Community Partner Appreciates Student Artwork

When Riverside second grade art students created artwork in their classroom, they had a purpose — to be part of a display at West Columbia Biggby coffee shop. Student artists Joya Joyner, Joshua Thang, Samuel VanLain, Seerah Longenecker, Emma Babcock, and Riley Lauer have shared their work with members of the community who visit Biggby.

The student’s art is modeled after the work of Romero Britto, a Brazilian neo-pop artist. He combines elements of cubism, pop art and graffiti painting in his work, using vibrant colors and bold patterns as a visual expression of hope and happiness.

According to Ashley Barnum, “I wanted to give our young artists a purpose for creating their artwork — sharing their pieces with the community.” “We are looking for community partners to help us with this endeavor.” Riverside student Samuel VanLain likes art. When asked about his picture hanging in Biggby, Samuel said, “It looks great! I’m glad they actually like it!”

Prairieview students welcome KCC Bruins

We had Battle Creek’s very own, KCC Bruins Baseball Team come and read to our classrooms. The team read books that were able for purchase at our book fair that was held during conferences. Our kiddos were so excited to have the baseball team be our guest readers. The students had a lot of questions for the players about college and baseball. What a phenomenal experience for our kiddos.

Empty Bowl Ice Cream Social

It’s time to think spring and look forward to some exciting happenings at Lakeview High School! April 19 is the date for Lakeview Art Club’s annual Empty Bowl Ice Cream Social. It’s a fundraiser for the Food Bank of South Central Michigan, held at LHS on Arbor Trail from 4-7 pm. Hand-painted bowls will be for sale as well as raffle prizes. Come out and support this great event!

Senior Proms

Lakeview High School Key Club and National Honor Society came together to hold senior citizen proms for the third year in a row on three separate occasions this winter! Student volunteers played bingo with residents of Lakeview and Heritage Assisted Living Facilities and enjoyed dancing and visiting during the first hour. The prom king and queen, voted for by the residents, were then crowned. During the second hour, many seniors and students hit the dance floor with some great live music in the background. Seeing the faces of residents as they listened to songs from their childhood was a truly wonderful experience!
Science—It’s Alive!!

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, many Minges Brook Elementary students participated in the annual Science Fair. The Minges Brook PTA sponsors Science Fair, offering gift card presentations to any student who participates in Science Fair. Miss Susan Miller, 2nd grade teacher was the lead for Science Fair. She was assisted by parents, Julie Greene and Jeremy Wilson. Projects ranged from describing an experiment such as “A Bouncy Egg” to explaining how something happens like “Tornadoes.” Student used a 3 panel board to create their display and the projects were showcased in the new cafeteria. Visitors were able to walk around to view the projects and to ask the student scientists about their display. Judges from Covance Labs were on hand to ask the students about their projects. Prizes were awarded to students from each grade level. Each 1st through 3rd place prize winner received a ribbon. Prizes were donated by Kellogg Community College. First grade winner, Whitaker, whose project involved changing the color of flowers with food dye, said he “can’t wait to do Science Fair again next year!”

LMS Students Compete in NAACA Heritage Quiz Bowl

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Westlake Kindness Month

First grade Westlake students in Mrs. Winer and Mrs. Schult’s class spent the month of February focused on being kind to others. Each week the students’ goal was to make someone smile. They also spread kindness by making cards of thanks for the office staff, lunch helpers, their parents, and teachers in the building. The class also made birthday cards for kids at Bronson Hospital. Even though the month has ended, the students will continue to be kind and give thanks to the local police and firefighters, military and have started a collection for the animal shelter.

Insight into Surgery

In Kris Werner’s Anatomy and Physiology class, students have been studying the anatomy and function of the human eye. To add depth to their understanding, Ophthalmologist Dr. Jeffrey Colquhoun, M.D. brought in fresh pig eyeballs (one for every two students) because they are the closest to human eyes.

After Dr. Colquhoun presented the class with eye models and a presentation on some of the conditions for which people undergo eye surgery, students dissected the eyeballs and remove the senses of the eye.

Students also used Dr. Colquhoun’s medical microscope to look at an eyeball. They then practiced putting stitches into the eye under the scope, as a doctor would after a cornea trauma.

Say No to Bullying – ‘No Name Calling’ Poster Contest Winners

Lakeview Middle School recently had a “Say No To Bullying Week”. The week was capped off with a poster contest. Winners from the contest are shown below. 5th grade: 1st place Daniel George (not pictured); 6th grade: 1st place Brooke Daugin (1st place tie), Jack Rowley (2nd place); 7th grade: 1st place: Joe Wilkewilson (1st place); 8th grade: 1st place: Mason Notestine (3rd place) not pictured, Raenah Dzioba (2nd place), Taylor Boarts (1st place).

Key Club Earns Prestigious Awards

Key Club advisor Katie Newburn and members Bre Betz, Katie Champion, Allison Betz and Rebecca Myatt attended the Key Club Service Leadership Conference in Kalamazoo on Feb. 23-25. They received first place for their single service project, “Stuff the Bus for SAFE Place,” and got second place for their club promotion poster. Additionally, Ms. Newburn was selected as the Faculty Adviser of the Year. The officers nominated her by submitting a letter stating why she deserved this honor in addition to a letter being submitted by a Kiwanis Club member.

GOTR Coaches Prepare for New Season

As young girls from the area prepare for a new season with Girls on the Run (GOTR), so, too, do our dedicated coaches. Coaches for GOTR were required to attend a Coaches’ Training on Saturday, January 20 at Harper Creek High School. Many coaches completed training modules prior to the on-site event. In addition to reviewing GOTR Calhoun County policies and procedures, coaches heard GOTR essay presentations and visited vendor booths.

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