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The Student Council Report, March 2025

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The Student Council got a jump-start on Spring Cleaning this year! First, the students cleaned the Commons kitchen on Monday, March 3rd, and then the Commons storage closet on Monday, March 10th. (See the caption under the Student Council picture.)

Health Week is here again! Happening the week of March 31st-April 4th, the Student Council will announce health facts on the announcements and exercise with students in their classrooms for five minutes each morning. Healthy snacks will be handed out mid-morning all week, and the Student Council members will talk through flyers of information to promote healthy eating and living. At the end of the week, the whole school will take their annual walk around the block together.

If you were 7, 8, 9, or 10 years old, what's a better way to start a weekend than to dance on a Friday after school for an hour? The Student Council is hosting a dance in the school Commons for the students in 1st-4th grade on Friday, April 4th from 3:35 - 4:45 P.M. Of course, there will be snacks, juice boxes, and limboing!

In case you didn't get to see the information about upcoming Student Council events in the February Bucks

Bulletin, here they are again:

The Student Council has set aside Sunday, April 13th, for an "Alice in Wonderland High Tea" community dinner fundraiser. A few months ago, the Student Council voted to promise the money they've raised so far for an LED school sign to the Bradley Jordan Foundation when the new gymnasium comes to fruition. Then, an LED school sign will be purchased along with the new gymnasium project. Mark your calendars and get your reservations soon because seating will be limited during each serving time, 4:00 and 6:00 P.M. Tickets will be sold in the school starting on Wednesday, March 27th; adults and children eight years old and above will sell for \$15.00, and tickets for children seven years old and under will sell for \$6.00. The dinner served will be salad, soups, and sandwiches, with desserts and tea following. The Student Council is excited for you to come and meet some of the Alice in Wonderland characters!

In the early evening of Tuesday, May 13th, the Student Council will hold its 2nd Annual End-of-the-Year Carnival for children and their families. There will be carnival games, dinner, and new this year- BINGO! More details of the event will be sent out as the date gets closer.



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On Monday, March 3rd, the Student Council took to Spring Cleaning in the Commons kitchen. Old and scratched pots and pans were replaced with a few new ones and the cabinets were washed, lined with shelf liners, and organized. Then, pictures were taken of the inside of each cabinet and posted on the outside to help students find and return items to their proper places. (Parents, we'll let you know if this works so you can use this strategy at home. :) On March 10th, the Student Council members and Mr. Verboomen met again to clean the Student Council/School/Music Storage closet in the Commons. Again, they organized, labeled, and created more room! Hard work sure pays off! The Student Council members walked away proud and feeling good about their accomplishments!

Learning is Fun!



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Too good to put down! This student read his book from the library while walking all the way back to school! Good thing he had security classmates all around him. Now this is what curling up with a good book looks like! Some 3rd and 4th-grade students might call this their favorite time of day- well - maybe after P.E. and Recess.



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The 100th Day of School was on February 25th. The first and second graders celebrated with little fun "100" activities and books all day. One activity was to make and enjoy a 100th Day trail mix. This first grader helped Ms. Wagner prepare the mix for all the students to enjoy in the afternoon.

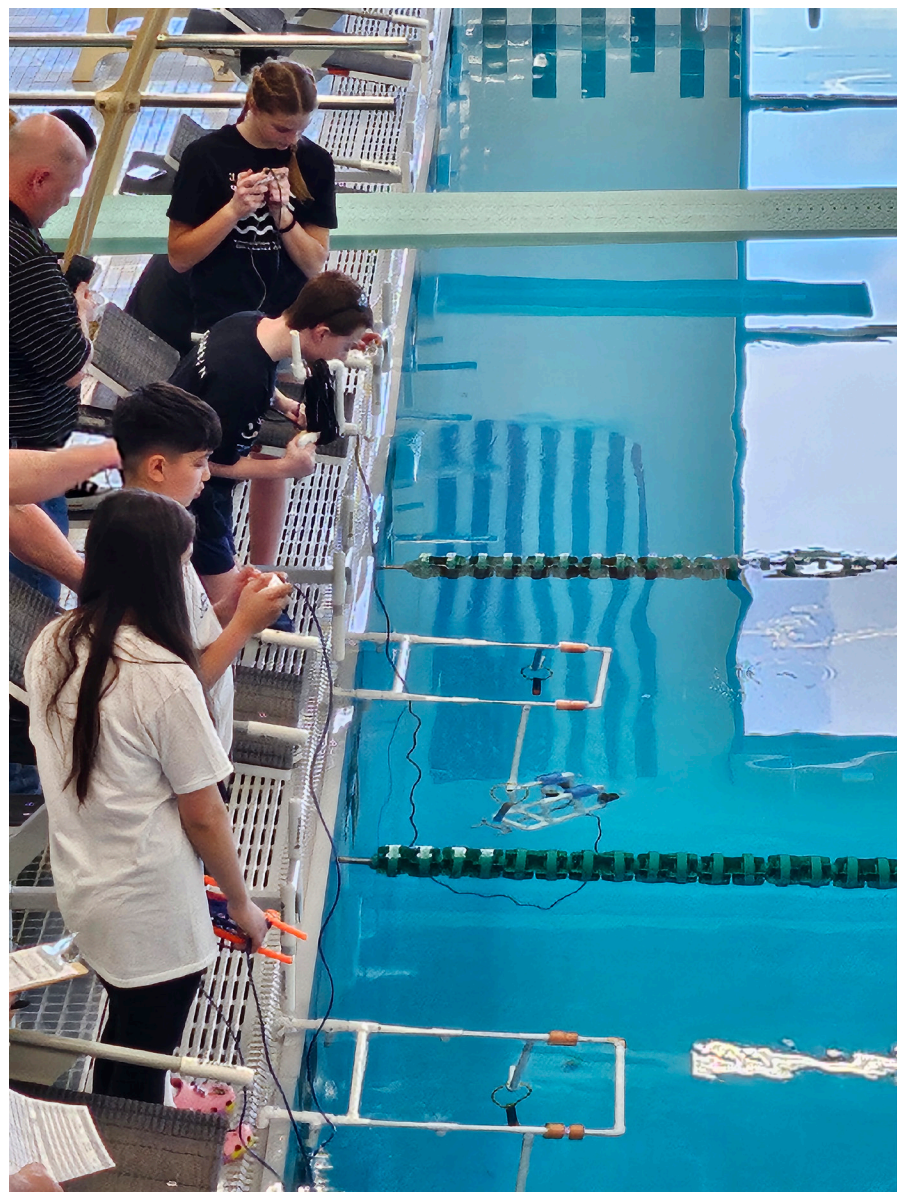
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SeaPerch Team Places Third at Regionals



SeaPerch Regional Teams prepare to compete on Saturday, March 1.

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Jaida concentrates on driving Team Spiderman's ROV through the mission course.

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By Miranda Dahlke

Five middle school SeaPerch underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) teams scrimmaged at the Sturgeon Bay YMCA on Valentine's Day in order to earn a spot to represent Washington Island School at Regionals. Team Spiderman locked in their invite to Regionals by scoring 1st overall at the scrimmage. A few days later our school was invited to bring two more teams to compete, so Team Killer Whales and Team Aqua Vanguard's joined 15 other teams from Northeast Wisconsin.

Teams had two weeks to modify and perfect their ROVs before competing in Ashwaubenon on Saturday, March 1. Not only do teams have to drive their ROVs as fast as they can through five hoops, and through a themed mission course to gather the most points, they must also prepare a presentation of their team's approach to the Engineering Design Process.

Some highlights from the competition include Tug driving through the obstacle course in 1:17:48 earning him the top score of all the teams, Jaida and Devon maneuvering both sensors into the slots in the mission course, and George soldering together his controller to be able to compete in the mission course within an hour. All our teams gave it their best

effort and Team Spiderman came away with third place overall. Team Safety Fish, representing Aldo Leopold School earned second place and Team Jelliver, representing Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah earned first place and both were invited to compete internationally in Maryland later this year.



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Tug maneuvers through the obstacle course while Opal manages the cable to earn him the fastest score overall.



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All the middle schoolers scrimmaged in Sturgeon Bay on Valentine's Day.

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3rd Quarter Tech Ed. Projects



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9th-grade students show off their finished shelf or shoe rack.



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“When Math and Tech Collaborate” WISD 6, 7 & 8th graders learned how to play Cribbage in Math class while learning how to make a cribbage board using the CNC (computer Numerated Control) router in Tech Class.



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Mrs. Josifek and Mr. Sullivan’s classes collaborated this past February, resulting in years of entertainment! These students present Mrs. Josifek with a handmade cribbage board.



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Kinsey practicing her roundover bits work.

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Elementary Students Experience an Action-Packed Field Trip



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Time for a break! When these children found a giant bean bag chair, they couldn't resist flopping on top of it and taking a quick rest!



PHOTO BY ALYSSA WAGNER

Ready and excited for showtime at the Weidner Center!



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This 2nd grader is following in the footsteps of her parents dressed as a firefighter and playing in the fire truck at the fire station.



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This 5K student enjoyed painting with marbles in the Imagination Station.

By Alyssa Wagner

The 5K through 4th-grade students had the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Weidner Center and the Children's Museum in Green Bay on March 13, 2025. They started their adventure at the Children's Museum where they played, learned, and explored in the hands-on exhibits. One of their favorite exhibits was journeying through the mouth and digestive system, first going down the throat, then through the tunnels of the stomach, and finally exiting down a slide. The students may have stayed here the whole time if we would have let them! Another fun spot was the fire-truck and fire station where the students dressed up like firefighters and pretended to drive a firetruck, turning on the lights and sirens, spraying water, and going down the fire pole. The imagination station was also open, where students could try marble painting or free painting on easels, color, and build with STEM toys. Not one student left the museum without trying the water station where they played in a large water display with small water toys, scooping and dumping water, and trying their hand at "fishing"!

After playing and eating lunch at the Children's Museum, the students boarded back on the bus and headed to UWGB's Weidner Center for a live performance by Lightwire Theater titled Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey. In this pitch-black performance with just music, lights, and acting - no speaking - the actors (wearing black suits with colored rechargeable lights) portrayed the storyline of Marvin the Mouse who wanted to be cool despite being bullied by the "cool" rats at school. Marvin longed to have amazing adventures where he could become a superhero. Marvin creates a homemade rocketship and goes on a trip to the surface of the moon meeting strange misfit creatures. Along the way, he discovered himself and what made him unique. The students were in awe of the performance, sitting on the edge of their seats the whole time! This was an excellent performance with talented actors and theatrics, and a great way to expose our young students to live theater. We hope to return to the Weidner Center for more of their Education Series theater performances!

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PHOTO BY ALYSSA WAGNER

These girls are having a blast getting wet and playing in one section of the water station.

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Students climb up to the mouth to go through the digestive system at the Children's Museum.



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Only using PVC pipe, clear tubes, and air, students placed pom-poms in this structure and watched them fly through the maze of tubes and pop out the other end.



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The museum had several different building toys for the students to try out and play with. These boys found a station with fun connecting blocks and went right to work using their imaginations to make interesting creations!

March Mammal Madness



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March Mammal Madness is not a college basketball tournament, but rather a tournament focusing on simulated combat between organisms of all kinds. An associate professor at Arizona State University, Katie Hinde, created March Mammal Madness, using a 64-animal bracket, with the goal of using biological research to create simulated battles. Students from all over the world participate in the tournament, including Washington Island students, to see if "their picks" of organisms win or lose each bracket. Mrs. Dahlke not only involves her 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students in March Mammal Madness, but she extends their learning by having her students teach the K-4th Grade students how to participate in the tournament, too. Pictured here is a 6th-grade student helping a 4th-grade student pick his choice of winners in each bracket of the tournament.



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This 6th-grade student and 4th-grade student contemplate which organism to pick as they study the factors of each animal, like temperament, diet, social behavior, environment, size, and fight style before they determine the probability of one animal defeating another.