

Written by Waterford School District Superintendent, Keith Wunderlich, Supescoop is published near the last school day of every month. It's your news between District newsletters. Generally, you'll find items about multiple buildings rather than from just one building. Or, it's information that reflects positively on us beyond the school district. All of it is great news about Waterford. Please share the great news with friends and neighbors.

## Destination Imagination Teams Move to State Competition!

Waterford **Destination Imagination** teams had a great day at the Region 1 Tournament, competing with approximately 100 teams from Oakland County, in seven different STEM-based challenges. Congratulations to all of the teams from Kettering, Mott, Pierce, Cooley, and Riverside that will be moving on to the State Tournament in April.



## First Friday Recognition: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Department

Many thanks go out to our amazing Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Department

(commonly referred to as CIA). They are the people who keep our instruction current and cutting edge. They do everything from teacher training to preparation for student assessments. We appreciate their leadership! They were our First Friday honorees for March, but we appreciate and thank them for everything they do all year long.



## DECA Winners Going International!

Mott and Kettering's **DECA** Chapters competed at the State Leadership Career Development Conference with 4,000 students from all over Michigan. Our students tested, presented and interviewed for the honor of attending the International Career Development Conference this April. Special congratulations to Kettering's Derek Vitale, who received First Place in Interview #1 and First Place in Interview #2 and Mott students Ni-Keya Jackson, Jacob Baldwin, and Gabby Franklin, who presented Mott DECA's Community Service project and were awarded medals as State Finalists. These students have qualified for the International Conference to be held in Nashville, April 22 – 27.



## Waterford School's Drivers Win Excellence in Transportation Award!

Congratulations to Waterford School District Transportation employees Jessica Jennings and Glenn Morris for being nominated and selected to receive the **2016 Oakland County Excellence in Transportation Award**



for Waterford School District. These awards are presented to individuals who exemplify excellence in providing or supporting the safe transportation of pupils in our district. Jessica and Glenn will be honored at this year's Excellence in Transportation Banquet in April. Thank you for making a difference. Keep up the good work!

## Regional Robotics Competition Held at Mott

March 4-5, Waterford Mott High School hosted the **FIRST in Michigan** FRC district robotics competition, featuring 39 Michigan teams. In addition to the matches and robot fun, Genisys Credit Union and McLaren Health sponsored the Distracted Driver Simulator where everyone had fun and learned important lessons about safe driving. The last day of the competition featured **STEM Day 2016** and elementary students were invited to take part in tours and a short parade to get an up-close look at robots and FIRST.



Congratulations to the Waterford Wildcats Special Olympics basketball teams for competing locally and qualifying for the State Tournament held in Grand Rapids on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The Wildcats were coached by Jim Dunsmore and Bitsy Baudino. The boys won the gold and the girls won the bronze medals!



### Maddie Downs Stars at "Leader in Me" Symposium

She's only in second grade at Grayson, but Maddie did a great job introducing the keynote speaker in front of thousands at Macomb Community College!



Jen Knipper (left) with Beth MacVicar at Beaumont

### Support Person (People) of the Year!

Congratulations to Beth MacVicar, Cindy Nye, and Sharon Arkles, for being nominated for the 2016 Waterford School District Support Person of the Year Award. This award is presented to support staff that go above and beyond the call of duty and applauds the integral role they play in the day-to-day operations of the district. While all three are exceptional nominees, Beth MacVicar, paraprofessional in the therapeutic classroom at Beaumont Elementary, has been selected and her nomination will be submitted to Oakland Schools to be considered for the Oakland County Support Person of the Year Award!

### ARC Educational Service Award!

Congratulations to Tracie Spatafore, classroom assistant at Donelson Hills Elementary School, for being awarded the Educational Service Award, by the Arc of Oakland County, as a part of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Dove Awards. This prestigious award is presented to a school staff member who advocates for children and young adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in an educational setting. Tracie will receive her award at a special reception to be held in April.



### Jill Cummins, Grayson Teacher WNIC Teacher of the Week!

WNIC 100.3 radio picked Jill Cummins, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, as their Teacher of the Week! Nominations are made by students or parents via the WNIC website. Ms. Cummins not only gets the honor of being recognized, WNIC will be bringing donuts and coffee for the entire staff! She also receives a nice plaque and a \$50 gift card to Kroger. Congratulations!



### Advanced Placement Student Earns National Silver Medal

Frank Puddy and Lori Groff, art teachers at Kettering High School, have announced one of their A.P. Portfolio students earned a National Silver Medal in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2016. Students who won awards have been identified by panels of creative professionals as the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. This year, nearly 320,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1% were recognized at the national level. Congratulations to Hailey Swiatowy! A copy of her award-winning photograph "Cider Mill" is shown at the left.



### Waterford Coach Named Coach of the Year!

Waterford Mott Cheer Coach (and 2005 Mott graduate), Candace Williams, was selected from an elite group of cheer coaches as the **District Cheer Coach of the Year!** Coach Candace and her team won the Berkley Invitational, won the KLAA North Division Championship, Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the KLAA Conference Tournament, Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> (out of 14) in Districts at Novi qualifying for Regionals, and placed 6<sup>th</sup> (out of 14) in Regionals (at Brighton). How did our coach rise to the top? As one cheerleader states (and the others agree), "Coach Candace is positive and supportive, but is always pushing our team to be the best that we can."

