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WSD Scores 99.1% on State Report Card



The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released the 2018 Annual Performance Report (APR) data this week for school districts around the state. The Wentzville School District scored 99.1 percent in the evaluation system, up from 97.5 percent last year and the highest the District has scored since the state started using the evaluation tool six years ago. It is also one of the top 10 scores for school districts in the greater St. Louis area. The APR is part of the Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP 5), a rigorous evaluation tool for rating the performance of Missouri school districts.

The standard of MSIP 5 measures five areas: Academic Achievement, Subgroup Achievement, College and Career Readiness, Attendance, and Graduation Rate. MSIP 5 is used to distinguish the performance of schools and districts in valid, accurate and meaningful ways so that districts in need of improvement can receive appropriate support and interventions, and high-performing districts can be recognized as models of excellence.

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Join Us for the Final GPS Meeting to Help Shape the WSD's Next Five-Year Plan



The District has been seeking input from all stakeholders – students, parents, employees and community members – to help shape the District's next five-year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). In case you missed it, take a moment to view the video of [Dr. Cain's invitation to participate](#) in the CSIP process.

The District scheduled three community engagement meetings called Guiding Principles for our Schools (GPS), to help inform stakeholders and provide a platform for feedback to set positive goals, define priorities and determine standards for the students and schools in the WSD.

The first two GPS meetings were held on November 27 and January 15, where Teaching and Learning and then Finances, Facilities, and Staffing were discussed respectively. The meetings were streamed live and can still be viewed on the [WSD Facebook page](#) for those who couldn't attend in person. You can also [view the Teaching and Learning presentation](#) shared at the November meeting on the WSD website, as well as [the Finance, Facilities & Staffing presentation shared](#) at this week's meeting.

Please consider attending the final meeting, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Timberland High School:

February 12 – Community, Culture, Safety & Security



Upcoming Dates

Feb. 6, 5 - 8 p.m.
Special Board Meeting -
Administrative Center

Feb. 11
Late Start Grades K-12

Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
Guiding Principles for our
Schools (GPS) Meeting -
Timberland High School

Feb. 15
No Classes - PD Day

Feb. 18
No Classes - President's Day

Feb. 21, 7 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting -
Administrative Center

March 5, 5-8 p.m.
WSD STEM Olympics
(Grades K-4)
@ Liberty High School

March 6, 5-8 p.m.
(Tentative) Special Board
Meeting - Administrative
Center

March 11
Late Start Grades K-12

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(Grades 5-8)
@ Liberty High School

March 15
Early Release Day

March 21, 7 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting

Dr. Cain's Invitation:



Liberty Swimmer Named to US Paralympic National Team



Hallie Anderson, a junior at Liberty High School, has been selected for the 2019 U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Team. The team, which was announced by the U.S. Paralympics (a division of the United States Olympic Committee), features 35 women and 13 men, including 21 past Paralympians who have won 62 medals for Team USA.

“With the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 right around the corner, this will be a very important season for Team USA,” said Queenie Nichols, Director of U.S. Paralympics Swimming. “The 48 athletes named to the national team have all worked very hard to make it this far, but there is plenty of work to be done as we gear up for Tokyo.”



Anderson made the Emerging Team for USA Paralympics last year and the National Team this year. She suffers from brittle bone disease, in addition to other medical conditions that affect her muscles.

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Administrative Center

March 25 - 29, 2019

Spring Break

No Classes

Helpful Parent Links



Stay Tuned to WSD



WSD is showcasing the outstanding stories happening across the District on its very own YouTube Channel! Subscribe today to not miss out!

Recent Videos from the WSD:

Faces of the WSD - Kaci Lueking of Wabash Elementary



Timberland's Braun Named SLSSCA Counselor of the Year



Congratulations to Timberland High School Counselor Tammy Braun for being named the 2018-19 Secondary Counselor of the Year by the St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association! Mrs. Braun will be honored at the St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association Awards Ceremony on February 7. Braun was nominated by fellow Timberland counselor Stacey Nielsen, who said, "As our department leader, Tammy supports our team and advocates for the counseling program. Under her leadership, our team has implemented many new programs to meet the needs of our students, staff, and community. We offer morning "Coffee with the Counselors" meetings each quarter to answer parent questions; a staff support group focusing on self-care, stress management, and avoiding compassion fatigue; online counselor appointment requests; and Counselor Cafe on Fridays, where counselors are in the lunch room to answer questions from students. That's just to name a few. Tammy is always available to collaborate with the counseling team and other staff members, and is positive and recognizes the successes of our team. She is also an NHS sponsor, always advocating for the needs of her students. She is kind and caring, and proves it by being an active member of Missouri School Counselor Association, staying informed on current trends in counseling and professional development. [Watch the surprise announcement](#) on WSD YouTube.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Slideshow

Sean Haley Named LU Nominee for Beginning Teacher of the Year Award



Pearce Hall Buddy Program



Chromebook Repair Class Video



Duello's Laura Parn Named Exemplary New Principal



[Watch more WSD Videos on WSD YouTube](#)



For the 14th year, the Wentzville School District hosted the MLK Celebration and Unity Walk honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of love and nonviolent struggle for racial equality. Thank you to the MLK Community Planning Committee for organizing the event and to all who participated to help make it meaningful and memorable. [Watch the slideshow](#) on WSD YouTube.

THS Senior Receives 2018 Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award



Timberland High School senior Megan Reiter has been named the 2018 Outstanding Youth Volunteer for the St. Louis Metro Area by Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO). Each year, SOMO bestows awards to those individuals and groups who truly stand

out in their area. The Outstanding Youth Volunteer award is based on the volunteer's performance during the year. Reiter will receive the award during the St. Louis Metro Area Spring Games in April. Reiter was chosen as the 2018 winner of the award following a nomination by St. Louis Metro Regional Program Director Jocelyn Diehl.

In her nomination, Diehl shared, "We are so impressed by Megan's passion for service and willingness to fill any area need through a project of her own design. As a high school student in Wentzville, Megan has plenty on her plate already, but decided early on that volunteering with Special Olympics Missouri filled her personal bucket." Reiter has volunteered with SOMO since her freshman year of high school, serving as the Unified Partner to a Special Olympics athlete at summer camp through the Missouri Association of Student Councils, and has recruited and trained other students to referee for 3-on-3 basketball games at the St. Louis Area Basketball Tournament. She also spearheaded and



The WSD Film Festival will take place on April 2, 2019, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Holt High School. This film contest is open to all grade levels, and is completely student-driven. Mark your calendars and support your local film makers! Find updates on Twitter [@WSDFilmFestival](#).

Join the WSD Finance Committee



Would you like to learn more about District finances? For instance, where does District revenue come from? How is the tax rate calculated? What is the largest District expenditure?

These are just a few of the items the Finance Committee will analyze. The committee will also work to answer any questions you may have about school finance. There will be two or three meetings throughout the school year.

organized a Play Unified Day at Timberland High School last year, which introduced more of her classmates to Special Olympics athletes.

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WSD Board of Education Candidates



The biographies that have been submitted from this year's Board of Education candidates have been [posted on the WSD website](#). The bios are posted exactly as they are received from the candidates as an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about who is running for the Board of Education. Seven candidates will be on the ballot for two open seats in the April 2 election. The open seats are currently held by Dale Schaper and Jennifer Simpson, and each open seat is for a three-year term. On the webpage associated with the link above, simply click on the candidate's name under their photo to view their submitted biography. Please remember to exercise your right to vote on April 2, 2019.

WSD Teacher Named VFW Post 5327 Teacher of the Year

Patti Chadduck, a special education teacher at Stone Creek Elementary, has been selected as the Elementary Teacher of the Year by Wentzville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5327. Chadduck, who has worked for the WSD since 2003, was nominated by a parent at her school. "Patti deserves recognition for going above and beyond, insuring that every student can learn and be successful at Stone Creek.

If you are interested in being involved, please [contact Pat Jolley](#) in the WSD Finance Department.

Work for the WSD!



It is the goal of the Human Resources department to attract, hire, and retain the best trained, most highly qualified, and effective staff to ensure high levels of achievement by all our students.

We are a service-oriented organization that strives to treat everyone with respect, honesty, and professional integrity and dedicate ourselves to the highest levels of service and support to all employees, administration, and the Board of Education.

If you are seeking employment with the District, click on the picture above for a list of current opportunities and application processes.

We are in particular need of substitute teachers and the rate of pay was just increased to \$100/day for regular subs and \$110/day for long-term subs. Visit the WSD website for more information.

Questions may be directed to humanresources@wsdr4.org



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Inaugural District Amazing Shake Competition



The Amazing Shake is a competition that places an emphasis on teaching students respectful manners and professional conduct - the kind of life skills everyone should hone, and why not start early. Before competing, students learn the intricacies of human interaction, such as how to give a proper handshake, how to "work a room," and how to give a successful job interview. Hosting these competitions at WSD schools (Peine Ridge and Stone Creek Elementary) gives every student a chance to succeed in "real world" situations. The winner and runner-up from each school's individual competition can travel to Atlanta, Georgia, to the Ron Clark Academy National Amazing Shake competition, February 22-24.

For Stone Creek, Kyla Humphrey (SCE competition winner) and Alisyn Maupin (SCE runner-up) will be traveling with Assistant Principal Melissa Armbruster to the national competition.

Peine Ridge will be sending the top two finishers in their competition, sixth graders Bonnie Faye Cella and Catherine Hunn, who will be joined by Principal Dr. Ryan Andrews.

[Watch the video](#) to see who won the District competition. This student will receive a bye in the first round of the national competition as a result.



Have You Downloaded the WSD App?



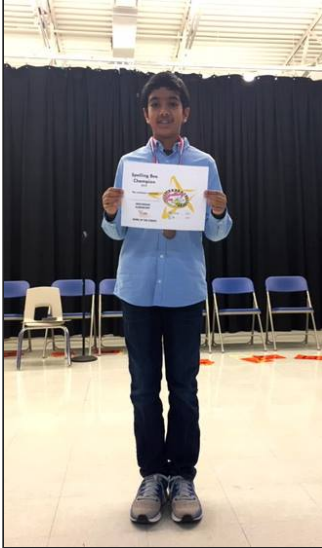
Are you new to the WSD? Be sure to download the app to have important information right at your fingertips. The app is available for both android devices and iPhones.



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For more information on the Amazing Shake initiative, [watch the documentary](#) about the national competition on the Ron Clark Academy YouTube Page.

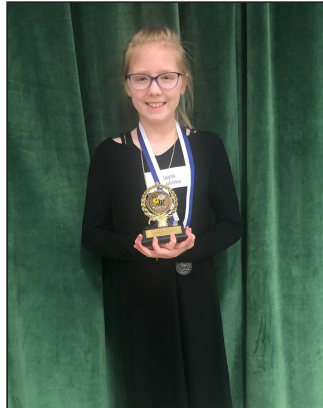
2019 Spelling Bee Champions



Schools across the District have named their Spelling Bee Champions for 2019. Each winner will advance to the semi-regional written competition of the Scripps National Spelling Bee held at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, on March 9. Finalists from this competition will be posted by 9:00 p.m. that evening on stltoday.com. Those winners will advance to the Spelling Bee Oral Finals on March 16, also at McKendree University, and will be featured the week of March

17 in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Finals Champion will advance to the 92nd annual Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C., May 26 – 31. Congratulations and good luck to all of our outstanding spellers!

- Crossroads Elementary: **Abhiram Madala**, fifth grade (third year in a row)
- Discovery Ridge: **Kayla Kroehnke**, fifth grade (second year in a row)
- Duello Elementary: Paxton Lowery, fourth grade
- Green Tree Elementary: **Lili Farid**, fifth grade
- Heritage Intermediate: **Seraphine Leekhoool**, fifth grade
- Lakeview Elementary: **Shravanya Shrinivas**, fourth grade
- Peine Ridge Elementary: **Tucker Sutphin**, fifth grade
- Prairie View Elementary: **Russell Haynes**, sixth grade (second year in a row)
- Wabash Elementary: **Ryan Yang**, sixth grade
- Frontier Middle School: **Lakshmi Madala**, seventh grade
- South Middle School: **Allison Lee**, eighth grade
- Wentzville Middle School: **Katelyn Downey**, seventh grade



Geography Bee Champions



The Board of Education meeting on Jan. 17 featured the Board recognition of State Swim Champion Noah Scheuermann (Holt High); the 2018 WSD Holiday Assistance Program coordinators and supporters; MOAPHERD Young Professional Award winner Nick Clements (Wentzville Middle); and MOAPHERD Central Region PE Teachers of the Year, Sally Schulte (elementary), and Melanie Zerr (high school). Superintendent Reports were highlighted by an evaluation of WSD finance and purchasing programs, as well as a presentation on the District's mental health and counseling program. For more info, click the Board Meeting Report thumbnail above. Board Meeting Reports can also be found on the [WSD website](#) under [About our District/Board of Education](#).

2018-19 Late Start Supervision



The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019. The supervision for students in grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This



Congratulations to the WSD students who won their school's Geography Bee: Abhram Madala, a 5th grader at Crossroads Elementary, Ethan Griffith, a 6th grader at Prairie View Elementary, Cody Nunnery, a 6th grader at Wabash Elementary, Audrey Beckhardt, an 8th grader at Frontier Middle, Aneesh Dahuja, a 7th grader at South Middle, and Gabe Stroud, an 8th grader at Wentzville Middle. School bees were held this month with 4th-8th grade students throughout the state to determine each school's winner. This is the first level of the National Geographic Bee competition, now in its 31st year. School-level winners take a qualifying test which will be submitted to the National Geographic Society for the chance to compete at the state level. Congratulations, and good luck!

Prairie View Sixth Graders Warm Patients and Hearts



Sixth graders at Prairie View Elementary had an opportunity to make and deliver blankets to patients at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital as part of a two-month service learning project. The students worked on the project during Core Plus, measuring the blankets, looping each tassel, and then carefully sealing the blankets into a plastic bag with an inspirational quote personally signed by students. "My students really came together and showed empathy for kids who are fighting bigger battles every day down at Cardinal Glennon," shared sixth grade math teacher Alicia Rankey. "As a teacher, I hope this is a project that will stay in their

service is separate from Chautauqua and only for students NOT already enrolled in the Chautauqua Before School Program.

Late starts provide valuable collaboration time for our teachers across the District and yet we understand these days can be a challenge for working parents especially. The supervision option was established to assist those parents who need it. Additional information about late start supervision for students in grades K-6, as well as the link to pay via PayPal can be found on the [District website](#).

Kindergarten Registration Dates Set for 2019-2020 School Year



Dates have been set for the Wentzville School District's kindergarten registration/screening process. This event is for all children who will turn 5 before August 1, 2019. If your child has not been screened at the Parents as Teachers office or his/her preschool this year, appointments are required and can be made by contacting the Parents as Teachers office at 327-3863, ext. 22281. You can also

hearts forever and look forward to doing it again next year." Rankey and several students delivered 60 blankets to Cardinal Glennon on Monday. When asked by a Cardinal Glennon staff member what other fun things the students were doing on their day off, one of the students responded, "Nothing as fun as coming down here and giving blankets to help these kids!" Well done, Hawks!

WSD High School FCCLA Groups Win Multiple Awards



Holt, Liberty, and Timberland students in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competed at a regional event on January 28 at Montgomery County High School and came away with a multitude of awards. Holt's Emma Kovath, Sara McFadden, and Kaitlyn Sikes (Focus on Children), Mia Burk (Chapter Service Project Display), and Rylie Miller, Eva Gannon, and Taylor Boehme (Culinary Arts), and Liberty's Henry Young (Advocacy), Brianna Mills, Alison Lough, and Jade Moore (Environmental), and Audrey Chambers, Emma Benesek, and Katelyn Yoder (Food Innovations), received Top Gold for their projects, as did Timberland's Ashley Bertillo (Say Yes to FCS Education), Tanvi Dahuja (Food Innovations), and Logan Davidson, Tyler Hansen, and Matt Mangin (Culinary Arts). Logan, Tyler, and Matt are the first team in Timberland history to compete in the Culinary Arts category. By receiving Top Gold (the highest score in their category) these students earned a chance to compete at the Missouri State FCCLA Leadership Conference to be held March 17-19 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri.

request a screening through the website.

WSD Inclement Weather/School Closing Information



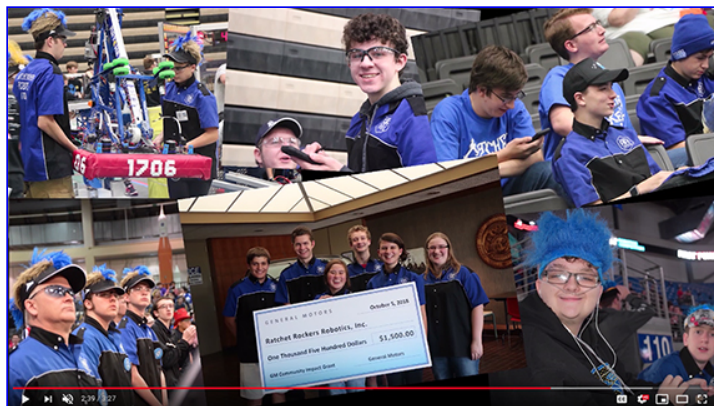
Timely communication with our District families is always a priority, but especially important in inclement weather/ emergency school closing situations. Please be sure to notify the school office about any change in your personal contact information. [Visit the WSD website](#) for complete Inclement Weather/School Closing Information.

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[View the policy on the WSD Website.](#)

Silver awards went to Liberty's Kierstyn Schierding and Abbie Visconti (Chapter Service Project Display), and Eliana Moore, Kiara Jimenez, and Cynthia Jimenez (Focus on Children). Holt students Lexi Licavoli, Zoey Graham and Jayla Bryant served as student judges for the event and Liberty students Nicole Ostrovskiy and Cathryn Elam were room consultants for the event. Congratulations, and good luck at the State Leadership Conference!


Ratchet Rockers Robotics Team Begins Building Season



The award-winning WSD Ratchet Rockers Robotics Team has officially begun this year's build season in their new home in the District's Harris Building. This year's theme is "Deep Space" in honor of the 50th Anniversary of landing on the moon. Over 50 students from all three high schools currently participate on the team, which is sponsored by WSD teachers Vince Redman and Narelle Deatherage. The team also includes 15 volunteer mentors and five alumni mentors. The build season lasts through February 19, when they have to package up their robot for competitions. They utilize a secondary "practice" robot until their first competition, which is the St. Louis Regional event at Chaifetz Arena, March 14-16. They will also compete at the Smokey Mountain Regional event in Knoxville, TN, over spring break, all with the hopes of once again qualifying for the World Championship in Houston, TX, in April. Last year, the team qualified for finals at the World Championships – the farthest they have gone in the history of the team. They were also State Champs last year, so they are looking forward to another successful season! Alumni Mentor (Class of 2018) Lauren Stumpf produced [this video](#) as a thank you to the WSD for the team's new space. To follow the team's progress this year, [visit their website](#), or follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

WSD Foundation Trivia

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:



2019
WSD Foundation

Trivia Night

Prize for Best Decorated Table
& cash prize for 1st Place team


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**OVER \$90K RAISED TO DATE
TO BENEFIT WSD TEACHERS
& STUDENTS**

Doors open at 6:15, Trivia at 7pm

**ST. GIANNA PARISH HALL
450 E. HIGHWAY N
TABLES OF 8 ~ \$160**

Beverages provided ~ bring your snacks!
Please register and pay in advance:
<https://tinyurl.com/WSDfoundationTRIVIA19>
Questions or to sponsor:
marylapak@wsdr4.org



Please join us for the WSD Foundation Trivia Night on February 23, 2019. Thanks to past participants, over \$90,000 has been raised to date to benefit students and teachers in the WSD. A prize will be given out for the Best Decorated Table, and of course a cash prize for the first place team. The doors open at 6:15, and the contest begins at 7:00. Beverages will be provided, so all you need to bring are a few snacks and your WSD spirit. If you have questions or want to sponsor, please [contact Mary LaPak](#). You can also pay in advance for convenience and [register](#) for a table on this [Google form](#).

WSD Dance Teams Compete in National Championships this Weekend



Congratulations to the WSD Dance Teams on their performances at the St. Charles Classic at St. Charles High School last weekend! The Varsity Holt Indian Line placed 3rd in Hip Hop and 6th in Lyrical, and the JV Indian Line took 3rd in Jazz and 4th in Hip Hop. The Wentzville Middle School Dance Team took 3rd place in Pom and received a superior rating in Hip Hop. The Varsity Liberty Belles took 1st place in Pom and 3rd place in Lyrical Jazz and the JV Liberty Belles took 1st place in Pom and 2nd place in Jazz. The JV Timberland Wolf Line took 5th place in Pom. Best of luck to the WSD Dance Teams as they compete in Florida this weekend! The Holt Varsity Indian Line will compete at the DTU National Championship, and the Varsity Liberty Belles and the Timberland Varsity Wolf Line will compete at the UDA National Dance Team Championship!

WSD Students Compete in Local Elementary Math Competition



WSD students competed at the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) Elementary Competition held Saturday, January 26, at Boone Trail Elementary. Students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 from Boone Trail, Crossroads, Discovery Ridge and Prairie View Elementary Schools, as well as 11 other schools from St. Charles and St. Louis Counties, competed by taking tests in a variety of categories. The competition drew over 150 students from the schools. The following students qualified to advance to the MCTM 34th annual regional competition to be held at Parkway West High School on March 2: Boone Trail – Anderson Pinto, Parker Sansone, Pierce Sansone, Yahir Ramos, Liam Townes, Abby Chall, and Gavin Kimberlin; Crossroads – Trent Drey, Jin Lee, Abhiram Madala, Marissa Varga, and James Coyle; Discovery Ridge - Charles Maliszewski, Ben Landrum, Nate Wietbrock, Jonah Rurack, Rafay Cheema, Jacob Spoor, Ashley Kercher, and Raksha Thiagarajan; Prairie View - Tabitha Musangali and Andrea Finklang. Good luck at Regionals!

Wentzville Middle Spring Play

Wentzville Middle School Theatre
presents



**THE
BIG BAD
MUSICAL**

A Howling Courtroom Comedy

Book by: Alex Strum *Music & Lyrics:* Bill Francoeur

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2019
7:00 P.M.

C. H. Jones Auditorium @ Holt High School

Tickets available at the door: Student \$3.00 Adult \$5.00

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Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart Campaigns Begin in February



February is National Heart Month, and in conjunction with this awareness effort, students in the Wentzville School District are planning their Jump Rope for Heart, Hoops for Heart, and Dodgeball for Heart events. Heart Disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, and stroke (closely associated with heart health) is the fifth-leading cause. These awareness activities are geared toward teaching kids how to live healthier lives - by making good food choices, exercising more, and not giving into the temptation to smoke or vape.

The American Heart Association thanks Wentzville students and parents for their contributions to this life-saving mission. Last year, thanks to our students and parents, WSD schools raised an astonishing \$126,230, the third-highest total in the entire state. Almost all of these donations stay local, so the WSD community is helping save lives right in our backyard. These efforts also help WSD schools earn PE equipment to keep our kids active and healthy for years to come. Watch your school's newsletter for info on when your child's school is participating in these fundraising efforts.

Heritage Propane School Days Program



Through the School Days Program, Heritage Propane will give the WSD up to \$2,000 per year to purchase items for any school-related need with funds earned from the School Days Program. Any WSD parent can send their Heritage Propane receipts to school with their child. Community members can drop off or mail their receipts to the WSD Administrative Center. We will submit the receipts and Heritage Propane will total the gallons on the deposited receipts and pay \$0.02 per gallon, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per year.

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative 2019 Washington, DC Youth Tour Contest



Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is looking for six high school juniors who live in their general service area (or who have Cuivre River electric service in their homes) to send to the 2019 Youth Tour in

Washington, D.C.

Youth Tour Contest entries must include a completed official Youth Tour Contest application and a composition (500-1000 words). The 2019 essay theme is "My Favorite Cooperative Principle." [Cooperative Principles](#) can be found on the Cuivre River website. Entry forms are available at local high schools or can be downloaded from [the Cuivre River website](#). The deadline to enter is Friday, March 8.

Grand Prize: Six students will be selected as Youth Tour

delegates and receive an all-expenses paid trip (\$2,750 value) to Washington, D.C., June 14-20, 2019, to attend the National Youth Tour Conference.

Runners-Up: Six students will receive \$500 scholarships to the college or university of their choice.

Teacher Grant: Each teacher who submits 10 or more Youth Tour compositions will receive a \$50 classroom grant (Gift Card) from Cuivre River Electric Cooperative for supporting this cooperative educational program.

District Earns DESE Seal of Biliteracy



The WSD has recently earned the Seal of Biliteracy from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. A team of WSD educators, including the high school World Language department chairs, World Language teachers, the high school ELL teacher, and members of the Teaching and Learning team have worked collaboratively to align a rigorous program for our students to achieve the requirements set by DESE. One skill that can truly transcend most job fields is sociocultural awareness and biliteracy. WSD Social Studies Content Leader Nichole Nolan said, "If the WSD is truly dedicated to supporting students in preparing them for a life in a global economy and society, then teaching skills such as the ability to communicate with clients, colleagues and associates who speak a language other than English, as well as understand the sociocultural intricacies that can further enhance the relationship, is imperative."

Through the establishment of this Seal of Biliteracy, the District seeks to: encourage pupils to develop biliteracy skills; provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills; revitalize and promote foreign language instruction in our schools; and recognize and honor our rich and diverse language assets. This is just another way that WSD schools are preparing the leaders of tomorrow for success.

WSD Facebook Reaches Milestone!



Thank you, Michael Burke, for putting us over 15,000 likes on the award-winning WSD Facebook page! The WSD page has the most likes of any school district Facebook page in St. Charles County - so kudos to you, our stakeholders, for being highly engaged and invested in the education of our young citizens. The WSD has had a Facebook page since 2010, which marked the District's inaugural leap into social media. The page is utilized to share information and news and highlight the inspiring accomplishments of our students and staff. We also love to share how our supportive community partners with the District and wraps their arms around WSD families. Thank you to everyone who has brought the WSD to this milestone. Please continue to like, comment and share; our strength is in our caring community that supports the amazing work in our classrooms day in and day out.

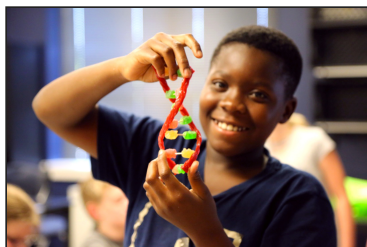
WSD Film Festival Submissions Now Being Accepted



It's finally time for students to #BeSceneWSD, as the WSD Film Festival season has officially begun! Submissions are

now open through March 2. Visit wentzvillefilmfestival.com for details and inspiration. This is a great way for students to develop 21st century skills, so please spread the word! Follow [@wsdfilmfestival](https://twitter.com/wsdfilmfestival) on Twitter for updates, and use [#BeSceneWSD](https://twitter.com/BeSceneWSD) when talking about it on social media.

Enrollment for WSD K-8 Summer Journey is Open!



The WSD is pleased to offer a Summer School Program for K-8 students called **Summer Journey** and is free of charge for our families. **Summer Journey** is an exciting approach to learning for our students. This summer school program provides an opportunity for students to engage in over 60 hours of enrichment as well as to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge. The academic courses include hands-on instruction centered in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies in a relaxed format (no homework or tests for grades). **Summer Journey** will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery.

DATES: June 3 - June 27.
School will be in session
Monday - Thursday.

LOCATIONS: Summer Journey will be held at five elementary schools and Frontier Middle School. Placement of your student will depend on where they will attend school in August 2019.



TIMES: 8:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. for incoming Grade K-6 students; 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for incoming Grade 7-8 students.

WSD's Summer Journey partner, Catapult Learning, will again provide gift cards to students who meet attendance criteria.

For more information, please [visit the WSD Website](#).

Community Resource Fair

2019 FHSD COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

WHEN:
Saturday February 2, 2019
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE:
Francis Howell Central High School Cafeteria
5199 Highway N. St. Charles MO. 63304

FEATURING:
An extensive list of agencies providing county wide resources in recreation/leisure, behavior supports, contacts, transition services, etc. for families and students from ages birth - 21 with disabilities

QUESTIONS - CONTACT
EDDIE RODGERS
EDWARD.RODGERS@FHSOSCHOOLS.ORG



BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
Agencies can sign-up to educate participants on a variety of opportunities and resources in the community.

BENEFITING

- Parents/Guardians
- Students
- Teachers

SPONSORED BY:

- FHSD Alternative Learning Dept.



The Francis Howell School District is hosting a Community Resource Fair open to all families across the County. The Fair is at Francis Howell Central High School on February 2, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. An extensive list of agencies will be on-hand providing countywide resources in recreation/leisure, behavior supports, contacts, transition services, and more for families and students from ages birth - 21 with disabilities. If you have any questions, please [contact Eddie Rogers](#) at FHSD.