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# FEBRUARY

## Memorial

The school district is proud to share that Memorial Teacher, Ms. Crystal Palko was recognized at PTA's Founders' Day celebration as Garden City Educator of the Year. Ms. Palko is first grade teacher who is a passionate advocate for all students. This year, Crystal is proudly serving as a chair on the Memorial School Improvement Team. Congratulations Ms. Palko! Pictured from left to right are: Wayne County Commissioner, Glen Anderson; Ms. Palko, Garden City Mayor, Randy Walker; and State Senator, David Knezek.





At this year's PTA Founders' Day Event, there were numerous compliments on the special and informative historical display on Garden City Public Schools. Burger-Baylor teacher, Ms. Kim Marquette worked closely with the Garden City Historical Society to display numerous artifacts and photos detailing the history of our district. The athletic apparel from the 50's and 60's drew considerable interest, as did the photos of one room school houses that were once a common feature across the district.



At this year's Founders' Day Celebration, Cambridge took top honors in the always competitive, Centerpiece competition. Cambridge's award winning centerpiece will now travel to the 100 Year Celebration Dinner for Michigan's PTA where it will be showcased at the Michigan PTA President's table. Pictured are: Cambridge art teacher, Ms. Sara Sych and Program Director, Ms. Debbie Eves.



# Farmington

We are so proud to work for our amazing leader who won the “Leading with Integrity” award at this year's Founder's Day celebration. Farmington 5-6 Campus definitely could not succeed without the dedication and devotion that Lesley gives to each and every student, parent, staff, and community member that walks through the door each and every day. Words are never enough to say thank you so we will continue to show our gratitude by leading through your example and continuing to grow as an educational force in Garden City for the current and future youth.

## LESLEY RODRIGUEZ

LESLEY ALWAYS MAKES LEARNING A PRIORITY AND SUPPORTS TEACHERS IN A WAY SHE CAN TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING THE BEST EDUCATION THEY CAN. SHE CHALLENGES TEACHERS TO PUSH THEMSELVES TO THINK IN WAYS THEY MIGHT NOT THINK OF. THIS WAY OF THINKING GUIDES TEACHERS TO BE BETTER THAN THEY DREAMED THEY COULD BE, THUS INCREASING THE SUCCESS OF THE STUDENTS THEY TEACH. LESLEY HAS A STRONG BELIEF THAT ALL CHILDREN CAN SUCCEED AND WORKS TIRELESSLY TO ACHIEVE THAT. ALSO, SHE HAS HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR HER STAFF, AS WELL AS HERSELF, AND SUPPORTS EACH ONE IN ANY WAY NEEDED SO WE CONTINUE TO GROW AS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS.



# Cambridge

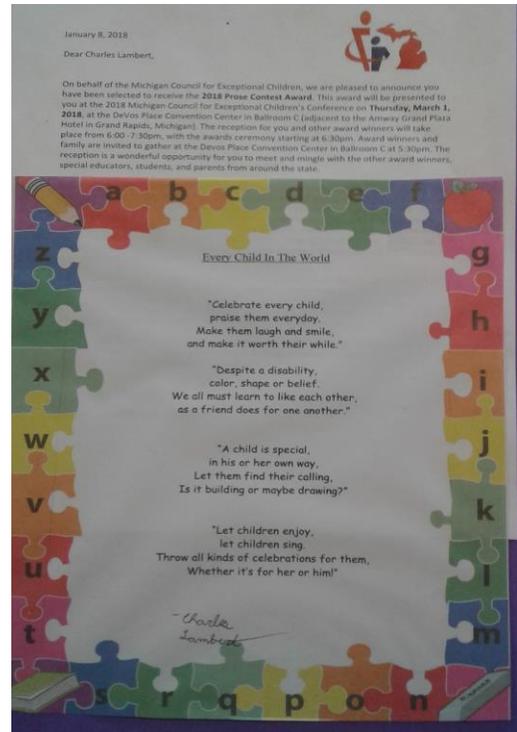
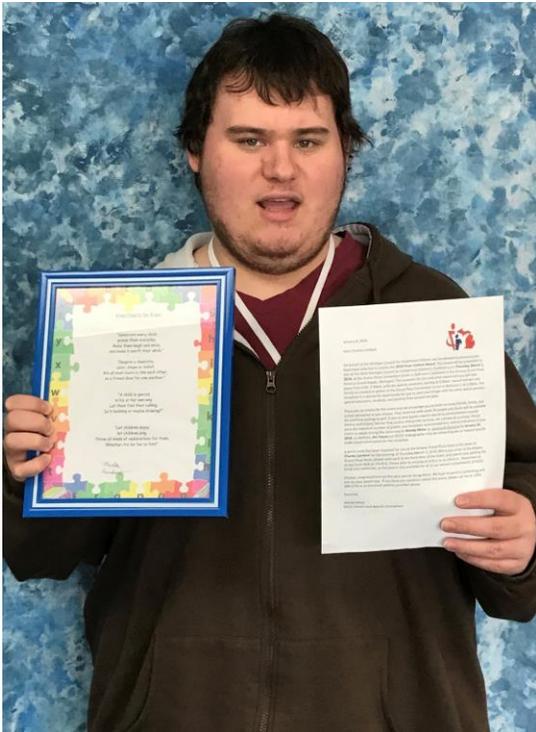
## Cambridge Metropolis

Ms. Sych's art students have created a 21<sup>st</sup> century STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) architecture project on display at Cambridge High School. Using just a few supplies including recycled paper, the Cambridge art students have built an amazing hallway long metropolis. The "Build a City" project on display is New York City-style complete with a variety of buildings of all different geometric shapes and sizes. Students tapped into their math and engineering skills to create a city uniquely arranged with stores, museums, and skyscrapers. Students were responsible for following specific guidelines to complete the project. Each building had to meet a height requirement of 12 inches. Students also constructed buildings using four different forms within the city infrastructure. As elaborate as the city appears, students used only a Sharpie marker to add intricate details.



# Burger

Charles Lambert, a student at Burger Transition Center, has been notified that he will receive the 2018 Student Prose Award from the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC). This honor is awarded at the MCEC's annual conference, which is scheduled to be held in Grand Rapids on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Charles, his family, and guests are invited to a reception at the DeVos Place Convention Center. Additionally, accommodations have been made for Charles and his family to stay overnight at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel the night of the festivities. He will be recognized alongside the 2018 winner of the MCEC Poster Contest. The theme this year is: Celebrate Every Child. Congratulations, Charles! We are very proud to have you represent our school community!

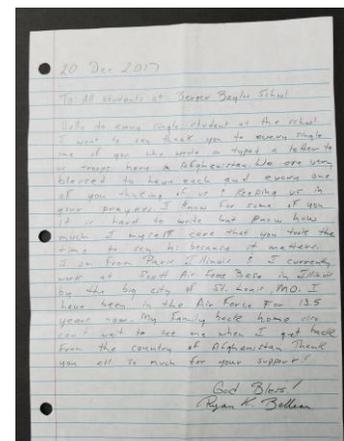


# Burger Baylor Tech



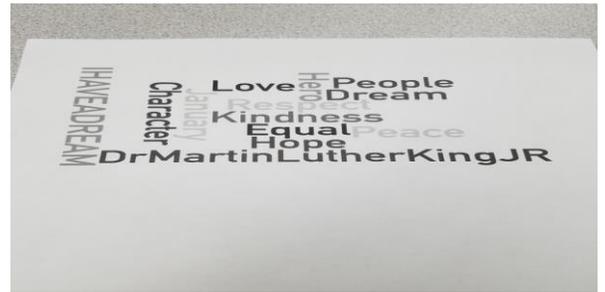
## Letter Creator

In November and December we typed letters to send to our deployed troops in their Christmas Care Packages thru the non-profit organization Troops Need Love Too! We typed our letters using the website ABCYA.com. We used the "game" called Letter Creator. Everyone created a letter and they were sent all over the world to our troops. Here is a letter we received from one of troops serving in Afghanistan. We also received a video from another troop telling us how much they enjoyed our typed letters of encouragement! Our students enjoyed this so much that they are going to host a packing party in May and will be typing more letters to go into the boxes.



## Word Cloud

Burger Baylor computer classes celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King by viewing and listening to his words in his famous 'I Have A Dream' speech. We also read online books about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. After that, we visited the ABCYA.com website and we made word clouds.

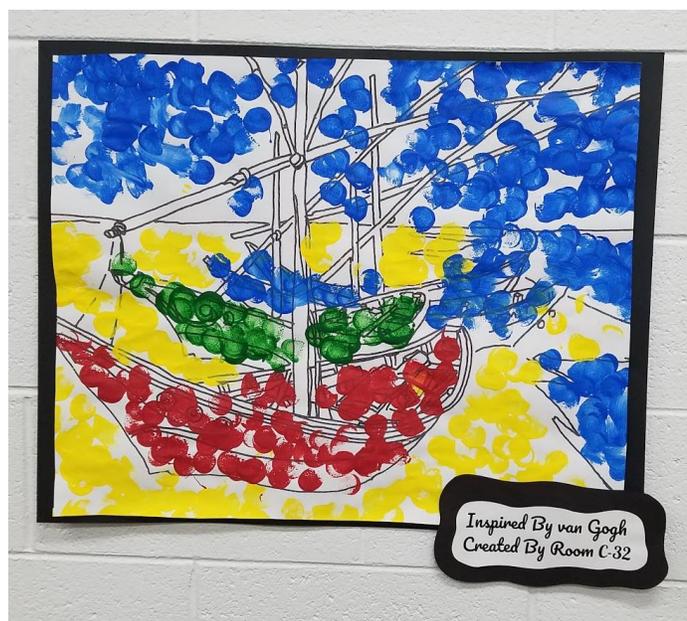


Great things are happening in computer class!



On Friday February 16th both Burger Transition and Burger Baylor staff, students and families got together for the eighth annual Pizza Dance Party! The Students and staff dance the night away to DJ Donovan Montgomery who provided the music. Students and families had so much fun making funny faces in the photo booth provided by inaBooth Photography! Everyone enjoyed dinner and Happy's Pizza was a hit! Students and staff during the week made baked goods to sell at the party to raise funds to ship care packages to our deployed Troops they raised \$224.00 dollars to go towards shipping cost. Overall the night was filled with Fun and Kindness!

Burger Baylor spent time learning about famous artist that our on display in the Detroit Institute of Arts. Each class then was given the task to interpret the famous artist work by creating their own masterpiece using the art form used by the master artist. The works of art were then displayed in the building for winter carnival. The works turned out so beautiful they were moved and mounted onto tag board and hung proudly in the conference meeting room of the school!

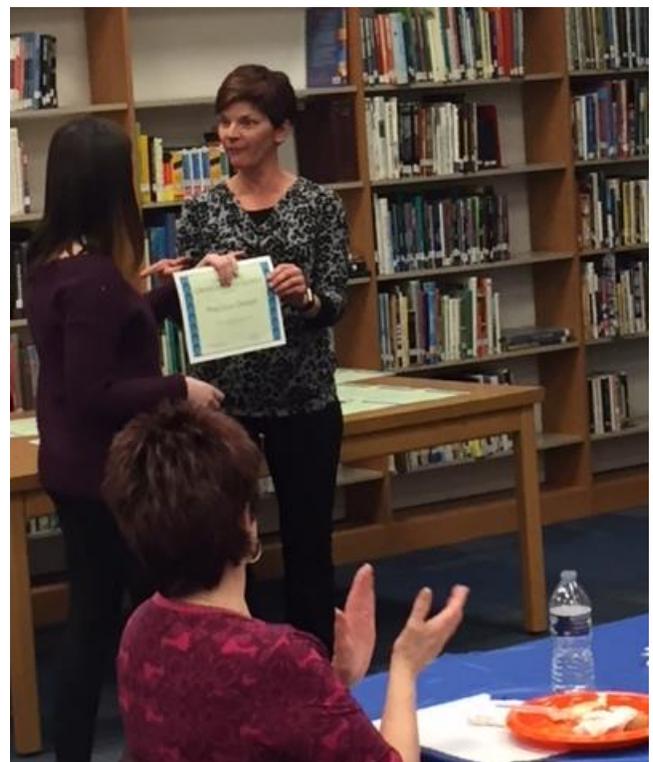


# High School

On Feb. 16, Garden City High School held the annual Winter Sports Pep Assembly. Our Air Force JROTC cadets proudly presented the colors as members of the high school choir performed the National Anthem. As per tradition, there was an exciting and well-choreographed performance from our students. Our GRBS Custodians: Brian Junk and Mark Browning showed their school spirit with our Cougar Mascot.



The evening of February 15, Garden City High School hosted the annual "Champions" Banquet. This banquet celebrated the achievement of students participating in the "Garden City Champions" program and their efforts to reach their agreed upon academic goals. Participating students work with an adult mentor to set realistic and achievable academic goals. A number of students have significantly increased their Grade Point Average with the added support and attention of the program volunteers.



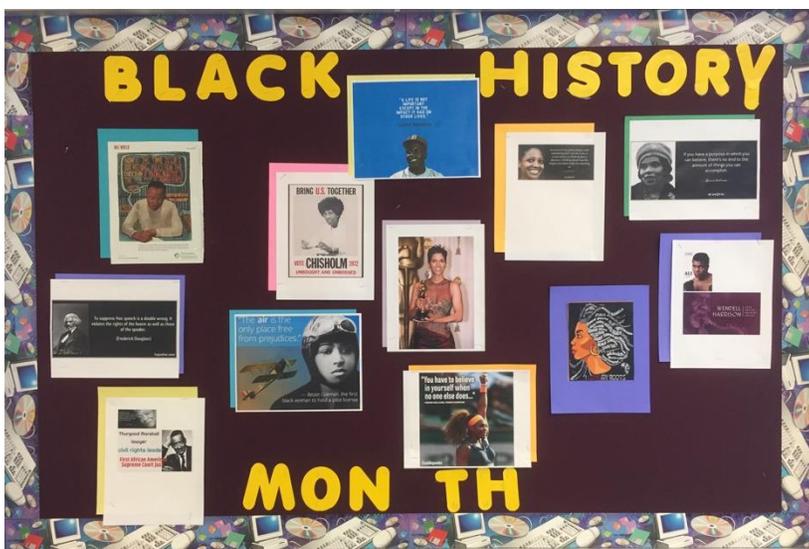
# Middle School



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Alhusain Al-Shawi, Grace Henning, Jacob Sarkozi, Lily Sultana, Avery Hund, Diana Alvarez, Taylor Hewer, Madelyn Coyne, Evan Portner

The GSA had a hygiene product drive that provided donations to the Garden City Cougar Cafe as well as the Ruth Ellis Center. Ruth Ellis is a youth social services agency with a mission “to provide short-term and long-term residential safe space and support services for runaway, homeless, and at-risk lesbian, gay, bi-attractional, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth.”



The Middle School is celebrating Black History Month by highlighting a different person every day. Some of the individuals include Sojourner Truth, Jackie Robinson, Shirley Chisholm, Wendell Harrison, Frederick Douglas, and Maya Angelou.

## 2018 GCMS Girls Basketball

Jacklynn Antochick  
Stephanie Arnold  
Cheyenne Buhro  
Cyniyah Chavis  
Haven Gonzales  
Brianna James  
Jurnee Kennedy  
Ava Lang  
Sienna McNitt  
Sydney Spiridon  
Jenna Stewart  
Amia Sykes  
Britney Turrill  
Emily Wint  
Meghan Wladysiak



**Students in Mrs. Lane's World Studies class work on note taking skills.**



**Book Was Better Movie Club**  
8th grade movie is February  
8<sup>th</sup>. A Wrinkle in Time.  
Permission slips can be found  
in the office or you may pick  
one up from Mrs. Teran in  
Room 215



## Middle School Play Production Begins

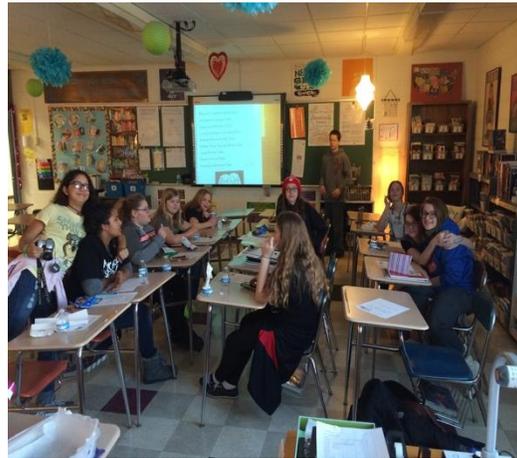
The GCMS Spring Play started rehearsals this week. Many students came to auditions last week and showed off the amazing talent our students have! This year's play is *Three Fractured Pigs* by Chris Stiles. It starts off as a traditional telling of *The Three Little Pigs*, but before long the classic tale is way out of whack. Performances are March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the GCMS Gym. Tickets are \$4.00 and will go on sale in March.

## GCMS Student Council Fundraiser Begins Next Week

The GCMS Student Council fundraiser to fight childhood cancers in our community starts Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The fundraiser, Pennies for Patients, raises money for our regional office of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Students will be collecting and donating their spare change to support this important cause. Anyone wishing to donate can send their spare change with their student to school or donate directly to a box located in the GCMS main office. The fundraiser will end on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Better Than Therapy Book Club

After narrowing a long list of young adult novels having literary merit to a top 3 picks, Garden City Middle School's **Better Than Therapy Book Club** voted to read as their first book selection Adam Silva's **They Both Die At The End**, a New York Time's Best-Seller which has garnered many literary awards including, School Library Journal Best Book of the Year 2017, A Kirkus Best Book of the Year 2017, and Booklist Editors' Choice of 2017. Despite its somber title, **They Both Die At the End** explores uplifting themes of the redeeming power of friendship, the gift of hope, and the portrayal of strength during loss. Book club members love the camaraderie of sharing their thoughts as they read all the while snacking on home-made goodies.



# Ugly Sweater Day



# Lathers

GSRP took a field trip to see Sesame Street Live at the Fox Theatre. Every child brought a parent and the kids were able to eat lunch in their seats. This field trip tied in with our Friendship Unit.



Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day of learning on February 16th. The children and teachers dressed up as 100 year olds and there were many other fun ways we celebrating being 100 days smarter.

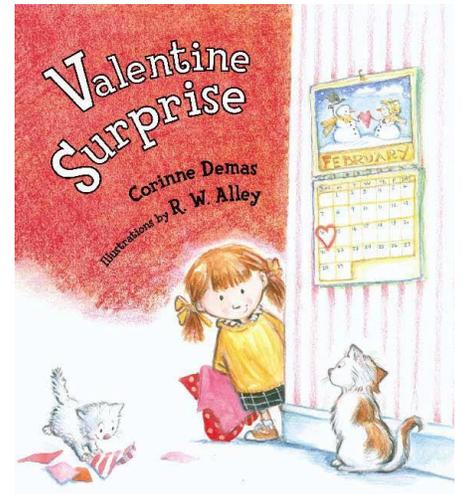


We have upgraded our Gross Motor Room at Lathers. This is an area that we use quite often when the children need a motor break. It is also a great space for when the weather is bad and we can't get outside.



# Memorial

The Student Leadership Team at Memorial decided to focus on kindness during the month of February. The students selected *Valentine Surprise* by Corinne Demas for their kindness play. The student leaders worked together to create the props, plan the set, and select the actors and narrators. They performed 6 shows on Valentine's Day for students, teachers, parents and special guests. Even though the main character Lilly struggles to make Valentine's hearts for her mom that are perfectly shaped, the audience found out that it's the heart inside all of us that is perfect.



## February

### Shining Star

Ariya Tipton	Lathers
Avery Kilgore	Douglas
Nathan Beauchamp	Farmington
Robert Grant	Middle School
Savannah Boehringer	High School
Karla Taylor	Cambridge

### Above & Beyond

Melissa Pedley	Lathers
Crystal Palko	Memorial
Steve Rodgers	Douglas
Tracy Goodman	Farmington
Ron Pummill	Middle School
Robert Barrett	Cambridge
Leslie Berger	Burger

## March Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Cramton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amanda Gismondi, Elizabeth Theis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shelby Bodnovits, Martha Redick
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Kellie Kosikowski
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Yvonne Coogan, Emily Hornbeck, Kelly Lozon, Alex McNeece, Steven Rodgers
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Katelynn Jacques
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Hanaa, Alomari, Amanda Jagod
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Rose Gross, Jamie Williamson
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Sherling
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Sue Bellows, Michael Kuehnel
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Nichole LeMasters, Melanie Nunez, Renay Weiss-Stansell, Michelle White
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Corri Siwik
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Ryan Brake, Carol Garrett, Ron Pummill
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Carly Bila, Kathy Kolesar, Lauri Palmer
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Susan Baker
- 18<sup>th</sup> – John Hett
- 20<sup>th</sup> – John Parkinson
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Becky Viola
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sarah Daniels
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tamara Williams
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Shirley Newsted
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Roya Panahi, Lisa Shirkey, Catherine Zabinski
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Kristen Wrase
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Diane C. Melvin
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Kelly DePriest, Cindy Johnson

## Condolences

Kellyanne Smith's family on the passing of Kellyanne's mother. Kellyanne is a member of our Central Office team. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



The Garden City Public Library has started an ongoing bottle drive to help raise money for a new Library building. There are receptacles placed around the Maplewood Center to accept your donations.

