

EAST WEST



MARCH



Cambridge



Representatives of the Michigan National Guard paid a visit to Cambridge High School last week to talk to 11th and 12th graders about the benefits of becoming a citizen soldier.

The visit is among several presentations academic success coaches have arranged to introduce students about college and career opportunities.

National Guard representatives talked to students about serving as a guardsman. Enlistees do 10 weeks of basic training and receive advanced training, which provide professional skills, and technical training that can be used in their civilian career. They commit to training one week each month and two weeks during the summer.

Students can enlist at age 17 with a parent or guardian's permission. In addition to training, they commit to one weekend a month and two weeks during the summer. They can be called up for disaster and emergency assistance and recently helped distribute water in the city of Flint.

Representatives of the Marines and Navy are also scheduled to visit the school during March.



Marine Science: Students develop effective strategies to clean up oil spills.



High School



Both JV and Varsity Pom were state champions this year. In recognition of the hard work of our girls, and to celebrate the success of the two programs, Senator David Knezek invited the teams and their coaches to be recognized in front of the Michigan Senate on, Tuesday, March 1st. Congratulations once again ladies!



The High School Choir participated in their first "World's Largest Choir Concert", which is part of Music in Our Schools Month. March is MIOSM and an event is choirs from across America prepare and sing selected songs on the same day at the same time, creating the World's Largest Concert. I combined all the high school and our middle school choirs and we participated for the first time this year. Students studied seven selections, which had students singing in Latin and Spanish as well as songs which were based on poems of Walt Whitman and Robert Louis Stevenson. This was on Tuesday, March 22nd.

Garden City High School's two jazz bands received trophies and positive comments at MSBOA state Jazz Festival yesterday at Wyandotte Roosevelt High School. Both our Jazz Band and jazz orchestra received "Excellent" ratings which earn trophies. Our students received a positive clinic session which included a lesson on solo improvisation with Max Colley, a respected educator here in Michigan. Students learned how to make-up spontaneous solos, many tried and did really well.

Middle School



On Sunday, March 20th Garden City High School and Middle School students participated in the 23rd Annual Michigan Japanese Quiz Bowl at Eastern Michigan University. There were 45 teams from all over Michigan at the competition, including the seven teams from Garden City.

There were five levels of competition, with questions about Japanese language and culture. Students were also able to participate in various cultural events, such as calligraphy and martial arts. At the end of the day, they enjoyed a Koto performance by Miyabi. During the award ceremony, three Middle School students were recognized for their Japanese New Year Card design centered around the "Year of the Monkey."





32 GCMS 8th grade Art students visited the Detroit Institute of Arts on March 18th. Students enjoyed a guided tour through the museum. Then, they broke into groups and were able to decide which galleries they would like to visit. During this time, they were asked to sketch

their favorite piece of artwork. Visiting art museums, such as the DIA, encourages art students to use the skills they have learned in the classroom to analytically and critically observe a work of art in a real life situation.

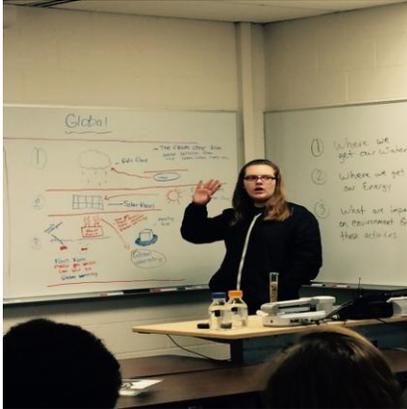


Once Upon a Fairy Tale

Garden City Middle School students are in rehearsal for this year's play, "Once Upon a Fairy Tale". The play, which is under the direction of Middle School Teacher, Jackie Ryskamp, started production in mid-February. The cast of 23 characters find themselves with the dilemma of marrying off a "not so nice" princess. While the cast is busy with rehearsal, the crew has begun production of the set and props. Performances are May 5 and 6 at 7:00pm in the Middle School gym. If you are looking for an evening of fun, this is a show you are not going to want to miss!



Garden City Middle School: Future U

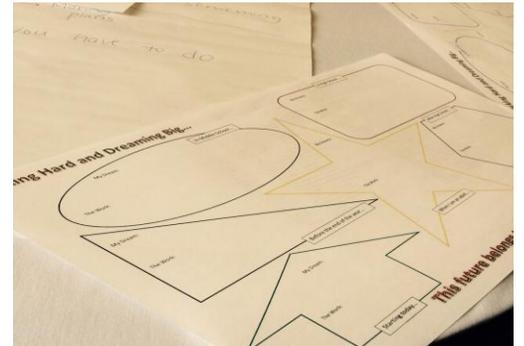


Seventh Grade Garden City Middle School students in the Future U program continued to gain wide-ranging exposure to a college-going culture in their third visit to the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus on Saturday, March 19th. The program takes a holistic approach to building a college-going culture in middle schools by addressing the unique cultural, social, and psychological obstacles faced by participating students.



The interests and academic capabilities of participants are expanded through career exploration workshops from many of the disciplines represented at U of M. On this visit, Brian Ellis, professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering along with a few of his PhD students, engaged students during a morning workshop guiding students into understanding what it is environmental engineers do. Students broke out into small groups creating and presenting info-graphics explaining where it is and how we get our usable water and energy, and what the impacts are on the environment from these activities.

After eating lunch and relaxing a bit in the Hill Dining Hall, students convened inside the Michigan League with 7th grade students from two other Future U participating schools, University Prep in Detroit and Clippert Academy. Placed into five larger groups, each led by a U of M student leader, the Future U students participated in a goal-setting workshop and team-building activities. Students have been enjoying the exposure to U of M's campus and engaging with the student leaders who share so much valuable information with them.



Lathers



Lathers students and staff enjoyed a BEACH DAY spirit day. Sunglasses, flipflops, beach towels and shorts were a perfect preview for spring!



Our Reading Month kicked off with an outstanding assembly with the Madcap Puppets. The entire school enjoyed the Aesop's Fables presentation.



Rose Gross was our special reader on Dr. Seuss' birthday. She met with our kindergarten children to read The Cat in the HAT.



Students love our new reading fort in the library!



Our GSRP is an outstanding program for at-risk 4 year olds. We have 144 children enrolled and are currently accepting applications for the fall. (# 0051)



Students with outstanding behavior are chosen to enjoy a picnic with the principal monthly at Lathers.



Memorial



Memorial students are Wild About Reading! Reading month was kicked off with songs and skits performed by our talented staff. The Title 1 teachers, Michelle Woodard, Devon Dean and Rachel Robert developed a contest with safari themed prizes that got our students motivated to read, read, read! Judge Hammer brought his giant gavel and led the first and second graders in a reading pledge. They took it very seriously and 336 students earned a book, and many of them received jungle animals toys, bracelets and safari sunglasses. Four bikes were donated

and were raffled at the closing event. Our students have read 127,135 minutes this month and they are very proud of their accomplishments.

Memorial held a family game night with the help of Learning Gizmos. Our staff volunteered to teach students and their families new games that were also available to purchase that evening. Over 200 people attended and were able to play math and reading games fit for a variety of ages. Many thanks to our volunteers and Chris Taylor for organizing the event.



Shinning Stars - February

Lathers	Faith Slavin
Memorial	Michael Weathers
Douglas	Dylan Scott
Farmington	Zachary Czarnik
Middle School	Chuckie Gassam
High School	Robbie Moyers
Cambridge	Eron Rogers
Burger	Samara Merced

Above and Beyond - February

Lathers	Libby Theis
Memorial	Anna Buczek-Vergona
Douglas	Sarah Orr
Farmington	Carla Young
Middle School	Jennipher Hartmann
High School	Lynn Curson
Cambridge	Elizabeth Bull-Davie
Burger	Mary Mirabatur



- 1st Rose Mirabatur, Dave VanDeWater
3rd Tracey Pask, Mary Wertz
4th Jeanette Coeburn, Lynne Dobney, Lawne Hillert, Lori Marx
5th Shirley Proctor
6th Karin Oweis, Diane Ybarra
8th Jim Bohnwagner, Pat Brown, Gary Gaden, Nicole Osborne, Lecia Wagonjack
9th Renee Stan, Jeff Szypula
10th Kathleen Devew
11th Lora Thompson
14th Patricia Stanchina
15th Cris Cramer
16th Lauren Cezon, Sandy Newsome
17th Bonnie Duthie, Kimberly Erdelen, Lisa Whitehead
18th Shirley Mullins, Michele Tyree
19th Derek Nowka, Rick Waronek
20th Tracey Ball, Sue Byk, Diana Demers, Lisa Kordie, Meredith Nackley
22nd Christine Aquilina, Colleen Gilmour, Ellen Shnerpunas, Caroline Vanstrien
23rd Michael Jagod
25th Cheryl Moskal
26th Laurie Kempisty
27th Kelly Mendez
30th Aleisha Donald, Michelle Peters



New Hires...

Suzanne Garrity
Andrea Davis
Mark Mimnaugh
Michaela Ruttly

Special Program Para
AI Teacher
AI Teacher
AI Para

Lathers
Burger Baylor
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Birth Announcements



Lauren and Joe Szypula are the proud parents of a baby boy, Joseph Stephen Szypula, Jr. Weighing in at 6lbs. 3oz., 19.5" long on February 29, 2016. Lauren and Joe are teachers at Burger Transition Center.

Condolences



The Bodnovits family on the passed away of Linda Bodnovits. Linda was a longtime Garden City Schools' employee who served in various capacities. Linda was a high school secretary who advocated for our students, district and the PTA. Linda will be greatly missed.

A scholarship is being established in Linda Bodnovits' memory. Contributions, made payable to Garden City High School, should be sent to Karen Avey at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135.

Job Opportunities

Aramark is in need of Lunch Room Monitors for the elementary schools. 1½ hours a day. Please call the food service office for more information. (734) 762-8369.



Angels Above Baby Gowns with Garden City High School

**Will be hosting a Prom Dress Event
Saturday April 9, 2016 from 10am to 3pm**

These gently used dresses will be available for anyone in need, free of charge.

We are asking for a \$10.00 donation to cover the cleaning cost.

This donation will go directly to our non profit group (AABG)

DATE: April 9, 2016 TIME: 10am to 3pm LOCATION: Garden City High School Library

6500 Middle Belt, Garden City, MI 48135

For more information contact: Dawn Lafferty at 734 421-2322 or via e-mail at angelsabovebabygownsmi@gmail.com

We will not be collecting wedding gowns donations at this event.