

ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • November 9, 2016



washington local schools

National Anthem: Whitmer Junior Darla Arnett

Whitmer junior **Darla Arnett** sang the National Anthem. Darla is active in music and theatre. She is a member of the Whitmer Chorale, was part *Cinderella* last spring, and will be seen in the role of *Caterpillar* in next month's production of *Alice in the Wonderland*.



Darla's Twitter profile includes this phrase: *"Be yourself, because the world wouldn't be the same without you."*

After hearing Darla sing, I think we can all agree that the world would not be the same without Darla's beautiful voice.

Approved:

- Board minutes from October 19
- Financial Reports and Investments and Payment of Legal Fees
- Request for Advance of Taxes Collected
- 2016-2017 Student Activity Budgets
- Athletic Petty Cash Account Increase
- Purchases over \$25,000:
 - ★ Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West \$57,970.04
 - Sign Language Interpreter Services
- Resignations, Nominations, Changes of Contracts, Leaves of Absence

Accepted:

- Gifts and Donations:
 - 2001 Buick Century to Whitmer CTC Automotive Technology from Carol L. Meuser
 - 2007 Chevrolet to Whitmer CTC Automotive Technology from Owens Community College (Tracy Campbell, Dept. Chair)

2016 BOARD CALENDAR

6 p.m. except where noted (*)

Wed. Dec. 21 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Board Work Sessions

Sat. Dec. 17 *8:00 a.m.

Board meetings are held at the WLS Administration Building, 3505 W. Lincolnshire Boulevard.

Board meeting agendas, summaries, and minutes are available online at:

<http://www.wls4kids.org/District/Department/12-Board-Information/7990-2016.html>



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NO COST Summer Meals for Kids!

"Food That's In When School's Out"

NO COST MEALS at more than 100 sites — including area schools, churches and community centers — for children ages 1 – 18 this summer. Many of these sites also include fun learning activities to keep kids learning year round.



DIAL 2-1-1 OR SCAN THE CODE TO FIND A LOCATION NEAR YOU!



Summer Meal Partners of Northwest Ohio is a partnership dedicated to making sure every child is offered nutritious meals at no cost this summer. It includes nearly 30 trusted community partners, such as Toledo Public Schools, YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo and Feed Lucas County Children, Inc.



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SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Mobile Summer Meal Program

Fifty-six percent of Washington Local students are classified as economically disadvantaged, and many of our students receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year.

Last summer, staff from our Nutrition Services Department and our Transportation Department collaborated on a new initiative – a mobile Summer Meal Program. Free meals were served June 20th - August 12, Monday through Friday, at four sites in the district. **Debra Warren**, Supervisor of Nutrition Services, said the program reached nearly 100 students on some days.

The program was provided in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Education and Summer Meal Partners of NW Ohio.

FREE SUMMER MEALS - M-F - JUN. 20 - AUG. 12 - ages 1-18

10:45-11:00 Raintree Village Swimming Pool

11:15-11:30 Brooke Park Community Center

11:45-12:15 Whitmer Stadium Inside

12:30-12:45 Wernert Parking Lot near Playground



Watch for WLS van!

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<http://www.wls4kids.org/District/Department/12-Board-Information/Podcasts/9092-2016-11-09.html>



WHITMER GIRLS SOCCER: NWOHSSL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Whitmer Girls Varsity Soccer — the 2016 Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League Champions. This is the second consecutive year our Girls Varsity Soccer Team has won the NWOHSSL league championship. In 2015, Whitmer's record in the conference was three wins, one tie, zero losses. They scored 16 goals in the league and allowed ONLY ONE goal to be scored against them. Last year's record was impressive, but this year, our Lady Panthers did even better. The 2016 conference record was five wins, zero ties, and zero losses. The girls scored 23 goals and allowed ZERO GOALS to be scored against them.



Quinn Burnett
 Katie Conkle
 Alexis Graham
 Sabrina Gwin
 Devyn Hamen
 Morgan Henkle
 Bailey Kurdys
 McKenna Mee
 Reilly Mee
 Danielle Pluszczyński

Alex Ries
 Bailey Rohloff
 Autumn Sturdevant
 Gracie Tate
 Gillian Thacker
 Kendra Wert
 Taylor White
 Naliya Whitman
 Taelar Steele, team manager

Great teams have great coaches. Whitmer's Girls Soccer is coached by Head Coach **Marisa Crespo**, **KaSandra Spain**, and **Bailee Patterson**. Marisa has been recognized the past TWO years by her conference peers. Congratulations to Marisa — the 2015 AND 2016 Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League **COACH of the YEAR!**

We are very proud of Girls Soccer, and we hope to see the team back at a Board meeting next year!



Board President **David Hunter** congratulates goalie **Katie Conkle**.

AWARD of EXCELLENCE: BRAEDEN BROWN



The *Toledo Blade* recently ran a feature story about **Braeden Brown** – a Whitmer culinary arts senior whose curiosity, ambition, and effort landed him a job at the prestigious restaurant Element 112 owned by executive chef **Chris Nixon**.

Braeden developed a love of culinary arts in Whitmer’s junior class program, working in the Campus Café restaurant. A few months ago, Braeden was grocery shopping and approached a man in chef’s attire, not knowing the man owned a restaurant. The conversation led to Mr. Nixon saying he was looking for help and asking him to come over, but when Braeden asked for his number, he was told to “figure it out.”

Landing the position required a three-hour “tryout” in the kitchen, mincing jalapenos and creating hors d’oeuvres. Keeping the position took effort and hard work, at which Braeden excels, Mr. Nixon said.

Today, when he is not at school, Braeden works as a chef de partie – line cook – under Mr. Nixon and other world-class chefs. Braeden is also in the process of applying to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

Braeden, we are very proud of you!

Aspiring teen chef mixes passion and hard work



Chris Nixon, left, owner of Element 112 in Sylvania, works with Braeden Brown at Shared Legacy Farms in Elmore, as they prepare herbs and vegetables for a 20-course meal at the farm.

By NATALIE TRUSSO
CAFARELLO
BLADE STAFF WRITER

Kids these days want everything handed to them, or so the generational talk goes. However, there are some Toledo-area youths who know that showing up is half the battle.

One of them is Braeden Brown, 17. A senior at Whitmer High School, his general curiosity, ambition to pursue a career in the culinary arts, and effort landed him a job at the prestigious restaurant Element 112 in Sylvania. It is owned by executive chef Chris Nixon, who also worked at two-Michelin-star restaurant Noma, one of the world’s best restaurants, in Copenhagen.

At Element 112, Braeden learns about formal cooking techniques, foraging for wild plants, how to chemically bring out the best taste in foods, and sometimes how to raise the flavor profile of a dish using unlikely ingredients.

“The first thing I learned is that a pine tree tastes like oranges on certain days.

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The *Toledo Blade* article was published on October 9, 2016.

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Food/2016/10/09/Aspiring-teen-chef-mixes-passion-and-hard-work.html>



Report & Communications

Dr. Susan M. Hayward, Superintendent



Coming Events

Elementary and junior high **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held November 21st and 22nd.

The Whitmer Football Team had a great season which led to a playoff football game at home. Individual and team honors will be recognized at the **Football Banquet** on November 22nd.

Whitmer's Fall Play — **Alice in Wonderland** — will have performances on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Whitmer's Career & Technology Center will hold its **CTC Showcase Night** on Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. The event highlights the 15 career training programs.

We look forward to the many **holiday concerts** and programs next month.

COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY — Whitmer's halls were overflowing at the Community Halloween Party. Lots and lots of kids attended the party dressed up in so many different costumes, and they were as cute as can be. The rooms were decorated, and it was truly a special activity provided to our community. Thanks to all for your efforts.

FALL SPORTS BANQUET — The cafeteria was packed last week for the Fall Sports Banquet with athletes and proud families. Thanks to all of our coaches for the time and heart you put into our athletic programs.

CROSS COUNTRY STATE COMPETITORS — Our students have been running hard the past few weeks – literally! We extend congratulations to our Cross Country State Competitors – juniors **Nate Cousino** and **David Main**, and freshman **Megan Good**. All three of them achieved their personal best time.

ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS — Our younger students have also been running at Pumpkin Runs, Elementary Cross Country Meets, and the 6th Grade Cross Country Meet. Thanks to our physical education teachers for your time and work on these events.



Students in DECA and the National Technical Honor Society volunteered at Yard Fest.

YARD FEST — Last Saturday was the annual Yard Fest. I'd like to thank all of the Whitmer students and advisors who volunteered time and muscles to rake leaves in our neighborhoods. Your service is truly appreciated by our community. We did hear back from some of our community members, and they were so appreciative. Thanks for going above and beyond!

VETERANS ASSEMBLIES — Washington Local is proud to be the nation's first Purple Heart School District. Special Veterans Assemblies were planned at each of our schools to honor veterans and thank them for their service.