



Superintendent's Comments

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For the March 12, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (#5)

- **National Reading Month:** Throughout our district, schools are observing National Reading Month, encouraging our students to engage in reading in a variety of fun and interesting ways. Many of our elementary schools are hosting guest readers. If you are interested in being a guest reader, please see Gayle Lambert.
- **Annie, Jr.:** Monroe Middle School will present their production of Annie Jr. this Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door (no presale) and are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. This year's play is directed by Holly VanKlingeren with music directed by Elise Dinwoody.
- **Monroe Middle School National Assessment of Education Progress:** Monroe Middle School hosted the National Assessment of Educational Progress on February 26. We received an amazing note from Dr. Paul Stemmer, from the Michigan Department of Education Office of Assessment and Accountability, who thanked Mr. McVeigh for his exceptional organization of the process, his assistance, and his presentation to the students that seemed motivate them to do their best. Mr. Stemmer added that he was impressed with the respect they showed for their fellow students and to the adult guests that administered the NAEP test and that they should be proud of the way they conducted themselves and how hard they worked on the test. They are a fine representation of students in our state and nation.
- **Waterloo Elementary DTE Thanksgiving Parade Contest:** Our own Waterloo Elementary students are competing to design the DTE America's Thanksgiving Parade Float. 18/35 entries are from Waterloo students. Community members are being encouraged to support our student artists through social media. Voting ends on Monday. The winner will be given 4 VIP tickets to the thanksgiving parade in Detroit, and their float will be made by DTE. They may even have a chance to be in the parade.

Athletic Updates

- **MHS Swimming:** Congratulations to Gavin Redden and Flo Lenhard who participated at the Division 1 State Swimming and Diving meet last weekend. Both boys had a great weekend, qualifying for the second day of competition. Gavin finished 9th overall in both the 50 and the 100 freestyle. Flo finished 5th in the 50 freestyle, earning All-State honors, and he placed 11th in the 100 freestyle.

Performing Arts Announcements

- **Monroe Music Department Hot Chocolate Fundraiser**, originally scheduled for February 1, will be held on Friday, March 15 at Custer Elementary School. There will be live entertainment performed by MPS elementary choir students. Proceeds from the event support Vocal Arts Day, an all-day event of choir performances from students in grades 5-12, in the MHS auditorium.
- **Monroe High School Band and Orchestra** participated in the District Band Festival last week at Livonia Churchill High School. Both the Wind Ensemble and Concert bands received a mix of First Division and Second Division ratings from their panel of four judges, with an overall II Excellent for both the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band. The Orchestra earned a First Division rating as well. Both groups are now preparing for the State festival in May.

Calendar Updates

- **Congressman Walberg will host a Military Service Academy Fair** at Monroe High School on the evening of March 18, 2019 from 5pm-7pm.
- **Young Entrepreneur Showcase:** The Generation E Institute Young Entrepreneur Showcase will be hosted by Monroe High School on Saturday, April 27. Over 200 young business owners are expected to showcase their products and entrepreneurial spirit!