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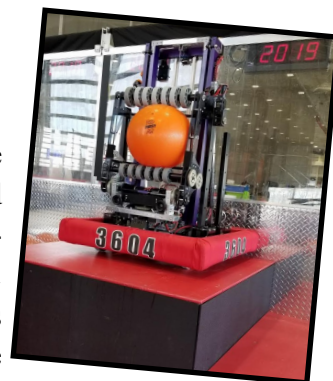
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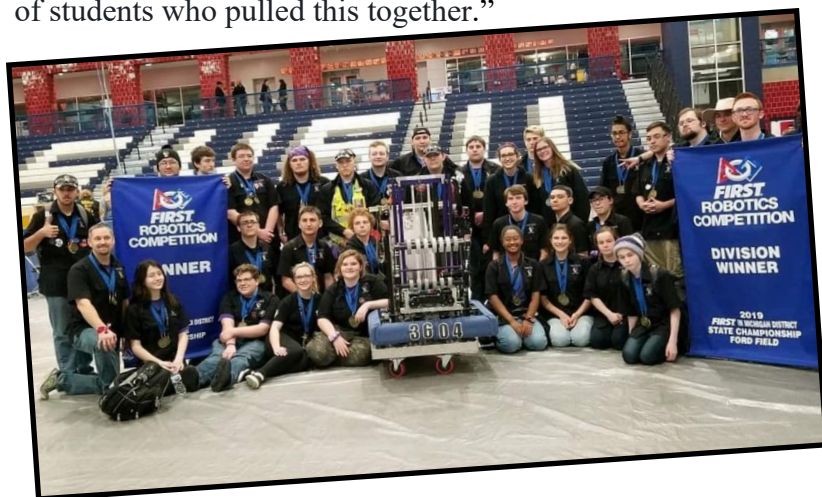
GOON SQUAD - 2019 MICHIGAN STATE FIRST ROBOTICS CHAMPIONS



The Woodhaven High School Robotics Team completed its best season in the nine years since the club was formed. The team attended two District events (Gibraltar and Jackson) and went on to qualify for both the Michigan State and Detroit World Championships. During the Gibraltar District Event, the team seeded #2 and was named #2 Alliance Captain, finished in second place and was awarded the Ford Autonomous Award. During the Jackson District event, they were seeded #5, were the #4 Alliance Captain, finished in the semi-finals and were awarded the Quality and Safety Awards.



The Goon Squad qualified for states, held at Saginaw Valley State University, which they eventually won, being named the 2019 Michigan Robotics Champs. Seeded 15th, the Goon Squad earned the highest score for cargo manipulator/scoring of the entire field of 542 teams. Also notable is the state championship decision took five matches due to two ties, the first time this occurred in the history of the event. Team Leader Randy Strawsine commented, "It was an unbelievable ride and we could not be more proud of the outstanding group of students who pulled this together."



The Goon Squad then attended the Detroit World Championships held at Ford Field April 24-27, 2019. The team finished with a 6-4 record, was eliminated in the quarter finals, and was honored with the prestigious GM Team of the Year Award.

Congratulations to the Goon Squad for an amazing competitive season, we expect great things from you!



BATES ELEMENTARY TEACHER BRENDA MAYES NAMED AMERICAN LEGION POST 217 2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Bates Elementary 5th grade teacher Brenda Mayes received a nice surprise on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Mayes invited members from the American Legion Post 217 to speak to all 5th grade students about the good work the American Legion does working with our Veterans. Little did she know what would follow the presentation.

American Legion members talked about the importance of helping our military veterans. They demonstrated how to properly fold a flag, explaining a flag receives 13 folds to represent the original 13 colonies of the United States. Each fold carries a specific meaning, some of

which include tributes to the armed forces, mothers and fathers, those who have passed on, and our country. Members went on to explain that after the flag is folded, it has the appearance of a cocked hat which represents the hats worn by soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

Mayes said, "This was a perfect time to bring the American Legion in to talk to students as the 5th graders are beginning to study the Revolutionary War in their social studies lessons." Mayes explained that her students also take part in many service projects during the school year. They include:

- Writing letters of gratitude to Veterans then delivering them to all local VFW and American Legion posts, as well as two VA Hospitals
- Partner with the Woodhaven Kiwanis to make place mats for the Kiwanis' pancake breakfast that serves homeless Vets living at Piquette Square in Detroit
- Writing out valentines that get mailed to the VA Hospitals and Vets Returning Home (a Veteran rehabilitation home in Roseville)
- Make posters to honor the fallen and delivering them to local VFW and American Legion posts for Memorial Day



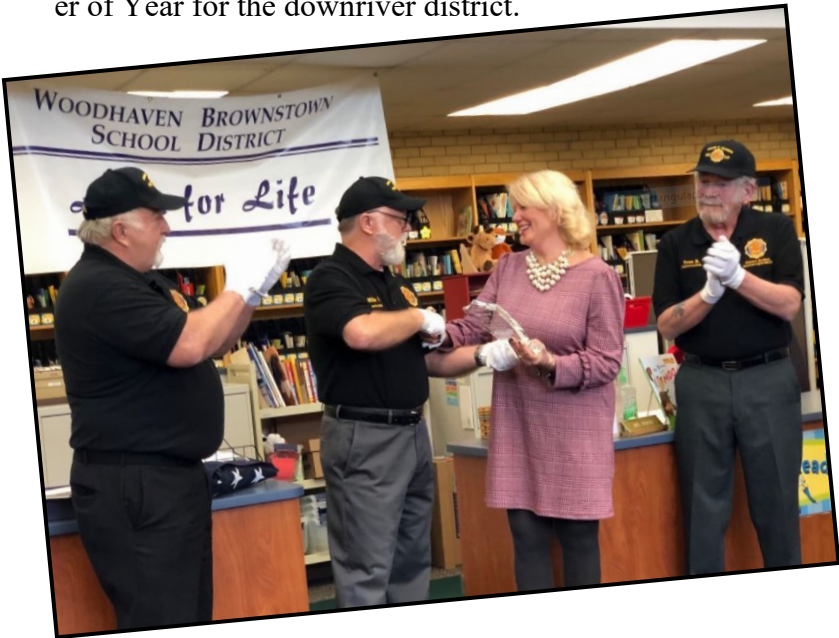
In addition to showing students how to properly fold a flag, American Legion members also talked about the importance of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and broke down its meaning for students.

Following the presentation and much to the surprise of Mayes and everyone in attendance, members announced that Mayes was being honored as the 2019 American Legion Post 217 Teacher of the Year. Members then presented Mayes with a trophy, citing the many service projects she continually spearheads on a yearly basis.

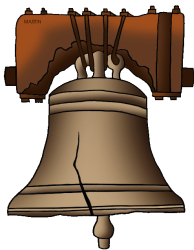
Cherie Godfrey, Bates Elementary Principal, noted that Bob Salamon from Post 217 reached out to her with the news that Mayes was being named 2019 American Legion Post 217 Teacher of the Year.

Members also informed Mayes that her name was submitted to the Michigan American Legion with an opportunity to be selected as their Teacher of the Year for the State of Michigan. If Mayes were to prevail at the state level, her name would be submitted for national competition, going up against nominees from across the county.

Mayes also acknowledged that in December 2018, Grosse Ile VFW Post 7310 also named her as their Teacher of Year for the downriver district.



Brenda Mayes - 5th grade elementary teacher and champion of Veterans. She sets the bar high for her students, teaching them that serving our Veterans is not only an honor but our duty as Americans. Teaching ... that's what Brenda Mayes does best!



S.A.D.D. TACKLES CRITICAL TOPICS



Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.) seek to spread awareness of the dangers of destructive behaviors. S.A.D.D. hosted an assembly for WHS students highlighting the dangers of distracted driving and the opioid epidemic. Two Woodhaven families shared their personal tragedies with WHS students. Afterwards, students were able to ask questions of the families, as well as Brownstown Township/WHS Police Officer Liaison, Toni Nowak. Days after the presentation, S.A.D.D. set up stations with fatal vision impairment goggles so students could experience how reflexes and vision are impaired under different

levels of influence. S.A.D.D. will also team up with Feldman Chevrolet and the PEERS Foundation so students can try out a “smart” car in virtual reality and experience first hand the effects of texting and driving. As students head into Prom season, S.A.D.D. is hopeful they will take away the positives and above all, always arrive safely.



A Day in the Life of a Warrior . . .

Warrior Strong



Bates support dog Sydney on the job with 1st grade student Hadley Lake.



Yake students take part in Sodexo's Future Chef Competition.



WHS Marching Band gets ready to perform on the flight deck of the USS Intrepid in NYC.



Wegienka 4th graders visit the DIA.



Erving Serve Club decorates Super Supper bags.



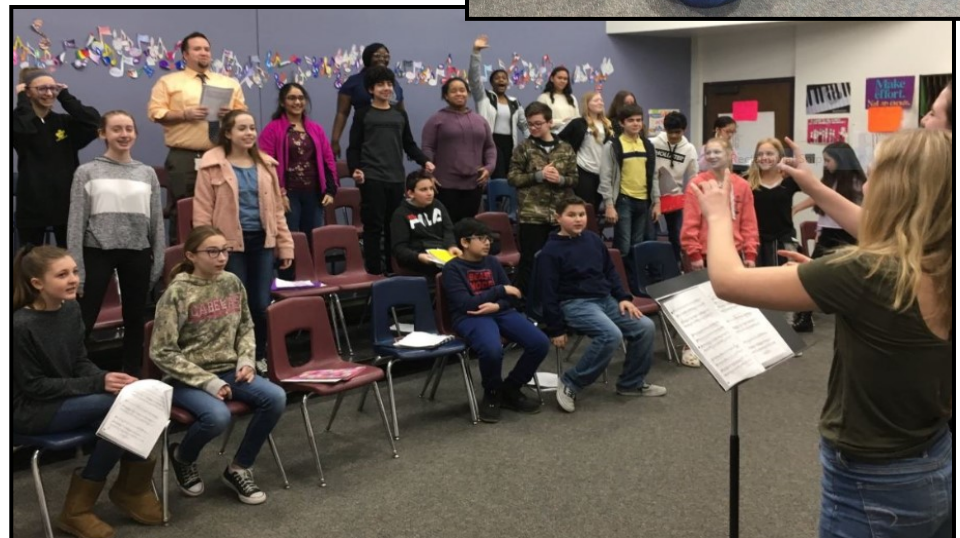
DECA at Disney.



Rep. Darrin Camilleri reads to the Skyhawks during March is Reading Month.



Erving teacher Chelsea Grant's students declare 3/15 "no shoes Friday".



Jill Robinson's BMS Choir students take on leadership rolls and own their curriculum.