



## Gibraltar School District

19370 Vreeland Road, Woodhaven, MI 48183    www.gibdist.net

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had an amazing month with our students being recognized for their outstanding achievements in academics, community service, and athletics! We are so pleased to share with you how their hard work, perseverance and dedication has placed them in the spotlight. Please take a few minutes to check out the below highlights from this past month and I hope you feel as impressed as I do with the continued success our talented students!

Your Partner in Education,  
Amy Conway  
Superintendent

### Spark's Corner



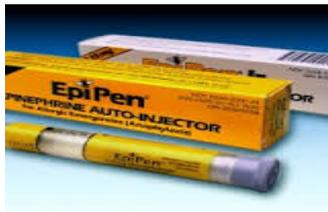
Research shows that being happy and positive primes the brain to be more successful and productive. Promoting positivity will enhance our student's academic ability and develop them into happy and positive thinkers and leaders. Each month we will highlight a building or staff member that is spreading "The Orange" (Happiness) through Gibraltar!

### Diapers and Wipes Fundraiser



Shumate's NJHS was asked by Gibraltar's Kiwanis Club to collect diapers and wipes for local food banks during the month of February. NJHS decided to have a Super Bowl Fundraiser to raise money to purchase diapers, wipes, and other baby products to donate. **Thank you to all the students and families that donated so that we could help out our community.**

### Transportation Department



Spring is just around the corner and we would like to remind parents about EpiPens. If you have a child that is allergic to bees or food, please make sure your EpiPen is updated and make the school aware as well as the bus driver.

We are hiring bus drivers and aides, please call or come to the Transportation Department located at 28291 Fort Street in Trenton (734) 379-3670.

## Kindergarten Round Up

Do you have a child at home who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2021? Do you know someone who does, perhaps a friend or a neighbor? If so, Gibraltar School District has a spot waiting just for them in our kindergarten classrooms next year! Gibraltar School District offers both a traditional Kindergarten program as well as a Young Fives Kindergarten program. Both of these programs have a strong focus on the math and literacy skills needed for a solid foundation through the course of the formative elementary years. Registration is now **OPEN online!**



To begin the enrollment process, please visit the link below and follow the link to the Online Pre-Enrollment! Once completed, you will schedule an appointment to complete the enrollment process.

<http://www.gibdist.net/about/register-students/kindergarten-young-5s-registration>

We will be running small-group informational sessions for parents and prospective students, on April 21 and April 28 at each elementary building. Once your enrollment process is complete, you can schedule your appointment for a small-group session!

## Undefeated Seasons for Shumate 7th Grade Football and Boys Basketball

Covid-19 has changed a lot of things for Winter athletics. However, one thing that has remained the same is that our 7th grade boys continue to dominate athletics in the Downriver League. They just finished a perfect 7-0 basketball season, which came on the heels of a 5-0 perfect football season. They compete at a high level, show tremendous sportsmanship, and are great examples of the expectations we have for our Seahawk athletes! We are proud of their efforts in and out of the classroom and look forward to their continued success in Spring sports.



## Lighthouse Leaders at Parsons Spread Kindness and Cheer



Due to the pandemic, the senior citizens from Gibraltar Manor have not been able to spend any time with their fifth grade buddies from Parsons. In the past, fifth grade students traveled to Gibraltar Manor to play games, make crafts, read stories and spend time with their buddies from Gibraltar Manor, the senior citizen residence across from their school.

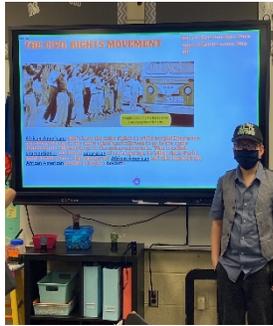


The fifth grade lighthouse leaders at Parsons decided to surprise the seniors with positive messages and kind words in the snow. The students and their teacher leaders had no idea on how much joy it would bring them. As soon as one of the residents saw the students, it didn't take long for other residents to come out and see the kind messages in the snow. They were smiling behind their masks as they told the students how much they loved and missed them.

The lighthouse leaders at Parsons are a group of student leaders who are committed to making a difference in their school community. These students were chosen to be on the lighthouse team for their strong leadership skills. The third and fourth grade lighthouse members also have some ideas planned for making a difference in the school community. Being kinder than necessary continues to be a priority for the students at Parsons Elementary School.



## Fourth Grade at Hunter Celebrate Black History Month



For Black History Month, Ms. Czarnota and Mr. Pak's fourth grade classes researched and presented influential African Americans in US history. The plan was to introduce students to many African Americans who helped shape our country and left their mark in the history books. The students created slideshow presentations and shared their Famous African American with the class in a timeline fashion. When and where they were born, facts about their childhood, why they were such an important



part of US history, and even some fun facts. Even though some students had the same person to research and present, everyone brought their own flair and knowledge to their presentations!

## Carlson High School- Top Ten



- Valedictorian -- Neal Jayraman -- 4.2619 -- Business/Modeling --Undecided
- Co-Salutatorian --Shelby Harris -- 4.200 -- Biochemistry/Psychology -- Wayne State University
- Co-Salutatorian --Hannah Petty -- 4.1669 -- Chemistry -- Albion College
- 3-Cecelia Cuevas --4.1667 -- Computer Science -- University of Michigan
- 4-Joslyn Ferguson -- 4.1627 --Biomedical Engineering -- Undecided
- 5-Madison McCune --4.1626 --Marine Science/Animal Studies--Eckerd College
- 6-Joseph Gailey --4.1507 -- Economics -- University of Michigan
- 7-Eanna Almerol --4.1220 -- Nursing -- Wayne State University
- 8-Samantha Stanaway --4.1190 -- Undecided -- Michigan State University
- 9-Chelsea Bell --4.0995 --Chemistry -- Undecided
- 10-Lucas Kutzy --4.0952 -- Computer Science -- Undecided

## Downriver STEM @ Weiss Elementary



All of our Wildcat students were able to make projects with clay this past month! It was great for them to explore their artistic side with a new medium. Students in Kindergarten created heart initials, 1st graders created owls, 2nd graders created pocket monsters, 3rd graders created pinch-pot monsters, 4th graders did initial tiles, and 5th graders created coil pots. All of our Wildcats did such a GREAT job!!



5th graders at Weiss are using STEM this past month to learn about their senses and to create slingshots/catapults. While learning about their senses, they had to observe and document their findings about different liquids and materials. While testing their catapults in the hallway, students in the classroom were still able to observe other students' test-results through video communication technology. Upon testing and seeing other designs, students had the chance to go back and adjust their catapult/slingshot to improve their performance. This is all part of the engineering process.



## Chapman Elementary



The Champions Program is always innovative offering our students many great activities. Students engaged in a lesson on advertising and running a “business”. As a group they decided to create the Champions’ Pet Store. Each student was able to choose an animal and then had to create that animal, too. If you look real close, you will see that we have very creative Chapman Chargers!



On Thursday, February 11, we celebrated being in school for 100 days! There were a lot of really “old” people walking around Chapman on that day!



## Gibraltar Food Service

**National School Breakfast Week is March 8th-12th.**

Breakfast is the most important meal and schools provide millions of breakfast to hungry children, this gives us reason to celebrate! We make it easy with our National School Breakfast Fun week. Remind your student(s) to **partake in breakfast** this week as we deliver **breakfast** with some **added fun!!!!**

## Lakeshore Virtual School



Students of the Month: LVS would like to recognize our **February Students of the Month**. Each Student of the Month is based off of our acronym LVS Pride. Our fifth letter, **R**, represents **Responsibility**. These students have been nominated for their dedication to their education on a daily basis. They are always on pace in their classes by following a daily schedule. These students ensure they understand the material by regularly asking questions and are on time for their attendance. They are also engaged in their learning by regularly attending and participating in zoom sessions with their teachers or mentor. We are very proud of these students and are thrilled to recognize them as our Responsible Students of the Month.

Congratulations to: Jordan Finklea, 2nd grade, Karley Williams, 4th grade, Kirsten Perecki, 7th grade, Maraya Finklea, 8th grade, Karlie Cooper, 10th grade, Hailey Griffor, 11th grade