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## Wegienka Elementary Students “Look for the Good”

As part of their “Look for the Good Project”, Wegienka Elementary Student Council initiated a school-wide project of emphasizing gratefulness by sharing gratitude and thankfulness on Post-It notes. Beginning in early November, Post-Its listing who and what matters in students’ lives began to appear on the Gratitude Wall in the school.

Student Council Advisor Christy Schultz commented that the program coincided perfectly with the District’s Anti-Bullying Campaign during October. She stated, “Instead of focusing . . . on teaching children how to deal with bullies, school leaders decided they wanted students to highlight expressing gratitude.” Schultz further commented, “The program is a means to stress treating people with kindness and being grateful.”



5th Grade Student Council Members: Brett Lukitsch, Josh Megyesi,  
Brooklyn Bartos and Jessica Lyons

The “Look for the Good” project is a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization started in 2016 by Anne Kubitsky who began leaving self-addressed postcards of “what makes you grateful” in various public areas for people to return to her. The program eventually blossomed into a nationwide organization. According to its website, the “Look for the Good” program has serviced 120,000 children in 30 states who have written two million messages of gratitude. The program believes that “gratitude changes mindsets, reduces violence and improves everything.”

Student Council members collected notes written by students each morning and placed them on the Gratitude Wall. Their goal was to have 5,000 messages posted by the

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the time the program wrapped up on November 22nd.

Students also were encouraged to express their gratefulness by writing “you matter” letters to someone in their lives and then later shared the letters with the persons. Second Grade teacher Rachel Lemon’s student, Aza’riah Houston, shared her letter of gratitude for Mrs. Lemon stating, “When I wanted to write good, you helped me so much.”

Students also created “kindness cards” and passed them to others who were observed doing a kind deed, such as holding a door open for someone. That student initialed the card and then passed it to another student, and so on, until the card was filled with initials.

According to Schultz, “The children were on board with the project from the very beginning.” She also commented, “It was wonderful to see the eagerness of the students to participate in the program” and added that “students would like to do this again next year.” “Look for the Good” again in 2019!



Gratitude Wall



Rachel Lemon's second graders proudly display their “you matter” letters.

## WARRIORS GIVE BACK

Our Warriors are a generous brotherhood. Each holiday season many clubs and sports teams generously give of themselves to help those less fortunate. Thank you for making the holidays memorable to those in need!



SADD volunteered at Crossroads of Michigan.



The Goon Squad made and delivered blankets to Starfish Family Services.



Erving Elementary Student Lighthouse Team collected Halloween candy for our troops.



DECA and Interact Club do some bell ringing for the Salvation Army.



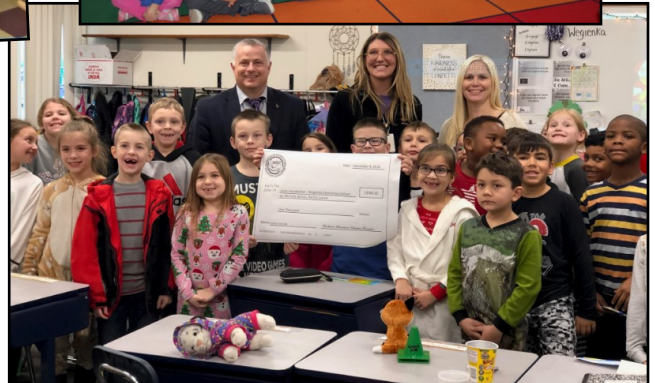
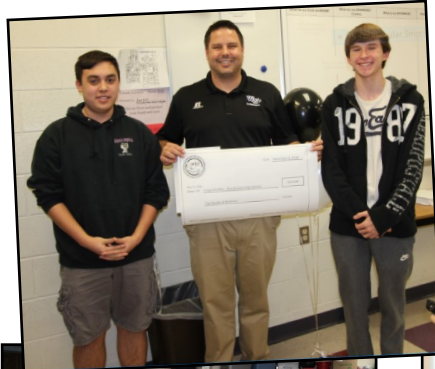
JV Basketball passed out Thanksgiving groceries at the Food Pantry in Flat Rock.



# WBEF AWARDS 2018 GRANTS

On Thursday and Friday, December 6th and 7th, 2018, members of the Woodhaven-Brownstown Education Foundation Executive Board visited WBSD schools and Special Services playing Santa and gifting teachers with grants for the 2018/19 school year. Staff and students alike were thrilled to answer the knock on the door finding Foundation members bearing large checks and balloons.

Staff members completed applications in September and submitted them to the Foundation for consideration. The Foundation then took on the laborious process of vetting the applications before finally choosing winners, ultimately giving \$40,500 back to our students. Congratulations to our 2018/19 grant winners!



## WBEF 2018 Grant Recipients

### Bates Elementary

Michelle Blakney  
Daniele Michling  
Robin Watson

### Erving Elementary

Penni Blohm  
Jennifer Danosky  
Angela Gillis  
Angela McCarthy  
Denise Widen

### Gudith Elementary

Heather Adams  
Jennifer Gooding  
Todd Hunter  
Susan Korzetz  
Cheryl Kovach  
Jill Luther  
Laura Machlik  
Laura McCann  
Melanie Merolla  
WyAnn Outland  
Nicole Ozimek  
Samatha Sachteleben  
Erica Surma  
Michele VanWallaghen  
Katrina Withrow

### Wegienka Elementary

Michelle Barton  
Julie Black  
Jennifer Dmitruchina  
Molly Hale

Jaclyn Harabedian  
Jamie Lapham  
Rachel Lemon  
Josh Satterfield

### Yake Elementary

Megan Chlipala  
Nicolle Gross  
Stephanie Jaskolski  
Emily Mikesell  
Amber Tanana

### BMS

Lorie Holder  
Andrea Gillum  
Tracy Grantham  
Kristin Milligan  
Shannon Hilliker  
Hilary Selbmann  
Heather Setlock

### PHMS

Jennifer Almonte  
Elizabeth Banker  
Jennifer McCollum  
Carla Nelson  
Danielle Phillips

### WHS

Melissa Beamish  
Matt Czajkowski  
Kim Delp  
Stephanie Friel  
Rebecca Jablonski  
Marissa Janice  
Stacie Jones  
Amanda Pratt  
Greg Scheffler  
Kim Williamson

### Special Services

All Social Workers  
Samantha Glaab

### Other Winners

Michelle Miara—BMS, PHMS,  
& WHS



# A Day in the Life of a Warrior . . .

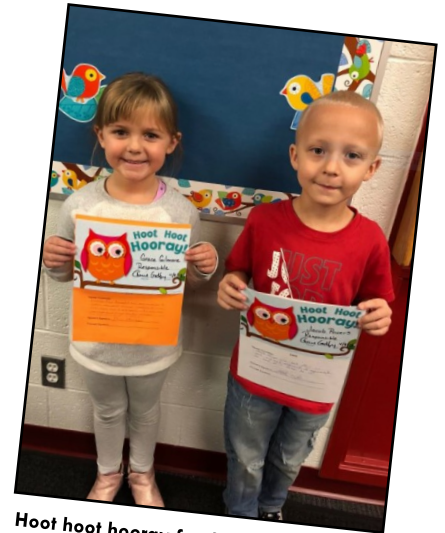
**Warrior Strong**



800 feathers of what BMS students are thankful for.



WHS students attend FCCLA Leadership Conference.



Hoot hoot hooray for these Bates students!



Erving students celebrate The Grinch.



Wegienka Young 5 students learn about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims.



The Goonettes attending their first ever all girls competition at Bloomfield Hills High School.



Wegienka 1st graders longing to play in the first snow fall.



Yake November Safeties of the Month.