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### WSD Board of Education Election Results

April 4, 2019



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The WSD Board of Education had two open seats in yesterday's election. Dale Schaper (incumbent) was re-elected with 1,972 votes (27.75%), and Sandy Garber was elected with 1,485 votes (20.90%). Voter turnout was significantly lower than the last April election, with 7,106 votes cast in the WSD Board election versus 12,909 votes cast for two seats last April. There are over 57,000 registered voters in the WSD. The results are unofficial until certified by the St. Charles County Election Authority. The new Board members will be sworn in during a special Board of Education meeting on April 16. #WSDcommunity

### Connect to the WSD



### Three WSD Students Named Among Missouri Scholars 100



Three District students were named among the Missouri Scholars 100 - Liberty High School senior Michael Coyne, and Timberland High School seniors Sofia Angel and Nate

Beattie. This statewide program honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in each year's graduating class. Holt High School seniors Kaitlyn Weber and Palmer Soberg were named as honorable mentions. The Missouri Scholars 100 will be honored at a luncheon in Columbia, Missouri, on April 28, 2019. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD Website for more information about these outstanding students.

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### Parent Survey Link - Tell Us What You Think!



It is the vision of the Wentzville School District to be a model of excellence that sets the standard and maximizes the potential of every student. In order to continuously improve on our commitment to provide a quality educational experience for your child or children, we ask that you take the time to complete [this short survey](#).

### Timberland Junior Earns DESE Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship



Timberland junior Olivia Riek has received the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) 2019 Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship, which is reserved for those who demonstrate high academic achievement, extracurricular leadership and community service. She was honored at a special awards luncheon on April 3, 2019, in Jefferson City, Missouri, where received a plaque



### Upcoming Dates

**April 16, 7 p.m.**  
Board of Education Meeting  
(Special Board Meeting)  
Administrative Center

**April 18, 7 p.m.**  
Board of Education Meeting  
Administrative Center

**April 19**  
No Classes - PD Day

**April 22**  
Late Start Day

**May 8, 6 p.m.**  
District Awards Banquet  
Timberland High School

**May 16, 7 p.m.**  
Board of Education Meeting  
Administrative Center

### Helpful Parent Links



and recognition from the Missouri State Board of Education and Missouri Bar.



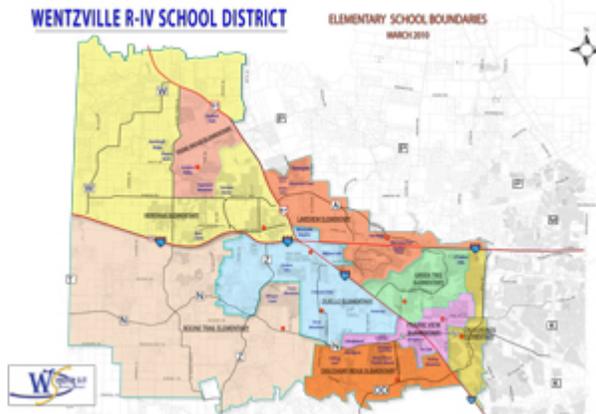
### Land for New Elementary School Purchased



The WSD has announced the purchase of 31 acres on Interstate Drive near South Point Prairie, where the District will soon start construction on a new elementary school. "This will be a great location for our next building," said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. "As our enrollment continues to grow, we are increasingly grateful for the support of our community and stakeholders. This new school would not be possible without that support." The WSD continues to be the fastest growing district in the state, adding on an average of over 500 new students each year since 2000.



### 2019 Boundary Committee Selected



The [2019 Boundary Committee](#) has been selected and includes parents, community members, staff representation and a member of the Board of Education. Eighty two stakeholders applied to be on the committee, which will begin meeting in May to create new attendance areas for District schools. The

### 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:

Discovery Awaits - Discovery Ridge STEAM Day



#### Soul Food Night at Holt



#### Inaugural District Amazing Shake Competition



#### Faces of the WSD - Kaci Lueking of Wabash Elementary



#### Pearce Hall Buddy Program

District has hired MGT Consulting Group to conduct a new demographic study and facilitate the redistricting process.

WSD voters approved Proposition E last year, a \$125 million bond issue that did not result in a tax increase, which included building a new high school and a new elementary school. The Boundary Committee will be charged with examining the new demographic study and enrollment data, MGT's capacity and utilization analysis, as well as the WSD's redistricting criteria, to help develop those new attendance areas, which will include elementary, middle and high school boundaries.

The Boundary Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, May 2, at Timberland High School in the library beginning at 4pm. The Boundary Committee meetings will be open to the public to observe the process and all stakeholders are welcome to attend. However, there will not be an opportunity for public comment at those work sessions. Parents, staff, students and community members will have an opportunity to make comments, ask questions and make suggestions to the committee on draft scenarios during three scheduled Community Forums in September, and there will be online opportunities to weigh in before the boundaries are finalized as well. The tentative [Boundary Timeline](#) has a new boundary recommendation going before the Board of Education at the December 19, 2019 meeting. #WSDgrows

## WSD School Cafeterias Earn A+ Rating



The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment completed inspections of WSD cafeterias recently and each one of our school café's



## Chromebook Repair Class Video



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

## 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.

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received a perfect score of 100% for both the fall and spring inspections!

The inspections are performed twice a year at each school and include a check of the overall cleanliness of the kitchen, the temperatures of the food, the temperature of the sanitizing equipment, coolers and freezers, any evidence of insects, whether food is fresh and stored properly, workers are washing their hands, wearing gloves and changing them frequently, wearing a hairnet or visor, and whether vents and fans are clean to ensure food does not come in contact with dust.



“This is an amazing accomplishment,” said Child Nutrition Director Susan Raster, “We expect our school Cafes to be clean and sanitary but to have perfect scores at all schools is outstanding. I am very proud of my staff as well as the maintenance staff that keep our cafeterias clean and operating efficiently.”

### WSD Names New Heritage Primary Principal



The Board of Education has approved the hiring of Megan Sutton as principal of Heritage Primary for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Sutton, who had been serving as an assistant principal for the last three years at Crossroads Elementary, was named interim principal at Heritage Primary in January following a resignation. Prior to becoming an administrator, Mrs. Sutton taught kindergarten at Heritage Primary for 10 years where she earned Teacher of the Year in 2015-2016.



### Timberland Student Council Elected MASC President



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](mailto:humanresources@wsdr4.org)



The Timberland High School Student Council (STUCO) has been elected President of the Missouri Association of Student Councils (MASC) for the 2019-2020 school year, the highest honor a council can receive in the state. MASC's mission is to provide programs and resources that develop positive student leaders and advisors who will promote a quality school and community environment. Nearly 1,000 student leaders from across Missouri attended the 2019 State Convention at Lindbergh High School in St. Louis March 7-9. During the annual spring convention, schools campaign for office for the following school year, and use skits, election presentations, and creative campaign materials to garner votes from other student councils. Timberland STUCO has been elected Gateway Council President among schools in the greater St. Louis area four times in the past 10 years, but this is the first time in school history that the group has secured the top office in the state. As state president, Timberland students are now responsible to host the MASC Convention in March of 2020.



### Timberland Junior Wins University of Missouri Music Award



Timberland junior Adam Routt has won second place in the High School Jazz Division of the 2019 Creating Original Music Project at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Routt's musical composition, "Rad World," will be performed during the Senior Division recital at the 2019 Creating Original Music Project Festival on April 13 at the University of Missouri in



### 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.



### Board Meeting Report

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### WSD Students Earn Medals and Scholarships at FCCLA State Leadership Conference



Students from Holt, Liberty, and Timberland high schools competed at the 73rd annual Missouri FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference, March 16-19, at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. More than 1,400 middle and high school students from across the state attended

the student leader-planned conference, which featured speakers, workshops and competitions for FCCLA members. Out of the competitions, each WSD high school had a team qualify for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference this summer.



### WSD High Schools Recognized as PLTW Distinguished Schools



Holt, Liberty and Timberland high schools have all been recognized as PLTW - Project Lead The Way 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. 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,



The Board of Education meeting on March 21 featured the recognition of Timberland senior Ashton Rogers, for having been selected as a tenor for two prestigious ensembles – the National High School/Collegiate Honor Choir and the Missouri Choral Directors Association All-State Honor Choir. Hallie Anderson, a junior at Liberty High School, was recognized for having been selected for the 2019 U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Team. Holt High School freshman Esther Han was recognized for having made school and Wentzville School District history when she was crowned State Champion in her weight class (136) at the inaugural Missouri Girls Wrestling Championship at the University of Missouri-Columbia last month. The Board also recognized: Jasper Pendino from Holt and Rishi Kondapenini from Liberty for having both been named National Merit Scholarship Finalists; 15 WSD seniors for having earned the Distinguished Student Leader Award from the Missouri Association of Student Councils (click the link for full list); and the Liberty Dance Team for capturing first place at the Missouri Dance Team Association State Competition held at the Family Arena February 23.

Magic of Electrons, and Automation and Robotics at the middle school level, and a Medical Detectives course at the elementary level. "It is a great honor to recognize Holt, Liberty, and Timberland for their commitment to students," said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. "They are a model for what a school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose."

### WSD Bus Fleet Receives Award Following State Inspection



The WSD Transportation bus fleet was inspected by the Missouri State Highway Patrol on March 26-27 and was found to have an approval rate of 98% for first-time presentations. For reference, the statewide average last year was 90.6%. Of the 169 buses presented for inspection, three minor defects were identified, including two loose seat cushions, three turn signal bulbs that were out, and a small exhaust leak. The repairs, re-inspections and approvals were all received while the MSHP inspection team was still on site.

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### Timberland Student Selected to Attend National PTA Conference

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, April 22, 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 to pay via PayPal can be found on the [District website](#).

### Holt Spring Fling



Timberland High School sophomore Carl Wiese was selected to represent Missouri students at the 2019 National PTA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. March 12-14. The annual conference is aimed at connecting PTA advocates from across the country with U.S. policymakers and teaching them how to help shape public policy on Capitol Hill and at home.

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## WSD Robotics Team Earns Inspiration Award and Spot at World Championship



The WSD Ratchet Rockers Robotics Team 1706 won the Engineering Inspiration Award and was part of an alliance that finished in the quarterfinals at the FIRST Smoky Mountain Regional Competition in Knoxville, TN March 29-30. The award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school and community. The Engineering Inspiration Award also focuses on measurable efforts with outreach and commitment to STEM, and acknowledges year-round efforts in the community beyond building a robot. The team's work to host and run local robotics events, participation in local STEM



The Holt DECA Chapter will be hosting the 20th annual Spring Fling on April 13 at their school from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is outer space, and the event will include games, activities and the traditional egg hunts. Thanks to donations from the community, there will also be themed raffle baskets and guest appearances by the Easter Bunny, McGruff the Crime Dog, and members of the Wentzville Fire Department.

Admission and the egg hunts are free. Game and activity tickets are available for purchase at five for \$1. The egg hunts will be broken down into two age groups; Preschool through second grade beginning at 2 p.m., and third through sixth grade beginning at 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go toward the local scholarship fund for Holt DECA National Qualifiers to help with expenses at the International DECA competition.

## Wentzville Special Sports Hawaiian Luau and Dance Party

activities, and the support extended to other FIRST teams and groups at their home facility were also acknowledged. As winners of this elite award, the team earned a spot at the World Championship Competition in Houston, Texas April 17-20 and the team's registration fee for the event is covered and sponsored by NASA.



### WSD DECA Students Advance to International Competition



Nearly 2000 high school marketing students, teachers and administrators from across the state gathered at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, from March 24 – 26 for the 71st annual Missouri DECA State Career Development Conference. After successful results in their competitions, 25 Wentzville School District students will be heading to Orlando, Florida, for the DECA International Career Development Conference, which will be held April 26 - May 1, 2019.

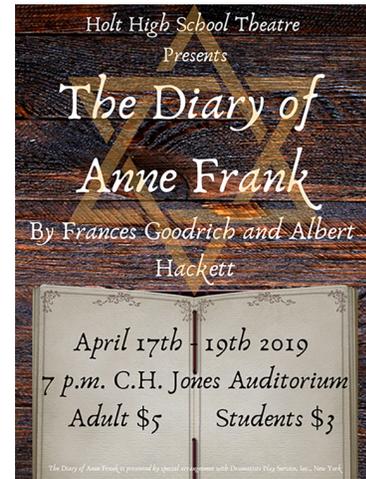


DECA members were evaluated by more than 150 business and industry professionals who serve as competitive events judges. Students competed as individuals or in teams in a variety of categories, and were asked to solve realistic workplace problems through one-on-one interactions with an executive or community member. DECA's industry-validated competitive events are



American Legion Post 323 is hosting a dance party and Hawaiian Luau for people with intellectual disabilities only. RSVP to reserve a table with Cheryl Hasinbiller via email (cherylhasinbiller@wsdr4.org) or phone: 636-699-9508

### Holt Theatre Spring Play



aligned with the National Curriculum Standards in the career clusters of marketing, business management and administration, finance, and hospitality and tourism.

For the [full list of WSD students who qualified](#) for the DECA International Career Development Conference, visit the WSD Website.

## LHS Key Club Members Selected as Mo-Ark Key Club Board Members



Three Liberty High School students were selected as board members for the Missouri-Arkansas (Mo-Ark) Key Club for the 2019-20 school year. Freshman Mahathi Manikandan has been selected as the Mo-Ark District Treasurer, junior Aminhan Lobster has been selected as the Mo-Ark District Key Way Editor, and junior Katie May has been selected as the Mo-Ark Key Club Division 5 Lieutenant Governor. State and division officers were elected and installed during the Mo-Ark District 72nd Annual Leadership Conference, held March 14-16 in Springfield, MO. The annual conference was attended by more than 400 Key Club members and their sponsors.

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## Stone Creek Fifth Grader's Artwork Shown in State Capitol



Congratulations to Stone Creek Elementary fifth grader William Head, whose artwork has been chosen to be on display in the State Capitol in Jefferson City. His work was chosen for the 2019 Senate Art Exhibit by Senator Bob Onder. Each senator chooses a piece of art from their District to be displayed as part of the Exhibit beginning in February through the end of the year. Chosen pieces are also showcased on the Missouri Art Education Association (MAEA) website and in the Show Me Arts Magazine. William was recognized at an awards ceremony in Jefferson City on March 11, where he had the opportunity to meet Senator Onder who also introduced him on the Senate floor and presented him with a resolution. Established in 2014, the Senate Art Exhibit showcases fine arts programs in all 34 Senate Districts and is sponsored by Senator David



The Holt Student Council (STUCO) is holding their 19th Annual Senior Citizens Prom on Friday, May 3, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Holt High School cafeteria. This year's theme is "1950s Diner" and attendees can have their picture taken as a souvenir to take home. This free event will feature great music, lively dancing, and a delicious dinner and dessert. Formal dress is encouraged but not required. Come dance the night away! Call 636-327-3876 ext. 26297 or email Erin Chase by April 26 to reserve your place.

## City of Wentzville Trash Can Artwork Contest



Team up with the City of Wentzville in the effort to raise

Pearce, the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education and the MAEA. The Exhibit is located in the Senate hallway and can be viewed anytime during Capitol business hours.

## Timberland Senior's Artwork Selected for Emerson Young Artists' Showcase



Congratulations to Timberland senior Diana Janikow for having her artwork selected to be featured in the 2019 Emerson Young Artists' Showcase at the St. Louis Artists' Guild in Clayton. Diana was honored at the Artists' Reception on March 7, which was also the opening of the exhibit. The Young Artists' Showcase is a juried, all-media exhibition of artwork

created by students from 24 high schools in the greater St. Louis area. Admission is free and open to the public and gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The exhibit runs through Saturday, March 30. For more information about the showcase, visit the St. Louis Artists' Guild website: <https://www.stlouisartistsguild.org/yas-2019>. Diana, who is from Ukraine, has already received multiple honors for her painting, which is now being considered for selection at national exhibits. She shares that her "Heritage Lost" piece is a self-portrait that depicts the moment she realized she could no longer remember how to speak Russian.

## New Duello Assistant Principal



The Board of Education has approved the hiring of Pete Johnson as a new assistant principal at Duello Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a new position created based on Duello's growing enrollment. Mr. Johnson is currently a special education teacher at George M. Null Elementary in the City of St. Charles School District. "Wentzville has seen unbelievable growth the past few years

public awareness about preventing litter in our local parks and community. There is no cost to enter; however, participants must register to enter the contest. To register, please visit [bit.ly/trashcanartworkcontest](http://bit.ly/trashcanartworkcontest). Questions? Please call (636) 332-9236.

On a 24 inch-high x 36 inch-wide poster board, participants will create a landscape layout design to wrap around a trash can. Winners of the contests will have their artwork displayed in one of the City of Wentzville parks and win a \$25 prize. The contest is now open and all entries are due by April 12. Contest winner(s) in each age group will be announced by April 29, and will be invited to an awards ceremony at City Hall this spring. Supplies and contest rules are available at Progress Park, while supplies last. Age-group breakdown: Kindergarten - second grade; third and fourth grades; fifth and sixth grades; seventh and eighth grades; and ninth through 12th grades.

## Elementary Battle of the Books



Librarians from Crossroads, Discovery Ridge, Heritage, Lakeview, Peine Ridge, and Stone Creek elementary

and has managed to maintain high standards nonetheless. The district has a forward-thinking attitude regarding all forms of learning, including academic and social-emotional,” said Johnson. “I cannot wait to jump in with both feet and start building relationships with the students, staff, parents, and community members of Duello Elementary and the Wentzville School District. I am honored to be chosen for this amazing opportunity.”

## Four WSD Students Competed in Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee Finals



Of the 39 finalists at the 33rd Annual St. Louis Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee, held at McKendree University in Lebanon, IL, on Saturday, March 16, four were from the WSD. Abhiram Madala (Crossroads, Grade 5), Russell Haynes (Prairie View, Grade 6), Ryan Yang (Wabash, Grade 6) and Lakshmi Madala (Frontier Middle, Grade 7) were all St. Louis Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee Finalists. Lakshmi and Abhiram Madala offered a sibling rivalry, as they are brother and sister. Also notable is that this is Abhiram’s third(!) consecutive year making it to the finals, and he was still spelling late into the contest, finishing in fifth place. Though the winner came from another district (the same winner from the last two years), the WSD was certainly well-represented by all of these outstanding spellers and students! Original competition photos courtesy of Hillary Levin of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## WSD Student Artwork Displayed in State Capitol Throughout March

Students from two WSD schools were honored for their exceptional artwork this month at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. Zoe Quest (first grade), Gabrielle Washington (third grade), Hayden Schwab (fifth grade), and Emma Wilgenbusch (sixth grade) from Crossroads Elementary; as well as fifth graders Ainsley Kammermeyer, Norah Lohausen, and Madison Pittman from Duello Elementary, were all recognized at a special special ceremony celebrating

schools sponsored their fifth annual “Battle of the Books” competition on March 18 at Stone Creek Elementary. Students from the six schools have been engaged in reading the 12 Mark Twain nominees for the 2018-19 school year. The students participated in club activities and competitions with their teachers and another WSD school before being eligible to compete in the District finals. Over 100 students on 17 teams competed in 10 rounds of trivia-style questioning. Multiple teams were tied for first place at the end of the competition, with only a few points separating the first place from the third place finishers. The Battle of the Books challenge began at Lakeview Elementary seven years ago. Mrs. Cook, the Lakeview librarian, started a small competition between her school and Cuiyre Park Elementary in Troy. “Following Mrs. Cook’s lead, our District now engages a growing number of schools in our competition,” shared Alice Mosquera, Stone Creek librarian. “Students are charged up and ready to read!”

## CTE Survey



Governor Mike Parson has indicated that preparing students for Missouri’s 21st century workforce is a top priority in the state. Opportunities abound in today’s economy for students



Youth Art Month. Each March, the Missouri Art Education Association (MAEA) chooses student artwork for an annual exhibit in the Capitol Rotunda to showcase the talent of Missouri's youngest artists. Students, teachers and parents are then invited at the close of the exhibit for a recognition ceremony in

Jefferson City. Crossroads art teacher Brian Kingery, Duello art teacher Diana Mahoney, and Stone Creek Art Teacher Hester Menier - who also serves as the WSD lead art teacher - all accompanied the students for the special celebration.

## Eighth Grade Bands Earn Superior Ratings



Congratulations to eighth grade bands from Frontier Middle School and Wentzville Middle School for outstanding performances at the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association (SLSMEA) Middle School Large Ensemble Festival last month. Both middle schools performed for ratings: Wentzville Middle School at Lindbergh High School and Frontier Middle School at Crestview Middle School. The Wentzville Middle School (WMS) eighth grade band earned its 16th consecutive "Superior" Honor I Rating at the festival. The 8th-grade band not only earned an Honor I rating overall but also earned an Honor I rating from all three judges during their strong performance, making them one of the top performing groups at the festival. They are under the direction of Jim Cunningham and Jacob England. The Frontier Middle School (FMS) eighth grade band received a "Superior" Honor I rating at the festival. This is the first Honor I rating FMS has ever received. They are under the direction of Sarita Magno-Parsons and Patrick O'Donnell. Well done to all our eighth grade musicians!

## Timberland Para Highlighted in "Stories of Honor" Series

who attain some type of specialized technical skill, an industry recognized credential or post-secondary training. All of these can be accomplished by attending Career and Technical Education Programs (CTE) around the state.

The governor's office believes CTE programming is underutilized by Missouri's students, so they are trying to find out why.

The CTE Advisory Council has developed a survey to gather feedback on people's perceptions about CTE. Once the results of the survey have been analyzed, the Advisory Council's goal is to develop and implement a comprehensive statewide communications and marketing campaign to improve public confidence in CTE and to increase the number of students participating in the programming.

You can find the survey here on Survey Monkey. Please complete the survey by end of day April 12.

## Wentzville/Lake STL Optimist Club & Holt Track Spring Race

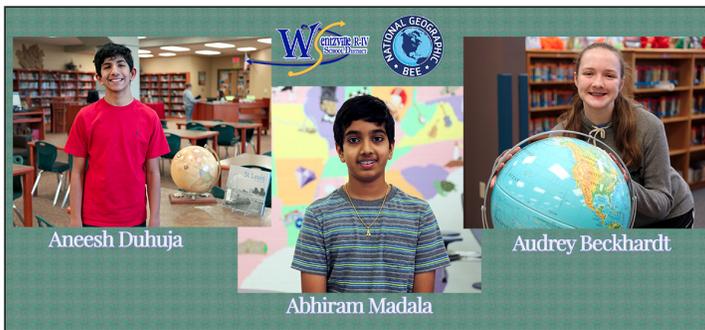


The Wentzville/Lake St. Louis Optimist Club and Holt Track team are sponsoring a Spring Race this year. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at Soby Field on the campus



A very moving article about one of our own - Kara Grady, a paraprofessional at Timberland High School, that was published last week in the Post Dispatch as part of their "Stories of Honor" series. [Read the story](#) on stltoday.com.

### Update - Three WSD Students Named National Geographic GeoBee State Semifinalists



Audrey Beckhardt, an eighth grade student at Frontier Middle School, and Aneesh Dahuja, a seventh grade student at South Middle School, and Abhiram Madala, a fifth grade student from Crossroads Elementary, were selected as National Geographic GeoBee State Semifinalists. Audrey, Aneesh and Abhiram all competed in what was reported as a very competitive final at the 2019 Missouri GeoBee at the University of Missouri-Columbia on March 28. According to Nat Geo officials, the contest was so close that it continued far longer than previous competitions. Though these students didn't make the top three, they were close to moving on to the national competition. Congratulations to Audrey, Aneesh and Abhiram for representing the WSD so well!

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

of Holt High School. Kids in Grades 4 through 8, and any adult who wants to join them (no medals for adults) are invited to **fill out this form**, located on the WSD Website. Funds raised will go to Optimist Club scholarship fund, the Holt Track team, and other club expenses. Deadline to register is April 29.

### CAPS Student Project - Workplace Wellness Summit

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**WORKPLACE WELLNESS SUMMIT 2019**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

Come together with other community employees and hear from public health professionals about how to lead a healthier life. You will learn how to incorporate health and wellness into your workplace, which is widely proven to boost productivity and morale. Panelists and speakers will include local dietitians, public health professionals, human resource and program directors, mental health specialists, and financial wellness educators.

**Integrate healthy lifestyle choices in the workplace to lower health care costs**

Learn from health care professionals how to increase productivity and lower absenteeism

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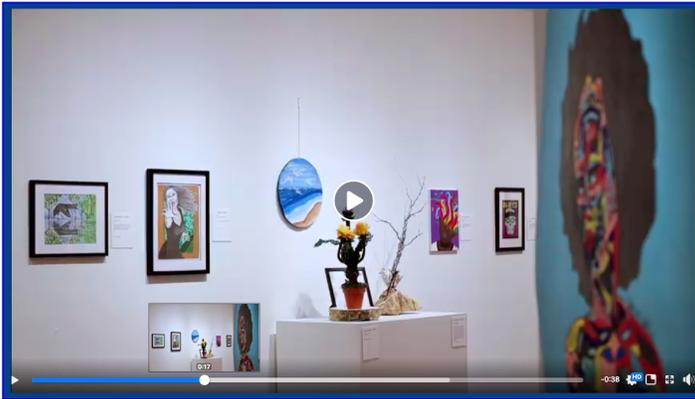
Admission Fee: \$15  
Visit us at: <https://www.westcharles.com/workplacewellnesssummit2019>  
761.822.2401 x451

Venue:  
Krewek Civic Center  
305 Civic Park Dr  
O'Fallon, MO 63368  
Thursday, April 25th  
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Students involved in the St. Charles County Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program have a year-end project that you can help with. The students partnered with Community Strong and will hold a Workplace Wellness Summit to help the people of St. Charles County become healthier and happier in their workplace.

View the flyer to see what **it's all about**, the students would appreciate the support.

### CAPS Student Project Kids Kruse Cycling Event



Holt, Timberland and Liberty High School Art students collaborated for a special exhibit at the Sheldon Art Gallery. 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.

### Update - Several WSD Students, and Two Siblings, Qualify for MCTM State Competition



Several WSD students - two of which happen to be brother and sister - have qualified for the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) state competition, May 4, 2019, at Columbia College in Columbia, MO, in the elementary and high school levels. Nawal Cheema, a senior at Liberty High School participated in the (MCTM) regional math competition at St. Charles Community College on March 2, taking second place in the Target Round (four pairs of problems are administered, and students have six minutes



A St. Charles County CAPS student has created a cycling event, the Kids Kruze Cycling Event, scheduled for May 18, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of new bicycles for donation to children who cannot afford a bike. **View the flyer** to see what it's all about and how you can help. The students would appreciate the support.

### Young Americans Workshop



The Young Americans will once again bring their educational performing arts workshop to Timberland High School this summer, with the goal of developing the skills of energy, teamwork, and confidence, using music as the teaching tool. Even better is that is doubles as a fundraiser for WSD Fine Arts programs. Click here to view the flyer.

Specially-trained, college-aged teachers and performers will work with students of all grade levels from across the District, and only from the WSD, providing fun yet valuable lessons in everything from vocal and dance to full stage performance, the climax of which will be an exciting

to complete each pair) and fifth place in Sprint Test (a 40-minute multiple choice test consisting of 30 questions). Her efforts qualify her for the state competition, which will take place at the University of Missouri-Columbia on April 13. Nawal was the only student representing Liberty, making it an even great accomplishment for her and her school. Rafay Cheema, a sixth grader at Discovery Ridge, finished fifth overall at the elementary regional meet, which took place at Parkway West High School on March 2, which qualified him to advance to the State MCTM Competition on May 4 at Columbia College. He finished in the top ten in three categories - Sprint Test, Target Round and Number Sense (a 10-minute test that consists of 80 problems designed to be solved mentally).

**Update** - In the middle school level, on February 23, several Frontier Middle students qualified for state, including Dan Adams (1st Place Overall), Lakshmi Madala (2nd), Tony Caldwell (3rd), Santosh Manakandan (4th), and Jackson Sinnard (5th). Manakandan, Adams, Sinnard, and Connor Meier finished first in the team competition, qualifying them for state, as well.

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## Enrollment for K-8 Summer Journey - 4/17 deadline is approaching!

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.



**SUMMER JOURNEY DATES:** June 4 to June 27

June 4 to 7 (T-F) & June 10 to 27 (M-Th)

School will be in session Tuesday - Friday the first week and Monday - Thursday the following three weeks.

Saturday night show held at Timberland. The Young Americans outreach program visits 200 communities on an annual basis to inspire youth, empower teachers, and strengthen education systems across the globe. Over 260 WSD students participated in the workshop and Saturday's performance, and a video recap can be seen on the WSD YouTube page.

## 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.

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