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MLK Celebration Tonight and Walk on Monday



The WSD is proud to be hosting the 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration this evening at Holt High School. The event is free and open to the public and will start at 7:00 p.m. Stephon Ferguson will be the featured speaker for the evening and there will be performances from WSD choirs and The Gentlemen of Vision.

There will also be an MLK Jr. Unity Walk on Monday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at Pearce Hall (317 W. Pearce Blvd. Wentzville, MO 63385). The short walk will move down Pearce Blvd. in a celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The WSD Needs Your Input to Help Shape the Next Five-Year Plan



January 18, 2019

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The District has been seeking input from all stakeholders – students, parents, employees and community members – to help shape the District's next five-year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). In case you missed it, take a moment to view the video of [Dr. Cain's invitation to participate](#) in the CSIP process.

The District scheduled three community engagement meetings called Guiding Principles for our Schools (GPS), to help inform stakeholders and provide a platform for feedback to set positive goals, define priorities and determine standards for the students and schools in the WSD.

The first two GPS meetings were held on November 27 and January 15, where Teaching and Learning and then Finances, Facilities, and Staffing were discussed respectively. The meetings were streamed live and can still be viewed on the [WSD Facebook page](#) for those who couldn't attend in person. You can also [view the Teaching and Learning presentation](#) shared at the November meeting on the WSD website, as well as [the Finance, Facilities & Staffing presentation shared](#) at this week's meeting.

Please consider attending the final meeting, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Timberland High School:

February 12 – Community, Culture, and Safety & Security

Dr. Cain's Invitation:



Holt Teacher Sean Haley Wins LU Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award



Upcoming Dates

Jan. 21

No Classes - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 6, 5 - 8 p.m.

Special Board Meeting - Administrative Center

Feb. 11

Late Start Grades K-12

Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Guiding Principles for our Schools (GPS) Meeting - Timberland High School

Feb. 15

No Classes - PD Day

Feb. 18

No Classes - President's Day

Feb. 21, 7 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting - Administrative Center

March 5, 5-8 p.m.

WSD STEM Olympics (Grades K-4)
@ Liberty High School

March 6, 5-8 p.m.

(Tentative) 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



Holt High School Social Studies Teacher Sean Haley was given the Lindenwood University Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award, presented by leaders from the Lindenwood University School of Education. Haley is in his first year, but has already made a tremendous impact on Holt. He's volunteered to coach wrestling and football (without pay), helped organize the school's Veterans Day assembly, and overall has been a beacon of support and trust for students. Congratulations, Mr. Haley!

Faces of the WSD - Kaci Lueking



Kaci Lueking, first grade teacher at Wabash Elementary School and 2018-19 WSD Teacher of the Year, is our next honoree in this new series, "Faces of the WSD." Lueking has brought her engaging, inspiring teaching style to the WSD, and really makes kids feel safe and appreciated. Lueking has worked for the District since 2015. Her principal, Matt Schulte, stated that she is a model educator who is dedicated, passionate, caring, and focused on student growth, as well as focused on the development of her teaching peers. Lueking leads by example, with many of her lessons and classroom atmosphere ideas being adopted by other teachers - not just at Wabash, but across the entire District. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube.

Timberland Student Selected for John T. Belcher Scholarship

Congratulations to Timberland senior Sofia Angel for being selected by the WSD Board of Education as the District

Helpful Parent Links



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:

Chromebook Repair Class Video



Duello's Laura Parn Named Exemplary New Principal





nominee for the John T. Belcher Scholarship. The Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) and FutureBuilders established the state-wide scholarship program in the memory of Mr. Belcher who was instrumental in developing innovative financing programs for Missouri school districts. "The learning environment for thousands of Missouri's

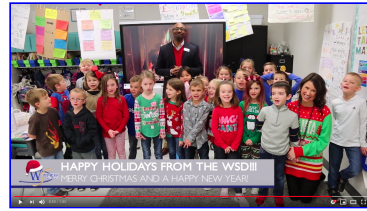
public school students was improved as a result of his work," says the scholarship description. "Though Mr. Belcher lost his battle with cancer in 1989, his courage was an inspiration to all who knew him."

As the District nominee, Sofia now has the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship, which is awarded to a student in each of MSBA's 17 regions. Following the selection of regional winners, a statewide winner is selected and will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. Applicants are judged on the basis of academic performance, extracurricular activities and the quality of an essay.

Sofia has a 4.48 GPA, is a member of National Honor Society, Captain of the Scholar Bowl Team, is an officer in FBLA, a member of the Timberland Marching and Symphonic Bands, HOSA, FCCLA and is an AP Scholar. She is also a member of the Japanese Society of St. Louis and attended Missouri Scholars Academy. Sophia speaks three languages and has traveled to 12 countries. She hopes to attend either Harvard or Washington University to study medicine and aspires to be a surgeon.

WSD Foundation Trivia

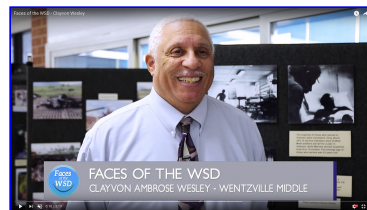
Dr. Cain Holiday Message



Wentzville Middle Students Deliver Necessities to Veterans at Salvation Army



Faces of the WSD - Clayvon Wesley, Wentzville Middle

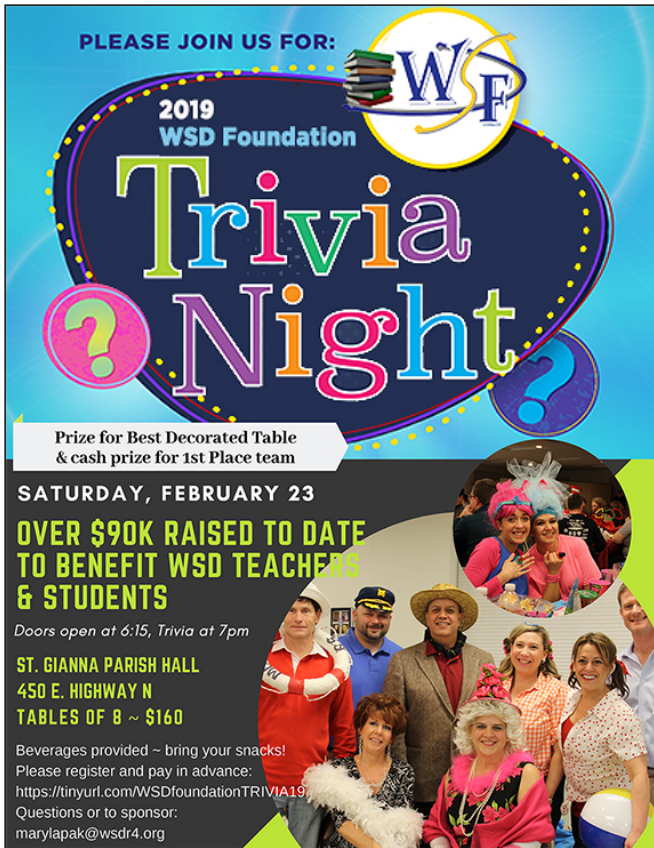


[Watch more WSD Videos on WSD YouTube](#)



Submissions Due: March 2nd, 2019 

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.



Please join us for the WSD Foundation Trivia Night on February 23, 2019. Thanks to past participants, over \$90,000 has been raised to date to benefit students and teachers in the WSD. A prize will be given out for the Best Decorated Table, and of course a cash prize for the first place team. The doors open at 6:15, and the contest begins at 7:00. Beverages will be provided, so all you need to bring are a few snacks and your WSD spirit. If you have questions or want to sponsor, please [contact Mary LaPak](#). You can also pay in advance for convenience and [register](#) for a table on this [Google form](#).

Pearce Hall Buddy Program



The WSD's Pearce Hall Alternative Program has partnered with Heritage Primary, giving Pearce students an opportunity

Mark your calendars and support your local film makers! 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

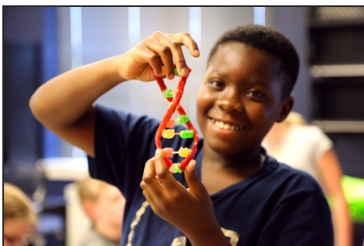
to mentor younger students. The initiative is called the "Buddy Program," and it's become quite the highlight for both student groups. The younger students are excited to work with older students, and the teachers are happy to learn more about their own students through interactions with the mentors. Most importantly, the Pearce Hall students learn more about themselves - that they can make a positive difference in their community.

WSD Film Festival Submissions Now Being Accepted



It's finally time for students to #BeSceneWSD, as the WSD Film Festival season has officially begun! Submissions are now open through March 2. 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.

Enrollment for WSD K-8 Summer Journey is Open!



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

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



Have You Downloaded the WSD App?

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](#).

Frontier Middle Teacher Earns Grant for School from US Lacrosse



Thanks to Frontier Middle PE teacher Callee Riva, students are getting to learn about the exciting game of lacrosse. Frontier was selected to receive a \$600 Soft-Stick Equipment Grant from US Lacrosse. "This equipment is great for coed physical education use, as well as introducing students to basic lacrosse fundamental skills," said Riva. "In addition, we received a variety of supplemental lacrosse curriculum resources through the grant." Riva and her students have already begun working with these new tools, and plan to utilize the equipment in both general PE classes and the school's Team Sports elective course.

Stone Creek Welcomes Kids Back with a Winter Transformation



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 Jan. 17 featured the Board recognition of State Swim Champion Noah Scheuermann (Holt High); the 2018 WSD Holiday Assistance Program coordinators and supporters; MOAPHERD Young Professional Award winner Nick Clements (Wentzville Middle); and MOAPHERD Central Region PE Teachers of the Year, Sally



Parents don't need to be reminded that it isn't always easy getting the kids ready for that first day back to school after a break. Stone Creek Elementary, however, has found a way to get their students running toward the entrances - by their building transformations. Upon returning from winter break, students found their school decorated like Candy Land, complete with theme-appropriate dressed-up (for the day) staffers - including the two Kings Candy, as well as Queen Frostine and Princess Frostine. It's a really fun way to get students excited to return, and the school uses the fun as an opportunity to review both building rules (and how well students are complying with those rules) and Leader in Me goals. Teachers also candy-themed lessons, and the hallways were truly sweetened by candy-themed artwork - much of it created by the students, themselves. And each class got to [watch a fun video](#) created by the staff explaining the theme.

When Assistant Principal Melissa Armbruster saw all the excitement, it made all the preparation and coordination worth it. "The theme this year has made the building so incredibly happy," Armbruster said. "As our staff returned, it was incredible to hear them giddy with happiness, and they're all begging to keep this up for a while. Not only does this help our students want to return but our teachers love it too."

Lakeview Elementary Reconstruction Day

Schulte (elementary), and Melanie Zerr (high school). Superintendent Reports were highlighted by an evaluation of WSD finance and purchasing programs, as well as a presentation on the District's mental health and counseling program. For more info, 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, February 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 to pay via PayPal can be found on the [District website](#).

WSD Inclement Weather/School Closing Information



Students returned to quite a construction scene when they returned to school after winter break. "Reconstruction Day was an idea started by a group of teachers, and the idea behind the day was to get the students excited and energized about coming back to work after their winter break," shared Lakeview Elementary Principal Doug Holler. "Many teachers found creative ways to incorporate the theme into their lessons and activities for the first few days after break." Students and teachers worked together to review school and classroom expectations and set new goals for the second semester. Students and staff wore work boots, tool belts, and other creative "work wear" to school, and the hallways and classrooms were decorated with construction items.

Reading With Rocko - Therapy Dog Visits Prairie View



Reading classes at Prairie View Elementary had a special Christmas surprise just before the break. Rocko the therapy dog sat and stayed with groups of three to four students so they could read aloud to him. Adopted from 5 Acres Animal Shelter last May, Rocko is the family dog of Prairie View teacher Joyce Powell. "This was a fun treat for students, especially for

those who are struggling in reading," she said. "We hoped the experience would make them feel special and boost their confidence. Dogs have a natural calming ability, and some of our shy readers felt more confident reading out loud to Rocko than in class." Powell's daughter Jennifer - a senior at Timberland High School - trained Rocko at Westin Kennels, earning his Canine Good Citizen certificate, Advanced Canine Good Citizen certificate and his Therapy dog certification. Jennifer's experience in training Rocko has her



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.

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considering this as a career, or at least working with organizations that bring support dogs to schools. At the end of the day, after bringing so many smiles to kids' faces - all the while helping them read better and more confidently - Rocko was worn out and fell asleep as the students continued to read to him. Good boy, Rocko!

Pearce Hall Poetry Slam



Pearce Hall hosted its third Spoken Word Poetry Slam in late December. Students presented their original poems to a large audience of students, staff, family and friends. "The students have named our class 'From the Ashes of the Pearce Hall Poets' and the class is made

up of students from all of the Pearce Hall classrooms," shared Andrea Crisp, Alternative Program teacher. "The students learn about spoken word (or free verse) poetry and study figurative language to enhance our expressions." These poets not only shared their creativity, but also their bravery. The spoken word format and the freedom inherent with the genre allows for students to share deeper, and often more personal thoughts than they might in traditional conversation, adding a therapeutic element as well.

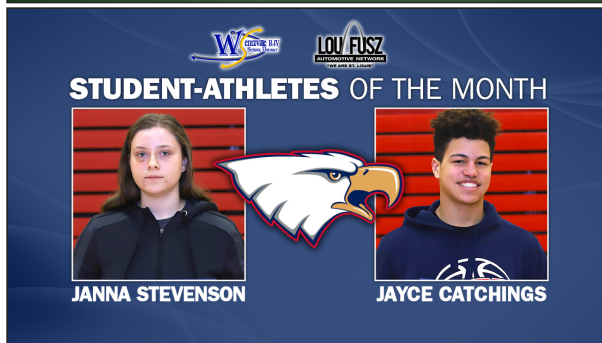
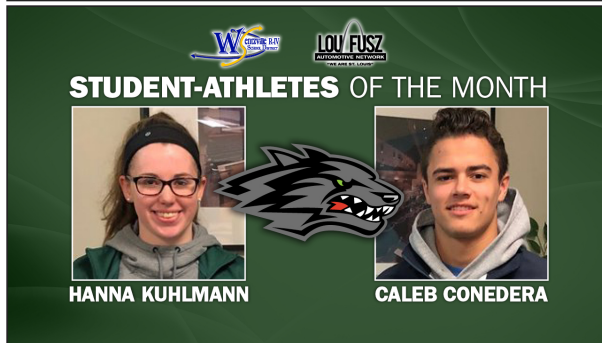
Holt High Daddy - Daughter Dance Feb. 1



Holt High School's Student Council is hosting their second annual Daddy - Daughter Ties & Tiaras Dance on February 15, 2019 from 7-8:30pm in the Holt High School cafeteria. The dance is open to kids age 4 through 12th grade. Dads, uncles, and grandfathers are welcome with their daughters, nieces and granddaughters. Dessert

and beverages will be served. Ticket entry is \$20 per couple (daddy/daughter) at the door, \$5 for each additional child. All funds raised at the dance will go to the Make A Wish Foundation. Please RSVP to [Erin Chase](#) by February 1, 2019.

Lou Fusz Student-Athletes of the Month



The WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athletes of the Month is a new feature aimed at recognizing varsity student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom, as well as their commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Congratulations to this latest group of student-athletes as they are honored for their performances during December. [See more about their accomplishments](#) on the WSD Marketing Page.

Job Shadowing Opportunity



Are you interested in experiencing your possible future with a job shadowing experience? If your answer is yes, please complete the following by January 28, 2019, to be considered for a job shadow in April 2019!

- 1) Download, print, get your parents to sign, scan, and upload

the forms linked below to [this registration webpage](#). You can also pick up these forms in the counseling office. Please see the counseling office if you need help scanning. (Please note that the upload needs to be performed by the student through their WSD account.)

•[Parent Permission Form](#)

•[Parental Transportation Form](#)

•[Photo Release Form](#)

2) Read this [information document](#).

If you are approved for a job shadow, you will be given a link to find and register for the job shadow of your choice. This link will come to you on your WSD email account between January 28 and February 1, 2019.

Please contact [Dr. Karen Hill](#) with any questions.

Community Resource Fair

The poster for the 2019 FHSD Community Resource Fair features a yellow and black color scheme. On the left, the title '2019 FHSD COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR' is prominently displayed. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'WHEN: Saturday February 2, 2019 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM' and 'WHERE: Francis Howell Central High School Cafeteria 5199 Highway N. St. Charles MO. 63304'. A 'FEATURING' section describes the extensive list of agencies providing county-wide resources for families and students with disabilities. At the bottom left, contact information for Eddie Rogers is provided. On the right side, the Francis Howell School District logo is at the top, followed by 'BREAKOUT SESSIONS' which allow agencies to educate participants. Below that, 'BENEFITING' groups are listed: Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers. The 'SPONSORED BY' section lists the FHSD Alternative Learning Dept. At the bottom right, a graphic of a signpost with arrows pointing to 'HELP', 'TIPS', 'ASSISTANCE', 'GUIDANCE', 'SUPPORT', and 'ADVICE' is shown.

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FEATURING:
An extensive list of agencies providing county wide resources in recreation/leisure, behavior supports, contacts, transition services, etc. for families and students from ages birth - 21 with disabilities

QUESTIONS—CONTACT
EDDIE RODGERS
EDWARD.RODGERS@FHSDSCHOOLS.ORG

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
Agencies can sign-up to educate participants on a variety of opportunities and resources in the community.

BENEFITING

- Parents/Guardians
- Students
- Teachers

SPONSORED BY:

- FHSD Alternative Learning Dept.

HELP TIPS
ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE
SUPPORT ADVICE

The Francis Howell School District is hosting a Community Resource Fair open to all families across the County. The Fair is at Francis Howell Central High School on February 2, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. An extensive list of agencies will be on-hand providing countywide resources in recreation/leisure, behavior supports, contacts, transition services, and more for families and students from ages birth - 21 with disabilities. If you have any questions, please [contact Eddie Rogers](#) at FHSD.

