

# EAST WEST

## December 18, 2015

On December 14, 2015, DFCU donated \$5000 to the Garden City Foundation for Global Education. Formerly known as Dearborn Federal Credit Union, DFCU has a Garden City branch located at Merriman and Warren. This is the second donation DFCU has made. This money will allow teacher mini-grants to start once again in the spring.

Thank you, DFCU. Your donation will make a difference for our students!



## Middle School

- Talent Show -



This year GCMS had 13 acts for the talent show, including an impressive display of skill and discipline by the GCHS ROTC program. Performances included guitar play, singing, and piano. The show was organized and run by the GCMS Student Council. Advisor, Jackie Ryskamp did a terrific job helping the students coordinate a dynamic assembly.



- Bully Assembly - Students from Eastern Michigan University performed an anti-bullying assembly for the students of GCMS on November 20th. The main message was the negative effects of bullying and to simply be kind to others.



- Future U December 4th Visit -

On December 4th, students from the University of Michigan visited GCMS. The university students are part of the Future U program. They work with Garden City students who are selected while in 6th grade, and participate in the program through the conclusion of their 8th grade year. The premise of the program is to expose students to the ins and outs of college. Topics include developing leadership, scholarly skills, preparedness and connecting college to a career.

The Garden City High School and Middle Schools Bands held their annual Holiday Concert in O'Leary Auditorium on Wednesday, December 9. The high school program now includes both a Jazz Band and Symphonic Band. Band Director, John Parkinson joined the students on Electric Bass for the jazz standard, "Coming Home Baby".



The Middle School Band's repertoire was focused on Holiday classics, including: "Deck the Halls" and "Holiday Processional". As part of the programs long tradition, the Marching Band Drum Major led the band as a conductor for a number. This year it was senior, Marissa Letizio leading the GCHS Symphonic Band in their rendition of "Medieval Legend".



## High School



The following Garden City High School Students were inducted into the National Honor Society this past November: Megan Coon, Angeliki Dimopoulos, Justin Do, Erta Hidri, Amber Killingbeck, Brooklyn Murray, and Kennedy Stilwell.

Congratulations to them all on their achievement and commitment to the NHS Core Values of: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.

On Friday, December 4, the fifth annual He-Man Volleyball game was played at the High School. The match pits the girls' varsity volleyball team against a team created and coached by Mr. Rich Waronek stacked with senior boys. The event raised funds for scholarships in honor of Robby Spellman and Vinnie Meier--former students in Career Technology Education and DECA members. Also in the evening, there was a miracle minute that raised \$70 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association to send a child to camp. (The goal is to reach \$850) This year's event was very well attended and raised \$1333. DECA members Marti Dzendzel and Madysen LaPointe used their marketing skills to organize, plan, and promote this event with the help of Mr. Waronek's coaching and assistance with tickets and Zack King's command of the sound system! Props to Ray Ainsworth as the announcer. Donations for either MDA or the scholarships can be made through Lynda Bommarito, ([BommarL@gardencityschools.com](mailto:BommarL@gardencityschools.com)) the DECA advisor at the High School.



Garden City High School National Honor Society collected over 65 gently used coats for the homeless population. GO NHS!!



On Dec. 16th, Garden City High School's "Singers" proudly performed for the Wayne RESA School Board and Wayne County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Randy Liepa. This requested performance included "Carol of the Bells" and three other holiday favorites. The group showcased their vocal talent and program director, Mr. John Parkinson highlighted the ensemble's adeptness with three part harmony. The entire staff of Wayne RESA was in attendance and after the final piece, our students were honored with a standing ovation.



Mrs. "Frau" LeVan took her two German classes to Frankenmuth in early December. Students and parents first visited Bronner's and had a chance to explore all the magic and wonder there. Students also visited the Silent Night Memorial Chapel on Bronner's property, which is an exact replica of the original Silent Night Chapel in Oberndorf, Austria. Students learned that the original song, "Silent Night" was written in German by Mohr and Gruber.



Next, students visited the Bavarian Inn. Everyone made their own cherry or apple strudel. As the strudels baked, students enjoyed a complete German dinner. They tried new German foods, including: Schnitzel, Wurst, Sauerbraten, German potato cheese puffs, homemade fruit bread and jam, cole slaw, buttered noodles, and for dessert - Black Forest Cherry Torte (Schwarzwaldkirschetorte!). After lunch, students were entertained by an accordion player who also played German hand bells. Lastly, students explored the basement gift shops, received their strudels from the bake house, and were back on the charter bus and returned to the high school. It was an action-packed, fun-filled, memorable day!



Garden City DECA (Association for HS Marketing Students) competed at Districts yesterday (Wednesday 12/16) at Baker College in Allen Park. 48 students competed and Garden City Rocks!!!! Our students won 63 medals. Medals are awarded for testing scores, judged events, and overall winners in their event. Students qualify for state competition through winning at Districts or having their research/chapter marketing plans approved as a state qualifier. The students listed below are qualified to compete at the State Career Development Conference in March.

Special thanks to the staff, alumni, administration, parents, business partners, and school board members that assisted in DECA in practicing, supporting the endless project work, and judging at the District Conference:

Cody Bailey, Alex Boyd, Lynn Curson, Katrina DeMoss, Wyatt Giangrande, Darlene Jablonowski, Kayla Jakel, Drew McMechan, Marjorie Meixner, Diane Melvin, Mary Newton, Justin Slanec, Loren Thrun, Jordan Thrun, Jen VanDeWater, Dave VanDeWater, Amber Wray

\* We need judges and practice audience for State Competition (March 11-12 at Cobo Hall)---interested? (DECA is Addicting---come join us!)

### STATE QUALIFIERS

Samantha Charara  
Cassie Childs  
Savanna Davis  
Tanner Davis  
Kamryn Dunham  
Marti Dzendzel  
Lauren Finley  
Jada Frederick  
Kaylen Glenfield

Brandy Hanover  
Makenna  
Hermanson  
Hayley Jacobi  
Alison Kindred  
Zachary King  
Tony King  
Madysen Lapointe  
Bailey McGeorge

Alyssa Metcalf  
Lindsey Michalak  
Brooke Morrison  
Natalie Mullins  
Brooklyn Murray  
Kevin Nelson  
Sarah Payne  
Miranda Piazza  
Hailey Rauton

Jordan Sawyer  
Aubrey Slanec  
Cassidy Smith  
Drake Sparks  
Aspyn Spears  
Ashley Tapper  
Dominic Tomasi  
MacKenzie Warwick  
Kyle Wladysiak



## Cambridge



Students in the 11th and 12th grades at **Cambridge High School** are getting help in planning for college and careers through a series of presentations organized by the Academic Success Team.

The presentations are held on the AST's "board room" and have been well attended. So far students have heard from representatives from Henry Ford Community College and Baker College who talked about their academic and technical programs and training available on their campuses.

A representative of the Michigan Department of Treasury also did presentations about the state's Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) and the Tuition Incentive Program.

AST meets with students to talk about their plans for the future to determine what they can do to help them achieve their goals. The information also is used in planning further presentations.

In January, AST will have visits from representatives of Dorsey School, New Horizon and the Michigan Laborers' Training and Apprenticeship Institute. Garden City Hospital also will be coming in to talk to students about health care careers.

And students are finding the information useful. Within hours of the Baker presentation, one student was submitting her applications for enrollment and an alternative education high school scholarship.

## Burger

On Friday November 13, BTC opened the doors for our student led food and clothing pantry. The turnout was good and it offered our students the opportunity to serve the community by assisting families with food and clothing selections.

The following week on November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Cougar Café served over 100 meals to our wonderful residents. It was a great community gathering! Gordon Chevrolet generously donated 100 turkeys, which made this Thanksgiving a very special time for many families.

A very special thank you to Gordon Chevrolet and all of the volunteers who made this one of the best Thanksgivings ever!

### Cougar food & clothing pantry (Fri. Noon-2:00):

January 8 & 22  
February 5 & 26  
March 11  
April 8 & 22  
May 13

### Cougar Café w/ pantry (Saturday 11:00-1:00):

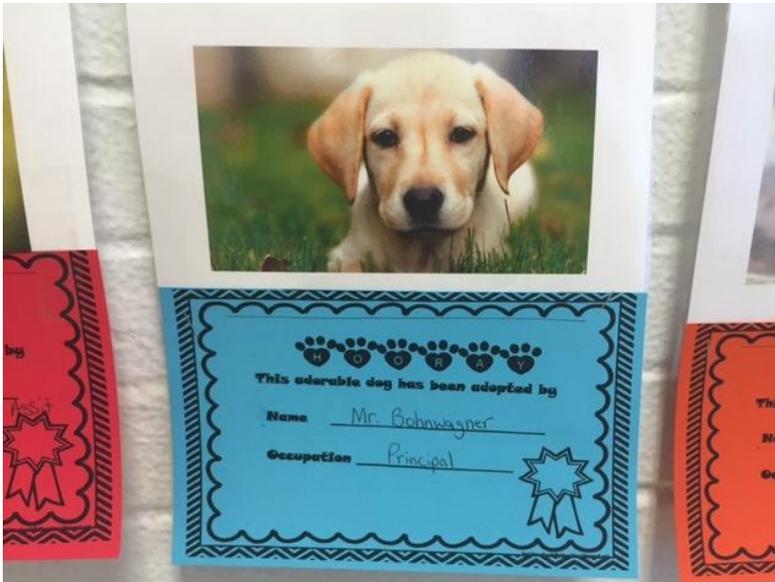
January 16  
February 27  
March 19  
April 16  
May 21

## Douglas

Dr. Crosby's third grade class is one of several classrooms across the district that have shown a proactive community spirit. Dr. Crosby's students have gathered over 2,000 items to donate to the Cougar Cafe' Food Pantry at Burger Transition Center. Boxing all of the items is a major endeavor; fortunately, his students are more than happy to help!



Dr. Selix's third grade class expanded on a teachable moment when a student inquired, "What would have happened to Winn-Dixie if Opal had not adopted him?". This student question generated classroom discussion that resulted in an opportunity for students to create a simulated "dog pound". Students wrote a position statement from the perspective of their dog. From there, district employees were encouraged to visit the "dog pound", read the narratives and adopt a dog that matched their personality.



# Farmington

## Shakers for Hospitalized Veterans

Each year the students at Farmington in Mrs. Koslakiewicz's classroom make "shakers" for hospitalized Veterans at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Empty toilet paper rolls are filled with candy and wrapped in red, white and blue paper and ribbon. These shakers are added to the food trays for the many Veterans who are hospitalized during the holiday season.

Students make personalized postcards to go with each shaker, to thank these Veterans for their service to our country.



This year 344 shakers were assembled thanks to the generosity of the student donations and the parent volunteers.



Marie Kennedy's 6th graders made the paper:  
Nate Widmer, Robert Grant and Jacob Sarkozi

<http://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/local/2015/12/12/garden-city-gladiators-teach-toy-donation-goal/77145178/>



## **New Hires...**

Chelsea Marshall  
Theodore Floetke

AI Teacher  
Para

Burger Baylor  
Burger Baylor



## *January Birthdays...*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Edward Duquette, Linda Morrison
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Renee Garbutt
4 <sup>th</sup>	Abigail Larkin
5 <sup>th</sup>	Toni Dunham, Julie Naughton, Danielle Parrinello
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Kleffman, Gregory Kreiner
7 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Grzembski-Stralko
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy Feldman-Duncan, Diana Jeczen
13 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Remington, Janis Worthy
14 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Avey
17 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Edgar, Michael Erdody, Jennifer Gala
18 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Morda
20 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Steinhebel
21 <sup>st</sup>	Rebecca Burger, Sherry Parks
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Libby Korpall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Renee Bellas, Jillian Woodworth
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jaime Sellers
27 <sup>th</sup>	Kristy Natwick
28 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Cronenwett
29 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne Cormendy, Heather Swan, Christina Taylor

## **Shinning Stars - November**

Lathers	Alexander Brumfield
Memorial	Christian Holmes
Douglas	Jayla Oliver
Farmington	Abby Jones
Middle School	Jolie Smith
High School	Shelby Baker
Cambridge	Crystal Boswell
Burger	Amal Hassouneh

## **Above and Beyond - November**

Lathers	Renee Garbutt
Memorial	Paula Cesarz
Douglas	Melissa Martin
Farmington	Lori Koslakiewicz
Middle School	Joanne Grech-Blaker
High School	Gwen Fair
Cambridge	Lisa Shirkey
Burger	Annette Schaeffler

## **Fund Raisers**

The Girls Basketball Program at the High School is holding its annual Greektown Casino Fundraiser on, Saturday, January 23, 2016. The bus leaves the high school parking lot at 4:00pm and returns at 9:30pm. Tickets cost \$30 and include transportation to and from the casino and a \$20 voucher upon arrival at the casino. You must ride the bus to receive the voucher. You must be 21 years or older to participate. You must have ID with you on the day of the event.

Please email Michele Tyree @ [tyreem@gardencityschools.com](mailto:tyreem@gardencityschools.com) if you are interested in attending.

Thank you for your support.

## **Save These Dates!**

**Wednesday Evening, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 ~**

*O'Leary Auditorium, Garden City High School*

**Thursday Evening, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 ~**

*Burger Transition Center*

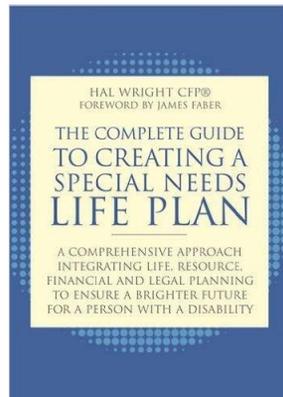
*Burger Transition Center and Garden City Public Schools are proud to host public speaker, author, certified financial planner and father, Hal Wright, CFP, presenting:*

*March 9<sup>th</sup> - Imagine the Possibilities: Supported Independence for an Adult with an Intellectual Disability*

*(Open to general audience across Wayne County)*

*March 10<sup>th</sup> – Special Needs Financial Planning*

*(Open to Burger parents, guardians and family members)*



*More detailed information available after the holidays. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!*

*\* Please note that this is a parent oriented presentation ~ there will be NO childcare options available ~ students who are not disruptive to the presentation are welcome to attend at parent discretion and with parent supervision*