DECEMBER 2016 I DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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New Website Coming Soon



Fraser Public Schools is excited to unveil a new district website in order to bring you a streamlined and efficient experience. The site is scheduled to launch in January. The redesign matches the innovation and 21st century thinking of our district that is already apparent in the classrooms.

A survey of key district staff and analysis of site traffic patterns showed us where visitors

are going most often and what information they are trying to find. In addition to the new look and feel of the website, there are a few big changes we wanted to highlight.

RESPONSIVE DESIGN

The new site will automatically adjust on any device, whether you're browsing on your phone, iPad or desktop. There's no loss of information on a mobile browser. Everything is still there and laid out in a userfriendly way. Easily call schools or look up directions by tapping on phone numbers or addresses.

SHORTCUTS FOR THE MOST COMMONLY USED LINKS

We took four of the top links — Enroll Today, Lunch Info, Bus Stops and myFPS — and made them icons across every homepage. Now you can quickly look up breakfast and lunch menus, add money to your student's account, and





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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fraser Family!

Last month, I was among a group of 20 superintendents from across the country invited to the White House to meet with the Domestic Policy Council and the U.S. Department of Education. The conversation centered on personalized learning in schools, and I was honored to represent Fraser Public Schools.



Public Schools

The conversation focused on how current policies are either helping or hindering the growth of personalized learning in America, and how we can leverage the newly-adopted Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to create next-generation schools which better meet the needs of our students.

The dialog was rich with examples of how school districts across the U.S. are pushing forward with designing schools that provide flexibility, rigor and opportunity for their students. Regardless of the support provided at the state and federal levels, these districts were committed to rethinking how learning occurs and to implementing systemic changes to support this new model. Most of what was shared, we have had conversations about or are currently implementing in Fraser, and for that I was beaming with pride. Our efforts to implement a competency-based learning model where students demonstrate proficiency in each of the subject areas as they progress through their learning goals gained a great deal of interest from this group of innovative leaders and staff members at the U.S. Department of Education.

Districts in attendance ranged from Falls Creek, Wisconsin (900 students), to Miami-Dade County (nearly 500,000 students). Each had a unique perspective on their work to redefine learning and the steps that were being taken to provide every child with an opportunity to be successful. It was a pleasure to share the work we are doing in Fraser and the efforts of our staff to do what's best for kids every day.

It was an honor to represent all of you — our staff, community, and our Board of Education — in this important conversation with our national education leaders. Thank you for your support of our mission to Innovate, Learn and Lead.

With Fraser Pride, Dr. Richards

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New English Language Arts Program Offered at RMS

t's 8:05 a.m. and the morning bell rings at Richards Middle School. Twenty-five 6th-grade students hurry off to their math and English Language Arts (ELA) classes. The students are participating in a program that allows them to take 7th-grade classes every morning. This is the third year Fraser Public Schools has offered this program in math, and the first year for ELA.

"The first year we offered this program, we had nine students take 7th-grade math," said Katie Fitzpatrick, an instructional consultant for the district. "We wanted to expand it, and this year added the ELA component. Moving forward, we will continue to make adjustments to accommodate the number of students who qualify to attend."

The students were selected for this program based on a series of assessments. First, they



were proficient in math or ELA on last year's M-STEP test as 5th-graders. Next, their reading scores were considered to ensure they could understand higher-grade-level content, and then they had to complete one more assessment and show their proficiency of the 6th-grade content. The students were offered the opportunity to participate, and the final decision was up to the student and his or her parents. In addition to fulfilling the FPS mission of 'move on when ready,' these students also get a head-start on becoming familiar with RMS.

"This program speaks to our district's continuous efforts to challenge and meet the needs of our students. Not only is the academic component met with the opportunity, but also it gives our 6th-graders an early experience with the middle school environment," said Huston Julian, Principal at RMS. "The transition from 6th grade to middle school can be daunting to some of our students initially, until they get comfortable with a new building, new staff and new peers. Our 6th graders who have a class here earlier often speak to feeling a bit more comfortable with the transition to middle school life."

Board Members Sworn In

Board of Education President Gerry Gauthier swore in Vice President Laura Edghill, Treasurer Ron DelVillano and Trustee Dan Stawinski to new terms at the November 21 regular Board meeting. All three ran unopposed in the election on November 8. Edghill and Stawinski will serve full six-year terms, while DelVillano will serve a partial term through December 31, 2018.



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Diversity Celebrated at RMS, FHS

Students from Richards Middle School and Fraser High School were among the 500 at the Macomb County Student Diversity Summit. Students from every district in the county attended the event that was organized by OneMacomb, which works to facilitate and support collaborative community-based activities that celebrate cultural diversity in Macomb County.

Nine students from FHS and five from RMS attended the summit. Senior Kenan Oruc presented at the Cross Cultural Journey of Refugees/Immigrant Families breakout session. He shared with his peers his story of being raised in a family who were refugees to the United States.

Students chose two breakout sessions each before everyone attended the "Keeping it 100" session. There, they worked together to discuss cultural acceptance and the ways they can help schools be more accepting of diversity.

Once they returned to school, the students developed an action plan. FHS will continue hosting Mix It Up Lunches where students are encouraged to sit at a different table and get to know each other. They will also host a Diversity Panel for students to share their stories of coming to the United States from other countries.

'Go Out and Make that Change'



At 27 years old, Anthony lanni stands 6'9". He's been tall his entire life, he says, towering over his classmates since elementary school. But, his height didn't make him immune to bullying. When he was 4, he was diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, and throughout his schooling was picked on by classmates and told he would never succeed in life. He shared his story with the 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade students from all six elementary schools and told them that he made the decision to stand up to the bullies

and prove everyone wrong. He graduated from high school, attended Michigan State University and was the first basketball player in the Big Ten with autism. He also won two Big Ten Tournament titles with the Spartans and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

Anthony told the packed auditorium at Fraser High School that he never gave up. Everytime someone in his life said he couldn't do something, he set out to accomplish it. He stood up to his bullies and defended his friends who were bullied, too. He said it all started by his making one change. And, that change had ripple effects.

"Let me tell you how far one little change can go in your lifetime. That change starts in your school. That change goes to your town. That change goes to our state. That change goes to our country. And, last but not least, that one little itty-bitty change goes to the entire world. Because that's how far one little change, one little difference in an instance can go in life. Why don't you guys go out and make that change?"

Eisenhower Receives Grant

Playworks of Michigan recently awarded a grant to Eisenhower Elementary. The grant will provide staff and students with training, equipment, games and strategies to use during recess in conflict resolution, inclusion and teamwork.

"A big component is the inclusion piece as it pertains to being part of a team, how we handle losing or the frustration that comes from that, and having a Growth Mindset," said Mr. Denis Metty, Principal at Eisenhower Elementary.

When recess becomes a healthy and integral part of the school day, students carry that positive experience with them. Playworks coaches encourage children to bring out the best in themselves and each other, and students learn the value of fair play, inclusion and respect. They create a place for every child on the playground to feel included, be active, and build valuable social and emotional skills. Eisenhower plans to launch the Playworks strategies in the new year.



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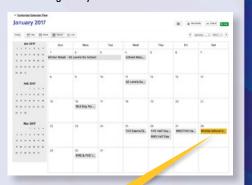
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easily login to *itslearning* and BlackBoard, or check grades in PowerSchool. These links are also on the bottom of every page for your convenience.

CALENDAR INTEGRATION

Upcoming events are listed on the district homepage and each school's homepage. You can also click on the calendar button at the top of the page to see the calendar by month. Clicking or tapping on an event title will open a page with all of the details, including maps to the event with one-touch directions on mobile devices. At FHS, the calendar will include athletics, performing arts and everything else in one place something many have asked for!



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Look for more information on the new website in the next few weeks. We are working hard to make the transition to the new site as smooth as possible.





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Non't forget to check out the District website for a calendar of events at: www.Fraser.k12.mi.us

Fraser Education Foundation AWARDS GRANTS

The Fraser Education Foundation continues its nearly 30-year tradition of supporting funding for all levels within Fraser Public Schools. The committee voted to fund three grant and mini-grant requests, with Trustee Carol Nine personally funding an additional mini-grant.

The Foundation was established in 1987, and since then, has awarded more than \$300,000 in grants to enhance student enrichment, teacher creativity and community involvement through programs that go beyond the scope of normally funded school budgets.

The program is funded through generous donations from staff, parents, community members and local businesses. All teachers in Fraser Public Schools are provided the opportunity to apply for grants through the Foundation.

The Fraser teachers listed below are the recipients of the grants for the 2016-2017 school year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS:

Grant Amount: \$2,795

Who Requested It: Randy Stewart Building Name: Fraser High School What Grant Will Be Used For: Add a lighting unit to the stagecraft class. Lighting in the theater is a large component of successful execution of a play or musical. Students will learn to blend colors, play with shadows and create mood in the hands-on lighting unit. Additionally, students will have an opportunity to set-up, program and design multiple lighting effects for theater.

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Who Requested It: Kristi Skladanowski Building Name: Edison Elementary What Grant Will Be Used For: Purchase materials for the Makerspace in the 21st Century classroom. Edison families have helped establish a Makerspace, but the grant will be used to create a space where students can work freely on challenges and projects. The hands-on environment encourages collaboration and creativity while working on 21st century skills such as innovation and problem solving.

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Who Requested It: Tanya Leon Building Name: Richards Middle School What Grant Will Be Used For: Create Makerspace stations in the classroom for students to develop problem solving and critical thinking skills. Students who move through the content more quickly will be able to utilize the learning opportunity while others who are still working their way toward mastering competencies receive remediation and support.

Grant Amount: \$1,000

This grant was funded entirely by a personal donation from Carol Nine, member of the Fraser Education Foundation. Who Requested It: Christine Sorrow Building Name: Salk Elementary What Grant Will Be Used For: Purchase a Ozobot robot in order to integrate robotics, coding and programming in the 21st Century classrooms. The small robot can follow drawn lines, roam around freely, detect colors and be programed, and will provide hands-on learning of STEM applications.

To make a donation to the Fraser Educational Foundation, please **click here** or call **586.439.7004** for more information on how to become involved with the organization.

OUR FOCUS IS WHERE YOU'RE GOING.

Students Step Up to Help the Community

The season of giving is upon us, and students throughout Fraser Public Schools are working hard to give to those in need. From canned food drives to giving trees, and coat drives to making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, students are experiencing first-hand some of the ways they can help others.

The Richards Middle School Builders Club teamed up with the Fraser High School National Honor Society in early November to host a Stuff A Bus canned food drive. Food raised at the community-supported event was split between the Fraser Goodfellows, Clinton Valley Kiwanis and the FHS Food Pantry.





All of the elementary schools collected canned food throughout November to support local families. The food was brought to RMS, and along with a portion of the Stuff A Bus collection, students assembled 88 large boxes of food. Students from Disney Elementary helped sort the 1,600+ cans brought in by their school, as well as the food donated throughout the district. The Clinton Valley Kiwanis club donated turkeys, and each family that received a box also received everything to make a Thanksgiving meal.

The National Junior Honor Society at RMS has been busy helping others. A group of students spent a Saturday at the Gleaners Food Bank in Warren packaging 30-pound boxes of food for those in need. In less than three hours, students packed 145 boxes (that's 4,350 pounds!) of food.





The Quill and Scroll Journalism Honor Society at FHS organized a coat drive for the Detroit Lions wide receiver Golden Tate III's charity, the Golden Future Foundation. Seminar classes competed against each other, and Mr. James Socha's class won, bringing in more than 200 coats. Across the entire school, 1,150 coats were donated. The coats will be given to veterans and children in need. The winning class met the NFL star, got pictures with him and autographs.

READING READINESS IN DK

Developmental Kindergarten students at the Dooley Center enjoyed reading and acting out the story, "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" by Linda Williams. As the title suggests, the story is about a woman who is not afraid of anything. However, one night while walking in the woods, she hears a series of sounds that give her a scare, only to realize the next morning that there was nothing to fear.



As a culminating event, the students pieced together a scarecrow, adding a pair of shoes, gloves, shirt and pants. "Rereading stories, sequencing events, and acting out the plot strengthens comprehension skills, which are essential for reading success," explained DK teacher, Mrs. Chesley. Fun activities, such as this one, motivate children to enjoy books and help them transition from a non-reader to a reader.

CARING, SHARING AND GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Mark Twain's Student Council kicked off the holiday season with their annual Giving Assembly to address the traits of Caring, Sharing and Giving. Student Council members were excited to share that the giving tree is up and ready for hats, mittens, gloves and hoodies for families that could use some extra help this season.

Every student also wrote a letter to Santa, which was given to Tami Bliss from the Make A Wish Foundation to mail through the Macy's Believe Campaign. Macy's donates \$1 to Make A Wish for every letter they receive. In total, Twain students wrote more than 400 letters which will bring a \$400 donation.

Make A Wish is an organization that is close to home at Twain. Two students have had their wishes granted through the Make A Wish Foundation — Melina Delvecchio and Aiden Chambers, both in 4th grade. Melina spoke at the assembly and thanked everyone for supporting the foundation. She said her wish was to swim with the dolphins, and Make A Wish granted her wish and flew her and her family to Florida.





Silent/Live Auction

Friday, February 24, 2017 7:00 p.m. – Midnight

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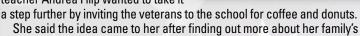
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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION GETS PERSONAL

Before school started on Veterans Day, November 11, at Disney Elementary, students, parents, grandparents, and various family friends and relatives gathered in the gym to honor the veterans and show off the 25-foot long Wall of Honor.

Last year. Disney students filled out a paper for the Wall of Honor on a special veteran in their life, and included a picture

and few sentences about what made that person special. This year, teacher Andrea Filip wanted to take it



military past, and realized many students might not know how to ask veterans about their service or military career. She hoped the event would encourage students to start that conversation. In total, more than 90 veterans came to the morning event.

LATCHKEY STUDENTS DONATE HANDMADE THANK-YOU NOTES TO VETERANS

Salk Latchkey staff and students took time to honor and show respect to the men and women who have served our country. The children painted U.S. flags on 24 burlap sacks that were donated to the program. The students then wrote and attached thank-you notes on each flag. Miss Sarah and Miss Sally delivered the flags to the Vietnam Veterans of America, located on 15 Mile Road. The veterans were very excited to receive flags and told Miss Sarah and Miss

Sally they planned to distribute them to patients at the VA Hospital in Detroit on

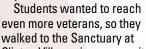


Miss Sarah and Miss Sally told the students how and when their flags would be distributed, and they worked very hard to make even more. In two days, they made 33 more flags, so a total of 57 flags and thank-you notes were passed out to veterans.

Veteran's Day. They said the patients appreciate the gifts very much.

STUDENTS REACH OUT TO THANK VETERANS

The students in Ms. Kelly Jenks' 6th-grade class at Salk Elementary wanted to do something special for veterans this year for Veterans Day. They invited veterans from the Fraser VFW to their school for a special ceremony. They shared presentations from their genre study unit on a World War II historical fiction book, essays they wrote for the VFW Patriot's Pen contest, and thank-you letters they wrote specifically for the occasion.



Clinton Villa senior community next door to Salk and handdelivered thank-you letters to the 16 veterans who live there. In doing so, students learned about the history behind Veterans' Day and the importance of kindness and reaching out to others within their community.

Students Disguise a Turkey

The Mark Twain Student Council sponsored a "Disguise the Turkey" contest. Students were given a paper turkey and asked to creatively disguise it so it would not be eaten on Thanksgiving! They had some amazing entries — Tinkerbell, Batman, a teacher, minions and even Pokemon!

Dr. Richards and Ms. Wozniak chose the winning turkeys. Brian Lawrence, Ashlee Williams, Breyanne Stallman and Quinn Kleczewski created the winning turkeys. Each winner received a \$15 Target gift card from the Student Council.



CELEBRATING THE 50TH DAY OF SCHOOL

The 1st-grade students at Edison Elementary celebrated the 50th day of school by acting as though they were students in the 1950s. They dressed in period costumes and immersed themselves in the decade.



Students participated in math games where they rolled dice and added the numbers together until they made it to 50. They did activities where they timed themselves to see how many twists, bunny hops, hula-hoop spins and bubbles they could do in 50 seconds. The students also participated in a how-to writing piece on how to properly make a root beer float, walking through the steps as they made an actual float.

"The smiles were seen from miles around. It's great to create memories with 1st graders!" commented, Mrs. Amy Cabe, one of Edison's 1st-grade teachers.

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Minions Serve Dooley

According to the movie of the same name, minions evolved from a single-celled yellow organism at the dawn of time and live to serve. At the Dooley Center, they are serving up delightful smiles and giggles from students and parents. The Dooley Minions are the creation of Julie Snarski, Dooley's Administrative Assistant, and her husband Ted. They made the minions out of bales of hay and lots of imagination. Office Aide Mary Cusumano helps dress them appropriately for each holiday. They debuted for Halloween as minions, were a pilgrim and turkey for Thanksgiving, and now are ready for Christmas as "merry minions."

"The Dooley students LOVE our minions. Before we were able to change from 'pilgrim minions' to 'merry minions,' Mrs. Geck's DK class wanted to know if the minions would get new outfits for December! Parents have their kids pose next to them for pictures. It's fun. We are hoping we can continue throughout the school year with this," commented Mrs. Snarski.



TWAIN STUDENTS Stage Read-in

Who says hard work doesn't pay? In Mrs. Barker's 2nd-grade class at Twain Elementary, hard work and good behavior paid off for students. They brought in their sleeping bags, pillows, "reading buddies" (stuffed animals), and favorite books, and staged a read-in.

The students snuggled up with their books and read with their friends. The read-in was a reward for meeting their PBIS goals. "When students have a chance to do something fun like this, they don't even realize they're learning. They improved their reading skills, practiced reading out loud to their friends, and were exposed to new books. Creating a love for reading is so important in lower elementary, too," said Mrs. Barker.



CAREER WAX MUSEUM AT DISNEY

In 2nd grade, the class spends a lot of time discussing communities and careers and how they interact with each other. Each student then picks a career that they want to pursue in the future.



They research their careers and present their choices to all the students and families at Disney Elementary.

"Students have a great time speaking about their future! This year we had many future teachers, chefs, police officers, doctors and veterinarians! Parents and students have a great time attending this event. It is fun to hear the students discuss their hopes and dreams and how they plan to help with communities," explained 2nd-grade teacher Mrs. Whitney Saoud.



Beatles Rock Disney's Vocal Music Concert

Under the direction of Ms. Melissa Bridges, Disney's 4th-, 5th- and 6th-graders sang Beatles songs for the concert on November 28. The stage was full with more than 200 students singing and using xylophones, maracas, tambourines, jingle bells and rhythm sticks to demonstrate their talents.

The singers worked hard to perfect their songs. "Yellow Submarine" required the 6th-grade students to read the music and play it on the xylophones. They also performed "Ob La Dim Ob La Da," which included 10 soloists to lead the group! The students worked deligently to perfect their pitch and rhythm. The performers appreciated the support of the audience and loved to see a full house!

"Performing music is one of the National Standards in music that goes across our K-12 music department. The Disney students are always reflecting on how they can be better next year," said Mrs. Bridges. "Samantha Phillips, in 4th grade, wrote on *itslearning*, 'My goal is to play the bells a little louder next year if I get that part.'"

Flag Football Fun

Emerson Elementary hosts a flag football league which is open to all 5th- and 6th-grade Emerson students. Erik Anderson, an Emerson H.E.A.R.T. teacher, started the program in 1998 to give the students an opportunity to stay active, learn about the game of football, and to have fun. Former students from Emerson help to coach and referee games with Mr. Anderson, giving them experience in a leadership role.

The players play multiple positions and everyone gets the ball. Students practice before every game to learn fundamental skills and basic plays. Each team is assigned a coach for their game, and they help the players with plays on offense and defense. More importantly, the players learn about what it means to be a good teammate and good sportsmanship.

The league's games are Saturday mornings on the field behind Emerson. Every week, many families attend to cheer and support the players.

"I believe the football program helps to build the Emerson community, because the parents get to see one another and talk during the games. At the end of the games, the players leave with good experiences and memories. We have probably had close to 1,000 students participate throughout the years, which shows me that the players and families enjoy it," said Mr. Anderson.



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Boys Tennis

A new era of Fraser boys tennis began this fall. From the 23-member team, 13 set themselves apart to become the varsity squad. With a new captain (Coach Wu) behind the helm, a new culture, new expectations, new standards, new traditions and a new legacy developed alongside Fraser's heritage of winning. Along with an overall record of 7-1-1, and 5-0-1 in League play, the Fraser boys worked hard to become Co-Champions of the MAC Blue Division



(along with Anchor Bay) in regular divisional play, as well as being crowned MAC Blue Divisional Tournament Champions. The Ramblers finished second in their very first Ramblers Invitational. At the annual Grosse Pointe South Regional, five of eight flights were seeded 4th — 1, 2, 4 Singles and 3 and 4 Doubles. All these flights made the Semi-Finals of the Regional Tournament and the other flights were Quarter-Finalists. Fraser finished highest among Macomb County teams in this Regional, and fourth overall. Coach Wu was named the MAC Blue Coach of the Year. Adam Culver was awarded Division MVP. Culver, along with Bozidar Miletic, Blair Gariepy, Marco DelVillano, Benjamin Thomas, Carson Balch, Kenan Oruc, Samuel Holloway and Jacob Frakes-Zieger, made the All Macomb County Academic Team.



Swimming

The varsity girls swim team had a very successful season this year. They started by finishing a surprising second place at the Tower Relays in September, then followed that up with a sixth place finish at the County Championships from the 23 teams present. The girls swam great and this was the best finish in recent years. We used this to stay motivated in our training, and the girls were very focused on doing their best in the White Division.

At the White Division Championships, held in November, the Lady Ramblers swam the best out of all the teams present. It was truly rewarding to watch the emotion and effort put into every swim. The team finished in second place, with more than 100 points separating them from third place. Outstanding swims were turned in by several girls, most notably Paige Cavanaugh, Janice Chandler, Caeleigh Vansickle, Morgan Johnston, Alexandra Klomp, Lila Rode, Emma Chrzanowski and Morgan Mach. Fraser divers dominated the boards once again. Amanda Hurchalla won for the second year in a row, and her score of 403 points earned her All American consideration. Emily Holsinger finished in fifth place. It was an amazing season led by 17 seniors. Coach Nowinski was also awarded Coach of the Year in the White Division.

Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team went undefeated in the first 15 games of the season, and finished 13-5-5 overall. They outscored their opponents 49-26 and were ranked Number One in the state in Division 1 — the first time in Fraser soccer history. The boys bonded with each other and worked as a team to defeat defending MAC Red Division champions Henry Ford II High



School, which was their only regular season loss. Connor Piccolo and Noah Lowe were named to the All State team, which makes nine Fraser players in the last three years to receive the honor.



Dance Team

The dance team had a lot of new faces this year, and they fit in wonderfully. During the summer, the team worked hard on conditioning, bonding and learning new dances for football season. The girls performed at all of the home varsity football games. During one of the games, the team did a combined routine with the color guard. It was such a hit, and we love bringing different sports together at Fraser. The dance team is now hard at work preparing for the start of competition season and basketball season. The girls will be performing at four different competitions and also at the girls and boys home basketball games. The team looks forward to the second half of the season.



Cheer

The varsity cheer team had great season cheering on the varsity football team. We had a very successful Future Rambler kids' cheer clinic with 91 future cheerleaders from our elementary schools in attendance. This was the largest turnout we've had since starting the cheer clinic. New uniforms and pom poms gave the team a new look.





Boys Cross Country

The boys cross country team worked hard and, by the end of the season, all of the athletes had a consistent drop in their times. The boys had a team-first attitude all year, which contributed to their success under first-year coach Alex Wilson. They finished second in the league with a record of 19-4. Steven Stine, Jalen Smith, Jason Van De Velde and Dylan Gray were named All League. Stine and Smith were also named All County. Steven Stine made the All State team and Academic All County, and set a new school record with a time of 15:46 in the 3.1-mile race. Stine and Smith represented Fraser at the Lower Peninsula State Cross Country finals, finishing 14th and 195th respectively.



Girls Cross Country

The girls cross country team had an uncertain start after finishing last season with only three girls. But eight girls came out for the team under the leadership of firstyear coach Alex Wilson and showed much improvement throughout the season. The girls finished third in the MAC Blue division with a record of 12-5. Lexi Dobbins ran a season best time of 20:54. Every runner had different personal and team goals going into the season, and ran to their fullest potential to accomplish those goals. Dobbins, Lila Rode and Annabelle Hoover were named to the All League team, and Rode also made the Academic All County team.



Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team had a very successful season on the court and in the classroom. The Lady Ramblers posted a 22-19-2 record overall. They finished second in MAC Blue Conference with an 8-2 record, losing only to Utica Ford. Players posting All MAC Blue League honors were Amanda VanJaarsveld, Shelby Rudnick and Ivy Boggia. Amanda VanJaarsveld (second team), Shelby Budnick (All Defense team),

Ivy Boggia (Honorable Mention), and Bailey Brown (Honorable Mention) received All Macomb County honors, as well. Amanda VanJaarsveld and Shelby Rudnick received All Region honors.

The team also received an All State Academic Team Award, compiling a team grade point average of 3.7 overall. Individual All State Academic Awards were received by seniors Barbara Clark and Shannon Stover. Way to go girls!

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Football

The 2016 varsity football team may have had a challenging season when it comes to wins and losses, 1-8 overall, but they showed the competitiveness and work ethic that will lay the foundation for years to come. Playing one of the best schedules in the MAC, they improved throughout the season and competed until the final whistle. Running back Dom Mielke received All League honors with 556 yards and 10 touchdowns. Mielke and Elijah Tucker received All County Honorable Mention. The team also received the MAC Sportsmanship Award.





Girls Golf

While the team fell short in the win/loss category, the girls ultimately had an incredibly successful season. The season started off with only three girls having ever played golf before, and introducing the other six to the game entirely. This was undoubtedly the biggest hurdle to get over for the season. While most teams in our division were working on swings and course management, we were

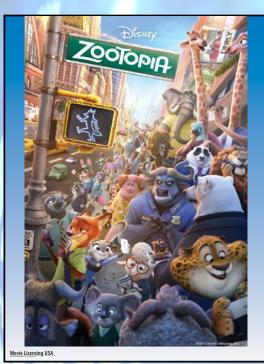
learning the rules of the game and proper course etiquette. Although we started slow, the girls showed tremendous perseverance and exceeded expectations week after week.

Because of the hard work and determination shown by so many, first-time player Savannah Peraino contributed in tournament play, which is typically reserved for more experienced players. She was a quick learner and displayed an incredible work ethic, setting the standard for the entire team. The team finished the season strong, led by Senior Katelyn Fetherolf, with a great performance at the division tournament, and a rather impressive showing at the Regional Tournament. The team has eight golfers returning next year, losing only one to graduation, so the ceiling is going to continue to rise for this promising team.

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