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**WAVERLY**  
**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
 Pride. Tradition. Excellence.



2017 Girls Track and Field State Champions



WHS Top Ten Students of 2018

# Kelly Blake, Superintendent



Dear Waverly Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the first signs of spring. Spring in Waverly Community Schools brings a flurry of activity. Spring sports, performing arts performances, academic award ceremonies, National Honor Society Induction, graduation preparation, and many other special events add to the excitement of this time in our school year.

## **Online Enrollment 18-19**

In order to make enrollment easier and more efficient for families, we are happy to announce that a new online registration system will be implemented for the 2018 – 19 school year. When enrolling your child, or updating their information, you may use a computer device or a smart phone. Our incoming kindergarten students will be the first group to pilot this system this spring. In the fall, parents will get a link to update all of their student information. Stay tuned.....

## **IMPORTANT SOC INFORMATION:**

The status of how many **Schools of Choice** students we accept changes each year. Our enrollment for the 17-18 school year is as high as it has been in ten years. This year we will be accepting SOC applications for **limited** spots in the following grades:

### **Kindergarten, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth**

**If you were a resident of WCS during the 17-18 school year and have moved out of district**, you will have to fill out a Schools of Choice application for your student to remain in the district (there is a different policy for students who will be seniors). Please be advised that if you have moved out of district, and your student is in a grade that we are **NOT** accepting applications, your student will not be enrolled in the 18-19 school year.

If your child is currently an enrolled SOC student, they may remain a student in the district until they graduate.

## **Windemere View demolition**

Windemere View Elementary was closed in June 2011 due to declining enrollment in Waverly. The school has been unoccupied since that time. We conducted space audits, analyzed enrollment trends, and held community forums in order to make an informed decision about what the future held for this building. At the March 2018 Board of Education meeting, BOE members voted to accept a bid to demolish this building. Although this is a bittersweet decision.....it is the best decision for the district and the Ravenswood's neighborhood. This land will become "green space." If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to give me a call or an email.

## **Robotics!!**

A special shout out to Coach Jeffry Parks (WHS teacher) and the Waverly Error 404 Robotics team. The team competed in their First Robotics Competition in March, and won "Rookie Inspiration Award."

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### Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)

This fall, Shannon Huff joined Waverly as our new District Discipline Supervisor. A large part of this position is helping our staff implement PBIS in all of our school buildings. What is PBIS? PBIS is a proactive and preventative school-wide system intended to create a positive climate, with improved behavioral, social, emotional, and academic outcomes for ALL students. This approach is intended to teach our students appropriate behavior in all environments.

Thank you for your partnership and support!

Kelly Blake, Superintendent

## **District Wide Activity Calendars**

<u>April, 2018</u>		<u>June, 2018</u>		
Apr.	12	Elmwood Spring Picture Day	25-29	WHS March. Band/Choir—Florida
	16	Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM	28	Memorial Day—No School
	18	WHS Jazz Night - 6:30 PM	29	Colt—Preschool Bike Day
	19	Colt Spring Picture Day	29	6th Grade Visit to WMS
	24	Delayed Start Day	29	6th Grade Parent Night @ WMS
	24	East Talent Show—8:30 AM	30	Colt—Preschool Waterworks Day
	27	Hastings Jazz Festival—WHS	30	WHS Underclass Awards
			30	Elmwood Family Picnic—5:30 PM
			30	Winans 4th Grade Celebration— WMS—6:30 PM
May	1	East Choir Concert—6:00 PM	31	Colt Preschool Celebration
	5	WHS Prom—7:30 PM	31	East Fine Arts Night
	8	Delayed Start Day	31	WHS Senior Honors Night
	8	Winans PTO Mtg.—6:00 PM		
	8	WMS Band Bounce @ WMS— 6:30 PM	2	WHS Grad.; Wharton Center—MSU
	10	WHS Band Bounce @ WHS—6:30 PM	5	Winans Field Day
	11	Reflections Pop Concert—6:30 PM	5	East—6th Grade Recognition
	17	WMS Choir Concert—WMS—6:30 PM	6	Elmwood SWAP Day
	17	WHS Choir Spring Sing—WHS—6:30 PM	6	HS Exam Schedule—7:40—11:20
	18	Winans Family Picnic—6:00 PM	6	Colt—Move on up day—1:00 PM
	19	WMS Music - Cedar Point Trip	6	8th Grade Recognition— 7:00 PM—WHS
	21	WHS Band Banquet—WHS Café	7	HS Exam Schedule—7:40—11:20
	21	Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM	7	Colt Zoo Day
	22	Delayed Start Day	8	HS Exam Schedule—7:40—11:20
	22	East Band/Orchestra Concert—6:00 PM	8	Colt Field Day
			8	Elmwood Field Day
			8	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
			18	Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM



## Membership

To become a Presidents Club member of the Waverly Education Foundation, a pledge of \$500.00 (payable over a four-year period) with an initial payment of \$50.00 is all that is required. Payments can be made at any time and for any amount within the four-year period. In addition to your payments, all costs for attending Waverly Education Foundation events, such as the annual Golf Outing or Gala are applied to your pledge as well.

Once your pledge form has been filled out and sent with your initial payment, you are a Presidents Club member and will receive the following benefits.

- Presidents Club Card—Used for free admittance for you and three family members to any Waverly Community School sponsored event for life (football games, basketball games, plays, musicals, etc.)
- A Tax Deduction—Any contributions toward your pledge are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- And the good feeling that you are helping a Waverly group with funding for their special project.

Go now to the Waverly Website @ [waverlycommunityschools.net](http://waverlycommunityschools.net), look under **Our District** for Waverly Education Foundation and download the WEF President's Club Membership Pledge Form.



### Waverly's Lunch Staff Honored at the Waverly Education Foundation Gala



## WAVERLY WARRIORS 2018 SPORTS

### BOYS GOLF

The 2018 Boys Golf team is getting ready to begin another season. We are hopeful that we will have enough boys this year to have a team score in all of our matches.

We have four seniors returning and hope to see improvement with their scores.

Cameron Smith will be leading the team after having a very solid year as a junior. Our goals this year will be to see improvement from all players with a reduction in their scoring average.



**Cameron Smith**

# WAVERLY WARRIORS 2018 SPORTS

## GIRLS LACROSSE



The Warriors Girls Lacrosse team is returning to the 2018 season with high hopes. The 2017 season ended on a high note with a win in the MHSAA tournament, and the teams plans on continuing to use that momentum into the season.

The Warriors are approximately 27 members strong. Since only graduating one senior last season, the team will be returning with majority veteran players with the addition of some younger talents. The Warriors have energetic and determined leadership returning this season. This team spent last season building a foundation of skills that will support an even more successful season in 2018.

The Warrior Girls' Lacrosse program is looking forward to new challenges and success in the coming season.

## BOYS LACROSSE

2017 was an outstanding year for Warrior Lacrosse. The team won its first CAAC Championship in 10 years! However, 15 seniors graduated at the end of last season.

2018 will have many sophomores, and perhaps some freshmen, fighting for positions on the varsity team. Michael Talton and Jake Paul will be leaders at the midfield. Ezra Leppanen, Griffin Hotchkiss and Jamie Sopocy will run the attack group with two young goalies dualing for the starting position. With the entire starting defense gone from 2017, all the defensive positions are wide open for anyone that can rise to the challenge.

It will be a young team, but not without talent.



**Michael Talton**

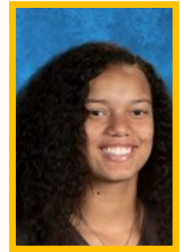


**Jamie Sopocy**

# WAVERLY WARRIORS 2018 WINTER SPORTS

## GIRLS TENNIS

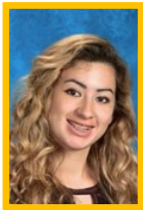
The team lost 7 of our starters to graduation last year. However, we have a number of girls with experience coming back and ready to work. Our singles flights return 3 out of our 4 starters. Isabella Pizzo is a fourth year varsity player and has played first singles 3 of those years. She is a previous member of the Lansing State Journal Tennis Dream Team and her goal is to be on that team again this year. There will be plenty of friendly competition to complete the varsity line up. We have enough players to have a good size JV team which give the girls an opportunity to learn the game and improve their skills. All the girls show enthusiasm and are anxious to become better players.



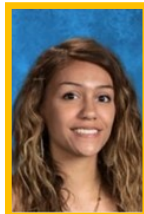
**Isabella Pizzo**

## GIRLS SOCCER

The Waverly Warriors Girls Varsity Soccer team will look to improve its overall record last season with a heavy senior presence on the field this spring. The team graduated only 3 seniors, including Samantha Torres who now plays soccer and runs indoor track at Olivet College. The team will look to leading goal scorer Mckenna Perez to lead the Warriors on the field.



**McKenna Perez**



**Maricela Tapia**



**Samantha Stephens**

Seniors Maricela Tapia and Samantha Stephens will bring experience as returning starters and All Conference Honorable Mention in the midfield and defense respectively. The Warriors will have numerous seniors on the team, but will also have numerous returning sophomores who will contribute this spring. Sophomores Becky Ray, Asia Young, Macy Garrett, and Madison Sims will see an increased roll on the team.

Waverly will host the MHSAA opening round of districts, beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>.

## BASEBALL

The Waverly varsity baseball team looks to improve on a 6-25 record this season. The Warriors will have a very young team with several freshman and sophomores on the roster. With such a young team, Coach Sherry will be looking for leadership from his seniors Cole Ferris, Dylan Nelson, Hunter Hansen, and Daniel Williams.

Offensively the Warriors will look for big things from 3<sup>rd</sup> year varsity players Mark Miller and Cole Ferris. Jayden Knapp, RJ Ostrom and Eddie Banda will see a lot of action on the mound. The coaching staff is really proud of how hard this group has worked in the offseason, and is certain improvement will be seen on the field this season.

# WAVERLY WARRIORS 2018 WINTER SPORTS

## SOFTBALL

Waverly Warriors Softball has seen steady improvement in their level of play and wins. Our young summer program has done well and is starting to pay dividends. Waverly is one of a few number of programs that still have a JV team. Hopefully this trend will continue and we have another good turn-out for tryouts this year.



**Maddie Stump**



**Emily West**



**Keyanna Robinson**

The Varsity team will be working to be a contender in the tough CAAC Red Division and will have 10 returning players back from last year's young team. They will be led by catcher/SS Maddie Stump who led the team in most offensive categories last year and was All State Honorable Mention as a catcher. Emily West and Keyana Robinson return as 4<sup>th</sup> year varsity players with Reiley Farr, Mackenzie Beauchamp, and Destiny Campbell as 3<sup>rd</sup> year varsity players. Sophomores Ashely Thompson and Peyton Mowry will return after a good freshman season with Jailyn Gonzales being relied on for pitching duties.

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## TRACK & FIELD

### GIRLS

The Lady Warriors Track & Field team will be returning the core group of athletes that have won two back to back State Championships and last year's CAAC Red Division Conference Championship. This senior heavy group is on a mission to create a lasting legacy that the younger athletes will get to carry on. Top returners are Malin Smith, Hayle Flowers, Maya Garret, Sydney Green, Tra'chele Roberts, Jazlynn Wilcox, Jasmine Goins, Jasmine Parker, Kyra Patterson, and Priscilla Trainor. The Warriors will be hosting the Division 1 Regional for the last time on 5/18/18 so make sure to come out and support the girls as they try to qualify as many athletes as they can for the Division 1 State Meet.

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### BOYS

The 2018 Waverly Boys Track & Field team is looking forward to another outstanding season with the honor and challenge of hosting the regional on our newly resurfaced track. Last year the Warriors finished the regular season as CAAC champs and were ranked 13th in the final state power rankings. The Warriors capped the year with a third place finish at the MHSAA state finals.

Many fine athletes return to continue this tradition of excellence. All-State athletes Keshawn Harris and Kenny Brewer return to provide leadership in the sprints, hurdles and jumps. The Warriors also bring back All-CAAC athletes Yousif Kamil, Devin Johnson, and Bryson Fronta(sprints/jumps), David Smith and Michael Ebosi (throws), as well as Jose Bonilla, Ciardan Hibbs, and Spencer Lee in the distance races.

Sign up forms, season schedules, athlete performances and more information can be accessed online at [athletic.net](http://athletic.net). Many alumni, parent, and staff volunteers will be needed to host a successful regional. More information will also be made available on athletic.net. High expectations combined with great effort and teamwork lead to outstanding results. The 2018 boys track team is looking forward to another outstanding year.



**Waverly High School  
Presents the  
Class of 2018 "Top Ten"**



**Carrie Blair**

Parents: Geoff and Pam Blair

Carrie is a member of the Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Student Government, Asian Pacific Awareness Club and is a Warrior in Sideline Cheer, Competitive Cheer, Marching Band, Concert Band and Pit Band. Her entire family is an inspiration especially her older brother. Carrie will be a Spartan at Michigan State University in the fall majoring in Hospitality Business.

Favorite Book; *Harry Potter Series* by J.K. Rowling

Favorite quote; "Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional" Walt Disney



**Jonathan Brandell**

Parents; Gerry and Georgia Brandell

Jonathan is involved in many activities including National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Technology Club, Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Robotics, Tennis, Boy Scouts of America and Asian Pacific Awareness Club. He is inspired by Ol'Musky. Jonathan is considering studying Hard Science but is undecided what university.

Favorite Book; *Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan.

Favorite quote; "I'm not funny so I don't have any quotes." Alexandria Kolberg



**Claire Jansen**

Parents; Craig and Maryellen Jansen

Claire is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Asian Pacific Awareness Club, Student Government, Marching Band and Lacrosse. Her youth pastor and his wife, Brian and Nikki McLaughlin are her inspiration. She will be attending Michigan State University studying Supply Chain Management.

Favorite Book: *The Gone Girl Series* by Michael Grant

Favorite quote; "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"  
- Hebrews 11:1





## Rita El Jbeily

Parents: Abdo El Jbeily and Nadia Al Shoufani

Rita is involved in the Asian Pacific Awareness Club, College Ambassadors, Latinos Unidos, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society and the Waverly/Lansing Catholic Swim Team.

Rita's inspired by her parents who taught her to work hard and live life to the fullest. She plans on attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Biomedical Engineering with a biochemistry concentration.

Favorite book: *Defy* by Sara Larson

Favorite quote: "Rule 17: Don't turn your back on bears, men you have wronged, or the dominate turkey during mating season." Dwight K. Schrute, from *The Office*.



## Alexandria Kolbert

Parents: Melissa Kolberg and William Kolberg

Alexandria's involved in National Honor Society, College Ambassadors, Softball, Volleyball, LGBT+ Club, and is the Secretary of the Spanish Honor Society. She is inspired by Post Malone. Alexandria will be attending New York University majoring in English and Psychology.

Favorite book: *Thirst* by Christopher Pike and Harry Potter

Favorite quote: "Breathe. It's only a bad day, not a bad life." Ashley Purdy



## Niels Lashbrook

Parents: David and Cathy Lashbrook

Niels is involved in Swimming, Water Polo, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and French Club. His father has been his inspiration. Niels is going to attend Michigan State University majoring in Computer Science.

Favorite book: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Favorite quote: "If you believe in yourself, and with a tiny pinch of magic, all your dreams can come true." Spongebob



## Laura Nguyen

Parents: Lynne Tran and Jonathan Nguyen

Laura is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Treasurer in the Asian Pacific Awareness Club, Class Officer in Student Government, Theatre Club, and involved with the Reflections Choir and Orchestra. She also plays the piano, cello, guitar and flute. Laura has been inspired by her family, friends and others who have taught her valuable lessons throughout her young life to do her best and to be the best version of herself that she could possibly be. She will be attending Lansing Community College in the fall and is undecided about her studies.

Favorite book: *Significance Series*, by Shelly Crane

Favorite quote: "Stars can't shine without darkness." Unknown



## Kelliann Ray

Parents: Bill and Beth Ray

Kelliann is President of French Honor Society, a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Swim Team Captain, Class officer of the Student Government, and a member of the French Club. She will attend Wayne State University in the fall where she will study Art Education. Kelliann is inspired by her mother; "She has always encouraged me to pursue what I am passionate about, even if it is difficult."

Favorite Book: *The Scarlet Letter*, by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Favorite quote: "I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people." Vincent Van Gogh



## Jasmine Williams

Mother: Krystal Williams

Jasmine is President of Spanish Honor Society, she is an Officer in the Black Student Union and Student Government. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and a College Ambassador. Her mother's hard work always inspires Jasmine to do better. Jasmine is planning on attending the University of Michigan where she is going to study Sociology with minors in Political Science and Spanish.

Favorite book: *The Odyssey*, By Homer

Favorite quote: "I am I am I am." by Sylvia Plath



## Aidan Wolford

Parents: Marty and Laura Wolford

Aidan is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, College Ambassadors and Quiz Bowl. He is inspired by his mother and fellow patients at St. George Clinic in Germany. Aidan is not sure where he will be attending college but may be interested in University of Toronto to study Linguistics.

Favorite book: *Enders Game*, by Orson Scott Card

Favorite quote: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." Wayne Gretsky, Michael Scott

## Luke Craig—Waverly High School Student

Completes the 2017 Semper Fidelis All-American, Battles Won Academy.

As a celebration of their success, selected Semper Fidelis All-American, including Luke, received an all-expenses paid trip to attend the four-day Battles Won Academy, held in Washington D.C. There they will participate in daily workouts, an immersive Marine Corps experience on base in Quantico, a community service event, teambuilding outings, and a tour of our Nation's Capital. The selected Semper Fidelis All-American will also have the opportunity to network with an elite circle of speakers from all walks of life and various industries who shared their inspiring stories of fighting and winning battles in their own lives. Speakers from 2017 included: Carli Lloyd, Sage Steele, Adeline Gray, Rye Barcott, Cal Ripken, Jr., Christian McCaffrey, Aki Zapata, Ashton Eaton and Venice Bennett. Congratulations Luke Craig. You have turned obstacles into victories and we look forward to your continued success. Go Luke! Go Warriors!



# Colt Early Childhood Education Center

## Annual Friendship Feast

As the Littlest Warrior Preschool Program planned for its Thanksgiving celebration, the staff pondered a few questions. Is the traditional family dinner a thing of the past? Is it undervalued as a ritual that was once a cornerstone of the American home? Has the family dinner become obsolete with changing times? In today's households where both parents go to work and kids have busy schedules with school, homework and an array of evening activities, finding time for the entire family to gather at the table seems almost impossible. Knowing that studies have shown time and again that eating together has multiple benefits for everyone, beyond mere nutritional elements, reinforces why this preschool event is so essential.



On November 21, 2017, the Colt ECEC Littlest Warrior Preschool was proud to invite preschoolers, their families, and staff to its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Feast. Families assembled, bringing with them homemade dishes to pass. Because of the large number of people in attendance, the preschool staff set up a buffet style meal for families, friends, neighbors, and staff to share. Besides the appreciation for the value of food and the work that goes into preparing it, there are also many social components that come into play when families and friends sit down together to share meals. The breakfast, lunch, or dinner table can be the perfect environment for kids to learn how to conduct conversations, listen, observe good manners, serve others, solve conflicts, and compromise.



Eating together as a family is not just about food and sustenance. It is also about talking to one another, sharing thoughts and ideas, making plans, and enjoying each other's company. Food has become such a ubiquitous commodity, so easily and cheaply available, that its significance can easily be lost. It is the mission of the preschool staff to help families rediscover the importance and benefits of this tradition. Sharing a meal with loved ones should be considered a special event that has the ability to take on the form of a ceremony. This memorial is a long established practice, commemorated by our ancestors for whom finding food was a constant struggle. Through hands-on exploration, books, and videos, Colt ECEC preschool students learned about this customary event to underscore why eating as a family continues to be just as vital today as in years past.



The Littlest Warrior Preschool Staff is thankful for their students and families and look forward to the opportunities to partner and engage in the future.

Mary Whittet  
Preschool Director



# Elmwood Elementary

## Third Grade Big History

The third grade students from Elmwood Elementary School have once again spent a week in downtown Lansing learning all about the history of Michigan in a real-world hands on setting. The trip was a thrilling week long experience with students having the opportunity to explore the Capitol, The Halls of Justice and extensive visits at the Michigan Historical Museum. Mr. Blundell, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Farran deserve a huge thank you for all the time and effort they put in to making Big History a huge success.



Third grade students from Ms. Hall's class are learning about the fur trade in Michigan between the French and Native Americans. In this picture, students are getting ready to make a voyage from Northern Michigan to Montreal in the "standard-size" canoe of the time (40 foot long canoe)

## Behavior Interventionist

After spending three years at Elmwood, Mr. Cantu left our school to move with his family back to his hometown of Houston, Texas. Although Mr. Cantu will be missed, we will forever be touched by his mission to help all kids succeed. We will be grateful for his time, dedication and compassion as a leader in our school.



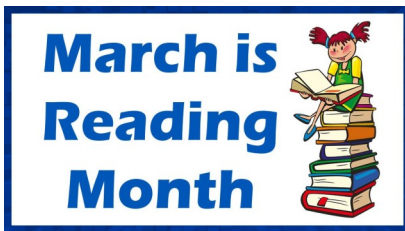
Mr. Cantu (center), Mr. Hager (left) and Mr. Lyman (right) saying farewell to students on Mr. Cantu's last day at Elmwood.

# Winans Elementary School

**Girls on the Run** continues for another year at Winans this spring, under the leadership of Mrs. Hager, Ms. DeBrabander, Ms. Crenshaw and volunteer, Miss Coffey. This group of 15 third and fourth grade girls meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for 10 weeks, with lessons that focus on confidence, character, care, connections, competence, and contributions. At the end of the 10 weeks the girls complete a community service project as well as participate in a 5K run/walk (May 21 at MSU- please come and join us!) together with all the other GOTR teams in the local area. The program goal is to help girls become healthy, joyful, and confident. For more information, visit their website at [www.gotrmidmichigan.org](http://www.gotrmidmichigan.org).

Winans kids were extra busy readers during our **March is Reading Month** fun and our theme of "Stuck in a Good Book." Our activities have included guest readers, a "Read around Winans" session, read with a furry friend (stuffed animal), and a "read-in" with comfy PJs and a good book at school. We are grateful to the Delta Township Rotary Club for providing us once again with grant money, allowing us to gift every student with two new books of their choosing! Rotarians Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Curley, and Mr. Haas helped distribute the books and our kids were happy to give them a warm "thank you" in person!

In addition to our Student Council leaders, Winans also has a student service group, our **Job Zone** kids, under the guidance of Mrs. Lounds, with support from office staff and Mr. Sorrells, our head custodian. These upper elementary students must interview for the positions they seek, and are dedicated to their responsibilities. Winans has a fall and spring group of Job Zone kids, all students willing to help out in various ways throughout the building. These positions include morning and lunch time safety monitors, greeters, project area cleaners, and Paper Gator Feeders. These dedicated students make a positive difference with their willingness to help their school community every day.



# Waverly East Intermediate

## East Students Go Global with Reading

By K. Kochheiser, teacher, Waverly East Intermediate

The students of Waverly East Intermediate have gone global with their learning! Many classes participated in the 2017 Global Read Aloud (GRA) event that begins the first week of October and concludes six weeks later during the second week of November. The Global Read Aloud project was created in 2010 with “one simple goal in mind: one book to connect the world,” according to its founder Pernille Ripp. This year, more than 4,000,000 students participated! Because every grade level has different reading interests and needs, Ripp selects different books that target specific grade bands for teachers to read. Once a book is selected, Ripp provides a Facebook page, Twitter handles, and shared resources for teachers to use to connect with other classes around the globe. Ripp then provides weekly chapter reading goals to stay on track during the Global Read Aloud, but she even admits that she might get behind, encouraging teachers to keep on reading!



Mrs. Tisdale, principal at East Intermediate, purchased copies of *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown—one of this year’s GRA read aloud books—for each teacher at East. The book focuses on Roz, a robot washed ashore a remote island, who learns to “survive” among the diverse animal life, builds a community that respects and celebrates the diversity of life on the island, and exercises a growth mindset to learn how to help the animals improve their lives. If one walked through the halls of East, you just might hear teachers imitating a robotic voice as they read the Roz’s dialogue. East students’ anticipation of the read aloud grew as crates with Roz robot replicas appeared during the first days of the read aloud. Many fifth and sixth grade classes then participated in writing responses to questions about *The Wild Robot* on a weekly shared Padlet (online bulletin board) where classes (most in grades 4-6) from Australia, China, California, Canada, Texas, and many other places around the USA also shared their thinking and responses. Students exclaimed, “Students from China are reading *The Wild Robot!*” and “Look, Australia’s been on our Padlet!”

Ripp encourages teachers to do as much or as little as their time and curriculum permit. “Each teacher decides how much time they would like to dedicate and how involved they would like to be. Some people choose to connect with just one class, while others go for as many as possible. The scope and depth of the



# Waverly East Intermediate

project is up to each teacher," she writes on the GRA website. At East, many students are simply enjoying the shared reading experience as a class. Mr. Schroeter updated hallway monitors and included a slide promoting *The Wild Robot* as a school read aloud experience. Students from Mrs. Berns' and Mrs. Kochheiser's classes enjoyed a google hangout with another class from Indiana. In addition, they concluded their reading experience with a fun Breakout Edu where students used critical thinking skills, collaboration, and knowledge from the book to solve puzzles, open locked boxes to reveal new clues and solve the overall mystery to locate characters from the book.



Weekly Padlet sample with students responding to the same question about *The Wild Robot* from around the globe!

Mrs. Deb Major, a sixth grade teacher at East, said, "Students really connected to this book. For my students to share their insights globally was powerful and motivating. They begged me to get the sequel!"

With a sequel due in March 2018, Mrs. Major and Mr. Reynolds' classes are currently trying their hand at their own writing sequels to *The Wild Robot*.

The positive response to participating in the Global Read Aloud has teachers at East Intermediate looking forward to next year's selection in 2018. One book plus many students and teachers equals a fantastic learning experience for all!



Surprise package! Roz!



# Waverly Middle School

## Waverly Middle School Sporting Events- A Team Effort!

[WMS sporting events](#) have become much more than just a show of athletic prowess. WMS students learn responsibility through community service opportunities at these events as well. In coordination with staff game managers and the NJHS Advisor these events are maintained through trained and responsible WMS students and returning students.

According to Coach Celsius Magbitang, "The boys are having a successful year striving to meet P.R.I.D.E. expectations as student athletes. Their hard-work in the classroom and during practice have led to their increased skill development. This season has turned out to be very competitive and the boys have shown great determination to improve. They are an amazing group of boys that will finish the season off strong."



In addition to the players on the court, the scoreboard operator is an 8th grade student who started to volunteer during volleyball and has done such a great job he hasn't missed a single home game yet and is just finishing the boys' basketball season. He has even taken on the responsibility of training his own assistant.

**NJHS** members work admissions at all home basketball games. Several members have volunteered their time throughout the school year to help at sporting events (basketball and volleyball). Admissions is run nightly by 2-3 NJHS members working together with their advisor to maintain ticket sales and even come up with solutions to improve the flow of traffic at admissions. We have returning students who began their volunteering during their time at the middle school and continue to return every Monday and Wednesday night.

**Concessions** has been managed by a teacher and has been run for the past three years by a returning HS student. Working concessions during events at Waverly Middle School has given former and current students the opportunity to explore and grow academically and socially, while experiencing important job and life skills. The students are able to work on skills such as personal responsibility, self-discipline, team work, and social skills.

This opportunity is open to current and former students. The current students; Shamira Johnston, Yudiviz Fernandez, Macy Watts, Xavier Fuents, Aracely Solorzano, and Charles Overstreet all work to help make popcorn and prep for the event at the school. Tyler Barnes, a former student and current HS student has shown great personal growth and responsibility by donating his time each and every game to continue to work on his job and social skills, as well as helping the current students learn how to do the concessions job.

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Working concessions has been beneficial in helping students who may miss an opportunity for personal growth or job skill experience, achieve these goals. Also, working concessions has given the opportunity for these students to give back to their school and be active participants within their community.

Another returning HS student is a jack of all trades and fills a role as the assistant to the game manager. He ensures everyone's needs are addressed prior to the start of the game, takes care of our officials, coordinates custodial support and pretty much anything else that allows him to talk on the radio. Without this hardworking collection of WMS students, past and present, these events would not be the same. The experience of our fans and visitors would be compromised and they wouldn't know the meaning of being a part of a team, even though they never step foot on the court.

We would like to thank Chris Pringle, Rajanique Coleman, Ashley Enderby, Katurah Brown, Hunter Sager, Travis Barker, Marieke Anderson, Trinity Goodrich and our returning students Tyler Barnes and Lewis Miller for all that they do to make these events happen each week. We would also like to thank the adults who help out and coordinate with these students- Sam Moreno, Gabe Lopez, Cheryl Frank and Lance Enderle.



## WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION INFORMATION:

If you have an upcoming Waverly High School Reunion planned and would like to get more information out to your class, please contact Patty Roost: [proost@waverlyk12.net](mailto:proost@waverlyk12.net) and we will get your information published on our website. Thank you! Below is the Class of 1978 that is planning their 40th Reunion

### **Waverly Class of 1978**

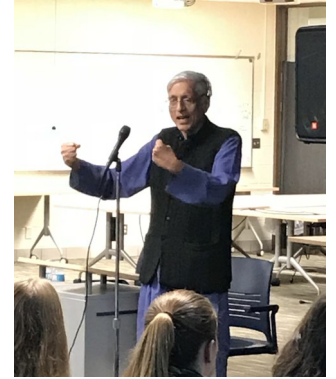
The Waverly High School class of '78 is now working on their 40th Reunion, with events planned for the weekend of June 30. For more details, please send email to: [waverly78reunion@gmail.com](mailto:waverly78reunion@gmail.com)



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## Gandhi speaks at WHS

This October Waverly High School students were treated to a very special guest speaker as a part of our Global Education initiative. Dr. Rajmohn Gandhi, grandson of Civil Rights leader Mahatma Gandhi, spoke of his life experiences, gave students advice on how to find happiness, and even took selfies with WHS students! Dr. Gandhi is a visiting professor at Michigan State University and an expert on Indian History. He has published over a dozen books on the subject.



On speaking to Waverly Students, Dr. Gandhi remarked, "This is the most important thing I will do while I am in the United States." Thank you, Dr. Gandhi for spending time with our students and thank you WHS teacher Mr. Lurie for making the arrangements for his visit.



## Making Connections with Our Community

Mrs. Faber's Leadership class has been busy so far this semester! One of the projects they have been working on is to bring in volunteers from the community to conduct mock-interviews with WHS students. Our volunteers ask interview questions to students and rank their answers. Students are provided feedback on their responses, as well as their overall presentation. There is no doubt these experiences will help our students to be able to express their attributes in an interview situation, as well as build their confidence for when a real job opportunity presents itself! Thank you to the many community members who have volunteered their time to provide this experience for our students!



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Main Office—323-3831  
Counseling Office—321-2189  
Attendance—321-3307

## Waverly Middle School

Main Office—321-7240  
Attendance—323-2133

## East Intermediate

Main Office—484-8830, Option 4  
Attendance—484-8830, Option 2

## Elmwood Elementary

Main Office—321-3383  
Attendance—321-3385

## Winans Elementary

Main Office—321-2371  
Attendance—321-2645

## Colt Early Childhood

### Education Center

Main Office—323-3777  
Attendance—323-3777, Option 2

## Administrative Center

Main—321-7265

## Transportation and Maintenance Building

Main—321-1088



**Go Warriors!**

## 2017-2018 Board Members and Schedule

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*Vice President*

### **Mary Ann Martin**

*Secretary*

### **Alan Wright**

*Treasurer*

### **Melissa Sherry**

*Vice Secretary/Treasurer*

### **Calvin L. Jones**

*Trustee*

### **Holly Nester**

*Trustee*

*The Waverly Community Schools Board of Education meeting  
Calendar for the 2017-18 school year has been established as follows:*

### **2018**

April 16    May 21    June 18

*All regular meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Administrative Center's Board room unless noted otherwise.*

*A special organizational meeting of the Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.*

