

## Groves Family Update 2/1/2020

Dear Groves Families,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community. It has been a blessing to be a part of the Groves family as a parent and, most recently, as the principal. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for the students, staff, and families of this community.

Groves is a special and unique place. I look forward to continuing the partnership with the Groves family in my new role at the district-level.

Fondly,  
Dr. Embekka Roberson

### **No X-Block on Tuesday, February 4**

There will be no X-block on Tuesday, February 4. Class will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will follow a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule.

### **Congratulations to Groves Scholastic Art Winners**

Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision and talent of teen artists and writers in grades seven to 12 from public, private and home schools. Former winners include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Joyce Carol Oates, and Robert Redford.

Groves High School students did exceptionally well this year with 23 individual artworks accepted. **Senior Luke Lee** received the prestigious honor of Silver Key Portfolio for his collective work, which comprised of eight drawings judged as a single unit. All Gold Key winners will have their works submitted to New York for further judging. The students listed below will be honored at the Detroit Institute of Art on February 10, 2020.

Congratulations to this year's Groves High School Scholastic Art participants and the following winners:

#### **Overall**

*Silver Key Portfolio Recipient* Luke Lee

#### **Digital Art**

*Gold Key Recipients* Luke Lee, awarded twice

*Silver Key Recipients* Luke Lee, awarded twice / Francesca Crovasce

#### **Drawing and Illustration**

*Honorable Mention Recipient* Luke Lee, awarded twice

#### **Photography**

*Gold Key Recipients* Ava Sarris, awarded twice / Nicholas Joseph, awarded twice / Francesca Crovasce

*Silver Key Recipient* Francesca Crovasce / David Shelton

*Honorable Mention Recipients* Ava Sarris, awarded thrice / Kylie Cohen / Francesca Crovasce / Lauren Flynn / Kathryn Karmanos / Gabriella Mush / Madeline Parker / Madeleine Penozza / David Shelton

### **Groves Students Receive Top Honors At Vocal Music Festival**

Congratulations to **Senior Cariel Gamlin** and **Sophomores Caroline Kondak** and **Kevyn Roessler** who recently participated in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District Solo & Ensemble Festival at Howell High School. All three students received a rating of 1 and qualified to perform at the state level for Solo & Ensemble in April.

## **Groves Orchestra Students Score Superior and Excellent Ratings at MSBOA**

This past weekend, members of the Groves Orchestra program participated in the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association's (MSBOA) District Solo & Ensemble Festival held at Brighton High School. During this event, students compete as soloists or in small ensembles and are assessed based on set criteria from each judge. Performances are scored as Division I/Superior; Division II/Excellent; Division III/Good; Division IV /Fair; and Division V/Poor.

Competing Groves students performed extremely well. Of 24 entries, Groves Orchestra received 21 Division I and 3 Division II ratings! The Groves community commends the efforts of these hard-working and talented student musicians.

### *Division I/ Superior:*

*Quartet* Ethan Biederman, Aarani Balendran, Matthew Inda, Callie Ostrowski, string

### *Duets*

Hadin Sayed and Curtis Rogers, cello

Madeleine Penozza and Ethan Biederman, piano

Clarice Kim and Molly Kohl, violin

### *Solos*

Sam Sundberg, bass

Bella Karageanes, bass

Sean Smith, cello

Kate VanderWeele, cello

Curtis Rogers, cello

Hadin Sayed, cello

Maya Trajano, cello

Madeleine Penozza, piano

Allie Fundaro viola

Eleanor Limbaugh, viola

Sanam Shafiee, violin

Jacob Flaherty, violin

Lea Milanini, violin

Clarice Kim, violin

Ethan Biederman, violin

Molly Kohl, violin

Aarani Balendran, violin

### *Division II/ Excellent:*

#### *Quintet*

Samantha Meal, Monica Inda, Mackenzie Beem, Callie Ostrowski, Rilee Danielson, string

#### *Solo*

Maggie DuRoss, cello

Ava Citko, viola

## **John Rutherford Featured in Downtown News Magazine**

Congratulations to Mr. Rutherford, Groves' teacher, for being featured in the Faces of Birmingham/Bloomfield section of Downtown News Magazine. Click the following to read this great story

<https://www.downtownpublications.com/single-post/2020/01/28/John-Rutherford>

## **PTA Meeting**

This Monday, we will have our PTA meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Jim Larson-Shidler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will present on the upcoming BPS Bond Initiative.

## **LINKS Drive**

LINKS is hosting a drive to provide support to Community Living Services (CLS). The items needed include new socks, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, and non-perishable canned goods. Please bring your items to the bin outside the front office by February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Groves Student Congress (GSC) Activities**

Groves Student Congress has TONS of fun events coming up in the next few weeks - be sure to talk to your student(s) about these events and encourage them to attend!

## **Snowcoming Dance**

GSC is holding a Winter Snowcoming. The dance will be held in the pool hall from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, February 1st. Students will not be allowed to leave the dance before 9:30 p.m.

## **Sweets for your Sweetie**

Students can pay \$1 to send candy. Their choice of three Hershey's kisses, two suckers, or one can of crush to themselves or a friend which will be delivered on February 14th.

Encourage your student(s) to buy some sweets for their friends and teachers! To make your sweets anonymous you can pay \$1 extra.

Selling starts on February 5th in the commons during lunch!

## **Charity Week**

Charity week is right around the corner- this year's charity is Brilliant Detroit and we are currently looking for business/company donations. Please email Mrs. Mason at [kmason@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:kmason@birmingham.k12.mi.us) if you are interested in donating and giving back to our community! Any amount is greatly appreciated!

## **Counseling, College & Career Center News**

### **Scholarships**

A full list of scholarships can be found on the [Scholarships page](#) on the College and Career Center page.

*VIBE Community Credit Union Scholarship*- [Link to online application form](#)

\$1,500 Scholarship; Deadline: April 1, 2020. Scholarship requirements:

- Be a VIBE Credit union member in good standing (no required length of time)
- Maintain a 3.0 G.P.A.
- Submit volunteer hours, your most recent high school transcript and proof of acceptance to a university, college, or technical school
- Submit a 250-word essay during the application process answering the question: What do you expect to gain by earning a degree or certificate at a university, college or technical school?

*The Detroit Association of University of Michigan Women*- The Detroit Association of U of M will award three \$1,000 scholarships for female students attending the University of Michigan this fall. See Mrs. Kondak for a paper application. The deadline is April 9, 2020. Please note that this scholarship requires transmitting an official transcript, so plan accordingly (before spring break).

### **2020 AP Exam Online Registration**

The firm deadline period to register for taking the 2020 Advanced Placement exams is February 1-29. Total Registration, our online AP exam payment processing/registration service will charge \$98 per exam. Registering students require an AP Classroom Join Code to register/pay for an exam in Total Registration. Students' AP teachers can provide this code. Finally, students should register based on where they take each respective AP class (Groves or Seaholm). Please see the following registration links:

Groves Total Registration link- [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/230333](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/230333)

Seaholm Total Registration link- <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/230327>

Students also may visit the Groves Web site home page to access the AP exam registration link. Direct any questions to Mr. Hurns in the counseling office or by email: [nhurns@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:nhurns@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

### **College Visits**

*Cleary University* – Thursday, February 6 at 9:30 a.m. Cleary University is an independent, not-for-profit, multi-site, Michigan-based, specialized business university, providing practical, project-based education enabling an immediate alumni contribution to employers, families, and communities. It also offers degrees and certificates in many fields.

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

Groves has a 50-percent completion rate for seniors who have filed their FAFSAs! Keep up the good work! The priority deadline for state-based scholarships is March 1, 2020. Need more help? See your counselor or come visit Mrs. Kondak in the College and Career Center.

### **Summer Programs**

Summer programs are beginning to open for registration. See the [Pre-College/summer programs](#) tab on the College and Career Center page.

### Summer Saturdays at Beaumont Returns

“Emerging Technologies in Healthcare” for Oakland County High School Students Grades 10-12 Six Saturday sessions from March to April 2020, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, \$25 per session.

Workshops include:

#### **Royal Oak Beaumont:**

Anesthesia/Surgery on 3/7/2020

Imaging on 3/14/2020

OT/PT on 3/21/2020

**Farmington Hills:** Nursing on 3/28/2020

**Troy:** Pharmacy on 4/18/2020

Registration opens Feb. 4, 9:00 AM at [Beaumont Career Registration event](#). Classes are limited to 25 students each, first come, first served. See your counselor for more details.

**Need a Job:** <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/cms/Workspace/Section/Section.aspx?DomainID=588>

### Community Events

#### **African-American Women & The Suffrage Movement**

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has partnered with Oakland University and Oakland Community College to host award-winning author, speaker and educator Michelle Duster on February 10 and 11. Duster is the great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells, who was a prominent African American journalist, abolitionist and feminist during the late 19th- and early 20th-centuries. At these events, which take place during Black History Month, Duster will speak about the Women's Suffrage Movement from the perspective of women of color. These free lectures are open to the public as part of the Board's year-long celebration of women's suffrage.

The events take place over two days. Duster will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10 at the Oakland Center on the campus of Oakland University. She also will speak at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11 at the Royal Oak Campus Auditorium of Oakland Community College.

Register here for Monday's event held at Oakland University: [bit.ly/MD20U](https://bit.ly/MD20U) or at [bit.ly/MD20CC](https://bit.ly/MD20CC) for Tuesday's event held at Oakland Community College.



### **Blood Drive**

Last Thursday, Groves Student Government (GSC) held another successful blood drive in conjunction with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan. Special thanks to the blood drive committee: Seniors **Katie Lucken, Olivia Yates, Ben Rosenthal** and **Junior Loren Middlebrooks** for working tirelessly to coordinate blood drive campaigns throughout the year. In turn, the Committee would like to thank the more than 60 student volunteers and, especially, the staff-, student- and parent-donors who showed up to contribute last Thursday. 56 successful donations were made. The next blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, and will be open to the local community followed by a school community drive held Monday, March 30.

### **Athletics**

*For Schedules and Sports Information visit the Groves High School Website: [www.grovesfalcons.com](http://www.grovesfalcons.com)*

### **Birmingham Unified Hockey Schedule**

January

Thurs. 1-30— BU Varsity plays Canton Prep/game time:10:15 a.m. / Arctic Coliseum

February

Sat. 2-1— BU Varsity plays Clarkston / game time: 6 p.m. / Birmingham Sports Arena

There will be free pizza for all Birmingham high school students who attend

Sun. 2-2— BU Varsity plays South Lyon / game time: 11:30 a.m. / Arctic Coliseum

Mon. 2-3— BU JV plays Brother Rice/game time: 8:30 p.m. / Birmingham Sports Arena

Wed. 2-5— BU JV plays Bloomfield / game time: 4:55 p.m / DSC

Thurs. 2-6— BU JV plays Catholic Central/game time: 8:45 p.m. /Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

BU Program Updates: On January 2, Birmingham Unified (BU) Varsity Hockey faced off against Lakeland at home. It was a close match, ending in a 1-1 draw. BU entered overtime and prevailed. **#16 Ladomor** scored just past the six-minute mark.

On January 25, BU's Junior Varsity team welcomed Troy United. BU took the lead early and won 4-0. Goals were scored by **#25 Ruszkowski, #20 George, #13 Robinson** and **#33 Radloff**. Go BU!



### **Staff Highlight**

**Monica Fugedi**

## Position or Subject Taught

Wellness Counselor

## Education

MA in Counseling

Licensed Practicing Counselor

Nationally Certified Counselor

Clinically Certified Anxiety Treatment Professional

## Brief Bio

I had about 5 different careers before coming into education. I fell in love with Counseling when I started running support groups alongside counselors at elementary, middle and high school. I went back to school and got my master's and here I am.

## Something you may not know about me

Sarcasm is how I hug. I also was a horrible high school student but a great college student.

## Favorite Quote

Quotes are my jam. I don't have a favorite, but one that I like a lot is "If it doesn't open, it's not your door"

## Photos

### U Matter Week

U Matter Week was a great success! The week started off with Channel 7, WXYZ, broadcasting live at Groves. The week continued with students putting encouraging messages around the school, and a Big Brother Big Sister mixer with Freshman students. One of the most powerful moments of the week were Ted Talks from students to students about their emotional struggles and how to overcome. Wow! What an impactful week! #TheGrovesWay #UMatterWeek

Birmingham Groves T-shirt campaign helps fight cancer:

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/birmingham-groves-t-shirt-campaign-helps-fight-cancer>

WXYZ Partners with Groves High School for National News Literacy Week

<https://www.wxyz.com/wxyz-partners-with-groves-high-school-for-national-news-literacy-week>

WXYZ kicks off News Literacy Week with Groves High School students to tell powerful stories

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/wxyz-kicks-off-news-literacy-week-by-partnering-with-groves-high-students-to-tell-powerful-stories>





Kayla Gallagher speaks to students during Ted Talks.

**Important Dates**

**Monday, February 3**

Principal Jim Moll officially starts.

PTA Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center

**Tuesday, February 4**

No X-block

School starts at 7:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 5**

Another Great Day at Groves!

**Thursday, February 6**

X-Block

College Visitation-Cleary University, 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, February 7**

Another Great Day at Groves

Thank you,

Dr. Embekka Roberson

Principal

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