



Celebrating Success



In an effort to elevate the positive initiatives that take place in the district, the Board of Education moved to add a new agenda item to each meeting called "Celebrating Success." The Superintendent selects one or more items to bring to the attention of the board as a representation of student, staff and program success. Following are the items that have been highlighted at the board of education meetings.

November 2007

- Bus Load of Hope – Students and Staff gathered over 110 boxes of food and household goods that were collected building by building using a YPS bus. The items were then delivered to the Hope Clinic, a nonprofit, for their food bank
- Regional Career Technical Center's Auto Repair/Collision program receives the prestigious National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation certification

December 2007

- The East Middle School National Junior Honor Society's participation in the "Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl" and placing 22nd out of 189 middle schools in the state

January 2008

- East Middle School eighth grade student Emma Swanson was a first place winner in the Weekly Reader/U.S. Chamber of Commerce national poster contest "Fight the Fakes." East Middle also had several second place winners: Israel Boone, Sharzay Fields, Samantha Hall, Daniel Hampton, Anna Sangster and Kayla Vawters
- Support staff involved in compiling and reporting student count data were recognized for a near perfect audit
- Richard Weigel, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Quality was awarded the Michigan Association of School Administrator's 2008 "Winner's Circle Award"
- The YHS creative arts magazine, The Palladian, received a second place award from the American Scholastic Press

February 2008

- First grade Estabrook Elementary teacher Deborah Wilbanks was named a "Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan American Legion

March 2008

- East and West Middle Schools were recognized as "Schools of Distinction" in the Healthy School Environment Recognition Program
- The YHS Wind Symphony band received a "one" or superior rating at band festival. The Symphonic and Varsity bands each received a two, which is considered excellent
- Students from the RCTC Auto Collision and Repair program competed in the Regional Collision Repair Skills USA competition at Washtenaw Community College and the six student participants captured four of the top six events.
- RCTC students participated in the Detroit Autorama competition and took second place in the student division
- YHS student Emanuel Gombos took first place in the Construction Tech SkillsUSA competition and will move on to the state competition
- RCTC Computer Systems Technology students took five of the six top places in the regional SkillsUSA competition that took place in February