

GRIZZLY GAZETTE

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ACCE UNDERDOGS PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMI-FINALS AT THEIR SECOND ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The ACCE Underdogs, a new team in the realm of robotics, have made quite the impression in their short time competing after a trial run in the Belleville District Event. They recently made it to the semi-finals of the First Robotics Championship in Saline, only their second competition. This accomplishment is no small feat and speaks to the team's hard work and dedication. It's inspiring to see new teams making an impact in the world of robotics, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for the ACCE Underdogs.



PRINCIPAL YOUNG SHARED POINTS OF PRIDE AT YCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Principal Daniel Young shared Ford Early Learning Center's Points of Pride at the April Board of Education Meeting. Ford ELC offers:

Spanish Immersion Program - Ford Early Learning Center has been home to a unique program at YCS. The English and Spanish Dual Language Immersion program instructs students in 90% Spanish in Kindergarten and 80% Spanish in 1st Grade throughout the school day. Our students speak, read, and write in Spanish and are eager to share their learning with anyone ready to listen.



Science Club - The students receive instruction from a teacher dedicated to Science.

Playground Upgrades - The 1st-grade playground has received a new structure. This is the first playscape in the 1st-grade playground area in Ford's history. In addition, the district is seeking ways to upgrade our kindergarten playground.

Academic Competitions - Ford will host its 2nd Annual Academic Competitions this Spring. **Math Jeopardy Competition** is a 1st-grade competition focused on Geometry, Number and Operations, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Math Vocabulary, and Measurement and Data. The competition will take place on April 5th at 9:00 am.

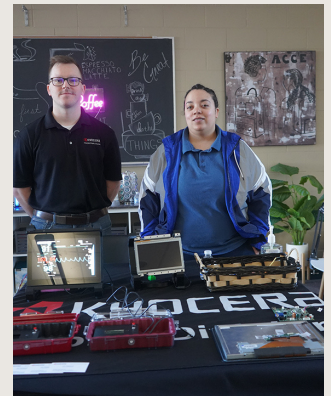
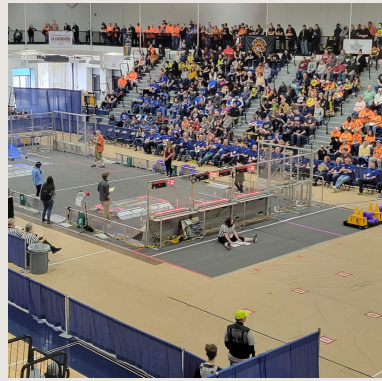
The **Sight Word Olympics** is a sight word/high-frequency word competition. Students are training their brains to read terms quickly and correctly. Students who read words can earn a ribbon or a medal. This challenge is designed to get students and parents excited about learning! The Sight Word Olympics will be held the last week of May.

BTN Committee Teams - The Ford BTN Committee consists of 3 teams that meet monthly. Each team tracks data and sets goals to ensure that all areas of the school are engaged in continuous improvement. All instructional staff participates in a couple of their choice. The groups focus on the following areas: instructional improvement, attendance /climate and culture, and community partnerships/family engagement.

MTSS Process - The Ford MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) Team is focused on supporting individual student needs as soon as possible. We found that more than monthly meetings were required to help our students. As a result, the MTSS team meets weekly, resulting in a faster turnaround time to support student's academic and social-emotional needs.



ACCE CAREER EXPO



SPRING BREAK MAKEOVERS AT YCS



The Ypsilanti Community Schools Facilities Department recently used its spring break to make some exciting changes to our district. The ACCE front office received a much-needed makeover, while the Perry project focused on paving the driveway. These improvements have not only made the schools more visually appealing, but have also enhanced the overall functionality of the district. It's great to see a community come together to make positive changes for their schools.

INNOVATIVE EDUCATORS FOR THE MODERN CLASSROOM COHORT

Ypsilanti Community Schools is seeking Innovative Educators for the Modern Classrooms Cohort. The district has partnered with the Modern Classrooms Project to empower innovative Ypsilanti educators with a new approach to teaching and learning. The Modern Classrooms Project uses blended, self-paced, mastery-based learning to create classrooms where every student's needs are met daily. Watch examples of Modern Classrooms at the elementary and secondary levels.

We're seeking teacher leaders to enroll in the Virtual Summer Institute, a 5-week course that offers classroom-tested strategies with one-on-one expert coaching to build classroom-ready materials.

Modern Classrooms Project

The [Modern Classrooms Project](#) is a nonprofit organization that leads a movement of educators in implementing an instructional model that leverages technology to foster human connection, authentic learning, and social-emotional growth. Our model has three components:

Blended Instruction
Students access content through teacher-created videos.



Self-Paced Structures
Students control the pace of their own learning.



Mastery-Based Learning
Students progress from one lesson to the next when they demonstrate mastery.



Learn Our Model Through the Virtual Mentorship Program

Educators who want a hands-on, guided learning experience to develop their own Modern Classrooms can enroll in our [Virtual Mentorship Program](#). During the 12-week program, you build your own Modern Classrooms unit in a virtual, asynchronous, and self-paced platform. You're guided through creating mastery checks, instructional videos, self-pacing tools, and systems for student engagement. An Expert Mentor in a similar content or grade level provides feedback, thought-partnership, and solutions to help you build a unit you are confident using in your classroom. Enrolling in the course gives you:

An Expert Mentor	Classroom-Ready Content	Cohort Experience	Teacher Leadership
Tell us what you teach and we'll pair you with one of our experts.	Create instructional videos, mastery checks, progress trackers, and more.	Connect with MCP educators worldwide in live workshops and community forums.	Earn credentials, graduate credits, and paid mentorship opportunities.



Register for an Upcoming Session

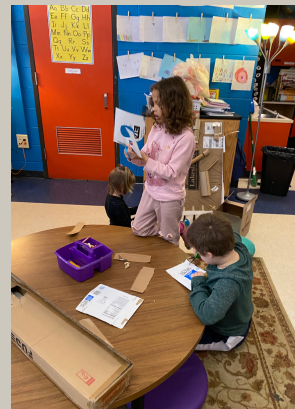
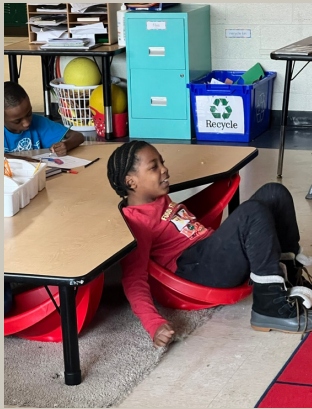
Ypsilanti is offering the Virtual Mentorship Program for FREE to any educator who wants to enroll. We're seeking educators who want to learn this new approach to teaching and lead others across the district to reimagine their classrooms in the future. The first step is to enroll in the Virtual Mentorship Program! Learn more and register: www.modernclassrooms.org/ypsilanti

LEARN MORE AND ENROLL BY APRIL 29: WWW.MODERNCLASSROOMS.ORG/YPSILANTI

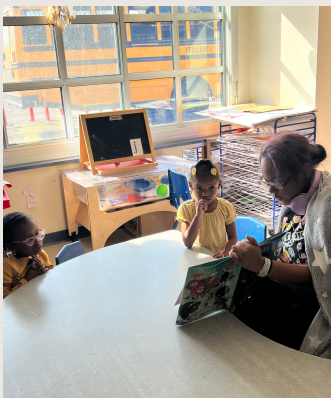
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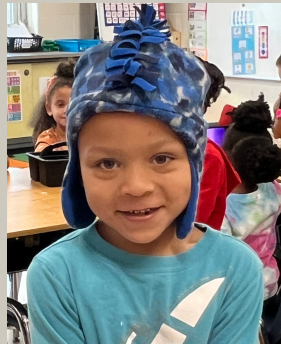
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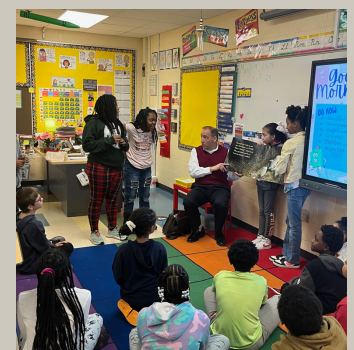
WE LOVE READING!

Ford Early Learning Center celebrated Reading Month by wearing hats. Students and staff participated in the fun-filled week.

Media Specialist Sean Brandon set up the most fantastic selection of scholastic books for students to browse and purchase. This event is a fundraiser for the school. A percentage of purchases goes to the school for teachers to buy books to fill classroom libraries.



YCS District Administrator Dr. Coscarella volunteered to read aloud to students at Estabrook during Reading Month. Reading aloud is a crucial component of literacy development. Students of all ages can benefit from hearing an experienced reader reading a book.



Thank You

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS INTERESTED IN HEALTHCARE FIELDS

The Certified Nurse Assistant (C.N.A.) program is currently enrolling students for the fall of 2023. Students will experience the world of healthcare career paths like nursing, dental assistant, radiography, surgical technology, physical therapy technician, and hospital administration.

C.N.A.s are responsible for helping patients with daily living activities, assisting with personal hygiene, and maintaining a safe, clean environment. In this program, students receive hands-on training in basic nursing tasks such as taking vital signs, moving patients, and providing personal care. In the last portion of the course, students work in a Long-Term Care Facility and care for residents.

Students who enroll in this program have the opportunity to **earn nine college credits** and can take the state C.N.A. exam. The C.N.A. certification also meets one of the admission requirements for the W.C.C. Nursing Program and many other health programs. Upon completing the program, students will have earned a C.P.R. and a C.N.A. certificate!

The application can be found on our website.



**Washtenaw
Community College**



**Graduate from
high school
with a career
skill and college
certificate.**

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
Dual-Enrollment Program with select
Washtenaw County High Schools

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Washtenaw Community College and select high schools in Washtenaw County have teamed up to offer students hands-on experience in certified nursing assistant skills. Students who are accepted into this program and complete the requirements will earn college credits including a certificate from WCC in Certified Nursing Assistant skills.

Learning Environments Include:

- Classroom
- Labs
- Clinical Training at local health care facilities

Courses in CNA Program

Course	Credits
HSC 100: Basic Nursing Assistant Skills	4
HSC 101: Healthcare Terminology	1
HSC 103: Healthcare Exploration	1
HSC 131: CPR/AED	1
YOG 101: Yoga I	2

Graduates who earn their WCC Certificate in Certified Nursing Assistant skills will be eligible to sit for the state competency evaluation. Upon successful completion of the state competency evaluation, the student will become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

After graduation, students may be eligible to use their CNA certification as one of the admission requirements for the associate degree program in Nursing at WCC.

To find out more about the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program dual-enrollment option and its availability in your district, contact your high school counselor or advisor.

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IN THE DISTRICT

HAPPENING IN APRIL

SCHOOL OF CHOICE PERIOD 2/9/23-10/4/23
1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL 4/7/23
NO SCHOOL 4/10/23
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN APPRECIATION DAY 4/4/2023
PARAPROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION DAY 4/5/2023
NATIONAL ASL DAY 4/15/23
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN APPRECIATION DAY 4/16/23
NATIONAL PUBLIC-SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WEEK 4/17-21/23
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 4/23-29/23
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY 4/26/23
POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY 4/29/23

MONTHLONG CELEBRATIONS

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH	MATH AWARENESS MONTH
NATIONAL POETRY MONTH	SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH
ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH	

ATHLETICS

TRACK COACH

MIDDLE SCHOOL HEAD COACH - DWAYNE SCOTT

HOME
AWAY

YCS TRACK & FIELD

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK MEETS

Monday April 24th - Saline & YCMS @ Pinckney MS - Field Events at 4pm. Running at 4:15pm.
Monday May 1st - Monroe @ YCMS (Shadford Field) - Field Events at 4pm. Running at 4:15pm.
Thursday May 4th - YCMS @ Jackson - Field Events at 4pm. Running at 4:15pm.
Monday May 8th - Bedford @ YCMS (Shadford Field) - Field Events at 4pm. Running at 4:15pm.
Monday May 15th - YCMS & Dexter @ Adrian MS - Field Events at 4pm. Running at 4:15pm.
Monday May 22nd - SEC-MS Championship @ Lincoln HS - TBD

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR HOME MEETS ON APRIL 11TH, 18TH, AND 25TH.



MME TESTING 4/12/23 - 4/13/23

ATHLETICS (CONTINUED)



TRACK COACHES

HIGH SCHOOL:

HEAD BOYS & GIRLS COACH – SEAN BRANDON

DISTANCE COACH – TOM JAREMA

HURDLES COACH – ARYION MCCOY

SPRINTS COACHES – DOMINIQUE JACKSON & ASHTON SANDERS

HOME
AWAY

YCS TRACK & FIELD

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEETS

Tuesday April 11th - Adrian @ YCHS (Shadford Field) - Field Events at 4:30pm. Running at 5pm.

Friday April 14h - Tiger Relays @ Belleville HS - Field Events at 3:30pm. Running at 4:30pm.

Tuesday April 18th - Pinckney @ YCHS (Shadford Field) - Field Events at 4:30pm. Running at 5pm.

Saturday April 22nd - Howell Invitational @ Howell HS - Field Events

Tuesday April 25th - Jackson @ YCHS (Shadford Field) - Field Events at 4:30pm. Running at 5pm.

Saturday April 29th - Courageous Invitational @ Wayne State University - Field Events at 10am. Running at 11:30am.

Tuesday May 2nd - YCHS & Tecumseh @ Chelsea HS - Field Events at 4:30pm. Running at 5pm.

Friday May 5th - Goodrich Invitational @ Goodrich HS - Field Events at 3:30pm. Running at 4pm.

Friday May 12th - SEC White Championship @ Jackson HS - Field Events at 12pm. Running Finals at 3pm.

Friday May 19th - MHSAA Regional Finals @ Saline HS - Field Events at 1pm. Running Events 2:30pm.

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About Ypsilanti Community Schools

Ypsilanti Community Schools is a PreK-12 district that offers students and families access to a rigorous culturally responsive curriculum through individualized support that helps students advance their learning. We offer project-based learning, Small Learning Communities (SLCs), small class sizes, high dosage tutoring, a K-5 and 6-12 International Baccalaureate curriculum, a STEMM Middle College, Dual Enrollment, a comprehensive Fine Arts program, and a highly qualified teaching staff that cares about the relationships we have with our students and families.

We are committed to providing every student with an education that supports voice, choice, and student agency. We use restorative practices to create a culture of belonging where we do with and not to students and we are intentional to ensure that every student is seen, heard, understood, valued, respected, and cared for.

OUR MISSION

The purpose of YCS is to develop mindful, engaged students with the skill set, work ethic, and attitude to contribute to a community that honors diversity, equity and justice.

OUR VISION

YCS is — Academically strong and committed to transforming in ways that help students thrive.

YCS is — The choice for a trusted, reliable, and socially just district.

YCS is — A sense of connection for families and students in a district where each and everyone is valued and belongs.

YCS is — Your consistently well-managed and organized school district.