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February 28, 2020

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Information about Propositions C&S



The WSD Board of Education has voted unanimously to place two propositions on the April 7, 2020 ballot to accommodate the continued growth of the District, as well as the need for additional staff and wage increases to help close the gap between the WSD and neighboring districts.

PROPOSITION C is a \$105 million no-tax-increase bond issue to build a new middle school on the same site where the District is currently building a fourth high school, to expand and renovate the District's three existing middle schools, to address maintenance issues at existing buildings and purchase items related to school safety.

PROPOSITION S is a \$0.49 tax levy to address staffing and provide needed support across the District, improve salaries to address widening wage gaps between the WSD and neighboring school districts, and to update and add safety features across the District.

The WSD continues to be the fastest growing school district in Missouri, adding on average nearly 600 new students each year since 2001. This past year, enrollment increased from 16,789 students to 17,335 – an increase of 546 students. According to projections in a demographic study released last May by MGT Consulting, there is no end in sight to the District's continued growth; in fact, the WSD could add more than 5,000 students in the next decade.

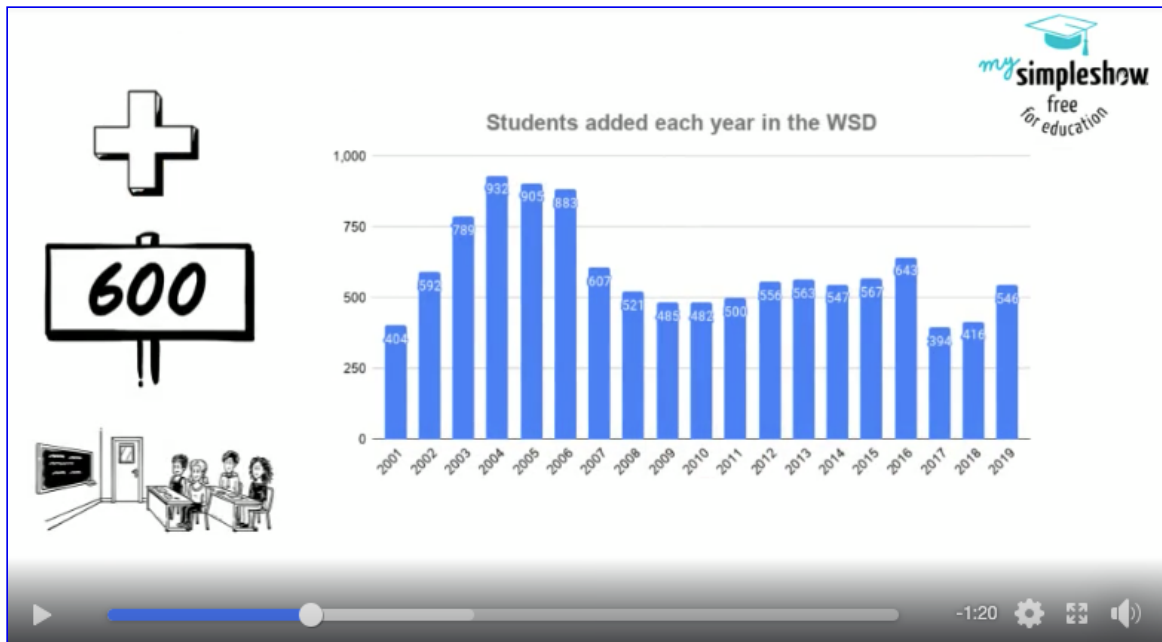
[For more information](#), visit the WSD Website Props C&S page.

WSD Board of Education Candidates for April 2020 Election



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 three open seats in the April 7, 2020 election. The open seats are currently held by Betsy Bates, Barbara Fine, and Heather Reiter, and each open seat is for a three-year term. After clicking the link above, simply click on the candidate's name under their photo to view their submitted biography.
#GrowingTogether

#WSDgrows Part 1 – The WSD is Still Growing



If you live in the District, you probably know that the WSD is the fastest growing district in the state - and that it has been for the past two decades. But did you know that the WSD is projected to be one of the largest, if not THE largest district in Missouri by 2030? Props C&S are on the April ballot to address the District's continued growth: both for additional classroom space (Prop C) and funds to hire more staff and address pay discrepancies with neighboring districts (Prop S), as well as safety needs across the District (Props C&S). [For more information about both propositions](#), visit the WSD website.

Timberland Senior Named National Merit Scholarship Finalist



The Wentzville School District is proud to announce that senior Logan Brenningmeyer from Timberland High School has been selected as a finalist in the 65th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Finalists represent less than 1 % of U.S. high school seniors, and have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Brenningmeyer has a GPA of 4.44, has earned a score of 35 on the ACT, and is

ranked second in his class. He is currently enrolled in his tenth Advanced Placement course. Brenningmeyer is a member of National Honor Society, DECA, and has attended Missouri Scholars Academy and Missouri Boys State. He has played tennis all four years, has an interest in graphic design, enjoys video games, and is starting a clothing company with a friend in his spare time. He also enjoys playing the saxophone, piano, and guitar. Brenningmeyer will attend the University of Missouri – Columbia in the fall and plans to major in business.

[Read the full story on the WSD website.](#)

WSD Senior Receives U.S. Air Force Academy Appointment



Timberland senior Hannah Kuhlmann has received and accepted an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. She received the nomination from Congressman Blaine Luetkenmeyer for her appointment to the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2024.

Kuhlmann has a 4.429 GPA and is ranked third in her class. She is currently enrolled in three Advanced Placement courses and two Project Lead the Way courses. Kuhlmann serves as treasurer of the Timberland National Honor Society, has attended Missouri Girls State, and is a member of the Civil Air Patrol, which is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. She is a four-year member of the varsity swim team, qualifying for state each year, and is a three-time all-conference and a three-time all-academic athlete.

[Read the full story on the WSD website.](#)

WSD Teacher of the Year Video



Our District has over 1,200 teachers who dedicate their time and energy every day to helping our students learn and grow. This year's [WSD Teacher of the Year, Amanda Buhr](#), is a 7th grade science teacher at South Middle School and she exemplifies the heart and spirit of WSD educators. She is a proud Holt graduate whose love of learning is both inspiring and contagious. "I am so honored to be the WSD Teacher of the Year," shared Buhr following the surprise announcement in December. "I can honestly say that I am surrounded by the most loving and talented people who make me want to be the best version of myself for our kids every single day." As the winner of the District Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Buhr is now eligible to compete at the regional and state level in the Missouri Teacher of the Year program, which is conducted annually by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in conjunction with the National Teacher of the Year program. "I'm thankful for the amazing education I received as a student in the WSD and I hope to give all of my students the same wonderful experience!"

WSD Board of Education Approves New Principal for Heritage Intermediate

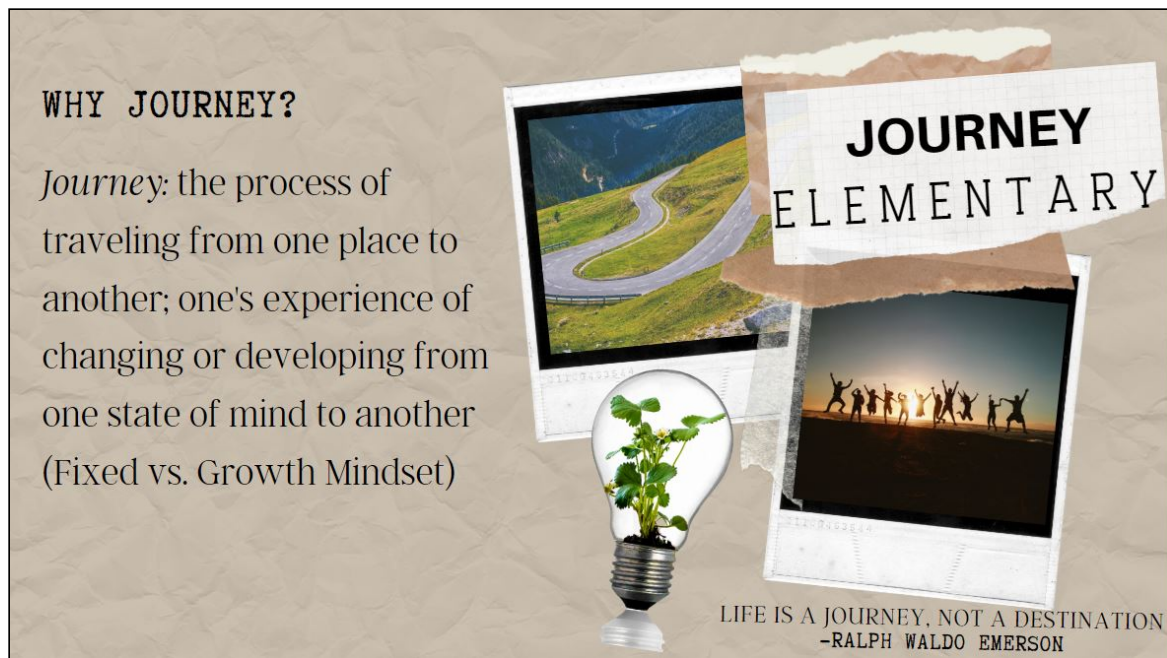


The WSD Board of Education has approved the hiring of Dr. Jodi Oliver as principal of Heritage Intermediate for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Oliver, who is currently serving as principal at Crestwood Elementary in the Lindbergh School District, will replace Dr. Todd Kraft who is retiring at the end of the school year. Dr. Oliver has taught first, second, fifth and sixth grades in Utah and Missouri and has worked as both a literacy coach and assistant principal before becoming a principal in 2013.

Dr. Oliver holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri – St. Louis, both a Masters and Specialists of Educational Administration from Lindenwood University and a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Maryville University.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Wentzville School District as the new principal of Heritage Intermediate School," shared Dr. Oliver. "I am so excited to work alongside the staff, students, and families in this fantastic organization." Dr. Oliver resides with her husband Adam in O'Fallon, Missouri.

New Elementary School Name Approved



Dr. Candice Belton and Mrs. Terri Politte presented the Board of Education with a list of names this month that they had narrowed from over 100 submissions from students and families who will be attending the new school located at 2000 Interstate Drive in Wentzville. The proposed names were submitted by a student or parent from each of the schools that will be feeding into the new elementary and they included: Cedar Valley Elementary, Journey Elementary, Little Woods Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Peruque Creek Elementary, Point Prairie Elementary, and Ridgewood Elementary. The Board voted to name the new school Journey Elementary School! It is scheduled to open this fall, for the 2020-2021 school year and it will be the District's 13th elementary school.

Stone Creek Teacher Renews National Board Certification



Congratulations to Hester Menier, WSD Lead Art Teacher who works at Stone Creek Elementary, for having successfully renewed her National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Hester was the first teacher in the WSD to attain National Board Certification back in 2010 and she is one of only two National Board Certified teachers in the District; Heidi Prouhet, a third grade teacher at Wabash, is the other.

Teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review. The WSD is committed to having the best trained and most highly qualified teachers and offers a \$2,000 stipend to teachers who receive National Board Certification.

South Middle Teacher Named MCTM Outstanding Middle School Math Educator



Marnie Clawson, an eighth grade math teacher at South Middle School, has been named Outstanding Middle School Mathematics Educator by the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM). Mrs. Clawson was the only middle school teacher selected from across the state to receive this year's award.

Marnie has been teaching math for 16 years; the last eight have been at South Middle School. She has served on curriculum writing teams for the District, presented during multiple professional development days, and she is a past recipient of a WSD Foundation Mini Grant for her classroom work. She also sponsors the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club at her school. "One of my favorite things about working for WSD is the ample opportunities for professional growth and collaboration," said Marnie. "We are encouraged to seek out and try new things that we believe will create valuable learning experiences for our students."

[Read the full story on the WSD website.](#)

Enrollment for Summer Journey is Open (Grades K-8)



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 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 and science in a relaxed format (no homework or tests for grades). Summer Journey will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery.

DATES: June 8 - July 2, 2020. School will be in session Monday - Thursday.

* Dates and times are subject to change based upon inclement weather make-up days.



LOCATIONS: Summer Journey will be held at five elementary schools and Timberland High School. Placement of students going into Grades K-6 will depend on where they will attend school in August 2020, and those going into Grades 7-8 will attend the program at Timberland.

TIMES: 8:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. for incoming Grade K-6 students; 7:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.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.

Use the following link to sign up your child; please complete separate forms for each student you wish to enroll prior to April 17, 2020. [K-8 Summer Journey Enrollment Form](#)

Contact Heather Ivancic if you need help completing the enrollment form at 636-327-3800 x20333 or [email](#).

Board of Education Appreciation Video



It's School Board Appreciation Month, and the WSD would like to thank its seven Board of Education members who volunteer their time to serve for the betterment of their community and its schools. Thank you for selflessly guiding the direction of the fastest growing district in Missouri! [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube.

New Boundaries Approved for the WSD



The WSD Board of Education has approved new boundaries for all elementary, middle and high schools in the District to accommodate continued growth and a new elementary school and new high school under construction. The new schools were part of Proposition E, a \$125 million no-tax-increase bond issue passed by voters in April 2018. The [new elementary boundaries](#) will go into effect for the 2020-2021 school year when the new

elementary school being built on Interstate Drive in Wentzville is scheduled to open. The [new middle school](#) and [high school boundaries](#) will go into effect beginning in the 2021-2022 school year when the new high school being built

near West Meyer Road and North Point Prairie Road in Wentzville is scheduled to open.

[Visit the WSD website](#) to view the new school attendance areas.

2020 WSD Film Festival



Now that we are on a roll into our second semester of the 2019-2020 school year, we are also getting ready to roll out the red carpet for the 4th Annual WSD Film Festival. This student led event is a wonderful way for us to support our students as writers, creators, producers and superstars. The WSD Film Festival is on **April 7**, at **Timberland High School's Carl E. Reininger Theater**. Join us at **6:30 p.m.** that night as we announce and celebrate this year's finalists and winners. In the meantime, watch Timberland student [Jacob Windham's promo video](#) with your students to spread the news. You may also want to watch previous winning films.

Submissions are **NOW OPEN and will be open until March 2**. Films can be [submitted on the WSD Film Festival Website](#).

📺 Check out the website for [rules](#), [categories](#), and [resources](#), such as tutorials.

📧 Email wsdfilmfestival@wsdr4.org for any questions.

📺 Follow the festival on Twitter [@wsdfilmfestival](#)

WSD Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration is now open for all children who will turn **5 before August 1, 2020**. 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 [online](#). Screening appointments are filled on a first come, first served basis. Please be sure to check your address with the [District's Boundary Locator](#) to determine which school

your child will attend prior to scheduling a screening appointment or registering

your child for kindergarten. The District has approved new elementary boundaries for the 2020-2021 school year.

All registration/screenings will take place at the Parents as Teachers Office at One Campus Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385. If your child has already been screened, you will still need to register your child for kindergarten on their school's registration date at the Parents as Teachers Office. However, you will not need to schedule a time to register, as it is only necessary to schedule screening appointments.

For the full schedule of registration dates and a list of the information you will need to bring with you, please [visit the WSD website](#).

Are you

REGISTERED TO **VOTE** ✓

in the April 7th Election?

Anyone can register at 17-1/2 years of age,
IF you will be 18 yrs. old by election day in
 order to vote in the April election.

Registering is easy!

Online: MO Voter Registration Application
<http://www.sccmo.org/DocumentCenter/View/420>
 mail the application to the address on the form

The deadline to register is
March 11, 2020

Every Vote Counts!

Participate in the Democratic Process – It's Your Right!

DID YOU KNOW? There are currently over 90,000 residents in the WSD and 57,000 of them are registered to vote. There are currently about 19,000 parents in the WSD and just over 12,000 of those parents are registered to vote. There are just over 1,800 employees who live in the District and just over 1,200 of those employees are registered to vote.

The Wentzville School District is the fastest-growing school district in the State of

Missouri. Propositions C&S address needs related to the District's continued growth and there are seven candidates running for three open seats on the Board of Education. Every resident in the District has a voice. If you are not registered to vote, the deadline to register is March 11, 2020. Anyone can register at 17.5 years of age, but you must be 18 on or before Election Day in order to vote. If you are not registered, we encourage you to complete the [Missouri Voter Registration Application](#), and drop it in the mail before March 11. Information about the [Board candidates](#) and [Propositions C&S](#) can be found on the home page of the [WSD website](#). Every vote counts!



Liberty Black History Month Video

Liberty senior Aminhan Lobster and juniors Sarvani Kunapareddy and Ianne Salvosa are all members of the school's Diversity Club and they worked together to create [this moving video](#) for Black History Month. They invited fellow students and teachers to write letters to black leaders in history to ensure their contributions are honored and never forgotten. They also hosted a Unity Night at their school last week to help continue to break down barriers and provide an opportunity for all students to spend time together getting to know each other.



WSD Teacher and Alum Compete at Olympic Marathon Trials

It's the greatest collection of athletes in the world – the Olympics. This year, it's time for the summer athletes to go for the gold, and two of WSD's own, Liberty PE teacher Jackie Hall and Frontier Middle/Holt High alum Chandler Carreon, are seeking to qualify for the United States Marathon team. Hall is going for her second run at the gold, having run in 2012, and falling just short of making the team in 2016. Carreon was a part of a UMKC Western Athletic Conference 2017 Championship Track and Field team and was the WAC 10K champion in that meet; and despite working nights as a nurse, she's worked her way to the trials. The trials take place this Saturday in Atlanta. Everyone can watch and cheer on Hall and Carreon, as coverage begins on NBC at 11:00 a.m. The women's race will start at approximately 11:20. Please help us in congratulating Hall and Carreon on qualifying for the Olympic trials, and rooting them on as they hope to make the US team. For more information on Carreon, including how former Frontier Middle coach and current Liberty High Athletic Director Cary Eldredge inspired her to get into running, [read this article](#) on Newstime.



Dates to Remember

February 29, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
WSD Foundation Trivia Night

March 3, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
WSD STEAM Olympics (Grades K-4)
Liberty High School

March 9
Late Start Day
Grades K-12

March 10, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
WSD STEAM Olympics (Grades 5-8)
Liberty High School

March 13
Early Release Day
Grades K-12

March 19, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting
Administrative Center Boardroom

March 20
Professional Development Day
No Classes

March 23 - 27

WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING TODAY. LEADING TOMORROW							
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12 Late Start Grades K-12	13	14	15	16 Board of Education Meeting	17 No Classes (Pre-K thru 12)	18	
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Spring Break
No Classes

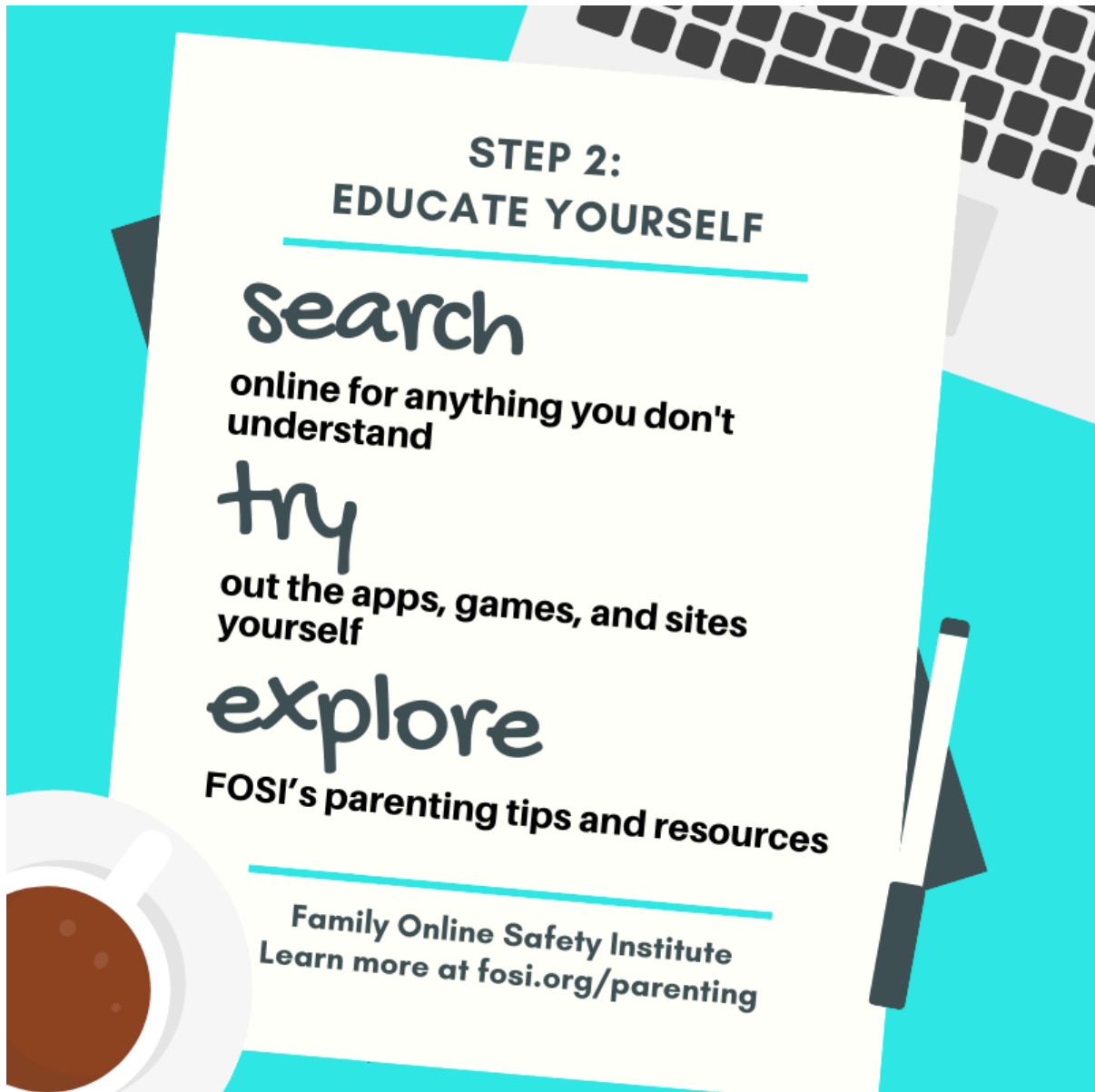
April 7, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
WSD Film Festival
Timberland High School Auditorium



Connect with the WSD







Tech Tip from WSD Technology Department – Tips for Good Digital Parenting (STEP 2)

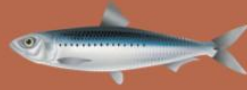
Step 2 of the 7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting video series is to Educate Yourself. [In this video](#) from the Family Online Safety Institute, a young family navigates Steps 1 (Talk With Your Kids) and 2 (Educate Yourself). By talking about online safety early and often, parents are able to establish healthy digital habits sooner. To educate yourself, follow these tips:

- Search online for anything you don't understand
- Try out the apps, games, and sites yourself
- Explore [FOSI's parenting tips and resources](#)

Stay tuned for all seven tips to good digital parenting from the Family Online Safety Institute.

Timberland Theatre Presents

NOISES



OFF

By Michael Frayn

FEB. 27, 28, 29

@ 7 PM



Carl E. Reininger Theatre

Adults \$6 Students \$5

when purchased online
at Timberlandtheatre.com

\$2 More at the Door

Presented by Special Arrangement
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THS Theatre Presents "Noises Off"

The THS Theatre Department will present Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" on February 27, 28, and 29. The performances will be held at the Carl E. Reininger Theatre at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students when purchased online at Timberlandtheatre.com; tickets are available at the door for \$8 for adults and \$7 for students.

LIBERTY PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS:

Clue

ON STAGE

HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

BASED ON THE SCREENPLAY BY **JONATHAN LYNN**
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BY **HUNTER FOSTER, SANDY RUSTIN, AND ERIC PRICE**

March 5-7
7:00 pm

\$6 for students
\$7 for adults
at the door

COME TO CLUE OR THE VICTIM MAY BE YOU!

Liberty Theatre Department presents "Clue: On Stage" on March 5-7

The Liberty High School Theatre Department will present Jonathan Lynn's "Clue: On Stage" on March 5, 6, and 7. The comedy will be performed at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the Liberty High School Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and tickets will be available at the door.

Wentzville Middle School Theatre presents

S'COOL

THE MUSICAL

BY
ROGER EMERSON
WITH
MATT CLEVELAND

A POP-ROCK
MUSICAL

#@!



FEBRUARY 27-28, 2020

7:00 P.M.

C. H. JONES AUDITORIUM

HOLT HIGH SCHOOL

TICKETS:

ADULTS: \$4.00

STUDENTS: \$3.00

Wentzville Middle Theatre Presents "S'Cool" at Holt Auditorium

Wentzville Middle School Theatre is presenting "S'Cool: The Musical" by Roger Emerson, with Matt Cleveland, February 27 and 28, at the C.H. Jones Auditorium at Holt High School. Tickets for the pop-rock musical are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Performances begin at 7:00 p.m.



Girl Scouts Gold Award – Holt Grad Kim Coulon

A very select few young women achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award, doing so by demonstrating extraordinary leadership in their community through the completion of service projects. Kimberly Coulon, a graduate of Holt High School, Class of 2019, earned the Gold Award for her work with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis. Having personally experienced the effect the charity has on families, Kim sought to pay it back. After researching the local House's needs, she found a lack of space for blanket storage—blankets that are so important in these cold winter months. So Kim spent more than 80 hours designing, constructing, sanding and staining a portable chest (fashioned with wheels) to store the donated blankets. But she also inspired her fellow Holt students to lend a helping hand. Kim presented to Holt's National Honor Society members, inviting them to make blankets. So when the Blankets for Blessings chest was completed, 20 blankets made by the NHS members were included inside. Coulon's blanket box is now a mainstay in the residential area of the Ronald McDonald House. To add to this lasting legacy, her inspiration to the NHS members of Holt will go on as well, as they have the opportunity to donate blankets to this cause if the need arises in the future. Coulon was recognized with other Gold Award Girl Scouts during a special ceremony at Lindenwood University last June. She and young

leaders like her are truly making a difference and creating a brighter future for us all!



WSD Tech Coaches Introduce New Sphero Robots

Last Thursday morning, WSD Instructional Technology Coaches Amanda Moody and Mike McCann shared with elementary computer teachers the basics of Spheros, spherical robots that allow students to code and create. Each elementary school computer teacher is receiving a set of Sphero Bots to take coding to the next level, as the Spheros require coded instructions to follow for it to move. Some teachers already are utilizing these tools, including Doug Small at Green Tree Elementary, whose STEM for Girls Club (consisting of more than 50 girls) is designing and creating a golf course to run the Spheros on. Having more access to the codeable objects will only open more eyes to the myriad applications of STEM and coding. This is yet another example of how the WSD tech team and WSD teachers are always seeking ways to inspire students to become lifelong learners.



Pearce Hall Annual Career and Resource Expo

Pearce Hall hosted its 4th Annual Career and Resource Expo January 30, where community organizations - colleges, businesses, and nonprofits - spoke with students to help them explore the opportunities and resources available to them right here in our community. Approximately 200 students participated and had a chance to speak with representatives from more than 45 organizations who offered ideas and advice designed to assist students and help set them up for success. "Pearce Hall is dedicated to helping kids get prepared for life after high school," said Dr. Ben Hebisen, Director of Intervention Services. "The Expo this year focused on helping students look for several different options that may be available to them after they earn their diploma."

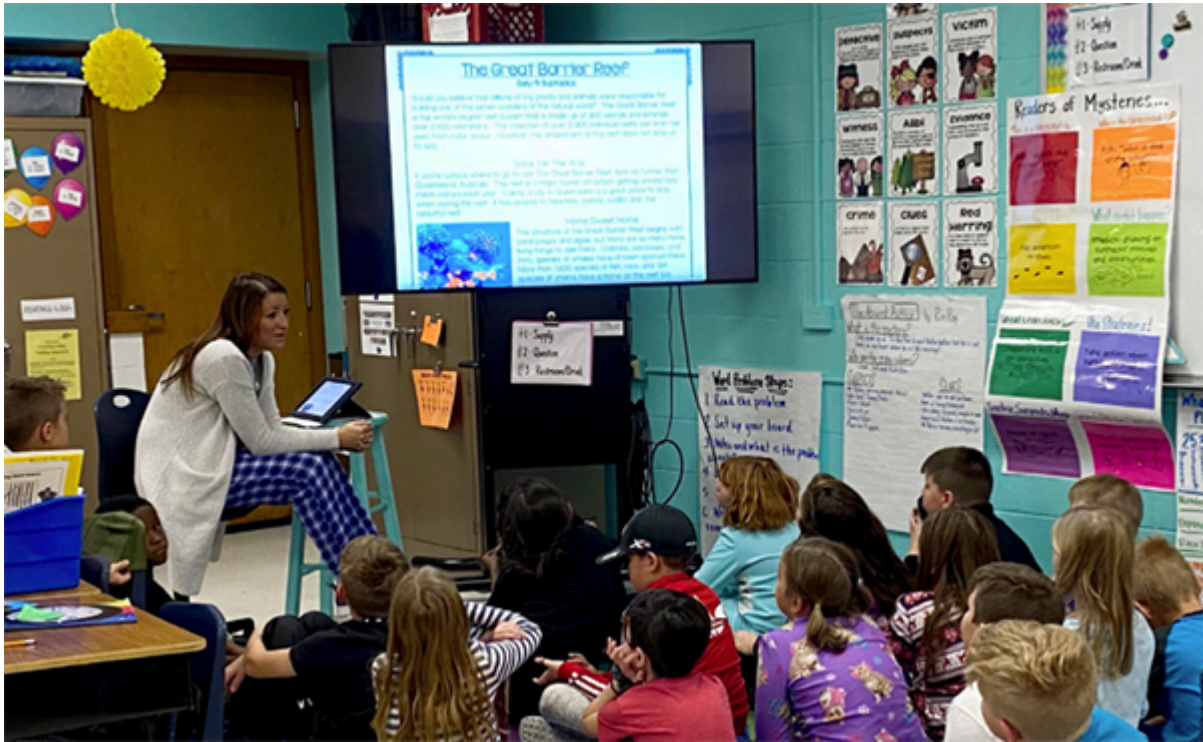
Holt Junior Wins Poetry Out Loud Competition for Second Consecutive Year

Congratulations to Holt junior Amelia Truong, who won first place in the regional "Poetry Out Loud" competition on February 12 at the Foundry Arts Centre in St. Charles, for the second consecutive year! The three poems she recited were: "Advice from La Llorona" by Deborah Miranda, "gravity furnace" by Francine J. Harris, and "The Charge of the Light Brigade" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Poetry Out Loud is a competition sponsored by The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation that encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. After successful pilot programs in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Poetry Out Loud was launched in high schools nationwide in the spring of 2006 and has grown to involve millions of students across the country. Amelia will now represent the region at the Missouri State



Finals held in Jefferson City on March 12 for a chance to win \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national competition in April. Good luck, Amelia!



WSD Tech Department Working with Staples to Update Classrooms

The WSD Technology Department does a phenomenal job supporting teachers by providing innovative tools to help creatively engage students in our classrooms. In fact, in a recent community survey, stakeholders ranked "the quality of technology available to students" the highest when asked to grade district performance. The Tech Department is working with Staples to replace outdated whiteboards with mobile TVs with mirroring technology to give teachers the flexibility and they need to interact with students. Read all about it [in this case study article](#) published by Staples.



FCCLA Success

Holt, Liberty, and Timberland students in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competed at the Region 4 FCCLA STAR Event on January 27 at Montgomery County High School and came away with a multitude of awards. STAR event (Students Taking Action with Recognition) is a FCCLA program of competitive events designed to recognize individuals and chapters for their proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills and occupational preparation.

Holt sophomore Zoey Graham was elected the Region 4 Secretary/Treasurer at the event. The newly elected regional officers were determined on the basis of a knowledge test, two-minute speech, and number of ballots cast by the voting delegates. Zoey will be responsible for keeping accurate minutes of all regional and executive council meetings and activities, and she will handle official correspondence, track the region's finances, and generate financial statements.

Holt's Andrew Golz, Lexi Licavoli, and Alyssa Romeo (Culinary Arts), Eva Gannon, Emma Roseberry, and Dani Burns (Culinary Arts), Katie King and Katie White (Food Innovations), and Lyric McGilberry (Food Innovations), received Top Gold for their projects, as did Liberty's Henry Young (Professional Presentation), Emma Benesek, Audrey Chambers and Katelyn Yoder (Promote and Publicize FCCLA!), and Kelsey Corcoran and Brianna Mills (Repurpose and Redesign). 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 15-17 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. Timberland's Alexis Brown, Emma Giltner, and Connor Kaatmann will compete in a Missouri FCCLA-piloted pastry event at the state leadership conference, where they will

have two and a half hours to make four pastry recipes.

Gold Awards went to Timberland's Gabby Pounds, Matthew Mangin, and Bri Aarstad (Culinary Arts). Silver awards went to Holt's Mya Smith (Career Investigation), Liberty's Kiara Jimenez and Eliana Moore (Food Innovations), and Ashley Russell (Career Investigation). Bronze awards went to Liberty's Emily Ball and Lindsay Grant (Chapter Service Project Display). Congratulations, and good luck at the State Leadership Conference! [#WSDproud](#)



Mock Trial Team Gets Sworn In

Order in the court! A select group of students from Liberty High is participating in an organized league, called Mock Trial, that utilizes simulation of law courts to help develop debate and critical thinking skills, as well as introducing important facets of the world of American justice. They competed on January 30 at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Clayton, serving as the case's plaintiff. Liberty teacher Mandy Franke is the team's sponsor and was proud of her students' efforts. Franke said, "They learned a lot, our attorney coach was awesome with the kids, and they are ready to take on their next trial in three weeks." Attorney coach Dean Nichols, whose firm Nichols Lang & Hamlin, LLC is a WSD marketing partner, meets with the students every Monday after school. The students on the team act as lawyers and witnesses, and have two rounds of competition—one in January and one later in February. Then regionals take place in March. "The mock trials are structured like real courtroom trials and follow the same rules and procedures," Franke said, "so students learn first-hand how the legal system works and what role judges, lawyers, juries, and witnesses play in the court

system. This increased understanding helps students develop a deeper appreciation for our justice system and the administration of justice. The competition also helps students develop and improve their public speaking and critical thinking skills.”



WSD Staff (and Student) Present at METC Conference

The WSD had multiple presenters at the annual Midwest Education Technology Conference this past week, which ran Monday through Wednesday at the St. Charles Convention Center. EducationPlus sponsors the annual METC conference each February, which draws over 2,200 leaders and educators from the Midwest and beyond. The event features regional and national experts who introduce participants to the latest trends and best practices in the area of education technology. WSD Instructional Technology Coach Sam Hardesty Knoll was one of 10 Spotlight Educators who was selected by EducationPlus to be a featured presenter. Other WSD presenters included Director of Technology Greg Lawrence, instructional technology coaches Amanda Moody and Mike McCann, Green Tree Computer Teacher Doug Small, Wabash Computer Teacher Kelly Schnettgoecke, Liberty Math Teacher Constance Hallemeier, and Wentzville Middle School teachers Sara Rowe (social studies) and Adam Estes (Horizons). Also sharing about their Chromebook repair and design lab were Timberland students Sam Ellefson, Haley Williams, Jordan Grassmuck, and their Timberland Business Teacher Carrie Seiler. Senior Haley Williams was also part of a panel discussion on digital citizenship with ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) President Bill Bass and authors Michael Cohen and Tara Martin.

Presenters and attendees from Missouri, Illinois and beyond attend METC each year to interact with experts in the field, learn from neighboring schools and share best practices. It is estimated that over 400,000 students are impacted by this program each year, as teachers across all major disciplines return to classrooms and integrate new practices in education technology to deepen student learning. The WSD is very fortunate to have so many dedicated educators who are considered leaders in technology and well respected across the bi-state area. Jake Seely from Sphero presented at METC, as well as during Friday's professional development day and tweeted this before heading out, "I really can't say enough great things about the educators and work being done in Wentzville. It was actually hard to say goodbye. Keep up the great work, serving students and making a difference in this world!"



MCTM Competition

WSD students competed at the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) Elementary Competition held Saturday, January 25 at Boone Trail Elementary. Students from grades 4, 5, and 6 from Boone Trail, Crossroads, Discovery Ridge and Prairie View elementary schools and 15 other schools from St. Charles and St. Louis Counties competed by taking tests in a variety of categories. The competition drew over 165 students and the following students qualified to advance to the MCTM 35th annual regional competition to be held at Parkway West High School on April 4: Boone Trail – Anderson Pinto, Parker Sansone, Everett Rechten, Aiden Manner, Pierce Sansone, Mason Duree, Nick Neubauer, Zane McGlocklin, Will Hodai; Crossroads – Abhiram Madala, Clayton Johnson, Hayli Cranmer; Discovery Ridge - Nate Wietbrock, Rathi Thiagarajan,

Charlie Maliszewski, Owen Horan, Viktoriia Goncharenko, Ella Quinney; Prairie View - Jihoo Lee, Tabitha Musangali. Good luck at Regionals!



Geography Bee Champions

Congratulations to the WSD students who won their school's Geography Bee: Abhiram Madala, a 6th grader at Crossroads Elementary (second consecutive year), Lillian Todd, a 5th grader at Prairie View Elementary, Hunter Stahl, a 6th grader at Wabash Elementary, Andrew Milton, a 7th grader at Frontier Middle, Aneesh Dahuja, an 8th grader at South Middle (second consecutive year), and Matthias Nelson, 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 32nd 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!



School Spelling Bee Champions

Schools across the District have named their Spelling Bee Champions for 2020. 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 7, 2020. Finalists from this competition will be [posted here](#) by 9:00 p.m. that evening. Those winners will advance to the Spelling Bee Oral Finals on March 14, also at McKendree University, and will be featured the week of March 9 in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Finals Champion will advance to the 93rd annual Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C., May 24-29, 2020. Congratulations and good luck to all of our outstanding spellers!

Crossroads Elementary: Abhram Madala, 6th grade (4th year in a row)
 Discovery Ridge: Kayla Kroehnke, 6th grade (3rd year in a row)
 Duello Elementary: Paxton Lowery, 5th grade (2nd consecutive year)
 Green Tree Elementary: Jackson Brinton, 4th grade
 Heritage Intermediate: Allison O'Daniels, 6th grade
 Peine Ridge Elementary: Eden Dusterhoff, 6th grade
 Prairie View Elementary: Mireya David, 5th grade
 Wabash Elementary: Hunter Stahl, 6th grade
 Frontier Middle School: Divya Kollipara, 7th grade
 South Middle School: Anna Stix, 8th grade
 Wentzville Middle School: Drake Britton, 7th grade



Timberland Artists Work Shown In Exhibition

Congratulations to Timberland High School artists Trent Tanner, Isabella Tomaszewski, and Charlotte Davis for exhibiting their artwork at the 27th Annual High School Art Exhibition at St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley! The students were honored at a reception on February 6. "Their pieces were all very personal and important to them, and were a great addition to this top-notch exhibition," shared Crystal Wing, Timberland Art Teacher and Department Chair.



The advertisement features a central photograph of two school custodians, a man and a woman, both wearing red WSD-branded shirts. They are standing in a school hallway with wooden lockers. The man is wearing glasses and a lanyard that says 'GHOSTBUSTERS'. The woman is smiling. In the top right corner of the photo is the WSD logo, which is a circular emblem with 'WSD' in the center and 'WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT' and 'LEARNING TODAY LEADING TOMORROW' around the perimeter. The background of the entire advertisement is a dark blue gradient with white text.

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Duello Kids Help KMOV Reporter With Questions

Did you catch [this sweet story](#) about a 106-year-old veteran on KMOV? Reporter Steve Harris interviewed first grade students at Duello Elementary to help ask questions of this very special retired servicewoman.



Timberland Students Attend Gateway2Change Summit

Students from Timberland High School attended the Gateway2Change Summit on Race at the Emerson World Headquarters on January 31. Raqui Blanton, Robin Chellevold, Kamden Hill and Vashon Riggins presented their "PhotoVoice Project" that is focused on social justice education and equality, specifically, at Timberland. "Our student team took a close look at Timberland and identified different strengths and weaknesses related to ideas like social justice and equity," shared Assistant Principal Dr. Keith Sanders. "One strength that was highlighted was that Timberland has a variety of different clubs for students that celebrate diversity and offer support for our minority populations, like our Genders and Sexualities Alliance and Black Student Union. The students also talked about their plans to create a "Multicultural Board" that would hang on the wall to celebrate our diversity and educate our students/staff on the various cultures at Timberland." Twenty high schools from across the St. Louis region participated in the Summit, which was sponsored by CharacterPlus, a resource of EducationPlus, in partnership with Blues for Kids, the Crawford Taylor Foundation, and the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ).



Student Artwork on Display at Foundry Art Centre

Artwork by students from across the WSD was on display in the Baue Family Children's Gallery at the Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles during the month of February. Art teachers from each school selected the pieces to represent their building. Over 100 students in grades K-12 from 15 WSD schools had their work showcased at the exhibit, which ran from January 28 – February 23. "This show is so diverse, the variety of ideas, skills, media and ages represented are delightful," shared Hester Menier, WSD Lead Art Teacher, who works at Stone Creek

Elementary. "It demonstrates how art can be enjoyed by both artist and viewer." The Baue Family Children's Gallery hosts a different school district each month, and the WSD has been participating in the show since 2018. Students whose artwork was chosen for the display were invited to a reception on February 16 which included entertainment by members of the Timberland Choir under the direction of Ronda Fields.



Timberland and Holt DECA Stores Earns Gold-Level Recertification

Congratulations to Timberland DECA and Holt DECA for earning Gold-level Recertification for their DECA Inc. School-based Enterprise (SBE). Timberland DECA and Holt DECA were among 512 SBE's in the United States achieving Gold-level Certification or Re-certification this year. The DECA school stores are open most school days and sell a variety of snack items. The award is given for outstanding achievement, and both DECA groups are now eligible to participate in the SBE Academy and Competition, to be held at the International Career Development Conference April 29 - May 2 in Nashville, Tennessee.



Polar Plunge

The annual Lake Saint Louis Polar Plunge benefits Special Olympics Missouri, and the WSD was well represented again this year by groups from Green Tree Elementary, Stone Creek Elementary, Holt StuCo, and Liberty StuCo. It was a chilly 40 degrees on February 1 for the annual plunge into Lake Saint Louis. Over \$70,000 was raised to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics in their year-round sports programs.



Eighty-Three WSD Students Qualify for DECA State Competition

DECA's District Competitive Events Conference was held February 12 in Chesterfield and as a result, 32 Holt students, 21 Liberty students and 30 Timberland students will advance to the state competition. Thirteen schools in District Six (the largest district in the state) competed in written tests and role plays in hopes of advancing to the State Career Development Conference which will be held March 22-24 in Kansas City, Missouri. Students who place at state will then advance to the International Career Development Conference to be held April 28-May 3 in Nashville, Tennessee.

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. See the [state qualifiers from each school](#) on the WSD website.

The graphic features the MSHSAA logo on the left, with the word "Wrestling" in a script font above "STATE TOURNAMENT" in large, bold, white letters. To the right, "Medalists" is written in a white script font. Below the title are eight individual photos of medalists, each with their name, placement, and weight class listed underneath.

Name	Placement	Weight Class
MARIA SLAUGHTER	2ND PLACE	125 LBS
ESTHER HAN	1ST PLACE	142 LBS
MADISON HUNKE	6TH PLACE	152 LBS
CARTER SMITH	3RD PLACE	138 LBS
BRETT SMITH	5TH PLACE	145 LBS
NATHAN UNDERTAJLO	6TH PLACE	152 LBS
WYATT HAYNES	3RD PLACE	160 LBS
CHASE MCCOY	3RD PLACE	285 LBS

MSHSAA State Wrestling Championship

The championship medal stand was full of Holt, Liberty and Timberland wrestlers this weekend at the MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, MO. Holt sophomore Esther Han won her second consecutive state championship in the 142-pound division, helping the Holt girls wrestling team to a third place overall finish. Holt freshman Maria Slaughter won second place (125) and senior Madison Hunke earned sixth (152). For the boys, Holt came close to a top 10 finish, with three medalists: Carter Smith finished third (138), Brett Smith finished fifth (145) and Nathan Undertajlo finished sixth (152). Liberty and Timberland wrestlers made their mark on the mat, as well. Wyatt Haynes, a Liberty junior earned a third place finish (160), and Chase McCoy also earned third (285). Congratulations to all these teams and medalists! #WSDproud



WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athletes of the Month

The WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athlete of the Month aims to recognize varsity student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom, commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork. These student-athletes were honored for their performances during January 2020. For [the full write-ups](#) on these students, visit the WSD Marketing Webpage.



WSD Swimmers Qualified for State

Congratulations to the Holt, Liberty and Timberland Swimming and Diving teams, who had 26 athletes compete at the MSHSAA State Championships February 20-22 at the Rec-Plex in St. Peters.

And congratulations to the Liberty Eagles Swimming and Diving team, who won their fifth consecutive GAC North/Central Girls Championship earlier this month. The relay team of Caroline Myers, Laura Bonds, Brooke Sufko and Aubrey McCain won first place in the 200 medley, as well as the 400 free relay race. Myers also won the 100 backstroke race, and McCain earned second in the 50 free race. The team of Dessa Outman, Livi Guffey, Evan Worobec and Hallie Anderson took second place in the 200 free relay, and Laura Bonds set a new Liberty High School record while finishing second in the 100 breaststroke.

For more information on the championships, [visit the MSHSAA](#) website.



Vote for the AMF 3rd Annual Inclusion Awards

Please be sure to vote for your favorite Teacher, Administrator, Self-Advocate, Therapist, Organization, Program, Higher-Ed Mentor, & Paraprofessional to win the Adam Morgan Foundation Inclusion Award on Thursday, April 30, at the AMF Awards Banquet! You can choose from the top 3 nominees selected from the first round of voting, and it will only take a minute. And there just happens to be three WSD staff members on the list of nominees. [Vote here](#) on this google form.



Recent Videos from the WSD

Sulley Menne Graduation



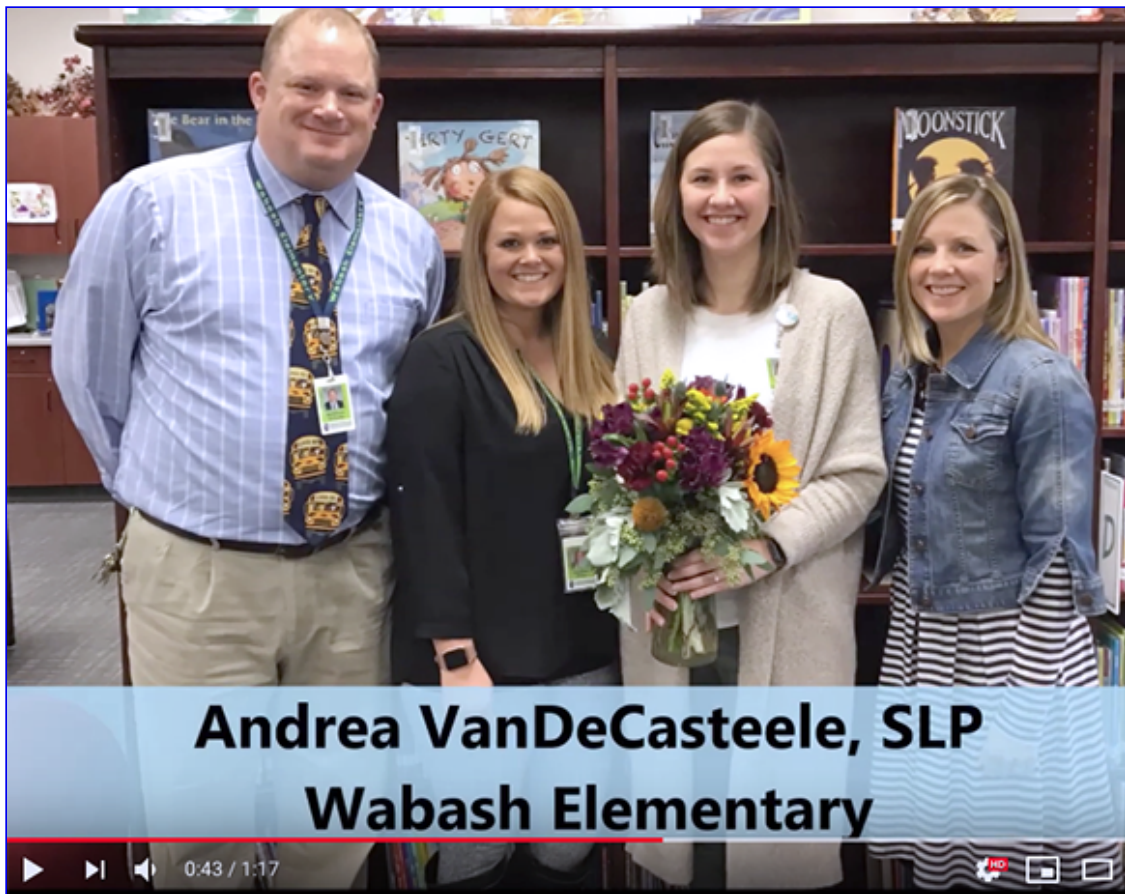
Polar Express Comes to Barfield Early Childhood



WSD Lunch Heroes Program



WSD Teachers of the Year

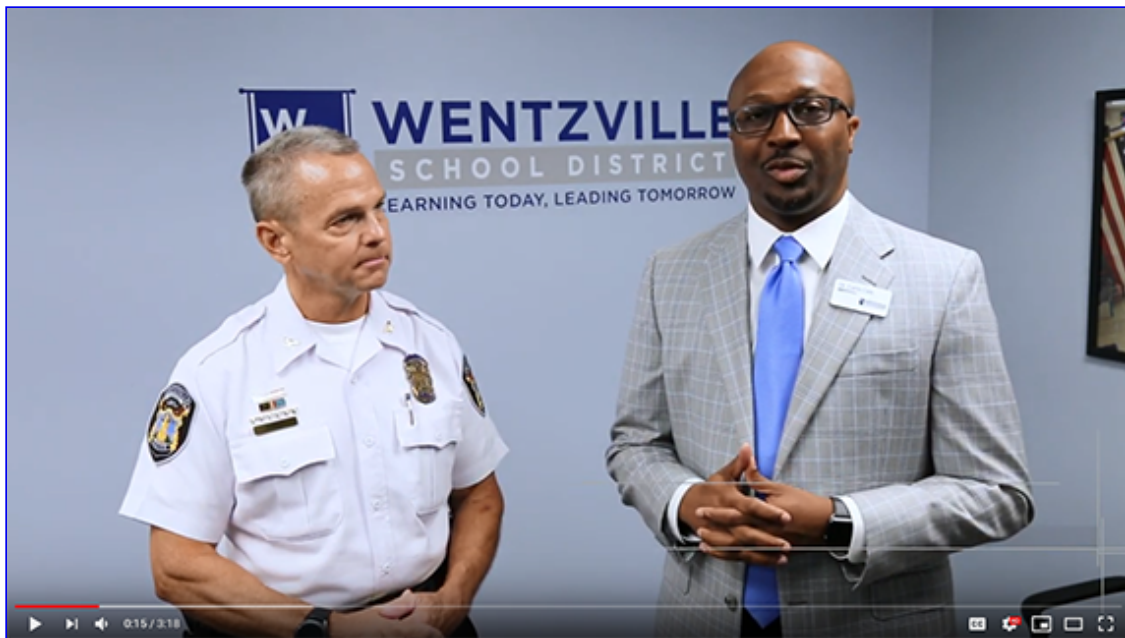


**Andrea VanDeCastelee, SLP
Wabash Elementary**

Drive for the WSD!



Dr. Cain & Chief Frisz Message



Portrait of a WSD Learner



Late Start Information

The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, March 9. The supervision for students in Grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This is separate from our Before Care Program through 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](#).



St. Louis Post-Dispatch Teacher of the Month Contest

[Nominate YOUR favorite teacher!](#) Teachers make lasting impressions on their students daily. These dedicated professionals go above and beyond what is required to make sure their students receive the best education possible.

Show YOUR appreciation for the tireless leadership and guidance teachers provide in and out of their classrooms every day. [Nominate a current elementary through high school-aged teacher](#) to show your appreciation!

Winning submissions will receive a \$250 gift card and be featured monthly in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and on STLtoday.com.

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Did you know if you go to smile.amazon.com you can choose a charity and Amazon will donate \$0.5% of what you purchase to that charity? You still have access to everything on Amazon at the same prices, but the charity of your choice will benefit from your purchase. Some WSD school PTAs have registered on smile.amazon.com and the WSD Foundation is a registered charity too. The WSD Foundation gives teachers and high school seniors over \$30,000 annually in mini grants to support innovative teaching strategies and scholarships to seniors for college. Support your school or the WSD Foundation when do your holiday shopping and throughout the year. For the direct link to support the WSD Foundation, go to [Amazon Smile](https://smile.amazon.com).



WSD Inclement Weather/School Closing Information

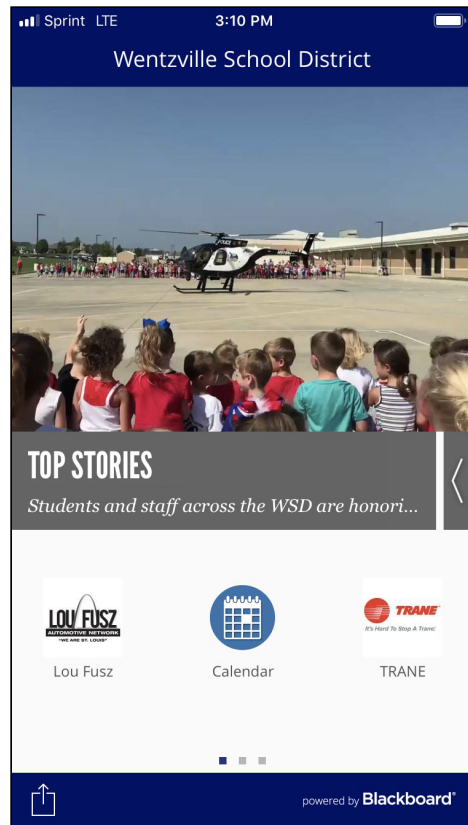
Timely communication with our District families is always a priority, but especially important in inclement weather/ emergency school closing situations. Please be sure to notify the school office about any change in your personal contact information. [Visit the WSD website](#) for complete Inclement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

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. On the app, you can:

- View news stories
- View calendar info
- View lunch menus
- Access school and staff info
- Receive important alerts
- View sports scores
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