

The Wildcat Corner

March Upcoming Dates:

- March 1: Virtual Day for all Students
- March 4: Elementary Honor Roll Assembly
- March 9: Late Start
- March 9: District Spelling Bee (Elementary)
- March 10: District Spelling Bee (Middle)
- March 11: Oakland University Trip (AVID)
- March 16: Mobile Food Pantry at 12PM
- March 15: Parent Principal Forum
- March 17: Lifetouch Group Photos
- March 18: Half Day
- March 21: Spring Pictures
- March 24: Scripps Regional Spelling Bee
- March 25: Pistons Game Trip (8th Grade)
- March 28-April 1: No School (Spring Break)



District Drops Face Mask Requirement

Face masks will become optional for all students and staff inside Dearborn Public Schools starting on Wednesday, Feb. 23 as students return from mid-winter break. Under federal law, masks will still be required on all school buses. Well-fitting masks are also still required for anyone returning from quarantine less than 10 days after their exposure. ([See our quarantine guidelines.](#)) Those unable or unwilling to wear a mask need to complete the full 10 day quarantine at home. Any student or staff who prefers to wear a face mask inside a school building or elsewhere on school grounds may continue to do so. [Click here for the rest of the post.](#)

STEM 2022-2023

Current Dearborn Public School 5th graders do NOT need to apply. There is no application for currently enrolled students. After the spring NWEA tests are administered, our district testing director will forward us the scores of ALL the 5th graders. We anticipate having the spring NWEA data as well as fall NWEA scores and 4th grade M-STEP scores sent to us by the first week of May. [Click here for more admissions information and timeline.](#)

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Hala's Book Recs by Hala Ali

Title: Warcross

Author: Marie Lu

Genre: Science Fiction



Warcross isn't just a game for the millions who check in every day: it's a way of life. This addiction began 10 years ago, and its fans following stretches around the globe, with several trying to escape reality and others trying to make a profit. Emika Chen, a young hacker, works as a bounty hunter, chasing down players who wager on the game illegally. However, the world of bounty hunters is a competitive one, and survival has not been easy. Emika, desperate for money, takes a chance and hacks into the first game of the worldwide warcross champions, only to accidentally glitch herself into the action and become an overnight superstar. Emika is certain she will be imprisoned until she receives a call from the game's developer, the elusive young millionaire Hideo Tanaka, with an irresistible offer: He needs a spy inside this year's competition to identify a software bug and he wants Emika for the job. With no time to waste, Emika is escorted to Tokyo and thrown into a world of fame and money she has only imagined, But her analysis eventually reveals a dark scheme with far-reaching significance for the whole Warcross organization. I recommend this book because it is action-packed and a real page-turner! The conflict type for this story is man vs society and man vs self. Read this book to find out where Emika will end up and how she will get through all the obstacles she faces.

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Remote Locker

Here is a link to a video that explains how to pick up books from the remote locker. Students can look at their library account using the same procedure as placing a hold to see if the book they asked for is actually in the locker.

[Video](#)

[Article on the history of the conference room paintings](#)

Spelling Bee Competition

The District Spelling Bee for grades 3 to 8 will be at the Fordson High School Auditorium. Good luck to all of the contestants. We're so proud of you.

March 9: (5PM-3rd grade, 6PM-4th grade, 7PM-5th grade)

March 10: (5PM-6th grade, 6PM- 7th grade, 7PM-8th grade)

Our Salina Students who will be competing:

- Shahd Alshamiry-3rd grade (Salina Elementary)
- Issa Abdullah-4th
- Soraya Kassem-5th
- Alaa Ali-7th
- Yousif Ahmed-7th
- Alli Nasser- 8th

**LET'S GO
WILDCATS**

March 24, Alli Nasser will also be competing in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. Good luck Alli!

Behind The Mask.....A Teacher Revealed! By Nahrain Altaweel

This Month's Subject: Mrs. Ammerah Saidi (7th/8th ELA)



- **Tell me about your life at home, about your family, and about your pets.**
It's me, my husband, and my two boys, and they are 4 and 6 years old. We live in West Dearborn. I grew up in East Dearborn, so that was a shift for me. I don't have any pets that survived, we had several who died or got stolen. Most of our pets were fish that had died. We had cats growing up that ran away.

- **What do you do in your free time?**
I love being outdoors. I go hiking and camping with friends or family. In the Summer, we're always in the camper parking in some West or East coast of Michigan. You'll find me on any beach. I love reading every day. I also love hanging out with friends and eating or shopping.

- **If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to do instead?**
Oh definitely, I would've been an attorney. I have passion for justice and things that are right and speaking up. You have to do a lot of reading and analyzing as a lawyer. You have to understand the law and find where your client's issue kind of fit in the law. So, I definitely think like an attorney.

- **Did you always want to be a teacher?**
No, I didn't always want to be a teacher. It wasn't my choice to leave teaching and to go into the nonprofit world. It was something that fell into my lap because a charter school that I was working at had horrible practices with the students so I was constantly getting into conflict with the principal. I always say I never let my economics, like me needing a job, dictate my principles. Your principles should dictate your job.

- **What grades and subjects did you teach? Which is your favorite and why?**
I love teaching. I actually was excited about getting this job. I was at Edsel, so I was teaching High School. I taught 9th graders, which is as close to middle school as you can get. I love middle school. Middle schoolers are still fun and silly. High Schoolers start to get a little bit more tough and bravado. I love teaching English. I've also taught psychology, social studies, and Elementary. There's good in all of the grades and subjects, but honestly middle school is definitely where it's at.

Behind The Mask.....A Teacher Revealed! Continued

- **What is something that your students may not know about you?**

I don't think they know I'm funny. I was voted class clown in High School. People meet me, and if I'm doing Union work or organizing work, they see me as really serious, but they don't know that I'm..Just like your mom, we both grew up together, and she's super hilarious. They also don't know, like, I'm a real softy. Like, I'm really strict, but if I see a kid is struggling at home, struggling with money, I'll cover them, I'll help them, I'll do whatever. I'll show up to a kid's house and clean for them if they need it.

- **What is your plan after retirement?**

I don't know really. I feel like they're at the political level, they're gutting it so much, there won't be retirement left. So, I don't know how much longer we'll have public school teaching.

- **Why did you choose to teach at Salina?**

This was the first place I applied at Dearborn. I've taught at Fordson, Edsel, and now Salina. Mrs. Ahmed took over and she had a position that was exactly what I do, I teach part time, and I jumped on it.

- **What is the best advice you can give us students about life or school?**

Learn how to think, not what to think. I think it's really dangerous when kids just memorize stuff or chase the grade, and all you want to do is bully or annoy a teacher to get a grade. Really, I've seen High School students that when they graduate, they can't read, they can't write, they can't do math, because they've basically bullied their teacher, their parents have bullied teachers to give them certain grades. Or, they've learned how to cheat the system, y'know? At some point, you're going to have to actually show if you know the skill that you think you have based on your grades. It's like a doctor who cheats through medical school, eventually you're gonna be standing in front of somebody and have to know what to do.

- **If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?**

As a muslim, I mean, come on. Who else are we gonna pick? Somebody in our lifetime, like our span of life, because the Rasul (SAW), was 1400 years ago, but Malcom X, if I had to pick somebody a bit more recent. He's, to me, our modern day exemplification of the Rasul (SAW), and people don't know enough about him. They only know what the media picks apart, but he was somebody who, when he found truth, he had to act on it. That's what the Rasul (SAW) says, you have to fight injustice with your hand, your mouth, or in your heart. So I think the Rasul (SAW) would've been proud of Malcolm. They say Malcolm died with a smile on his face, and he was assassinated in front of his whole family!

8th Grade Spotlight By: Alaa Aldhufri

Nahrain Altaweel

- **What are your plans for the future?**

My plans for the future are just to be myself. I truly don't know what I want to be yet, but I hope I figure it out along the way.

- **What career would you like to have in the future? Why?**

In the future, I hope to be either something in the medical field or a type of engineer. This is because I think I would enjoy both of these fields and would be good at them.

- **Are there any extracurricular activities you participate in?**

Yes, I was the captain of the volleyball team. I love playing volleyball because it is my favorite sport. I also love working in teams with other people.

- **What is your favorite subject in school? Why?**

My favorite subject in school is definitely language arts. It's not that I adore ELA, but I just don't like math or science. I find history fascinating but not as much as ELA. I also believe that language arts is my strongest subject, so that's another reason.

- **Who inspires you to work hard?**

My mom inspires me to work hard. She is my role model and I aspire to be like her. She is such an amazing and hard working person. Her dedication to everything she does is definitely something I find inspiring. I hope that I can be as amazing as my mom when I grow up.

- **Do you prefer to work with your peers or independently?**

I personally don't have a preference. It honestly depends on who I am working with. If I am working with close friends, I know I will get distracted easily and lose focus. However, if I am working with people I am not as close with, I will be able to complete my work.

- **What goals do you have for yourself?**

A goal I have for myself is to get into HFEC, also known as Henry Ford Early College. I also will do everything I can to pass my upcoming district test for Algebra.

- **What are your feelings about moving on soon to high school or early college?**

Honestly, I am really nervous. I don't even know what I want to do yet. I have an idea but not really. I am also nervous about leaving Salina. Salina has been a second home to me for years. I love the environment and the people. Salina was like a glove protecting us from the outside world. But, I hope I have been prepared for the real world. I am looking forward to graduating, but I am also nervous.



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8th Grade Spotlight Continued

• What is your favorite sport? Why?

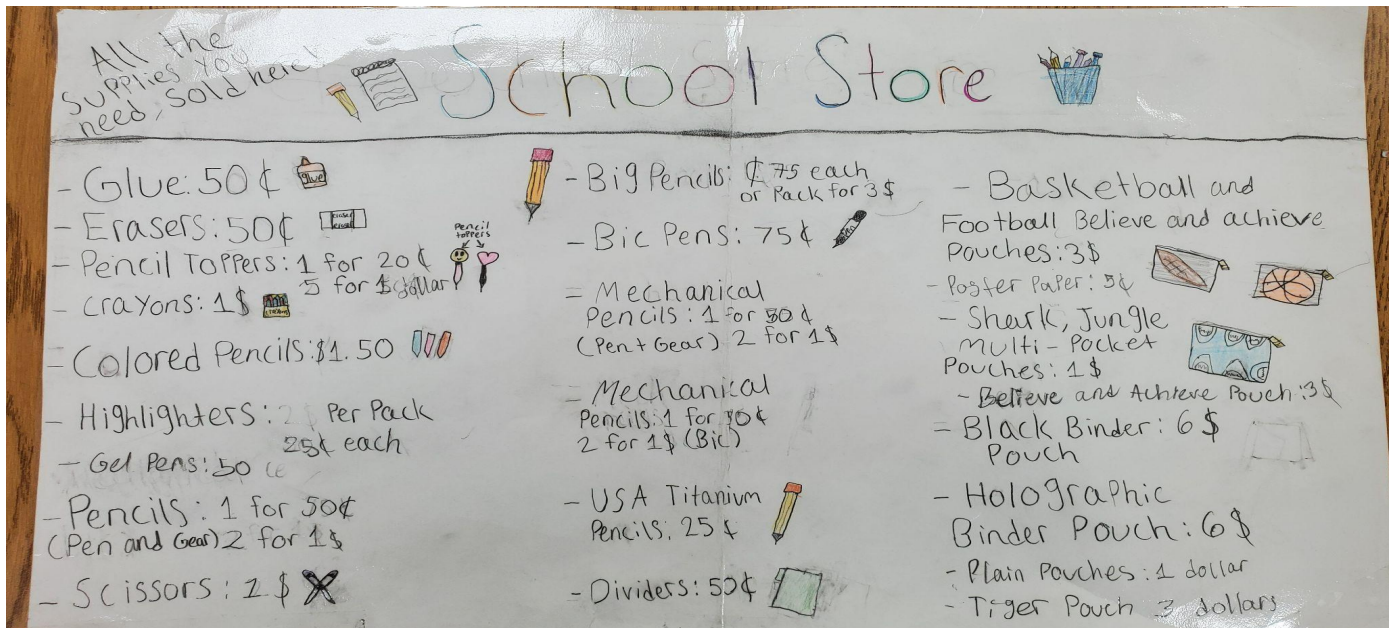
My favorite sport is volleyball because I love to play it with my friends and family. Something I love about volleyball is that you cannot play without the entire team. There isn't one player doing all the work, it's a team effort. Everyone has their own position and purpose, just like in life.

• Who is your favorite teacher? Why?

I don't really have a favorite teacher. All of my teachers are amazing, so I can't really choose one.

Wildcat Lair

The school store will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15 to 8:30. The store will have pencils, erasers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils (wooden and mechanical), construction paper, folders, pencil bags, glue and a few other items.



2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE DAY



**INTERACTIVE DEMOS!
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES!**

REGISTER EARLY; SPACE IS LIMITED
Saturday, March 19
VISTATECH CENTER | \$8 PER STUDENT (ADULTS FREE!)

AGENDA

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Auditorium Demonstrations
10:30 a.m.–12:30 a.m.	Breakout Session I
12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Breakout Session II
3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Grand Finale!

James Webb Space Telescope



REGISTER EARLY!
REGISTRATION OPENS
FEBRUARY 4, 2022
CALL 734-462-4422

Lunch is provided!

We are proud to welcome back Mr. Mohamed Hazemy to the Salina Family! Mr. Hazemy was formerly at Salina from 1991-2002. He returns back to Salina from Henry Ford College!

We also would like to thank Mr. Dylan Girdley for his time here at Salina and wish him all the best!



READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A
reads at home

20
min/day

STUDENT B
reads at home

5
min/day

STUDENT C
reads at home

1
min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Reading 20 minutes a day is super important and we want to help kids get into that habit. Check out the reasons why in the chart.



**READ!
READ!
READ!**

Source: <http://readdbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-day/>

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF MICHIGAN AND
THE AMITY FOUNDATION PRESENT

THE FIRST ANNUAL
DEARBORN
DISTRICT
SPELLING  **FINALs**

HELD AT FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Elementary Finalists

Wednesday, March 9th

3rd Grade 5pm

4th Grade 6pm

5th Grade 7pm

Middle School Finalists

Thursday, March 10th

6th Grade 5pm

7th Grade 6pm

8th Grade 7pm

ALL ARE WELCOME
PLEASE USE AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE



Communities
In Schools

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