



## Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

**To:** Board of Education

**From:** Riya Dhondi and Jocelyn Jerome

**CC:** Dr. Scott Warren

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**Re:** Student Representative Report March 2026

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### Explore the Arts Day at Daniel Wright

Explore the Arts Day is an event that occurs every three years at Daniel Wright and recently took place on February 20th. It was an exciting event in which 6th, 7th, and 8th graders participated in various creative activities throughout the day and had fun in art-centered workshops. The objective of the event was to celebrate art and allow students to be able to express themselves through art. When the event came, the students were given an opportunity to rotate through subjects such as music, dance, drama, art, and others. The workshops were led by artists, teachers, and members of the community who were willing to share their expertise with the students. The event was a unique opportunity for students to create art, learn about art, and socialize with their peers from different grades.

Since the day followed a half day schedule, the students were able to focus their time to explore several different types of creative subjects. The workshops themselves offered a wide variety of creative opportunities. The activities included hip hop dancing and painting ceramic tiles to music production and improv. There were some activities where students could even witness some of these art forms being performed or demonstrated.

Many classrooms in the school were transformed into workshop areas. Instead of just watching presentations, students were able to actively participate and experiment. This approach helped students better understand the artistic process and gave them confidence to participate as their peers were also new to it.

In general, Explore the Arts Day was a memorable experience for everyone involved. Many students described it as a 'new' activity that they'd never experienced. By the end of the day, many students left with new artwork, new experiences, and a newer perspective on art.

## Board Representatives for 2026-2027

Daniel Wright is once again selecting the next group of student representatives. The goal in this process is to ensure the students have a voice and that their opinions are recognized by the school board. Another important goal is to update and inform the school board about recent events and how they're impacting our school environment. The next group of Student Representatives will include 2 eighth graders and 1 seventh grader. The seventh grader will be included in order to become familiar with the process and then be prepared when their time comes to be a student representative. These students will work together to help represent their peers and improve the school environment.

In order to choose the new representatives, the selection process will include an application form to anyone who is interested, and then an interview process to narrow it down to 3 representatives. Once the representatives are selected, they will get mentored by the current representatives for a period of time to ensure they are ready going into their new role.

To assist in making the Student Representative program more visible, new efforts will be made to communicate with students. One tool that will be introduced is a virtual suggestion box. This is an online form that can allow students to submit ideas, concerns, or suggestions at any time. Student Representatives can regularly check these messages to better understand the opinions of their classmates.

In addition to the virtual suggestion box, other efforts will be used to make students more aware of the representatives and their role in the school. This may include announcements, messages in the monthly news video, and other forms of communication that help students understand how they can share their ideas.

## 7th Grade Snowflake

Snowflake is an exclusive drug and alcohol prevention program for 7th graders which occurred on March 6th this year. During this event students were informed about the drastic consequences of drugs through various interactive activities and discussions. This event was started to display how wrong decisions could change the course of your life and the overall goal was to promote positive choices with the help of teachers and educators.

During the program, students took part in many discussions and activities led by the Stevenson High School body. These high school students initiated conversations about the challenges teenagers face nowadays. While the event focused on drug and alcohol prevention, it also explored the pressures and decisions teenagers make in modern society. Through these

discussions students learned about strategies for dealing with peer pressure and crucial decision making skills.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, students participated in group activities and also listened to a series of speeches which spoke about real life stories and conveyed important messages to the students.

The event concluded with a seventh-grade-only dance which provided a fun and relaxed way for students to celebrate the experience and process the information learned that day. Overall, Snowflake was a meaningful experience which allowed students to reflect on the important choices they will have in the future.