Waterford Wave

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2019 comes to a close, I think about the many accomplishments here in Waterford School District over the past year. Our success is due to your dedication, support, and collaboration. I genuinely believe that your commitment to our students is a gift!

On a personal note, the best gift I've received this year is the warm welcome from the Waterford community. My first six months have been exhilarating and enjoyable. I am looking forward to celebrating our achievements and creating more opportunities for staff and students.

I hope that your holiday season is shared with family and friends. Also, be sure to take time to rest, reflect, and recharge because we have a lot to look forward to in 2020.

Happy Holidays!

DONELSON

Ms. Foley and Ms. Kawka's third-grade class received individual holiday gift bags full of toys, blankets, hats, gloves, and books from the medical team at St. Joe's Oakland Vascular Access and Rapid Release unit.

DURANT

Durant High School Leadership students made popcorn for their monthly popcorn sale. Proceeds from the December sale will go toward purchasing canned goods and dry supplies for the Waterford Goodfellows Annual Food Drive. Thank you to the Waterford Foundation for the grant monies that allowed the purchase of the popcorn machine.

GRAYSON

Grayson opened its doors to the school community for the annual Community Outreach Holiday Bazaar. Students sold homemade crafts to raise money to adopt Grayson families for the holidays. Parent volunteers, teachers, and students then went to Great Lakes Crossing to purchase all of the gifts for the adopted families.

HAVILAND

Haviland interventionists were captured in action. Mrs. Moore has been working with a group of first-graders to launch a new reading program while Mrs. Lathwell has been providing additional support to second-graders by having them write about their reading.

HOUGHTON

Houghton students have been collecting canned food for families in need during December. They have brought in over 1500 items for our community, which will be distributed by Goodfellows. Thanks to Mrs. Richards and our student leadership team for leading this worthy initiative.

KETTERING

Kettering hosted two traditional, charitable events. The Waterford Kettering National Art Honor Society held the annual Empty Bowls Dinner, with proceeds benefitting Lighthouse of Oakland County. Kettering also held the Seventeenth Annual Holiday Collage Benefit Concert, with proceeds going to Waterford Goodfellows. This event highlighted the talents of band, choral, and orchestral students. We are so grateful for our students, staff, parents, community, and countless volunteers who made these events so enjoyable, and support those in greatest need.

KNUDSEN

Knudsen hosted the National Elementary Honor Society Induction Ceremony, where nine fourth-graders and three fifth-graders were honored by friends and family.

MASON

Mason's student talent continued to roar with the latest musical production of Beauty and the Beast Jr. Just under 3000 people were able to attend eight live shows over three days. The outstanding cast and crew made this year's show a success.

MOTT

Mott staff members identified one student within each department who have inspired others as a role model by being a successful student. Staff considered vital elements of character, leadership, scholarship, and engaged effort. Using these elements of character, the following students were recognized as a "Champion for the Mott Community."

Math Excellence: William(Billy) Bland, Social Studies Excellence: Julianna Haviland, Science Excellence: Trevor Seppala, Language Arts Excellence: Bryce Miller, S.T.E.M. Excellence: Madison Adcock, P.E./Health Excellence: Georgi Bonev, P.A.V.A. (Performing & Visual Arts) Excellence: Montana King, World Language Excellence: Jessica Greynolds, C.T.E. (Career & Technical Education) Excellence: Madison Ricci.

PIERCE

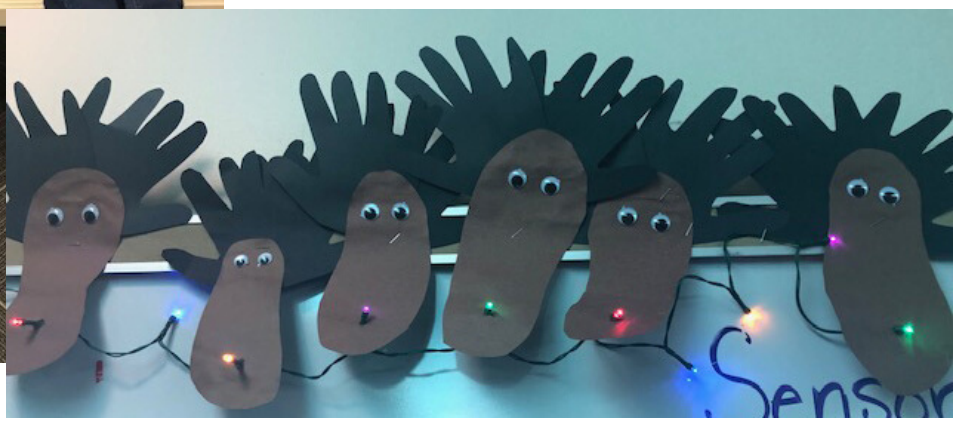
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) students at Pierce boxed up over 1000 cans of food that were donated to help families in need this holiday season. The donations were picked up by Goodfellows, and Brighthouse will distribute them to the Adopt a Family Program.

RIVERSIDE

Dr. Hersh, of Hersh & Beattie Orthodontics located here in Waterford, visited Riverside classrooms this month. Dr. Hersh taught students about proper oral health and why it is important for kids to brush their teeth. Dr. Hersh is an active part of our Village, and his visits always make us smile.

SCHOOLCRAFT

Students in Mrs. Coulter's kindergarten class have been immersed in a week-long reindeer study filled with nonfiction and fiction stories, art projects, and activities.



STEPANSKI

Stepanski students have been learning about how to care for and nurture the building plants.

BEAUMONT

During Computer Science Education Week, schools throughout the world hosted events to introduce students to the love and language of code. Beaumont students celebrated by participating in the Hour of Code after school program, which demonstrated all of the possibilities that the language of code has to offer.

COOLEY

Cooley students learned all about kindness during “Cooley Crew” time. Students meet monthly to discuss different character traits that are worth striving for and are encouraged to practice those traits around the school. They have been challenged to practice being kind this holiday season.

KMS

The events committee at Kingsley Montgomery School, in collaboration with the Waterford Optimist Club, facilitated and hosted a Santa's Workshop for students. Students from all three programs participated in a cookie decorating station and a salt dough ornament decorating station. They also had the opportunity to spend pretend money on gifts for their families.

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