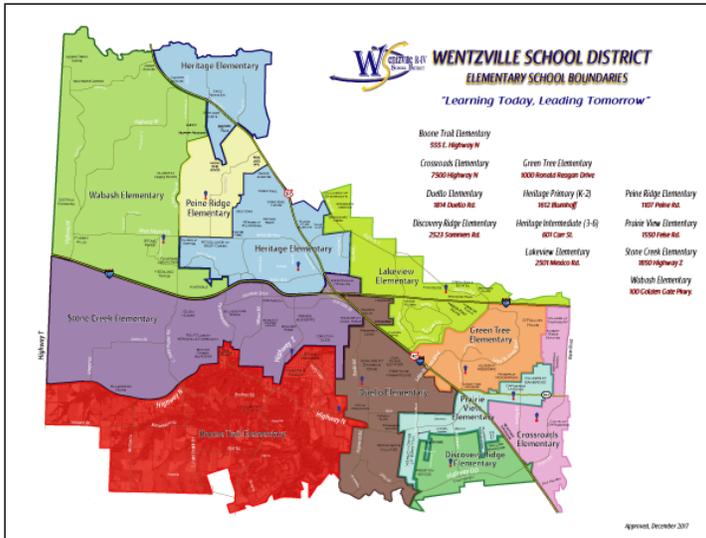


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District Seeks Members for 2019 School Boundary Committee



As you know, the WSD is preparing to build a new high school and a new elementary school to meet the needs of our growing District. Part of that process will include adjusting school boundaries. Elementary, middle and high school boundaries will all be reviewed and are all subject to change as a part of this process. The WSD is accepting [applications](#) from parents and community members for the 2019 Boundary Committee which will tentatively meet five times between May and November. The Boundary Committee will work together with District administrators and a consultant to determine draft boundary scenarios which will be shared publicly to solicit feedback prior to a recommendation to the Board of Education. All schools will be represented on the Boundary Committee, and if you are chosen as a committee member and representative of a school, you must be willing to share updates and answer questions as to the committee's progress with parents and staff from your designated school. If you would like to be considered for the 2019 Boundary Committee, please complete [this questionnaire](#) prior to March 22, 2019. If you have any questions about the questionnaire

March 1, 2019

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or the boundary process, please contact [Mary LaPak](#) or [John Schulte](#).



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.

National Merit Scholarship Finalists



The Wentzville School District is proud to announce that seniors Jasper Pendino from Holt High School and Rishi

Upcoming Dates

March 2
Submissions for WSD Film Festival Due

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

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

March 11
Late Start Grades K-12

March 12, 5-8 p.m.
WSD STEM Olympics (Grades 5-8)
@ Liberty High School

March 15
Early Release Day

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

March 25 - 29
Spring Break
No Classes

April 1
Late Start Day

April 2, 7 p.m.
WSD Film Festival

April 3, 5 p.m.
(Tentative) Special Board Meeting

Helpful Parent Links

Kondapaneni from Liberty High School have both been selected as finalists in the 64th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Finalists represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, and have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. [Read more about these students](#) and their accomplishments on the WSD website.



WSD Schools Earn PLTW Distinguished Schools Recognition



Holt, Liberty and Timberland high schools, as well as South Middle School, have all been recognized as Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished Schools for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities through PLTW programs. Holt, Liberty and Timberland are among just 64 high schools across the U.S. to receive this honor, and South Middle is one of only 148 middle schools in the country to receive the honor. The WSD has offered PLTW courses since 2007 and currently offers multiple courses in all three strands in high school (engineering, biomedical and computer science), as well as App Creator, Design and Modeling, Magic of Electrons, and Automation and Robotics at the middle school level, and a Medical Detectives course at the elementary level. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD Website.



Amazing Shake National Competition Results



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:

Soul Food Night at Holt



Inaugural District Amazing Shake Competition



Faces of the WSD - Kaci Lueking of Wabash



Congratulations to four students from Stone Creek and Peine Ridge Elementary for their performance in the Amazing Shake™ National Competition held at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. Fifth graders Alisyn Maupin and Kyla Humphrey from Stone Creek and sixth graders Bonnie Faye Cella and Catherine Hunn from Peine Ridge all traveled to Atlanta February 22-24 for the national competition after winning at the school and District levels. Kyla finished 119th, Bonnie finished 115th, Catherine finished 85th and Alisyn finished in the top 80 out of nearly 300 top competitors from across the U.S.

The Amazing Shake is a learning opportunity for young students that places an emphasis on teaching students manners, discipline, respect, and professional conduct. Prior to the competition, students learn the nuances of professional human interaction as they are taught skills such as how to give a proper handshake, how to “work a room,” how to give a successful interview, and how to remain composed under pressure. The goal is to prepare our students so that they are able to present themselves exceptionally well for opportunities today as well as those that will come in the future.

Holt Wrestler Makes School History - First Female Champion



Holt High School freshman Esther Han made school and Wentzville School District history when she was crowned State Champion in her weight class (136) at the inaugural

Elementary



Pearce Hall Buddy Program



Chromebook Repair Class Video



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

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!

Missouri Girls Wrestling Championship at the University of Missouri-Columbia February 14-16, capping off an undefeated freshman season at 26-0. Missouri became the ninth state this year to begin hosting a separate state wrestling tournament for girls. According to the National Wrestling Coaches Association, since 1994, the number of women who wrestle in high school has grown from 804 to 16,562 last year. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD Website.

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Wentzville Students Named Missouri Distinguished Leaders



Fifteen WSD high school seniors have received the Distinguished Student Leader Award from the Missouri Association of Student Councils (MASC). The students will receive their award on March 9, 2019, at the final general session of the MASC State Convention at Lindbergh High School. The award recognizes Missouri students who demonstrate superior student council leadership skills and knowledge based on MASC criteria and evaluation procedures.

Among the Distinguished Leaders of WSD student councils were: Holt seniors Taylor Bell, Sophia Dattilo, Steven Marion and Kylee Orick; Liberty seniors Megan Maetten and Gillian Sanford; and Timberland seniors Megan Auringer, Jordan Banze, Morgan Buesse, Josie Campanella, Makenzie Lucas, Jonny Paneitz, Megan Reiter, Kamile Stuckey and Anna Turner.

Read more about each student by visiting the [WSD Website](#).

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LHS Dance Wins at State Competition

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.

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,



The Liberty High School Varsity Dance Team captured first place at the Missouri Dance Team Association (MDTA) State Competition held at the Family Arena in St. Charles, Missouri on Saturday, February 23. The “Liberty Belles” earned first place with their “Pom” routine and first place with their “Lyrical Dance” routine in Division 4, earning the most points combined out of 14 teams to take the State Championship.

This marks the second time in school history that the Liberty Belles have earned the state title; in 2016, they were state champions in Division 2. “This has been an exceptional year for the Liberty Belles. Our team motto has been, ‘With Work We Will.’ We have approached everything while keeping that attitude. We started the year with very clear goals: one of them, to win another state championship,” said Coach Amanda Miller. “I love this team so much and I am so proud of them for putting in the hard work, the countless hours, and the team dedication it takes to become state champions!”

The members of this year’s Liberty Belles Team are Bella Bahr, Kara Collier, Delaney Engelhardt, Hailey Forck, Megan Maetten, Katie McVey, Avery Thomas, Aimee Weber, and Anna Weber.

Additionally in the Wentzville School District, the Holt High School Varsity Dance Team finished in third place overall in Division 5 at the state contest by earning first place with their “Hip Hop” routine and second place with their “Pom” routine. The Timberland High School Varsity Dance Team earned second place with their “Pom” routine and third place with their “Jazz” routine, finishing in fifth place overall in Division 5.

Holt Senior to Study in Germany on Rotary Youth Exchange Program Scholarship

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



Have You Downloaded the WSD App?



Holt High School senior Megan Wood has been awarded a scholarship through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program to study in Germany. Wood will spend an entire academic year in the country, with two to three host families, representing her school and country as she learns more about the German culture, traditions and language.

For Wood, this is the best way to prepare for her career. "Another reason I have taken the interest in going to Germany is because I aspire to be a German teacher and I know this opportunity would help me immensely with my career goals."

Holt High will have an exchange student through the same program next year, but the student and country of origin have not yet been confirmed. The Rotary Youth Exchange program began in the late 1920s, and now over 8,500 students participate every year from over 70 countries. Wood's scholarship is estimated to have a value of \$20,000, including room and board, and tuition to a local high school in the host country. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD website.

[Read More](#)

Timberland Guidance Office Secretary Wins CHADS Lighthouse Award



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.



Board Meeting Report



The Board of Education meeting on Feb. 21 featured the recognition of the WSD Board of Education was recognized in conjunction with Missouri School Board Recognition Week. Holt seniors Michael Blunt, Joe Brickey, Ian Deal and Christian Gard were recognized for having been selected to present at the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Summit in



The daily kindness and passion of Timberland High School's Guidance Office Secretary Dustie Taylor was recently rewarded, as she was named a Communities Healing Adolescent Depression and Suicide (CHADS) Coalition for Mental Health Lighthouse Award recipient for January. Lighthouse Awards are recognitions for CHADS Coalition staff members who prove to be outstanding partners and advocates for mental health and suicide prevention efforts. The nomination included the following comments: "Dustie has such a bright and warm personality. She cares so much for the students and staff, and goes out of her way to help. She has been such a big help to me and supports CHADS so well! I love being at Timberland because Dustie lights up the counseling office."

Timberland counselor Julie Biggs thought that the nomination was an accurate depiction of Dustie. Biggs said, "She is compassionate and empathetic. The students and staff love her and go to her for support (and just when they need a good laugh), and she is an essential asset to our office. She truly does light up the room and adds something very special to Timberland's Guidance Office." Way to go, Dustie Taylor!

Liberty Diversity Club Video Series



Students in Liberty's Diversity Club, with the assistance of the school's broadcast journalism class, have put together a series of videos illustrating meaningful student dialog around

Kansas City to over 800 educators. WSD teacher (and graduate) Jacob England was recognized for having received the 2019 Outstanding Young Educator Award from the MMEA. Timberland senior Drew Schultz and Timberland sophomore Ben Turley were both recognized for having been selected to the Missouri All-State Band and All-State Orchestra, respectively.

For more information, as well as Superintendent Reports and other matters discussed, 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



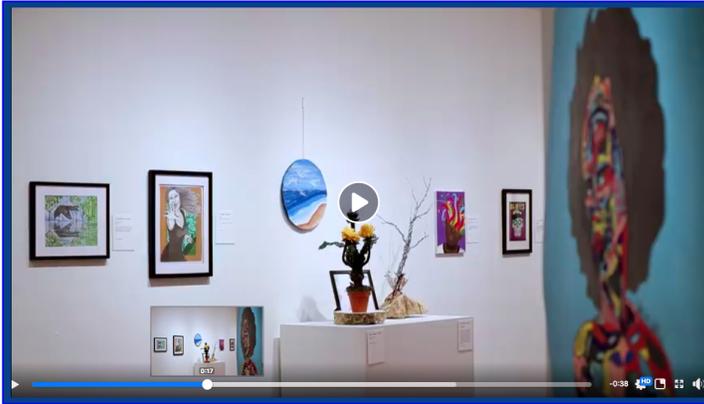
The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019. The supervision for students in grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This service is separate from Chautauqua and only for students NOT already enrolled in the Chautauqua Before School Program.

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

the significance of Black History Month. You can watch the videos on the WSD Facebook page.

- [Video #1](#)
- [Video #2](#)
- [Video #3](#)
- [Video #4](#)

WSD High School Artwork Displayed at Sheldon Art Gallery in St. Louis



Holt, Timberland and Liberty High School Art students collaborated for a special exhibit at the Sheldon Art Gallery. There is an opening reception planned for this evening, Friday, March 1, from 5 - 9 p.m. The display will remain until April 13. Come see some of the outstanding artwork created by our students, and support the arts in our community. You can [watch a preview](#) with details about seeing the show on WSD Facebook.

This Sheldon Art Gallery exhibit showcases the talents of students from WSD high schools, who - in their curricula - study the expression of identity. Humanity shares a common characteristic - the desire to be recognized by others. One common way we gain recognition is through the individual pursuit of originality. The works in the exhibition aim to convey a sense of how we identify, justly or not, one another's individuality based on the experiences of living in a diverse society.

Holt and Timberland DECA Store Earn Gold-Level Certification and Recertification

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 WSD'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 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



Congratulations to Timberland DECA for earning Gold-level Re-certification for their DECA School-based Enterprise (SBE), and to Holt DECA for earning Gold-level Certification for the first time for their SBE. Timberland DECA and Holt DECA were among 483 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 26 - May 1 in Orlando, Florida. For more information, [visit the DECA website](#).

Student Work Showcased in SSM Health Art of Healing Display

Weather/School Closing Information.

WSD NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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



WSD students whose artwork was chosen for “The Art of Healing” were invited to a reception on January 30th at St. Joseph Hospital in Lake Saint Louis. SSM Health and the WSD partnered last year to showcase student-created artwork, which rotates several times a year. The gallery includes artwork created by WSD students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Art teachers from each school selected the pieces to represent their building.

WSD Film Festival Submissions Due March 2!



Calling all auteurs! Tomorrow, March 2 is the deadline for students to #BeSceneWSD. 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.

WSD Students Recognized for STEM Accomplishments



Seven District seniors were honored this week for their accomplishments in STEM-related studies at the 10th Annual STEM Recognition Breakfast, hosted by EDC Business & Community Partners of Greater St. Charles. Ian Deal from Holt, Michael Coyle from Liberty, and Nate Beattie from Timberland were all recognized for their work in STEM classes and Eric Reininger from Timberland was recognized for his work in the Lewis & Clark program. Mikayla Bowman and Allana Guffey from Liberty were honored for their work in the Healthcare Strand of the St. Charles County CAPS Program, and Chris Morell from Timberland was selected as the honoree for his work as a CAPS associate in the Global Business Strand. The breakfast was held this morning at Piazza Messina in Cottleville, where WSD students earned 7 of the 22 awards for their work in STEM-related areas, alongside seniors from 14 other local high schools. STEM is a national and regional effort to better prepare the workforce of tomorrow by encouraging today's students to engage in studies, events and careers involving science, technology, engineering and math. #WSDleads

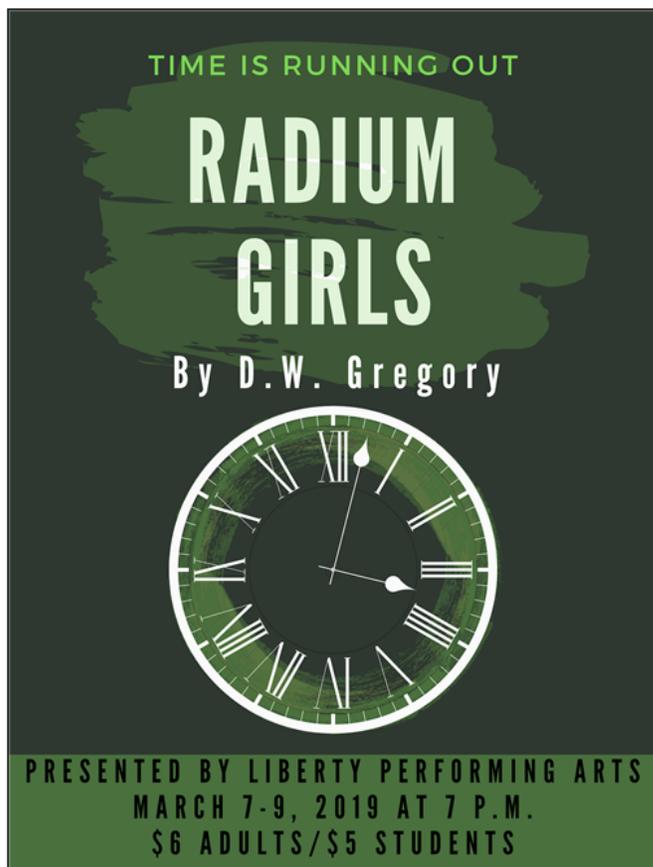
State of the District at Rotary



Dr. Cain presented a "State of the District" update to fellow Rotarians this week at their meeting. Did you know? The WSD continues to grow - we are now the 10th largest school

district in the state, the new 4th high school will be underway shortly with a scheduled opening in the fall of 2021, and the District is preparing to embark on its next five-year plan. On top of all that, our students and educators are being recognized at the state and national level, and WSD student test scores are in the top eleven percent of the state for the ninth consecutive year.

Liberty Performing Arts Presents "Radium Girls"



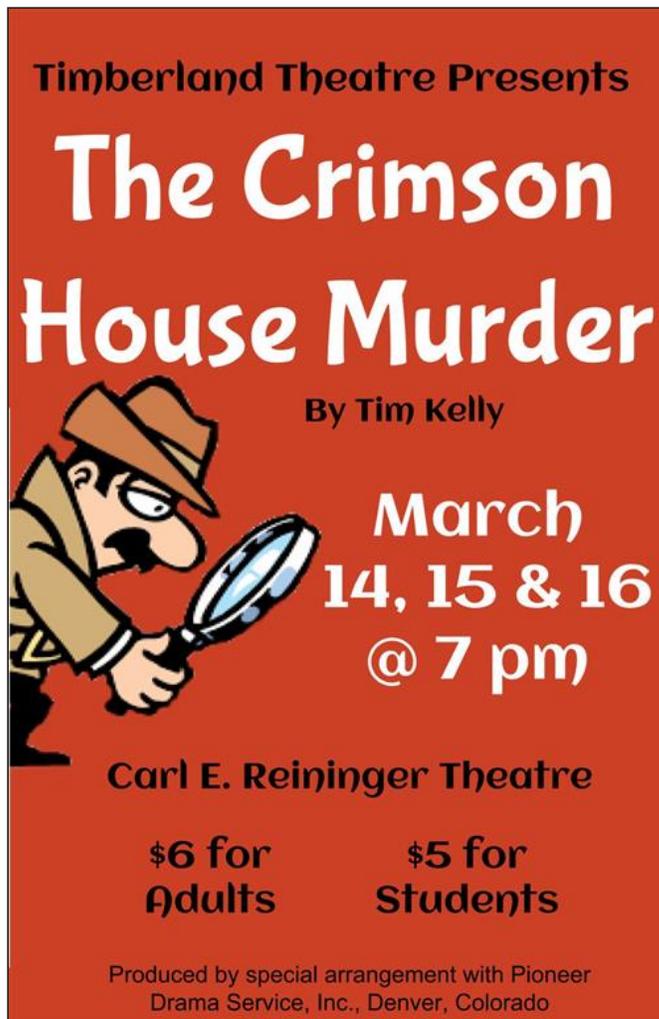
Liberty High School Performing Arts will present "Radium Girls," a drama in two acts by D.W. Gregory, on March 7, 8, and 9. Set in the 1920s, the play tells the true story of a number of New Jersey women who worked as watch dial painters during World War I. As the world began to use the newly discovered element radium in manufacturing for its glowing properties, the girls began to develop serious physical illnesses and abnormalities. The negligence of the company in exposing them to such high levels of radiation becomes apparent, and their case is taken up by the Consumer's League. Their fight for life becomes a struggle for justice in a time when the interest of big business was dominant.

"Radium Girls" will be presented each evening beginning at 7:00 pm in the Liberty High School Performing Arts Center.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. [Read the full description](#) and cast on the WSD Website.

[Read More](#)

Timberland Theater Presents "The Crimson House Murder"



Timberland Theatre Presents

The Crimson House Murder

By Tim Kelly

March
14, 15 & 16
@ 7 pm

Carl E. Reininger Theatre

\$6 for
Adults

\$5 for
Students

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer
Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado

The Timberland High School Theatre Department will present Tim Kelly's "The Crimson House Murder" on March 14, 15, and 16. This murder mystery farce will be performed by an all-school cast and crew each evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The performance will be held at the Carl E. Reininger Theatre. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Tickets are available at the door, and the box office opens at 6:30 p.m. [Tickets are also available online.](#)

Liberty Swim Success at State



The Liberty Girls Swim Team competed at the MSHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Championships, February 15-16, and it was the most athletes the school has ever had qualify for the meet - nine girls. It was an amazing season, and Liberty capped it off by having a team make it to the Class 1 State Finals for the first time in school history. Anna Decker, Aubrey McCain, Caroline Myers and Marjori Russo finished in 13th Place in the 400 Yard Free Relay. Congratulations to these swimmers, as well as the rest of the swimmers and divers who qualified for state across the WSD!

Fredbird Swoops Through Green Tree Elementary



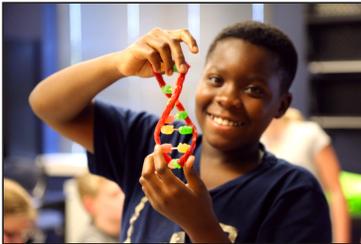
The Green Tree Elementary Gators had an exhilarating visit on February 13 from St. Louis Cardinals mascot Fredbird and former pitcher and current broadcaster, Brad Thompson, who reminded kids to be responsible, be active, and be themselves - three key facets to being a good teammate. It's part of the Cardinals' Fredbird & Friends Elementary School Program. The free, engaging assembly had the students laughing while they were learning, and some even got to go home with some Cardinals gear - even the kid with the San Francisco Giants jersey on!

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.

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](#).