

EAST WEST



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High School

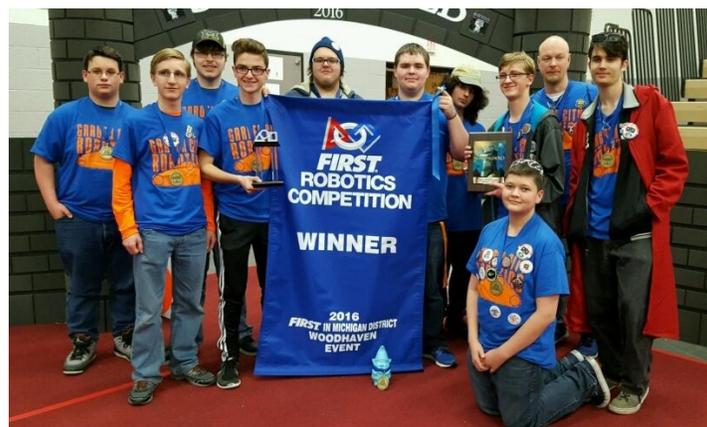


Congratulations to GCHS Senior, Anthony Nitkowski. Anthony, a trained pianist, accepted donations for his self-produced CD as a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research. During a month of fundraising, Anthony collected \$1,510 towards the cause.

Pictured, is Anthony and Maureen O'Reilly, Event Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter. Anthony's grandfather suffers from Alzheimer's so Anthony is passionate about finding a cure for the disease. If you are interested in Anthony's CD, contact Sharon Kollar, principal of Garden City High School.

The brand new robotics team at GCHS just won the competition in Woodhaven! They are now headed to the state finals.

Congrats to the whole group. In addition, many thanks to Dave VanDeWater for taking on the feat of being their sponsor!



Go Cougars Robotics Go!

The High School held a prom dress event on Saturday in the HS MRC.

This event was sponsored by Angels Above Baby Gowns a non-profit group based on Garden City.

Over 100 dresses were chosen by local girls for prom or other events! It was a pleasure to be part of this spectacular event!

Dawn Lafferty and her group of tailors and other volunteers, as well as GCHS staff and student volunteers made this a huge success!



We hope we may be able to do this again in the fall for homecoming!

GCHS Student Council Donates Care Packages to Chemotherapy Patients



Garden City High School's Student Council is taking on a new project. Using the funds they raised in October for Breast Cancer month, the students are sponsoring "Chemo Care Pouches." Student Council purchased quality, reusable pouches and is filling them with items of comfort for people who are currently undergoing chemotherapy. Items such as warm socks, lip balm, lotion, and small snacks are being packed into each pouch.

"This is a great way to actually help someone directly," said Hannah DeHetre, Student Council President. DeHetre organized the fund-raising efforts last fall along with the GCHS Cougar Crazyes and football team. DeHetre has a strong motivation to help women and families impacted by cancer; she lost her mother to breast cancer when she was young. "Knowing personally how this can affect a family, something as simple as these care packages can mean a lot."

It was also important to the group to keep the donations local. GCHS Head Football Coach, Scott Murray, encouraged Student Council to find a local facility in need. Student Council plans to take these care pouches to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit at the end of the month where they will be distributed to women receiving chemotherapy. They initially started with 20 pouches, but that number could grow as interest spreads to other student groups. "The more pouches we can fill, the better. We couldn't think of a better way to offer some comfort during such a difficult time," said Emily Hornbeck, Student Council Co-Sponsor. Hornbeck, along with Co-Sponsor Chad Davis are coordinating the purchasing, filling, and delivering of the pouches.



Elementary, High School Students Show Pride in Flag



A flag retiring ceremony at Garden City High School was a history lesson, salute to the country and a course in Old Glory trivia all rolled into one.

The bleachers at the GCHS football field were filled April 20 with Douglas Elementary School students and members of VFW Post 7575 as GCHS Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFJRCTC) gave a dramatic presentation of the history and significance of the flag. They also illustrated the proper way to retire the nation's symbol.



Farmington

Let's Play Ball

The students in Mrs. Koslakiewicz/Smitt's 6th grade class at Farmington celebrated the Detroit Tigers Opening Day in a fun way. All the students accepted and completed the March is Reading Month challenge and were invited to a baseball themed lunch.

Baseball activities were also part of the academic subjects for the day. The students read about the history of baseball and analyzed and interpreted baseball related graphs. Students also viewed "Who's On First", by Abbott and Costello and worked together to name the starting line-up of this infamous team.



After lunch, our beloved Detroit Tigers were live streamed into the classroom. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

NEHS INDUCTEES
APRIL 13, 2016

5th grade

Angelina Bierkamp	Nunez
Regan Buterbaugh	Nunez
Kayla Campbell	Nunez
Vanessa Collins	Luttrell
Zachary Czarnik	Young
Natalie Dunk	Nunez
Angela Gonzalez	Carcone
Brianna James	Braun
Adrian Muntean	Braun
Owen Novess	Carcone
Donoven Parker	Carcone
Amilia Salisbury	Nunez
Everett Thorn	Nunez

6th grade

Megan Bell	Jahlas
Devon Collins	Jahlas
Zachary Dumas	Jahlas
Haliee Fleteau	Koslakiewicz
Grace Konopatzki	Parks
Chloe King	Koslakiewicz
Lauren Space	Koslakiewicz
Jenna Stewart	Messner
Britney Turrill	Messner
Sophia Walker	Messner

Burger

Burger Night Riders



On April 12, the 9th Annual Burger Night Riders Staff vs. Students game was played at Garden City Middle School. Nearly 30 Burger Baylor and Burger Transition students played against Burger staff in a game enjoyed by Burger families along with Burger staff past and present. In preparation of this game, these students were led by Head Coach Dennis Allison and his assistant coaches: Nicole Bartololla, Kris Kramer, Jon Rutter, Debbie Furmanski, Vicky Fuhrman, and Jennifer Still. They met once a week for 10 weeks at Burger Transition Center and GC Middle School practicing basic basketball drills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, as well as what it means to be on a team and to have good sportsmanship. This program is generously funded through the Lyman foundation, which provides each player with a T-shirt and trophy. Stan Bialach and Patrick Crosby were the game's MCs/DJs and Brian Wright, a brother of one of the Burger players, was the game's referee. Coach Allison and his team of coaches were also joined for this game by Jeff Szypula, Kim Marquette, Katie Farthing, Dawn Averill, Rad Lewandowski, Tony Mattioli, Joe Szypula, and Charlie Floetke.

Thank you goes out to all staff who worked so hard to provide this wonderful experience for our students and their families as well as to those who came out to cheer our players. A big shout out goes to Coach Dennis for the many hours he put into organizing such a fabulous activity for our students to take part.



Cambridge

Students master atomic theory with the help of Play-Doh

When you think about chemistry, the word Play-Doh doesn't come to mind. But in Julia Roscoe's class at Cambridge High School, students learned the atomic theory by building the different parts of an atom with the modeling compound. "I thought using Play-Doh would be good because it's hands-on. The students had the opportunity to actually build their models according to the evolution of the atom," Julia Roscoe said.

The students started by making pea-size particles out of the Play-Doh and then progressed to creating a solid sphere. Next they added the rings for the subatomic particles.

"The current model has all the features plus the protons, neutrons and electrons. That was the final step," she said. "The hands-on and the visuals also allowed them to make a timeline of the events."

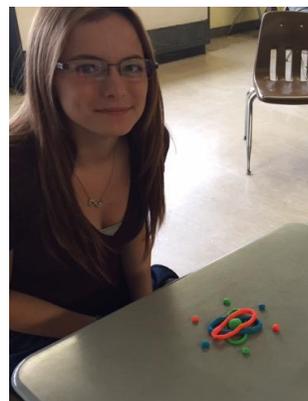
The timeline fills the chalkboard at the back of the classroom. The timeline is a science standard to Common Core.

"It's boring, but this was a good way to make it interesting and to stimulate conversation. We had questions like 'Can you really see atoms?' and 'Has anyone ever seen an atom?' " she said.

This isn't the first time she's used Play-Doh in her chemistry class. She also had students use it when the discussion focused on the bonding with electrons.

She added that she had modeling clay pulled out before she decided to use the Play-Doh.

"It's clean, not messy like clay. You ball it up and put it away," she said. "But what I liked it most is that it activated previous knowledge. The kids started talking about their childhood and that started them talking about science. It engages learning."



Students and staff at Cambridge High School Tuesday showed their support for higher education by wearing their favorite college or university gear.

The show of support was in response to First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative geared to inspire students to take charge of their future by pursuing an education past high school.

Organized by Director Debbie Eves, students and staff were encouraged to wear college athletic wear. Everything from T-shirts, sweatshirts and pants, representing the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, North Carolina and Duke as well as Schoolcraft College could be seen in the hallways of the high school.

The Reach Higher Spirit Day was held in conjunction with National College Signing Day, when seniors commit to a college or university. This is the second year Mrs. Obama has invited students to wear their favorite college gear and send picture with the hashtag #ReachHigher!



The initiative's goal is for students to pursue post-high school education at a college, university or professional training program.

"Spirit Day was a celebration of our students' success," said Debbie Eves. "We work with our students to help them reach higher to earn their high school diploma and go on to college or vocational programs. I'm proud of their success."

Shinning Stars - March

Lathers	Audrey Lada
Memorial	Ernest May
Douglas	Leland Hembree
Farmington	Autumn Jennings
Middle School	Katelyn Green
High School	Maggie Crunk
Cambridge	Benjah Smith
Burger	Michael Lomas

Above and Beyond - March

Lathers	Kaitlin Brooks
Memorial	Jamie Williamson
Douglas	Nichole Perczak
Farmington	Laurie Wilson
Middle School	Carrie Watkins
High School	Kelly Mendez
Cambridge	Caroline Vanstrien
Burger	Audrey Barnak & Pat Crosby



- 1st Carly Boschma
- 2nd Sandy Bosker, Kari Hinken, Denise Swisher
- 4th Nora Cikstesikstenas
- 6th Carla Young
- 11th Janet Freeman
- 12th Michelle Rowland, Susan Stewart, Joey Szypula
- 13th Jennipher Hartmann, Kim Marquette
- 16th Jackie Ryskamp, Sheila Windom
- 17th Chad Davis, Jennifer Gooding, Karen Teran
- 18th Luann Englehart, Sharon Kollar
- 20th Ann Ferrier
- 21st Deborah Gabrion, Nicholas Timmerman
- 22nd Jeff Edgar
- 23rd Cynthia Chambers, Mary Hammond
- 24th Heidi Leads, Bridget Taylor
- 27th Denise Henderson-Bills, Nancy Waldron
- 29th Theresa Cook
- 30th Marianne Hubbard
- 31st Kaitlin Brooks



New Hires...

Heather Coleman	AI Para	Burger
Belinda Hunter	AI Para	Burger
Kelly Macijewski	Special Program Para	Middle School
Dawn Salwa	AI Para	Farmington
Suzette Sullivan	AI Teacher	Burger Baylor
Andrew Wunderlich	AI Para	Burger

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.

Fundraisers

Wild Game Dinner and raffles

05/21/16 doors open @ 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

The annual Wild Game Dinner, to benefit Garden City High School Football will take place at the Polish Legion of American Veterans Hall (25222 W Warren St Dearborn Heights, Mi.) on 05/21/16. Tickets are \$50.00 and will include the wild game dinner, premium bar, and a door prize. (NO STUDENTS ATTEND) There will be raffles, sponsored by the Firing Line in Westland, 50/50 raffle, gift basket raffle and a sports memorabilia silent auction that night as well. Please contact Coach Murray for pre-sale raffle tickets or entry tickets to the event.

We are also accepting donations for gift baskets to help make this event great.

Thank you & GO COUGARS!