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# Hamtramck School Board continues to involve the community

By Evan Major

The year 2017 was full of growth for your elected school board. After the 2016 election, we welcomed new members Salah Hadwan, Moorthada Obaid, and Showkat Chowdury.

During this time, we have continued to work with Superintendent Tom Niczay and board consultant Dr. Len Rezmierski on refining and implementing our continuous improvement process.

This new set of procedures all revolves around district-wide goal setting and evaluation. Your board, in collaboration with parents, students, and staff, has adopted a set of short, medium, and long term goals intended to measure the ultimate success of our district.

2017 was the first year with this process in place, and we look to bet-



School Superintendent Tom Niczay poses with School Boardmembers Showkat Chowdhury, Dennis Lukas (Board Treasurer), Magdalena Srodek (Board President), Evan Major (Board Vice President), Salah Hadwan (Board Secretary), Ataur Khan and Moortadha Obaid

ter develop our feedback mechanisms from all stakeholders in 2018. The goals themselves were previously published in The Review, presented at district-wide events, and can be found on our

website.

Board members also

undertook a self assessment program to identify our strengths and weaknesses as a deliberative body, and prioritize areas for improvement.

Our number one priority for 2018 will be improving our data collection processes (think: student, staff, and parent feedback) and our ability to evaluate them.

Four board members (Chowdury, Khan, Major, Obaid) also attended the Michigan Association of School Boards annual conference to collaborate

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# Special Services provides students with added support

## By Shalika Robie

The Special Services Department has been focused on continuous improvements, refining our programs and expanding our department's offerings.

With this as our focus, there has been a new program to one of our Elementary Schools focused on servicing students with autism. Thus far, the new pro-

gram has been a success!

Students are enjoying themselves and learning with social stories, sensory play and Brain Gym type activities (activities rooted in movement to promote concentration and focus)! Students are eager and excited about attending this class.

On our mission for continuous improvement and expansion of pro-

grams we have partnered once again with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) to continue the Life Skills and Job Preparedness program which focuses on teaching students with mild to moderate disabilities about resume writing, interviewing tips and life skills for independent living beyond high school.

This program is in its second year and has ex-

panded to helping our students in 9th-12th grades during both the school year as well as the summer and assisting students with obtaining job placement during the summer.

Refining our department has led to a lot of student successes which include blossoming student personalities, increased

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# District is financially strong

## By Sherry Lynem

In the Finance Department we continue to maintain our goals of long-term financial stability and sustainability while supporting the District's educational goals.

We are proud to report that the District has a healthy fund balance (surplus), and that again this year we received an "Unmodified Opinion" (the highest level of assurance you can get) on our fiscal year 2016/2017 financial statements from the independent auditing firm of Yeo & Yeo.

Thank you to my dedistaff Debbie cated Caminita (Payroll/Bene-Coordinator), fits Nickalesha Holliday (Accountant), Wendy Taylor (Accounts Payable), and Tiffany Sikula (Personnel) for making sure that our books are complete and accurate, and that our financial reporting is done accurately and

You may be wondering what does that mean, and what does the Finance Department do?

Well here's the short answer. The Finance Department manages the District's money and assets.

Simple enough right? No, not at all.

Last year the District spent \$37.1 million educating, providing nutritious meals, and maintaining safe buildings and a nurturing environment for our students, as well as run-

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## **Hamtramck School Board** continues to involve the community cont. from front page

with colleagues from across the State on areas such as board basics, equitable policy development, and effective

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fought for policies, principles, and partnerships that extend beyond just our student body.

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sented his residence at the time of election and was removed from the board. The district recovered over \$30,000 of court costs from the plaintiff.

We also passed resolutions declaring our students' immigration statuses safe from federal immigration agents and reaffirming our commitment to keeping all public school property as an enforceable gun free zone.

Lastly, we wrapped up the calendar year by holding a joint city council and school board meeting to explore collaboration on a shared vision for all southside recreation spaces.

This work will continue in 2018 and has the potential to transform Veter-Park, Keyworth Stadium, and Playfair Park as a shared community asset.

As always, monthly board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 3201 Roosevelt. We welcome your public input about our priorities and overall direction of the district.





## District is financially strong

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We make sure we re-

ning the Recreation Department for the community.

ceive every dollar we are entitled to and that every dollar we spend is properly accounted for. The law requires that our financial records be audited each year by an independent auditing firm, and the District has always received an "Unmodified Opinion."

We are very proud of the role we play in educating your children/our students. We believe in transparency and want you to know we are good stewards of the public's money. In our next Special School Edition we will go into more detail about how we spend your taxpayer dollars.

Did you know that each year in June there is an open board meeting called the "Budget Hearing" where the Board formally adopts budgets for each fund for the following school

Please join us and see how the district is planning to allocate its resources. Meeting date and time will be published in the Hamtramck Review two weeks prior to the meeting.

## **Building and Grounds Department** making many improvements

By Richard Wawrzynski

The Hamtramck Public Schools Building and Grounds Department plays a major role to support the students and staff by maintaining clean, safe and secure facilities.

The Building and Grounds Department is responsible for the mainkeep of all district properties.

We have accomplished major renovations recently, including building completely kitchen area Middle Kosciuszko School and replacement of the roof at Hamtramck High School.

The next major project tenance and general up- starting very soon will be a kitchen renovation at Dickinson East Elementary School.

We are very proud to announce the newest addition to our school buildings: Tau Beta School, located at 3056 Hanley.

In closing I would like to wish the citizens of Hamtramck a safe and healthy new year!

## Technology makes huge leaps in the schools

By Marc Wilkinson

It is an exciting time for Hamtramck Public Schools!

Hamtramck Public Schools is deploying very exciting technology to our classrooms in a continuing effort to reach the goal of a 1:1 ratio of students to devices.

Tau Beta School is re-

technology right at its opening. Interactive display screens intended for teachers use for lecture and student group activities.

ceiving some exciting

A 1:1 ratio of Chromebooks are present as well as an additional media center with standard desktop comput-

I would like to welcome two new technicians to Hamtramck Public Schools, Ashley Dunford and Kyle Millen, as well as thank the entire existing technology staff for all the hard work and support they bring to **Public** Hamtramck Schools students and staff.

## This week at the library...

day, March 7, 9 a.m. and **2:30 p.m.** ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Thursday, March 8, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

New Video Release -A film has been made of the Inauguration Ceremony that was held on Sunday, Jan, 7 2018 to swear-in newly-elected Hamtramck officials. It is available on the library website as well as on YouTube under "Hamtramck Inauguration 2018."

Winter Toddler Time -At the Hamtramck Public Library

**EVENTS SCHEDULE:** Thursday - March 8 at

noon. Say Goodbye to winter "Snowman Day."

Exhibit - The Hamtramck Public Library & The Creative Spirits Art

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ESL Class - Wednes- | the 2018 Black American Art & History Exhibit (The Black Explosion), "We No Longer Have To Be Silent." February 1 -March 31. Opening Reception February 8, 5-7 p.m. For exhibit hours call (313) 733-6821. ART BY LOCAL BLACK ARTISTS, Shirley Woodson Lolles, Creative Spirits Artistic Director.

> **City Wide Poets: Are** you a writer? Join Citywide Poets - Every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30p.m. At the Hamtramck Public Library, 2360 Caniff. Free and open to all teens. Sessions Begin January 30. For more information, please contact: justin@insideoutdetroit.org or visit www.insideoutdetroit.org

Blind Date With A **Book** - You shouldn't always judge a book by its cover. Put your trust in fate and choose a book without knowing the title, maybe you will fall in love.

2018 Free Tax Services - Free service for those whose annual household income is less than \$54,000. Monday, February 5-March 26, 10 a.m.-4p.m. Closed February 19. Call (734) 284-6999 for an appointment.

ABCmouse.com - Now available at the Hamtramck Public Library, ABCmouse.com is a free digital learning resource for children ages 2-8+ with more than 8,500 Learning Activities and 850 lessons, ABCmouse.com is the most comprehensive learning curriculum available online. Ask your library staff

for more details.

**Michigan** Activity Pass - The pass will enable Library card holders to obtain a one-time free entry into any Michigan State park or recreation area, and free entry into over 100 participating cultural institutions. Ask at the circulation desk for more details.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

## Students at Dickinson East Elementary work hard toward success

By George Hill

The 2017-2018 school year has seen a great increase in the student population at Dickinson East Elementary school.

We are currently at 840 students. Success has launched in many different forms at Dickinson East Elementary: academics, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

Academically, the Dolphin students are working hard while learning from our new elementary ELA Curriculum.

Our continued academic

success can be attributed to the hard work of our outstanding group of students coupled with the most dedicated, and one of the most experienced. staff of teachers that can be found anywhere.

Reading and literacy are a strong focus and we continue as the highest performing elementary school in the district which can be attributed to our focus on small group instruction.

Our students are making strong gains toward proficiency on our statewide exams. Currently, we are all almost percentage points 10 higher than the State of Michigan average and 22 percentage points higher than schools with a similar demographic.

In English Language Arts, we are slightly below the state average but outperform schools with similar demographics by 12

In math, we are currently at 31 percent proficient, while the state average is 34 percent with similar schools currently scoring at 16 per-

Our EL students are excelling at the Wida Exam that indicates which students are on track for being proficient in English in three years. The state average is 45 percent and Dickinson East is at 44 percent. We are right in line with the state average. We are very proud of our continued growth.

Dolphin students have extracurricular opportunities this school year that enhance their school experience. Beyond their weekly studies in physical education, music, art and visits to the extensive library, students have educational field trips to Schoolcraft College, Belle Isle Conservatory and Aquarium, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Cranbrook.

In addition, we have had performances from the Detroit Historical Society.

Close to 100 students also enjoy the HOPE program every day after school. This year, we have a new Community Cleanup Club that takes pride in cleaning up our school exterior.

Students volunteer at 7:45 a.m. to pick up trash

and litter to keep our school looking great for our neighborhood.

In the fall, we hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Detroit Institute of the Arts that highlighted a long standing partnership. The DIA installed student created mosaic tiles in four locations around the exterior of our building that celebrates the diversity and creativity of our students.

We invite you to stop by and check out the DE Dolphins!

## Dickinson East Elementary Honor Roll



**Dickinson East First Grade Honor Roll** 



**Dickinson East Second Grade Honor Roll** 



**Dickinson East Third Grade Honor Roll** 



**Dickinson East Fourth Grade Honor Roll** 



**Dickinson East fifth Grade Honor Roll** 

Alriyashi, Hagar

Haque, Syeda

Irwin, Nikolas

Kukic, Jusuf

Quigly, James

Rahman, Sadia

Mr. Sepko

Rahman, Tahmid

Al Mawri, Wadood

Al-Doais, Sama

Alkablany, Maria

Alshaif, Ghaida

Gjonaj, Jacob

Islam, Tamima

Mannan, Rayyan

Rahman, Abyan

Said, Ahmed

Zia, Zayed

Mrs. Geving

Ahmed, Sazid

Jacy, Onanna

Mrs. Goodridge

Islam, Taufiq

Mach, Joshua

Mrs. Mechling

Alharbi, Qusayy

Gazzali, Abdullah

Al-Jumae, Rawan

Hossain, Tanzia

Islam, Mahpara

Khalique,

Mustakim

Khan, Faiza

Mjalli, Seema

Salam, Raihan

Zindani, Fatima

Saleh, Mohannad

Aljomai, Mohamed

Algaheim, Hager

Althahabe, Olivia

Al-Zuhairi, Mohamed

**Grade 4** 

Almalamh, Hesham

Deumah, Deyazan

Mozeb, Abdulrahman



**Dickinson East fifth Grade Honor Roll** 

## **Grade 1** Ms. Blake

Barua, Arpita Chowdhury, Nabiha

## Mrs. Knapp

Alkussaimi Abdolrahman Algaifi, Noor Kaid, Omar Saadi, Shah Tumbul, Ajla Wright Kelise

## Ms. Nagle

N/A

## Mr. Wilinski

Al-Saidie, Rinad Alfahad, Rania Alhaimy, Adam Labib, Khandaker Muntakim, Anshi Rahman, Ariana Saleh, Layal Zindani, Nuh

## Grade 2 Ms. Maloney

Alkablany, Abdulllah Akter, Radia Aljomai, Ahmed Gulimeed, Abrar Miah, Fahim Nour, Nahin Robinson-Hussain, Samira

Shahid, Thawka Mrs. Pietrzak Ahmed, Nuha Ahmed, Tasifa Algahim, Noor Alhagri, Walid Alkadi, Reem Alreyashi, Abraham Alrfai, Abrrar Collins, Jaden

Hajran, Dahem Hamzah, Sulaf Roy, Piash

## Ms. Voss

Alfareh, Nargis Alwaisi, Mohamed Karim, Syed Mohamed, Asem Mohamed, Ishak Miesik, Megan Saleh, Rauf

## Ms. Zablocki

Ahmed, Fatima Almasmar, Yasmeen Alsomairi, Noof Islam, Tamanna Mahzabin, Samiha Miah, Rahi Mohamed, Marwa Rahman, Hasnian

## Grade 3

Mrs. Green Al Ghazali, Nasr Ahmed, Karima Aiyash, Al-Hussain Mahdi, Ahmed Musleh, Hiba Nafis, Muhthadi Salam, Rabbi

## Ms. Robinson

Ahmed, Tanzen Alkusaimi, Hiam Algaheim, Yunes Alhalmy, Sami Fetinci, Irma

### Mrs. Scott Ahmed, Erman

Alhalmi, Nagi

Gusev, Kaja Islam, Ashraful Mohamed, Tasnim Muhamedovic. Eldin Rajeh, Aymen Rina, Fahmida

## Ms. Trudell

Al Awdi. Elvas Begum, Fatima Dajenah, Wegdan Farha, Tahia Hajran, Hamad Kaid. Mohamed Nasher, Shahd Osmani, Rahmah

Sadowicz, Hanna

## **Grade 5**

Mrs. Gordon

Hughes, Stella Islam, Khadiza Kaltak, Ajsa Mirza, Fariha Mohamed, Hayma Rajeh, Yosif Uddin, Mysha

## Ms. Hofert- Wentzloff

Almardahi, Amani Miah, Thuhin Prithy, Thomanna Tayiba, Syeda Wozniak, Kristen

## Ms. Housey-Johnson

Abdul-latif, Sunnah Ahmed, Ikram Alam, Syed Albadani, Sana Begic, Arnela Hinton, Essence Miah, Farjana Rahman, Ishrat Starr, Ethan Vukaj, Marissa Mr. Jankowski

Al-Aswar, Rena Almardahi, Laila Almatry, Ritha Begum, Luvana

Chowdhury,

Chowdhury,

Habiba

Hamzah Saric, Leila Zilani, Mohamed

## Ms. Kuzniar

Ahmed, Arifa Algahim, Heba Alowdy, Yousif Alqasemi, Yasreen Bist, Connor Chanda, Shinha Fetic, Arnela Kobilov, Shahran Rema, Marzum

## Grade 6

Ms. Albanna Ahmed, Tahiya Algahim, Malak

Chowdhury, Mohammed Chowdhury, Tahyda Habucke, Annbreda Huda, Ummul Jackson, Justice Kelly, Tarquin

## Ms. Gacesa

Khan, Sayedah

Al Duais, Hasan Al-Wajeeh, Ahdi Alrifai, Shayma Begum, Pushpa Choudhury, Shaira Dajenah, Alainaa Fazlic, Ismet Islam, Halima Khatun, Suraiya



## Ms. Nolan

Alhagri, Taher Chatri, Anantho Ghose, Nilla Islam, Sabik Lisecki, Ariel Obeid, Hosan Rahman, Tanver Shalaj, Vera Thompson-Doze, Caryona

### Ms. Swords Ahmed, Areefin

Ali, Syed Almardahi, Naser Azad, Arian Begum, Jasmin Dhar, Shati Khalique, Muntasir Khan, Nabia



## Dickinson West Elementary Honor Roll















## Mrs. Gilbert Aleena Musanovic

**Kindergarten** 

Mohamed Obeid Gage Morgan Redwan Alwajih Amal Swleh Sahriar Chowdhury

### First Grade Mrs. Adamus

Monya Alharbi Yuosef Alshareef Promita Biswas Mahfara Chowdhury Sheikh Imran Nahida Khanom Mrs. Bietler Mellak Alhajaji Selah Alharbi Hana Almadharhi Rahf Alsakkaf Sumaiya Begum Amajla Musanovic Ishrat Niha Imann Shahid

### Ahmed Uddin

### **Second Grade** Mrs. Arnold

Erha Arnautovic Tishiya Choudhury Suhana Islam MD Kahn Hadil Mozeb **Nowaf Rahimee** 

## Mrs. Gerstacker

Samaiya Ahmed Saleh Al-Sanabani Marram Al-Wajeeh Afsana Alam Mahi Chowdhury Ohi Mustafa Shrea Purkayestha Zahara Alhaddi

### **Third Grade** Ms. Lambdin

Ammer Al-Gahim Nesreen Anakeeb Ilda Gerimovic Mehdi Hussain

Rasheda Khanom Ali Alwaieen Madhi Mudshat Shabiba Suha Mrs. Sliwinski

## Samithnur Chowhury Areanna Fritz

Arafat Hussain Emin Islamovic Marzan Miah Ali Nagi Fatiha Siddiqua Aliviah Wells

### **Fourth Grade** Mrs. Stoddard

MD Affan Alam Abdarhmn Obeid Saima Rashid

### Fifth Grade Mrs. Bradley

Najib Ahmed Sanjidah Ahmed Mohammed Alam Mokhtar Almaisari Labone Begum Farhan Hasan Aliyah Islam Mahbuda Khanom **Nusrat Lisa** Aisha Najar Abdulazize Obeid Mahdi Sharif Shanjida Sharif Miatta Upson Camaya Wilson

### **Sixth Grade** Mrs. Vujic

Shurmin Begum Mahira Choudhury Safa Anakeeb Mary Alhussein

### Mrs. Walsh

Zerina Camo Maria Ahmed Malak Alhalmi Shahidul Amin Sahid Chowdhury Abeer Rahimee

## **Elementary School**

## By Myron Miller

During the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year, Holbrook's professional team worked on building strong relationships with our students and increasing the usage of PBIS strategies and knowledge and implementation of our viable academic curriculum.

The structure of our school is still K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Our teacher teams have worked diligently throughout this first semester to utilize everynecessary improve student achievement.

Some highlights of our school year so far: Full Implementation of

- the new MAISA Units which has strengthened our literacy instruction. · School Open House &
- Title I Meeting turnout was great. Thank you to all of our parents for showing us the continued support.
- K-5 H.O.P.E Science Field Trips and Teacher PD.
- NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program with Mrs. Knight, our Middle School
- ELA Teacher. Winter Concert was a

blast, courtesy of Mr. Spayde's hard work with our students.

 Grade 5 read the book, Wonder by R. J. Palacio and then was able to go to the theater and see the film to discuss similarities and differences. Middle School First

Tech Challenge Robotics Team competed in the State Championships in Battle Creek Michigan under the coaching of our Science/Social Studies Teacher, Mrs. Conwell, and Mr. Stofflett our district Technology Coach.

Students continue to improve overall with our main two assessments, DRA and NWEA. We hope to continue elevating their skills so that they are fully prepared to do well on the M-STEP this spring time. Holbrook continues to have high attendance rates and have remained above 95%!

That means our students enjoy coming to school each day and our families trust us to do the great job that we strive to do with and for their children each day.

## Semester 1 at Holbrook Holbrook's Honor Roll for the first semester



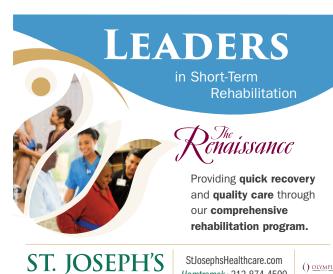
The following students at Holbrook Elementary School have been named to the Honor Roll for both Marking Period 1 and Marking Period 2 (Semester 1):

Mohamed Ahmed

Aamer Albadaani Meko Barbee Hail Muthana Ayhem Aldalaly Hadeel Algohim Laith Alhadwan Diea Elgarade Hiba Alnagar

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## Motivating and inspiring students to excel

The World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) ACCESS 2.0 is a high-stakes assessment which means that this assessment will have important consequences for the students, the program, and the district, affecting major educational decisions.

In addition, many high stakes assessments are computer-based moving away from the traditional paper and pencil format.

For many newcomers, (English learners who have been in the United States for less than 3 years) this experience can be even more challenging since the WIDA ACCESS 2.0 is a computer-based assessment.

While there are some advantages to the computer-based assessments, like immediate scoring and feedback and more authentic experiences through the implementation of advance technology, the drawback for many ELs is that many lack basic computer skills. Research supports the integration of technol-

ing the ELs.

The integration of tech-

ogy for all learners, includ-

By Jaleelah Ahmed nology into the curriculum is one the ELD Depart-

> ment Goals. The ELD teachers and ELD specialists are receiving continuous professional development as well as technology to support the ELs. Many Chromebooks have been purchased for the newcomers to support them

and provide them the

computer skills that are

needed. In addition to incorporating technology for all ELs, the other goal is to support secondary students improve their attitudes when it comes to the high-stakes assessments and local assessments.

After reviewing WIDA Access 2.0 and other assessments, it was clear that secondary students seemed to show the least progress. So why are secondary

students not showing progress?

This was the question posed to secondary students in the EL Youth Voice and Engagement Committee and to the ELD Teachers and Specialists. The students expressed that the testing

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## Superintendant's Message

## **By Thomas Niczay**

**Public** Hamtramck Schools is anchored in culture of collective responsibility that is collegial, collaborative and professional.

The District grounded in a safe, orderly and respectful environment for students. The Board of Education, administrators, teachers, para pros, administrative assistants, cafeteria staff, security staff, maintenance staff and custodial staff sincerely care about students, their family and the community of Ham-



**Thomas Niczay** 

tramck.

We take pride in being a "Hamtramck Public School Family."

Our top two priorities are safety and student achievement. The intent of this mid-year special issue newspaper is to recognize students that have earned honor roll status for the semester.

This means the students have been on the honor roll for both the first and second marking periods.

Congratulations the hard working students and their family.

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## At Kosciuszko Middle School, positive behavior is stressed

### By Nuo Ivezaj

2017-2018 marks the second school year that Kosciuszko Middle School has participated in the Wayne RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) grant for PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support).

The first year of the grant was devoted to planning and preparation. The staff identified strategies that would be used in the implementation phase. A PBIS committee, composed of staff and parents, was created with a mission of "establishing and maintaining positive behavior through common procedures, expectations and language."

During the planning process the committee created a matrix which outlined the behavior expectations for different locations throughout the building. The expectations are based on the District core belief statements of:

"Be Respectful", "Be Responsible," "Be Safe" and "Be Scholarly."

The staff and students were offered the opportunity to contribute ideas in establishing expectations through discussions and surveys. The areas targeted were hall passing, bathrooms. cafeteria, classrooms, office, library, auditorium, labs (computer and science) and HOPE, the afterschool program.

This school year the committee is focusing on teaching expectations and implementing "universal strategies" for all students. Faculty and staff are using universal strategies, four positive statements to everyone re-directing in their daily interaction with students.

In addition, new reward programs for "good behavior" are being instituted. Teachers have created "sensory stations" in the classrooms

and they are making sure that students are given multiple opportunities to respond in class.

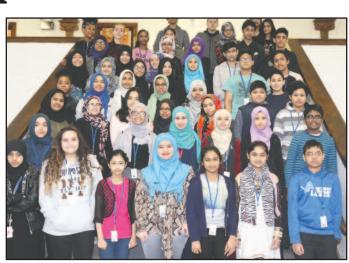
The Student of the Month program, better known as Cougar of the Month, highlights students being respectful, responsible, safe, scholarly.

Each month follows one of the themes. Raffles are held where students can earn tickets for a monthly theme based on needs and discipline issues. Raffles include prizes of "goody bags" with school supplies. Students who are not raffle winners, but do earn a ticket, receive a "homework pass," which excuses them from one homework assignment.

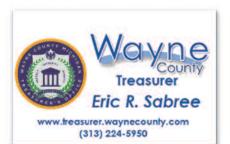
Our goal for the third year of the grant is to create individualized plans for students who still exhibit behavior difficulties and issues.

## **KMS Honor Roll**





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## **Horizon Students Learn on** the Campus of University of Michigan-Ann Arbor this Fall!

### **By Kristen Hurt**

Horizon High School Students took their learning to the next level this past October when they visited the University of Michigan campus in Ann in Arbor.

The day was filled with walking the campus and seeing, first hand, what it is like to be a college student at a Big Ten School. Students toured U of M's Museum of Natural History and the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.

This visit was especially memorable as our students were among the last to tour the building where the Museum of Natural History has been housed for over 50 years. The museum will reopen in 2019 in the new Biological Sciences Building just next door. Students are looking forward to visiting again to see their favorite exhibits in a new space!

While observing ancient artifacts at the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology,

students participated in the activity, "Ancient Democracy!"

Here, they learned about the techniques scientists use to study early civilizations and how they use these different methods to determine how life and politics were thou-

sands of years ago. The visit to the University of Michigan was exciting and educational for students and teachers, alike. And just when you thought Horizon's campus was turning maize and

Students will be touring the campus of Michigan State University in the Spring, when they visit Abrams Planetarium and the Eli and Edythe Broad

Stay tuned for more exciting news as Horizon High School students take their learning "off campus"!

Art Museum.

Not even the sky is the limit for these Cosmos!

## Semester 1 Honor Roll



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Uddin, Rahim

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Friday, March 2, 2018

## Motivating and inspiring students to excel cont. from page 4

was "boring" and some ing. All year long the Engindicated that they "never take these tests seriously."

Teachers also expressed that students don't care about testing. After collecting qualitative and quantitative data, it was apparent that the attitudes of our secondary students must change.

In the beginning, the efforts went to empowering students and giving them ownership of their learnlish Learners have been working hard learning the language and literacy skills as well as the computer skills so it was vital to take the time to celebrate what they have accomplished.

The EL Award Celebration took place on January 12, 2018. The objective was to have students take pride in themselves, share their success with their peers, teachers and

families so that they can recognize the importance of their role and their responsibilities as students.

The message to the students was to always "Do their best and be their best." We want students' attitudes towards learning to be with deliberate effort to attaining excellence.

Students were recognized in the following categories: academic achievement, attendance, and citizenship.

Many students received certificates in all 3 categories! We were very pleased to see so many students recognized and know that it will carry on to their peers to keep the momentum so that they all thrive.

Their parents appreciated the celebration and expressed their love for the school. Immediately after the celebration, everyone felt the pride and joy of our students' success.

The attitudes changed

and students felt worthy of their success. Some of the parents took a day off from work to be a part of this experience and expressed their pride.

In some cases there were students who have never been recognized for anything during their entire life who suddenly felt inspired to be the best and to do their best.

Many of our students are from a collectivist culture, so this celebration had an impact on them as a group to continue to excel.

As a newcomer, Sam Aljihem, from Mrs. Maros' class, stated: "I promise myself and promise all of my friends to help them as I could and I will give all my efforts to help them and help myself in the way of excellence and success."

There are plans to have another celebration in May and already we have students setting goals to be present every day and to meet their academic goals.





**WIDA** students



**WIDA students** 

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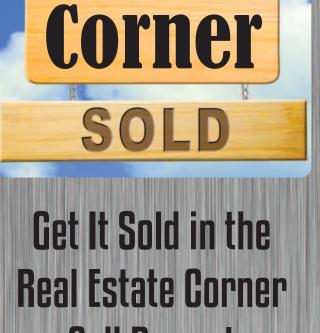
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## It's all about "Cosmos Culter" at Hamtramck High School

### **By Chris Vraniak**

The first semester of the 2017-2018 school year has been off to a great start at Hamtramck High School.

The year started with upper classmen "Link Leaders" serving as mentors by welcoming incoming 9th grade students to "Cosmo Culture" with full day teambuilding activities that have extended throughout the semester.

Link Crew has been an exciting and engaging way for new students to the high school to work with mentors to help acclimatize to their new setting.

In both the classroom and in their numerous extracurricular activities, Cosmos have shined bright. Hamtramck High School students were well represented in National Honors Society yet again this year, as 28 students participated in the annual inauguration ceremony.

While the drama club prepares to perform their spring play, other excelling clubs include: robotics, chess club, computing club and LEAP recycling club.

Meanwhile, students participating in DECA set an

HHS school record. In December, 62 Cosmos students competed at the District competition Baker College based on written examinations and presentations.

A total of 45 students received recognition amounting to a record setting 107 total medals. The Cosmos will have 42 students represented at the state competition in March.

Academically, 100% of Cosmo students who enrolled in the college courses this semester at Hamtramck High School received A's - a great start to a college career for our sen-

Meanwhile, the current 11th grade students are working hard to improve on last year's outstanding SAT scores. Current 11th grade students have already taken two practice SAT tests with the Princeton Review and the average test score is currently above last year's score, which were the highest Hamtramck SAT scores in decades.

We are looking forward to what we have to bring to you for the second semes-





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confidence in sch--ool and beyond, leadership roles within school (Student Council, Student Voice and Athletic Teams) and above all academic success, having students achieve National Honors Society status!

As this first semester comes to an end, we look forward to continued improvements, refinof programs, additional student successes and above fun during the second half of the school year!