

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 is 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.

Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year

The Waterford Foundation for Public Education named Kettering High School Teacher Monica Bandlow the 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year! The Waterford Foundation made the surprise announcement in her classroom before she was whisked away to Suburban Ford of Waterford to select a new car! Mrs. Bandlow and all nominees will be recognized at the Excellence in Education Reception in May.



NAMI Educator of the Year

We are very proud of Kingsley Montgomery Teacher Jessica Ghislain! She has been named the 2018 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Educator of the Year! What an incredible honor!



Youth Recognition Night

The Waterford Youth Assistance hosted the Youth Recognition Awards, honoring Waterford students for making a difference in the community. Most of our award ceremonies are academic or athletic. The Youth Assistance Awards are different because they honor students for community involvement, volunteerism, leadership and citizenship. Congratulations to all the deserving students who were recognized.

Riverside Receives Grant

Wow! Riverside's Lindsey Crozier received a \$2,500 classroom grant from Farmers Insurance!



Science Alive

Students at Donelson Hills enjoyed a special visit from Science Alive. Students got to see and touch a variety of animals including an armadillo, sloth and even a huge snake!



Destination Imagination Global Finals



Five Waterford Creativity teams competed at the Michigan Destination Imagination State Tournament this month. They were part of an amazing celebration of STEM creativity, with 230 teams from across the state in attendance. We had three teams from Kettering High School, one team from Houghton, and one team from Pierce competing. While all had a great day, special congratulations go to the Pierce team, who qualified to attend the DI Global Finals, held in May at the University of Tennessee. They will be one of approximately 1,400 teams from around the world who will have an amazing experience, along with competition at the highest level. If you would like to help the Pierce team in their quest to attend Global Finals, a GoFundMe page has been set up at: <https://www.gofundme.com/cv36rr-getting-to-globals?teamInvite=hsDMKdWV7Y5JvEz3Sw5kpohJXRJDA5eN2WKfPY1iU8PGXzPEwiFtFG5HFzBoMDAH>



ROBOTICS STATE CHAMPS!

Congratulations to The Captains Team 3098 who are FIRST Robotics State Champs! Such a proud moment for all the students, parents, families, mentors and fans of this team! They have worked many hours preparing for this much deserved award!

Suburban Ford Focus on the Road Video Competition



Congratulations to the winners of the Suburban Ford Focus on the Road video competition. Videos were judged by the public and these students received the most “likes” for their public service announcements warning of the dangers of distracted driving.

1st place and a \$2,500 scholarship went to Kaitlyn Starkey and Jayce Vanbuskirk, Kettering High School for the video, “Distracted Driving”.

2nd place and a \$1,000 scholarship went to Audrey Jutis, Madison Krumins and Olivia Franklin, Kettering High School for the video “Focus On The Road”.

3rd place and a \$500 scholarship went to Kathryn Hurt, Mott High School for the Video “Even Mom Can Wait”.

Green Awards – Top in the County!

Green School Awards took place this month at Oakland Schools. Once again, Grayson Elementary earned the highest “green” level with an Evergreen Award. A big surprise was Mott High School being named the Top Green School in the county! Congratulations to both schools!



Top Score!

Mott sophomore Josh Kuhn had the top score at the Lapeer Golf Tournament, shooting a 77. He beat out over 125 golfers from around the State! Way to go Josh!



Great Debate

Which is better; books or TV? That was the topic of the Great Debate at Grayson. Student debaters did a great job!



Division 1 Ratings

Waterford Kettering High School Chamber Singers and Harmonia Women's Ensemble both received Division 1 Ratings. They sang beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors of Waterford Kettering High School, the choral program, and the Waterford School District. Congratulations!

Earth Day Activities



Staff and students throughout the District held activities in honor of Earth Day. Hats off to the Kettering National Honor Society students for making a difference in our community by cleaning up Hatchery Road. Nice work Captains!

College Signings

It has been a busy month for college signings. Congratulations to all of the students who have signed a commitment to play at the collegiate level.



College & Career Expo

The 2018 College & Career Expo was held on April 25th, at Kettering High School. The event was a huge success with over 70 universities and programs for students and families to explore.

Durant Honors Graduates

Durant High School celebrated their most recent graduates at a special assembly. Congratulations to the newest members of the Class of 2018! They will be joining all graduates at the formal commencement ceremony in June.



First Friday

This month we recognized Junior Kindergarten teachers and assistants for all they do for our young learners!

UofM 4T Virtual Conference Presenter

The UofM 4T Virtual Conference has selected Waterford School District Assessment Coordinator, Elizabeth Kutchey, as a lead presenter. Elizabeth is one of three presenters selected from a large applicant pool of K-12 educators. She was selected for doing extraordinary learning with technology in their teaching. Each presenter goes through over 20 hours of professional development on how to share their work in an interactive webinar format. Way to go Mrs. Kutchey!

