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Board Highlights

...from the March 12, 2018 Board of Education Meeting

Reports from the District Office Leadership Team

Superintendent's Office

The board approved the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Jonas as the Principal of Glen Hill Primary School and Ms. Astrid Rodrigues as the Principal of Americana Intermediate effective July 1, 2018.

Business Office

The board approved the March Financial Reports and the January Treasure's Report.

Mr. Hooper presented the response to the Freedom of Information request from Carpenters Local 1185.

The board approved bids for the interior work of the Queen Bee Early Childhood Center.

Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Mensik from Glenbard North and Dr. Monaghan from Glenbard West were in attendance to give a presentation on the priorities and goals of Glenbard North and Glenbard West High Schools.

Congratulations to the Glenside Robotics Team who participated in the "Battle of the Bots" tournament. The 2018 Battle of the Bots tournament champion is the **Iron Dragons** team with members Sean, Muhammad, Musa, and Hamza.

Congratulations to the Glenside Wrestling Team who participated in the State Finals Completion at Northern Illinois University. Brennan (8th grader) won 1st place and Philip (8th grader) won 2nd place.

Building Highlights

Americana

On Saturday, March 3, the Americana Intermediate Destination Imagination teams traveled to Hadley Jr. High for their first ever DI tournament! Leading up to the tournament, the 6 teams were busy for five months with planning, creating props and costumes, writing scripts, practicing instant challenges, and rehearsing. On the day of the tournament, our teams filled an entire hallway of the Jr. High as we set up camp for the day. Over the course of 7 hours, our teams reported to their instant challenges and their team chosen event. In addition to performing duties as a team, students could be found helping other teams prepare to compete, running through their performances a few more times, and snacking on treats! Americana and Glenside students were easy to spot around the building! Our team t-shirts that were provided to us by the QBEF were so cool! Everyone wore them, and other teams were definitely impressed. None of our teams qualified for the state level this year. It was a building year. Our students did not leave empty handed, however. Each and every student left with lessons on how to improve, ideas for next year, and a sense of pride for what their team accomplished. It was an incredible day! All that's left now is to party and celebrate our tremendous journey!

Glenside

On Feb 15th, Americana and Glenside Band students participated in Band Day. This yearly event welcomed 7 Master class teachers to work with these students. The students had fun learning from an instrument specific professional. We even had a former band students work with the oboes, Maja Dinger. The Americana band worked some concert songs with Mrs. Miceli as well. On Feb 24th, 61 students performed solos and/or ensembles in front of judges at Stratford M.S. The soloists earned 21 first ratings and 5 second ratings. The ensemblist earned 15 first and 6 seconds. That is a total of 95 medals brought home. In 2019, it will be Glenside's turn to host this event. On Feb. 28th, Americana and Glenside Band students travelled to Glenbard North High School to hear a showcase of their bands play. The students were able to see what the high school has to offer as well as be amazed on how far they can get on their instrument with perseverance.

Pheasant Ridge

This past month we also had the heart adventure course set up in the gym. Our P.E. teacher, Mrs. Houston, had students work to be the blood cells moving through the heart. As they moved through, they did so at different paces and checked their heart rates. They were able to compare their resting heart rate with their active heart rate. They learned about the 4 chambers of the heart as they navigated through the course. They quickly learned how blood clots can happen when blood cells get stuck in one area of the heart.

Glen Hill

Our annual Day of Reading event was celebrated throughout the week this year. Students spent the week reading Dr. Seuss stories in their classrooms and could vote on their favorite-March Madness style! On the actual day, students participated in D.E.A.R. times, older students came in the read with younger students, and classrooms had guest readers reading their favorite stories. The day ended with an assembly announcing the winner and a presentation for students celebrating the great reading happening in our school every day.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Professional Development Center (PDC).