

Dear APS Community,

The coming weeks are filled with many exciting opportunities for our students and staff to highlight their talents and skills as we enter the holiday season. Starting tonight for First Fridays, I invite all of you to come out and enjoy the Adrian Downtown Light Parade starting at 7:00pm followed by the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at Comstock Park which will take place at 7:30. Tonight's Tree lighting ceremony is Adrian's attempt to break the world record for the most cut and lit Christmas trees in one location. To help make this world record setting attempt, schools and programs from around the district have helped with this great community event by purchasing trees, decorating, and even helping count the trees for the Guinness Book of World Records. A big thank you to First Student for providing transportation from any of the city parking lots tonight to and from Comstock Park.



Students from AHS prepare to do the official count of tree for Guinness Book



Anabelle Rosen-Hurley, a senior at Adrian High School, has won the MHSAA Division 3 Diving Championship with a score of 459.15! That score also breaks her previous school record!

32 divers started off in the championship meet on Friday. That number was cut down to 20 and then 16 on Saturday. Anabelle had a comfortable lead coming into Saturday and finished strong! Anabelle will continue her diving career at EMU next year. Congratulations Anabelle!



Students from Springbrook Middle School went to the Michigan State Capitol this week to highlight their success in technology as part of a Technology Showcase. The students did an amazing job showing off their skills as one of 40 schools across the state that were highlighted. Bravo to the students and Mrs. Lilly!!!



Lots of Maple Pride was evident during the Thanksgiving Week. Springbrook Middle School raised a record amount and donated a record number of 410 Turkey Dinners to Families across the Adrian Community. Thanks for the students that worked on this project and all of those in our community that donated.



Adrian Public Schools also partnered again with Alpha Coney Island and the Kiwanis Club of Adrian to host the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone in our community. Not only were meals delivered to those senior housing facilities in town, but hundreds of meals were provided in the cafeteria of Drager. Thanks to all those community members that volunteers Thanksgiving.



It's the start of the Holiday Concert Season. I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events.

Springbrook Choir Concert	December 10	7:00PM	AHS Performing Arts Center
High School Choir Concert	December 12	7:30PM	AHS Performing Arts Center
High School Band & Orchestra	December 16	7:30PM	AHS Performing Arts Center
Springbrook Band & Orchestra	December 17	7:00PM	AHS Performing Arts Center



Springbrook Middle School Students had a chance to sing the national anthem prior to the Adrian College Hockey Game. Thanks for your involvement in the community and shoring your patriotism kids!



Adrian Public Schools students and staff have long supported our partnership on many various fronts with Habitat for Humanity. Students groups are gearing up to volunteer for The Pasty Project that is coming up in January. Also, those in the community are able to do online pre-orders or even register to also volunteer to make pasties for this great community project.

You can sign up at: <https://www.habitat-lenawee.org/support-donate/fundraising/>

Below is one of the Habitat Houses within APS that is now proudly owned.



Thanks to all our staff and students for the amazing experiences and opportunities provided within our community. You can check out more great news in the news articles below.

I hope to see you out and about this weekend and at many of the upcoming events.

Go Maples!!

Bob Behnke

Superintendent

APS In the News:

City Supports APS Recreation Partnership:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20191206/adrian-pledges-30000-to-recreation-programs>

Student Count up at APS:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20191113/student-count-up-at-adrian-public-schools>

APS Students help with Comstock Park Tree Counting:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/photogallery/MI/20191206/PHOTOGALLERY/120609999/PH/1>

Springbrook Middle Schools Chorus Sings at Tree Lighting:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/photogallery/MI/20191202/PHOTOGALLERY/120209999/PH/1>

Music Boosters Sell Pies to Support the Arts:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20191125/adrian-schools-music-boosters-sell-more-than-1000-pies-in-fundraiser>

Serving others for Thanksgiving:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/photogallery/MI/20191129/PHOTOGALLERY/112909999/PH/1>

AHS to Help Community by opening lanes swimming with YMCA Partnership:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20191117/membership-expected-to-triple-with-new-ymca>

Lenawee United Hockey Program Wins Home Opener and continues Winning Streak:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/sports/20191122/lenawee-united-hockey-notches-first-win-in-opener>

<https://www.lenconnect.com/sports/20191201/prep-hockey-lenawee-united-sweeps-weekend-set>