

Suppe Scoop

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GREAT NEWS TO SHARE FROM FEBRUARY 2018



Written by Waterford School District Superintendent, Keith Wunderlich, Suppe Scoop 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.

Proud of WSD PAVA

This was an exciting month for Performing and Visual Arts in Waterford! The community was treated to Mott's production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, Kettering's *Twelve Angry Jurors* and Mason Middle School's *Peter Pan Jr.* As expected, each put on amazing shows! All 7th grade students attended a performance of *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Mott High School Performing Arts Center. This opportunity was made possible by the Waterford Foundation for Public Education and the Mary Lou Simmons Performing Arts Experience.



The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards selected 11 pieces from Mott students to be displayed at College of Creative Studies. Pretty impressive! Only 12% of the total art work submitted from all counties were chosen for honors and the show.



State of the Township

On February 21, I joined Gary Wall, Waterford Township Supervisor, and John McCulloch, OCC Board of Trustees Chair, in delivering the State of the Township. There are so many wonderful things happening in our community. Waterford really is a great place to learn, live, work and play. Mott student Carli Tower opened the event signing the National Anthem. She did a beautiful job!



Kindergarten Round-Up

Our elementary buildings held Kindergarten Round-up events this month. Parents and their little learners were eager to stop by the buildings to prepare for an exciting year of kindergarten!

Good Citizen Award



The Waterford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented its Good Citizens Award to WKHS Senior Noah Dunsmore. The award recognizes individuals for service, leadership and patriotism and demonstrating these qualities to an outstanding degree.

First Friday – Finance and Budget Staff

This month we recognized our Finance Department. This small but mighty group of employees handles the budget and financial matters for the entire district, including payables, receivables, accounting, bonds, grants and more! We appreciate the hard work they do behind the scenes every day, year round.



Parent Engagement Night Success

We were very excited to host the Parent Engagement Night on February 6, at Pierce Middle School. Parents had their choice of workshops on various topics, free childcare was available for school age children, and community organizations and resources were available for families. Special thanks to Mexico Lindo for bringing Taco Tuesday to our event, offering dinner for those who attended.





Amazing Learning!

Do you know how to code a robot to move autonomously? Can you code a robot to speak to you? Well these 4th and 5th grade students in Ms. Johnson's class at Grayson elementary are learning just that! I wonder what they will discover next?

Students Teaching Students STEM

Mott High School CADD Lab students visited Mason Middle School to present STEM related activities for their Ambassadorship portion of the @SquareOneNet competition to 6th – 8th graders.



Destination Imagination

WSD teams qualified to participate in the Michigan Destination Imagination State Tournament in April at Michigan State University. Regionals saw two 1st place winners, two 2nd place winners and one 3rd place winner. Best of luck to qualifying teams from Houghton, Kettering, Mott and Pierce.



Mott Alum Competes in World Championship

Waterford Mott High School alum Shannon Osika is going to the World Indoor Championship in Birmingham England! Congratulations Shannon and best of luck!

Backyard Battle

Mott and Kettering Boys and Girls Basketball teams hit the court at the OU O'Rena. It was a split decision with Mott winning the boy's game and Kettering girls taking the win.



Honoring Officer Gulda

The Kettering Student Council honored Waterford Police Officer David Gulda for his commitment and service to students and staff.



Student Scholarships

Congratulations to Waterford Mott's Mya Prevo who has earned academic and athletic scholarships to cheer at Concordia University.

400 Wins for Coach

Kettering Girls' Basketball Coach Scott Woodhull was recognized for his 400th win this month! Coach Woodhull was presented with a basketball signed by the girls in celebration of this milestone and in appreciation for all he does for our student athletes. Congratulations Coach!

Freshman Orientation

Mott and Kettering welcomed current 8th graders for 9th Grade Orientation and their parents for the Parent Night. Both the daytime and evening events were great times for 8th graders and their families to learn about what's in store for next school year.

Congratulations to Students on College Signings

It's been quite a year for our student athletes signing to play at the college level. This month, Mott's Sierra Tischer signed with Concordia to play soccer and Kettering's Alexis Weston and Audrey Jutis signed with Adrian to play golf. Kettering Captain Tanner Steward also signed a commitment to play Football at Mount Union next season and seven Mott seniors signed to play College football. These are in addition to the student athletes who have already signed this year.



Regional Champs

Kettering Captain Boys Bowlers have had a stellar season. The team was named Lakes Valley Conference Co-Champs and went on to be named Regional Champs in Division 1, Region 3. Way to go boys!



Mott Dance Team Shines

Congratulations to the Mott Dance Team for their performance at the Spirit Shine Competition last weekend. The girls won four 1st Place awards and were named Grand Champs.



Durant Celebrates Academic Achievement

Durant High School held a Term II Honor Roll Assembly this month. Congratulations to the 50%+ that made the coveted list! Also recognized from Durant were those students designated "Most Improved". The Waterford Foundation for Public Education held a special luncheon in their honor and presented them with a special hoodie in celebration of their academic achievement!

