WAGAR AND AHS STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER WITH VEX ROBOTICS

Every Thursday afternoon, at Wagar Middle School, you'll hear hacksaws cutting through metal, the clatter of tools, the hum of motors, and the heated debate of design. Airport’s new group, the Robotics Club, is in action.

Over 20 middle and high school students, divided into four teams, are in the midst of constructing VEX robots. Each group using metal framework, gears, motors, and imagination, are working to make an original creation. The robots can be driven, and can deposit beanbags in a trough. The Robotics Club is the brainchild of Bill Hite, Principal of Monroe County Educational Center and Transition Center. He wanted to provide general and special education students with an opportunity to increase math and science skills through hands-on experiences with robotics education. Hite said, “I’ve seen the opportunities that robotics has created for my own children. a passion for a career; knowledge in computers, math, and science; communicating with adults in area businesses; and doing college level research. I wanted to share this opportunity with other students. I also wanted to create opportunities for students who may not otherwise have an opportunity to be involved in an extracurricular activity. Overall, I think this program can have a very positive impact on the students and culture for learning at Airport.”

While Bill Hite is the driving force behind the Robotics Club, the brains, and hands-on skill, belong to his 16-year-old daughter Katie. Katie started working with robotics in 8th grade. She was in a FIRST Lego League, mentored 2 Lego teams, joined a VEX team last year, and participated on a First Robotics Competition team. Her involvement with robotics has led to a unique opportunity as a high school intern at the Artificial Intelligence Research Lab, at the University of Michigan. The VEX robot kits were provided for Airport students by a generous donation from the Carleton Rotary Club and The Robotics Education Foundation. The four teams plan to participate in a VEX competition being held at Monroe Community College on February 9th.

Teacher sponsors are Shannon Ross-Albers and Angela Stauder. Mrs. Stauder, who also teaches robotics at Wagar, reported, “The response to the club was overwhelming, and numbers were so high we had to split the group into Lego robots for the 6th graders, and the older kids for the VEX competition robots. It has been great to see the teamwork and transference of academic skills in the building of the robots.”

Kayla Wallet, a 7th grader at Wagar said, “I think I’ve learned a lot from this, especially about how to get along with other people when working. I also learned a lot about how robots work, the wiring, and the actual mechanics of it all.”

Submitted by Shannon Ross-Albers, Wagar Teacher
SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE...

Safety is Job #1!

Before teachers can teach and students can learn they have to feel safe. Parents need to know when they send their children to school their kids are going to be cared for as well as, if not more than, if they were home. The safety of our staff and students has always been and will continue to be the priority at Airport Schools. Unfortunately recent terrible events around our country have shaken the confidence of many in our schools around the United States. Debates about gun control, armed guards, and fear of the unknown have dominated the airwaves as we try to understand why terrible things happen. It is a scary issue for all of us and a responsibility we do not take lightly.

There is never a 100% guarantee against any situation. That is a fact that we must keep in mind. But as we approach our safety plans at school and our standards for safety, it is our goal to get as close to 100% as possible. I believe our recent upgrades to our buildings as a result of bond renovations are great examples of how we have made safety a priority. Our entrances at all of our buildings now force all visitors into the office and they must sign in. Even where that is not possible, we have buzzer systems and video cameras that allow us to permit access. Airport’s continued commitment to the agreement with the Monroe County Sheriff’s office to have a full-time deputy at our school every day is another example of our commitment to the safety of our campus. First and foremost, I can say with confidence that the adults in our buildings care for each and every student that walk through our doors each day. Not only do we care for their education, but we care about their feelings, their development, and certainly their safety. I see many examples every day of staff members reaching out to make sure their students act in a safe manner and are cared for in the greatest possible way.

As I stated earlier, there is never a 100% guarantee against anything. Statistically schools are very safe and the odds of accidents happening elsewhere are much greater. But please feel confident that at Airport Community Schools we have, and always will, put the safety of our students and staff at the top of the priority list.

Sincerely,
John J. Krimmel, IV

TECH TALK

Recently Kindle Fires have been added in three high school classrooms as a pilot to see how they work and how teachers can use these tools in their daily instruction. One class is Mrs. Rouses’ English 12 where they will be reading their novels on the devices rather than ordering hard copies of the books. She will also experiment with an audio version of one book as a change from the traditional. In addition, the Kindles can be used for research and also to connect to the school network where students could open and edit their work without having to go to the computer lab or Media Center. We are adding Kindle Fires, iPad’s, laptops, desktops, and iPod touches as devices that students and teachers are working with in various areas of the district, and as new exciting technology becomes available we will explore ways to enhance the education of students at Airport Community Schools.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Greetings,
We are so excited to return from our holiday break and look forward to continuing our instructional program with Airport’s finest citizens. We hope you had an exceptional time with your children. We can tell by the way our youngsters settled back into their routines that they too are ready to learn! As the mid-point of the school year approaches, we will continue to be very busy. Report cards for all students were released for parent review, and throughout the month of January, all grade levels conduct informal assessments in both reading and mathematics to determine strength, growth, and focus areas for additional instruction. We will use this information to gauge our instructional decisions for the next two quarters. Pilot math programs will continue throughout the second semester and data will be analyzed to see what will be best for our middle school and high school students in the years to come. The tide has come to wash away 2012 but our memories still remain as we reflect on the year as a whole. We have a tremendous amount to be proud of, and with your help and support, we will continue to work to improve our school.

Mark Funchion
Director of Technology

Leslie Varsogea
Director of Educational Services
5TH GRADE MOVING TO WAGAR IN THE FALL!

Last month parents, students, and teachers were notified that the district would be moving the entire 5th grade to Wagar Middle School next school year, September of 2013. The district had to make this move due to a lack of space in the elementary schools that has occurred because of the addition of so many great early childhood programs. Young Fives, 3 and 4 year-old preschool, and Great Start Readiness Preschool have been added in recent years and have filled up many rooms. These programs have already had a positive impact on the academic performance of our youngsters so the district plans on continuing to support them. A pressing issue due to the lack of space is that all the “Specials” classes (art, music, health, etc…) have to be on a cart and move from room to room. This creates a tough situation for instructional time and planning. It is also tough for students to get the individualized attention in these areas that they need.

The Board of Education and administration also discussed the Niedermeier building as a potential for added space. The district decided against that because it is housing the alternative education program that continues to grow. Displacing that program and the added financial commitment to reopen that building as an elementary is just not feasible at this time.

“This is a big move for next year’s 5th graders, but we are confident it will be a great change. We have met with the parents, spoke to the teachers, and even received input from the students. Most are excited, some are a little nervous. The bottom line is that the 5th grade students will get the same awesome education and be as safe as can be, just in a different location. I am confident that this will be a positive move for the families involved,” Superintendent John Krimmel shared.

At a meeting on January 15th parents had the opportunity to listen to an informative presentation put on by district administration that outlined where the 5th graders would be housed, who they would ride the bus with, and when their school day would start. Some of the highlights of the planned move include the following details:

- Next year the 5th graders will be all housed in 6 rooms in the northeast wing of Wagar on the first floor. They will be located in the back by the wing that houses the 6th graders.
- 7th and 8th graders will be housed on the other side of the first floor and the second floor. There will be no reason for the 7th and 8th graders to ever cross into the 5th and 6th grade areas.
- 5th and 6th graders will be riding the elementary buses next year. They will be brought in about an hour after the 7-12 buses.
- The 5th and 6th graders will start school roughly an hour after the 7th and 8th graders.
- The 5th grade teachers will be the same (unless layoffs, retirements, and transfers occur).
- The 5th grade students will attend camp, it is already scheduled.
- The 5th grade students will continue to have DARE classes.
- The bottom line is that the 5th grade will have the same teachers, same curriculum, same basic bus time and ride only with grades K-6, just attend school in a different location.
- Some exact details about the schedule and specific times will be announced in the upcoming months.

The entire presentation is available on our website at: www.acspublic.com.

UPWARD BOUND

The Upward Bound Program at Airport High School is up and running and off to a great start. So far, there are 22 students attending after-school tutoring sessions—most of whom will be going to the Detroit Pistons-Los Angeles Lakers game, all expenses paid, on Sunday, February 3.

Upward Bound is a program for students who demonstrate the ability or desire to attend college. The mission of Upward Bound is to help students in grades nine through twelve complete high school and prepare for post-secondary education. We do this by providing academic support, college preparation, career exploration opportunities, and social and cultural experiences.

All program services are free for participants. The only cost to participants and their families is time, dedication, and a willingness to do their best! Upward Bound provides free after-school tutoring, Monday through Wednesday, from 2:30 to 4:30. Certified Math, Science, and English teachers are on hand to help students with whatever they may need. There is also a six-week summer program at Monroe County Community College which provides opportunities to prepare for college entrance exams, visit local college campuses, explore career options, and sharpen their Math, Science, and English skills for the upcoming school year.

Transportation to and from the summer program is provided by Upward Bound. Students also enjoy a free breakfast and lunch each day. At the end of the summer program, students with a minimum 2.5 grade point average are eligible to go on a trip to a major metropolitan area. Past trips have been to Washington, DC, Nashville, Memphis, and Chicago. This year, students will be going to Boston. The trip will include cultural events and visits to college campuses in the area. All expenses are paid by the Upward Bound Program, including transportation, hotel, meals, and event fees.

Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. Any student who is interested can pick up an application from the Upward Bound office, which is in room 67 at Airport High School. After applications have been reviewed, eligible candidates, along with their parents/guardians, will be scheduled for a personal interview. After careful consideration of grades, teacher and counselor recommendations, and the personal interview, students will be selected. Those not selected will be placed on a waiting list.

If you have any questions, contact Charles Friedline at 734-654-6208, ext. 2067.
HANDS-ON SOCIAL STUDIES AT WAGAR
Have you ever wanted to reach out and touch the objects that ancient people used? Wanted to write your name in hieroglyphs? Well Laura Naveaux’s sixth grade Social Studies classes have been lucky enough to have these experiences this year.

Through the generosity of the School Board and their grant program, Mrs. Naveaux’s classes have been using several “Civilizations in a Crate” from The University of Michigan’s Kelsey Museum of Archeology. So far they have examined artifacts such as statuettes, oil lanterns and writing tablets in cuneiform from ancient Mesopotamia. They’ve also decoded and written in Hieroglyphs from Ancient Egypt and played copies of games, such as Senet, that were found in the tombs of the Pharaohs. In the coming months they will be examining artifacts from ancient Rome and Greece. Using these crates have really made history come alive for Wagar sixth graders.

Submitted by Laura Naveaux

ELECTRIFYING SCIENCE
A new club, Science Club, began this year with the addition of Wagar’s new and beautifully designed Science Lab. The club has thirty members and is run by four Wagar Science teachers: Marilyn Dunn, Liz Hopper, Heather Kruckenberg, and Lori Mossburg. The club meets the second Tuesday of every month. The goal of Science Club is not only to add “rigor and relevance” to Wagar’s daily science program, but also to create a love for learning and investigation.

In October, students experimented with friction to make screaming balloons and cups. In November, they learned to design series and parallel circuits and discovered the advantages and disadvantages of each type of electrical circuit. In December, the students worked with polymers and made bouncy balls and snowflake ornaments.

The club is grateful to Airport’s Board of Education who generously provided funds for the needed laboratory supplies and operation of the club.

Submitted by Liz Hopper

KEEPING NATIVE AMERICAN TRADITIONS ALIVE
The Eyler Kindergarteners experienced real-life artifacts, primary sources and took part in Native American Rituals during our annual Pow-Wow. The children enjoyed using shapes to make patterns, used their fine motor skills to string beads, listened to oral history, and used their senses to see and feel Native American relics. The students got to practice hunting and gathering as Native Americans would have done in the past and decided they prefer today’s customs. The Pow-Wow was culminated by a feast and traditional music performed by Panoka Walker. The afternoon wouldn’t have been possible without all of the parent volunteers. A special thank you to Panoka Walker, and Annette and Ken Burghardt for sharing their Native American culture with our students.

Submitted by Lisa Reaume and Lanette Carmack
NUTRITION CORNER NEWS FROM THE CAFÉ

For many years now, we have partnered with Gleaners Community Food Bank to help alleviate childhood hunger by addressing the lack of food resources in a child’s household. We do this by distributing healthy, nutritious food provided by Gleaners to children free of charge each week.

In 2010, we applied for and were awarded a grant from the Sodexo Foundation to support the BackPack program. The award was a 3 year grant worth $4500. Each year we present Gleaners with a check. When combined with grants from other nearby Sodexo accounts, we were able to present a check for $7000 this year. Submitted by Glen Newa

NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013, Airport voters will be asked to renew the district’s operational millage, which expires in 2013. This millage will allow the district to levy 18 mills on “Non-Homestead” property for five (5) years -2014 to 2018. “Non-Homestead” property does not include your personal residence. Therefore the amount of property taxes that a homeowner pays will not be affected by this millage. This renewal also allows the District to collect the full revenue of State Aid for each student.

AHS STUDENTS GIVE BACK

Children With Hair Loss is a local organization that provides human hair replacement to persons under 21 years of age who have medically related hair loss. There is no cost to the hundreds of young people CWHL has helped; this includes some young people from Airport Community Schools.

Airport High School students recently had the opportunity to give back. As a finalist in the Belle Tire Charity Competition, CWHL needed the greatest number of votes to receive the cash donation of $1000. Students were given the website and asked to consider voting for this local organization. Students can be very proud of the part they played in winning the $1000 for the organization. Students were even inquiring as to how they could donate hair or volunteer their time.

Regina Villemure, founder of Children With Hair Loss, welcomes volunteers as well as hair donations. For more information as to how you can help, visit www.cwhlmi.org

NCE NEWS

Congratulations to our girls dodge ball team. Coached by Mr. Krause and Miss Drozdowski the team included Alyssa Knight, Sarah Etheridge, Kayla Barton, Jenna Coil, Crystal Bolyard, Kayla Stanley, and Ryan Gilland. The girls traveled to North Branch Michigan to compete in the MAA state tournament. They finished 3rd in the state!

Please come out and support the NCE Wolves Boys basketball team. We play our home games at Wagar Middle School. Coached by Mr. Hesson, the boys have been working hard and can’t wait to see you at their next game.

The remaining games on their schedule are:

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Happenings at NCE:
We finished out school before the holiday break with a bang at NCE with yet another successful pancake breakfast, gingerbread house making contest, and hall decorating contest. Prizes for winners included a pizza party and gift cards to Mary Saccos!!
Art work from students at Eyler, Ritter and Sterling Elementary.

Submitted by Anthony Denardis, Art Teacher
STORYTELLING: AN AGELESS TRADITION

Storytelling is an art form all its own, which is why Airport High School Drama 2 students study and practice storytelling techniques as part of their theatre curriculum. As functional as it is for high school students to take on the roles of younger elementary students in order to serve as audience members for each other, it is more fun to actually interact with the age group wanted as an audience.

On Wednesday, November 21, 2012, Mrs. Whitelaw’s Drama 2 students went on a “field trip” to Sterling Elementary to read the stories they had been practicing telling aloud using their storytelling skills to Mr. Jobin’s first grade students. The first grade class was broken into three groups where they got to interact with three high school students who each read a different story. Some stories encouraged direct student participation, such as Dr. Seuss’s *Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?* while other selections engaged the students in a story with rhyming, sight words, and fun plots, such as *Put Me in the Zoo* by Robert Lopshire. A bonus for these high school students was getting to listen to some of the first graders read some of their own selected stories aloud to them.

This is not the first time that Mrs. Whitelaw and Mr. Jobin have brought their students together. Last year, Mr. Jobin was one of the four elementary teachers who volunteered to read 14 books written by Mrs. Whitelaw’s Creative Writing 1 & 2 classes. All of the books shared the same theme, anti-bullying. The response was so positive by all students involved last year that Mrs. Whitelaw and Mr. Jobin hope to repeat it again this year.

Submitted by: Jennifer Whitelaw and Ronald Jobin

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DELICIOUS FOOD + INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT = YE OLDE CHRISTMAS FEAST!

On December 19, 20, and 21, 2012, the Airport High School Theatre and Choir Departments joined together to bring us fun-filled evenings with a Christmas season flair. Students in the Theatre Department created Renaissance characters that interacted with the audience in different ways throughout the evening. They incorporated a medieval “commercial” into the program, which was presented by the local Hucksters; the Royal Courtiers shared the “Wassail Poem” before serving drinks to everyone. The energetic Jester not only gave the signal for all of the festivities to begin but spent the entire evening trying to win the favors of the Wench, who rewarded his endeavors with many a refusal … and a pie in the face.

The Concert and Chamber Choirs, upon the Jester’s signal, began our evening singing as they proceeded to take the stage, as well as lead the procession for the Royal Family and their two Knights to enter the room. Both choirs displayed harmony throughout the night with songs such as “Masters in the Hall”, “Carol of the Star”, and “Coventry Carol”. They also led the entire hall in song, encouraging audience participation with “Wexford Carol”, “Gloucester Wassail”, “The Boar’s Head Carol”, and “Good King Wenceslas”.

Between the knights’ sword fight, singing, and stories of Christmas miracles, audience members were thoroughly entertained. After a delicious meal of either roast beef or chicken breast, all of the Theatre and Choir students joined together on stage and sang a medley of Christmas songs in “Christmas Carol Along”. Audience participation and interaction with all of the different Renaissance characters is what made this event a truly enjoyable evening for all!

Submitted by Jennifer Whitelaw
EARLY CHILDHOOD CORNER

AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP AND
Registration FOR FALL 2013
Call 654-3433 for an appointment

STERLING ELEMENTARY
160 Fessner Road, Carleton
Round-Up Date and Sessions:
Tuesday, March 19 or
Thursday, April 18, 2013
9:00-11:00AM or 1:30-3:30PM
or 5:00-7:00PM

Your child must be 5 years old by November 1, 2013.
You may choose which session works for your schedule.
Please call 654-3433 to set-up your round-up date and time.

Call early for your date, as sessions are limited.

AT KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP YOU WILL:
• Receive and fill out a registration packet
• Visit a kindergarten classroom, meet a kindergarten teacher and share a story
• Take a tour of the great technology available at Airport Community Schools
• Enjoy a snack activity
• Receive a free “Ready for College 2026” Jets T-shirt
• Receive a “Welcome to Kindergarten Book”
• Receive a free souvenir photo of your future kindergarten student

ITEMS TO BRING TO ROUND-UP:
• Child’s original birth certificate (must have state seal)
• Immunization record
• Two proofs of residence (such as utility bills or mortgage/lease/rental agreement)
• Parent’s driver license or photo ID
If you are missing an item, don’t hesitate to call. You can still register and attend round-up. If you are unable to attend a round-up session, please call the Transportation Office, 654-3433 to register your child.

Questions, Please call Kim Weeg @ 734-654-4058.

AIRPORT PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
OPEN HOUSE
March 26, 5-7PM
• Located at Eyler Elementary
1335 Carleton-Rockwood, Carleton
• Visit the licensed classroom
• Meet the staff
• No appointment is needed

4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL
Three different sessions to choose from:
• Tues/Thurs afternoon, 12:30-3:30PM
• Mon/Wed/Fri morning, 8:30-11AM
• Mon/Wed/Fri afternoon, 12:30-3:30PM
• This a fee based program
• Your child must be 4 by November 1, 2013

GSRP PRESCHOOL 4 YEAR OLD
Your child may be eligible for this FREE 4 year old preschool. Details will be at the Open House.
Your child must be 4 by November 1, 2013

3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL
Two different sessions to choose from:
• Mon/Wed Morning. 8:30-11AM
• Tues/Thurs Morning, 8:30-11AM
• This a fee based program
• Your child must be 3 by November 1, 2013

You may register that day. Please bring child’s birth certificate, immunization record and $50 registration fee. If you are unable to attend the Open House, contact us for an appointment.
Questions, please call: Rachel Johns at 654-4123 or Kim Weeg at 654-4058.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE
A LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY
Come to Bright Beginnings where we have fun and learn through play, before and after school. We are available to all Airport Community Schools children preschool through 4th grade. Located in Eyler Elementary we are open from 6:30 am - 6:30 pm.

OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION
FALL 2013
March 26, 5-7PM

* Free Airport Preschool when student attends Bright Beginnings 5 days a week, 7 hours or more
* No appointment needed
* We are open all Airport Community Schools Professional Development days
* If you are unable to attend Open House, please call Mrs. Johns for a visit at 734-654-4123
I am from South Rockwood and graduated in 2009. I am a chemical engineering senior at Michigan State University. I will be graduating in May and have been hired by BASF Corporation into their engineering professional development program. I currently give tours to prospective engineering students, play intramural soccer and volleyball, am a member of the Izzone (basketball student section), and am involved in engineering and honors student groups. BASF sent me to work in Germany last summer for three months and I was able to travel around Europe in my free time.

Delany Ratliff

Delany Ratliff is a 5th grade student at Eyler Elementary in Ms. Green’s class. She excels in the classroom – both as a student and a citizen. Her favorite subject is math. She likes being at Eyler because of the nice staff and teachers.

Outside of the classroom Delaney excels in skating and gymnastics, her two favorite hobbies. She has won 7 trophies for gymnastic and over 50 ribbons for skating at state and national competitions.

Delaney is excited about going to Wagar because “we get to switch classes, which helps break up the day.” Delaney has an older brother, Daniel, in 6th grade at Wagar. Her mom is a preschool teacher and her dad is a Woodhaven police officer. Her favorite family vacation was Disney World.

Delaney is a delight to have in school each day, she always has a smile on her face. She brightens the building with her smile!

EYLER STUDENTS

Eyler students helped collect monies for the Hurricane Sandy Relief fund. The students are to be commended on raising $200.00 for the families through a penny drive and a popcorn sale. Way to go Eyler families!
**VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES**

**Basketball—Boys**
- Fri 02/01/2013: Milan High School Home 7:00PM
- Tues 02/05/2013: Riverview High School Home 7:00PM
- Fri 02/08/2013: S.M.C.C. Away 7:00PM
- Tues 02/12/2013: Grosse Ile High School Away 7:00PM
- Fri 02/15/2013: Huron High School Home 7:00PM
- Tues 02/19/2013: Jefferson High School Home 7:00PM
- Fri 02/22/2013: Flat Rock High School Away 7:00PM
- Thurs 02/28/2013: Crestwood High School Home 7:00PM

**Basketball—Girls**
- Mon 02/04/2013: Grosse Ile High School Away 7:00PM
- Thurs 02/07/2013: Huron High School Away 7:00PM
- Mon 02/11/2013: Jefferson High School Home 7:00PM
- Thurs 02/14/2013: Flat Rock High School Home 7:00PM
- Thurs 02/21/2013: Carlson High School Away 7:00PM

**Bowling—Home Games at Flat Rock Lanes**
- Mon 02/04/2013: Huron @ Nortel Lanes Away 3:30PM
- Fri 02/08/2013: Jefferson Home 3:30PM
- Mon 02/11/2013: Flat Rock Home 3:30PM
- Tues 02/19/2013: Milan (RED) @ FRL Away 3:30PM

**Competitive Cheer**
- Sat 02/02/2013: Flat Rock Cheer Invitl Away 10:00AM
- Wed 02/06/2013: Huron League@Grosse Ile Away 6:30PM
- Sat 02/09/2013: Maple Invite @ Adrian Away TBA

**Ice Hockey—Home Games at Southgate**
- Fri 02/01/2013: Monroe Home 7:30PM
- Wed 02/06/2013: Huron (Ice Box) Away 7:30PM
- Fri 02/08/2013: OPEN (SMCC Tourn.) Away TBA
- Sat 02/09/2013: OPEN (SMCC Tourn.) Away TBA
- Tues 02/12/2013: Riverview Home 7:30PM
- Tues 02/19/2013: Skyline Home 7:30PM
- Thurs 02/21/2013: Huron Home 7:30PM

**Track**
- Fri 03/22/2013: EMU Huron River Relays Away TBA

**Wrestling**
- Sat 02/02/2013: Huron League@Jefferson Away TBA

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**ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

**December 150 Club Winners**
- $250 - Mary Krzyminski
- $25 - Chris Griffith
- $25 - Dave & Cathy Haws
- $25 - Allen & Joann Mieden
- $25 - Roxanne & Phil McCormick
- $25 - James Orwin

**January 150 Club Winners**
- $250 - Laura Olson
- $25 - Virgil Hinzmann
- $25 - Jason & Heather Blankenship
- $25 - Delmont Chapman
- $25 - Joe & Andrea Hamilton

The next Booster Club meeting will be on February 4th at 6PM.

**THANK YOU TO BUSCH’S FROM AIRPORT ATHLETICS**

The Athletic Department would like to thank Doug Busch, Busch’s and its employees for all their support of Airport Schools and especially the Athletic Department. Some examples: over $270 in cash through the fund raising card, free hot dogs and buns for all three of the athletic seasons, reduced price for bottled water, signing us up for free Gatorade products, $250 in a cash award from Tomra for recycling. We appreciate what Busch’s does for us and ask for your continued support of their store in Carleton.

**EDDIE EAGLE VISITS AIRPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Eddie Eagle, the gun safety expert came to visit all three Airport Elementary Schools before Thanksgiving vacation. Eddie and Deputy Francisco taught the importance of treating any gun with respect and to always assume it is loaded and that it may be dangerous. We learned a really cool way to remember what to do – “Stop…Don’t Touch…Leave the Area…Tell an Adult”. Ask any elementary student – they’ll show you! A special thanks to Bart Stasa and Austin.

**BROOKLYN GERBER HEADED TO LSSU**

Brooklyn received an Athletic and Academic scholarship at Lake Superior State University. She is a 5’11 5” left-handed outside/right-side hitter. Brook made 1st Team All League, Airport MVP, Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete, MIVCA All Region, 1st Team All Region and Honorable Mention All-State this year. Brooklyn has a 3.5 GPA. She is a dual enroll student and will have 13 credits when she enters the Biology program @ LSSU.
D.A.R.E. TO BE YOU!

Fifth grade students around the district have the privilege this year of being involved in D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) sponsored by building level PTO groups brought to Airport Community Schools with the support of our Superintendent John Krimmel and the Board of Education.

D.A.R.E is a highly acclaimed educational program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in resistance to social pressures, bullying, drug and alcohol usage and violence. It is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

Deputy Dan Bellino, a retired Monroe County officer, provided instruction and mentorship to the Ritter Elementary fifth graders that concluded on January 9, 2013 with a memorable graduation ceremony. Students were recognized for their commitment to a healthy lifestyle demonstrated during role playing, collaboration, essay writing, and visual representations.

Special honors were awarded to six students, whose essays exemplified their knowledge gained during the program; medals were awarded to Paige Arsenault, William Carter, Shelby Carter, Alyssa Hanning, Brittany Mulvin, and Andrew Stiles. Morgan Headley, Madison D’Agostino and Claire Bigiardi received medals for the spirit they promoted among their peers. The classroom spirit award went to Mrs. Clum’s class.

The parent presence and support at the graduation was a tribute to the community we are a part of. Kudos go out to the fifth grade teachers Mandy Marut and Beth Clum for their dedication to our children. Visit the DARE official website: www.DARE.com for lots of valuable information.

What Parents Can Do!
1. Be your kids' greatest fan. Compliment them on all of their efforts, the strength of their character and their individuality.
2. Get your kids involved in adult-supervised after-school activities. Ask them what types of activities they're interested in and contact the school principal or guidance counselor to find out what activities are available. Sometimes it takes a bit of experimenting to find out what your kids are best suited for, but it's worth the effort—feeling competent makes kids much less likely to use drugs.
3. Help your kids develop tools they can use to get out of alcohol or drug related situations.
4. Get to know your children's friends and their parents. Call them and check to make sure they share in your views on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
5. Call kids' parents if their home is to be used for a party. Make sure that the party will be alcohol-free and supervised by adults.
6. Set curfews and enforce them. Let kids know the consequences of breaking curfew.
7. Encourage open dialogue with your children about their experiences. Make sure your children understand that they can ask you anything and that you will give them an honest answer.
8. Set a no-use rule for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
9. Sit down for dinner with your children at least once a week. Use the time to talk—don't eat in front of the TV.

Math Science Night was a Newtonian success! Forty-six families from Ritter, Sterling, and Eyler, as well as Wagar and AHS students, enjoyed 20 different activities from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Science Museum. Students and their parents explored Magnets, Microscopes, Owl Pellets, Ecology, Life Science, and many more interactive stations. We had 30 professional teaching staff giving their time and talent to man stations provided by AA Hands-On Museum. 200 people walked the halls of Ritter from 6:00-8:00PM learning, applying, and discovering the fun of Science and Math. It was difficult to tell who was having the best time, students, parents, or teachers. Many students had a chance to brave the Newtonian Ride. Students tried to throw a ball to their partner as they were spun in a 25 foot circle with power provided by Mrs. Manwell and a docent from the Museum. Mrs. Beilman and Mrs. Baugh provided a photo booth for students to imagine themselves as scientists and mathematicians of the past, present, and future. Keep your eye out for the great photos on ACS websites and in the Jet Gazette. A big thank you to Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, all the teachers from Ritter, Sterling, and Eyler that participated, to Mrs. Manwell for contacting AA HOM and applying for the grant to cover part of the cost, and to the PTO’s of all 3 elementary buildings for providing the funding for the event.

Submitted by Mrs. Miller
MATHCOUNTS
Six Wagar students have been spending their time Monday after school working on advanced math problems. These students are preparing for the MATHCOUNTS competition which will be held on February 6, 2013. The competition is held at the Woodhaven Community Center and is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The event is hosted by Airport’s own Patrick Lewis, a former Wagar MATHCOUNT champion.

Wagar’s team has only one returning member, 8th grader Alexis Olszewski. Seventh grader Kayla Wallet and 6th graders Hunter Boyless, Noah Doederlein, Keith Feldpausch and Lucas Lymburner are the additional members. The team is coached by High School Math Teacher Laura Olson.

AHS STUDENTS JOIN IN TO BRIGHTEN THE NEW SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
As the Sandy Hook students entered their new school recently, they were greeted with hundreds of colorful, sparkling snowflakes. Among these snowflakes, were over one hundred created by our high school students who volunteered their time in a small way. A special thanks to Ms Moschetti’s and Ms Waldo’s classes as well as our foreign exchange students for taking time to design snowflakes for the cause.

STERLING PTO
The second half of the school year is underway. We hope you had a great holiday break and wonderful start to the new year.

Our first ever Snow Skate was held at Dixie Skateland, January 16, from 6-8:00PM. March 26th is a fun Skate Night at Dixie Skateland for all Sterling students. Look for more details closer to the date. Fun, Fun, Fun!!

The next Book Fair will be February 4th-8th. Books will be available for purchase during your students' classrooms scheduled time. April 22-26 will be the last book fair for the school year.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-6:30. Please see the Sterling PTO webpage for further updates and information.

The Spring Carnival will be Saturday, March 2. Food, games, raffle ticket, raffle baskets, junk food walk, cotton candy and fun for all ages from 11-3PM. All Airport Jets and their families are invited to attend.

Box Tops Update - Sterling Students are doing a GREAT job of collecting Box Tops so far this year!! You have already raised $1,717.35! Keep bringing in Box Tops...each one is worth $.10 towards our goal of $3,140. Also, for every 400 your class collects, you get a homerun on the scoreboard which gets a classroom award of...bubble gum! The class with the most homeruns at the end of the game, school year, wins their choice of an ice cream or pizza party! You should be very proud.

Submitted by Stacy Nunn, President

LIBRARY NEWS
Many new books have been added to the secondary libraries. New books are placed on display inside the main entry way of each library. Some of our new books are in an eBook format. In order to see these you will need to visit our online catalog. This is available from the main page of the library web site which you may link to from the district web page.

Students continue to get connected to the library catalog mobile app, Destiny Quest, which is available free from your app store.

Upcoming Events…
Michigan CSI Community Event
January 22, 2013 7:00PM High School Cafeteria
This free program is hosted in cooperation with the State of Michigan Attorney General and Comcast. The focus of this evening seminar is Cyber Safety, guiding students in the responsible and safe use of the Internet. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

Get Connected To Your Libraries! (A free event for the community) February 21, 2013 6:30PM Wagar MS Library
The Carleton Branch Library (MCLS) and the ACS libraries team-up to present ways to connect with free resources. Print and online resources will be introduced. Our new mobile apps will be demonstrated. Laptop computers and sample eReaders will be available for use. Please bring your own mobile device if you have one.

Library Information…
The Wagar and Airport High School Libraries are open every day from 7:00 – 3:30PM with one exception; Wagar opens at noon on Wednesdays. Please check out the library web site at www.acspublic.com. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. We would be happy to help you.
RITTER PTO
The holiday season is now over and boy were we busy at Ritter. We started out the winter with our snowman display, which let the kids compete against the other classes for a cocoa and doughnut party with Frosty himself. Congratulations to Ms. Beilman’s class and a thank you to the teachers and students who worked hard on their snowmen. This year our Secret Santa Shop brought in a profit of $1500. Busch’s gift certificates were purchased with this amount and given to Ritter families in need. A special thank you to Karen Nelson for organizing the shop! On December 18th, Snowball Spectacular was held at Ritter to provide an evening of crafts and stories for our families. Thank you to Samantha Marino and the teachers who helped coordinate and participate in the event. To end the 2012 holiday season before Christmas vacation, PTO sponsored our Snowflake Dance during school for all students to enjoy with the chance to dress up and have fun dancing. Doughnuts were provided by Tim Horton’s and Mr. Hoying provided his service to DJ the event.

In February we will be having a Chuck E Cheese night as well as our Little Caesar fundraiser. Mark your calendars to remember to purchase your pizza kits! We will also be selling Candy Grams to students and parents for .50 cents. This is a cute way to send a surprise Valentine to your child.

On March 20th, Ritter students will participate in national “Kick Butts Day” for the first time. This is a campaign to educate kids on the dangers of smoking and encourage children to stay tobacco free. Sponsored by United Health Foundation, Kick Butts Day was created to educate and help kids make a difference in their community. All students will sign a pledge to say no to cigarettes which will be displayed throughout our school. We would love for the community to get involved by making a stand to the tobacco industry by saying no to cigarettes or quitting.

We hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy our Underwater Paradise Carnival on January 26th. We had a great turnout and have many to thank for putting it together. Without the generous donations from businesses and the donation of time from our volunteers, this event could not have been possible for the kids. This is a wonderful example of what the PTO stands for. Making fun memories for our Ritter families! We look forward to spring and can’t wait to provide more opportunities for the parents, students, and staff to help make Ritter the wonderful school that it is.

Upcoming Events at Ritter:
Feb. 11—PTO Meeting—4:30 in Library
Feb. 13—Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser
Feb. 11-13—Valentine Candy Grams (delivered Feb. 14)
Feb. 22-March 8—Little Caesars Fundraiser (pickup March 18)
March 18-22—Scholastic Book Fair
March 20—Kick Butts Day

Submitted by Christine Kresmer, Vice President

THE BOYS TRACK AND FIELD SPRING CLEAN UP WORK DAY FUNDRAISER will be Saturday, March 23. Time frame is 9:00 AM until 1 PM or until the job is done. We will rake leaves, move dirt or stones, clean yards and drives, or other general labor for donations. Contact Coach Mike Schley at 654-6208 or 734-735-4994 or email mschley@airport.k12.mi.us

EYLER PTO
Welcome to 2013!! There are so many exciting activities coming up at Eyler. It is going to be a very busy winter and spring and we are all excited about that. The holidays seemed to fly by again this year, but the students at Eyler had a lot of fun!

Once again this year the PTO offered students the opportunity to do their “Christmas Shopping” at Santa’s Workshop. A very big thank you goes out to Ashley Shruga for all her hard work and commitment to this activity. The Santa’s Workshop was open during our Movie Night so parents could shop with their children. This was such a nice way for students to get their shopping done a little early!

On December 4th our 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade students participated in the Eyler Concert. The PTO had refreshments for sale for all of the students and their families. Everyone did a super job at the concert. The students should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to Mr. Hoying and Mr. Ringel for all of their hard work.

This year the Eyler teachers decided to change up the holiday celebration, normally Polar Express, and went with “Grinch Day”. On Friday, December 21st all of the students participated in this school wide activity. The students went to different stations and were able to complete crafts, winter activities, and of course drink hot chocolate and have some cookies. At the end of the day all of the students watched the movie “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”. Thank you to all of the teachers and parent volunteers who helped make this special day possible.

There are some fun events coming up at Eyler. On Friday, February 1st we will host our second Movie Night of the year. Please come and join us for this fun family night! It is just $5 for a family to come watch the movie. There is pizza, popcorn, candy, and drinks to purchase too. On Thursday, February 28th Eyler will host the district’s Reading Night from 6:00 to 7:30PM. The PTO will be selling concessions during this event and the book fair will be open for shopping (the book fair will be open all week during the school day for students to shop also).

Eyler Carnival will be on Saturday, March 9th. The Carnival will have a Star Wars Theme again this year. We are looking forward to the Carnival and invite all parents to help participate in the planning process. Please attend the February 5th and March 5th PTO meetings to help out. In order to make the carnival a continued success we need a lot of help! Look for information to come home in emails and Friday folders. Lastly, Eyler is having a “Kalahari” Fundraiser day. We have the day booked for Wednesday, June 12th. You can book a room (with 4 water passes included) for $119, this is a discounted rate. We are looking forward to seeing many students there with their families. When you call to make your reservations mention Eyler PTO to receive the discount.

Please make sure to look for Mr. Roberts’ weekly emails and check the attachments. The PTO is always looking for volunteers to help in the many activities we do for the students. We encourage you to come to the PTO meetings. They are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM.

Submitted by: Michelle McCoy, Secretary
TODDLER STORYTIME  Tuesdays, 10:00AM and 6:00PM
Toddler Storytime is designed for children 18-36 months. It consists of age appropriate stories, songs, and a simple craft/activity.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME  Wednesdays, 10:00AM
Intended for children ages 3 to 5 years. This program offers stories, songs, movement activities, art experiences, and fun each week.

SAVVY COOK BOOKERS  Friday, February 1 & March 1, 12:00 - 1:00PM
Calling all cooks and readers. Join us at our Favorable Fantastic Fridays Cookbook Club.

GRAND MONDAYS  February 4, 11, 25 & March 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30PM
Join us as local musicians play the Carleton Library's lovely grand piano.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  February 8, 7:00PM
Papi is back, and he's ready to party! You're invited to the ultimate celebration of friendship and family: Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3: Viva La Fiesta! Join Papi and his two and four legged family as they move into a posh Beverly Hills hotel, complete with a luxurious doggy spa. Feel free to bring pillows and movie time snacks.

VALENTINE’S DAY CRAFT SATURDAY  February 9, 10:00AM
Join us as we paint the library red! We have all things hearts and flowers in honor of this extra special day! Make a Valentine for a loved one.

TAX TIPS  February 14, 6:30PM
CARLOTTA CONGOILOSO of H & R BLOCK will offer expert advice on filing income tax returns. She has the most current information on the constant changes in tax law and will help you get the most from your 2012 tax returns. Arrive with questions, leave with answers.

READY 2 READ  February 15 & 22-March 1, 8, 15, 22, 1:00PM
Would you like to introduce your child to the building blocks of reading? Join us for a six week interactive series “Ready to Read” where we will demonstrate important pre-reading skills for you to share with your child. Recommended for ages 3 and up.

POETRY WRITING CLUB  Wednesdays, February 20 and March 20, 6:30PM
Are there poetry verses floating about in your head? We will have fun sharing our poetry, learning about ourselves as writers and sharing the works of some of our favorite poets. Questions call Jean Grose 734-654-2212.

NORTH COUNTY BOOK CLUB  Mondays, Feb. 25 & March 25, 7:00PM
The session is a guided discussion. Copies of the books are available at the library. New members are always welcome! February’s Book—When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka March’s Book—Leisure Seeker by Michael Zadoorian

INTRO TO PINTEREST  Thursday, March 14, 6:30PM
Join us to learn the basics in this Intro to Pinterest. We will explore making boards, posting, and pinning on the website. Feel free to bring your own technology or device if you'd like.

KRAFTY KRAFTERS  Thursdays, February 7 & 21 and March 7 & 21, 6:00PM
Join us with your kraft projects: knitting, embroidery, or quilting, etc. We can enjoy being krafty together.

CAMP BOOK  Wednesdays, February 6 & March 6, 6:30PM
This lively interactive weekly event includes interactive stories, games and crafts. Participants will take an active role in themes that may include anything from science experiments, architecture design, to virtual globetrotting. Appropriate for all elementary school age children. Registration required.
### EYLER BANKERS

The Eyler 5th grade students were given the task to convince the 5th grade teachers that they would be a hard working employee at Eyler’s National Bank and Trust. The students have been diligently working on their Collin’s writing.

Dear Mrs. Kayal,
“Extra, extra, Autumn Dreisbach for banking.” The banker positions are open and waiting. Autumn Dreisbach is running against possibly 28 people. It is a very tight squeeze. I think that I would be a very good banker. One reason is that I have never, ever gotten any report card that wasn’t all A’s. I work very hard to get all those A’s. To me a working employee would be doing their assigned job without goofing off or playing around. Another example of what I think a hard working employee looks like is doing and turning all of your work in on time (like school work). Another example of what I think a hard working employee looks like is they are listening to their boss or instructor. My last example of what I think a hard working employee is that they should be doing their job very well so they can keep it. If you choose me it will be a decision you will not regret.

Sincerely,
Autumn Dreisbach, Eyler Banker

### Meet EETCHY

Students at Sterling have been using him as a tool to help them organize their thoughts in both oral and written expression. Invented by Sara Smith of Michigan, and brought to Sterling by Julie Bennett – speech and language teacher, students were taught a simple song. “Green Group. Blue Do. What does it Look Like? What is it made of? Pink Parts. White Where? What Else do I know?” This chant, along with beads and EETCHY give students an organizational tool to assist them with oral and written expression, vocabulary comprehension, defining and describing, making associations, functions, categorization and similarities and differences. Check out some of their awesome Type 3 writings using EETCHY!

4th grader, Elise Spears started her day with a Type 1 brainstorm about volcanoes. Then while reading, she took notes using her EETCHY, and finally she turned it into a fantastic Type 3 writing!

Here are some things students had to say and write about using EETCHY, the Expanding Expressions Tool.

- Elise Spears, 4th grade “I think EETCHY helps me write sentences and it is fun to write using it.”
- Jordan Champlin, 4th grade, “I like to use EETCHY because he helps us not get confused at all and it’s fun to say.”
- Emily DeLano, 3rd grade, I like EETCHY because it is fun to use and I learn how to write better thanks to him.”
- Marissa Boyless, 3rd grade, “I like EETCHY because it has a bunch of categories and they’re all fun to think of. It helps me learn when I’m doing a type writing and I always think of EETCHY and all the categories. I think about them and it helps me answer the prompt and it makes me think more about stuff.”

Submitted by Jenny Francisco, Sterling Teacher

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 4-7 Sterling Book Fair
Feb 5 Eyler Book Day
Feb 6 Wagar Yearbook Meeting
Feb 6 Sterling Book Day
Feb 6 Ritter School Store Open
Feb 6 Ritter Bank Day
Feb 7 Eyler Cookie Sale
Feb 7 Jump Rope for Heart at Sterling
Feb 7 Wagar & HS Robotics Club
Feb 11 Ritter PTO Meeting 4:30PM
Feb 12 Mobile Dentist at Eyler
Feb 12 Sterling PTO Meeting 6:30PM
Feb 13 Ritter School Store Open
Feb 13 Ritter Bank Day
Feb 18 NO SCHOOL For Staff & Students
Feb 19 Wagar Yearbook Meeting
Feb 20 Ritter Bank Day
Feb 20 Ritter School Store Open
Feb 20 Sterling Bank Day
Feb 21 Ritter PTO Meeting 4:30PM
Feb 22 Mobile Dentist at Eyler
Feb 22 Sterling PTO Meeting 6:30PM
Feb 26 Festival Band Concert 7PM
Feb 28 Wagar & HS Robotics Club
March 2 Sterling Carnival 11-3PM
March 5 Young Authors-Elementary
March 6 Wagar Yearbook Meeting 2:15PM
March 6 Ritter Bank Day
March 6 Ritter School Store Open
March 6 Sterling Bank Day
March 7 Eyler Cookie Sale
March 7 Wagar & HS Robotics Club
March 9 Eyler Carnival 11-2PM
March 11 Ritter PTO 3:30PM
March 13 Ritter School Store Open
March 18 Ritter Book Fair
March 20 Ritter Bank Day
March 20 Ritter School Store Open
March 22 Eyler Science Fair
March 21 Wagar Book Club 2:15PM
March 22 Eyler Popcorn Sale
March 26 Eyler Popcorn Sale
March 27 Ritter PTO Skate Night
March 27 Ritter School Store Open
March 28 Wagar & HS Robotics Club

No School-Spring Break
March 29-April 5
RITTER STUDENTS GET ON SANTA’S NICE LIST

Ethan Miller, son of Ritter teacher, Deb Miller was at the North Pole putting in a good word for the Ritter students on the Naughty and Nice list because of the great work they do for soldiers around the world. His submarine broke through the ice near the North Pole so he could stop to see Santa. The submarine is now safely in Groton, CT.

RITTER SNOWBALL SPECTACULAR

It was a fabulous night at the Snowball Spectacular which was sponsored by the Ritter PTO. We had many students and parents attend the event! Some of the rooms were jam packed. The families were able to choose two stories to hear and enjoy an activity afterwards. Some of the stories that were shared by the Ritter teachers were Pete the Cat, If You Take a Mouse to the Movies, Frosty the Snowman, The Polar Express, Tale of the Christmas Mouse, Imogene’s Antlers, Santa’s Stuck, and more. In Mrs. Dyl’s Class the students made Frosty the Snowman ornaments for their Christmas trees. All had a great time. It was awesome to see families take time out of their busy schedules to spend quality time with their children listening to stories and interacting with them being creative.