



Superintendent's Comments

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For the January 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (#2)

- **MMS Entrepreneur Showcase:** If you didn't read Wednesday's Monroe News, we have a copy of the article for you. 28 student-owned businesses - sole proprietorships and partnerships, comprising 42 eighth grade students presented their businesses and sold their goods at the 2nd Annual Monroe Middle School Entrepreneur Showcase. Businesses included products such as cookie dough bites, t-shirts, lanyards, scrunchies, cloud lamps, chalkboard locker décor, snow and ice removal, bath bombs, artwork, popcorn, and Morse Code bracelets to name a few.
- **MHS HOSA** – Monroe High School had 22 students competing at the HOSA regionals on Saturday, January 12. Among the 593 students competing, 20 out of our 22 students made the top 10 in their event, and 8 out of 22 received a medal. The students have been invited to compete at the state leadership HOSA conference in Grand Rapids on March.

Creative problem Solving (Team event)

2nd Place- Noah Boudrie, Stephanie Britton, Desean Rouser, and Madison Winkelman

CPR/First Aid (Partner event)

2nd Place- Elizabeth Bray and Ayreanna Pawlicki

Top 10- Gabrielle Highers and Malina Johnson

Top 10- Brianna Chamers and Kailey Murdock

Behavioral Health

Top 10- Makenzie Brown

Epidemiology

3rd place- Libby Kelley

Medical Math

Top 10- Dominic Levesque

Veterinary Science
2nd Place-Natalie Litra

Medical Assisting
Top 10- Jaelyn Ratajczyk

Emergency Medical Technician (Partner even)
Top 10- Rosario Mexicano and Erin Robinson

Pathophysiology
Top 10- Tara Robinson

Forensic Science (Partner event)
Top 10- Montana Smith and Jordan Younglove

- **Manor Sock Collection** – Socks are still being collected by Manor elementary staff and students to donate to our local homeless shelters.
- **Mock Trial:** Ten Monroe High Schools Students participated in a Mock Trial at the Administration Building last Tuesday. Students chose from a list of older Supreme Court cases to study, choose a side and present their arguments. These students did very well and impressed our volunteer panel of judges. Teacher Gwendolyn Myers was very impressed with their performance.
- **Unified Basketball:** Monroe High School Unified Basketball hosted the Bedford High School Unified team for a game on Friday before the Girl's and Boy's basketball games. The event was to bring awareness and acceptance of all people and that we are Unified Together.
- **Professional Development:** On our half day of professional development last week, staff all over the district gathered together to learn how they can help MPS be the best. I had the privilege of hosting a World Café session at Monroe High School and I was so impressed with the thoughtfulness of the staff and how important it is to each of them that Monroe High School be the very best for their students and the community.
- **Waterloo Career Day:** Waterloo Elementary School hosted their career fair on Friday in honor and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Their "I have a dream that one day I will become..." career fair featured 16 different community volunteers who spent the morning speaking with students about their chosen profession. Students also dressed up and wore nametags reflecting their career choice.