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A newsletter about the
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From the Superintendent



Dear Comstock Public Schools Community,

Thank you, Comstock Voters!

The approval of the \$40.1 million bond issue on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, was a historic event that will positively impact the lives of our students and their education going forward.

I have been asked many questions about what projects are included in the facilities improvement plan, when they will be completed and how the district is going to keep the community informed about the progress.

First, the bond issue is being issued in three series. The first series will be issued in 2016 and is for \$8 million. The projects in Series 1 are: secured entrances at all buildings, technology infrastructure and devices, and restroom upgrades at all buildings.

The second series of bonds will be issued in 2019. The total amount of the second series will be \$16 million. The projects included in Series 2 will be: technology device replacement, NEMS facility upgrade (approximately \$10 million of the \$16 million), parking lot lighting replacement, and site improvements at the high school.

The third series of the bonds will be issued in 2022 and will be for \$16 million. The projects contained in the final series will be: technology infrastructure and device replacements, high school renovations (approximately \$10 million of the \$16 million), and roof replacements.

Issuing the bonds in three series instead of all at once will save the taxpayers over \$14 million based on interest rate assumptions and conservative property tax growth estimates.

The board values financial stewardship highly and wanted to ensure that any bond issue presented to the voters reflected their values.

The board and administration want to continue communication with the entire community regarding this major investment in the school facilities. To that end, the district will be hosting community forums to gain input and communicate progress as well as posting project update information on the website, www.comstockps.org. Please check the website for forum dates and times.

Once again, thank you very much, Comstock voters, for making this investment in our students and their future.

With Colt Pride,
Todd Mora
Superintendent

Comstock Community Auditorium Events OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

June:

- 1 Compass High School graduation, 7 p.m.
- 2 Barclay Hills Graduation, 7 p.m.
- 4 Traci Phelps Dance Studios Performance, 2-5:30 p.m. Call Studio for details/tickets.

July:

- 17-19,
24-26 Addams Family; Center Stage Theater, 7:30 p.m. Matinée only on the 19th and the 26th at 2 p.m. Tickets at the door or call, 269-348-SHOW.



COMSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Comstock Public Schools is to provide excellence in education for all students through innovation and creativity

VISION STATEMENT

The Vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be a national leader in quality public education.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning your schools, the answer is only a telephone call away:
269-250-8907

STORIES OR INFORMATION

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Education Center Offers Certified Nurse Aide Training

Comstock Public Schools Community Education Center, 3010 Gull Road, offers a Certified Nurse Aide Training monthly.

Our intensive 80-hour course meets all of the requirements of the State of Michigan Certified Nurse Aide Training program. Course content includes: long-term care facilities, physical and emotional needs of residents, resident rights, communication skills, death and dying, special needs including dementia care, vital signs, infection control techniques, observations, medical terminology, body mechanics, transfers, walkers, canes, positioning in bed, nutrition, intake and output, elimination needs, skin care, foot care, dressing, bathing, bed making, mouth care and first aid. Homework is required.

The class consists of 10 classroom days from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and three nursing home days from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. are required. Class size is limited to 22 students.

Tuition is \$850, due at the time of registration. You get to keep the book. A nurse aide uniform, appropriate shoes and a watch with a second hand are required.

Students who desire state certification pay an additional \$125 to the State of Michigan to take the state test.

Upcoming class dates with availability are August 1, August 29, and October 3.

If you have any questions, please call 269-250-8930.



Board Briefs

SPECIAL MEETING

February 3, 2016

- Discussed what is best for the community in regards to the disposal of the Administration and Community Learning Center.

REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2016

- Approved moving forward with five diploma options in order to gain state eligibility for funding and graduation. The five options include: Comstock High School (traditional diploma), MMC (Michigan Merit Curriculum), Comstock High School Honors, Comstock High School Early Middle College and STEM Endorsement.
- Recognized the high school for being named in Bridge Magazine's annual Academic State Champs competition for performing well above expectations in student performance.
- Approved nominating Alan Koenig for a seat on the Region IV Board of Directors.
- Approved the ballot language for the May 3, 2016, bond proposal.
- Approved budget amendment as presented by Paula Johnson.
- Approved the leave of absence request for Cathy Boris for the remainder of the school year.
- Approved the tag line for the bond campaign: Comstock Kid. Comstock Community. Comstock Future.

SPECIAL MEETING

February 22, 2016

- Superintendent Mora provided an update on the

status of his goals.

- Discussed pursuing a joint training session with the Galesburg-Augusta school board on how to evaluate superintendents.
- Discussed results of the board's self-appraisal.
- Staff recognition week will be the week of March 14.

REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2016

- Approved the resignation request of Nathan Runyon, NEMS teacher.
- Approved retirement request of Cathy Boris, Green Meadow Elementary teacher.
- Approved Thrun Law Firm, PC, for general legal counsel and labor negotiations.
- Approved Millennia (ShoreTel) for hosted VOIP phone service.
- Approved Spectrum (Charter) for internet and data circuits.
- Approved seeking a proposal for strategic planning services from Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

SPECIAL MEETING

March 28, 2016

- Approved Mike Hicks as co-assistant varsity track coach.
- Approved moving forward with the proposal from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to facilitate the district's strategic planning process, timeline and costs involved.
- Charged the Performance Committee with reviewing the Standards of Excellence model and

developing them for Comstock Public Schools.

- Approved the superintendent's contract through 2018.

REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2016

- Recognized the Band of Blue for receiving all Division I ratings at Districts and for their professionalism and respectful behavior at Disney World.
- Commended Mark Nelson, band director, for his many years as director.
- Approved tenure for Rob Rostar, high school teacher; David Kirksey, NEMS teacher; and Ashley Offidani, NEMS teacher.
- Approved PM Technologies as the vendor for the uninterruptible power supplies and eGear as the vendor for the district WiFi system.

SPECIAL MEETING

April 25, 2016

- Approved an additional \$8,000 to complete the bid for uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) from PM Technologies.
- Discussed the pros and cons of having a district-wide creed. It was the consensus of the Board to have a district-wide creed.
- June 18 is the date for the first session of the strategic planning process where Comstock will be comparing the district to districts in Adrian, Portage, Gull Lake, Cheboygan, and South Haven.



CCA Ends Year with Exciting Field Trips

The College and Career Academy finished the school year with many exciting field trips.

Seniors participated in an early orientation at KVCC to get set for the fall. This helped them with the transition to college and allowed students to get their business done before enjoying the summer.

Seventh graders visited the Western Michigan University Simulation Center at the Homer Stryker, M.D. School of Medicine. Simulation is used to provide a safe way for medical students to learn and practice skills and understand many different things that could be too risky to complete hands on. It provides an alternative way for undergraduate students to be placed in realistic situations with no risk to a patient. This is the first time we have visited the Simulation Center.

The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts hosted our sixth grade classes on a tour of the museum where they interacted with many works of art.

Eighth graders at NEMS and STEM completed their annual college visit to WMU. They toured the campus with student tour guides, spoke with an admissions representative, and enjoyed the ever popular and exciting college buffet lunch. The tour gave students a glimpse of college life.

Second graders got a first-hand look at the world of farming when they visited Lipscomb Dairy Farm in Climax.

Finishing up the school year, first graders visited River Street Flowerland. Who knew a greenhouse could be such an exciting place! The amount of technology they use at Flowerland is just fascinating. Students learned about many different plants, how they grow, and got to see and smell such wonderful things in the greenhouse.

Thanks to all of the wonderful folks who work with the College and Career Academy in making these experiences happen for our students. We are already planning for next year!

If you are interested in hosting students for a field trip, please contact Gerielle Stewart at stewartg@comstockps.org.

High School Hosts First Decision Day Assembly

To celebrate seniors who have finalized their college plans, Comstock High School hosted its first ever school wide Decision Day assembly, an event which mimics the activities of NCAA Signing Day where athletes sign their letters of intent to colleges and universities.

Thanks in large part to First Lady Michelle Obama, there has been a strong push in recent years to not only celebrate college bound athletes, but to celebrate college bound students as a whole.

At Comstock's Decision Day assembly, seniors announced their plans for after high school. Then, they were presented with authentic college gear and a congratulatory video from their institutions. Special messages were heard from the First Lady, Usher and Chance The Rapper.

Additionally there were personalized video messages sent from MSU coaches, Tom Izzo and Mark Dantonio, former MSU quarterback Connor Cook, published authors, and many other university representatives.

Students announced their decisions which ranged from entering the trades and technical endeavors, as well as attending 26 different colleges and universities from Philadelphia to Washington state, to Kentucky and Michigan.

Comstock will be well represented through our young adults as they pursue their academic and career dreams.

CHS Band Gets Best Rating at Districts



Senior band members of the Comstock High School Symphonic Band pose after their District Band Festival performance at Harper Creek High School where they were awarded the best possible rating of a "1" from all four adjudicators.

Josh Whitfield Memorial Athletic Fund Golf Outing

Sunday, June 26, 2016

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Eastern Hills Golf Course
6075 E G Ave, Kalamazoo, MI



When Josh Whitfield, Class of 2000 CHS alumnus and four-year, multi-sport athlete, passed away last year, all those who loved him reflected on his life. We laughed, we cried, and through our collective stories, a sense of his true legacy emerged. Simply put, Josh's legacy is love. In his 33 years, he did so much for the people who loved him. Now, it is our turn to spread the love, inclusiveness, and generosity of spirit that Josh demonstrated every day.

With this goal in mind, the Josh Whitfield Memorial Athletic Fund has been established.

It is our hope to reduce, and eventually eliminate, the financial barrier to participation in Comstock athletics. All funds raised will be used to assist Comstock athletes in need by providing activity fees and other supportive services.

One thing Josh loved was spending time on a course under the sun with his closest friends and family. To honor Josh, we present the 1st Annual Josh Whitfield Memorial Athletic Fund Golf Outing.

The event will be held at Eastern Hills Golf Course in Kalamazoo on **Sunday, June 26. We ask that all participants be checked in by 8:30 a.m. so we can start promptly at 9 a.m.**

For \$265 a foursome, your group will get 18 holes of scramble golf, lunch, raffle entry, and giveaways. We'll host a variety of contests you've come to expect from a golf fundraiser – closest to the pin, longest drive – and many others with a JRW twist!

Registration is first paid, first in, open to the first 30 foursomes.

How to register:

Fill out the registration form at www.jwmaf.org/events/golf/. When you register, please provide an email address as you'll be contacted about your foursome after submission. **In the comment section, list the names and shirt sizes of the members of your foursome.**

You'll receive an email from JWathleticfund@gmail.com letting you know how to pay for your foursome (PayPal link to committee member Eric Stewart). If the spaces are full, you'll receive notification at that time.

Once paid, you'll receive a confirmation email within 24 hours.

The person registering the group will need to show photo ID at the registration table at Eastern Hills the morning of the event.

T-shirts will be available for purchase at the golf course. More details coming soon.

If you are interested in donating or sponsoring the 1st Annual JWMAF Golf Outing, please contact us at JWathleticfund@gmail.com.

The Josh Whitfield Memorial Athletic Fund is a partner of the Comstock Community Center.

Comstock Kindergarten Registration 2016/2017

If you missed Kindergarten Orientation, the time to register for kindergarten is now! Please don't wait until September.

Requirements:

- Child must be 5 by September 1, 2016
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency (Consumer's bill, lease, etc.)
- Immunizations
- Hearing and Vision Screening

All students will need to be tested for readiness, so please don't wait until school has resumed in the fall to register. It is to everyone's advantage if classes can be formed and all necessary staff can be in place prior to school starting.

If your child will not be 5 by September 1, you may register for one of the 4-year old Pre-K programs. These spots are not guaranteed and fill up very quickly so please don't wait until fall and end up being placed on a waiting list. There are also programs for children who will be 3 years old by September 1, 2016.

To register for kindergarten, the 3 or 4 year old Pre-K programs or if you have questions, be aware that the North Elementary office will be open weekdays until June 24 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The office will be closed Memorial Day and June 20, 21 and 22.

No one will be available for registration over the summer until the office reopens August 22, 2016. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

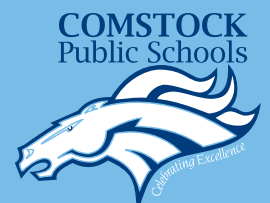
COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION Saturday, June 25, 2016

Comstock High School • 2107 N. 26th St.

Doors open at 11 a.m. • Potluck - Noon

Bring your own table service. Bring a dish to pass.

Come join your friends and classmates. Pass the word around!



Comstock High School

Students Learn Skills, Earn a Bike



Javon Thomas learns how to use a chain breaker.

The Eastern Service Area and Comstock High School have partnered with Open Roads Bike Program and its Earn-A-Bike program.

By participating in the Earn-a-Bike program, students get hands-on instruction in bicycle mechanical skills, ROADS (Respect, Ownership of Actions, Attitude, Discipline, and Safety) expectations, and interactive social skills instruction focusing on self-control, asking for help, introducing yourself to others and many more.

Upon successful completion of the program, students receive the bike they built, a helmet, bike lock, t-shirt, journal, and certificate. Students also have the opportunity to earn a variety of bike accessories through the use of bike bucks they may earn.

Nine Comstock students participated in the five-week, ten session program where a mechanical skills instructor and a social skills instructor met with the students.

Sarah Silverman, CHS teacher, has been monitoring the program along with the Open Roads Staff.

CHS Boys Golf

The CHS boys golf team currently sits on top of the Conference and coach Justin Pence and the boys are having one of their best seasons in years.

Some of the boys on the first place golf team are Mason House, John Scholly, Trevor Otto, Garrett Green, Tom Newhouse, Freddie Ouding and Brian Barnes.

For boys golf information, inquiries can be sent to head CHS golf coach Justin Pence at pencej@comstockps.org.

So you want to learn golf? Check out the Kalamazoo Junior Golf Association

Our Mission

The Junior Golf Association (JGA) was established in 1987 with the purpose of providing quality golf experiences for area juniors at affordable rates. In 2015, JGA obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit status and was renamed Kalamazoo Junior Golf Association (KJGA) with an additional purpose of using the game of golf to help young people of all backgrounds develop fundamental values such as integrity, sportsmanship, and resiliency.

Many former Comstock students have participated in the KJGA program and gone on to have wonderful golf careers at Comstock High School, including Sawyer Heffner, John Scholly, Kelsey Wiers, Megan and Mikala Sims...just to name a few!

How does one decide which program(s) to enter?

The KJGA is tournament-oriented, the Junior Golf Leagues are recreational, and the Junior Golf Clinics and Competition Camps are instructional. Finding the best program(s) is dependent on the ability of the junior: Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced.

Advanced or tournament players will fit best in the KJGA tournaments or the Competition Camps.

Intermediate or recreational players will enjoy all programs.

Beginners should start with a Junior Golf Clinic or the Instructional program and then decide which program they would fit into best after the instruction. Private lessons are offered for all ages and ability levels.

Private lessons can also be with Woody Capron at Hickory Ridge, Paul Simonds at Eastern Hills, GPA Academy at Milham with Clark Petersen or with LPGA legend Bonnie Bryant at Golf Services.

PGA Professional and director of golf for the KMGA, Dean Marks, is an award-winning instructor who began the JGA program in 1987. He along with several volunteer coaches including current Comstock High School girls golf coach, Tracy Daniel, run the KJGA instructionals for 12 and under golfers every Tuesday at Grand Prairie golf course. This is an excellent and affordable way for younger players to begin playing golf.

Coach Daniel will also be holding instructing girls golf sessions for potential middle school and high school golfers this summer at Hickory Ridge every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., free of charge.

This is a great way to prepare for the girls fall golf season! Girls planning on playing fall golf should participate in as many of these sessions as possible along with playing in some of the JGA events.

Seniors Leah Petrick, Lauren Bonds and sophomores Abby House and Kaitlynn Burns will be attending and preparing for another successful and fun CHS golf season. If you have any further questions and need any more information, please contact CHS Head Girls golf coach, Tracy Daniel, at 269-250-8717 or danielt@comstockps.org.

Information on the KJGA can be found online at kalamazoojuniorgolf.org or by calling 269-447-1484

Comstock High School

Band of Blue Leads Disney Parade in Orlando

Comstock High School's Band of Blue recently led the Main Street Electric Light Parade at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, the second time the band has been honored with that position.

The band performs at Disney World every four years and their reputation for excellence led to their being asked to lead the parade first in 2012 and again in 2016, said Mark Nelson, band director.

According to Mr. Nelson, the band's Disney guide, Patrick, told them, "It's one thing to be accepted for the parade and it's one step up to be in the evening parade. Then, it's an even greater honor to be the lead band and we want to give you that honor because of your excellent reputation and record with us."

Playing songs from their fall marching program, *Disney Bound*, the band got a wonderful response from the people lining the parade route, said Mr. Nelson.

"You could tell they were enjoying this and that they were enjoying the music," he said.

The band played segments of *Zip-a-Dee-Do-Dah* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*, a Disney film.

Patrick was also impressed that the band played Disney songs and not just the school fight song.

"We appreciate that," said Patrick.

After their performance, Mr. Nelson told the students about the high praise the band had gotten from Patrick.

"I think they need to know this," he said. "I told them that there is payoff in doing things right and being cordial and respectful and this is one of them."

Getting invited to play at Disney World starts with an application process that includes submitting a video of the band performing.

"You have to make the cut," said Mr. Nelson. "There's a cut for the bands that want to play in the parade and there's a higher standard if you want the evening parade."

The Band of Blue was chosen for the evening parade.

"That's the parade that most bands try to get into," he said. "We were very happy about that."

The band does a January pizza fundraiser to raise funds for the trip which this year cost about \$900 per person, said Mr. Nelson.

Of the band's 50 members, 43 were able to go on the five-day trip which also included visits to



Dressed in their Band of Blue "Mickey Mouse" t-shirts, the band poses at Disney World.

Blizzard Beach, Hollywood Studios, and Epcot Center.

What students get out of the Disney trip is esprit de corps and the idea of working together to accomplish a common goal, said Mr. Nelson.

"It's learning that patience and perseverance pay off and in the end you see the results of your hard work," he said.

Chaperones Steve Weaver, Lori Green, Jackie Wahl, Mike Aumack and Mark and Leanne Henline helped make the trip a great experience for the band students, said Mr. Nelson.

The band also appreciates the work of Barb

Patrick and Louise Morrison who prepared the band uniforms for travel, he said. Thanks also go to the Board of Education and Principal Josh Cunningham for supporting the band's travel to Disney World.

"We would like to offer a special thank you to the entire CHS teaching staff for making accommodations for the band students," added Mr. Nelson.

The Board of Education recently recognized the band for their First Division rating and also for their Disney performance.



Enjoying Disney World are band members David Thomas, Nick Wahl, Tajah Thomas, Alyssa Coleman, Peter Morrison, and Garrett Green.

News from the Athletic Department

2016-17 Physicals

Physicals for the 2016-17 school year will be offered on August 2 at Comstock High School from 6-7 p.m. The cost will be \$20. All Comstock seventh-twelfth grade students planning on playing a fall sport must have a physical dated after April 15, 2016, on file with the athletic office before they can participate in practice or games.

Stadium Reserved Seating

Reserved seating will be offered for the 2016-17 school year. The first home varsity football game kicks off at 7 p.m. on September 1 vs Kent City. The cost is \$5 per seat for the year and the proceeds will be used to help fund the 2017 Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards.

Please support Comstock Athletics and our Hall of Fame Banquet by purchasing a reserved seat through the athletic office at 250-8711.

Season Pass Workers Needed

We are starting to coordinate workers for next school year right now. If you would like to work at athletic events for a family pass, please contact the athletic office. Some of the job duties include ticket taking, running the clock, scorebook, announcing and timing for track meets.

We have a lifetime pass for all our senior citizens for free. If the senior citizens would still like to help out at our athletic events, we would love to have you here but it is not required. Please give us a call at 269-250-8711 to let us know if you are interested in working.

Hall of Fame Nominations

The Comstock Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations for the 2017 induction. Nominations must be received by the athletic director by November 1 to be included in the process for the 2017 induction.

A nomination form is in the Communicator and also can be found online at www.comstockps.org/halloffame. Please call Justin Ansel with any questions at 269-250-8711.

High School Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for the fall high school sports season will begin on August 8 for football and August 10 for volleyball, girls golf, boys soccer, sideline cheer and cross country. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at comstockcolts.org. Every

athlete must have a physical dated after April 15, 2016, to participate.

NEMS Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for NEMS volleyball and cross country can begin on August 22. Middle School soccer will begin practicing the week of August 22 as well. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at comstockcolts.org. Every athlete must have a physical dated after April 15, 2016, to participate.

Stampede Basketball

3rd-6th Boys & 3rd-8th Girls

Tryouts for the 2016-17 Comstock Stampede

basketball third-eighth girls and third-sixth boys are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 25, and are specifically for kids attending Comstock Public Schools. We will send out more information to all the kids after school starts.

Session I for girls is the Rising Stars season which begins playing games mid-October. Session I for boys is the Sharp Shooter season which begins playing games the beginning of November.

All fall sports being played are a priority and until the fall season is over, kids try to make the basketball practices when they can. Session I is free of charge except the cost of a uniform. It is

COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

INDIVIDUAL Nomination

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

High School Attended _____ Year of Graduation _____

College Attended (If Applicable) _____ Year of Graduation _____

of Varsity Letters - Boys Sports

____ Football ____ Soccer
 ____ Tennis ____ X Country
 ____ Basketball ____ Wrestling
 ____ Bowling ____ Baseball
 ____ Track ____ Golf
 ____ Swimming ____ Hockey

of Varsity Letters - Girls Sports

____ Volleyball ____ Golf
 ____ X Country ____ Sideline Cheer
 ____ Basketball ____ Competitive Cheer
 ____ Bowling ____ Softball
 ____ Track ____ Tennis
 ____ Soccer ____ Swimming

PLEASE USE SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

1. Special Comstock Athletic Awards (MVP, MIP, All Conference, All State, Coach of the Year, etc.)
2. Career Highlights (Most points in game, Most goals in game, etc.)
3. College Athletic Achievements (If Applicable)
4. Athletic Involvement after H.S. and College (Professional, Officiating, Coaching, etc.)
5. Please list any other information which would be helpful to the committee.

TEAM Nomination - (Must have contact information for all team members to be considered.)

Year _____ Sport _____ Coach _____

PLEASE USE SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

1. Names of Team Members
2. Special Team Accomplishments (Championships, Records, etc)
3. Please list any other information which would be helpful to the committee.

INDIVIDUAL or TEAM Nominated By:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please mail this form to: Justin Ansel, Director of Athletics, Comstock High School, 2107 N. 26th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Athletics *(Cont.)*

a great program to learn a lot about basketball and we hope we see a lot of kids from Comstock participating.

The CYB basketball program will still take place beginning in December and is open to everyone in the community. If you have any questions, please give Justin Ansel a call at 269-250-8711.

Comstock 3v3 Basketball Tournament

The Comstock basketball program is putting on a third grade through twelfth grade boys and girls 3v3 basketball tournament on Saturday, July 30. The registration form can be found in this issue of the Communicator along with www.comstockps.org/3v3.

Compass High School

GED Summer School Class

Studying for the GED but still struggling with math or writing? We can help! Comstock Adult Education will offer a GED summer class that will focus on the math and writing portions of the test.

The five week course will meet Noon-2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from July 5-August 4. The enrollment fee is \$50 and includes the cost of taking one test.

What is exciting about this opportunity is that even though this will be a lab situation, there will be ample opportunity for teacher-led instruction.

GED Summer Testing Schedule

Comstock Compass High School will be offering GED testing during the summer. To register, go to myged.com and create an account. Then go to "schedule test."

When you get to the question, English or Spanish, stop and call us at 250-8930 to schedule a test. There are four tests at \$37.50 each for a total of \$150. We will accept cash (exact change please) or credit card. Testing dates and times:

- Monday, June 27, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Friday, July 8, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Thursday, July 21, 2-6 p.m.
- Friday, August 5, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Monday, August 22, 2-6 p.m.



Comstock 3v3 Basketball Tournaments

3rd-12th Grade Boys & Girls

Saturday, July 30

Deadline to Register is Monday, July 25

\$50 per team – MHSAA Official on Every Court

Make checks payable to Comstock Athletics

Mail to: Comstock High School, Attn: Justin Ansel, 2107 N. 26th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Tournament information can be found at www.comstockps.org/3v3

Register now to reserve your spot!

Brackets and Game Times to be released by Wednesday night the week of the tournament.

Team Name: _____ Girls Team _____ Boys Team _____

Team Coach _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Division by **16-17 School Year Grade:** (Team plays at highest grade level on the team.)

3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade

7th Grade 8th Grade JV - 9th-10th Varsity-11th-12th

Player # 1

Name: _____

D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Player # 3

Name: _____

D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Player # 2

Name: _____

D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Player # 4

Name: _____

D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Northeast Middle School



NEMS Honor Society Inducts New Members

The NEMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society recently inducted 31 new members.

To be invited to join, NEMS students must have a 3.5 GPA or higher. Congratulations to all the new members.

New Members:

Nyaira Ballinger
Destiny Beebe
Samantha Bogema
Kaylee Brownell
Damon Cash
Devonne Cash
Jeremy Chanells
KaSheyah Lee
Tori Sarters

Sha'Mya Duff
Emma Foote
Caleb Gostlin
Drew Hattan
Dominique Hines
Michael Khazad
Adam Kreitlow
Madison Riggins

Kelsey Militzer
Emilie Morales
Keagen Morse
Cheyenne Nadwornik
Jeremah Peterson
Jared Proctor
Haley Proctor
Alexis Dolph

Kyla Scaife
Ciara Smith
Kylie Stafford
Taylor Stratton
Brooklyn Velasquez
LaKario White
Anthony Davis
Amy Li

Current Members:

Jackson Congdon
Zachary Hattan
Alexus Hofacre
Avory Kerr

Madison Lennon
Marissa McBride
Gabiella Mulder
Madisynn Overholts-Doty

Neveah Rodriguez
Zoe Vandrey
Carter Wingler

Compass High School

Comstock Summer School Online Credit Recovery - Grades 9-12

Comstock Compass High School will be hosting a summer school program July 5 - August 4. Classes will be running Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - Noon for five weeks.

Cost will be \$100 per 1/2 credit. Students interested in a summer class need to pick up an application form from their guidance office and submit a completed form, which includes counselor's signature, to Comstock Compass High School, 3010 Gull Road. If you have any questions, please call 250-8930.

Northeast Middle School

Sixth Graders Learn About International Trade in Junior Achievement

Sixth grade students in Ms. O'Brien's and Mrs. Morgan's social studies classes participated in Junior Achievement's JA Global Marketplace Program, which provides practical information about what makes international trade work and how it affects students' daily lives.

Lessons were taught in six sessions and included concepts regarding: Trade Barriers/World Trade Organization; Corporate Franchises/Cultural Understanding; and Exchange Rates. Students received a free CD-ROM, which included games and other tutorials to reinforce classroom lessons.

JA Global Marketplace is designed to align lessons with sixth grade content standards, world geography, and other social studies disciplines.

Thanks to Vito Vallella, for his 11 years of volunteering in Ms. O'Brien's classroom. Mrs. Morgan thanks Heather Phillips, CPA, for her help.

Northeast Middle School

Band, Choir Students Attend Musical in Chicago



NEMS and STEM Middle School choir and band students recently visited Chicago to attend a Broadway musical.

NEMS and STEM Middle School choir and band students recently attended a performance of the Broadway musical, *Matilda*, at the Oriental Theater in Chicago.

The musical is based on a children's novel by Roald Dahl where the main character, Matilda, a five-year-old girl who loves reading, has to overcome obstacles in her life.

Because the story is about children, the NEMS

and STEM students saw very talented kids their own age singing, dancing, and acting on a stage with amazing scenery. They also heard a live orchestra playing many different instruments.

While in Chicago, students also enjoyed some famous Chicago style pizza and walked on the Magnificent Mile.

For many of the students, it was the first time they had been to a Broadway musical or to the

Windy City.

The students did a fund raiser to help with the cost of the trip. Accompanying them on the trip were Sue Duncan, STEM choir director; Beth Stachura, NEMS choir director; and Mark Nelson, band director.

What a great trip for our students to experience!

STEM Academy

STEM Academy Students Join CS First Scratch Club

Eleven STEM Academy students participated in the school's CS First Scratch Club, an eight-week computer coding club. Four students had previous experience with coding and helped younger students with their projects.

Several students created involved storytelling computer coding vignettes.

CS (Computer Science) First provides free materials aimed at students in fourth through eighth grades.

Scratch is a computer program allowing students to create animation, interactive stories and games which they can then share with others online.

According to the Scratch website (scratch.mit.edu), the program "helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively - essential skills for life in the 21st century."

Girls on the Run



STEM Academy Girls on the Run had a fantastic season. We added a third team this year, with 34 girls participating in grades 3-5.

Thanks to all the coaches, staff, parents, and community volunteers for your help. Congratulations girls!

3D Printing Students Compete at National Level

As this issue of the Communicator is going to press, attendees at the San Francisco Bay Area Maker Faire are purchasing toys from gumball machines, toys which students have created using 3D printers.

Some of those toys were created by Comstock students. The school which sells the most gumball toys will win a 3D printer from Ultimaker.

Comstock is one of only four schools nationwide invited to take part in this 3D competition sponsored by Ultimaker, a popular 3D printer company, said Mark Peeters, technology director.

The competition involved creating 3D printed toys which were placed inside two-inch gumball machine capsules. Then, attendees at the Faire vote for their favorites by purchasing the toys from the gumball machines for 50 cents each.

“We will get all the money collected from our machine and if we sell the most, we will win a new Ultimaker 3D printer,” said Peeters.

The Bay Area Maker Faire is one of the largest Maker Faires in the world, and was attended by over 145,000 people last year.

“This yearly event receives global news coverage so it’s possible we might be featured in news and website media all over the world,” he said.

When the invitation came to participate in the San Francisco event, Peeters and the other 3D teachers had to put together an eight-member team rather quickly.

Most all students in fifth through eighth grades have 3D design experience, said Peeters. At the high school, Richard Gibson and Peter O’Connor have taught 3D design classes so many high school students have 3D experience as well.

On the team from the STEM Academy were Lydia Kruiis, fifth grade; Jasmer Clare, sixth grade; and Shelby Alexander, seventh grade. NEMS students on the team were Taylar Stratton, sixth grade; and Destiny Ormanovich, eighth grade.

High school students on the team were Nathan Saokho, ninth grade; Aidan Emmons ninth grade; and Vincent McNelis, eleventh grade.

This eight-member team then had to come up with ideas and create 1,000 objects to fill the empty two-inch capsules sent to the school by Ultimaker.

“Several groups of students and teachers had brainstorming sessions to get ideas to the 3D Design Team,” Peeters said. “Some of the best ideas came from the high school marketing class.”



Team members and their coaches are (front row) Kimberly Sandefur, Lydia Kruiis, Taylar Stratton, Destiny Ormanovich, Jasmer Clare, and (back row) Aidan Emmons, Shelby Alexander, Vincent McNelis, Mark G. Peeters, Nathan Saokho, and Ryan Cousins. (Not pictured: Richard Gibson)



Lydia Kruiis and Taylar Stratton manage inventory and count out gumball containers for the production line.

Then, the team created multiple prototypes, factoring in real world issues such as cost of the toy, price of plastic, and how fast the items could be printed so they could meet the competition deadline.

The team made several objects for the capsules including a mini catapult; dragon climber toy that climbs two strings; souvenir Maker Faire keychains and pendants; and a three-piece burr puzzle.

“We hope we win the printer, but even if we don’t, this has been a great experience for the students,” said Peeters.

This isn’t the first time that Comstock has received recognition for its 3D programs. Teachers and students have done national presentations, provided weekend workshops for educators to

build 3D printers, developed K-12 3D printing curriculum and participated in local mini-Maker Faires, said Peeters.

“The 3D printing community is a global one and we’ve been noticed by Ultimaker as an active school district in the USA,” he said.

The other schools invited to participate in the San Francisco Faire are in Virginia, Utah, and New York.

Staff and coaches who guided the students through this project were Kimberly Sandefur and Richard Gibson from STEM; Ryan Cousin from NEMS; and Mark Peeters, technology director.

To get the latest news about the competition and to see the students’ designs, check their web page at www.comstockps.org/gumballs.

STEM Academy

STEM Students Watch Birds

STEM Academy fifth graders once again worked on a Citizen Science Project this spring with the NestWatch Program through Cornell University's Ornithology Lab, a world-renowned bird research university. The fifth graders searched out nests in their neighborhoods, monitored them, and recorded their data on the website.

Students learned the NestWatch protocol by monitoring nest boxes on the playground. Cadence Hofacre and her dad, Clint, along with Justice Johnson, Ryan McGrail and his mom, Lyndsey Overholts, joined Mrs. Grintals on spring break to help install the boxes in preparation for birds returning from the south.

The class also took birding, eBird, walks and recorded those on the eBird website. On a visit to Morrow Pond, students sighted several Loons,

Buffle-head Ducks, Mallards, Great Blue Herons, and an Osprey Eagle.

This led to the class wishing for a duck box.

Mrs. Grintals downloaded plans from the NestWatch website, and Mr. Hofacre was called on again to build it.

Before school was out for the summer, four of five nest boxes had attracted breeding pairs of Chickadees and House Wrens.



A chickadee incubates five eggs in one of the nest boxes at the STEM Academy.



Clint Hofacre installs a duck box for STEM fifth graders doing NestWatch.

STEM Academy

STEM Students Present at KRESA Showcase



STEM students who recently participated in KRESA's STEM Showcase are Eriana Matthews, Eliot Hall, Jeme Richards, Brandon Bavin, Hanna ShROUT, Carley Alger, Olivia Carlson, Izze Fahl, and not pictured John Curry and Dayton Dratt.

STEM Academy students recently made a presentation at KRESA's STEM Showcase, sharing their experiences with over 100 local community business people. They worked hard on their official presentation and on preparing hands-on activities used as demonstrations.

The eighth graders are the only students in Kalamazoo County currently taking the Project Lead the Way principles of biomedical sciences class.

North Elementary

CAST Helps Clean Up North

Communities and Schools Together (CAST) members joined together this spring to clean up North Elementary School grounds and prepare the flower beds and pots for planting by our Girls on the Run.

These amazing CAST members also have adopted staff members to encourage throughout the school year.

Several of them mentor students as well.

We cannot fully express the gratitude we feel for their generosity and kindness.



North Hosts Muffins with Mom

Enjoying Muffins with Mom at North Elementary recently were 218 people representing 90 families.

Corey McBryde, Mariah Amos and Maceo Fleming with their Mom/Aunt Kamiesha enjoy muffins at North Elementary.



North Elementary

Upcoming North Elementary Events

• June 8, 1:30 p.m., North Elementary Gym

Citizenship/Academic Awards and fourth grade graduation. Parents will be notified if their children will be receiving an award.

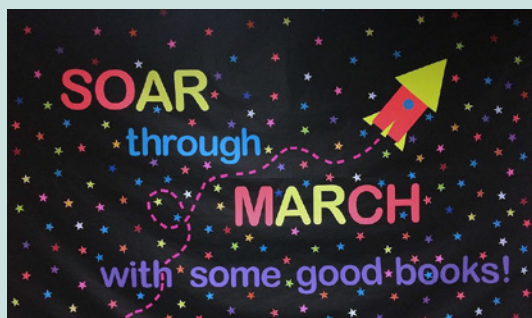
• June 9, End-of-the-Year Celebration

We need parent volunteers for this celebration. Please contact the school office or your child's teacher to help out. This is always a fun time to end the school year.

Kindergarten students and first graders will participate in the morning and second through fourth graders will celebrate in the afternoon.

Green Meadow Elementary

GM Celebrates Reading Month



Green Meadow celebrated National Reading Month in March with various activities including snacks, assemblies, books, and theme days. One of the most exciting for the students was Mrs. Watson's display in the library which took up most of a wall and featured a rocket ship among the stars.

However, these weren't just ordinary stars. Each star represented a book read by students and an AR (Accelerated Reader) test score of 85-100 percent.

These were for books read and tests taken during March. After reading and testing, students who scored 85 to 100 percent on their test could write their names on a star and add it to the display.

The staff of Green Meadow is proud of all the hard work our students did during Reading Month.

North Elementary

Two Teachers Receive Educational Grants

Instructional coach Wendy Shreve and first grade teacher Katherine Jones have received Excellence in Education grants in the amount of \$1,000 and the 25 percent District matching grant in the amount of \$250.

We are so fortunate to have teachers and staff who are always looking for ways to improve the educational experience of North Elementary students.



Green Meadow Elementary

Green Meadow Students Benefit from Reading Grant

This year, Green Meadow Elementary benefited from the Early Grade Reading Grant (EGRG), which was awarded to KRESA by the United Way. The grant provided four levels of support for teachers and students at the kindergarten and first grade level.

First, KRESA provided an ELA consultant to coach staff in the latest research-based instructional strategies used in teaching reading. The consultant, Nicole Kalmbach, worked closely with Shawn McMeekan, the school's instructional coach, to observe and model best practices within each kindergarten and first grade classroom. Each teacher received individualized support and feedback throughout the school year.

Second, the grant provided funding for each kindergarten and first grade teacher to attend professional development throughout the year. This year, the teachers attended a reading workshop at KRESA and two days of training in Lansing with Anita Archer, a world-class authority on reading and writing instruction.

Third, the grant provided community volunteers who meet weekly with our at-risk kindergarten and first grade students to practice their reading skills.

This year, KRESA's Ethan Alexander approached several local businesses and organizations on the school's behalf and found 24 individuals willing



English Language Arts consultant, Nicole Kalmbach, coached Green Meadow staff in teaching reading and then came to kindergarten registration night with goodie boxes to promote literacy.

to volunteer in this capacity.

There is always a need for more volunteers. If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering at our school, please contact the school.

Finally, the grant provides families with resources to support reading practice at home throughout the summer months. Mrs. Kalmbach prepared the materials to be delivered to homes this summer.

Green Meadow Elementary thanks the United Way and KRESA for partnering with us to meet the needs of our kindergarten and first grade readers.

Green Meadow Elementary

Students Raise Funds for Hearts

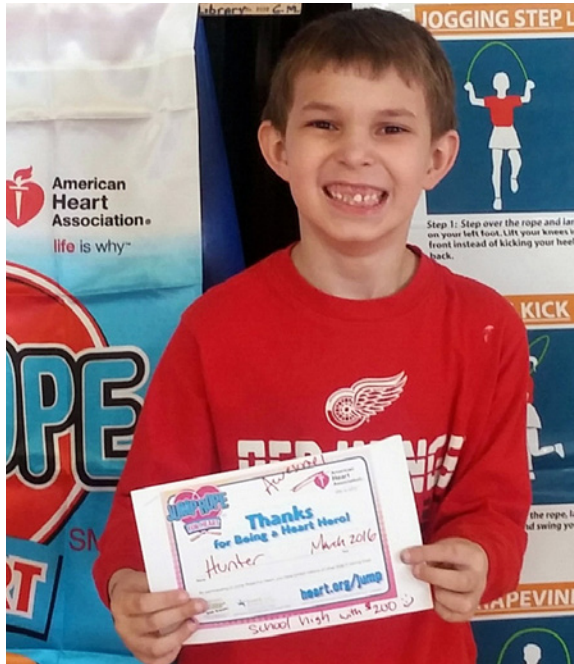
Students at North and Green Meadow recently raised nearly \$3000 for the American Heart Association by participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Campaign, organized by physical education teacher, Tatum O'Dell.

North Elementary exceeded its \$1500 goal by \$360.56 while Green Meadow raised nearly \$1000.

The top fundraisers in each building earned choice time with Mrs. O'Dell and four friends. Green Meadow's winners were Hunter Toth, Abigail Goodrich, Bailey Thomas and Jacob Hulet. Winners at North were Maureen McBride, Kaylee Brown, Josh Vanderberg and Alexis Baker.

Every child who participated received a small token and signed the banner on display for this year.

A big thank you to Mrs. O'Dell and all who participated in this worthy event making hearts smile!



The top fundraiser at North was Joshua Vanderberg who is in Miss Zebarah's first grade class.



Hunter Toth from Mrs. Laning's first grade class at Green Meadow was the top fundraiser at Green Meadow.

Green Meadow Elementary

Grant to Benefit Leader in Me



Kyle Keegan won the giant pink bear.

Julie Sorenson, behavior interventionist at Green Meadow, recently received a \$500 grant from the Meemic Foundation and the Redman Insurance Agency. The grant will be used to further the school's Leader in Me programs and trainings.

The Redman Agency delivered the check to Green Meadow and also delivered a giant pink bear.

The Pink Bear was the talk of the school and was raffled off at the end of the month as part of our Leader in Me assembly celebrating attendance and great behaviors.

Kyle Keegan was the winner of the Pink Bear, but everyone at Green Meadow Elementary appreciates the Redman Agency's generosity.

GM, North Students Log Miles in Mileage Club

For the second year, students at Green Meadow and North participated in the Feelin' Good Mileage Club, North America's premier walking/running program for schools.

Last year, more than 2.5 million children in nearly 15,000 schools logged almost 30 million miles. Included in those 30 million miles were the 8,000 walked or run in six weeks by students at Green Meadow and North.

Students walk on the playground several times a week. Mileage Markers are checked every time a child completes a lap. For each five miles walked, a student is rewarded with a Toe Token, a brightly colored plastic foot, to put on a shoelace or chain. This is a fun way for students to earn necklaces, shoelaces and toe tokens by running or walking a mileage track and being social with their friends.

This amount of activity also helps reduce playground hassles, increases kids' learning readiness and fights obesity.

The Mileage Club is also a great way to encourage cardiovascular endurance and goal setting at your child's level.



As members of the Feelin' Good Mileage Club, John Thomas and Alex Wilcox wear their toe tokens on a lanyard around their necks.

BATTLE OF THE BUSES



Support Our Kids!
August 5-7
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Walmart on Gull Rd.



Join the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Pathways to Potential program, Parchment Schools and Comstock Schools as they collect **donated supplies to help kids in need prepare for their day at school.**

This friendly competition will help students in need throughout both school districts.

Don't know what to donate?

Needed Supplies

Kleenex
Sanitizer wipes/Hand Sanitizer
Dry Erase Markers
Poster Board
Rulers
Calculators
Glue Sticks
Pencils and Pens
Crayons
Colored pencils
Highlighters
Markers
Fine point markers
Folders
Binders
Note pads
Notebook Paper
Construction Paper
Pencil erasers
Small Dixie Cups

Shampoo
Conditioner
Soap
Deodorant
Tampons/Pads
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Combs/Brushes
Hair Ties
Lice Kits
Alarm clocks
Socks
Underwear
T-Shirts
Sweatshirts
Jeans/Jogging Pants
Winter Coats/Boots/Gloves
Tennis Shoes
Gift Cards
Candy
Individual Snacks – Peanut Free



Green Meadow Elementary

Science and Exploration Club Visits WMU's College of Engineering

Green Meadow's Science and Exploration Club recently explored various areas at WMU's College of Engineering.

Third and Fourth graders in the club have been working hard on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school on various experiments and projects incorporating science protocols and engineering concepts.

So, school board member and WMU instructor in mechanical and space engineering, Dr. Richard Hathaway, organized a field trip to the Engineering Campus for the students to experience where science and engineering can lead in the future.

Students asked questions and interacted with WMU students and faculty in many areas. They made "Flying Discs" and then students were asked questions about how they thought the machine worked and how programming was involved. With supervision, students operated one of the machines.

In another area, students explored earthquake engineering - making structures to withstand various amounts of shaking - using a special table and computer system.

Students were even introduced to paper making science and engineering. They made their own piece of paper and then saw the "top secret" area where paper experiments are done. It's really top secret because no photos or cell phones are allowed.

After everyone had made flying discs, unshakeable structures, and paper it was time for pizza and Rube-Goldberg Machine examples. Everyone had a great experience and many students are still talking about it.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Hathaway, WMU's staff, and all the volunteers who are inspiring future leaders in engineering and science at Green Meadow.



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



Carla Diaz uses heat to press the WMU Bronco onto her own "flying disc."

Green Meadow Elementary

CAST Helps Beautify Green Meadow



Members of Communities and Schools Together (CAST) worked at Green Meadow this spring. Through this effort, people from local churches and staff planted flowers and grass seed, painted play equipment and cleaned the grounds. In fact, CAST has had many helping hands in our school throughout the year.

Through the Leader in Me school program, Green Meadow staff members have been teaching and showing students how to become leaders. These helpers from CAST are a great example for our students in how to be great leaders.

Green Meadow thanks CAST and members of the Kalamazoo Missionary Church for their generosity, encouragement, and dedication in helping our school look beautiful.

Lori Johnson plants flowers at Green Meadow.

Comstock Township Library Events

Coloring, Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation for Adults... Are you interested in getting together with other adults for some conversation and coloring? If so, please call 345-0136 and ask for Rachael. We will provide the coloring books, supplies, coffee, and cookies.

Are you interested in joining an evening Book Club? If so, please inquire at the adult reference desk or call 345-0136.

Have extra skeins of yarn? We are now accepting donations for our Warm-Up America Lap Robe Project. If you are interested in crocheting or knitting, please contact Myla or Barb at the library.

Comstock Community Bulletin Board: We will be hosting an online bulletin board for the community. This free service is hosted by the Comstock Township Library for events of interest to Comstock area residents. Event submissions are free; however, the library takes no responsibility for the claims made in these advertisements. Click on the "Submit an Event" link to send us your information. Please visit our website for a link to the bulletin board.

Shut-In Library Services: The Shut-In Delivery Service seeks to provide library materials to Comstock Township residents who are unable to visit the library according to the criteria below. Homebound delivery includes the selection of materials by library staff and delivery of those materials by library employees.

Residents will be considered homebound if they have a condition (due to illness or injury) that restricts their ability to leave their place of residence, except with the aid of a supportive device such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, and walkers, the use of special transportation, the assistance of another person or if leaving home is medically contraindicated. In most circumstances, if a resident drives, he/she would not be considered homebound. Call 345-0136 for further information.

Ice Cream Social: Wednesday, June 8, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. All ages. Get a free bowl of ice cream with toppings of your choice for showing that your library card is in good standing. Don't have a library card? Register for one at the event and still receive a free bowl of ice cream!

ADULT CRAFTS:

Independence Day Pallet Flag, Wednesday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. Decorate a small-wooden pallet as an Independence Day decoration for your front door! Sign-ups for this free craft begin on Tuesday, May 31, at the adult reference desk. Space is limited.

Summer Reading Program: Exercise Your Mind: Read! Summer Reading Program for Adults (must be 18 or older to participate). Registration begins Monday, June 6, at the adult reference desk; however, you may not report the books you have read or listened to until June 13. Fill out a form for each Comstock Township Library book you read or listen to from June 6 to August 6 and enter to win prizes. The grand prize will be a Chromebook (16 GB) and will be drawn on August 8. For further details, call 345-0136.

Adult Program: BLACK ASH BASKET-WEAVING CLASS, Wednesday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m. Join basket weaver and artist, Kelly Church of the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa, as she teaches participants how to weave a basket to take home! You will learn how to weave a traditional style round bottom basket out of prepared black ash strips with adornments. Sign-ups begin on June 27 at the adult reference desk and space is limited. Free craft.

Adult Program: Zentangle Journaling, Wednesday, August 17, at 5:30 p.m. Join Carrie Dunn for this introduction to Zentangle. She will be teaching several art patterns and a short meditation. Expect to take home a wonderful piece of art! Sign-ups begin on Monday, August 1, at the adult reference desk. Space is limited for this free craft. Call 345-0136 for more information.

Join Vanita Aloisio of the Ladies' Library Association of Kalamazoo on Wednesday, August 31, at 5:30 p.m. She will discuss the new publication: *The Library Ladies: Their Home and History*, a pictorial guide with over 300 photos of the historic building, the stained glass windows, the art collection, the furniture, the founding women, vintage photographs, and information about the association, past and present. This event is free. Please call 345-0136 to register starting Monday, August 1.

CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Saturday, July 2, and Monday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

Do you need volunteer hours for next year?

Teen volunteers are very important to the success of our Summer Reading Program and we appreciate all the hard work they do. We need volunteers for correcting worksheets, redeeming prizes, and assisting with programs and parties! Volunteer applications are available at the Young People's desk and on our website.

Applications will not be accepted after Friday, July 8. You must be going into 7th through 12th grades to volunteer!

- Volunteer Orientation: Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m.
- Volunteer Thank-You Pizza Party: Wednesday, August 10, 4 p.m.

Reading this summer can earn you small prizes in our weekly drawings, and chances for larger prizes at the end of the reading program. You will also earn tickets for our Summer Reading Party on August 10. The more you read, the more tickets you will earn for playing games and redeeming prizes at the party.

DROP-IN STORYTIME: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 1-5. Join us for a half hour of stories, songs, games, and parachute play, followed by a short 15-minute craft. No registration is necessary for this free event.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: ONGOING. Pre-Kindergarten.

All children can participate until they begin kindergarten. Children will win a prize from our treasure chest for every 50 books read, up to 1000 books. Stop by the Young People's desk to pick up a tracking sheet.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Wednesday, June 8,

9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. All ages. Get a free bowl of ice cream with toppings of your choice for showing that your library card is in good standing! Don't have a library card? Register for one at the event and still receive a free bowl of ice cream!

MATH AND READING CLUB: Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6th.

Earn treats and tickets for the Summer Reading Party in August by completing worksheets all summer! For every five math worksheets and/or reading comprehension worksheets turned in with a score of 80 percent or higher, you will earn two scoops of ice cream with

Comstock Township Library Events *(continued)*

toppings and a ticket to spend at the Summer Reading Party. Correcting skill sheets takes time, so please do not plan to turn them in and get the reward the same day. Please check the next time you visit the library to see if you have earned your treat. **Each child is limited to one bowl of ice cream per day.** Alternative prizes may be available for children with food allergies.

ZEEMO THE MAGNIFICENT: Wednesday, June 29, 11 a.m., All ages. Join Zeemo as he performs a one-man circus, which includes juggling, magic, balancing stunts, and comedy. Registration is required for this free event and begins Monday, June 20. Space is limited.

MARANDA PARK PARTY: Thursday, July 7, Noon-2 p.m. All ages. Join the Comstock Library and other local organizations at Upjohn Park, 7775 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, for games, crafts, and other activities! No registration is necessary for this free event.

STORYTIME WITH FIREFIGHTER MIKE: Tuesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. Ages 1-5. Join us for a special storytime with local firefighter, Mike Kessler. Enjoy stories and learn fire safety, followed by a short craft. No registration is necessary for this free event.

WILDLIFE SAFARI: Friday, July 22, 10:30 a.m. All ages. Join Nelson, "The Animal Guy," on an adventure to see and touch animals both great and small from around the world! Registration is required for this free event and begins Monday, July 11. Space is limited.

SUMMER READING PARTY: Wednesday, August 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All ages. Rain or shine! Weather permitting, we will have the inflatable slide, bouncer, and obstacle course outside the library grounds. Inside the library, you can trade in your reading tickets for ice cream, popcorn, crafts, games, and other small prizes. Extra tickets are available for purchase at 25 cents each.

CRAFT DAYS: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7 p.m. All ages. Join us for a different craft each week! Crafts are suitable for children ages 3 and up. Children under five need to have an adult helper with them. Registration is

required for these free events and **first priority will be given to those registered and participating in our Summer Reading Program.** Space is limited. Craft sessions are as follows:

- **Monday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 14, 7 p.m.:** Decorate a baseball hat. Registration begins Monday, June 6.
- **Monday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m.:** Sports Sand Art Picture. Registration begins Monday, June 13.
- **Monday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 28, 7 p.m.:** My Bug Jar Craft. Registration begins Monday, June 20.
- **NO CRAFT MONDAY, JULY 4.**
- **Tuesday, July 5, 7 p.m.:** Sports Picture Frame. Registration begins Monday, June 27.
- **Monday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 12, 7 p.m.:** Paint a Soccer Ball Bank. Registration begins Tuesday, July 5.
- **Monday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m.:** Perler Bead Animal Magnets. Registration begins Monday, July 11.
- **Monday, July 25, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m.:** Sports Sand Art Bottles. Registration begins Monday, July 18.
- **Monday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 2, 7 p.m.:** Color a Sports Drawstring Backpack. Registration begins Monday, July 25.

STEM WEDNESDAYS: Wednesdays, 1:30 a.m. All ages. Join us for a different STEM activity every week! We will explore science and engineering activities. Legos will be on display. Registration is required for these free events and **first priority will be given to those registered and participating in our Summer Reading Program.** These projects are appropriate for school-aged kids, so children under five will need an adult helper. Space is limited. Science themes are as follows:

- **Wednesday, June 15, 1:30 p.m.:** Lego Club. Registration begins Monday, June 6.
- **Wednesday, June 22, 1:30 p.m.:** Build the Three Little Pigs' Houses. Registration begins Monday, June 13.
- **NO STEM ACTIVITY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 DUE TO ZEEMO THE MAGNIFICENT.**

- **Wednesday, July 6, 1:30 p.m.:** Lego Club. Registration begins Monday, June 27.
- **Wednesday, July 13, 1:30 p.m.:** Chemistry with Glue: Glow-in-the-Dark Slime and more! Registration begins Tuesday, July 5.
- **Wednesday, July 20, 1:30 p.m.:** Humpty Dumpty Competition. Registration begins Monday, July 11.
- **Wednesday, July 27, 1:30 p.m.:** Lego Club. Registration begins Monday, July 18.
- **Wednesday, August 3, 1:30 p.m.:** Candy Science. Registration begins Monday, July 25.

TEEN TIME: Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. Grades 6-12. Join us for different crafts and activities every Thursday. Registration is required for these free events and **first priority will be given to those registered and participating in our Summer Reading Program.** Teen Time activities are as follows:

- **Thursday, June 16, 1:30 p.m.:** Decorate a baseball hat. Registration begins Monday, June 6.
- **Thursday, June 23, 1:30 p.m.:** Hunger Games Party. Registration begins Monday, June 13.
- **Thursday, June 30, 1:30 p.m.:** Board Game Extravaganza! Registration begins Monday, June 20.
- **Thursday, July 7, 1:30 p.m.:** Papier Maché Jars. Registration begins Monday, June 27.
- **Thursday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.:** Blast from the Past Party. Registration begins Tuesday, July 5.
- **Thursday, July 21, 1:30 p.m.:** Perler Bead Animal Magnets. Registration begins Monday, July 11.
- **Thursday, July 28, 1:30 p.m.:** Percy Jackson Party. Registration begins Monday, July 18.
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