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SCHOOL BRIEFS

WCS schools host musical events

Warren Mott High School will host Band-o-Rama, featuring the three Warren Consolidated high school marching bands, Oct. 11. The 7 p.m. event is free and open to the public.

The Sterling Heights High School band will put on a Stevie Wonder-themed show; the Cousino High School band will showcase a tribute to Michael Jackson; and the Mott band will perform "Guitar Legends," a nod to great guitarists throughout rock 'n' roll history. The three bands, numbering nearly 400 students, will combine for a finale, playing "America the Beautiful."

A judge will evaluate the groups and provide critique of the marching, music and general effect in preparation for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 16 Marching Band Festival Oct. 14, which will be hosted by Mott and SHHS.

Nineteen marching bands comprising more than 2,000 students from Macomb and Oakland counties are expected to participate in the MSBOA festival. Groups will be graded by a panel of judges and awarded ratings.

Both MSBOA festivals begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for students and seniors, and \$3 for adults. Mott is located on 12 Mile, west of Ryan, in Warren; SHHS is located on 15 Mile, west of Schoenherr, in Sterling Heights.

Students gear up for homecoming

Fall is in the air and with it comes homecoming celebrations at various schools.

With a "Nickelodeon" theme, the Center Line High School homecoming is Oct. 10. The parade begins at 11 a.m. in the Chrysler parking lot on Lawrence and travels south to 10 Mile Road to Sherwood and then to the football field at Memorial Park.

This year's Warren Woods Tower High School homecoming parade is Oct. 10 and begins at 11 a.m. from Westwood Elementary School, 11999 Martin Road. It will travel east on Martin to the high school. The game begins at 1 p.m.

The Fitzgerald High School homecoming parade is at 11 a.m. Oct. 10. This year's theme is "Around The World." The parade begins at Schofield Elementary, 21555 Warner, and works its way down to Bart Street toward the high school, 23200 Ryan. The football game begins at 1 p.m.

As part of the homecoming activities, the Fitzgerald Public Schools Foundation will host its annual Alumni Picnic from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 10 in the FHS cafeteria. Admission is \$3 per person. The Foundation supports the school district by awarding mini-grants and college scholarships, sponsoring the middle school career fair and funding activities for alternative education high school students.

The Lincoln High School homecoming is Oct. 17 and has a "Decades" theme. There will be a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon at the high school; 22900 Federal. The parade begins at 11 a.m., and the football game, against Mount Clemens, begins at 1 p.m. The parade will leave the high school back parking lot off MacArthur and turn right. It will continue to Toepfer and head right to Federal and make another right. The route will end in the stadium lot off of Federal.

The East Detroit High School homecoming is Oct. 17. The parade begins at 11 a.m. off the Gratiot lot near Nine Mile Road and travels through different streets toward Memorial Field on 10 Mile Road. The theme is "Under the Sea." The football game begins at 1 p.m., and is against L'Anse Creuse.

University Center open house scheduled

CLINTON TOWNSHIP — An open house will be held from 12:30-3 p.m. Oct. 18 at the University Center at Macomb Community College to help prospective students learn about available bachelor's and master's degree programs available through the nine partner institutions.

Representatives from Central Michigan University, Ferris State University, Madonna University, Michigan State University, Oakland University, Rochester College, University of Detroit Mercy, Walsh College and Wayne State University will be available discuss degree offerings available at the University Center.

The event also will include

informational workshops that will focus on careers in Michigan, transferring course credits and financial aid.

The Macomb Center is located on the college's Center Campus, at Garfield and M-59 in Clinton Township. For more information, call 866.Macomb1.

Carleton to hold Scrapbook Night

The Carleton Booster Club is sponsoring a Scrapbook Night 5 p.m.-midnight Oct. 23 at Carleton Middle School, located at 8900 15 Mile, east of Van Dyke, in Sterling Heights.

The event will have vendors and independent scrapbook consultants on hand for inspiration and shopping. Admission also covers dinner, a goody bag and door prize drawings. Raffles will be available.

The cost is \$25 per person, due by Oct. 12. As of late September, only 35 spots remained. For more information, call Linda Hoisington at (586) 264-2701.

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The day was 'made better' for these teachers

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Eve Ford's facial expression said it all.

She was shocked and surprised when she noticed the large package brought to her during the school day Oct. 6 at Carlson Elementary School in Van Dyke Public Schools district.

"Look what I got, guys," she said to her 3-, 4- and 5-year-old students in the district's Early Childhood Special Education program. "No way."

Representatives from Office Max presented Ford with about \$1,500 worth of school supplies through the company's A Day Made Better program. Each fall, company members visit about 1,200 teachers and present them with about \$1,500 in school supplies for their classrooms. The program began in 2005.

District Sales Manager Steve Pellegrom said teachers generally spend about \$1,000 to \$1,500 of their own money on school supplies. The program helps teachers offset their own costs.

"Thank you very much for giving back," Pellegrom told Ford. "We like to make sure we recognize teachers that are very passionate and dedicated to what they do."

Ford sat on her new chair and unraveled her prizes as students



Photos by Deb Jacques

Left: Carlson Elementary School teacher Eve Ford receives about \$1,500 worth of school supplies Oct. 6 as part of the Office Max A Day Made Better program. Above: Carlson Elementary student Albana Saraqi, 3, is excited when watching Ford open her new supplies.

and staff looked on. They included pens, a digital camera, markers, a label maker, journals, paper and binder clips, a planner, a bulletin board, a printer, tissue and much more. Many students were excited at the gifts.

Carlson Principal Sharon Bienkowski nominated Ford for the program.

"The reason I chose Eve is because of the words 'passionate' and 'dedication.' When they put those words together that says Eve Ford,"

Bienkowski said. "She's here every morning with the custodian opening the building."

Two teachers from McKinley Elementary School, also in VDPS, were recipients of the same prizes. Third-grade teacher Ann Anthony and Beth Plofchan, who teaches fourth- and fifth-grade special education, were honored by Office Max.

Members of the retailer also surprised Briarwood Elementary second-grade teacher Nancy

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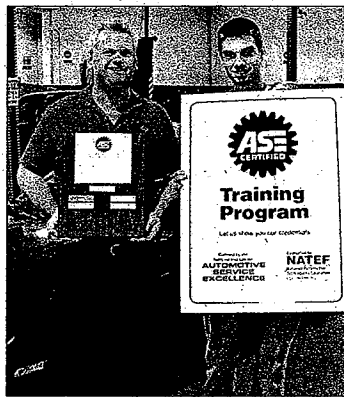
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Sulkowski and her class with boxes and boxes of useful items for the classroom.

"Wow. It's like Christmas," Sulkowski stated in a school press release. The educator was nominated for the A Day Made Better award by the school's administrative professional assistant Grace Oborski and clerk Theresa Estep.

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Auto program becomes certified

The automotive training program at Lincoln High School in the Van Dyke Public Schools district received certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation and The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

LHS automotive class instructor Jeff Kohr, left, and LHS senior Mike Davis display the plaque and signage the school received from NATEF. The program was certified in braking systems, steering and suspension, electricity/electronics and engine performance.

To achieve this recognition, the school's automotive training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used.

Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended the school be certified by ASE, a national nonprofit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to certifying automotive training programs.

Day care openings available

Registration is being accepted at the Warren Woods Day Care, 12900 Frazho, for children ages 6 weeks to 5. Preschool classes also are available. For more informa-

tion, call (586) 439-4884.

Schools receive grant money

Several schools in the Center Line, East Detroit, Fitzgerald, Van Dyke, Warren Consolidated and Warren Woods districts recently received grant money through Target's Take Charge of Education program.

According to a Target press release, more than \$500,000 in educational grant money was given to 3,166 Michigan schools. Since its inception in 1997, TCOE has given Michigan schools more than \$13.5 million in grant money and more than \$273 million nationwide.

The TCOE grant money is designed to give school administrators greater flexibility in use of the funding in order to promote change within the educational system. Grant money given from the TCOE program can be allocated however the individual administrator sees fit, as long as it adheres to an educational purpose.

Dance clinic offered

The Warren Mott Magix Dance Team will hold a clinic for Warren Consolidated Schools students in kindergarten through eighth-grade 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

The cost of \$30 per person includes a T-shirt, lunch and two tickets to the Extravaganza dance performance by clinic participants at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20. To register, pick up a form in the office at Warren Mott High School, 3131 12 Mile Road, or contact campelkm@gmail.com for more information.

Nominations sought

Comcast is accepting nominations from high school principals and guidance counselors for the 2010 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program, which annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to students to help support their pursuit of higher education.

The program recognizes students who have demonstrated