

January 18, 2019

Dear Adrian Public Schools Community,

This week wraps up a busy two weeks since returning from break. In addition to wrapping up Winterfest and Spirit Week at the High School, talk begins on scheduling of classes and course requests for next school year.

February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> Adrian High School will be hosting an open house for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in learning more about earning college credit, honors courses, advanced options, and the IB program. What we call the Adrian High School College Network allows access for APS students to four colleges or universities while also having the opportunity to enjoy the traditional high school experience with options to join clubs, participate a number of award winning Arts programs, and experience the county's most robust athletic offerings.

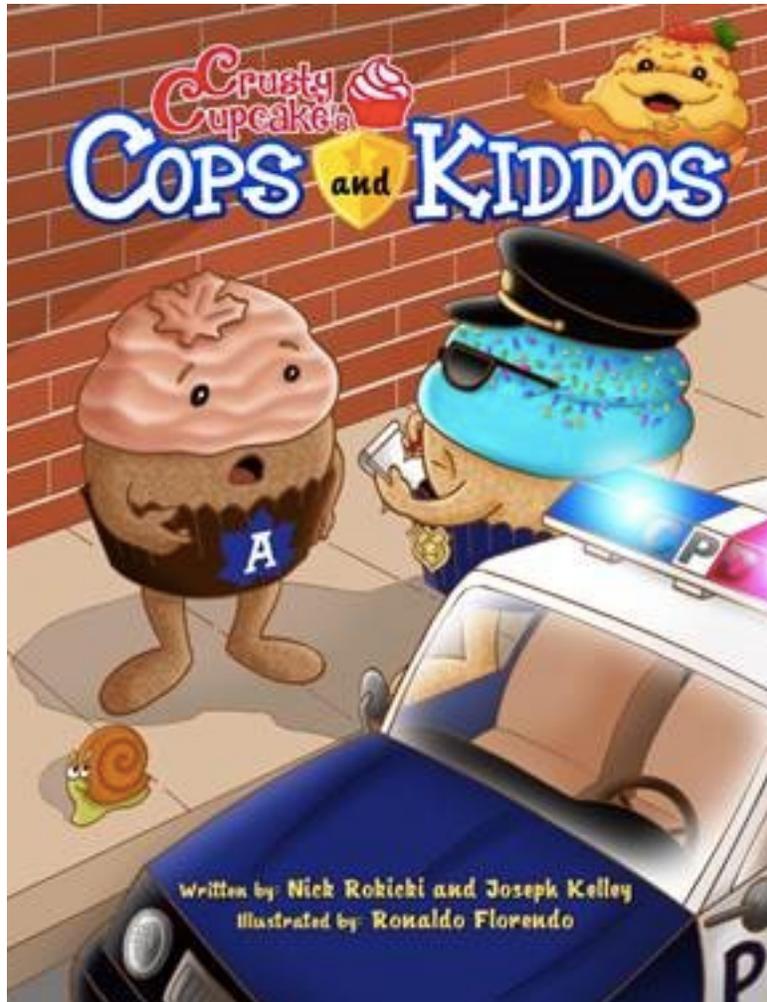
**Students and Parents**  
Are you interested in learning about:

- The opportunity to access courses at four different colleges or universities?
- Earning credit in courses that will fulfill your degree requirements?
- Experiencing courses in a college setting while still having access to all the benefits of the arts, athletics, and extra curricular programs of Adrian High School?

Attend a student and parent informational meeting:

February 20th and March 26th 6:30 pm in the  
Global Media Centre at Adrian High School

I am happy to report that Teaching Tolerance has awarded Adrian Public Schools with a \$5,000 grant to write a children's book similar to the book published last year by Nick Rokicki and Joe Kelly which focused on Adrian Public Schools and the Cops and Kindergartener Program at Michener Elementary (available on Amazon).

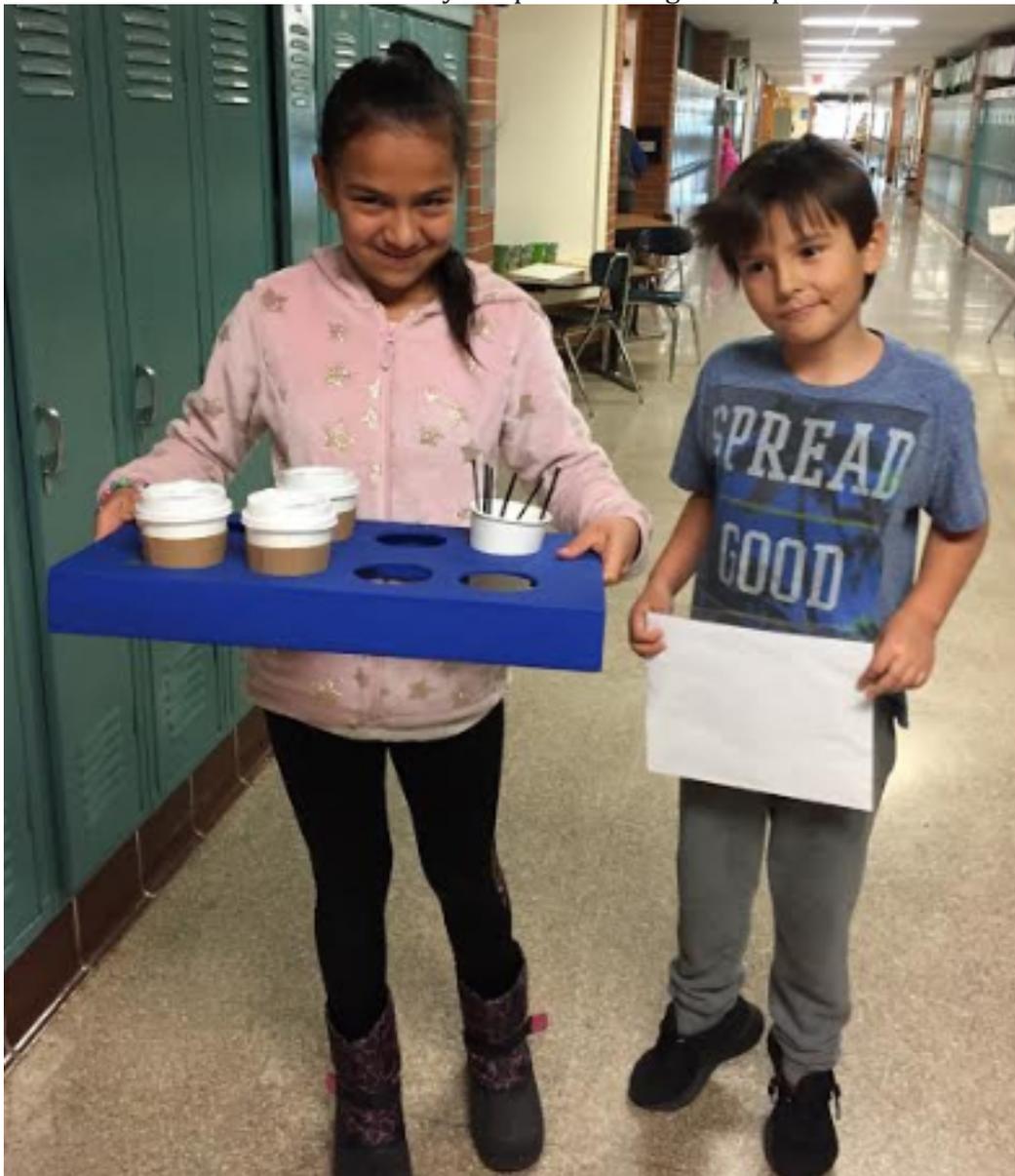


Quack, Quack, Quinceañera is the name of the latest book that will be illustrated by Ronaldo Florendo and will highlight the history of Hispanic and Latino Culture in Lenawee County as well as successful strategies linked to the District's conflict resolution program. As part of the grant, books will be distributed to community agencies, doctor's offices, and other public places so parents have the opportunity to share this important information and strategies with their children.



Are you aware of an outstanding student within the APS community? I sure am!!! If you would like to highlight one of the great kids doing great things, please consider nominating a student as part of WLEN's Kids in the Community Program at: <http://www.wlen.com/kids-in-the-community/>.

Students at Michener Elementary have a great opportunity to learn the skills of running and operating a small business. Michener's Maple Cart is a student led business that delivers coffee, hot chocolate, and hot tea to staff members on Friday mornings. Students are learning the skills needed to fill orders, collect money and make change, keep basic accounts, and provide quality customer service. Two teams of students alternate Fridays as part of this great experience.



We can never say thank you enough to our dedicated Media Center Staff. Each and every day they help students learn the importance of using a library and help launch that passion for reading. Below Miss Ann from Lincoln Elementary reads to classes and sparks wonder and curiosity.



Have a great weekend and as always – GO MAPLES!!!

**Bob Behnke**  
Superintendent

Below are just a few stories related to the great stuff taking place in Adrian Public Schools with our students and staff.

Update on Garfield School:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20190115/demolition-of-former-school-expected-soon>

School Board Officers Selected:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20190115/contractor-approved-for-ptlw-lab>

Football Coach Search Underway:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/sports/20190117/adrian-football-looking-for-new-coach>