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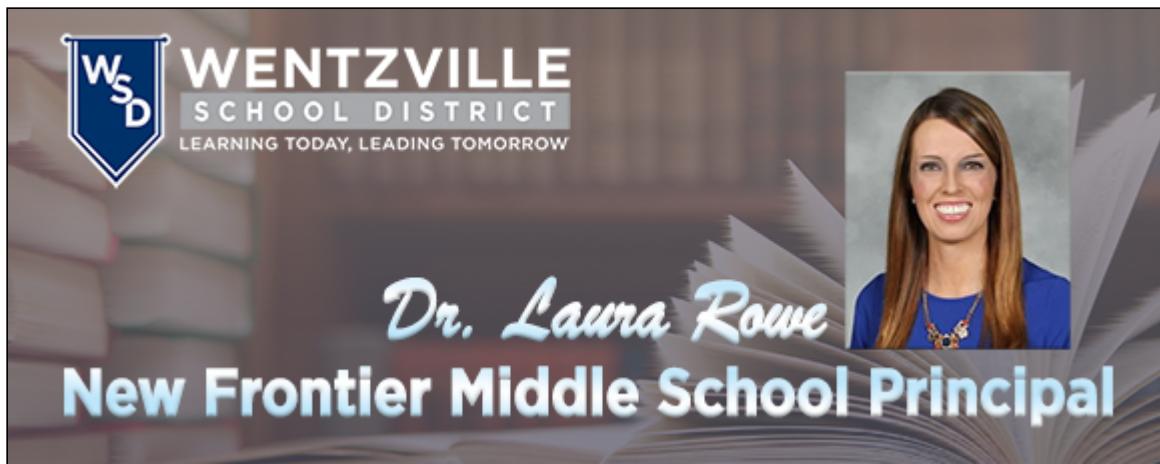
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WSD Board of Education Approves New Principal for Frontier Middle School



The image features the Wentzville School District logo in the top left corner, which includes a shield with 'WSD' and the text 'WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT' and 'LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW'. To the right is a portrait photo of Dr. Laura Rowe, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue top and a necklace, smiling. Below the logo and photo, the text 'Dr. Laura Rowe' is written in a stylized blue font, followed by 'New Frontier Middle School Principal' in a larger white font.

The WSD Board of Education has approved the hiring of Dr. Laura Rowe as principal of Frontier Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Rowe, who has been serving as an assistant principal at Lakeview Elementary for the past three years, will replace Dr. Jeri LaBrot who has been hired as the new Assistant Superintendent of Student Services for the District. Dr. Rowe has worked for the WSD since 2010. Prior to becoming an administrator, she taught English at both Frontier and South Middle and taught middle and high school English previously at two districts in Illinois.

Dr. Rowe holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois, a Master of Education degree from Benedictine University, an Education Specialist degree in Administration from Lindenwood University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Maryville University.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected to serve as head principal at Frontier Middle School! It is with great excitement that I return to FMS, where I began my tenure as an educator in the Wentzville School District ten years ago," shared Dr. Rowe. "As principal, I look forward to the opportunity to support the culture and tradition of academic excellence in a learning environment in which students come first."

Board Votes Unanimously to Place Two Props on April Ballot



The Board of Education has voted unanimously to place two propositions on the April 7, 2020 ballot to accommodate the continued growth of the District, as well as the need for additional staff and wage increases to close the growing gap between the WSD and neighboring districts.

The first proposition will be a \$105 million no-tax-increase bond issue to build a new middle school on the same site where the District is currently building a fourth high school, to expand and renovate the District's three existing middle schools, to address maintenance issues at existing buildings and to purchase

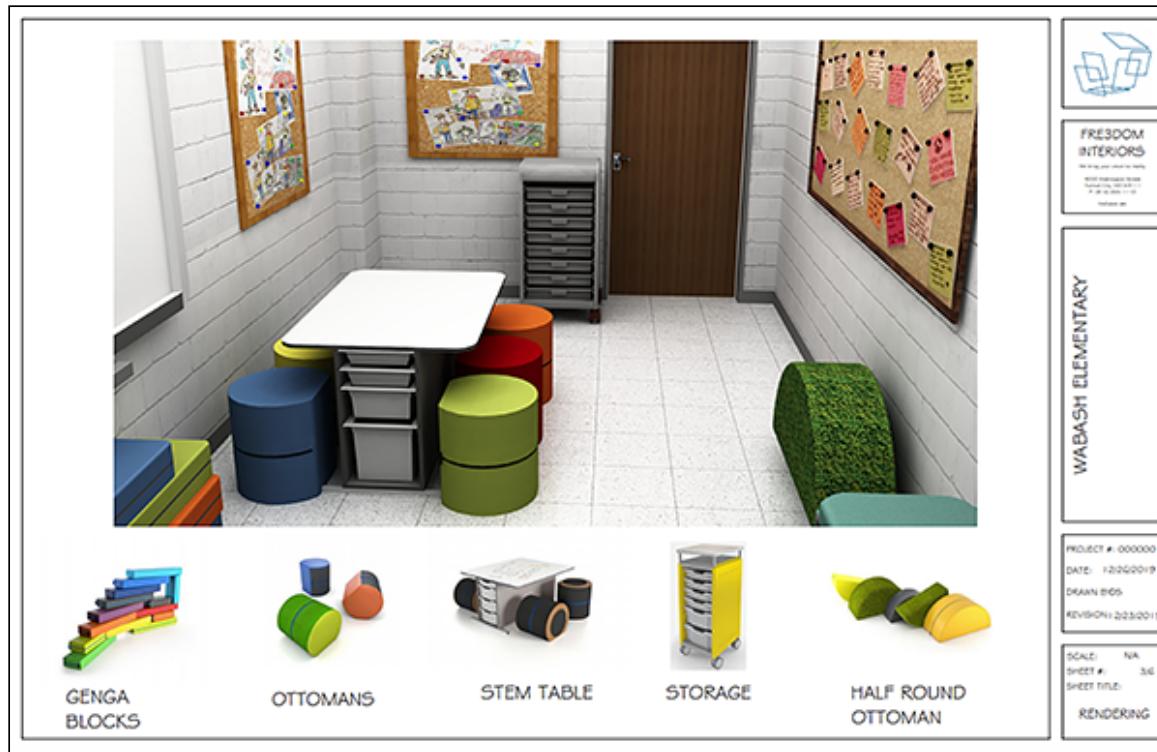
items or systems related to school safety across the District.

The second proposition is a \$0.49 tax levy to address staffing needs; providing additional positions across the District to support students, improve salaries to help close the gap with neighboring districts and make the WSD competitive in an effort to attract and retain talented staff, and to also ensure the District stays up to date with the latest tools to ensure staff and student safety.

The WSD continues to be the fastest growing school district in the state and the latest demographic study suggests the District will add another 5,000 students over the next decade. "The community has supported our efforts to address the growth for many years," said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. "While we absolutely need to continue to build classroom space, we also need to address the gaps we have in terms of the number of staff members who are supporting students as well as the compensation we provide for those staff members who continue to do more with less as a result of our growth."

There has not been an increase to the operating levy for salaries and staffing in the past 15 years. "We have done as much as we can with the resources we have at our disposal," said Dr. Cain. "We have reached the point of where it is no longer working and the growing gap between us and other districts is problematic." Watch the District website for additional information about both propositions.

Wabash Teacher Earns Grant for Classroom Upgrade



Wabash Elementary special education teacher Jodi Owens has earned a grant worth up to \$20,000 from Freedom Interiors to transform her classroom to suit her students' needs. The Free 2 Learn Grant provides the winning teacher's school one fully-furnished classroom, all tailored specifically for students via a 3D scan.

This is the first year of the Freedom Interiors Free 2 Learn Grant, and Owens is thrilled about what the makeover will mean for her students. She even asked to reduce some teaching space in order to maximize learning space for her students. “My overall goal for applying for the grant was to provide my students with a flexible learning environment that will allow them to transfer fluidly between small group and independent work,” said Owens. “I am beyond grateful for this opportunity to be able to provide them with a fun and inviting learning space where they are excited to learn.”

Freedom Interiors will perform a 3D laser scan of her current classroom, and then review and assess student and teacher learning/instruction styles to create a flexible, collaborative classroom. Owens will have an opportunity to view through virtual reality what the classroom will look like before the new furniture even arrives, along with a 3D generation of the scene. “The great thing about the furniture in the room is that it is all on wheels,” Owens said. Whether it’s the Genga blocks and bench seats, or dry-erase tabletop and multisensory half round, anything can be moved to better suit ever-changing student needs. “I wasn’t really sure how everything we talked about would fit, but I am really pleased with how it looks so far!”

The classroom transformation is tentatively scheduled to take place during Spring Break in March. An education furniture and classroom design company serving Kansas and Missouri, Freedom Interiors creates active and modern learning environments with the goal of helping teachers bring their curricula to its full potential, utilizing 3D scanning, virtual reality and live design to reach that goal. For more information on the company, visit the Freedom Interiors website.

2020 WSD Film Festival



Now that we are on a roll into our second semester of the 2019-2020 school year, we are also getting ready to roll out the red carpet for the 4th Annual WSD Film Festival. This student led event is a wonderful way for us to support our students as writers, creators, producers and superstars. The WSD Film Festival is on **April 7**, at **Timberland High School's Carl E. Reininger Theater**. Join us at **6:30 p.m.** that night as we announce and celebrate this year's finalists and winners. In the meantime, watch Timberland student [Jacob Windham's promo video](#) with your students to spread the news. You may also want to watch previous winning films.

Submissions are **NOW OPEN** and will be open until **March 2**. Films can be

submitted on the WSD Film Festival Website.

- 🎬 Check out the website for [rules](#), [categories](#), and [resources](#), such as tutorials.
- 🎬 Email wsdfilmfestival@wsdr4.org for any questions.
- 🎬 Follow the festival on Twitter [@wsdfilmfestival](#)

New Boundaries Approved for the WSD



The WSD Board of Education has approved new boundaries for all elementary, middle and high schools in the District to accommodate continued growth and a new elementary school and new high school under construction. The new schools were part of Proposition E, a \$125 million no-tax-increase bond issue passed by voters in April 2018. The [new elementary boundaries](#) will go into effect for the 2020-2021 school year when the new

elementary school being built on Interstate Drive in Wentzville is scheduled to open. The [new middle school](#) and [high school boundaries](#) will go into effect beginning in the 2021-2022 school year when the new high school being built near West Meyer Road and North Point Prairie Road in Wentzville is scheduled to open.

The new boundaries were proposed by a Boundary Committee comprised of parents, community members, staff members and a Board member who met five times from May through November to develop the new attendance areas. The process also included an online survey and three community forums where the public was invited to provide feedback. The Boundary Committee considered current and projected enrollment numbers, birth data, free and reduced meal populations, transportation and existing feeder patterns when formulating the new attendance areas. “Everyone involved in this process appreciates how very personal and significant this change is for some students and families,” said Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak. “We respect that, and we are confident that our caring staff will ensure a smooth transition for affected students and their families.”

The WSD continues to be the fastest growing school district in the state. The District has added, on average, nearly 600 students each year since 2001. This past year, enrollment increased from 16,789 students to 17,335 – an increase of 546 students. “Each WSD school is exceptional,” said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. “At the end of the day, all WSD students will be in a school where the bar is set high and where our phenomenal educators will ensure every child has the tools they need to be successful.” [Visit the WSD website](#) to view the new school attendance areas.

WSD Kindergarten Registration Dates Set



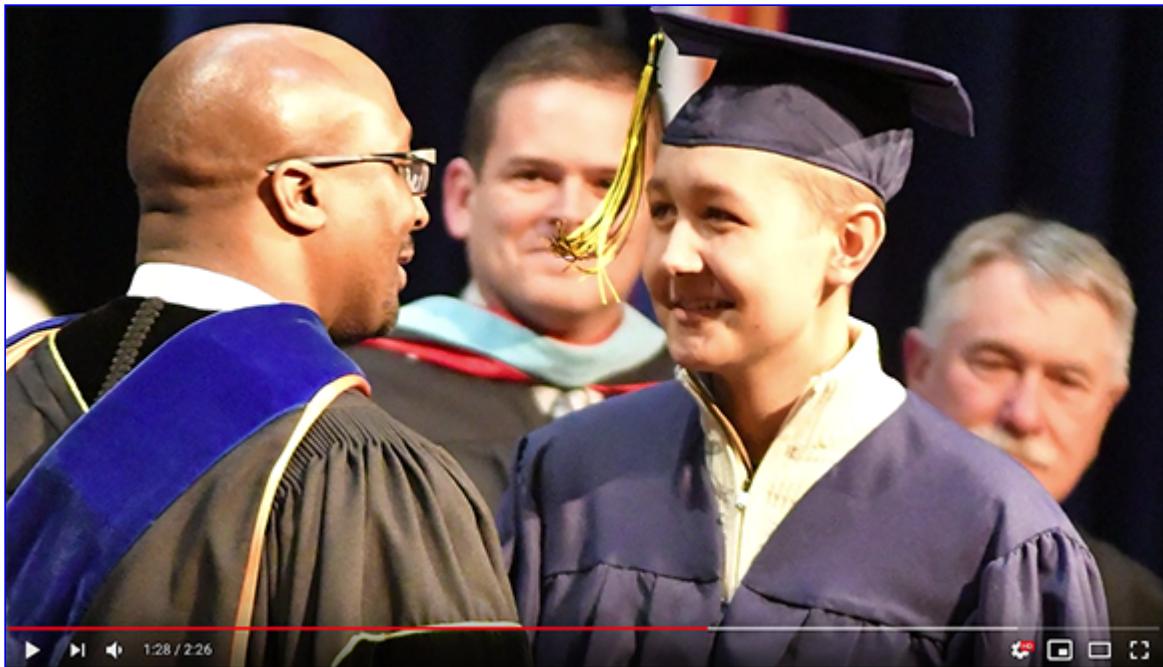
Dates have been set for the WSD's kindergarten registration/screening process. This event is for all children who will turn 5 **before** August 1, 2020. If your child has not been screened at the Parents as Teachers office or his/her preschool this year, appointments are required and can be made [online](#). Screening appointments are filled on a first come, first served basis. While every effort will be made to accommodate

you during your child's elementary school date, it is a possibility that you may have to have a screening on another elementary school's date. Please be sure to check your address with the [District's Boundary Locator](#) to determine which school your child will attend prior to scheduling a screening appointment or registering your child for kindergarten. The District has approved new elementary boundaries for the 2020-2021 school year.

All registration/screenings will take place at the Parents as Teachers Office at One Campus Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385. If your child has already been screened, you will still need to register your child for kindergarten on their school's registration date at the Parents as Teachers Office. However, you will not need to schedule a time to register, as it is only necessary to schedule screening appointments. Registration is open from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

For the full schedule of registration dates and a list of the information you will need to bring with you, please [visit the WSD website](#).

Sulley Menne Graduation



On January 7, hundreds of people attended a very special graduation for a very special young man at Holt High School. Senior Sulley Menne has missed out on a significant amount of time at school as he has battled leukemia for the last two and a half years, but that didn't prevent him from keeping up with his studies with the help of his homebound teacher, Bonnie Farmer. Farmer and other staff members at Holt wanted to ensure Sulley was rewarded for his hard work and determination so they arranged a special graduation ceremony just for him – and his supporters turned out in droves. "He just worked really hard and suffered and endured so much that he deserves this," said his Mom, Amanda. "Sulley, I'm so proud of you!" We are all proud of you, Sulley – Congratulations! #SulleyStrong

Hour of Code in the WSD



Students across the WSD joined millions of other K-12 students learning computer code as part of Computer Science Education Week in December. "Hour of Code" is a global campaign designed to get students interested in computer science, the skill that programs our modern world. Hour of Code offers web-based lessons in computer coding that are aimed at every age group.

Schools held Hour of Code sessions, and some classes took advantage of the popularity of video games like Fortnite and movie characters like Star Wars to teach coding, by having elementary students code avatars/characters in these games perform tasks. Green Tree Elementary teacher Doug Small had his STEM for Girls Club team up and design different mini-golf course holes with the purpose of coding a Sphero Robot (ball-shaped) to go through it, using 3D design software and iPads to complete the course and required coding. Small, who will

be presenting about this at this year's Midwest Education Technology Community (METC) conference, said, "As we are going through this process the girls will be using iPads and Spheros to learn how to code the Spheros, so when the mini-golf course is complete they can then play golf by using code. Our goal is once this is done is to have parents and teachers come after school and play the course, and the girls show visitors how to use the Spheros and have some fun playing mini-golf." They'll be working on this project through the spring. It's yet another way teachers in the WSD are coming up with ways to make learning fun and impactful for students.

WSD Director of Instructional Programming Dr. Keri Skeeters said, "We are excited to have students throughout our district participating in the Hour of Code each year. This is a great opportunity for students to discover computer science through the basics of coding. While the purpose of the Hour of Code is not to develop experts in coding, it does allow students to see how fun and creative coding can be, and it creates a connection to Computer Science, an important aspect of education as it promotes problem solving, logic, and creativity."

WSD Board of Education Has Three Open Seats in April Election



Seven candidates will be on the ballot for three open seats in the April 7, 2020 election. The open seats are currently held by Betsy Bates, Barbara Fine and Heather Reiter, and each open seat is for a three-year term.

The candidates who have filed to run are: Erin Abbott, Betsy Bates (incumbant), Shawn Fritz, Kori

Sloan, Lashun Coleman-Hale, Daniel Brice, and Michael Simpkins. Biographies and contact information for the candidates will be posted this week on the District website. #GrowingTogether

WSD Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Video



For the 15th consecutive year, the Wentzville School District and the City of Wentzville hosted the MLK Celebration and Unity Walk honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of love and nonviolent struggle for racial equality. Thank you to the MLK Community Planning Committee for organizing the event and to all who participated to help make it meaningful and memorable. [Watch the slideshow](#) video on WSD YouTube.



Dates to Remember

February 10

Late Start Day
Grades K-12

February 14

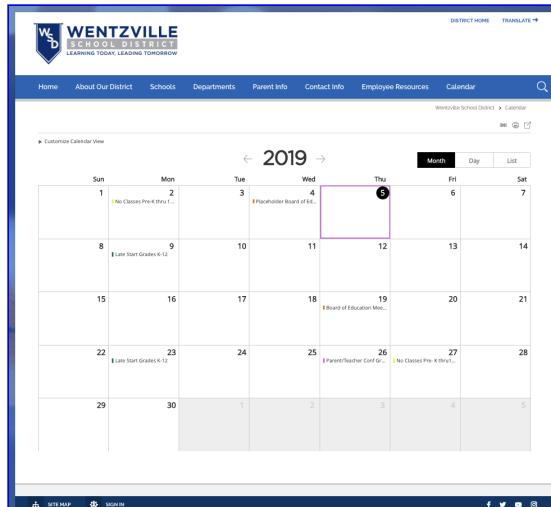
Professional Development Day
No Classes

February 17

Presidents Day
No Classes

February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting
Administrative Center



February 24

Late Start Day
Grades K-12

February 29, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

WSD Foundation Trivia Night

March 3, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WSD STEM Olympics
Liberty High School

March 9

Late Start Day
Grades K-12



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Tech Tip from WSD Technology Department –Tips for Good Digital Parenting

Parenting today's tech-savvy kids can seem overwhelming. But you can do it! Take these seven simple, but still challenging steps, to becoming a good digital parent. Here's a video about Step 1: [Talk With Your Kids](#). In Episode 1 of the 7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting video series, viewers watch a young family navigate Steps 1 (Talk With Your Kids) and 2 (Educate Yourself). By talking about online safety early and often, parents are able to establish healthy digital habits sooner.

Stay tuned for all seven tips to good digital parenting from the Family Online Safety Institute.



Staffers Save Student from Choking

Earlier this month, two WSD employees came to the aid of Timberland student Colin Nichols, who was choking on a piece of food. Paraprofessional Mekaila Peine observed Colin choking and struggling to breathe, and performed several back blows. When this did not dislodge the food, special education teacher Susanne Hanscom stepped in and dislodged the item by performing the Heimlich maneuver. We are thankful that Colin is fine, thanks to the quick actions of Ms. Peine and Mrs. Hanscom.



Chief Todd Reads to Peine Ridge Kindergarteners

St. Charles Police Chief David Todd was at Peine Ridge Elementary Friday morning, along with some friends! He was the Mystery Reader for the entire kindergarten class, and brought with him Bonnie (the police department's golden Labrador), and Bailey the robot police dog. While reading the story, Chief and friends talked about some safety tips, and the importance of being responsible citizens.



Eagle Scout Project

A library can be many things to many people. For Timberland sophomore Ethan Mears and his friends, the McClay Branch of St. Charles-City Library has been a place to gather and play Dungeons and Dragons. Since he was a Boy Scout in need of a project that would help him qualify for Eagle Scout rank, Mears planned, organized, and supervised the construction of dice boxes for the games, and then donated those boxes to the McClay branch. Young men like Mears must complete a community service project to earn the Eagle rank, but not all of them get to make it so personal while also keeping other people in mind. The games require rolling dice, and the noise can sometimes disrupt the other patrons in the library. The felt-lined wooden boxes with raised edges he made now keep dice quieter and also keep the dice contained. Thanks to Ethan, gamers (and those around them) at the library will be able to enjoy the dice boxes for years to come, and will play on a more level (and quiet) playing field.



Doodle 4 Google Competition Now Open

The Doodle 4 Google Competition has officially opened. Students in grades K-12 are invited to take part in the 2020 Doodle 4 Google contest. This year's Doodle for Google theme is: "I SHOW KINDNESS BY..." Kindness is so much more than just being nice. This year's theme invites you to tell us how you show kindness. Is it by helping around your home? Volunteering in your community's green space? Maybe it's comforting someone who's down, or picking up trash in the park. However you define it, let us know how you bring a little bit more kindness into the world. Take your ideas and bring them to life in your doodle!

Like all Google Doodles, each doodle must incorporate the letters G-o-o-g-l-e. One national winner will receive a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 technology package for their school/non-profit organization, and a behind-the-scenes experience with the Doodle team to transform their Doodle into an interactive experience on Google.com.

We would like to continue to celebrate our young artists by hosting our very own District Doodle4Google Competition. Students should follow the same guidelines as outlined by Doodle4Google, however, please submit the entries (including a completed submission form) to the WSD Tech Department, who will pick one winner from each category for District winners, and mail ALL submissions to Google. Have your student ask their teacher to submit to the Tech Department. Submissions are due March 2, 2020. Doodles may be submitted in digital format, as well as hard copies.

[Get inspired](#), find [lesson resources](#) and the [complete rules](#).

We will pick out one winner in each of the following categories:
K-2 | 3-6 | 7-8 | 9-12

Any questions, please contact [Samantha Knoll](#), [Amanda Moody](#) or [Mike McCann](#).

Let's Doodle!



WSD Thespians Excel at State Conference

WSD Thespian troops from Holt, Liberty, and Timberland high schools traveled together to the three-day 2020 Missouri State Thespian Conference in Kansas City January 9-11. Liberty senior Annette Oliphant received the Missouri Thespians Theatre Education Scholarship (\$1,000), and Timberland senior Clarissa Brueghemke was a Theatre for Life Scholarship finalist and received \$100. Timberland actors Emma Giltner and Kyle Rehme performed in the Duet Musical category and not only received a superior rating but also received a perfect score from all three judges. Holt's Tech Challenge Team of Grace Bancroft, Madison Kastner, Amaya Kopp, and Dylan Soberg earned second place in the Leg a Platform event, one of five events in the Tech Challenge, and finished 10th overall out of 25 teams. At the conference, WSD students participated in various individual and group events, including improvisation, monologue, musical, technical theater, and theater marketing. Seven students auditioned for colleges and each student received many callbacks. All three schools were recognized as an Honor Troupe for outstanding contributions and involvement in promoting educational theatre in their respective schools, community and throughout the state of Missouri.



Timberland Student Earns Second in Lindenwood Art Contest

Congratulations to Timberland High School artist Isabella Tomaszewski, for placing 2nd in the painting category at the Young Artists and Their Teachers 2019 Exhibit (YATTE) at Lindenwood University in the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. The students are taught by Timberland Art Teacher and Department Chair Crystal Wing. A sculpture by Charlotte Davis was also chosen for the exhibition, which showcases the best artwork created in the Greater St. Louis region by high school juniors, seniors and their art teachers.

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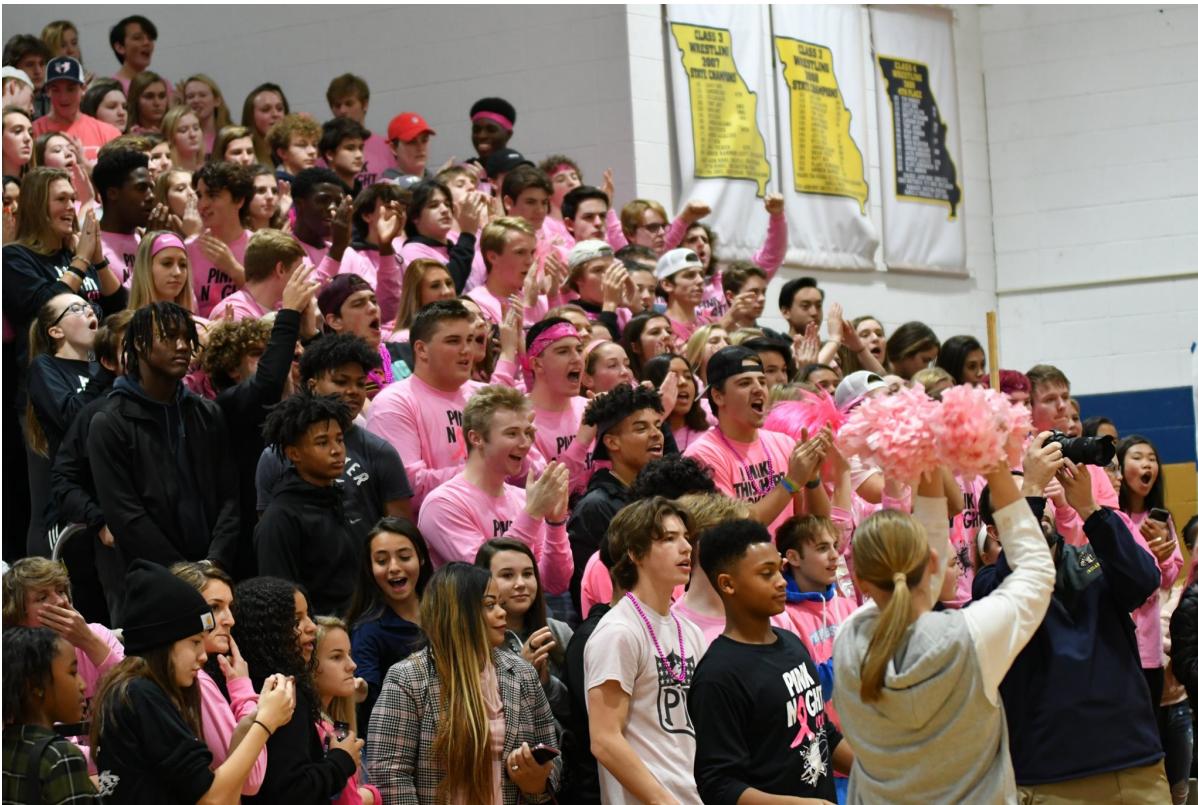
A Special Visit

Second graders at Wabash Elementary collected items and wrote notes for a care package and sent it to a fellow student's dad and his unit members who are serving overseas in the United States Army. Sergeant First Class Brad Soderblom was home on leave before the holidays and made a special visit to his daughter Marley's school and class to let them know how much it meant to him and his fellow soldiers to receive that care package while they were serving far from home. "It was a wonderful visit," shared Marley's teacher Mrs. Redman. "He brought handwritten thank you notes and snacks from his unit to share with us. He also brought this really cool framed photo of him and all the other soldiers opening our care package. The kids loved it and we appreciated him taking the time to stop by so very much!"



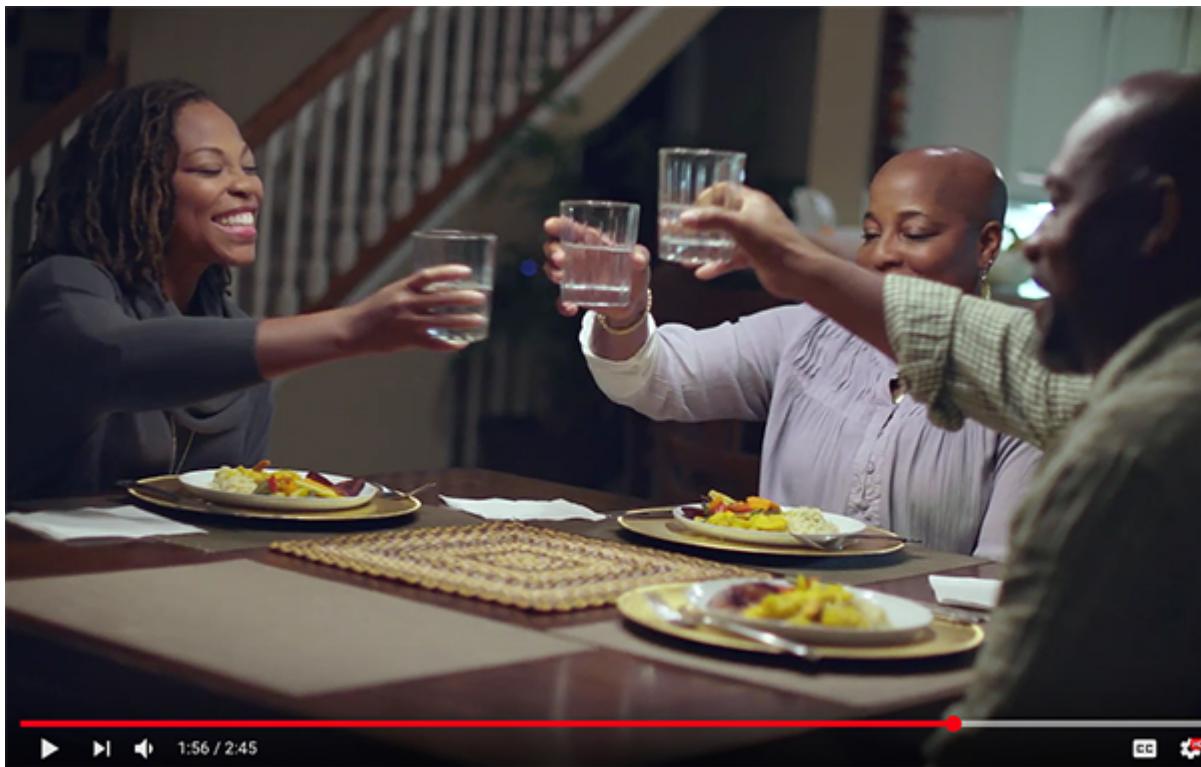
Holt LitFest

Now in its fourth year, the annual Holt LitFest was held in the Holt auditorium. Poets, novelists, journalists, and songwriters were invited to speak about their journeys as writers, demo their work, and answer questions from an audience of students from English classes and fine arts electives. Featured student and faculty writers also shared their writing. Freshman Oriana Bonin said, "It was fun being able to read in front of a lot of people, I felt like people were actually listening to my writing and caring about it." Senior Megan Thompson agreed, as well as having a chance to engage and be inspired by authors, writers, and musicians. "You can ask people who have already published books how the writing process works and get tips, which is really helpful," Thompson said. "It's also a great way to build your confidence in yourself and your writing." Another student mentioned feeling down before participating at LitFest; the recognition the writer received reminded them they were talented, an example of how powerful this opportunity can be. The Holt contemporary literature elective class produces the event, and guest performers graciously donate their time and talent. From local singer/songwriters and musicians like Chris Griffith and the Burney Sisters to poets and performers like Samira Mahmoodi and the Hazelwood West Slam Cats Poetry Team, the Holt Lit Fest both instructed and inspired.



Pink Night Raises Money for Cancer Research

Last month, Holt and Timberland Student Council (STUCO) students teamed up to raise money for breast cancer during the 11th Annual "Pink Night" basketball game. The event raised over \$3,000. This year, Holt and Timberland Student Councils divided the proceeds for a member of each of our communities. Holt's proceeds will help support Holt English teacher Anita Gilliland, who is undergoing cancer treatment, and Timberland's proceeds will help support the family member of a Timberland student who is suffering from stage 4 breast cancer. Every year our community does a great job of supporting this joint effort between our cross-town rivals. This year's theme was "Ballin' For a Cure." The Indians won both the boys and girls varsity basketball games, but the real winners are those that will benefit in the future from better diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer!



WSD Alumni Spotlight – Chanise Cyrus

Holt graduate Chanise Cyrus, daughter of Charmaine and Raymond Cyrus, embodied the dedication and spirit of students in the WSD. Now as a US Air Force Captain, she models how serving one's country can not only be fulfilling, but also a step toward a better future. In FUTURES Magazine and on TodaysMilitary.com, Capt. Cyrus is telling her story of how her career in the Air Force provided opportunities for specialized skills training and tuition assistance. FUTURES created video segments on YouTube (links below) about how Capt. Cyrus inspired her fellow recruits during extensive medical training, and instilled immense pride in her parents as a result of her successful career as a physician assistant. By allowing her story to be told, Capt. Cyrus wants young people to know that with a little drive and fulfilling available opportunities, serving your country in the armed forces can provide a FUTURE to be proud of. #WSDproud

["Changing Perceptions"](#)

["Reflections of an Officer"](#)

["Every Step An Opportunity"](#)



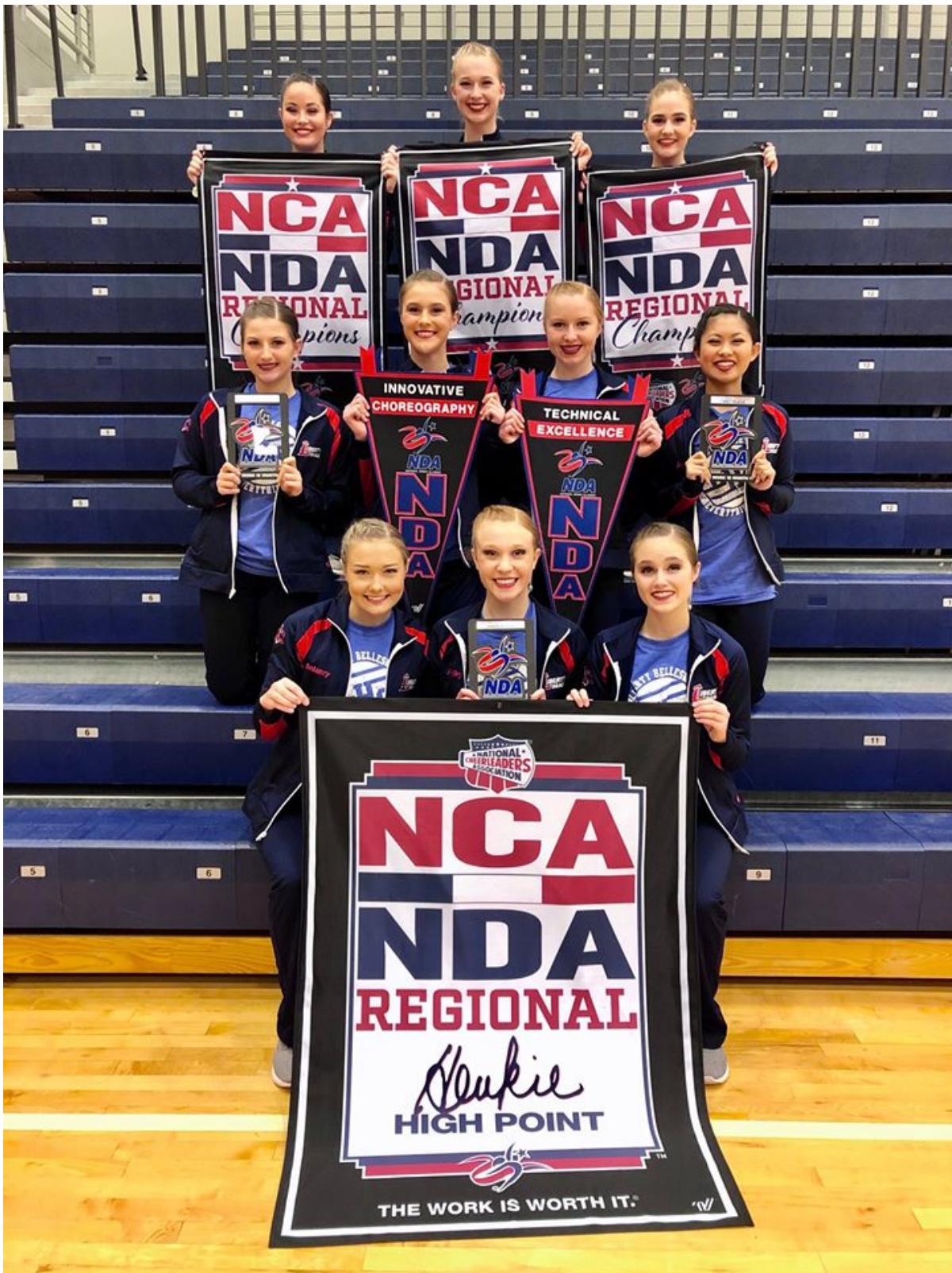
Han helps Holt Capture Wonder Woman Team Title

Defending state champion Esther Han from Holt helped lead her team to a first place finish in the second annual Wonder Woman Wrestling Tournament this past weekend. The two-day event is the largest female tourney in Missouri, featuring over 900 matches and Holt conquered it returning home with six medalists and one champion. [Read about it on stltoday.com](#).



Timberland Girls Swim Wins Their Fifth Consecutive Fort Zumwalt North Invitational

For the fifth consecutive year, the Timberland Girls Swim Team took first place at the Fort Zumwalt North Invitational at the Rec Plex in St. Peters on January 12! Their final point value was 415, beating the second place Fort Zumwalt East team by 25 points in the 11-team meet. Helping push Timberland into first place was the 400 freestyle relay team of Elise Gerstenecker, Hannah Kuhlmann, Alison Schoene, and Courtney Ledbetter, who took first place and automatically qualified for state in the event. Timberland also had three additional varsity first place finishes. The Holt Girls Swim Team took fourth place at the Fort Zumwalt North Invitational, with three JV first place finishes.



Dance Team Success at NDA!

Congratulations to the WSD dance teams on their performances at the National Dance Alliance (NDA) Battle Regional Championships at Battle High School in Columbia, Missouri, on December 14. The Varsity Liberty Belles took 1st place in Game Day, 1st place in Small Varsity Pom, 1st place in Small Varsity Jazz, and received the Innovative Choreography Award for Pom, and the Technical Excellence Award and Herkie High Point Award for Jazz. The JV Liberty Belles

took 2nd place in both Jazz and Pom. The Holt Varsity Indian Line took 1st place in Hip Hop, and 2nd place in Lyrical Jazz and Pom.

Best of luck to the WSD dance teams as they compete at upcoming National Championships: The Timberland Varsity Wolf Line will compete at the Universal Dance Association (UDA) National Dance Team Championship January 31 - February 2, 2020 in Orlando, Florida, and the Holt Varsity Indian Line and the Liberty Belles will compete at the NDA National Championship March 6-8, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. #WSDproud



Dance Team Success at St. Charles Classic

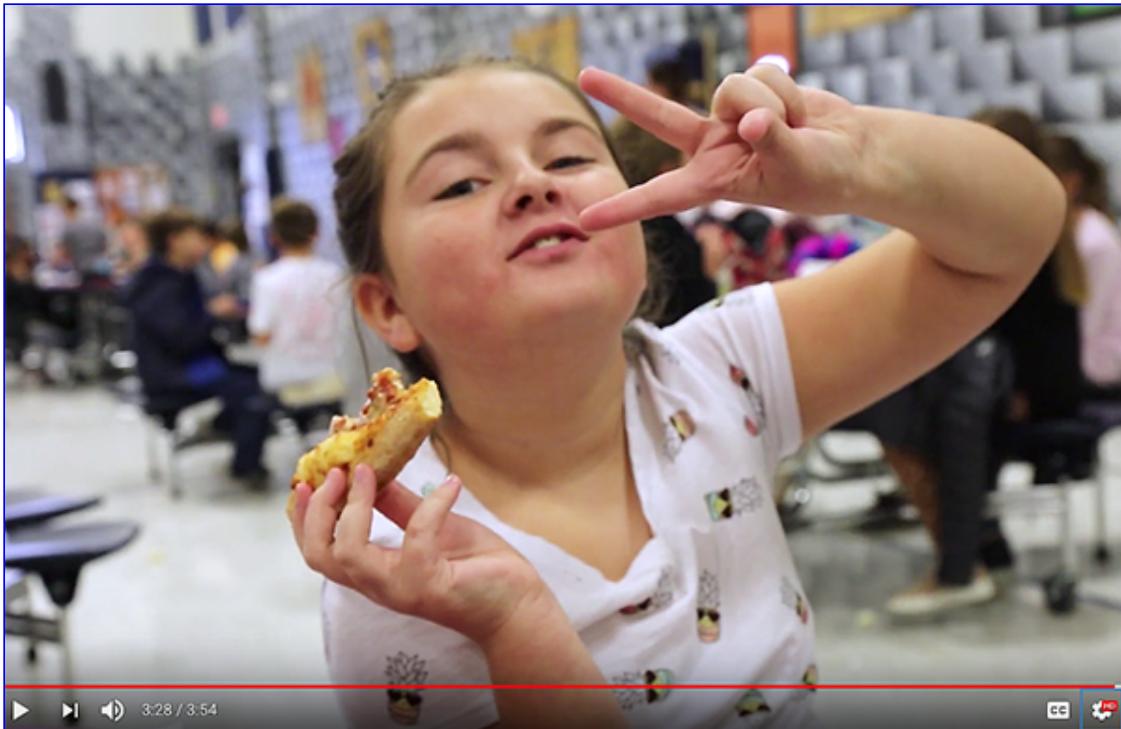
Congratulations to WSD Dance Teams on their performances at the St. Charles Classic at St. Charles High School last weekend! The Varsity Holt Indian Line placed 1st in Hip Hop and 2nd in Lyrical Jazz and Pom, and received the awards for Best Choreography for Hip Hop and Highest Score for Three Routines. The JV Indian Line took 2nd in Pom and Hip Hop, and the Wentzville Middle School Dance Team took 2nd in Pom and Hip Hop. Holt senior Hailey Nichols and freshman Mariah Schulz both took 1st place in their respective Soloist competitions. The Timberland Varsity Wolf Line placed 3rd in Pom and Lyrical Jazz, and the JV Timberland Wolf Line took 1st place in Precision Jazz and 3rd place in Pom. Timberland freshman Ella Crislip received 2nd place in the freshman soloist competition.

Recent Videos from the WSD

Polar Express Comes to Barfield Early Childhood



WSD Lunch Heroes Program



WSD Teachers of the Year



Drive for the WSD!



Dr. Cain & Chief Frisz Message



Portrait of a WSD Learner





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will benefit from your purchase. Some WSD school PTAs have registered on smile.amazon.com and the WSD Foundation is a registered charity too. The WSD Foundation gives teachers and high school seniors over \$30,000 annually in mini grants to support innovative teaching strategies and scholarships to seniors for college. Support your school or the WSD Foundation when do your holiday shopping and throughout the year. For the direct link to support the WSD Foundation, go to [Amazon Smile](#).



Late Start Information

The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, February 10. The supervision for students in Grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This is separate from our Before Care Program through 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

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.

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. On the app, you can:

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- Receive important alerts
- View sports scores
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A screenshot of a mobile phone displaying a school district website. The top status bar shows signal strength, battery level, and the time (3:10 PM). The header "Wentzville School District" is at the top. Below it is a photo of children watching a helicopter on a tarmac. A "TOP STORIES" section follows, with a partial headline about students and staff being honored. At the bottom, there are links for "Lou Fusz", "Calendar", and "TRANE", each with its respective logo. The footer is dark blue with white text, featuring a small upward arrow icon and the text "powered by Blackboard®".

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