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WLMS Hosts Science Olympiad

Congratulations to Wisdom Lane's Science Olympiad Team for their wonderful showing at the NYS Tournament in Syracuse, New York on April 17, 2015. The outdoor event was on a windy day. **Holly Dukacz and Rashmika Beesam** won **third place** in the Bottle Rocket Competition. **Brandon Smith and Alex Lunetta** won **third place** with the Academic Topic of: Can't Judge a Powder. There were 35 teams present for this statewide competition.

The Wisdom Lane team also performed spectacularly at the Regional Competition on March 7, 2014 where Wisdom qualified for the New York State Tournament for the twelfth straight year and won 26 medals.

Out of the 42 teams that competed, Wisdom's eighth grade team finished 4th and the seventh grade team placed 9th overall. The team made their coaches and all of Wisdom proud with their medal lineup:

2nd place:

Bottle Rocket: **Rashmika Beesam/Holly Dukacz**
Robocross: **Julian Jimenez/Kevin McDermott**



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Terrific Kids 2015

“Terrific Kids” are students who exhibit these qualities: good character, leadership, citizenship, responsibility, and/or participate in community service. Teachers nominate students each month. The “Terrific Kids” are honored at an assembly.

February 2015

Manny Arce
Natalie Chua
Kayla DeJesus
Faith Erdelyi
Jeffrey Luong
Sadia Majed
Juliet Murano
Jason Siwec
Jake Recca
Victoria Voboril

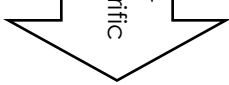
March 2015

Salsabil Abdelnaby
Shannon Conklin
Ashley Failla
Jessica Haring
Ryan Joyce
Jai Kaur
Anthony Louie
Austin O’Regan
Dillon Weinman
Tianna Wong

April 2015

Nina De La Fuente
Melanie Jorge
Matthew Klass
Paul Klein
Ivan Lu
Oscar Martinez
Justin McAleer
Patrick Messmer
Jasmine Smith
Alec Woodruff

Click here for
photos of Terrific
Kids



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (continued from page 1)

3rd place:

Disease Detectives: **Rashmika Beesam/Clarissa Biener**
Invasives :**Chris McDermott/Holly Dukacz**
Can't Judge a Powder: **Emily Fuchs/ Madelaine Pena~Miranda**
Crime Busters: **Tim Egan/Emily Fuchs**

4th Place:

Robocross: **Brandon Smith/John Nortwich**

5th Place:

Entomology: **Ravneek Kaur/Brendan Muller**
Crave the Wave: **Danielle Spiegel/Chris McDermott**
Bottle Rocket: **Syed Ahmed/Ethan Sochinsky**
Wheeled Vehicle: **Ethan Goodness/John Rasmussen**

6th place

Road Scholar: **Mike Adams/Rospreet Batth**
Can't Judge a Powder: **Alex Lunetta/Brandon Smith**

The team could not have done it without the help of Emily Bonacchi, Ana Minero, Khushi Kumar, Katherine Oswald, Sambat Bhandri, Joanne Chun, Nicole Devaney, Jeffrey Luong, and Riley Muessig.

Challenger Games

Photos by Molly Skillman

The Wisdom Lane Challenger Team took part in the Challenger League games in March for the second year in a row. The crowd filled the gym and cheered the team on.



Autism Awareness



In March, the IDC classes sold shirts to promote awareness of autism. The district celebrated World Autism Day on April 1, 2015. WLMS student Kayla Gannon won the design contest for best logo. Her winning design appears on this year's shirt. Congratulations Kayla!

Frog Week Hops With Excitement

Story by Justin Oliveri, Patrick Stone, Frank Pietraniello and Jayson Bentivegna
Photos by Chris Vendegna

The 7th grade celebrated Frog Week in March. The contents of one frog's stomach gave everyone a big surprise as 10 beetles were dissected out of it. Three lobes of the liver, a gall bladder, a heart and other body parts were cut away in order to get to expose the frog's stomach. We all had fun while we were learning.



For more Frog Dissection photos, click here.



BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

On March 25, 2015, WLMS held its annual Student-Teacher Badminton Tournament to benefit the Science Olympiad program. The teams competed in the contest. Thanks to Mrs. Going for making this a successful event for all. The winning team was **Mr. Letts and Jenna Horan** of "Team Timmy" (shown below). The team voted to have the best name was **Mrs. Koines and Nicole Fechtig** for "To Kill a Mockingbirdie."



Photos by Amanda Melendez and Newspaper Staff

FACS in Action

Mrs. Zeller's 6th grade students learned to write resumes and practiced interviewing with Mr. Arvelo-Shaw, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Koines in the library. Students dressed for the occasion in formal, appropriate clothing.



Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month. Ms. Hennessey's and Mrs. Zeller's FACS classes made morning announcements about nutritional facts.



Laura Watson and Rawiah Dessouky helped Mrs. Zeller make food for the Science Olympiad.



A display in the main lobby for National Nutrition Month was created by Ritika Luthra, Salsabil "Sally" Abdelnaby, and Nicole Bowe.



7th grade FACS classes displayed their handmade Children's Nutrition books in the library for National Nutrition Month.

Builders Club Reads to Northside Kindergarteners

By Liz Petrellese

On February 10, 2015, the Builders Club went to Northside Elementary to read to the kindergarten students during PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) week. During that week, the parents planned activities related to reading. The Builders Club wanted to encourage reading, too. Club members read to the students and gave them handmade bookmarks. The club hopes to make everyone a lifetime reader.



Chess Cats Host 2015 Long Island Tournament

On March 21, 2015, the Wisdom Lane Chess Cats hosted a Long Island Chess Nuts Tournament. At this event, the team earned awards and trophies. Long Island Chess Nuts is a scholastic chess club with over 2,000 members, learning and playing chess throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Its goal is to promote the educational and positive benefits of chess to all children. According to LICN, chess “offers children friendly competition, challenges their minds, and improves their skills while enjoying the camaraderie of others their age, and having fun”. LICN says that “studies have shown that playing chess not only increases confidence and self-esteem, but it also improves reading levels, math scores, and overall school grades.”



Photos by Molly Skillman



Spirit Week 2015

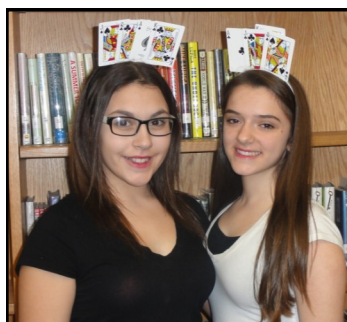
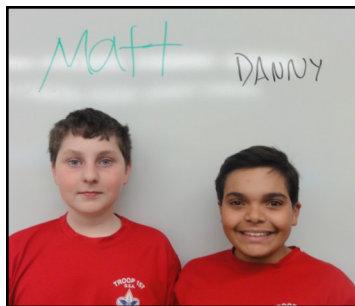
By Ritika Luthra and Molly Skillman

During Spirit Week, each day had a different theme. The first day was Music Monday. On the second day of Spirit Week, everyone saw double! Some of you may be twins with your brother or sister, but on Twin Tuesday you could show your school spirit by being twins with your "besties". Many students and teachers participated in Twin Tuesday. It was a fun time of dressing up with your friends, and it was super cool seeing people dress up creatively.

Music Monday



Twin Tuesday



Spirit Week 2015

Wisdom Wednesday

by Madison Nocerino

March 9th through March 13th was Spirit Week and almost everyone got involved. On Wisdom Wednesday, there was a sea of blue. People had blue lips, blue colored eye black, blue eye shadow, matching headbands, wisdom sweatshirts, and braided blue and white necklaces. This whole week everyone showed a lot of school spirit.



Thank You Thursday

By Anthony Guerrero

Servicemen and Servicewomen may die serving our country. We should appreciate the soldiers for all their hard work and the sacrifices they make to protect us and our country. During Spirit Week on "Thank You Thursday", we honor all three major branches of the armed forces: the army, the navy and the air force. We honor our veterans, also, by wearing the colors of the American flag and clothing that the people who serve our country wear.



Thank You Thursday Honors Navy SEALs

By Alex Byrne

The Navy SEALs can be considered the most elite of all military branches. The SEALs get their name from the environments in which they operate (SEa, Air, Land). Only the most adept soldiers are accepted into this naval branch. SEALs perform some of the most dangerous, but important, Special Operations missions known to man, such as the assassination of the Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. The training these warriors fight through is, by far, the most grueling form of discipline anyone can possibly imagine. SEALs learn to overcome fear, and to be greater than anything that may step in their way.



Formal Friday

By Harisha Vivekanandan, Neriah Faton, Madison Nocerino, Mallory Johnson, Danielle Gavin, Jasmine Velez, Danielle Mouton.

Formal Friday was a lot of fun. Some boys wore dresses! We gathered together in the library for group pictures to show school spirit.



Left to Right: Harisha Vivekanandan, Neriah Faton, Madison Nocerino, Mallory Johnson, Danielle Gavin, Jasmine Velez, Danielle Mouton.



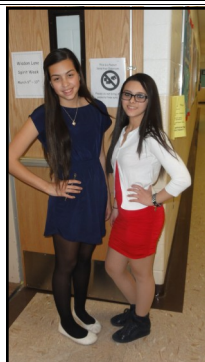
Left to Right: Jeanine Gunn, Sebastian Salazar, Tyler Guthy, Kenneth Sun, Abani Ahmed, Kaitlyn Lambert



Ritika Luthra



Vicky Zhang and Hayley Marcinak.



Kayla Gannon and Isabella Matozzo.



Left to Right: Matt Cavanaugh, Marlo Lubomos, Nick Ogozalek, Colin Diez, Michael Marazzo, Marwan Bayoumy, Ryan Dwyer, James Morazzo, Sami Khan.

Pennies For Patients

By Phil Buhse and Molly Skillman

The Builders Club ran a fundraiser from February 2nd to February 5th. Students donated money, and their name was placed on the Wall of Fame. "Pennies for Patients" raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This organization helps find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. The LLS has been around since 1949, helping kids and adults cure cancer. Every person that donated a dollar or more won a treat. If you donated, you can feel like a hero!



Drones Crashes Into White House Lawn

By Molly Skillman

On February 16, 2015, a drone flying at low altitude crashed into the White House Lawn. The crash triggered a major emergency response. Did the Secret Service go too far?

The drone was a "quadcopter". Quadcopters are 2 feet in length. They have 4 propellers and are unmanned. This means that no one was in physical control of it. The Secret Service searched all night to find out why it crashed. Why was the Secret Service worried?

Recent events suggested that this was a threat. Ever since a man jumped over the White House fence and entered the executive mansion, the Secret Service has been on high alert. Luckily the President and the First Lady were not home at the time of this crash, but their two children and a grandmother were present.

The Secret Service tries its best to protect everyone. The reason for the crash is still under investigation, but at least no one got hurt.



Kids Kick Cancer

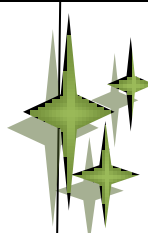
By Liz Petrellese

"Kids Kicking Cancer" is a program in Southfield, Michigan that was founded by Elimelech Goldberg. When his daughter was diagnosed with leukemia at age 1, he started a martial arts class called "Little Heroes."

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The class helps sick kids learn to use breathing and relaxation techniques to manage stress and pain from their illnesses and medical treatments.

Kids here at Wisdom Lane care about children who are living with leukemia. See the article above on "Pennies for Patients".



St. Patrick's Day

By Rhythm Osan

On March 17, people around the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Why do people celebrate this holiday?

St. Patrick scared away the snakes from Ireland and helped people.

Saint Patrick's Day

is an annual cultural and religious celebration on the death date of the most commonly recognized patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461).

Saint Patrick's Day became an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century. It celebrates

Saint Patrick, the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, Irish heritage and culture.

Why do we wear **green**?

On St. Patrick's Day it is customary to wear shamrocks and/or green clothing or accessories (the "wearing of the green"). St Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish.

On March 17, 2015, our school participated in the event by wearing **green** and

Mr. Moore played the bagpipes through the hallways.

Want a better selfie? Use a selfie stick!

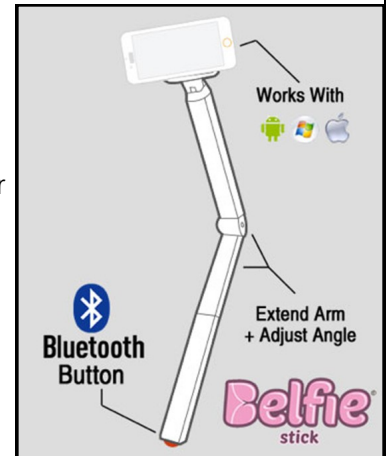
By Emily Gaska



Selfie By Emily Gaska

Selfies are a way to express yourself through pictures. Selfies allow you to show your crazy side. These photos show that you can have fun and be wild in just one picture.

A Selfie stick is long stick with a compartment for your your phone. You can take a picture of yourself more easily, show your surroundings and your personality. It is exciting to express who you are through the picture. If you and your team of soccer players just won a tournament, you'll want to take a picture of your success. You don't want anyone to hurt their necks trying to take the picture. Use a selfie stick. Now everyone on the team can take a selfie with their friends without bunching up. So, let's take selfies and have fun while doing it!



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