



Magnet School Lotteries Performed!



The Northwest Suburban Integration School District Magnet Lottery for the 2018-19 school year was performed the first and second weeks of January 2018. **NWSISD placed over 860 students from over 1,250 applications into 24 magnet schools.** Letters were successfully mailed to all applicants. Families had until February 9 to contact schools and enrollment centers of their intentions to keep their assigned placement or to go back into the waiting pool for the Tier 2 lottery. Blaine CEMS, Coon Rapids BioMed, and Anoka MS for the Arts had earlier assignment deadlines due to class registration which happened earlier than the NWSISD assignment deadline. The magnet lottery application will close on March 9, 2018 and will reopen on March 19, 2018.

Tier 2 lottery will take place the week of March 15. Families will be notified of their Tier 2 lottery assignments the week of March 19, 2018.

Magnet Lottery Priority Application Time Period Students who applied during the priority application period of October 16 through December 31, 2017, will continue to have the best chance of being assigned to the magnet school of their choice during the Tier 2 lottery.

Sibling Priority First priority will be given to the applications of siblings of students who are currently attending and will continue to attend the same magnet school. In order to receive sibling priority status, applications must have been received by December 31, 2017.

Limited seats remain available at the following magnet schools and programs:

Elementary:

Birch Grove - Arts
Earle Brown - STEAM
Hayes - IB
Rockford - Arts
Stevenson - IB
University - STEM

Middle Schools:

Brooklyn Center - STEAM
Fridley - IB
North View - IB (only grades 7&8)
Rockford - STEM

High Schools:

Brooklyn Center - STEAM
Buffalo - Arts
Coon Rapids - STEM
Fridley - IB
Park Center - IB



LEARNING WHILE HAVING FUN -

Educators Rising students collect socks, hats, and more socks at their annual Sock Drive! Read more on page 2.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES - Enjoy pictures and stories about Step-Up Mentorship field trips throughout the year. Read more on page 3.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE NWSISD COLLABORATIVE - Read all about it on page 4.

Learning While Having Fun!

Coon Rapids High School Educators Rising Students sponsor Sock Drive!

Educators Rising is an extracurricular program designed to introduce high school students to careers in education. Students participate in several hands-on activities each year including a commitment to give back to the community in some way. In past years, the focus was on helping to improve literacy in the home. Students collected and distributed over 20,000 books. This year, students wanted to give back in a different way and held a sock drive. Socks are among the most needed items in homeless shelters, yet the least donated. Educators Rising wanted to help change that. Although the sock drive only lasted a few weeks, students were able to collect 3119 pairs of socks and hats... and that was only at three schools. Some schools collected monetary donations to buy socks that will be donated to a shelter of their choice. Pictured are the socks collected at Coon Rapids High School. Close to 1000 pairs of socks have already been donated and the remaining socks will go to four local shelters.



NWSISD Field Trip to see "Wedding Band" Set around a Charleston, South Carolinian apartment



building in 1918, near the end of WWI with the Spanish Flu looming and race riots flourishing, "Wedding Band" by Alice Childress and directed by Lou Bellamy at the Penumbra Theater, proved to be a play to be remembered long after the final curtain call. "Wedding Band" tells the story of the young lovers, Julia, a black woman, and Herman, a white man, who had to hide their partnership of over

10 years because it was illegal to be married. Amidst nosy neighbors and Herman's resentful mother, emotions explode on-stage as the audience is held captive hearing, seeing, and feeling the actors rage, resentment, and love. Attendees were privileged to a post-play discussion that took on a passionate tone. Penumbra is ... "a theater that practices art for social justice." A powerful play - a powerful message! (This event was an Inter-District Partnership Opportunity.)



Passport to the Future "Today is Inclusion Day at 3M!" stated Tesha Alston, Senior Biochemist at 3M. "What's the point of going to the party if no one asks you to dance? Inclusion Day means asking you to contribute, asking you to speak." So on October 30, 2017, forty-five students from Brooklyn Center, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Andover, and Anoka high schools helped mark the first Inclusion Day at 3M. A panel of 3M staff told the students who they were, what they do, how long they have been at 3M, and their "accidental career paths." Students were given a Passport and "speed interviewed" 3Mers from all different departments, engaging industry leaders and learning some of their secrets to success. The career field trip also included a visit to the 3M Design Center where they had the opportunity to see innovative designs and meeting spaces. A highlight was the Porsche covered in a special film that lit up when a picture was taken with a flash.



Keeping Up with Step-Up Mentorship

Students involved with Step-Up Mentorship meet twice monthly, during the school year, at the students' school, to work on academic portfolios with the following concepts in mind: Increase Expectations, Define Aspirations, Seize Opportunities, and Commit to Achievement. These concepts also translate into the larger picture outside the classroom when students participate in field trips with other students from across the collaborative.

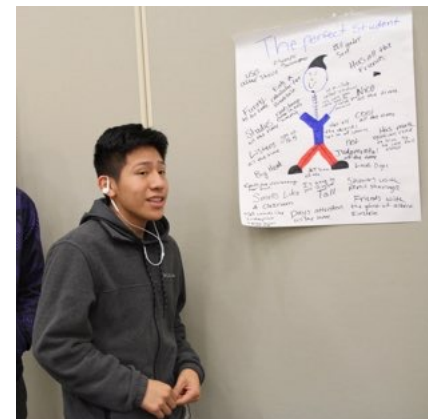
In November, **grade 9** students took a trip to Base Camp at Fort Snelling. Base Camp provides students with leadership skill building. Students had the opportunity to Rock Climb, try Archery, and perform Team Building Challenges. Students were led through a series of leadership challenges where they not only needed to support each other but also rely on each other to think through ways of completing each challenge. The rock climbing wall also challenged students to rely on each other through encouragement, support, and active learning.

January brought this group together again for a service learning project at Feed My Starving Children. Grade 9 students from across the collaborative joined forces with our Essence teams and packed over 41,000 meals.

Our **grade 10** Step-Up students started the college planning process with a trip to North Hennepin Community College in December. Student groups



discussed what it takes to be "The Perfect Student" and to be considered for entrance into various colleges and universities across the country, how to write that college entrance resume, and what they will need to do within the next two years of high school to make that happen! Many "eyes were opened" to see how much more robust their schedules and extra curricular activities needed to be.



Best Buy Corporate Headquarters welcomed our **grade 11** students in February to discuss career planning. Christie Andres, Diversity & Inclusion Manager at Best Buy asked students, "How do you build a personal brand and what does that look like?" Students connected with Best Buy staff from across different departments to talk about resume building and personal attributes - how to build yourself up. Students were asked how they "show up" when networking with potential employers. They learned that networking doesn't guarantee anything but may help get that first interview! The one nugget students walked away with was "if you don't ask for help or advice, it's on you!" Network. Follow up. Be on time! Students took a tour of the Best Buy Corporate facility and enjoyed lunch with several team members.



Schools, Staff, and Students in the News!

Monroe Elementary STEM Students are AMAZING!



December 21, 2017 was a big day for Monroe elementary STEM students. As part of their annual STEM elective day activity, students and staff attempted to set a Guinness Book of World Record by having the most people balancing and spinning a fidget spinner for one minute at the same time! Surrounded by news media cameras and volunteers holding iPads to video tape each attempt, over 500 students and staff came together as a community to work toward a collective achievement.

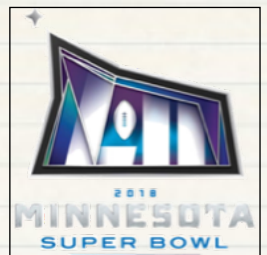
Read more about this amazing attempt [here](#) as well as view their [highlight video](#).

Students from across NWSISD participated in Super Bowl LII



• **Anoka Middle School for the Arts** and Anoka High School students performed together on Feb. 1 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Throughout the evening the pep band played several songs during the Super Bowl Experience event. The Vince Lombardi trophy was on display behind the group as they performed for an audience of fans and media from all around the world.

• **Brooklyn Middle School** students participated in American Heroes program which is aimed at uniting youth and police. View the video [here](#).



School Spotlight on NWSISD Magnet Schools CCX Media, the local news cable channel for the Northwest suburbs, has recently started profiling many of our elementary and middle schools in their [School Spotlight](#)! Check out the wonderful video stories of the following schools:

[Birch Grove Elementary Arts School](#)

[Monroe Elementary STEM School](#)

[Weaver Lake Elementary STEM School](#)

[Brooklyn Center STEAM Middle School](#)

[Brooklyn Middle STEAM School](#)

[Brooklyn Center STEAM High School](#)

[Park Center High School - IB World School](#)



Do you have news you'd like to share with the NWSISD Consortium? Send your good news about what your students are doing in class, what innovative ideas you or your staff are creating in and out of the classroom to Krisanthi Sikkila at ksikkila@nws.k12.mn.us

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