

Today is "A" Day



Relay for Life Meeting: Today

Next Relay for Life meeting is on today, Wednesday March 9 after school in room C-8. Please bring your Relay Calendar with you. Thank you – Ms. Poloni



STEM Program Meeting: Today

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program is an opportunity for interested kids to follow up on their dreams. Applications for the 2016-2017 STEM are currently being accepted **on-line** by visiting <http://stem.dearbornschools.org/stem-application/>.

Students who are currently in 5th, 6th and 7th grade can apply for the school. However, at this time all spots are full for

students who will be in the 7th grade in 2016-17. Additionally, only a few spots remain open for 8th grade. All applications must be submitted by March 18.

Please visit <http://stem.dearbornschools.org/> for more information on the program or contact Ms. Julia Maconochie, Principal, STEM Middle School at (313) 827-1904.

Mr. Melvin's Tie Contest

Starting Friday, March 4, Mr. Melvin is having a tie contest to have YOU help design his new tie. Your tie must be based on a great book you have read. You can choose a favorite character, battle, or other scene and draw it on the entry form. Please do not just draw the cover of your book. Also, submit a paragraph that explains how your picture represents the book you chose. The winning entry will be turned into a tie that Mr. Melvin will keep and wear year after year.



- **Grand Prize:** \$25 certificate to Stout's Book Fair, and creation of his/her tie for Mr. Melvin to wear.
- **Second Prize:** \$10 to the Book Fair;
- **Runners-up:** \$5 book certificates that can be used only with Scholastic Book Orders.

All entries must be received by the end of the school day on Tuesday, March 15. Good luck and happy reading!



Next Student Council Meeting: March 11

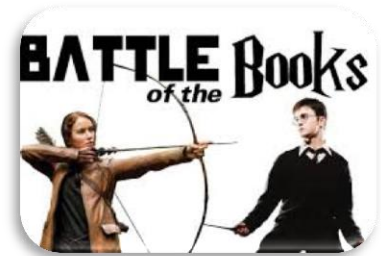
The next Student Council meeting will be on Friday, March 11, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in room G-3. Remember to bring a snack for yourself. During this meeting, time will be spent collaborating with the Be 1 Club.

Thank you - Ms. Wooley and Ms. Schulkey

Battle of the Books: March 11

The *Battle of the Books Final Competition* will take place this Friday, March 11th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Team Meeting Room. Participants need to be in the team planning room before 1:00 p.m. Please leave your books and personal items in your locker. If anyone is interested in watching the battle as it takes place or after it is over, check out Mrs. Acker's blog:

<http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/ackerc/> or just google "The Merry Media Specialist." There will be a link to the broadcast of the battle. Best of luck - Mrs. Acker



Prep for Black History Month

Mr. Melvin's 6th grade ELA classes have worked hard to practice three (3) plays for Black History Month. They practiced in the auditorium on Wednesday, March 9 during 3rd, 5th, and 7th Hour. They have put in a lot of work, practiced multiple times on the stage, created props, and are ready to present plays on the lives of George Washington Carver, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Thanks – Mr. Melvin

Stout Track is Back: April 11

With the arrival of spring, comes the 2016 Stout Track Season for 7th and 8th graders! The first day of tryouts will take place on **MONDAY, APRIL 11!**

If you plan to try out, please read the following requirements:

1. **Students must have a minimum of 2.0 on marking period 4 report card and maintain that GPA (or above).** If a 2.0 is not reached or is lost, the athlete will be dismissed from the team.
2. **Students with poor school behavior** (bus, hallway, class, cafeteria, etc.) will not be permitted to join.
3. **Students must have a sport physical completed before they can participate** (before the first practice on 4/11). If you have already played football, basketball, swimming, or volleyball for Stout, you already have a physical on file. **If you have not played a sport yet, get a physical ASAP!**



ATTENTION POTENTIAL (6th grade) TEAM MANAGERS: See Coach Rancilio or Coach Hool about the possibility of becoming a track manager. Managers must meet all the same requirements as the athletes. For any questions, please contact Coach Hool at hoolc@dearbornschools.org or Coach Rancilio at rancilm@dearbornschools.org.



Parent Teacher Conferences: March 15

School Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Mar 15, 2016. Stout Teachers will be available to answer parents' questions and concerns in the Cafeteria. Interpreters will be available. Make sure you to accompany your parent/s.

Late Arrival Day: March 16

Wednesday, March 16th is a late Arrival Day. Whether you want to stay up a little bit longer or wake up a bit later does not matter to us. What matters is that you come to school refreshed and ready to get some education.



Stout Boys Swimming Team Wins 88 – 81

In a very close and competitive match, Stout Middle School Boys Swimming Team managed a close win against Lowrey Intermediate School Boys Swimming Team. The score was 88 – 81 points. Congratulations to our boys, and **KEEP TREADING WATER!**

Thanks to **Coach Peltz** and all who assisted and helped her.

Spring Break 2016: March 25 – April 1

Spring is just around the corner. Not only it brings baseball and nice weather, but a very welcome **March Break** that extends from **March 25th until April 1st**. Students are expected **back to school on Monday, April 4th**. Enjoy the break and have fun. However, we expect you to come back refreshed, ready, and prepared. Make sure you complete all your assignments and bring it back with you. **Get yourselves to a good start!**



Stout Annual Spelling Bee: March 22

The *Stout Annual Spelling Bee* will be held on **Tuesday, March 22**. Spelling lists can be found at the following classrooms:

- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| ✓ 6th. Grade | Ms. Schulkey |
| ✓ 7th. Grade | Mr. Serazio |
| ✓ 8th. Grade | Mr. Bennett |

Sharpen your spelling skills and do your best.

Tigers Game: May 25

Spring is around the corner, which can mean only one thing: **Tigers' baseball**. Stout is going to **Comerica Park** on **Wednesday, May 25**. We will be **leaving school at around 12:00** and will **return by 5:15**. The trip is open to all grades, but there are **only 37 spots available for each grade**. To be able to go, you must:

- Have a **2.0 GPA**;
- **Not have been suspended in the second semester**.

Once we start collecting, students who fill up the spots first will get to go (**first to pay first to go**). There will be **no track meet on this date** and the track coaches have graciously agreed to excuse students from practice. **The cost of the trip is \$30. Mr. Haddad.**



Cedar Point: June 2

The annual 7th and 8th grade Cedar Point trip is scheduled for June

2. There are certain criteria that you must meet to be able to go:

- 1) You must have a 2.0 grade point average;*
- 2) No E's on your 5th marking period report card;*
- 3) No suspension from school for any reason, until the trip date;*
- 4) Cannot have 24 or more combined tardies from February 1st until the trip date.*



Make sure you are working hard and making it to class on time. Mr. Haddad

All entries must be received by the end of the school day on Tuesday, March 15. Good luck and happy reading!