist Emma Howey for being selected for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Middle School All-State Orchestra! She was one of just 156 middle school violinists across the state to be selected and she will perform with the group in January at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.**

*Mark Your Calendar!*





# Dollars for Scholars!



**LPS Education Foundation**  
Serving Livonia Public Schools

**DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**  
*Benefitting the Competitive Edge Savings Program*

**Thursday, January 30**  
**5-7:30 pm**

St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center  
18100 Merriman Road, Livonia

Dinner, Cash Bar, Keynote Speaker,  
Wine Pull, 50/50 Raffle & more!

Please bring a new or gently used book  
to donate to Making Spirits Bright  
(Metro Detroit Book Bank)

**Maria Dismondy,**  
keynote speaker, author, publisher  
& speaker who writes books that  
encourage and inspire

For more info, please visit  
[lpsfoundation.org/events](https://lpsfoundation.org/events)

**New Format for Our Annual Event!**

Join us at the all-new Dollars for Scholars fundraiser for the LPS Education Foundation on Thursday, Jan. 30 at the St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center!

Guest speaker will be children's book author Maria Dismondy!

# CAPA Arts Camp!



**CAPA  
ARTS  
CAMP 2025**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 11  
9AM - 4PM  
REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30AM**

**SPECIAL SHOWCASE  
PERFORMANCE FOR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY AT 3PM!**

**Cost:** Includes t-shirt, snacks, pizza, and water  
**\$25**

For 3rd - 8th grade LPS students and friends interested in Acting, Dancing, or Singing.

All campers must register and pay online by Jan. 4, 2025.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/e3ZV8C1v4niueUy98>

CAPA will be holding their annual arts camp on Saturday January 11, for 3rd-8th grade students interesting in acting, dancing, or singing. Costs include a t-shirt, snacks, pizza, and water, and will end with a showcase performance for friends and family!

# Chili Cook-off!

It's time to get your best chili recipe ready for the PTSA Council's annual Chili Cook-off!

Register online at  
[livoniaptsacouncil.org!](http://livoniaptsacouncil.org)

January 20 from 11 - 2  
At Franklin High School!



**LIVONIA PTSA COUNCIL'S**  
**9TH ANNUAL** *\*This is a Cash Only Event!*

Admission Fee **\$5**

# Chili Cook-off

Franklin High School  
31000 Joy Rd, Livonia, MI 48150

**SATURDAY**  
**January 18** 11AM-2PM

1st place winner receives a \$500 grant, courtesy of The Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers, for their LPS School, and bragging rights for 365 days!

**VOTE FOR People's Choice Best Chili!**

THE EVENT INCLUDES:  
Admission gets you refreshments and unlimited chili samples from all of our entrants (while supplies last). 3 tickets to vote for People's Choice Chili.  
Raffles, Bake Sale, and Snacks!

Think you have a winning Chili? Register online or download the entry form at [livoniaptsacouncil.org](http://livoniaptsacouncil.org)



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