



Tiger Tails

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National Lexington study released in Jeff City

Waynesville R-VI cited as national leader in military child education

The Lexington Institute of Washington, D.C., released its findings about educating military-connected students in the nation – including those at Waynesville R-VI – at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City on Missouri Military Appreciation Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14.

“Today, Waynesville R-VI became one of the leading voices in the national conversation about how to best educate military-connected students,” said Dr. Brian Henry, superintendent of Waynesville Schools. “Whenever you participate in a study of this magnitude and on a national scale, you subject yourself to criticism, but while we have areas we need to improve, the overwhelming response was positive about our district.”

The study, “Better Serving Those Who Serve: Improving the Educational Opportunities of Military-Connected Students,” was authored by Doug Mesecar

and Don Soifer (at right) of the Lexington Institute with the support of the Collaborative for Student Success. The report is at <http://lexingtoninstitute.org/better-serving-those-who-serve-improving-the-educational-opportunities-of-military-connected-students/>.

The report’s timing is critical because for the first time, every state will be publicly tracking the academic progress of military connected students. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act, signed into law in 2015, requires states to report on military connected students to better meet these students’ needs.



“The importance of educating kindergarten through 12th grade students cannot be overstated,” Henry said. “This report solidifies what I have been saying all along – we must have a successful school district to make our community attractive to military leaders so they will choose to locate military missions at Fort Leonard Wood.”

In the report, Waynesville R-VI and Fort Leonard Wood leaders are recognized for developing effective

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Fort Leonard Wood and community leaders were at the Missouri Capitol for the release of the Lexington Institute’s study.



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relationships that extend beyond official roles. The report states, “Collaboration between Fort Leonard Wood and Waynesville School District leaders is robust and attentive – taking the form of a friendly conversation following a church service leading to a phone call about how a particular child is doing. This focus on individual children also characterizes the district’s approach to education.”

The report reviewed the impact multiple moves have on students, inconsistent educational opportunities, Interstate Compacts, different educational requirements for graduation, the differences in rigor and relevance from state-to-state and the number of students who are proficient or advanced in Grade 4 ELA and Grade 8 Math compared to national norms.

In its findings, the Lexington Institute noted the number of highly qualified teachers who teach core courses at Waynesville and the use of differentiated instruction.

Saralice Campbell, a fifth grade teacher at Wood Elementary, who herself has been a soldier, and is a military spouse and parent was featured in the report. Beyond setting SMART goals, Campbell works with parents so they can help their child develop content mastery.

“Regardless of circumstances, I still have to do my best to get my students ready – not ready for fifth grade, but ready for college, and for life,” Campbell said.

Presenters and educators present for the Missouri House Hearing included Soifer; Jim Cowen, executive director of the Collaborative for Student Success of Washington, D.C.; Marcus Lingenfelter, senior vice president of the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) of Washington, D.C.; Dr. Margie Vandaeven, Missouri’s Commissioner of Education; Dr. Brian Henry, superintendent of Waynesville R-VI Schools; Dr. Jerrod Wheeler, superintendent of Knob Noster R-VIII Schools; and Dr. Scott Patrick, superintendent of Warrensburg Schools.

“We don’t get three to five years in our district to make change. Sometimes we get three to five months. That’s why we concentrate on accurately assessing where students are in their understanding of learning standards when they arrive and quickly intervening to promote their growth toward proficiency. Personalized learning is emerging as a valuable strategy in making substantial academic impact.”

**– Dr. Brian Henry
in the Lexington
Institute study**



Top to bottom: Pages from the report; Marcus Lingenfelter, senior vice president of the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) of Washington, D.C.; Dr. Margie Vandaeven, Missouri’s Commissioner of Education; Jim Cowen, executive director of the Collaborative for Student Success of Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Brian Henry, Waynesville R-VI superintendent.



Waynesville JROTC Tiger Drill Team wins four first-place finishes at Joplin meet

The Waynesville JROTC Tiger Drill Team attended the Joplin Drill Meet on Feb. 11 for their first competition of 2017, bringing home four 1st place finishes, three 2nd place finishes and one 3rd place finish.

“Several years ago, we began competing in Armed Exhibition Drill (rifle spinning), but we had never attempted Unarmed Exhibition,” said Col. (R) Charles Williams, JROTC senior Army instructor. “We have been working on an unarmed exhibition routine since last year and finally for the first time ever the team performed their new routine at the Joplin competition. While far from perfect, it was very, very good for their first attempt. The Unarmed Exhibition Team Commander is Sophomore Paiton Quinones, who put a great deal of time and effort into this new endeavor. We are very proud of her and our whole team.”

These are the complete results:

- 1st Place Color Guard #1 - Commanded by Celeste Montijo, senior
- 1st Place Armed Exhibition Solo - Jacob Askins, junior
- 1st Place Armed Exhibition Dual - Donovan Dunaway, senior, and Matt Jones, junior
- 1st Place Individual Drill Down - Madisun Jones, freshman
- 2nd Place Armed Regulation - Commanded by Steven Berrios, senior
- 2nd Place Unarmed Exhibition - 1st performance: - Commanded by Paiton Quinones, sophomore
- 2nd Place Unarmed Regulation - Commanded by Molly Handley, sophomore
- 3rd Place Color Guard #2 - Commanded by Daysamarie Rosario, senior

Upcoming informational tax levy sessions

The Waynesville R-VI School District will host informational sessions about the proposed school tax levy on the following dates and times:

- Friday, Feb. 24, noon to 1 p.m. Waynesville R-VI Administration Building, 200 Fleetwood Dr., Waynesville
- Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6 to 7 p.m. Freedom Elementary Library, St. Robert
- Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Waynesville High School

The public is invited and encouraged to come out and attend one of these sessions.



FFA Week activities planned Feb. 19-24

By Kyle Pendleton
WHS student

Every year the Waynesville FFA chapter has a week full of fun activities to celebrate National FFA Week. This year many members of the FFA chapter, including President Jesse Laughlin, have been planning ideas to make Waynesville's chapter stand out.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, chapter members will wear their official dress and attend the Methodist church service. Right after church the group will be heading to Culver's to spend lunch together in the community.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, FFA members will be dressed for FFA spirit day. Then Wednesday they will be wearing their official dress to school so they stand out as not only a club in the Waynesville Career Center, but also as a part of Waynesville High School.

That Thursday, members will be attending a field trip to the Lebanon Stock barn and then to the Laughlin horse barn. That night the chapter will be holding a labor auction for the entire community to attend.

On Friday, students will drive their tractors to school and will be competing against each other to see which brand of tractor they like best – International or John Deere. At the end of the week on Saturday the members will participate in a basketball and volleyball tournament against other FFA chapters such as Richland, Crocker and Dixon.

Upcoming dates

Presidents Day

There will be no school on Monday, Feb. 20, 2017.

Spring Break

Spring Break is March 20-24, 2017.

For more information, the School Year Calendar is at <http://www.waynesville.k12.mo.us/cms/lib07/MO01910216/Centricity/Domain/4/2016-2017%20School%20Calendar%20Revised%20Jan%209%202017.pdf>



Five Waynesville High School students qualified for the state wrestling tournament: Chance Carmack, Gaven and Sean Sax, Teyler Bruch and Peter Lucitt. The state wrestling tournament continues through Saturday at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia.

At right, Senior Aminah Mujahid was named Courtwarming Queen and senior Jose Hernandez was named Courtwarming King on Friday before the Waynesville High School boys varsity basketball game against West Plains. The court included Shawn Berrios, freshman; Ashanti Short, freshman; Phyllisia Wilson, junior; Caleb Barnes, junior; Arva Howell, senior; Payton Aragon, senior; Eva Greening, senior; Courtwarming King Jose Hernandez, senior; Courtwarming Queen Aminah Mujahid, senior; Christien Ward, senior; Dante McCummings, senior; Andrew Esguerra, sophomore. Not pictured are Melissa Perkins, sophomore, and Teyler Bruch, senior. Below, the Courtwarming Queen and King and their court member are pictured with their family members who escorted them.





Williams Early Childhood students, their parents and staff members enjoyed the prince/princess dance and activities night. The magical evening included a lighted red carpet to welcome the “stars” of the evening.



Serving in their role as PIE partners, GLWACH and DENTAC volunteers hosted a medical and dental health fair at Williams Early Childhood Center. This fair provided fun medical and dental information for the children. Booths were provided by radiology, DENTAC, orthopedics, and community health. All teachers, along with their students from both their AM and PM classes, were able to rotate through the fair and get educated on some of the things that medical and dental units have to offer. Some of the activities included brushing puppets’s teeth to learn proper teeth brushing methods, casting balloons and identifying X-rays. Those who volunteered are CPT Kelly, SFC Hardenstine, SSG Rubio, SGT Williams, SGT O’Connor, SGT Bosanko, SPC Moore, SPC Zimmer, SPC Bischoff, SPC Belyaev, Mr Reiter, and Ms Leitold.



Community and Fort Leonard Wood leaders, parents, students, teachers, staff and administrators are participating in developing the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.



Through its Courtwarming activities and other fund-raisers, the Student Government Association led efforts at Waynesville High School to raise \$1,000 for the Little Heroes Playground in Waynesville. The playground will be universally accessible and feature a military theme, reflecting the importance of nearby Fort Leonard Wood. Accepting the check on behalf of the playground are Jesse DeGraftenread III of the Waynesville Park Board and Waynesville Mayor Luge Hardman.



Freedom Elementary staff members received praise from Dr. Brian Henry, superintendent, on Friday, Feb. 17, for their work with students. He praised them for their 5th grade PBL pilot team and their PBL initiatives at all grade levels. They also were recognized for effectively working in their PLCs and their data team collaboration, as well as their work on common formative assessments toward student achievement on the MAP test.