



WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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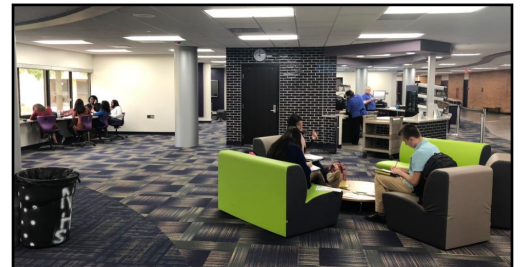
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## A New Year Brings Many Changes

Staff and students returned to school with surprises to see in many buildings. Bond work continued this summer at Bates, Gudith and Wegienka elementary schools. Restrooms were remodeled, door hardware was upgraded with safety features, walls were painted, and cabinets and furniture were replaced.

Woodhaven High School saw the most change. The new Project Based Learning Zone and Main Street areas gives WHS a college student union vibe, which has been a hit with students. Students commented, "It's a nice area to sit and do homework and with the smartboards, it's easier to work in groups." Students also commented they like the openness of the space. When the dust finally settles, WHS will become the envy of the Downriver high schools.

Bond construction is scheduled to wrap up in August 2019 with the new natatorium and gym ready for use.





# Homecoming 2018



Homecoming is always a fun week for our Warriors. Many activities take place during the week leading up to Friday night football. This year's theme was Disney "Under the Sea."

Students participated in Spirit Week with themed dress up days: Music Monday, Tropical Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, USA Thursday and Purple & White Friday. WHS Principal Matt Czajkowski encourages all of WBSD schools to participate in Spirit Week. All students get a chance to show their Warrior pride dressing up during Spirit Week. The Powder Puff games culminated in a win for the Junior girls.

The week's excitement led up to the much anticipated pep assembly where Kyle Ray was crowned Homecoming King. The tug-of-war contest resulted in a big win for the seniors. Seniors also won the float contest. Finally, Hunter Gadwell was crowned Homecoming Queen during half-time at the football game. Congrats to our students on a great Homecoming week!





# Channel 4 Visits Erving Elementary



On Friday, October 12, 2018, Rhonda Walker and the news crew from Channel 4 visited Erving Elementary School to surprise 2nd grader, Simone Kelly. Simone had been previously nominated by her mother, Kizzie Kelly, as a “Young Leader of the Week” through Walker’s Brag Books program.

In her nomination, Mrs. Kelly commented, “I call Simone my joy girl. Simone loves people, and she is a loving, caring person to everyone she meets.” Mrs. Kelly also commented that, “Simone is very active . . . she enjoys swimming and participating in gymnastic activities at Mills Gymnastics.”

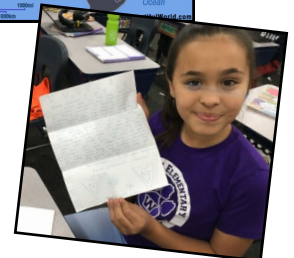
Walker chose to feature Simone in one of her “brag books” segments and shared Simone’s story on ClickOnDetroit’s Facebook Live edition the morning of the October 12th. Congrats Simone, our new celebrity!



## Wegienka Students Correspond With Students in Africa

Fifth Grade teacher Josh Satterfield visited Kibera, Kenya, Africa during the summer of 2018 where he helped New Hope Academy build its first school improvement plan. After the school year started, Mr. Satterfield learned that Richard Kamotho, a new student, is also from Kibera, Kenya. Wanting to make Richard feel more comfortable, Mr. Satterfield, along with 5th grade teachers, Christy Schultz and Justine Darnell, decided to have all 5th grade students write letters to their counterparts in Kibera, Kenya. WBSD parents Effie Yanos and Emily Connelly then delivered the letters when they visited the school in October. New Hope Academy 5th grade students, in turn, wrote letters in response and made videos, including a special message for Richard.

Mrs. Yanos and Mrs. Connelly then delivered them to Wegienka on October 19, 2018. Mr. Satterfield commented, “Students were thrilled! Some laughed, some cried.” He also commented, “This experience allowed students to understand how fortunate they are, and it gave them a memory for life.” When asked why this particular assignment, Mr. Satterfield explained, “This activity worked within our writing standards and curriculum.” Ultimately, the 5th grade teachers thought this assignment would “allow students to connect with others across the globe and realize how fortunate we are to live in such an amazing place.” In addition, Mr. Satterfield further explained that the assignment also “aligns with the PBIS (positive behavior interventions and support) program’s focus of “gratefulness” that Wegienka follows. What a great learning experience for our students!



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

**Warrior Strong**



Bates Kindergartners learn the importance of waiting in line.



WHS Choir performs with Foreigner at Comerica Park.



Even teachers need buddies!



Erving students learning bus safety from Mr. Elsey.



Mr. Bliss and Bates 3rd grade student, Evan Daigneau.



Learning about chemistry.



On the wall at PHMS.



Mr. Blanks gets down and dirty to teach science.