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A newsletter about the
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From the Superintendent

Dear Comstock Schools Community,

At the March regular meeting, the Board of Education voted to move forward with the issuance of Series II of the 2016 Bond Issue. Originally, Series II was scheduled for issuance in the summer of 2019. Strong property value growth in the district has allowed the district to issue those bonds a year early.

The Board considered several factors in making the decision to accelerate issuing series II of the 2016 Bond. The factors included:

- By issuing the bonds a year early, the Board could avoid any future interest rate hikes, potentially saving hundreds, if not millions, in interest costs.

- By accelerating the construction schedule by at least a year, the district could save on the construction inflation costs. Currently, with the tight labor market and high demand for skilled trades, the inflation rate for construction is approximately 5-7 percent. The accelerated schedule could save the District between \$500,000 and \$700,000.

- With this accelerated construction schedule, the students and community would receive the benefit of the construction projects a year earlier.

The major projects contained in Series II of the 2016 bond issue are:

- Remodeling NEMS
- High school site improvements
- Elementary playground improvements
- Paving improvements / replacements – throughout the district

- Technology equipment
- Other furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Planning for these projects is in process and the Board will be presented with drawings at an upcoming meeting. The goal is to begin the bid process this summer.

The following is the status of Series I of the 2016 bond issue projects:

- High school entrance – 4/24/18 scheduled completion date
- NEMS entrance – Completed
- North Elementary entrance – 3/20/18 scheduled completion date
- Green Meadow Elementary entrance – 3/26/18 scheduled completion date
- STEM Academy entrance – 6/13/18 scheduled construction timeline
- Compass High School entrance – 6/11/18 scheduled completion date
- High School Locker Rooms – 3/5/18 to 8/31/18 scheduled construction timeline
- Restrooms, all buildings – 6/13/18 to 8/31/18 scheduled construction timeline

Overall, the construction projects are proceeding according to the planned schedule and budget. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 269-250-8907 or morat@comstockps.org.

Todd Mora
Superintendent



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by supporting, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach his/her full potential through education.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an educational community where every person is empowered to reach his/her full potential.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning your schools, the answer is only a telephone call away: 269-250-8907

STORIES OR INFORMATION

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SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Become a School Bus Driver! METS, the transportation employer for Comstock Public Schools, is currently hiring school bus drivers for part-time assignments starting at \$14.75 per hour.

No experience is necessary and training will be provided to qualified candidates. Apply today by sending your resume to: recruiting@contractbusdrivers.com.

For more information, please call (269) 250-8690, or toll free at (888) 996-8586

H.S. Diploma Applications for Veterans

Honorably discharged WWII, Korean, or Vietnam era veterans who were unable to receive their high school diplomas because they enlisted or were drafted into the armed forces can still be awarded their graduation certificates.

Veterans must have attended high school in Michigan and served in the military during the following time periods:

- WWII: December 16, 1940-December 31, 1946
- Korean Conflict: June 23, 1950-January 31, 1955
- Vietnam: February 29, 1961-May 7, 1975

To apply for a diploma, the veteran or a family member must return the Application for High School Diploma for Michigan WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Era Veterans to the veteran's school district for processing along with a copy of their discharge papers.

To obtain a copy of discharge papers, a DD-214 Request Form needs to be completed, signed and submitted to MVAA.

A request form can also be downloaded and either faxed to 517-284-5297 or emailed to MVAAResourceCenter@michigan.gov.

For more information, contact Faye Goldner, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 269-250-8907 or at goldnerf@comstockps.org. In order for veterans to receive diplomas at this year's graduation, they must turn in their paperwork to Faye by April 20.

School Board Candidate Filing Deadline

The annual school election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. There will be four (4) school board seats on the ballot. All four seats are for four-year terms, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022.

If you are interested in running for a board seat, you must obtain a petition from the Comstock Township Offices located at 6138 King Highway, Comstock, or, pay a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee. The petitions are available anytime and are due in the township office no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

For more information on how to become a board member, please call Faye Goldner at 250-8907.

Board Briefs

REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2017

- Introduced Ken Greenwood, district's new business manager.
- Approved purchase of additional Chromebooks, carts and accessories.
- Approved Optimal Solutions for providing hardware installation and migration.

SPECIAL WORK SESSION

January 6, 2018

- Brainstormed on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the district.
- Discussed various options for the layout of the middle school including whether fifth graders should be moved back to elementary buildings or whether fourth graders should be moved to the middle school.
- Reviewed Series II of the bond issues.
- Directed the superintendent to come up with two configuration options for NEMS, one that moves fifth grades to elementary buildings and one that keeps them at the middle school.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 8, 2018

- Officers were elected as follows:
Brandy Brown, President
Jeff VanGoye, Vice-President
Matt Schreiner, Secretary
Pamela Dickinson, Treasurer
- Appointed the following:
Faye Goldner, Recording Secretary
Kenneth Greenwood, Treasurer
- Appointed Richard Hathaway as the Legislative Network Liaison.
- Approved the 2018 Board calendar.

REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2018

- Approved the following personnel:
Lindsay Smeltzer, NEMS Special Education Teacher
Christine Hopson, NEMS Math Teacher
Katie Leaders, Eighth grade girls basketball coach
- Dr. Hathaway told of his plans to start a middle school science club.

WORK SESSION

January 22, 2018

- Moved into closed session for hearing confidential and privileged attorney/client communications regarding the termination of Dr. Jemel Hence from his position as principal of NEMS.
- Dr. Hence opted for an open hearing during which the charges against him were outlined.
- Heard Dr. Hence's response to the charges.
- Board voted to dismiss Dr. Hence from all employment with the Comstock Public Schools.

SPECIAL MEETING

January 27, 2018

- Jay Bennett from the Michigan Association of School Boards facilitated a work session on the process of searching for a superintendent.





Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Training

Comstock Public Schools Community Education Center, 3010 Gull Road, offers a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training monthly.

Our intensive 80-hour course meets all of the requirements of the State of Michigan Certified Nurse Aide Training program. Course content includes: long-term care facilities, physical and emotional needs of residents, resident rights, communication skills, death and dying, special needs including dementia care, vital signs, infection control techniques, observations, medical terminology, body mechanics, transfers, walkers, canes, positioning in bed, nutrition, intake and output, elimination needs, skin care, foot care, dressing, bathing, bed making, mouth care and first aid. Homework is required.

The class consists of 10 classroom days from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Three nursing home days from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. are required.

Class size is limited to 20 students. Tuition is \$980, due at the time of registration. You get to keep the book.

A nurse aide uniform, appropriate shoes and a watch with a second hand are required. Students who desire state certification, pay an additional \$125 to the State of Michigan to take the state test.

Call for class dates. Please call 269-250-8930 with questions.



Teachers Receive Foundation Mini-Grants for Classroom Projects

The Comstock Public Schools Foundation has awarded five \$250 mini-grants to teachers from the nine applications received.

Congratulations go to the following teachers:

- Christopher Coash, Compass High School teacher, will be using his grant to support the Compass Book Club.
- Elizabeth O'Brien and Michael Thiel, NEMS sixth grade teachers, used their grant to take sixth graders to see the movie, "Wonder," after they completed a reading and writing project about the book.
- Lacey Ramsey, high school biology teacher, purchased a printable bundle of origami organelles

to support biology, anatomy and AP biology classes.

- Ryan Cousins, high school computer teacher, purchased microphones to use in the basic media course which produces the WBNC video announcements each day for the high school.
- Karen Cleveland, Green Meadow second grade teacher, purchased "Frog Games" to support English language arts (ELA) and math. Karen also received the Rena H. Brooks Excellence In Early Education Award. She will be using this additional \$500 award for purchasing the math and ELA games from Frog Publications for her classroom groups.



CPS Foundation Needs You

Everyone is welcome at the Comstock Public Schools Foundation meetings. We currently have openings on the board for positions as officers and trustees. Being a Foundation member is quite rewarding as you are part of managing and distributing student scholarships and teacher grants.

Our upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 10, May 8, and June 5. If you think serving on the Foundation board may be for you, join us at a meeting.

Meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. at the Comstock Public Schools Administration Building, 3010 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048.

Please consider joining us and helping enrich the educational environment of Comstock Public Schools!

The Comstock Public Schools Foundation is organized exclusively for the benefit of the educational, literary, and scientific activities of the Comstock Public Schools, including scholarships and grants to students and teachers.

Comstock Public Schools 2017-2018 School Calendar

March 30 – April 6	SPRING BREAK		No Students/ No Teachers
May 10	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
May 28	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE		No Students / No Staff
June 8	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
June 11	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
June 12	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS (High School Exams) Teachers' Records Day P.M.		Half Day Students K-12 Last Day for Teachers

Kindergarten, Young 5's, Pre-school Now Enrolling




Kindergarten Round-Up is in full swing! If your child will be 5 on or before September 1, please call 269-250-8960 for an enrollment packet or more information.



Comstock Public Schools is excited to announce Young-5's is enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. There is limited room, so apply TODAY. Please call 269-250-8960 for more information and an enrollment packet.



Will your child be turning three or four in 2018? It is time to enroll them in preschool. There are many programs in the area and KRESA will be happy to help you find the one for you. 

Please call 269-250-9333 for more information!



These programs fill up quickly, so call now! 



Comstock Community Auditorium Events Open to the Public

April:

10: West Michigan Homeschool Fine Arts Spring Band/Choir Concert: 7 p.m. (includes band, orchestra, choir) \$3 at the door.

14: Borgess Marathon Run Camp: 7 a.m.-Noon. Colt Center.

27-28: *Annie* - Homeschool Performing Arts: 7 p.m. Also a matinée on April 28 at 3 p.m. Tickets: 1-855-472-1472

May:

3-5: *Annie* - Homeschool Performing Arts: 7 p.m. Also a matinée May 5 at 3 p.m. Tickets: 1-855-472-1472

8: Green Meadow/North Music Program: 7 p.m.-FREE

10: Gull Lake Band Concert-Sound Technician: 6-9 p.m. Doors open at 6:15; House at 6:30, Concert at 7 p.m.

12: Comstock Senior Oscar Night: 7 p.m. FREE

14: Kalamazoo Christian High School Choir Concert: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; House at 7 p.m. Concert at 7:30. FREE

15: Kalamazoo Christian Middle School Choir/Band Concert: 7 p.m.-Doors open at 6 p.m. FREE

16: NEMS/STEM Middle School Band Concert: 7 p.m.-FREE

17: Comstock High School Band Concert: 7 p.m.-FREE

22: Kalamazoo Christian Middle School Musical: Performance: 12:45 p.m.; 7 p.m.- For ticket info: 544-2332.

23: Comstock High School Honors Convocation: 5 p.m. - FREE

24: Comstock STEM/Northeast Middle/High School Choir Concert: 7 p.m. FREE

29: The Montessori School Concert: 6:30 p.m. FREE

30: Barclay Hills Graduation: 7 p.m.

31: Compass High School graduation: 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Team Thanks Construction Workers



In the above photo, Abbi Jepkema, team coordinator for the high school's Lighthouse Team, gives James, one of the construction workers, two dozen doughnuts in appreciation for their hard work. The construction workers are in the building doing various remodeling projects as part of the bond issue.

The Lighthouse Team, which is part of the Leader In Me process, is made up of students with exceptional leadership skills and leaders in training who are committed to serving the school.

The high school is in its first year of the Leader in Me process which creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every student can be a leader.

Students Achieve Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following high school students who achieved perfect attendance this year:

Dylan Burrus	Keegan Nelson
Tristin Burza	Madisynn Doty
Halie Foote	Overholts
Ezekiel Fowle	Samuel Rabick
Abby House	Joshua Small
Callie James	Jesse VanAvery
Megan James	Derrick Warner
Adam Kreitlow	Branden Willis
Julia Kruis	Carter Wintz



Comstock High School

Congratulations, Honor Roll Students!

High Honor Roll (GPA 3.5 and above):

Seniors: Savannah Ames, James Ansel, Ahkyla Blakely, Nickolas Bodi, Daryn Dratt, Samuel Dyer, Stephanie Fee, Angelina Hang, Zachary Howard, Callie James, Abigail Jepkema, Emily Johnson, Alyssa Loucks, Kierra Lovelace, Kyle Moore, Travis Neal, Victor Plascencia, Kaitlyn Rooney, Brianna Salome, Bernardino Sivley, David Small, Kaylee Walters, Lissa Weaver, Wyszell Wicker

Juniors: Jeztrelle Abella, Daisy Ansel, Keilani Baumgartner, Andrea Behrmann, Marcus Cannon, Madelyn Caswell, Emily Dodson, Cameron Gilley, Emily Hainer, Lily Hall, Vien Hang, Abby House, Jack Kendall, Gabrielle Langejans, Alexander Mason, Scirra Mearing, Emmalee Otto, Patricia Sivley, Branden Willis

Sophomores: Josette Allen, Luiza Arakelyan, Carolina Ballesteros, Olivia Carlson, Ezra Conway, Hunter DeLeon, Zachary Hattan, Alexis Hofacre, Nico Hoffmann, Adam Kreitlow, Madison Morse, Kelsey Miltzer, Matthew Northrup, Madisynn Overholts-Doty, JenniferMegan Richards, Austin Rolan, Joshua Small, Zoe Vandrey

Freshmen: Shelby Alexander, Alexandra Boven, Macy Cannon, Natalie Carroll, Anthony Flowers, Tia Geer, Josef Henline, Logan Hicks, Caleb Howard, Alaina Hunt, Megan James, Vaisha Johnson, Alexander Kish, Julia Kruis, Gabriella Mulder, Macy Osborn, Samuel Rabick, Thomas Warner, Dalton Wilkins, Carter Wintz

Honor Roll (GPA 3.0-3.49):

Seniors: Dylan Barrus, Mercedes Chambers, Destin Foy, Hannah Gettys, D'Andre Gladney, Joseph Gonzales, Gabrielle Heath, Mariah Henion, Alayra Houseman, Clinton Lewis, Drew Richards, Jada Rose, Donovan Saunders, Jamie Smith, Andrew Standish, Zachary Taube

Juniors: Alexandria Bailey, Madison Ballinger, Kaitlynn Burns, Grant Commissaris, Brooke Dove, Timothy Earl, Janice Harper, Issacc Irizarry, Wyatt Jernstadt, Tyler Kuivenhoven, Jacob Martin, Nareai McPherson, Vincent Nguyen, Ricardo O'Neal, Michael Rooney, Tiffany Rudd, Eric Sage, Nathan Saokho, Bradley Skane, Dexter Stanley, Jesse VanAvery, Evan Veenhuis, Vernard Whitehead

Sophomores: Brandon Bavin, Yining Chen, John Curry, Nicole Dankert, Lillian DeYoung-Foster, Ezekiel Fowle, Tariq Givan, Virginia Grattapaglia, Pa Nee Hang, Madison Lennon, Eriana Matthews, Moe-Nae Patterson, Jessica Sivley, Ciara Smith, Kelci Wilson-Abrams, Carter Wingle

Freshmen: Alyssa Bosma, Jackson Congdon, Natalie DeYoung-Foster, Ronni Flowers, Skylar George, Ibrahim Haynes, Roman Kersey, William Markus, A'Niya Moore, Cody Plosick, Alexandra Rawlinson, Benjamin Rieger, Tori Sarters, Masyn Scott

Students Study Physics by Sledding

High School students in Ryan Warner's physics class went sledding at Robert Morris Park to study the physics of sledding. Going down the various hills at the park, they looked at the energy lost due to friction, the effects of mass on speed, and how the angle of the hill affected speed.



Students relaxing after learning physics through sledding are (front row, left to right): Gabrielle Langejans, Harrison Osborn, Nareai McPherson, Emma Otto, Fernando Plascencia and (back row left to right): Jaime Smith, Brad McIntyre, Evan Veenhuis, Ryan Warner, Sophia McComb, Nico Hoffmann, Jesse VanAvery, Tanner Clements, Lexi Bailey.



The 2018 National Honor Society hosted their first-ever MASC/MAHS Regional Student Leadership Conference at Craig's Cruisers in Grand Rapids.

Comstock's NHS Hosts Leadership Conference

Comstock's chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) recently hosted their first-ever Michigan Associations of Student Councils and Honor Society (MASC/MAHS) Regional Student Leadership Conference for area Honor Societies. About 100 students from eight schools attended the event at Craig's Cruisers in Grand Rapids.

The NHS had several committees working to prepare for the event. For example, NHS member, Emily Dodson, participated in the Swap Shop committee where they talked about school spirit, homecoming, spirit leader, community service, and other topics.

"Each student wrote down a unique or successful tradition, and we put the papers in a bag for each school so they will have brand new ideas," said Emily.

The Opening Committee recorded an army-themed video which introduced the events of the day along with an overall leadership message. The Game Floor committee came up with an exceptional game with go carts that involved using Nerf Guns to shoot bullets into hula hoops. There were two people in the cart, one was the shooter and another was the driver. This game showed compatibility and teamwork. The Decorations Committee decorated the rooms and hallways with army-themed decor throughout while the Ice Breaker committee planned activities to get students off their feet and involved in each activity.

"Overall, each committee worked extremely hard every moment during the planning stage as well as during the actual event, and even using hours of their free time to complete everything by the date of the event," said Emily.

The NHS thanks every member for their dedication to the program. Plus, a huge thanks goes to the advisor, Colleen Grueter, for demonstrating phenomenal leadership for these student leaders.

NHS To Present Showcase at State Conference

By Emily Dodson NHS Public Relations Officer

Comstock's chapter of the National Honor Society will be going to a state conference in Grand Rapids to do a presentation about the group's fundraiser, a Bowl-a-Thon.

They were selected for this honor following a regional Leaders in Training event which Comstock's NHS hosted recently.

During the event, schools can present an event that is new or successful that they organize at their school. Comstock's Katie Rooney and Jada Rose presented information about the Bowl-a-Thon, an event focused on collecting donations for the Michigan Associations of Student Councils and Honor Society's (MASC/MAHS) chosen charity of the year, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), while also bringing the community together.

During last year's Bowl-a-Thon, the first one they'd done, the students raised a lot of money for the Make A Wish Foundation.

At the end of the Leaders in Training event, each school voted on which school would be going to the state conference in Grand Rapids to present their event once again. Comstock's NHS members were thrilled to be selected.

Comstock High School

Students Enjoy Snowcoming Despite Snow Delay



Kaylee Gilly and Donovan Saunders were named Snowcoming King and Queen.

Snowcoming 2018 truly lived up to its name with the event having to be delayed due to several inches of snow.

The highlight of the week was the naming of the 2018 King and Queen, Donovan Saunders and Kaylee Gilly.

The Homecoming Court consisted of Kayla Green, Emily Johnson, Wyschell Wicker, Lily Zultowski, Jaylin Acker, Sam Dyer, Destin Foy, and Zach Taube.

Leading up to the game and the naming of the king and queen was a week of Spirit activities. On Monday, there was a pep assembly with many competitive games between classes and members of the court.

Students from each class created a three-minute lip sync to songs from various cartoons, jumped through hula hoops and wrapped teachers in toilet paper. Seniors were victorious, yet again in their school spirit and quick thinking.

For the Snowcoming basketball games against the Parchment Panthers, the women's team came away with a win while the men's team fell short.

Following the game, the annual Powerpuff volleyball game was held. With good-natured taunting between the teams, the match was entertaining. Seniors again walked away with bragging rights.

Thanks to all who participated and helped with this event.

Northeast Middle School

NJHS Raises Funds for PE Department



A blue-haired Mr. Kirksey is duct taped to the wall at NEMS.

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at NEMS raised \$78.78 for supplies for the physical education department.

For the “Destroy Kirksey” fundraiser, students donated money towards different methods of “destroying” Principal David Kirksey. Students could vote for throwing a pie at his face, throwing water balloons at him, dumping a bucket of cold water over his head, making him dress in Michigan State gear, dyeing his hair blue, spraying silly string at him or duct taping him to the wall.

Whichever event got the most money donated during lunch would “destroy” Mr. Kirksey at half time of the student versus staff basketball game. At the game, students duct taped Mr. Kirksey to the wall. His hair was also dyed blue and students sprayed silly string at him.

Mr. Kirksey survived and the students loved it!



North Elementary

Students Raise Funds in a Snow-A-Thon

North Elementary students raised just over \$900 in a Snow-A-Thon. Students who raised money also participated in a special extra recess and were entered in a drawing for sleds and snow toy prizes. Students who raised \$200 or more received gift certificates.

On the day of the event, the weather was warm and sunny with plenty of snow to make snowmen and snow forts. Not only was our Snow-A-Thon a great way to fund raise, it also provided students with the opportunity to synergize with friends from other grade levels

and use their creative genius to construct forts, snow creatures, and other snow designs. After each group of classes played in the snow, they warmed up with a cup of cocoa.

Teachers, staff and students thank the many volunteers and donors who helped to make this event a success. Funds raised from this event will go toward purchasing t-shirts for all members of our school.

We thank and appreciate Michelle and Miranda Cannon and Renee Walls for preparing and serving the cocoa to all students.

Eastland Bowl generously donated two \$25 gift cards to our top earners.

North Elementary appreciates the community support.



Students in Mrs. Snead's third grade class enjoy the Snowathon. They are Laniyah Dennis, Kayla Hang, Serenity Woodward, Kylah Roman and C'Mora Brown.

Literacy Night “Explores the Great Outdoors”

With a theme of “Explore the Great Outdoors,” North’s Literacy Night was a huge success.

The school was filled with books, games, crafts, snacks and prizes and lots of special visitors who read to students.

Guest readers included Matthew Schreiner, Comstock school board member; Mike Kessler, Comstock firefighter; Kalamazoo College basketball players; Girls on the Run alumni; Mr. Gavin, ESL teacher; and more.

Ms. Marvin from Project Lean came with her stationary bike to make smoothies. Students rode the stationary bike to blend the fruits together to make a yummy treat.

Themed baskets were filled to the brim with books and an assortment of items that went with the theme. These baskets were auctioned off to support our library.

A big thanks goes to the Comstock High School National Honor Society for organizing this event for our families. Also, thanks to all the families and volunteers for coming out and making this event possible.



Kennedy Clapp rides a stationary bike to make a smoothie for her little sister.

“Read Through Michigan”

Third graders in Mrs. Snead’s class enjoyed an award ceremony for having completed a reading challenge called, “Read Through Michigan.”

The challenge ran for three months and tracked minutes that students read. At the end of the challenge, the first place trophy went to Maceo Fleming for having read for 1,020 minutes. Second place went to Kayla Hang for 549 minutes of reading.



Receiving awards for their time spent reading are Angel Torres, Ethan Beaty, Kayla Hang, Maceo Fleming, Bryton Outerbridge, and Samaria Acosta.

STEM Joins Campaign to Create Better World

Comstock’s STEM Academy is among the nation’s first schools to join a new national campaign to mobilize middle and high schools to prepare young people to be constructive community members and citizens who create a better world. Led by Harvard’s Making Caring Common project, the Caring Schools #CommonGood Campaign aims to motivate schools to take action to help mend our country’s fractures and strengthen democracy.

“We believe that success is driven not only by what you know, but by what you can do with what you know,” said STEM Academy Director, Chris Chopp. “It’s more important than ever for our students to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to solve tough problems, gather and evaluate evidence, make sense of information, and develop grit, curiosity and zest for learning.”

The campaign seeks to advance the following specific goals by working with schools nationwide:

- *Deepen students’ care for others and their communities;

- *Increase equity and access for all students in the college admissions process; and

- *Reduce excessive achievement pressure in communities where it is detrimental to students.

These goals align with and build on Making Caring Common’s successful Turning the Tide initiative that has engaged more than 175 college admissions offices nationwide.

“Our country is at a crossroads,” said Dr. Richard Weissbourd, Senior Lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Faculty Director of the Making Caring Common project. “We need to mobilize the great strengths of Americans to prepare young people to build strong, inclusive

communities and to protect democracy. This work has perhaps never been more important.”

To join the campaign, schools commit to taking substantial, meaningful action to advance one or more of the campaign’s goals and to engage in a self-assessment or evaluation process to measure the impact of their action(s). Schools that commit to, implement, and evaluate the impact of their efforts will earn a special designation from Making Caring Common.

Comstock’s STEM Academy was one of more than 135 schools that joined the campaign as “early leaders” who helped to inform, shape, and build momentum for the campaign. The Academy’s commitments include leveraging the power of student leaders to create more welcoming, inclusive, and caring school environments, and implementing an evidence-based social and emotional learning or character education program. This work will be led by Mr. Chopp and his school improvement team.

As part of the launch, the STEM Academy is joining other early leaders on Facebook and Twitter using the Caring Schools #CommonGood hashtag to express support for the campaign, publicly commit to a chosen action(s), and encourage schools nationwide to join the effort.

New schools interested in joining the campaign are encouraged to share a photo and use the text “Count us in!”

More information about how schools, parents, and students can join the campaign can be found at commongoodcampaign.makingcaringcommon.org.

Making Caring Common (MCC), a project of

STEM Academy

Third Graders Visit Nature Center

Third graders recently spent a week at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Each day, they had a one-hour expert lesson led by a Kalamazoo Nature Center employee, a one-hour lesson led by a STEM teacher, and then one hour was dedicated to journaling.

Each day began with a quiet observation time of five to 10 minutes which set the tone for a calm start to our day where we could tune into nature. During the cold, snowy week, the third graders had lessons in engineering, food webs, bird beak adaptations and more. Some highlights were building huts and trying to keep their jello critters “alive.”

Students Make Maple Syrup

STEM Academy students tapped seven maple trees, boiled sap and made maple syrup as a school wide project. We collected over 90 gallons of sap from 15 taps. Groups of volunteers stoked the fire and boiled the sap after school and on weekends. So far we have made 11 pints of syrup.

First and third grades helped measure the circumference of trees, measured the amount of sap collected, and kept a record of the outside temperatures.

First graders talked about evaporation as they watched steam rise off the hot pans as volunteers tended the wood-fired evaporator and transformed the maple sap which is two percent sugar into maple syrup which is 67 percent sugar.

Students collected sap, designed ways to keep rainwater out, and even drilled holes in the trees and tapped the spiles (spigots) in.

This project has been a sweet example of science. It is always great to get students outside in the winter to collect data, make observations and work on a long term project as a school community.

Our next goal is pancakes with the principal sometime in early April.

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the Harvard Graduate School of Education, helps educators, parents, and communities raise children who are caring, responsible to their communities, and committed to justice.

Web: www.makingcaringcommon.org

Facebook: Making Caring Common

Twitter: @MCCHarvardEd

STEM Academy

Fourth, Fifth Graders Enjoy Nature Center

The fourth and fifth graders spent a week at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, a week filled with all sorts of weather, from 60 and sunny to 32 and cold rain and snowflakes as large as snowballs.

The students had lessons about bird migration and identification, animal tracks, population change and the favorite: survival.

Two other favorites were building a fire and having time to journal outside for an hour.

Thank you to the Kalamazoo Nature Center staff and Annie's Big Nature Lesson for allowing us the space, training, and shared resources to make this first experience at STEM a great one.

Green Meadow Elementary

GM Celebrates 100



First graders dressed as centenarians.

For the 100th day of school, Green Meadow students and staff celebrated by dressing up as though they were 100 years old – a centenarian.

There was a granny squad complete with faux life alert necklaces and curlers. Little old men sported suspenders, canes, and shirts buttoned all the way up.

Many classrooms also did projects or writing activities about being 100 years old.

Green Meadow Elementary

Students Attend Miller Production

Green Meadow students, including the children enrolled in the PACE program of KRESA's Education for the Arts (EFA) program, attended a production of "Airplay" at Miller Auditorium.

Before the students went to Miller, a teacher from the EFA program came and taught lessons to students.

During the performance, feathers, balloons, and scarves flew through the air in amazing acrobatic movements. A story of friendship was told even though no words were used.

Students and teachers were amazed by the performance. Green Meadow is thankful to have teachers participating in the Aesthetic Education program.

Through the PACE program, elementary and middle school students learn about art forms, explore artistic creations and the creative process, and celebrate their own creative projects.



Green Meadow students wait anxiously for the beginning of the show, "Airplay," at Miller Auditorium.

Camp Read-a-Lot at Green Meadow Elementary

Green Meadow celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a night dedicated to literacy and camping.

The event featured games, crafts, awesome Hungry Howie's pizza, and a special guest reader, Diyral Briggs, a former professional football player who played in the Super Bowl.

There were many raffle winners. Hayden Hensley and Makiah Henderson won brand new bicycles.

March was National Reading Month and we spent the whole month celebrating reading with various special days and activities.

Check up on our celebrations on the Green Meadow Facebook page.



Above: Green Meadow third graders celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.



Right: Diyral Briggs, former NFL linebacker, reads to students at Green Meadow as part of their celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

News from the Athletic Department

Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

The Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held on Saturday, April 28, at the WMU Fetzer Center. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner starting at 6 p.m. and the induction to follow at 6:45 p.m. Tickets to this great event can be purchased from the Comstock Athletic Office for \$25. Come support these great Comstock alumni and visit with family and friends. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 23.

Athletes being inducted this year are Larry Vallier, Class of 1966; Garry Lane, Class of 1970; Pam Davan, Class of 1988; Nick Carlin-Voight, Class of 2000; David Nelson, Class of 2000; Lynsey VanSweden, Class of 2003.

High School and Middle School Physicals

A reminder that your son/daughter has to have a physical on file with the athletic office in order to be able to participate in sports. Physicals for the 18-19 school year must be dated after April 15, 2018, to be valid.

Spring Sports Awards Banquet

The spring sports awards banquet will be held on Thursday, June 7, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. All spring high school and middle school sports will be invited to attend the banquet.



The varsity girls basketball team, winners of the BCS Conference Title.

BCS Conference Girls Basketball Champions

The varsity girls basketball team finished the regular season with a Comstock best 19-1 record and won the BCS Conference Title. Congratulations to seniors Ahkyla Blakely, Kaylee Gilley, Callie James; juniors Daisy Ansel, Abby House, Madelyn Caswell, Jaime Jeffries, Gabrielle Langejans, Kaitlynn Burns; and freshman Macy Cannon. Great job girls!!!



Gathered around Senior Destin Foy as he signs are (top row) Rochelle Johnson, Derrick Foy, Tommy Williams, Coach Jason Hayes, and (bottom row) Destin Foy, Dessie Johnson.

Foy Signs with Adrian to Play Football

Senior Destin Foy recently signed to play football at Adrian College. Destin played wide receiver this year for the Colts. Coach Jason Hayes believes Destin has the determination to play at the next level and will make us proud.



The newest members of the 1000 Point Club are Ahkyla Blakely and Daisy Ansel.

1,000 Point Club

Senior Ahkyla Blakely (1,131) and Junior Daisy Ansel (1,053) reached the 1,000 point mark for their career this season. They mark the third and fourth players in school history to hit this mark. Previous winners were Stacy Stanton (1,613) in 1991 and Ayanna Wilson (1,065) in 1993.



The boys wrestling team won the BCS Conference Title this year, the first wrestling title in Comstock's history.

BCS Conference Wrestling Champions

The boys wrestling team won the BCS Conference Title this year which happens to be the first ever conference wrestling title in school history. Congratulations to Leo Juarez, Connor Nolan, Victor Plascencia, Dino Sivley, Cameron Gilley, Rodrigo Juarez, Tyler Kuivenhoven, Jesse VanAvery, Brandon Bavin, John Curry, Arron Alvarado, Markeyis Boland, Skylar George, Skyler Switzer, Luiza Arakelyan, Yining Chen, Virginia Grattapaglia, Zach Perkins, Teague Roellchen, Vincent Branch, Head Coach Jason Hayes and Assistant Coach Cody Bavin. Great job!



Assistant wrestling coach Cody Bavin (far left) and head wrestling coach Jason Hayes (far right) stand with their state qualifying wrestlers, Cameron Gilley and Aaron Alvarado.

MHSAA State Qualifiers

Congratulations to Coach Jason Hayes and his wrestlers Cameron Gilley and Arron Alvarado for representing Comstock in the MHSAA State Finals. We're very proud of their achievements this year.

COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Boys JV Baseball

Tue, Apr 10	Galesburg-Augusta HS	4:00PM
Fri, Apr 13	@ Maple Valley High School	4:00PM
Tue, Apr 17	@ Buchanan HS	4:15PM
Thu, Apr 19	@ Gull Lake High School	4:00PM
Tue, Apr 24	@ Parchment High School	4:15PM
Sat, Apr 28	@ Olivet Olivet	11:00AM
Mon, Apr 30	@ Bridgman Public Schools	4:15PM
Fri, May 4	@ Benton Harbor High School	4:15PM
Tue, May 8	Brandywine High School	4:15PM
Thu, May 10	Gull Lake High School	4:00PM
Tue, May 15	Berrien Springs HS	4:15PM
Fri, May 18	@ Loy Norrix High School	4:15PM
Wed, May 23	@ Plainwell Schools	4:15PM

Boys Varsity Baseball

Tue, Apr 10	@ Galesburg-Augusta HS	4:00PM
Fri, Apr 13	Maple Valley High School	4:00PM
Tue, Apr 17	Buchanan HS	4:15PM
Sat, Apr 21	@ Bridgman Round Robin w/Coloma	12:00PM
Tue, Apr 24	Parchment High School	4:15PM
Sat, Apr 28	Olivet	10:00AM
Mon, Apr 30	Bridgman Public Schools @ Notre Dame	4:00PM
Fri, May 4	Benton Harbor High School	4:15PM
Tue, May 8	@ Brandywine High School	4:15PM
Sat, May 12	@ Bangor Invitational	10:00AM
Tue, May 15	@ Berrien Springs HS	4:15PM
Fri, May 18	Loy Norrix High School	4:15PM
Tue, May 22	@ BCS Rain Date	TBA
Wed, May 23	Plainwell Schools	4:15PM
Sat, May 26	@ Bronson Invitational	9:00AM
Tue, May 29	MHSAA Pre District - TBA	TBA
Sat, Jun 2	MHSAA District - TBA	TBA

Boys Varsity Golf

Wed, Apr 11	@ BCS Parchment Jamboree: Eastern Hills	4:00PM
Wed, Apr 18	@ GK Invitational - Stonehedge	9:00AM
Thu, Apr 19	BCS Comstock Jamboree - Eastern Hills	4:00PM

Fri, Apr 20	Comstock JV Golf Invite - Hickory Ridge	9:00AM
Wed, Apr 25	BCS Berrien Springs Jamboree: Indian Lk	4:00PM
Mon, Apr 30	BCS Buchanan Jamboree: Orchard Hills	4:00PM
Thu, May 10	BCS Brandywine Jamboree: Signal Point	4:00PM
Thu, May 17	@ BCS Conference Meet - Hampshire	9:00AM
Fri, May 18	@ Parchment JV Scramble	9:00AM
Wed, May 30	@ MHSAA Regional - May 30,31 or June 1,2	

Girls Varsity Soccer

Wed, Apr 11	@ Berrien Springs HS	5:00PM
Fri, Apr 13	Lawton Community Schools	6:00PM
Mon, Apr 16	@ Maple Valley High School	5:30PM
Wed, Apr 18	@ Covert Public Schools	6:00PM
Thu, Apr 19	Hartford Public Schools	6:00PM
Mon, Apr 23	@ Brandywine High School	5:00PM
Wed, Apr 25	Parchment High School	6:00PM
Fri, Apr 27	@ Schoolcraft High School	5:00PM
Mon, Apr 30	Lake Michigan Catholic HS	6:00PM
Wed, May 2	@ Buchanan HS	5:00PM
Fri, May 4	@ Dowagiac High School	5:00PM
Mon, May 7	Bridgman Public Schools	6:00PM
Wed, May 9	New Buffalo High School	6:00PM
Thu, May 10	Cassopolis High School	6:00PM
Wed, May 16	@ Michigan Lutheran HS	5:00PM
Thu, May 17	Watervliet	6:00PM
Thu, May 24	Delton-Kellogg H.S.	6:00PM

Girls Varsity Softball

Sat, Apr 7	Comstock Varsity Invitational	11:00AM
Tue, Apr 10	Mendon High School	4:00PM
Fri, Apr 13	Maple Valley High School	4:00PM
Tue, Apr 17	Buchanan HS	4:15PM
Fri, Apr 20	Kalamazoo Central HS	4:15PM
Tue, Apr 24	Parchment High School	4:15PM
Tue, May 1	Bridgman Public Schools	4:15PM
Fri, May 4	@ Hackett Catholic Central	4:00PM
Tue, May 8	@ Brandywine High School	4:15PM
Sat, May 12	@ Centreville Invitational	9:00AM

Tue, May 15	@ Berrien Springs HS	4:15PM
Sat, May 19	Comstock JV Softball Tourney	9:00AM
Tue, May 22	@ BCS Rain Date	TBA
Wed, May 23	Plainwell Schools	4:15PM
Thu, May 24	Otsego HS	4:15PM
Tue, May 29	MHSAA Pre District - TBA	TBA
Sat, Jun 2	MHSAA District - TBA	TBA

Girls Varsity Tennis

Tue, Apr 10	Kalamazoo Christian H.S.	4:30PM
Thu, Apr 12	Buchanan HS	4:30PM
Sat, Apr 14	@ GK Invitational	TBA
Mon, Apr 16	@ GK Invitational Finals	TBA
Tue, Apr 17	Brandywine High School	4:30PM
Thu, Apr 19	Berrien Springs HS	4:30PM
Mon, Apr 23	Schoolcraft High School	4:00PM
Tue, Apr 24	@ BCS Rain Date	TBA
Thu, Apr 26	@ New Buffalo High School	4:30PM
Tue, May 1	@ Bridgman/LMC at South Shore	4:30PM
Thu, May 3	@ BCS Rain Date	TBA
Fri, May 4	Plainwell Schools	4:00PM
Tue, May 8	@ Bronson Junior/Senior High School	4:30PM
Thu, May 10	BCS Conference Tourney: Berrien Springs	9:00AM
Thu, May 17	@ MHSAA Regional - May 17,18 or 19	

Boys & Girls Varsity Track and Field

Tue, Apr 10	@ Parchment High School (BCS Dual)	4:15PM
Fri, Apr 13	@ Gull Lake Invitational	2:00PM
Wed, Apr 18	Berrien Springs HS (BCS Dual)	4:15PM
Fri, Apr 20	Comstock Invitational	4:00PM
Wed, Apr 25	@ Bridgman Public Schools	4:15PM
Fri, Apr 27	@ Schoolcraft Invitational	3:00PM
Wed, May 2	Buchanan HS	4:15PM
Fri, May 4	@ Parchment Relays	4:00PM
Wed, May 9	BCS Dual vs Brandywine at Parchment	4:15PM
Mon, May 14	Comstock Invitational	4:00PM
Fri, May 18	MHSAA Regional	1:00PM
Wed, May 23	@ BCS Conference Meet - Brandywine	

Comstock Township Library Events

ADULT DEPARTMENT

*We offer one-one-one technology lessons with a librarian (computer questions, tablets, etc.) Please call to set-up an appointment.

*Cannot get Internet at your home? The library now has hotspots available for circulation to Comstock Township Library patrons. Ask one of our staff members for more information! There is a \$10.00 fee and a \$10.00 deposit upon check-out.

Comstock Community Bulletin Board: We are hosting an online bulletin board for the community. This free service is hosted by the Comstock Township Library for events of interest to Comstock area residents. Event submissions are free; however, the library takes no responsibility for the claims made in these advertisements. Click on the "Submit an Event" link

to send us your information. Please visit www.yousee-more.com/comstock.

Homebound Library Services: The Homebound Delivery Service seeks to provide library materials to Comstock Township Residents who are unable to visit the library. Homebound delivery includes the selection of materials by library staff and delivery of those materials by library employees.

Homebound is defined as follows:

Residents are to be considered homebound if they have a condition (due to illness or injury) that restricts their ability to leave their place of residence, except with the aid of supportive devices such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, and walkers, the use of special transportation, the assistance of another person or if leaving home is medically contraindicated. In most circumstances, if a resident

CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on May 26 and May 28 for the Memorial Day holiday.

drives, he/she would not be considered homebound. Call 345-0136 for further information.

We now have a preservation station! Do you have home videos you would like to transfer to DVDs and photos or other print material you would like to digitize? The **Preservation Station**, purchased with a gift from Bell's Brewery, allows patrons to make digital copies of print and media. To use the scanner and video transfer equipment, please call to set up a training session with a librarian.

Patrons may scan print material to a USB drive or a writable CD/ DVD disc. Bring your own or we have them for sale. Suggested USB size is 16 MB. Video files must be transferred to a DVD-R. Usually, one full VHS would fit on a DVD. Sorry, we are unable to

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convert 8mm video at this time. For more detailed information, give us a call.

We now have a **notary service** at the library during business hours. The cost is \$5 per notarial transaction. Call 345-0136 for more information.

LIBRARY HOP! A library road trip adventure!

April 1-30, 2018. Local libraries have joined together to share public events and invite you to discover other communities. To participate, pick up a Library Hop passport from your home library. This allows you access to the events on the itinerary at other libraries. Get your Passport stamped at each library you visit. Present your stamped passport to your home library. Comstock Township residents who participate should present their stamped passport to the Comstock Township Library by May 5 to be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Earn one entry into the drawing for 5 stamps, 2 entries for 10 stamps 3 entries for 15 stamps, 4 entries for all stamps. Drawing will be held on May 7. For more information, go to www.libraryhop.org

Family Craft: Terrarium, Wednesday, April 18, at 5:30 pm. Plant and take home a terrarium. Children 10 and under must have an adult with them. Required registration begins on Monday, April 2, at the adult reference desk. Call 345-0136 for more information. *Plants are being generously donated by River Street Flowerland.

Family Craft: Paint Kindness Rocks, Wednesday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m. Contribute to the "Kindness Rocks Project!" which involves painting and hiding rocks for others to find. Deanna Mayo will instruct you on how to paint these rocks. All supplies will be provided and all ages are welcome. Children 10 and under must have an adult present with them. Required registration begins on Monday, April 30, at the adult reference desk. (Please note that the paints used are NOT machine washable. You may wish to bring a blow dryer to aid in drying).

Saturday, June 9, 2018: Community Yard Sale at Comstock Township Library Grounds. Start planning now to participate in or attend the Community Yard Sale hosted on the library grounds. Community Yard Sale: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Comstock Township Library is hosting an outdoor yard sale. Sellers may purchase a 10x10 space for \$5, due at registration. To reserve your space, please stop by the library starting May 7. Tables, chairs and change are not available; you must bring your own. *Multiple spaces can be purchased for a larger sales area* No food items, please. 30 spaces available. Spaces are not available inside the library.

EVENTS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

STORYTIME: Ages 1-5. Register your child for a 45-minute session, which includes 30 minutes of stories, songs, and other activities followed by a 15-minute craft. There are no storytimes the week of April 2 due to spring break. Storytimes run through Thursday, April 26. Storytime sessions are as follows:
Mondays: 10:30-11:15 a.m. - 1-3 year olds
Tuesdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m. - 1-3 year olds
Wednesdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m. - 3-5 year olds
Thursdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m. - 3-5 year olds

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:

Pre-Kindergarten. Comstock Township Library is encouraging parents to read 1000 books to their young children before they begin kindergarten and earn prizes along the way. Reading to children beginning at a young age is the single most important thing parents can do to help their children become successful readers as they get older. Any child can participate until s/he enters kindergarten. Pick up your tracking sheet at the Young People's Desk today!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Every month on the first Friday, Sixth through Twelfth Graders. Earn community service hours helping us plan programs for teens and other youth! Must be in sixth through twelfth grades to register for this free event! Meeting will be:

Friday, April 13, 4-5 p.m. Date change due to spring break.

(Registration begins Monday, April 2.)

Friday, May 4, 4-5 p.m.

(Registration begins Monday, April 23.)

LEGO CLUB: Every month on the third Friday, 4-5:30 p.m., all ages. Use your imagination and build a Lego creation for us to display in the Young People's Department! Children under the age of 5 should have an adult helper with them. Registration is required for this free event. Lego Club dates are as follows:

Friday, April 20, 4-5:30 p.m.

(Registration begins Monday, April 9.)

Friday, May 18, 4-5:30 p.m.

(Registration begins Monday, May 7.)

FAMILY CRAFT NIGHTS: Wednesday, April 18. 5:30-6:30 p.m, all ages. Join us to create a terrarium with the members of your family. Limit one terrarium per family. *Plants are generously being donated by River Street Flowerland.

Wednesday, May 16. 5:30-6:30 p.m, all ages. Have you heard about the recent craze, Kindness Rocks Project, which involves painting and hiding rocks for others to find? This is your chance to paint some rocks of your own! It is up to you if you want to hide them

or keep them. All supplies will be provided. Please note that the paints used are NOT machine washable. You may wish to bring a blow dryer to aid in drying.

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT: Saturday, May 12. 11 a.m.-Noon, all ages. Come to the library and do a special craft just for Mom or someone special. Children under 5 need to have an adult helper. Registration is required for this free event and all ages are welcome! Registration begins Monday, April 30.

Teens: Do you need volunteer hours for next year?

Teen volunteers are very important to the success of our Summer Reading Program and we appreciate all the hard work they do. We need volunteers for correcting worksheets, redeeming prizes, and assisting with programs and parties. Volunteer applications are available at the Young People's desk and on our website. **You must be in sixth through twelfth grades to volunteer!**



Call the library to make sure we are open if there is inclement weather.



We now have tutor rooms and Wi-Fi available! Call 345-0136 for more information.



We now have a fax service! Must use credit or debit card to send.



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OverDrive! Download free audiobooks and e-books from home using your computer, MP3 player, e-book reader, and other compatible devices. Check out our OVERDRIVE eBooks and audiobooks! <https://smdl.overdrive.com/>



Computer Help

Have a question about the computer? Would you like to learn how to use the computer? Please call 345-0136 to set up a block of time for one-on-one help. Must be a library cardholder.



Need Resume Help?

Please call to schedule an appointment or visit the adult reference desk to do so. We will help you write a cover letter or resume, or just proofread one you already have. Call 345-0136 for further information. Must be a library cardholder.