



Wass Points of Pride for 2013-14



- ❖ Staff continued with professional development on Visible Thinking and the eight cultural forces that shape our classrooms to follow best practice instruction.
- ❖ To ensure all students reach their highest learning potential, two full-time special educators, para-professionals, health care aides, and multidisciplinary staff members provide specialized education and targeted interventions to more than 50 students.
- ❖ 1 Destination Imagination teams competed at the regional level.
- ❖ 250 students attended the Wass Literacy Night (*Get Your Paws on a Good Book*) with their parents.
- ❖ 96 4th & 5th grade students earned Troy fitness awards.
- ❖ 33 students had art work on exhibit in local businesses within the community.
- ❖ 1st graders displayed their vocal achievements during their informances.
- ❖ 3rd grade vocal music students performed the musical *The Great Kapok Tree*.
- ❖ 3rd graders presented their Wax Museum of biographies.
- ❖ Band and orchestra students displayed their talents during their concerts.
- ❖ 3 student teachers were trained at Wass.
- ❖ 59 5th graders participated in Service Squad and 45 were on the Safety Patrol.
- ❖ The Wass community supported the Food Drive for Troy People Concerned.
- ❖ 40 4th graders participated in B.U.D.D.I.E. Club under the direction of Margaret Bujold and Debi Kellett.
- ❖ 75 second grade students wrote, illustrated, and published their poetry in *Treasure Books*.
- ❖ 76 3rd, 4th & 5th grade choir members sang for the seniors at *Sanctuary Senior Center at Bellbrooke*.
- ❖ All upper grade classes established partnerships with lower grade classes.
- ❖ All 4th graders participated in the Disabilities Awareness workshop.
- ❖ 5 teacher mini-grants were awarded to Wass teachers and the Wass PTO.
- ❖ The Star Tutoring Center, using volunteers, worked with an average of 50-80 students a week.
- ❖ 71 5th graders went to YMCA Camp Storer.
- ❖ B.U.D.D.I.E. club members collected many pounds of candy for the soup kitchen.
- ❖ The Bucketfiller program was continued at Wass.
- ❖ Hosted 2 Book Fairs (Fall and Spring).
- ❖ K-5 students raised money through the Principal's Dollar Days and the February bagel sales for the *Believe in Miracles* and *CureSearch* Foundations.
- ❖ 21 *Wolf Packs* met once a month to receive character education, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), and anti-bullying lessons.
- ❖ The Character Education Goal Team continued our Character Ed. program, *The Wass Wolves' Way*, to develop successful learners and build good citizens.
- ❖ 3rd Annual ESL Parent Potluck Informational Luncheon hosted by Susan Reid, Kristyn Cubitt, Vera Dorr, Alan Gielegem and Sue Younan.
- ❖ 4th and 5th graders participated in the *Choose Wisely* and *Got Caught* programs offered by the Troy Police Department.
- ❖ 4th graders went on a trip to the state capital to support the social studies curriculum.
- ❖ All students participated in the 3rd Annual *Wassbery Awards* celebrating March is Reading Month.
- ❖ Wass hosted a Continuous Improvement Internal Review visit.
- ❖ 10 first graders participated in the Reading Recovery Program
- ❖ Incoming parents of kindergarteners attended Kindergarten Information Night.
- ❖ 60 new kindergarteners attended the *Kindergarten Meet and Greet* program.
- ❖ 2nd and 4th grade students shared their writing at grade level Poetry Cafes.
- ❖ New reading texts (fiction and nonfiction) were purchased by the Wass PTO.
- ❖ Wass staff participated in a summer book club – *Math Expressions Common Core*.
- ❖ All students participated in a STAND UP 4 CHANGE DAY to prevent bullying.
- ❖ All students participated in a fundraiser to support UNICEF – Wass students helping children around the world.
- ❖ All staff participated in 1 of 4 goal teams: Math, Science, Nonfiction Reading, or Character Education.
- ❖ 48 Wass 5th grade students participated in the second annual Troy Fitness Run (2 miles) finishing in first place in the Troy School District.
- ❖ Mark Cavataio hosted Early Bird Trots before school to promote physical fitness.
- ❖ The Wass PTO hosted *The Running with the Wolves* One-Mile Run for 360 K-5 students and parents.
- ❖ ESL teachers were trained in WIDA (World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment).
- ❖ 75 2nd grade students published hardcover nonfiction research books.
- ❖ Collected over 500 stuffed Animals for SAFE (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies).
- ❖ Kristyn Cubitt, Reading Specialist, hosted a Parent Book Club over the summer.
- ❖ All fourth graders performed in the TSD Festival of *Song* vocal music concert.
- ❖ Grades 3-5 students had a Michigan author visit from Mark Newman who wrote *Sooper Yooper*.
- ❖ All kindergarteners shared their learning at the Spring Kindergarten Celebration of Learning.
- ❖ A new parent orientation event was hosted in August for new members to our school.