

The Comstock Communicator

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From the Superintendent

The Comstock Public Schools community will have the opportunity to vote on a bond proposal on the May 3, 2022, election ballot. If approved by voters, this bond proposal would provide \$39,430,000 for District-wide improvements.

This bond proposal was developed as a part of a long-term master plan for District facilities. Proposed bond projects were prioritized through a year-long facility assessment conducted by a volunteer group that included CPS staff, parents of students, and members of the Comstock community. This group toured our school buildings and facilities, and collected community and stakeholder input through four surveys and six community forums.

If approved by the voters, the bond proposal is expected to increase our debt tax rate by approximately 0.5 mills over the current year's levy. This represents an initial increase of approximately \$25 per year for every \$100,000 of market value home. A tax calculator is available on the District website: www.ComstockPS.org/vote2022.

The bond proposal approved by voters in May, 2016, has allowed our District to make monumental changes to Comstock Elementary School and Comstock Middle School. These buildings now stand as learning spaces that any District would be proud to call their own.

Comstock High School and Comstock STEM Academy, built in 1966 and 1949 respectively, have been found to be in need of similar transformations.

The roof at CHS has weathered decades of snowstorms, and shows signs of age. Many fixtures have simply outlived their expected lifespans, including ceiling tiles, flooring, and drink-

ing fountains original to the building. Lighting upgrades throughout the building would be more efficient and less costly to operate than the lighting now in use. An updated high school kitchen, which serves as the main food preparation area for the entire District, would benefit all of our schools.

Comstock STEM Academy has also seen its share of rain and snow over the past 73 years. Approval of the 2022 bond would provide funds for a new school building. The original builders and architects could not have foreseen the changes that have come since 1949. The building no longer supports current best practices in teaching and learning, nor does it adequately serve its growing student population.

A new building would enhance learning opportunities at the STEM Academy, as would a remodeled wood shop for Comstock High School students and a new band room for Comstock Middle School students. In addition, improvements to our athletic facilities would be used by future generations of Comstock Colts.

I invite you to learn more about this bond proposal. Talk with friends and neighbors. Share election information on social media. Above all, please take part by VOTING.

If you have any questions, contact me by phone at 269-250-8907 or by email at the address below.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes
Superintendent
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Dr. Jeff Thoenes
Superintendent

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by empowering, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach their full potential, and to ensure all students learn and thrive in a safe and healthy environment.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an inclusive, high performing learning community where we foster dreams, explore possibilities, and create futures.

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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What Dr. Thoenes is reading:

Miracle at Midway (1982);
Gordon W. Prange



State Superintendent Visits Comstock Elementary School

For the first time ever, Michigan's State Superintendent of Public Instruction visited Comstock Schools. As part of National Read Across America Day, Dr. Michael Rice was a guest reader in first grade and kindergarten classrooms at Comstock Elementary School.

Upon his arrival at the school, Principal Susan Caswell and Board of Education President Pamela Dickinson greeted Dr. Rice and presented him with a gift basket of Comstock spirit items.

He first read *It's a Book* by Lane Smith to Madelyn Buhrman's first graders.

On this way to the second classroom, Dr. Rice toured the school's newly remodeled library and marveled at its beauty and elegance. Dr. Rice will be invited to return to CES for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the official opening of the facility this spring.

Dr. Rice next read *Isb* by Peter Reynolds to Cathy Buscher's kindergartners.

Dr. Rice's love of books and sense of humor brought joy and laughter to his hosts and students.



Dr. Rice reads to first graders in Madelyn Buhrman's class.

Board Briefs

SPECIAL MEETING

December 20, 2021

Discussed the bond timeline and answered questions about the bond.

SPECIAL MEETING

December 30, 2021

- Approved the resolution approving the application for preliminary qualification for the District's bonding proposal and take the related actions as specified in the agenda.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 24, 2022

- Elected the following officers:
 - Pam Dickinson, president
 - Matt Schreiner, vice-president
 - Dori Scholly, secretary
 - Paul Lamphear, treasurer
- Appointed Ashley LaVanWay as recording secretary.
- Appointed Michelle Darnell as acting treasurer.
- Appointed standing committees.
- Approved governance guidelines and practices.
- Set the dates and times for the 2022 regular board meetings.

REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2022

- Recognized Students of the Month:
 - Alice Wieleba, CELA
 - Kamden Law, CES
 - Cecilia Warr, STEM

- Brandon Hartness, CMS

- Alexander Ballesteros, CHS

- Jady Kaatz, COMPASS

- Hendrik Snyder, CVA

- Recognized Employee of the Month: Billie Malamas (CMS, Paraprofessional)
- Accepted resignation of Jaclyn Zigler, eighth grade teacher.
- Approved hiring Isabella Longo, special education, Compass.

REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2022

- Recognized Students of the Month:
 - Hermanie Fataki (CELA Student, GSRP Program)
 - Eve Lippincott (Elementary, 1st Grade)
 - Elsie Moravek (STEM Academy, 4th Grade)
 - Rowand Monck (Middle School, 7th Grade)
 - Alondra Chiquito (High School, 11th Grade)
 - Eric Engelman (Compass, 12th Grade)
 - James Fischer (Virtual Academy, 12th Grade)
- Recognized Staff of the Month: Bonnie Everdeen (STEM, Administrative Assistant.).
- Accepted resignation of Karyn Medendorp, STEM, science teacher.
- Approved hiring Charlee Hayes, CMS, physical education teacher.

REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2022

- Accepted resignation of CHS Principal David Kirksey.
- Approved accepting Lawrence Public Schools into the Southwest 10 Conference, as required by conference bylaws.

District Receives State Grant

The Michigan Department of Education has awarded Comstock Public Schools a grant for \$14,562.50 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Benchmark Assessment Funding.

Assistant Superintendent Jill Ansel applied for this grant, and it was awarded from the Govern-

nor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund. Allowable grant expenditures are costs incurred for the District's implementation of a benchmark assessment system, including purchasing academic testing services, staff time, support services, and supplies.

Comstock Community Auditorium Events

April:

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

29-30; May 6-7 Homeschool Performing Arts Musical: *Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang*; Shows: 7 p.m. Matinees also on the 30th and the 7th at 1 p.m. Tickets online: Go to hpami.org for details or call: 1-855-472-1472.

May:

1 FOP #98 Country Music Concert: 7 p.m. Tickets at the door or call 381-3587. Limited seating at this time.

9 Comstock MS/STEM/HS Band Concert - 7 p.m.

10 Kalamazoo Christian High School Choir Concert: 7 p.m.

11 STEM Music program: 3-5th grades: 6:30 p.m.

15 Opening Act Theater Company Shows: *Three Golden Hairs*; 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: pawpawplayhouse.com

16 Kalamazoo Christian MS/HS Band Concert: 7 p.m.

17 Comstock MS/HS Choir Concert 7 p.m. FREE

18 Kalamazoo Christian MS Choir Concert: 5th-8th grades. 7 p.m.

21-22 Ballet Kalamazoo: Season Show: 6: p.m. on 21st and 2 p.m. on the 22nd. Go to the website for tickets: <https://www.balletkalamazoo.com> or email Amy at: info@balletkalamazoo.com.

26 Kalamazoo Christian Middle School Musical: Performance: 12:45 p.m.; 7 p.m. For ticket info: 544-2332. Possible taping, will have limited seating.

31 STEM Middle School Awards Night: 5-6 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.



Congratulations to the LaVan Ways

Ashley LaVanWay and her husband, Dennis, are the parents of a new baby girl, Nora Willa, born on 11/24/21 and weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz. Mrs. LaVanWay is administrative assistant to Superintendent Dr. Jeff Thoenes.



2021-22 Comstock Public Schools Calendar

March 25-April 1, 2022	Spring Break		No Students/ No Teachers
May 5, 2022	CHS Conferences	3:00-7:00	
May 12, 2022	Comstock Middle School Conferences	3:00-7:00	
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day		No Students/No Staff
June 6,7,8, 2022	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students and Teachers K-12
June 8, 2022	Last Half Day for Students/Records Day PM		Half Day Students AM/ Staff Records Day PM

CPS Receives Funds to Purchase Nutritious Foods

The District has received \$37,079.46 from the School Nutrition Program USDA Supply Chain Assistance. The money will be used to purchase domestic unprocessed or minimally processed foods such as milk, cheese, yogurt, fruits and vegetables, pasta and rice, and meats. Foods may be whole, cut, pureed, fresh, frozen, canned, and dried. Importantly, The Michigan Department of Education strongly encourages the District to

purchase locally grown foods.

These funds are part of \$1 billion provided by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

According to a news release from the USDA, "These funds deliver direct relief from ongoing supply chain issues and improve the quality and consistency of school meals for children in communities experiencing disruptions, making it

easier for schools to operate successful meal programs."

It is expected that these funds will help 100,000 schools in all states and territories. Funds are allocated based on enrollment figures. There is a minimum amount per district so that even small schools can benefit.

Dickinson Named to MASB Board



Comstock Public Schools Board of Education President Pamela Dickinson has been approved to serve as a Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

MASB President Jill Fennessy selected President Dickinson from a pool of applicants from across the state. President Dickinson's three-year term began Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Virtual Academy Sponsors Read-A-Thon

The Comstock Virtual Academy Grades K-5 is in the second month of its Epic Read-A-Thon Contest. Students who read the most books from each grade level will win a \$5 gift certificate.

The remaining dates in the contest are April 4-29 and May 2-31.

For more information, contact CVA K-5 teacher Brenda James at Brenda.James@ComstockPS.org.



FREE

Health Care Worker Training

Are you interested in FREE training as a Healthcare Worker with employers who are ready to hire you?

These jobs are in demand, and the pay is great!

The training takes place at Comstock Public Schools' Gull Road Campus.

When you finish HCW training, you will receive assistance with job placement, and there is an opportunity for you to continue with **FREE** training as a Certified Nurse Aide.

If you are a Kalamazoo County resident between the ages of 18 and 24, contact Lisa Smith at:

Lisa.Smith@KRESA.org or 269-775-1664

If you are above age 24, tuition may be covered.

Please contact Lisa using the contact information above, or visit our website for more information:

<https://nurseaideclass.weebly.com>

Please pass this information along to friends and family who might be interested.

We look forward to hearing from you!

BOND PROPOSAL

Comstock Has Lowest Debt Millage in Kalamazoo County

By Dr. Jeffrey Thoenes, Superintendent

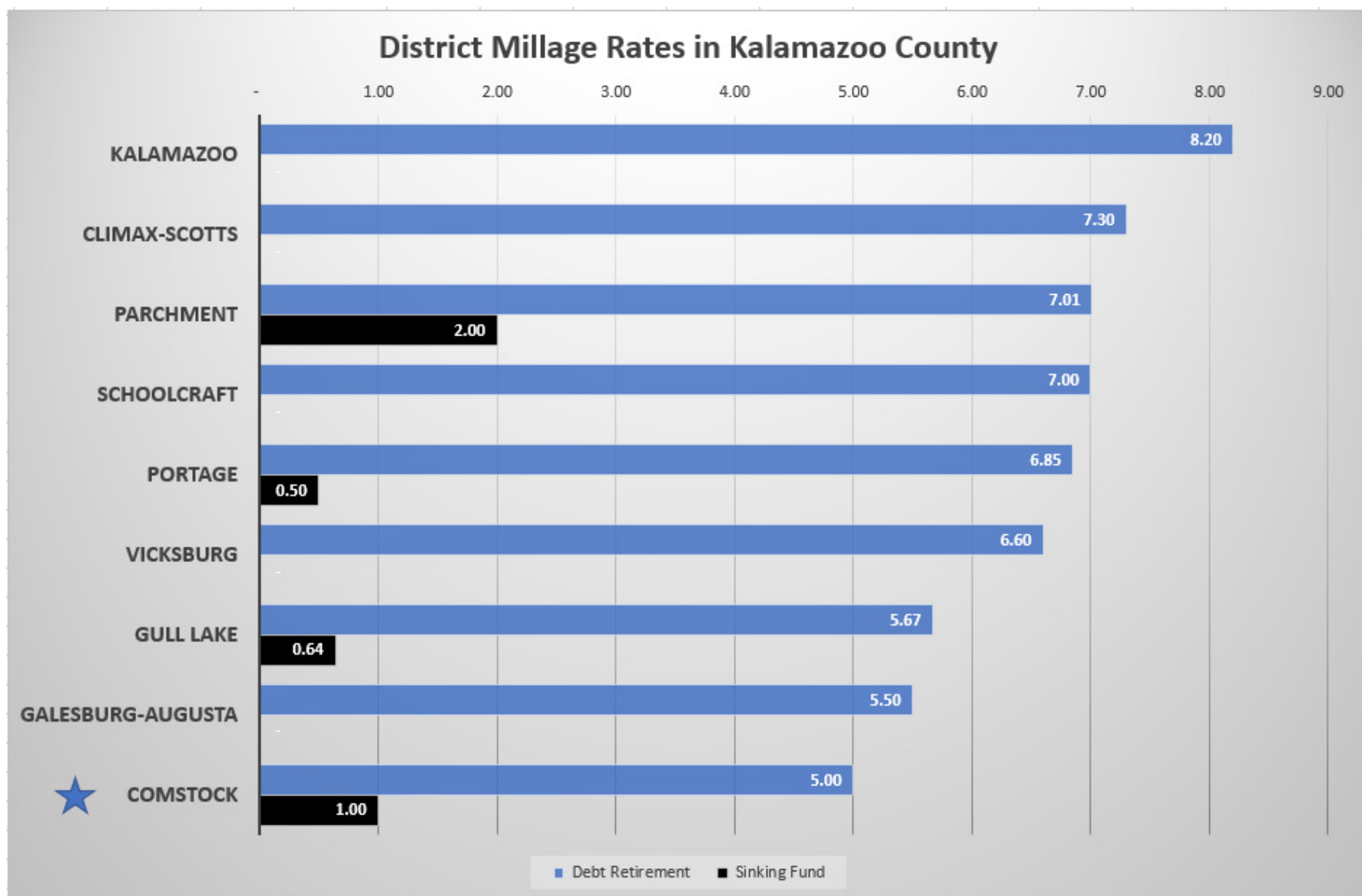
On May 3, 2022, Comstock Public Schools is seeking voter approval of a ½ mil increase bond that would raise \$39.4 million for capital projects for the District. As a part of the District’s informational campaign, it is important for our community members to know that the District has the

lowest debt tax rate of all school districts within Kalamazoo RESA. That would still be the case if voters approve the May 3 bond proposal. Learn more at ComstockPS.org/vote2022

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me either via email, phone call, or personal vis-

it. I can be reached at Jeff.Thoenes@ComstockPS.org or 269-250-8906.

If you happen to see me at a future school event or in the community, please take the time to say “hi” and allow me to introduce myself. I look forward to our conversation!



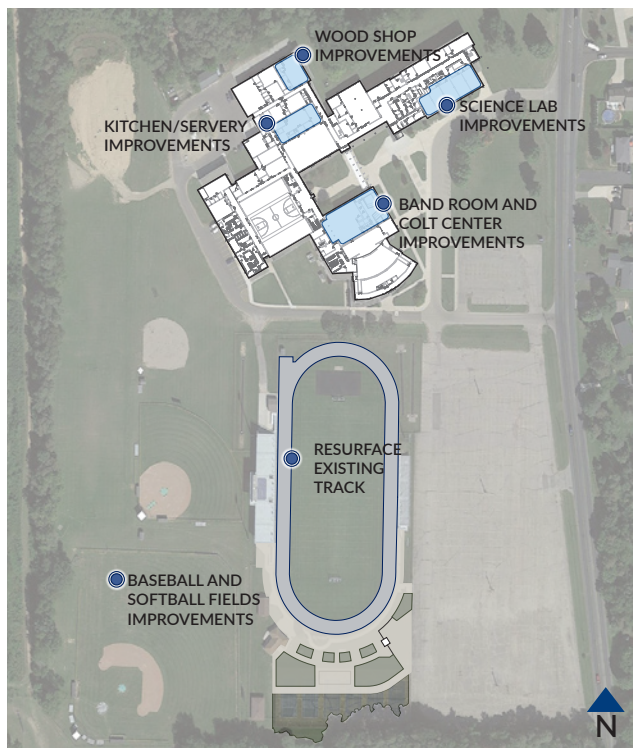


COMSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOND PROPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS

Election Day: Tuesday, May 3, 2022

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL



- Remodel the existing wood shop and update equipment
- Remodel the band room to expand storage, remove risers, and add bathrooms
- Renovate the science rooms and update them with modern science lab equipment
- Repair and replace aged sections of the roof
- Replace aged windows, classroom carpet, lockers, acoustical ceilings, lighting, drinking fountains, and update select furniture and equipment
- Replace new interior doors and locks at the auditorium
- Replace flooring and update kitchenette in the Colt Center
- Remodel the existing kitchen and food service areas
- Replace elevator infrastructure
- Install instructional technology equipment in the science labs and wood shop, including classroom multi-media to support teaching and learning
- Resurface the existing track at the Hamet Athletic Complex
- Improve softball and baseball field drainage and irrigation
- Replace fencing at the west property line of the athletic fields

Conceptual site and building diagrams depict potential building and site relationships. Actual layout and design to be determined.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a bond proposal, and how can funds from a bond be spent?

A bond proposal is how a public school district asks its community for authorization to borrow money for capital expenditures by selling bonds. Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on projects specifically described in the ballot language. Funds raised through the sale of bonds cannot be used on operational expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, school supplies, and textbooks. Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and must be audited by an independent auditing firm.

Why is ComstockPS asking voters to consider a bond proposal now?

The last time voters approved a bond was in 2016, and those projects focused on the renovation of the aging Elementary School and Middle School. The May 2022 bond proposal focuses on improving educational programs and learning environments, and addressing aged buildings at CHS, CMS, and STEM Academy.

How does Comstock's debt millage rate compare to neighboring districts?

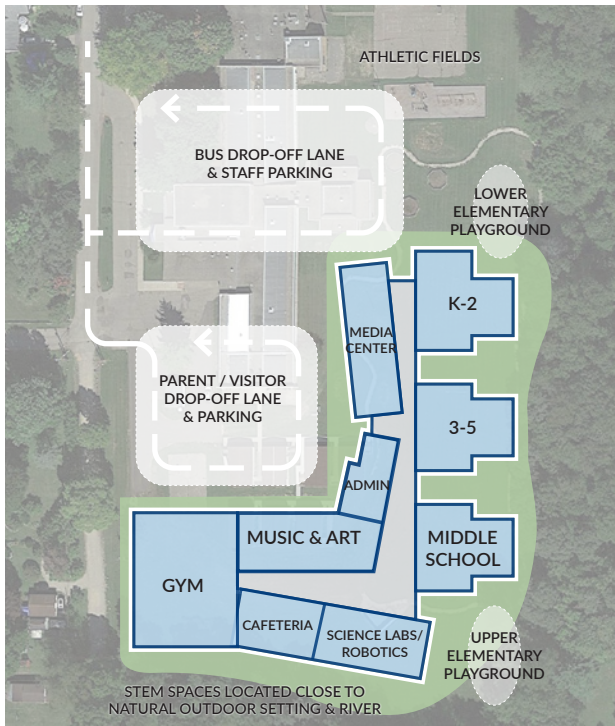
Even with the passage of the 2016 bond proposal, Comstock Public Schools has the lowest debt tax rate of all school districts within Kalamazoo RESA (KRESA). That would still be the case if this bond proposal is approved, which indicates that the district has been prudent in its financial management of district funds.

All but one district in KRESA have active construction projects underway to improve their schools and facilities. Approval of this bond proposal would enable Comstock to have modernized facilities and to be more competitive regarding attracting and retaining families and staff.

When will the millage for this proposal first be levied?

On the July 1, 2022 property tax bill.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT COMSTOCK STEM ACADEMY

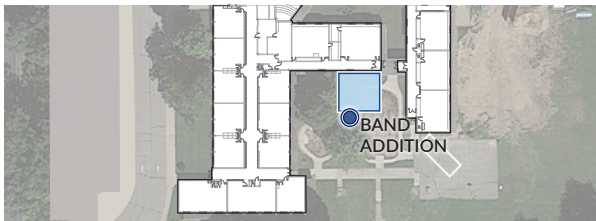


- Construct a new STEM Academy building
- Redesign the traffic flow, including new bus drop-off lanes, separate parking lots, and student drop-off/pick-up areas to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety
- Provide new classroom furniture and equipment
- Provide new technology devices to support learning
- Provide instructional technology equipment including classroom multi-media to support teaching and learning
- Create new age-appropriate playgrounds
- Create outdoor spaces to leverage natural outdoor settings and the Kalamazoo River
- Demolish the existing facility and remove portable classrooms



Conceptual site and building diagrams depict potential building and site relationships. Actual layout and design to be determined.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT COMSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL



- Construct a band room addition
- Provide new furniture and equipment
- Provide instructional technology equipment including classroom multi-media to support teaching and learning

Conceptual site and building diagrams depict potential building and site relationships. Actual layout and design to be determined.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where and when will the vote occur?

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 is election day, but absentee voting can occur leading up to that date. All registered voters may cast an absentee voter ballot by mail. Voters may also cast a ballot at the polling location established by their city/township. If you have questions or do not know where you vote, please contact your city/township office. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Would the approval of the bond proposal have any impact on our current operational budget?

While funding from this bond proposal is independent of the district's general fund operating budget, the bond would likely have a positive impact on the district's general fund by allowing the district to reallocate operating funds that are currently being spent on aging facilities, mechanical systems, and technology.

How much money would the bond proposal generate and would the funding be issued all at once?

The proposal would generate \$39,430,000 that would be spent over six years on district facilities and site improvements. The bonds are proposed to be issued in two series (2022 and 2024). This allows for years of bond repayments to occur before a new bond issue is completed.

What are the key dates leading up to the Tuesday, May 3, 2022 election day?

- The last day for voters to register by mail is April 18, 2022
- Voters may register in-person through May 3, 2022 (election day) with the required documentation
- Absentee voter ballots are available from March 19 until May 3
- Contact your local clerk with questions



COMSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOND PROPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS

Election Day: Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Shall Comstock Public Schools, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Nine Million Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$39,430,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

\$39,430,000 BOND
The District would sell bonds totaling \$39.43 million.

erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings and additions to school buildings; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school facilities; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping athletic facilities, athletic fields, playgrounds and sites?

PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE

- Improving learning environments to support educational programs
- Addressing aged buildings
- See District website for a list of proposed improvements

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2022 is 2.45 mills (\$2.45 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a .50 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.80 mills (\$2.80 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

- .50 mill increase from the prior year's rate. (This equals approximately an additional \$25.00 per year for every \$100,000 of market value home, or \$50,000 taxable value.)
- See District website for a tax impact calculator

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$0. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Comstock High School

Students Craft Cutting Boards

High school students in Ryan Cousins' tech ed class created their own cutting boards this winter.

Students selected from rough sawn cherry, oak, and jarrah boards and processed the pieces using the miter saw, planer, jointer, and table saw, explained Mr. Cousins. Next, students glued up their pieces using food-safe wood glue. After the glue dried, the students crosscut the cutting boards to their final width. Students then had the option of applying either a chamfer (bevel cut) or roundover edge profile using a router.

Students then sanded the boards with two different grits of sandpaper and saturated the boards with mineral oil overnight. Finally, they had the option of applying a final beeswax/mineral oil coating to protect their boards and add rubber feet to the bottom.

"It was great to be back in the woodshop with students for the first time since March, 2020, and everyone was able to take home their own thoughtfully crafted creation," said Mr. Cousins.



High school students work on their cutting boards in their tech ed class.

Welcome, New Staff Members



Dr. Jen Aniano

The year 2008 was a pivotal one for Dr. Jen Aniano. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a dual major in history and journalism with the goal of becoming a "big city columnist." However, the stock market crashed and print journalism died.

With that dream gone, she applied to various graduate programs and ended up at the University of Michigan in their Secondary Masters of Arts with teaching certification (SMAC) program. Within a year she had a master's in education and teacher certification. She also has a doctorate in education from the City University of Seattle.

She has come to Comstock this year as an adult education instructor and coordinator.

She previously taught English in the Grand Rapids Public Schools, English and social studies in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, and also served as an administrator in the G2S Academy, a charter school in Scottville.

While education wasn't her first choice of occupations, she is enjoying her work.

"Although working in education is trying most of the time, I truly know that I am contributing to society every day," she said. "Can I change the world? No, but I can help shape the future of our world. Not everyone can say that about

their work. I am fortunate to have fallen into a profession that matters."

The most difficult thing about teaching today comes from the laws the state legislature passes that affect all areas of education, she said.

"Sadly, people who make the most important decisions about education have no idea what education as a system truly is," she said. "Their experience in K-12 education is, 'I went to school once.' While the legislative decisions may be well intentioned, they are often misguided and have negative consequences."

A native of Detroit, Dr. Aniano graduated from Paul K. Cousino Senior High School. From that time, she fondly remembers her history teacher, Mr. Forester.

"He was a throat cancer survivor and could not speak often or loud enough for a class to hear," she said. "And still, I learned more from him than any teacher in my K-12 career. I admire his tenacity and his clear love of the profession and students."

Dr. Aniano's husband, Ivan, is in the military. They met years ago at a mixed martial arts training facility and train in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu together.

"We are both serious about the sport and are brown belts," she said. "We get to spend time doing something we both really enjoy."

She is a retired professional mixed martial artist, but is still competitive in Brazilian Jiu-

Jitsu in which she trains and coaches in her free time.



Brett Vaughn

Brett Vaughn loved being active and wanted to coach which led him to a career teaching physical education.

He's a graduate of Milford High School in Milford, Michigan. His undergraduate degree is from Grand Valley State University and his master's is from Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

An influential educator in his life was Don Palmer, his high school psychology teacher and basketball coach.

"I learned a lot about hard work and developing relationships," he said.

Prior to coming to Comstock, he taught in South Lyon, Caseville, and in a charter school, Oakside Academy.

"I love being around the students and interacting and developing relationships with them," he said.

Mr. Vaughn and his wife, Susan, have three children: Noah, 14, Molly 13, and Ryan, 11. Susan is an author and also works for a private investigator.

He enjoys being active, working out, and spending time with his family.

Comstock High School

CHS Implements New Student Check-in Process

Katie Anderson, the new administrative assistant, at Comstock High School, has implemented a new student check-in and check-out process.

Previously, students documented their late arrivals or early departures through a paper-driven process using pen or pencil. Often the handwriting was difficult to read and the information from the form was uploaded by hand only at the end of the day.

Recognizing that using technology could create greater efficiencies, Ms. Anderson implemented an electronic signing process. Students type in their names and the computer automatically stamps the time and day while instantly relaying that data to the attendance database. The new system is faster, cleaner, and more efficient.

CHS Students Honored for Attendance

Over 80 high school students were recently honored for having had zero tardies and/or perfect attendance.

The program for recognizing students who have excellent attendance is organized and administered by Behavior Specialist Kevin Hamilton. The intent is to focus attention on reinforcing positive or desired student behaviors.

Certificates were recently handed out to students who had achieved this goal. Board of Education Secretary Dori Scholly and Trustee Karen Howes went room to room with Mr. Hamilton and Principal David Kirksey to hand out certificates to those students who had zero tardies and/or perfect attendance.

Mrs. Scholly, a retired Comstock elementary teacher, said, "I was able to see several students I had as a teacher. It was a great morning!"

Band Soloists Earn Honors at District Festival



At the District Solo & Ensemble Festival, freshman Michaela Hartselle performed a solo on the euphonium.



Junior Genesis Pelfresne performed a clarinet solo at the District Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Two band students earned first division ratings at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District Solo & Ensemble Festival held recently at Schoolcraft High School.

Junior Genesis Pelfresne performed a clarinet solo and freshman Michaela Hartselle performed on the euphonium.

Both now have the opportunity to perform in the State Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Colts Achieve Success in Various Programs

Comstock students continue to achieve success through various enrichment programs, reports Post-Secondary Dean Jimmie Cotter.

Fifty-eight students earned 345 credits at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and through the Early Middle College. The value of these credits is about \$40,000 but there was no cost to the students.

The students had an average GPA of approximately 3.0 (B).

In addition, 38 high school students participated in a Career Technical

(CTE) or Education for the Arts (EFA) class during the first semester with an average GPA of 3.4.

These classes included automotive technolo-

gy, health sciences, construction trades, electrical technology, media production, information technology, cosmetology, culinary arts, dental assisting, law enforcement, theatre improvisation and scriptwriting, and veterinary sciences.

In addition, individual students earned honors in various programs. Harleigh Martin was named the Outstanding Senior of the entire CTE Culinary Arts program and senior Alex Patov was named to the Kalamazoo Valley Community College first semester high honor roll.

If you have a Comstock student interested in learning more about these post-secondary programs, please contact Mr. Cotter at James.Cotter@ComstockPS.org, and start planning today.

Students Learn about Careers

High school students recently learned about career opportunities from Parker-Hannifin employees.

In the virtual presentation, students heard from a commodity manager, a senior electronics engineer, a content producer, and an accountant turned supply chain manager.

Since most of the students in attendance are interested in pursuing a career within the engineer-

ing, manufacturing, information systems or business related fields, this was an ideal opportunity to learn from people who operate in the industry daily, according to Dean Jimmie Cotter. The students also learned about career trajectories in the industry.

According to Parker-Hannifin's website, the company is "the global leader in motion and control technologies."

Compass High School

Students Graduate from Compass



Twenty-one students recently graduated from Compass High School.

Twenty-one students graduated during Compass High School's winter commencement.

All seven School Board members joined the students on stage while Principal Jay Birchmeier welcomed family and friends.

Dean Megan Kennedy told about the obstacles students had to overcome on their road to graduation.

Board president Pamela Dickinson awarded the

diplomas to each student.

Students receiving their diplomas were Issac Newland, Andre Pack, Alisha Hall, Jennifer Sanders, Crystal Crookshank, Jadon Hess, Miceala Mickle, Diamond Pittman, Zoey Lesman, Ronald Hubert, Darrall Brandon, Jesse Peet, Luis Torres, Michale Combs, Kaleb Wardlow, Qua'Nice Robinson, Eli Briley, Mattison Frazier, James Fischer, Raecann Heggie, and Brett Sarters.

Comstock Elementary

CES Students Enjoy Sugar on Snow

CES students enjoyed a special Vermont treat courtesy of first grade teacher Kate Appel who grew up in Vermont.

The treat, called Sugar on Snow, combines snow and maple syrup. First, the students collected fresh snow and then learned about how maple syrup is made.

Maple syrup was then heated and poured over the snow creating Sugar on Snow.

According to cabotcheese.com in Waterbury, Vermont, "Sugar on Snow is maple syrup brought up to 235° and then drizzled over packed snow, where it seizes up into a shiny, chewy, almost caramel or taffy-like candy."

Then, it is served with donuts and pickles.

"The acid of the dill pickles and the butteryness of the plain donuts are the perfect balance to the sweet and smoky sugar on snow," says cabotcheese.com. "These things make the Sugar on Snow experience."

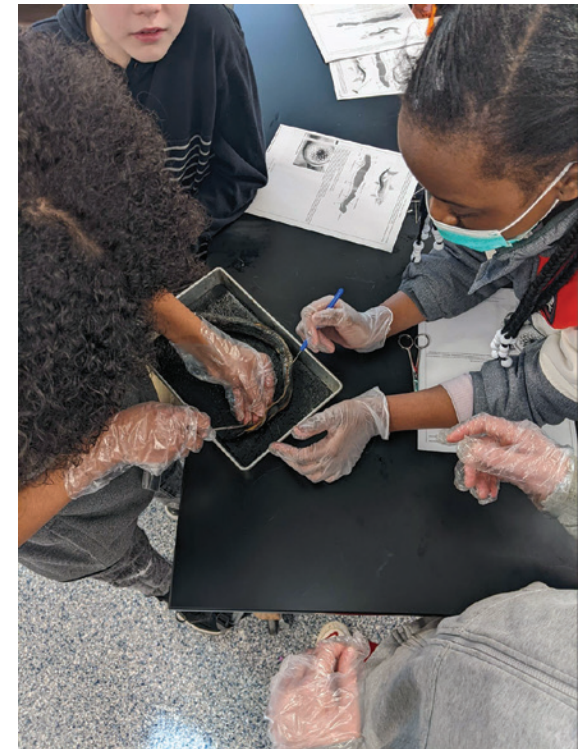
Also participating in the Sugar on Snow experience were second grade teachers Leigh Ann Emrick, McKenzie Reilly, and their students.



Joseph Thigpen and Kyren Walker enjoy Sugar Snow.

Comstock Middle

CMS Students Study Invasive Species



CMS science students dissect a sea lamprey as part of their study of food chains and relationships between different organisms.

Students in Michael Batsie's sixth grade science class recently studied food chains and the shared relationships certain organisms have with each other. In particular, students learned about the trout decline in Lake Michigan during the 1970's due primarily to overfishing and an invasive parasitic species - the sea lamprey. Students studied the sea lamprey, its characteristics as a parasite, and how it kills trout.

Students then dissected the sea lamprey. They located and identified its mouth, eyes, nasal cavity, dorsal fin, caudal fin, external gills, heart, liver, and eggs.

Students involved in the study were Alariah Brown, Navaeh Brown, Alexa Carlton, DayMon Dean, Kenneth Hartley, Cameron Jackson, Kamila Jiron Wagner, Fiesta Nsaku, Sam Pillars, Audrey Salter, Ava Skinner, Johnathan Tipsword, Kevin Toledo Hernandez, and Draiman VanOrder.

Comstock Elementary

CES Students Learn about Library Services

CES library media specialist Emmy Kimmer recently introduced students in third, fourth, and fifth grades to the Comstock Township Library's online collection.

All Comstock students can access the Township Library in person or online, so students used their ID numbers to create Overdrive accounts through the Library's website. Then, they could check out ebooks or audio books.

"Students were very excited about the whole idea and it wasn't difficult for students to complete," said Ms Kimmer. With access to the online library, students can enlarge font sizes and with picture books or graphic novels, they can zoom in to see more details. When reading audio books, students can adjust the reading speed depending on their reading levels.

Students may also go to the library on King Highway to check out physical books.

(Note: More information about the Comstock Township Library can be found on page 20 of this newsletter.)

CES Students Earn Charms

CES students are earning charms for positive behaviors and the charms are being made on the school's 3-D printer.

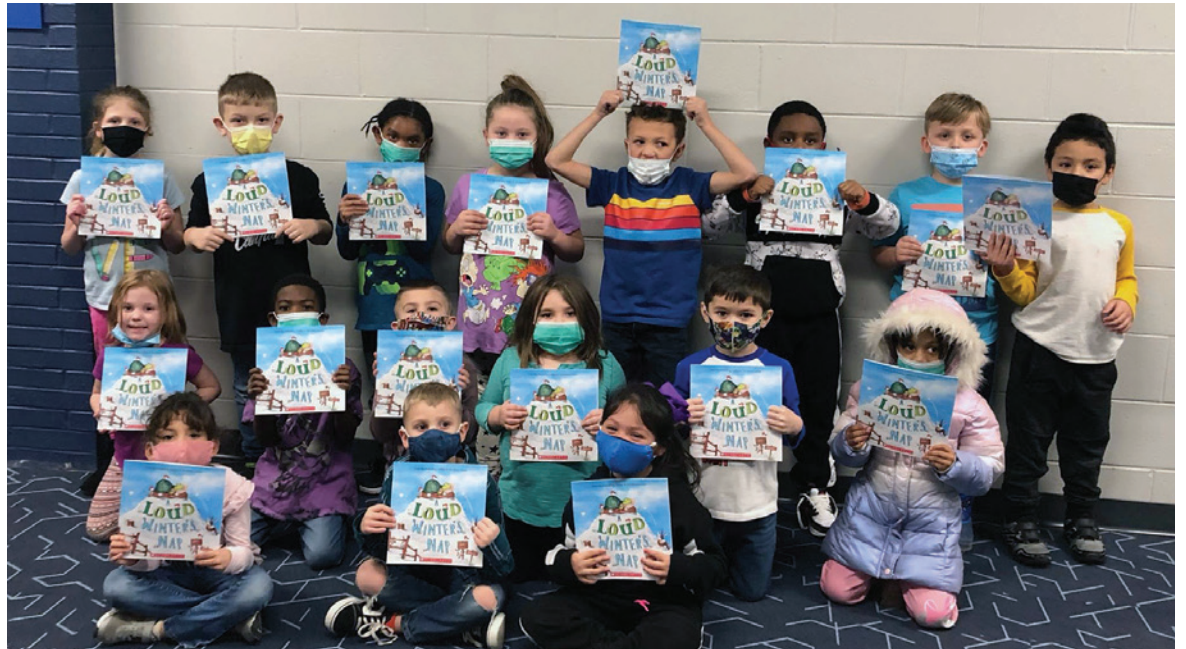
Students can earn charms for meeting their Wildly Important Goals (WIGS), demonstrating good behavior, having good attendance, and receiving positive behavior referrals.

"Students love earning the charms as a way of demonstrating their leadership," said Courtney Boyce, CES Assistant Principal. CES Technology teacher Kim Lamp uses the school's 3-D printer to make charms for the student leadership necklaces.



Comstock elementary students receive charms like this one for demonstrating leadership and good behavior.

CES Students Receive Books



Students in Cathy Buscher's kindergarten class display their new books, "A Loud Winter's Nap."

Kindergarten students in Cathy Buscher's classes received a free book donated by Denise Philipsen, a retired Comstock teacher.

Students loved the book, *A Loud Winter's Nap* by Katy Hudson. The book is about a tortoise who always sleeps through the winter. His friends try to convince him to stay awake and enjoy winter activities.

After reading the story and talking about the animals' winter activities, students graphed their favorite winter activities. At the top of the list was sledding but not many students liked snowboarding or ice sculpting.

The students also made cute turtles to go along with the book.

CES Hosts Superhero Literacy Night

The CES staff recently hosted its annual and extremely popular Literacy Night with the theme of "Superheroes." Many students and staff dressed as caped crusaders and masked do-gooders.

At the first station, students received superhero names and name tags. Then, there were different literacy or superhero activities occurring all over the first floor. In some rooms, volunteer readers read picture books about superheroes, while in other areas students decorated masks, made capes, or posed for action pictures.

In the gym, mini-superheroes even ran through an obstacle course. The event culminated in a large prize raffle. It was an enjoyable and educational experiences.



Students make capes as part of the elementary school's literacy night with a superhero theme.



Students decorate their superhero masks.

CES Celebrates Twos-Day



Ms Buscher's kindergarten class on Twos-day.

On a day that happens once in a lifetime - 2/22/2022 - Comstock Elementary School celebrated. Students and staff were encouraged to wear tutus, tie-dye, rainbows, unicorns, ties, tiaras, and to dress like twins. Some students and staff took it to heart and wore all the items.

It was an incredibly colorful and memorable day. Some students created time capsules to be opened on 3/3/2033. It was Taco Tuesday in the lunchroom for the students and the staff. Principal Susan Caswell and Assistant Principal Courtney Boyce surprised the staff with a taco buffet in the staff lounge. There were songs about tacos and dancing, too.



Twins in Mrs. Bottema's class: Cayddyn T. & Zachary B.



The Kindergarten/Young 5's team was "too cute" on Twos-day!



Mrs. Kohtala's third grade class on Twos-day.



Twins in Mrs. Bottema's class: Jasmyn W. & Martivine B.

Comstock Elementary

CES Eat Up "Synonym" Rolls

Second graders in classes taught by Leigh Ann Emrick and McKenzie Reilly recently learned all about synonyms - words that have similar meanings. They wrote various synonyms on paper cinnamon rolls.

Then, they enjoyed actual "synonym" rolls baked by the food service staff.

CES Receives Grant for Adventure Packs

Comstock Elementary School recently received a grant from the Sunshine Kiwanis Club to be used by the Parent Lighthouse Team to create Adventure Packs.

Behavior liaison Cyndie Moore and first grade teacher Kate Appel attended a Sunshine Kiwanis meeting to accept the grant. They also demonstrated the Adventure Packs that the grant will help to fund. The packs will have a book, a game, and information about the 7 Habits and Leader in Me programs.

Families will be able to check out the Adventure Pack through the school to enjoy at home.

If you would like to check out an Adventure Pack, please contact Mrs. Moore. If you would like more information about the CES Parent Lighthouse Team, please contact Mrs. Moore or Ms Appel.

The Parent Lighthouse Team is composed of parents and staff members who work together to help make CES great. They meet monthly to discuss how to get families back in the building with hopes they will participate in the learning and activities that the students are doing. Additionally, the Team discusses outings and events for families, fundraising ideas, and community resources for families

The main number for Comstock Elementary is 269-250-8600 and someone will forward your call accordingly.

CES is very appreciative of the generosity of the Kiwanis and very excited to get this project underway.

Comstock Elementary

Students Learn about Emotions

Kali Blackburn, CES social worker, has been working on social emotional lessons to share with students. Her first one was “A Wrinkled Heart” and it was quite a hit with students and teachers. From this lesson, students learned that even after people apologize for their actions, the other person’s heart still bears the scars from the hurt.



Reimund M. and Kameron J. are trying to help mend the heart with bandages.

CES Staff Enjoy Taco Twos-Day

Thanks to Principal Susan Caswell and Assistant Principal Courtney Boyce, CES staff enjoyed Taco Twos-Day on 2/22/22. Mrs. Caswell and Mrs. Boyce surprised the staff with a lunch featuring hard or soft-shelled tacos with either chicken or ground beef, and accompanied by cheese, chips, and salsa.

The hosts dressed in matching black outfits that featured special “Twos-Day Squad” t-shirts with teal “two-twos” (tutus). The event was held in the recently renovated and remodeled staff lounge which was formerly the middle school’s locker room.



CES staff enjoy their tacos on Taco Twos-Day.

STEM Academy

STEM Academy Students Create Optical Illusions

STEM Academy fifth graders created optical illusions in science class. For example, the adjacent picture is composed of pictures of various animals blended together to create the illusion of a face.

STEM Academy teacher MacKenzie Skalski had her fifth graders complete a one-day assessment to explain how people see objects, including optical illusions.

Students formed groups based on illusion first, and then on the mode of model: written, musical, diagram, physical, dramatic performance, or artistic drawing. Students had a wide variety of models and explanations for various optical illusions from a rap, to a 3D model, to a 2D optical illusion that came to life before their eyes.

Students Earn Lunch with Their Teacher

Fourth grade students in Jenna Lyddon’s class in the elementary school recently earned lunch with their teacher by demonstrating positive behaviors and leadership.

Instead of eating in the cafeteria, students joined Ms. Lyddon in the classroom during the lunch break.

“We watched a movie, colored, played board games, and enjoyed each other’s company,” said Ms. Lyddon. “We had an awesome time.”

STEM Academy

Parent Donates Equipment to Science Class

STEM Academy parent Anil Verma recently donated \$600 worth of micropipettes to be used in science class.

The donation was a way of thanking the District for allowing a local robotics team to use one of the portables at the school as a practice facility.

STEM Academy Students Create Ceramic Boxes

STEM Academy art students recently learned how to mold and shape clay into small ceramic boxes. They chose their own themes and colors and painted the boxes. Then, they learned how to properly prepare and fire their creations in a kiln.

Art teacher Jeannine Roys conducted this project for her students.



STEM Academy

STEM Academy Samsung Team Visits WMU

STEM Academy's Solve for Tomorrow state championship team recently visited Dr. Bradley Bazuin, Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Western Michigan University.

The team of Raylee Maize-Scaife, Michael Meerovich, Jayce Palmer, and Aiden Speedy were recently named one of 100 state winners in the 12th annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest. The award was for their project to create watershed monitoring stations along the Kalamazoo River to send data to scientists and the community about the river.

As the team prepares a video to submit to the national competition, Dr. Bazuin offered his expertise and assistance in designing some of the electrical components of the students' project. Students were excited to talk with him, visit his lab, and obtain his feedback.

The team is working to perfect their project



Dr. Bradley Bazuin, Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Western Michigan University, visits with STEM students.

which focuses on creating a solar-powered monitoring station that will measure and report data

regarding temperature, pH, and turbidity of the river water.

Students Make Miniature Bird Baths



STEM students work on their pinch pot bird baths.

STEM Academy first graders recently made miniature bird baths using the "pinch pot" method. Under the direction of their art teacher, Jeanine Roys, students inserted their thumbs into a small ball of clay and then pinched and rotated the clay between their thumbs and fingers.

Eventually, the clay widened into a cup-like shape. They made two pinch pots - one for the base and the other for the bath. They also learned to glue the two pinch-pot halves together using a wet, liquidity glue syrup called "slip."

Students Host Pull-Toy Robots Parade

Students in Patty Pobuda's sixth grade classes built pull-toy robots and then hosted a parade of their robots through the school hallways.

Students from other classes lined up for the parade as the science students with their pull-toys made one loop down and back in the hallway.

"It makes it so much more real and fun for the students to have an audience," said Ms. Pobuda.



STEM students parade their robot pull-toys through the hallways of the STEM Academy.

STEM Academy

STEM Academy Teacher Wins RIF Sweepstakes

Third grade teacher Ann Swinehart has won the Reading is Fundamental “Rally to Read 100” Sweepstakes.

In the “Rally to Read 100” program, teachers pledge to read 100 books by Read Across America Day in March. The teacher then enters the sweepstakes.

In February, 100 entries are selected at random to receive a reading library of 100 books with an approximate retail value of \$400, according to the Rally to Read website, rallytoread.org. Book titles are selected by Reading Is Fundamental.

Comstock Early Learning Academy

CELA Hosts Literacy Games Night

During Reading Month in March, the Early Learning Academy sponsored a family-focused Literacy Games Night. Pre-K students and their families enjoyed an evening of games supporting early reading skills. Students received books, pencils, snacks, and other prizes as they participated in the activities.

Sophia and Summer Paslaski talk with Miss Chris about letter sounds.



SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Severe weather season is approaching. This includes tornadoes, flooding, high winds, and other weather patterns that could disrupt our daily lives. Disasters don't plan ahead, but you can!

Do you have a plan? Where will you go? What will you do? How will you communicate?

If and when severe weather affects our school day, relevant changes to the schedule will be posted on our website and Twitter.

We will send e-mail, phone, and/or text messages as necessary. Reach out to your child's school to ensure that your contact information is current.

You and your family are encouraged to sign up for school closing and weather-related alerts at WWMT.com, and to develop your family's emergency response plan with the help of Ready.gov.



Comstock Early Learning Academy

CELA Staff Member Earns Credentials



Adaezia Brandon-Greer shows her certificate for having received her CDA credentials.

Comstock Early Learning Academy (CELA) associate teacher, Adaezia Brandon-Greer, has earned her Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials. The CDA credential is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education.

“Ms. Brandon has worked tirelessly and her certificate is well deserved,” said CELA Principal Meadow Nuyen.



CELA Now Enrolling for Great Start

The Early Learning Academy is now accepting applications for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for students who are 4 years old by September 1, 2022. If your children will be 4 years old by December 1, 2022, they may also be eligible. Please call Principal Meadow Nuyen at 269-250-8960 or email her at Meadow.Nuyen@ComstockPS.org for more information!

We look forward to working with your family for all of your Pre-K needs.



Sports News

Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

Congratulations to Dawayne Heath, Class of 1962; Glenn Thomas, Class of 1968; Martin Johnson, Class of 1971; Tracy Daniel, Comstock Teacher and Coach 1987-2018; and Bryan Crosby, Class of 1985 for being voted into Comstock’s Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held on Saturday, April 30, 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 \$30. Come support these great Comstock alumni and visit with family and friends. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 25.

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 participate in sports. Physicals for the 22-23 school year must be dated after April 15, 2022, to be valid so anything done before April 15, 2022, is only valid for the 21-22 school year.

Spring Sports Awards Banquet

The spring sports awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, 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.

MHSAA State Qualifiers

Congratulations to Coach Ramon DeLeon, Matt Searles and Isaiah Bowling for representing Comstock in the MHSAA State Finals for Bowling. We’re very proud of you!



Isaiah Bowling and Matt Searles represented Comstock in the MHSAA State Finals for Bowling.

COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Girls Varsity Softball

Tue Apr 5	Galesburg-Augusta HS	4:15PM
Fri Apr 8	Climax-Scotts Jr/Sr HS	4:00PM
Wed Apr 13	@ Allegan Public Schools	4:00PM
Thu Apr 14	@ Athens High School	4:00PM
Mon Apr 18	Decatur High School	4:30PM
Thu Apr 21	Bloomington High School	4:00PM
Mon Apr 25	Bangor Public Schools	4:00PM
Thu Apr 28	@ White Pigeon Jr/Sr HS	4:00PM
Mon May 2	@ Hartford Public Schools	4:30PM
Thu May 5	@ Centreville	5:30PM
Mon May 9	Marcellus High School	4:30PM
Tue May 10	@ New Buffalo High School	4:30PM
Thu May 12	@ Cassopolis High School	4:30PM
Sat May 14	@ Berrien Springs Invitational	10:00AM
Mon May 16	Mendon HS	4:30PM
Thu May 19	@ OPEN (SW10 Rain Date)	TBA
Tue May 24	Allegan Public Schools	4:30PM
Thu May 26	@ Michigan Lutheran HS	4:15PM

Boys Varsity Baseball

Wed Mar 23	@ Kalamazoo Christian HS	4:00PM
Tue Apr 5	Galesburg-Augusta HS	4:15PM
Fri Apr 8	Climax-Scotts Jr/Sr HS	4:00PM
Thu Apr 14	@ Athens High School	4:00PM
Mon Apr 18	Decatur High School	4:30PM
Thu Apr 21	Bloomington High School	4:00PM
Mon Apr 25	Bangor Public Schools	4:00PM
Thu Apr 28	@ White Pigeon Jr/Sr HS	4:00PM
Sat Apr 30	@ Bangor Mini Tourney	9:30AM
Mon May 2	@ Hartford Public Schools	4:30PM
Thu May 5	@ Centreville	4:30PM
Mon May 9	Marcellus High School	4:30PM

Thu May 12	@ Cassopolis High School	4:30PM
Fri May 13	@ South Haven High School	4:30PM
Mon May 16	Mendon HS	4:30PM
Thu May 19	@ OPEN (SW10 Rain Date)	TBA
Tue May 24	Allegan Public Schools	4:30PM
Thu May 26	@ Michigan Lutheran HS	4:15PM

Girls Varsity Soccer

Thu Apr 7	Olivet High School	5:30PM
Mon Apr 11	Parchment High School	5:30PM
Wed Apr 13	Bangor Public Schools	5:30PM
Fri Apr 15	Constantine High School	5:00PM
Mon Apr 18	@ Cassopolis High School	5:30PM
Thu Apr 21	Fennville High School	5:30PM
Mon Apr 25	Hartford Public Schools	6:30PM
Wed Apr 27	South Haven High School	6:30PM
Fri Apr 29	@ Saugatuck High School	5:45PM
Mon May 2	@ Bangor Public Schools	5:30PM
Wed May 4	@ Buchanan HS	5:00PM
Sat May 7	@ Quincy Invitational	10:00AM
Mon May 9	Cassopolis High School	5:30PM
Wed May 11	@ Schoolcraft High School	5:00PM
Fri May 13	Quincy High School	5:00PM
Mon May 16	@ Hartford Public Schools	5:00PM
Thu May 19	@ Michigan Lutheran HS	5:00PM
Mon May 23	Sturgis High School	5:30PM

Boys Varsity Golf

Wed Apr 6	Comstock Dual w/Parchment at Eastern Hills	4:00PM
Thu Apr 14	@ Delton-Kellogg Invitational at Mullenhurst	9:00AM
Fri Apr 15	Comstock JV Golf Invite Hickory Ridge	9:00AM

Tue Apr 19	@ GK Golf Invitational - Stonehedge North	9:00AM
Wed Apr 20	@ New Buffalo Tourney at Whittaker Woods	9:00AM
Fri Apr 22	Comstock Dual w/Coloma	4:00PM
Tue Apr 26	@ SW10 White Pigeon Jamboree Klinger Lake CC	4:00PM
Fri May 6	@ Parchment Coach-Kid Scramble Eastern	9:00AM
Tue May 10	@ SW10 Marcellus Jamboree Pineview	4:00PM
Thu May 12	Comstock Dual w/Hopkins	3:30PM
Fri May 20	SW10 Comstock Jamboree Eastern Hills	4:00PM
Tue May 24	@ SW10 Conference Tourney Klinger Lake CC	9:00AM
Thu May 26	@ Allegan Public Schools	TBA

Boys & Girls Varsity Track

Thu Mar 24	@ Lawrence Quad	4:15PM
Wed Apr 13	@ Marcellus Co-ed Invitational	4:30PM
Fri Apr 15	@ Gull Lake Invitational	2:00PM
Wed Apr 20	@ SW10 Meet at Bangor	4:30PM
Fri Apr 22	Comstock Invitational	4:00PM
Wed Apr 27	@ SW10 Meet at Decatur	4:30PM
Fri Apr 29	@ Schoolcraft Invitational	3:00PM
Wed May 4	SW10 Meet at Comstock	4:30PM
Fri May 6	@ Kalamazoo Central Invitational	4:00PM
Wed May 11	@ SW10 Meet at Mendon	4:30PM
Fri May 13	@ Berrien Springs Invitational	4:15PM
Mon May 16	Comstock Invitational	4:00PM
Tue May 24	@ SW10 Conference Meet Bangor	3:00PM



Comstock Township Library News

Contact us: 269-345-0136 info@comstocklibrary.org www.comstocklibrary.org

Library Event Highlights

Community Shred Day Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 9 a.m. – Noon. Comstock Township residents can bring up to five boxes of materials to shred for free. This event is first come, first served and will end early if the shred truck is full. We can shred paper items such as copy paper, envelopes, and file folders (paper clips and staples are OK). We cannot shred CDs, VHS tapes, hard drives, or hard-sided binders. Please call the library with any questions you may have about this event.

Drop-In Video Gaming Every Monday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Ages 6 and up are welcome to join us in the Youth Services Department to play the Nintendo Switch. No registration is required for this event.

Storytimes, Crafts, & Much More The library offers a wide variety of programs for all ages. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or visit the Events calendar on our website for a full schedule of upcoming programs. While on the website, you can also sign-up to receive our quarterly e-Newsletter and have all the latest library news and events delivered straight to your inbox!

Library Services

Audio Books Download free audiobooks, eBooks, music, and videos at home through our digital services, Hoopla and Libby. Visit the Digital Materials page on our website for a full list of available electronic services.

Tutor.com

Do you need help with your homework, ACT or SAT test preparation, GED testing, or writing a cover letter and resume? The library now offers these services through the Tutor.com link on our website. Comstock Township resident cardholders and CPS students with a Colt library card can use this service for free.

Photocopying, Printing We have photocopy and mobile print services available for a small fee. Fax and scanning services are always available for free.

Need a Library Card? A Comstock Township Library card gives you access to books, movies, music, digital materials, and much more. If you're a resident, property owner, or work in Comstock Township, you're eligible to get a card of your own. Residents of surrounding communities may also qualify for a free card; please contact the library with any questions you may have about library card eligibility.

Comstock Library is Fine Free The library does not charge fines for overdue materials, with the exception of mobile hotspots and Playaway Launchpads. If you have long-overdue library items, you can now bring them back without penalty.

Curbside service is available Call us to place an order or place holds through the online catalog and call us after you receive notice that your holds have arrived. Ring the library's doorbell when you come to get your items or call us from the parking lot and we'll bring your items out to you checked out and ready to go.

CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. • Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

UPCOMING CLOSURES May 28 & 30, 2022

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

In an effort to ensure that all our families receive communications about their students, we are asking everyone to make sure we have up-to-date contact information.

Please log on to the Infinite Campus Portal and fill out the Online Registration to verify that we have all of the correct information for your students. This year this is also available from the Parent Portal App.

Please go to the Portal and log in. Select "MORE" from the menu, and then Online Registration on the left. Please follow the prompts. It will look like a new registration, but it is just to make sure everything is correct in our system. You just need one per family.

If you need a portal account, please contact us.

Infinite Campus has two apps to help you and your students stay up-to-date with grades and missing assignments.

Go to the App Store and search for "Campus Portal." There are two apps: one for students and one for parents. Make sure you select the correct one. When you launch the app, it will ask you to pick your state and school district.

Once you're signed in, you will see announcements as they are posted. If you enable push notifications, you can see assignments as soon as they are graded, and any that are missed. You can also see if your student was marked absent or tardy.

It's easy to schedule conferences and contact teachers quickly, or to see your student's EDP.

When making choices about how you wish to be contacted, go to the website, log in to Infinite Campus and indicate your preferences.

If you don't have a portal account, we're happy to get you connected. Please contact us.