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Final GPS Meeting Recap



The District held its third and final Guiding Principles for our Schools (GPS) meeting on February 12, where the WSD has been seeking input from all stakeholders – students, parents, employees and community members – to help shape its next five-year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP).

These GPS meetings have helped inform stakeholders and provided a platform for feedback to set positive goals, define priorities and determine standards for the students and schools in the WSD. Each of the community meetings focused on the following topics: Teaching and Learning (November 27); Finances, Facilities, and Staffing (January 15); and Community, Culture, and Safety and Security. 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 the January meeting, and the presentation on Community, Culture, and Safety/Security from the February 12 meeting.

Timberland Artist Wins Top Awards in Multiple Art Competitions

February 15, 2019

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Timberland senior Diana
Janikow has received a Gold
Key Award and an American
Vision nomination for her
painting called "Heritage Lost"
in the 2019 Scholastic Art
Competition. Art students from
across the state submitted
1,600 pieces for the Regional
Competition and the top 124
received Gold Key awards.
Gold Key winners' artwork will

be showcased during a regional exhibit at the Kansas City Art Institute Crossroads Gallery: Center for Contemporary Practice March 19-24, and the artists will be honored at an awards ceremony at the gallery on March 23. The Missouri Gold Key winning pieces will be submitted to the National Scholastic office in New York to be judged with all the other Gold Key work by artists from regions across the country.

In addition, <u>Janikow's work</u> was one of five pieces selected as "Best-of-Show" artworks out of the regional Gold Key winners and will be submitted as nominees for American Visions medals adjudication at the national level.



WSD Students Participate in Valentine Service Learning Learning Projects



Students across the District incorporated service learning projects into their Valentine celebrations this week. Students at all grade levels spent time doing everything from making blankets, pillows, super hero capes, and chemo care packages for cancer patients, making plarn blankets for the homeless, to making cards and gifts for Veterans, nursing home patients and first responders. Students collected books and book bins to give to bus drivers so that students can read



Upcoming Dates

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

March 15

Early Release Day

March 21, 7 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting
Administrative Center

March 25 - 29, 2019

Spring Break No Classes

Helpful Parent Links

on their way home from school. They also collected items and donations for charitable organizations like the Crisis Nursery and The Humane Society.

Those are just a sample of service learning projects where our students and teachers were "showing the love" to members of our greater community. Happy Valentine's Day indeed! #WSDcares #WSDcommunity

Holt Counselor Named CHADS Coalition Lighthouse Award Winner



Heather Hanvy, Holt High School Educational Support Counselor, has received the Lighthouse Award from CHADS Coalition. The Lighthouse Award recognizes teachers, counselors, and schools that are dedicated to mental health education and awareness and suicide prevention. Recipients demonstrate consistent and significant support of the

CHADS mission through their participation in CHADS programming and efforts to provide and improve interventions for adolescents.

Hanvy, who has worked for the WSD since 2017, was nominated for the award by Michelle Sellers, CHADS licensed clinician. In her nomination, Sellers wrote, "Heather is very welcoming, kind, and accommodating to CHADS staff at Holt High School. She cares deeply for the well-being of her students and goes the extra mile to assist her students in need. Heather is easy to work with and fully supports CHADS mission at Holt High School. Thank you Heather, for your continued dedication to mental health education and awareness, and the wonderful collaboration and partnership with CHADS."

CHADS (Communities Healing Adolescent Depression and Suicide) Coalition for Mental Health offers school outreach programs, community awareness presentations and classes, as well as family support programs to advance the awareness and prevention of depression and suicide.

Eighty WSD Students Qualify for DECA State Competition









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Recent Videos from the WSD:

Inaugural District Amazing Shake Competition



Faces of the WSD - Kaci Lueking of Wabash Elementary





DECA students in the WSD qualified for the state competitions to be held at the organization's State Career Development Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 24-26. WSD high schools will be very well represented - with nearly 80 WSD students qualifying for the state competition (41 Timberland students, 26 from Holt, and 13 from Liberty). And what makes Timberland's large number even more amazing is that they had 48 students compete, so more than 85 percent of their participants qualified for state. Thirteen schools competed in the District 6 Regional Competition, participating in written tests and events, as well as simulations, in hopes of making it to state. If they advance from there, students will test their mettle against the rest of the world at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL, April 26 - May 1.

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

You can see the state qualifiers from each school on the WSD Website.

WSD Students Excel at FBLA Competition

Sean Haley Named LU Nominee for Beginning Teacher of the Year Award



Pearce Hall Buddy Program



Chromebook Repair Class Video



Watch more WSD Videos on WSD YouTube



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. Mark your calendars and



The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) groups held their District 8 Competition on February 8, at Lindenwood University. FBLA is a professional association for students pursuing business careers seeking to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. At these events, held annually between 20 different schools around the area, there are almost 60 different categories in which to compete - depending on what a student likes. The WSD had 22 students qualify to advance to the next level (10 from Timberland, eight from Liberty, and four from Holt), which will be the FBLA State Leadership Conference, April 14 -16, 2019, in Springfield, MO. To see a full list of WSD students advancing to state, visit the WSD website.

WSD High School Art Students Have Work Displayed at Sheldon Art Gallery in St. Louis

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.

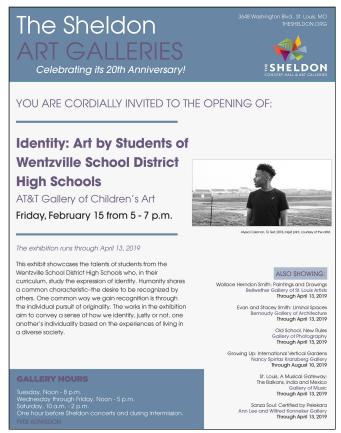
If you are interested in being involved, please **contact Pat Jolley** in the WSD Finance Department.

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 organization that strives to



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. The exhibition runs through April 13, 2019. The opening ceremony listed on the flyer has been postponed due to weather, however.

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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?



DID YOU KNOW? According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Wentzville School District is now the 10th largest school district in the State of Missouri! We are also still the fastest growing school district in the state in the 21st century, having added over 10,800 students since 2000. Despite that growth, our focus remains on the classroom and our students continue to excel.

Soul Food Night at Holt



Holt High School's student group CUSA - Culturally United Student Association - hosted their second annual Soul Food Night on February 1, to kick off Black History Month in the WSD. CUSA was created to recognize diversity in our growing community, with the goal of promoting wellness and cultural awareness. CUSA hosted the Soul Food Dinner in an effort to bring the community together for food and fellowship. Watch the video for some sights and sounds!

Holt Senior Wins Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition

Congratulations to Holt senior Amelia Truong, who won first place in the regional "Poetry Out Loud" competition on February 13 at the Foundry Arts Center in St. Charles. The three poems she recited were: "Much Madness is divinest



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



Sense" by Emily Dickinson,
"Numbers" by Mary Cornish,
and "Zoom!" by Simon
Armitage. "Poetry Out Loud
has been an amazing
experience because it allows
me to explore my voice,"
Amelia said. "To me, reciting
poems is like acting with a
script, but not being told the
plot of the story. I love the
challenge of trying to express

my creativity through those limits."

Poetry Out Loud is a competition sponsored by The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation that encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. After successful pilot programs in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Poetry Out Loud was launched in high schools nationwide in the spring of 2006 and has grown to involve millions of students across the country. Amelia will now represent the region at the Missouri State Finals held in Jefferson City on March 14 for a chance to win \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national competition in April/May. Good luck, Amelia!

WSD Students and Staff Take a Splash at the Polar Plunge



The annual Lake Saint Louis Polar Plunge benefits Special Olympics Missouri, and the WSD was well represented again this year by groups from Green Tree Elementary, Stone Creek Elementary, Holt StuCo, Liberty StuCo, Timberland StuCo, and Timberland NHS. Participants had a gift from Mother Nature as temperatures reached 54 degrees on February 2nd for the annual plunge into Lake Saint Louise. Over \$80,000 was raised to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics in their year-round sports programs.

Books Donated to WSD First-Year Teachers

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, March 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.

Kindergarten Registration Dates Set for 2019-2020 School Year



Some first-year teachers in the WSD had a wonderful surprise last week thanks to WSD mom and Wentzville Rotarian Theresa Glass. Theresa developed the Book Project in an effort to support first-year teachers after helping out in her daughter's classroom with a new teacher a couple of years ago and seeing there was a need for more books in the classroom library. With the help of Wentzville Rotary, Walmart Wentzville, and Rotary International, as well as donations from Booksource, Theresa was able to deliver 1,300 new books to 14 WSD first-year teachers this year, bringing her grand total to 4,000 new books over the past three years. "I have a special place in my heart for this district because my three older sisters and I were all born and raised in Wentzville and my children have been born and raised here and are in the WSD as well," said Theresa. "It's important to me to step in and help wherever I can." On behalf of those teachers and the WSD, we thank you Theresa and to all who donated!

Timberland Theatre Presents "A Night of Comedies"



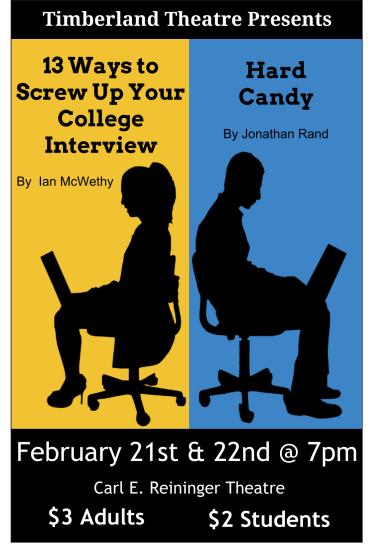
Dates have been set for the Wentzville School District's kindergarten registration/screening process. This event is for all children who will turn 5 before August 1, 2019. If your child has not been screened at the Parents as Teachers office or his/her preschool this year, appointments are required and can be made by contacting the Parents as Teachers office at 327-3863. ext. 22281. You can also request a screening through the 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



Timberland's "A Night of Comedies," includes two comedic one acts, "13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview" by Ian McWethy and "Hard Candy" by Jonathan Rand.

"13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview" is about two college recruiters at a prestigious university needing to fill one last spot to keep their jobs and high school seniors who are interviewing at that university. What seems like a simple task turns into a nightmare when the applicants aren't exactly what the recruiters expect.

"Hard Candy" is about job applicants that are willing to do anything to claw their way up the corporate ladder. In a fast-paced series of hilarious interviews, the new recruits try every trick in the book.

Timberland Theatre's production of "A Night of Comedies" will be on February 21 and 22, in the Carl E. Reininger Theatre, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, and will be sold at the door. Box Office opens at 6:30 p.m.

Green Tree Elementary Hosts STEAM Explosion Family Night

Weather/School Closing Information.

WSD NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

View the policy on the WSD Website.

Upcoming School Plays





Green Tree Elementary hosted their STEAM Explosion night on February 7, where families gathered in droves despite the frosty weather, and took in some of the science and art work of Gator students from this year. There was a science fair, art displays, and an art activity where students and parents could make a paper cardinal together in anticipation of a visit from St. Louis Cardinals representatives the following week. In addition, Dangerous Dan from Mad Science came by to perform a Fire, Air, and Ice Show, which had students giddy with excitement while learning about a couple of the world's most influential elements. Making the night extra special, though, was that the displays (including a wall of art) were all designed school's new student group, The Curators. Watch the video to take in some of the fun!

WSD/Lou Fusz Student Athletes of the Month





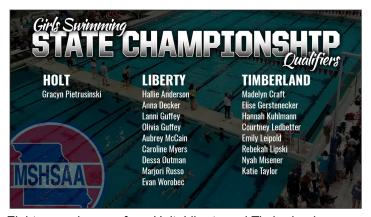
The WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athlete of the Month aims to recognize varsity student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom, commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork. These student-athletes were honored for their performances during January 2019. For the full write-ups on these student-athletes, visit the WSD Marketing Webpage.

Holt Wins District Wrestling Championship



Congratulations to the Holt High School wrestling team for not only expertly hosting the District Championship at their school, but also for pinning down the championship itself. Wrestlers from all three WSD high schools (four from Liberty, seven from Timberland and 10 from Holt) are taking the mats at the MSHSAA State Tournament through tomorrow, from February 16, at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia, MO.

WSD Swimmers Head to State Championship



Eighteen swimmers from Holt, Liberty and Timberland Swimming and Dive teams are competing at the 41st Annual MSHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Championships, which runs through tomorrow, February 16, at the St. Peters Rec Plex. Liberty and Timberland won their regions in the GAC last week, as well, making Liberty the GAC North-Central Champion (for the fourth consecutive year) and Timberland the GAC South Champion. Congrats and good luck at state, ladies!

Three WSD Female Wrestlers Qualify for State



Three WSD female wrestlers have qualified to compete at the inaugural all-girls state championship following the GAC District Championship, which was held last weekend at Fort Zumwalt North High School. Holt freshman Esther Han earned the title of District Champion, Holt freshman Reese Compton qualified at second place, and Liberty junior Janna Stevenson qualified at third place. Missouri became the ninth state this year to begin hosting a separate girls wrestling state tournament. All three are competing at the Missouri Girls Wrestling Championship this week at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Congratulations, and good luck at State!

National Dance Team Championships



Dance teams in the WSD traveled to Orlando, FL, for national dance team competitions in the DTU and UDA, from February 1-3, attended by teams from across the country. The Holt Varsity Indian Line went to the DTU Nationals,

placing second in the nation (out of 30 national competitors) in the Hip Hop division - just 4.8 points away from first place! In the Lyrical division, the Indian Line missed the finals by just nine-tenths of a point. The Liberty Belles competed at the UDA National Dance Team Championships, held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports. It was the first time the Belles have ever competed at the UDA Nationals, but the girls were able to advance to the semifinal round in the Jazz division, and achieved fifth place in Small Varsity Game Day Division. Timberland also made it to the semifinals in both Pom and Jazz. Making it to the semifinals means that these teams were ranked in the top half of the teams who competed in the preliminary round. Congratulations to all these dancers!

Football and Soccer NLI Signings



Students across the District signed National Letters of Intent on National Signing Day, February 6, the first day that a high school senior could sign a binding National Letter of Intent for college football and soccer. Pictured is Holt High School football standout Cole Mueller, who will be furthering his academic and athletic career at Illinois State University, playing Division I football for the Redbirds. Cole is pictured with his family and Holt football coach (from left to right): Brent Mueller, Coach Ethan Place, Cole Mueller and Janell Mueller.

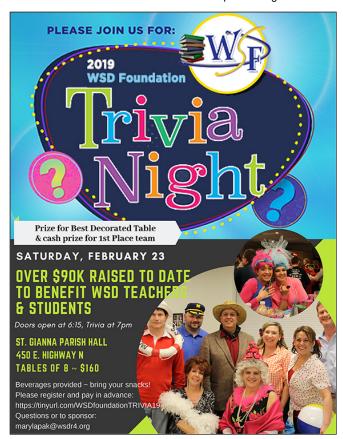
Holt had seven athletes sign NLIs last week, Timberland High School had five, and Liberty had one, as well. For a complete <u>list of student athletes</u> who have signed National Letters of Intent so far this year, visit the District website.

WSD Board of Education Candidates



The biographies that have been submitted from this year's Board of Education candidates have been posted on the WSD website. The bios are posted exactly as they are received from the candidates as an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about who is running for the Board of Education. Seven candidates will be on the ballot for two open seats in the April 2 election. The open seats are currently held by Dale Schaper and Jennifer Simpson, and each open seat is for a three-year term. On the webpage associated with the link above, simply click on the candidate's name under their photo to view their submitted biography. Please remember to exercise your right to vote on April 2, 2019.

WSD Foundation Trivia



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 a round or the event, please <u>contact Mary LaPak</u>. We ask that you <u>register for a table</u> and pay in advance (details are on the registration form). Thank you for supporting the WSD Foundation!

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 on Twitter for updates, and use #BeSceneWSD when talking about it on social media.

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.

Enrollment for WSD K-8 Summer Journey is Open!

The 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.

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.