

Superintendent's Comments

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For the May 14, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (#8)

- **Raisinville IB:** We are very pleased and excited to announce that the International Baccalaureate Organization has approved Raisinville Elementary for authorization to offer the Primary Years Programme. This is the culmination of four years of hard work by our Raisinville Team, families and students and we are so proud of their accomplishment and excited for what this means for Monroe Public Schools' students.
- Senior Awards Night is this Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30. We look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of this year's graduating class. Refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the ceremony at 7 p.m. in the MHS auditorium.
- Monroe Youth Advisory Committee Pop Up Palooza: Our Monroe Youth Advisory Committee will be hosting their final project this Saturday, May 18 at St. Mary's Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In an effort to bring more people to downtown Monroe, the students decided to plan and host Pop-Up Palooza, and open air entrepreneur market. The students will make a formal presentation on their year's activities to the Monroe City Council on June 3 at 6:00 p.m.
- Manor Market Days: Our Manor Bobcats will be hosting Manor Market Days on Wednesday, May 22nd from 1:30 to 3PM! These 3rd and 6th grade students have been hard at work creating their own businesses and products. If you weren't able to attend the Generation E Young Entrepreneur Showcase on April 27, this is a great opportunity for you to see what our Monroe Public Schools entrepreneurial curriculum is all about.
- Monroe Middle School Career Fair: On May 3, over 30 professionals visited MMS to talk to our middle school students about potential careers as they consider their career pathway. Among the professionals were Marc Moore of the Michigan State Police MANTIS, Jacob McLaughlin - Legislative Director for Representative Jason Sheppard, and McKenzie Kuehnlein - News Anchor from Channel 13 Toledo.
- Arborwood Project Sparkle: Arborwood Elementary continues its Project Sparkle initiative this year with six 5th/6th grade girls. These students had to submit a video application to meet during their lunch period to complete STEM challenges, explore careers with women-guest speakers who have STEM careers and work to solve various STEM related challenges. This initiative is one of our Monroe Public Schools efforts to keep girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Recently, these young ladies have had the opportunity to meet with guest speakers from Banker Haynes Realty and Gerdau and next week with CV Enterprises.

- **Music Events:** There are many opportunities in the coming weeks to witness the amazing performing arts curriculum we have at Monroe Public Schools.
 - This Thursday, May 16, our very own MHS Jazz Band will open the Summer Concert in the Park Season at St. Mary's Park at 7 p.m.
 - Also on Thursday, May 16 the Monroe Middle School Orchestra will host their spring concert in the middle school auditorium at 7 p.m.
 - MHS Instrumental Music will host their spring concert on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium.
 - The Spring Vocal Concert will be held on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium.