



# Superintendent's Comments

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## For the November 13, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (#19)

- **International Baccalaureate Visit:** As announced at our last Board Meeting, we are eagerly preparing for the authorization of Monroe County's first IB school- our very own Raisinville Elementary. We have tentatively set Thursday, December 6 from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM as a time for the IB Authorization Team to meet members of the BOE. We will be joined by parent representatives as well. Gayle will be sending an outlook invitation. Please mark your calendar for this celebration.
- **MMS Named to State Honors Choir:** I am excited to report that 8 students from Monroe Middle School have been accepted to the Michigan School Vocal Music Association's State Honors Choir program. Over 500 students from across the state auditioned for 300 spots, so I am very excited that we have 8 students representing MMS! These students will have 3 rehearsals across the state in the coming months, and will then perform at DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids during the Michigan Music Conference in January. Please join me in congratulating Alena Burns, Addison Chaffin, Mya Cunningham, Rodney Mayes, Anastasia Schulte, Hunter Sonak, Dakota Stokes, Charlotte Yesnach and of course Mrs. Dinwoody, their director.
- **MHS Choir Also Celebrating:** The MHS school choirs have two students that qualified for the high school regional choir - Daija Pendleton and Faith Avritt.
- **Varsity Volley Ball Team Academic Achievements:** Academic excellence is showing with this year's Varsity Volleyball team who have achieved All-

State Academic Honors this year and both seniors, Natalie Litra and Delaney Salenbien, will be honored as individuals.

- **MHS Marching Band Accolades:** received straight ones at the recent MSBOA festival on October 8 at Flat Rock High School.
- **Today is World Kindness Day:** Monroe Public Schools with the assistance of the Monroe High School Interact Club, are encouraging our students, school staff, community partners, and the Monroe community at large to be kind to themselves and others. We are distributing kindness rocks, containing random acts of self-kindness and kindness, to every school building and several community partners asking them to consider performing the kindness act, post a kind comment and picture on social media using #monroekindness, and hide the rock near their building for others to find.
- **We Are Monroe Newsletter** – Look out for the next We Are Monroe newsletter that will come out before the end of the month. It will be mailed to homes throughout our community!