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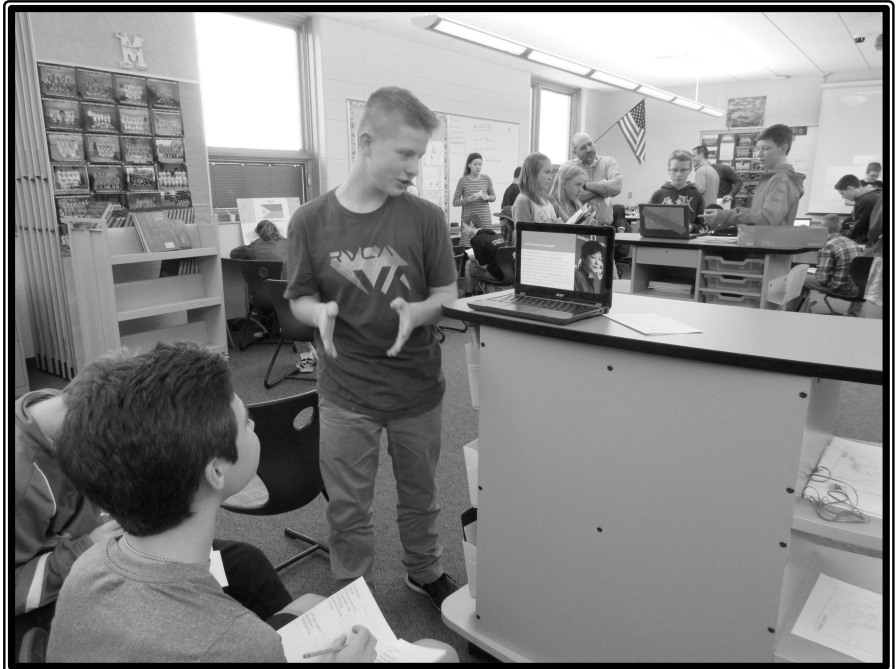
## Spring Break Stay-cation

By KENDALL MEAD

Some people go to places far and wide for Spring Break. What if your family plans a staycation, instead?

If you are staying home over break, here's some things you can do right here in West Michigan.

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*7<sup>th</sup> grade student Aiden Johnson shares his learning during the Asia Travel Fair with the other 7<sup>th</sup> grade History classes. Each student had a chance to share information about their country of choice to the class.*

## Travel Fair Gives Students Tour of Asia

By McKENNA MORRIS

In 7th grade history classes, students are traveling to Asia without leaving the classroom.

The Asia Travel Fair is an opportunity for students to research information about countries that they choose.

Students make Google slides that are used to show all of the information to other students during presentations.

Some of the information includes what kind of government they have and translations of simple words.

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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY BREAK!

## News

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Grand Rapids has lots of interesting museums such as the Grand Rapids Children's Museum (admission \$8.50), Grand Rapids Public Museum (Adults \$5 students \$3), The Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park (Kids 5-13 \$7 and Adults 14-64 \$14.50), the Gerald R. Ford Museum (Adults 18 and up \$8.00 Youth 6-18 \$4) and the Grand Rapids Art Museum (Youth 6-13 \$6.00 and Adults 13 and up \$10.00).

Some great indoor activities include ice skating at Southside, roller skating at the Byron Center Fun Spot (for pricing, please call ahead), Sky Zone (1hour of jumping \$14.00), Rebounderz (1 hour of jumping \$16.00), Craig's Cruisers (call ahead for deals), Holland Aquatic Center (\$6.50), and Dave and Busters (call ahead for pricing and deals).

Some outdoor activities include going to the park, have a picnic, walk your dog or go to a dog park, go to the skate park, John Ball Zoo (Kids 2-12 \$8.00 Adults 13 and up \$10.00), Boulder Ridge Animal Park (Kids 3-11 \$9.00 Adults 12 and up \$12.00), and use the Kent Trails.

Some of these places run special Spring break hours and deals, so call before you go.

Myah Medendorp is an 8th grade student planning to stay home over break. Part of the fun of staying home, she said, is being able to hang out with friends, possibly go to a movie and go outside.

Joel Henke, who is a 7th grader, said, "I'm just staying at my house and will probably watch some TV, play video games, or play outside with my neighbors."

Some students look forward to Spring break and using it to actually take a break.

7<sup>th</sup> grader, Tyler Harris said, "I'm going to stay home and do nothing."

No matter if you are having a stay-cation or going somewhere over break, make sure to enjoy it and it will be a great one.

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Also, some students made posters.

When presenting, students have six minutes to show projects to other students and teachers.

Note cards are used to look off of during the presentations, and after the six minutes, groups rotate. While Mr. Molenkamp's history class presents, the other history classes listen, then Mr. Chapman's classes and Mr. Veldhouse's classes do the same.

"The Asia Travel Fair project allows students to research a country they may not be very familiar with. Students are able to gather detailed information about their country of research and present it to their peers in a professional way. Every year I enjoy seeing the unique presentations students are able to come up with. I am always so impressed with their ability to share so much information in a creative way. And some of the food they bring in is great too," said Mr. Molenkamp.

Students enjoyed learning about countries and teaching others, too.

"I liked Asia Travel Fair because it gave me a chance to learn about a country I have never learned about," said Natalie Carey, a 7th grader in Mr. Chapman's class.

Some of the engaging parts of the project were being able to see the similarities and differences of other countries. It was also fun to see students bring in food or dress up as tourists during the days they got to learn from other students.

"I liked the Asia travel fair because it is a better way to learn about something rather than just listening to a teacher teach about it. Also it helps practice speaking skills," said Lindsey Mlejneck, a 7th grader from Mr. Molenkamp's class.

## Opinion

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Share your opinion with us! Send it to our editor and you might see it in the next issue!

# Slowing Down Improves Hallway Safety for All

by AVA BONT

Recently, our principals and teachers thought it would be a good idea to have kids walk through the hallways instead of running. They decided on this when they saw kids rushing through the hallways to get to classes, the buses, or lunch.

This became a big problem. Kids and teachers were being ran into and knocked over by running kids not being able to control themselves while running through the halls.

Now that the recent rule has been made, many kids have stopped running. There are consequences for the runners. Now, they have to go back to their lockers and then they are the last ones out of the school.

Would you rather be on the bus at a good time or the very last one on the bus?

Now that the consequences have been implanted, I've seen an overall change in our school. Since the consequences, I have seen way less people running through the hallways.

Before, almost everyone was running through the hallways. Now, only a few still run and most are caught.

Obviously our teachers and principals were right, no running and consequences when you do is the best option to stop running in the hallways and improving safety for all.

## Not Enough Time for Tardies to Count

By JONAS BONT

Should we have tardies at WMS?

With only four minutes and hundreds of students in the hall, we barely have enough time or room to get from class to class.

Only having four minutes to go to your locker to grab your stuff for your next class, and still having to go to the bathroom is not enough time.

Also, it is very difficult because if your locker is upstairs and your next class is downstairs, you will be extremely rushed.

So, for the reason of not having enough time to get from class to class, I believe that we should not have tardies.

## Arts and Entertainment

# Congratulations 2017 National Silver Medalists!



Congratulations to this year's National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Medalists! This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted from across the country. Only the top 1% were recognized at the national level. Rebecca Lukins won for Flash Fiction, Magnus Smith and Clay Brown won for Film and Animation, and Lindsey Peters won for Fashion. If you would like to find out more information, go to [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org).

# Many Activities to Enjoy this Springtime

by ADRIANA GOULD

When you hear the word “spring,” what do you think of?

It may be hard to narrow a certain activity or thing that comes to mind; this is because there are so many different activities you can do in spring!

You sometimes know spring is here when you leave for spring break, which can be just the start of your fun spring activities.

When spring starts there are a lot of sports that also start back up. Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, and Track are a few sports to get involved in this season.

Some Other activities you can do when the weather is warmer in spring is go camping, ride a bike, or even go to the beach again.

When spring starts everyone is outside enjoying the weather and sun!

### Soon in Theaters...

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

*The Boss Baby*, rated PG

**April 7**

*Smurfs: The Lost Village*, rated PG

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

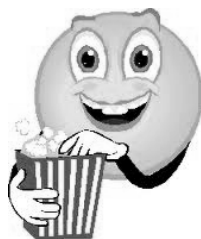
*Spark: A Space Tail*, rated PG

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Leap!* rated PG

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2*, rated PG-13



## Arts a la Mode 2017

May 23rd at 5 p.m.



## BCWMS Cafetorium

*Celebrate the Arts and Care for Community*

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Contact Janine Campbell if you would like to volunteer at [jcampbell@bcpsk12.net](mailto:jcampbell@bcpsk12.net)