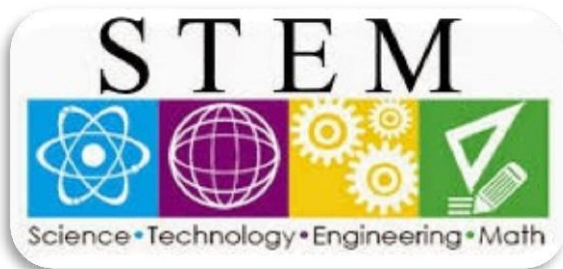


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### **STEM Program Deadline: March 18**

Applications for the 2016-2017 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are currently being accepted **on-line** by visiting <http://stem.dearbornschools.org/stem-application/>. 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!



### **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

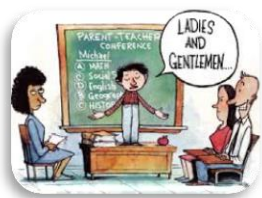


### **Hat Day: March 18**

There will be a **Relay for Life Hat day** on **Friday March 18**. Students and staff can pay \$1 to wear a hat all day. Thanks – Ms. Poloni

### **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



### **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 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 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.*

### **Spring Break 2016: March 25 – April 1**

Spring is just around the corner and it brings with it 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 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](mailto:hoolc@dearbornschools.org) or **Coach Rancilio** at [rancilm@dearbornschools.org](mailto:rancilm@dearbornschools.org).

### **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**