



Superintendent's Comments

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For the March 26, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (#6)

- **National Reading Month:** As we wrap up Read Across America Month, I want to thank all of our community partners for spending time reading with our students. This week we have two events that I want to bring to your attention.
 - **Waterloo Celebration:** In celebration of exceeding the reading challenge set by Principal Megan Gibson, reading over 110,000 minutes and raising over \$2,500, Mrs. Gibson will fulfill a promise she made to eat bugs if students reached their reading goal. On Friday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. students with the most minutes read in each class will get to spin the wheel to determine which bug Mrs. Gibson will eat. Congratulations Waterloo students and good luck Mrs. Gibson!
 - **Monroe Middle School Celebration:** Monroe Middle School is also taking part in the Read Across America fun by hosting a Reading Spirit Week. Filled with book talks, character dress up days, a school-wide read-in and book swap, their activities will culminate this Friday with a staff v student basketball game at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- **HOSA:** Last week, 13 MHS students attended the Health Occupation Students of America competition in Grand Rapids. Hundreds of high school students from all over the state competed in various health care events. Our congratulations go out to all of our students for their representation of Monroe Public Schools at this distinguished event. I would like to especially congratulate Noah Boudrie, DeSean Rouser, and Madison Winkelman, who were in the top 8 finishers. A special congratulations go out to their teachers Mrs. Cousino and Mrs. Arnold.
- **Trojan Build:** Our Trojan Build is shaping up nicely. Mr. Bell reports that siding is going up, flooring is being installed and soon cabinets, doors and trim will be installed. I would invite you to drive by the house on Charles Street in South Monroe Townsite to see the progress.

- **Vocal Arts Day:** Today was our annual Vocal Arts Day celebration at Monroe High School. Students from all over the district took part in this event hosted
- **Arborwood Informance:** Mrs. Watterson's class is hosting a Music Class Informance on Thursday, March 28 from 1:50-2:20 in the music classroom at Arborwood South. Students will help visitors to see and experience what a regular music class is like.
- **Manor Elementary Millenium Choir** will host their 4th-6th grade music performance "Who's Got Talent" on Thursday, March 28 at 7pm in the Monroe High auditorium.
- **Waterloo Butterfly Sculpture** 5th and 6th graders working with Ms. Albano have been creating a butterfly sculpture out of recycled materials. The sculpture will be on display at the Monroe County Community College Healthy Planet Healthy You Earth Day Expo on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Calendar Updates

- **Waterloo Mobile Food Pantry:** Saturday, March 30, at Calvary United Methodist Church at 790 Patterson Drive from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- **Spring Break:** Monroe Public Schools will be on Spring Break Monday, April 1-Friday, April 5.
- **Monroe Youth Advisory Committee Global Youth Service Day Mobile Food Pantry:** Our MYAC student group is hosting a mobile food pantry in observance of Global Youth Service Day on Saturday, April 13 at Arborwood South Elementary School. Volunteers are needed from 8:30-Noon. The pantry will be operational from 10-12 or when food supplies are depleted.