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District Newsletter -- March/April 2023 Edition



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Non-Homestead 18 Operating Mill Renewal - May 2, 2023 - No School for Students

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, voters in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District will be asked to renew the 18 mills assessed on non-homestead property. The non-homestead millage is a very important part of the school district's budget, as it represents about \$7.5 million (13.3%) of the district's operating revenue.

Some important items to keep in mind:

- This renewal WILL NOT affect your primary residence
- This renewal ONLY applies to local businesses and industrial and commercial property
- This is a RENEWAL, not an increase
- This renewal directly impacts the district's ability to deliver quality education to our students
- This \$7.5 million cannot be replaced with other funding sources, and state law requires voter approval

For more information, please visit the website at the link provided below.

Because many of our schools are voting precincts, school will not be in session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 -- NO SCHOOL ON 5/2/23, and don't forget to vote.



 **May 2 Non-Home...**

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Sodexo Hosts "Future Chefs" Competition

Sodexo, food service provider for the district, once again sponsored the "Future Chefs Challenge" for elementary students. The goal of the Challenge is to get students thinking about making healthier food choices while encouraging them to be active and creative in the kitchen.

Interested students district-wide submitted healthy recipes to Sodexo staff, and on March 15th, the following students (one per elementary school) faced off at WHS:

Bates Elementary - Abaira Anjum, 5th Grade - Chickpea Chana Chaat

Erving Elementary - Josephine Wyrembelski - Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Gudith Elementary - Ibraheem Ali, 2nd Grade - Fruit Chana Chaat

Wegienka Elementary - Emily Smith, 4th grade - Fruit Sushi

Yake Elementary - Cal Hool, 3rd Grade - Baked Zucchini Hush Puppies

Finalists prepared and presented their creations to a panel of judges who assessed each dish on the following criteria: 1) healthy attributes; 2) "kid" appeal; 3) ease of preparation; 4) originality; 5) plate presentation; 6) taste; and 7) bonus points.

Ibraheem Ali, Gudith Elementary 2nd grader, ultimately came out on top and won the contest! The next day, Ibraheem's dish, Fruit Chana Chaat, was prepared by Gudith's head chef and served to all students who wanted to try it.

Congratulations to Ibraheem Ali on a great accomplishment of being named Sodex's Future Chef 2023 and to all the students who competed. (See related article below).



Gudith Elementary Student Ibraheem Ali is Sodexo Future Chef Challenge Regional Winner

Congratulations to Gudith Elementary student Ibraheem Ali! He competed in Sodexo's Future Chef Challenge on March 15th. Ibraheem was chosen as the winner of the District Challenge. On April 21st, the District was notified that Ibraheem was chosen as a regional winner and will be one of five National Finalists for the 2023 Future Chefs Challenge.

Regional winners received a MasterChef Virtual Reality Kit and an Indoor Home Gardening Kit to grow herbs and vegetables.



31 DECA Students are Winners at States and 30 Advance to Nationals in Orlando, Florida

WHS DECA students descended on the TCF Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan, the weekend of March 10th to participate in the DECA states competition. Students competed against DECA chapters from all across the state.

Thirty-one students came up big winners at the state competition and 30 earned the privilege to compete at the DECA International Conference which was held in Orlando, Florida April 21-April 26th.

Congratulations to the following students who medaled at states:

Faliha Malik - finalist in Principals of Hospitality and Tourism

Rylie Debacker - finalist Apparel and Accessories Series

Andrew Phillips, Alex Rusnak, and Jacob Wright - Finalist Innovation Plan

Austin VanMarter received two medals for his role plays in Principles of Marketing

Woodhaven High School	
PMBS: Business Solutions Project	
Team #1: 2490006	Dominic Davis
Team #1: 2490013	Tyler Harris
Team #1: 2490014	Dwight Hart
Team #2: 2490009	Madalyn Ferrera
Team #2: 2490011	Taylin Garcia
Team #2: 2490026	Payton Scheffler
PMCA: Community Awareness Project	
Team #1: 2490005	Gabrielle Czopek
Team #1: 2490024	Lilly Rushlow
Team #1: 2490030	Jalynn Wilmot
PMCD: Career Development Project	
Team #1: 2490002	Kirsten Berceau
Team #1: 2490007	Julia Downey
Team #1: 2490023	Joshua Rozycki
Team #2: 2490019	Rylee Mitchell
Team #2: 2490021	Makenna Poe
Team #2: 2490029	Raegan Wheaton
PMCG: Community Giving Project	
Team #1: 2490001	Ayden Baumgartner
Team #1: 2490020	Dominik Motes
Team #1: 2490027	Parker Shope
Team #2: 2490004	Alaina Craig
Team #2: 2490017	Jenna Lake
Team #2: 2490018	Lindsay Marlewitz
Team #3: 2490022	Gabriella Randazzo
PMFL: Financial Literacy Project	
Team #1: 2490003	Avery Brown
Team #1: 2490010	Daniel Garcia
Team #1: 2490025	Olivia Rusnak
PMSP: Sales Project	
Team #1: 2490008	Joshua Durocher
Team #1: 2490016	Simran Kaur
Team #2: 2490012	Evan Goebel
Team #2: 2490015	Jenna Jenkins
Team #2: 2490028	Emily Trout



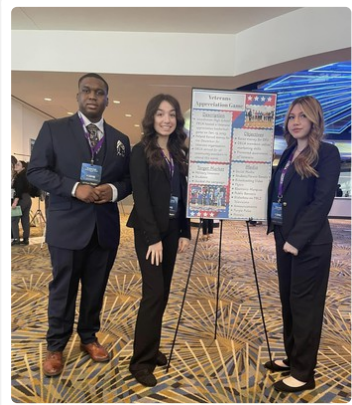
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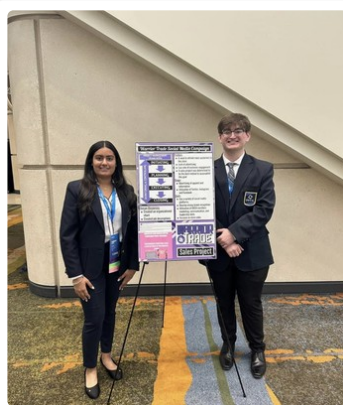
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Introducing Wegienka Elementary History Club!

Written by Mike Sollars - Brownstown Historical Society

The History Club at Wegienka Elementary wrapped up its inaugural year with a bang. Three of the students from this year's club competed locally, earning the chance to advance to the State level, where they went on to win special awards!

The club meets after school where they are led by 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Christy Schultz. The extracurricular program gives students important educational skills they need for their academic future. It teaches students critical social, research and information literacy skills. It also included visits to various local archives (Brownstown, Flat Rock and Monroe) where students got a hands-on approach to research.

To participate in the State Finals, students first needed to qualify at a district level. The Wegienka students made history by being the first elementary students to compete at the local level in Wayne

County. Their projects were well-researched and contained an abundance of primary sources including: personal interviews, original records, photographs, and actual artifacts.

Anthony Pagnanelli and Conner Kashich wanted to learn more about the land where Wegienka Elementary sits. Their group research discovered that prior to the building of the school in 1978, the land was a working farm. The students were able to interview someone who lived on the farm and read journal entries about what life was like on the working farm from the many written documents at the Brownstown Historical Museum.

Chloe Sims wanted to research the first public school building in Michigan. She learned that it wasn't too far away, just down the road in Monroe County. With help from the Monroe County archives, Chloe was able to sift through primary sources that were well over 100 years old. Chloe's research included daily lesson plans, report cards, newspaper articles, school board meeting minutes, and a visit to the school building.

Both student entries won special awards for their research at the Michigan History State Finals. Anthony Pagnanelli and Conner Kashich won the James Campbell Award for Best Use of Oral History, sponsored by the Michigan Oral History Association. Chloe Sims won the best entry in use of Newspapers, sponsored by the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University.

Michigan History Day ® is a project-based learning program of the Historical Society of Michigan, is a yearlong educational program that encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history. This year's projects encouraged students to research the theme of Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas. To understand the historical importance of their topics, students were to ask questions of time and place, cause and effect, change over time, impact, and significance.

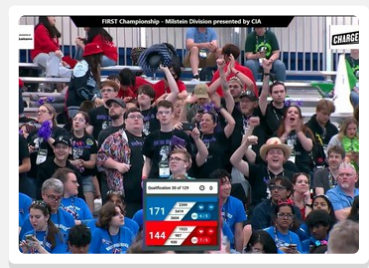


Goon Squad Qualifies for Worlds

Woodhaven's Robotics Team #3604, better known as the Goon Squad, traveled to Houston, Texas, on April 18th to compete in the FIRST Robotics Championships. With a 8 win - 2 loss record, the Goon Squad was seeded 5th in their division among 76 teams. Even though competition was strong, their alliance with Teams 604, 694 and 5913 placed them into the second round of competition before being eliminated.

Overall, the Goon Squad is very happy with their 2023 competitive season. They will be competing in two off-season events during the summer - TnT's Big Bang Event and the Rainbow Rumble, and will assist with the Goonettes' Invitational in September.

Job well done Goon Squad!



A Day in the Life of a Warrior ...



On March 22nd, Kylie Digna scored the first goal for Woodhaven High School's Lacrosse team and cemented her place in WHS history. Way to go Kylie!!



Woodhaven Unified

Bocce Ball.



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Track & Field



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Long Jump



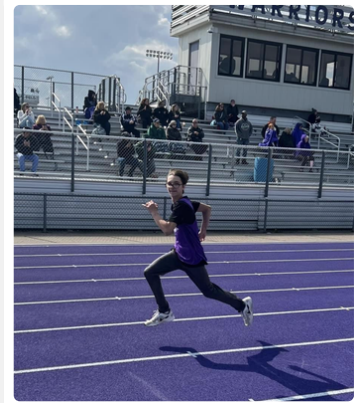
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BMS

Take Your Child to Work Day



WHS

Band students participate in a Broadway clinic while visiting NYC.



Erving Elementary

Mrs. Danosky's 1st graders participate in "Reading Olympics".



Warrior Athletics

Boys' Varsity Golf Team



Warrior Athletics

Evan Langlois on the mound.



Warrior Athletics

Girls' Varsity Soccer v. Edsel Ford



Safe at the plate.



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