

International Academy of Flint – Elementary

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It's amazing what you can do in just three days with these eager students! Einstein by Design shared several cool science experiments with the students! Students used milk, food coloring, and oil to make a beautiful milk rainbow. They also talked about *STEM*: *S* for scientists, *T* for technology, *E* for engineering, and *M* for math. They ended their session with a water bottle explosion! IAF YouthQuest students collaborated with each other to make popcorn and Goldfish turkeys that they got to take home to eat later. We ended the three-day week with a trip to Impressions 5. Ninety-five students dressed in teal YQ shirts ventured to Lansing to the hands-on museum. Students loved the POP! A Bubble experience. They explored how soap and water molecules interact to create the structure of a bubble. They were mesmerized with the spectrum while they compared different light sources, lenses, prisms, and mirrors. How can you move a 500 lb. block of concrete? IAF YouthQuest students know: simple machines. Students also learned why some things float while others don't. They discovered so much more and can't wait to go back some day.



Northwestern High School (Flint)

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This week we ended off our week by visiting Southwestern for the Sphinx concert featuring Melissa White! There, students helped to promote the Macy's Believe campaign for the Make a Wish Foundation. Students enjoyed the concert and finished off the Thanksgiving week with a great field trip!

Dye Elementary (C-A)

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The food drive at Dye Elementary was a huge success this week! YAC students spent lots of time totaling food servings and finding out which classroom contributed the most. It took our students' best teamwork skills to count the large amount of food brought in. The winning class turned in almost 2,000 servings of food! All the YouthQuest staff and students were very grateful for the school's participation; with everyone working together, we made a huge impact for those in need. YAC also got to take a field trip to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to see what happens with all the food that gets donated. They even got a chance to volunteer some time by helping sort food while they were there. What a great way to give back right before Thanksgiving break.



Doyle-Ryder Elementary (Flint)

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This week at Doyle Ryder, we took a group of students to the Shelter of Flint to feed the less fortunate. Before we took this trip, the students discussed the importance of kindness and what it means to be a helping hand to those who may need help. When the students arrived at the shelter, they were shocked to see children there; it brought tears to one student's eyes. The students left the shelter with a new attitude and can't wait to take another trip back. The students are already thinking of ways to help their community and the less fortunate. To see the students wanting to help and working on plans is truly amazing.



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Randels Elementary (C-A)

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This week at Randels was wonderful! The Break-A-Leg Club started the party when they performed their original play "How the Grinch Stole the Turkey." It was a hit! The fun didn't stop there, though; the Randels Engineers constructed Lego Whirlpools, and the Pay-it-Forward Club finished their pet blankets and are eager to donate them to the Humane Society next week! Until then, we will continue to EXCEL, EXCITE, and EXPLORE! HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM TEAM RANDELS!



Neithercut Elementary (Flint)

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Neithercut Elementary kicked off an amazing experience of a Thanksgiving dinner with the collaboration of Freeman Elementary, Pierce Elementary, Potter Elementary, and Southwestern Classical Academy! The 5th and 6th grade students participated in a talent show, and parents and students enjoyed all of the festivities, such as For-Mar, henna art, and more! In conclusion, one special Neithercut Family won a \$75.00 gift card from a wonderful organization called Walmart. To see all the exciting activities, come check us out at Neithercut Elementary!



Southwestern Classical Academy (Flint)

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This week at Southwestern Classical Academy, students had a short but busy week. On Monday, students in High School Stories: The Musical participated in a round table discussion about issues that plague high school students. Students discussed their past experiences and personal views on various topics. On Tuesday, students in the Step Club practiced their routine for the First Thanksgiving Dinner event. Students discussed the importance of stage presence and engaging the crowd. The remaining students took on leadership roles in order to help during the Sphinx Concert, which hosted violinist Melissa White. Students served as greeters, errand runners, and ushers during the event. We wrapped up the week by hosting Potter, Freeman, Pierce, and Neithercut Elementary Schools for our First Thanksgiving Dinner Family Night. Southwestern students participated by serving as greeters, face painters, student guides, performers, and student leaders. We want to extend a special thanks to our step group and all of the student helpers. The Thanksgiving event would not have been possible without them. We hope that each of our students has a wonderful Thanksgiving, and we look forward to seeing them on Monday!

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Holmes STEM 3-7 Academy (Flint)

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On Monday, Girls Rock Club made some delicious pizza toast. On Tuesday, Sphinx students attended a violin demonstration and workshop by Melissa White just for them at Southwestern Classical Academy in Flint. Finally, on Wednesday, students enjoyed a turkey and gravy dinner in honor of Thanksgiving.

Durant Tuuri-Mott Elementary (Flint)

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It has been a busy bee of a week at DTM. Earlier in the week, Sphinx students were also able to attend a concert just for them, in which Melissa White was performing at Southwestern Classical Academy. We had way too much fun at Wednesday's family night watching students perform *Johnny Apple Seed*. They were just full of surprises using props like plaid coats and pots with apples glued on top for the DTM family night. The students working with Young Peoples Ballet also performed a short dance routine from *Annie: You're Never Full Dressed without a Smile*. Sphinx violin students performed as well. Parents gave the students a standing ovation and broke out their cameras and cell phones to record how amazing the students were. Their high kicks put the Rockettes to shame! The families enjoyed crisp apple cider and fresh baked apple cinnamon and pumpkin doughnuts from Montrose Apple Orchard. Many families took advantage of making homemade craft decorations to be placed on our freshly cut fir tree that we will be cutting down on December 5 at Munches Tree Farm in Lapeer. The Make a Wish Foundation was a highlight at the family night as YouthQuest continues its participation in Macy's Believe Campaign for the Make a Wish Foundation. Many families were able to fill out their "Dear Santa..."



requests. For every "Dear Santa..." letter written, Macy's will donate \$1 to the Make a Wish Foundation. DTM students are also very busy collecting canned goods for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan as the competition intensifies! We are looking forward to the Holiday Culture Walk on December 1 in the Heart of Downtown Flint. We hope to see you there!

Eisenhower Elementary (Flint)

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YouthQuest students at Eisenhower Elementary are turning their focus outward, as they think about and discuss opportunities for service learning projects. Each group has discussed the work of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and will be writing letters. The letters will be taken to Macy's as part of their Believe project, and Macy's will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for each letter submitted. The students are excited to help other students in this way. Students have intently researched the Whaley Center and various shelters. The letters written by the students reflected some of their thoughts: "I want to give poor children help;" "I hope that all of those people get food, water, and a shelter;" "For the children, Barbie doll, some crayons, some shows, hair stuff, and some board games." We love it when students show concern for others!

Freeman Elementary (Flint)

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Although it was a short week for the YouthQuest Afterschool Program, it was packed with fun and activities. We kicked off the week with a Sphinx performance by professional violinist Melissa White. Freeman students actually had a chance to perform on stage with her in front of other Sphinx students. They were very nervous but did a great job and had a blast! Next up was the 'First Thanksgiving' Event at Southwestern Classical Academy. YouthQuest students and families gathered to celebrate the holiday with dinner, entertainment, activities, and all-around fun! There was face painting, basketball, dance, photos, and pin-the-feather on the turkey. A great time was had by all.

Brownell K-2 STEM Academy (Flint)

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It was a short but exciting week before the Thanksgiving break over at Brownell YouthQuest. The Macy's Believe campaign for the Make a Wish Foundation is in full swing with the students writing as many letters to Santa as possible, asking for things for themselves, family, neighbors, YouthQuest staff, and even the sick children they are donating these letters for. This week, the students had an awesome opportunity to take a trip to The Robot Garage in Birmingham where they built and programmed Lego robots. This activity fostered teamwork, STEM, and a ton of fun! The students were so grateful for this, sharing a bunch of thank you's on the way out. Everyone is so excited to see what is in store next!



Potter Elementary (Flint)

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It was another short week for the YouthQuest students at Potter Elementary! We kept busy, though, in preparation for our long holiday weekend! Most students spent time on Monday



creating Thanksgiving themed crafts and letters in preparation for Wednesday's family event. On Tuesday, Sphinx students had incredible opportunity to attend a concert at Southwestern Classical Academy to hear professional violinist Melissa White play her music. To end the week on Wednesday, YouthQuest students from Potter,

Pierce, Freeman, and Neithercut Elementary Schools travelled to Southwestern for our first annual "First Thanksgiving" event! Students, families, and

community members were invited to participate in various activities and sit down for a Thanksgiving meal. Among the activities were face painting, step performances and classes, live animal presentations from For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum, and a Macy's Believe Campaign letter station!



International Academy of Flint – Middle & High School

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A Motown Dream that came true was the theme this week. Students from International Academy of Flint went down to the Motown Museum and had themselves a ball. They learned about the rich heritage of Motown and how it began. They also had the opportunity to sing a few of the Motown hit tunes. It was an awesome experience! Up next is International Academy of Flint Has Talent!

Pierce Elementary (Flint)

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This week was a short but still fun-filled, jam-packed week. Students continued working on some projects for ArtQuest and finished self-portraits while enjoying the amazing weather! Students also continued to work on their paper mache masks and even more! Some fifth graders began working on a Lego city and even made up a story to go along with it. On Wednesday, we held our chili cook-off family night where we collected canned goods to donate to a charity. For the chili cook-off, each grade made a pot of chili, and we had students and parents vote for the best one. Students also made thanksgiving placemats, leaves to decorate our thankful tree, and even decorated their own plates. Students and families were all very excited to try all seven of our different chili creations. The second graders' chili won, so they will get the opportunity to decide where our canned goods go. We had an amazing turn out, and everyone had so much fun! We are looking forward to next week to see what's in store!

Upcoming Events

December 3 – IAF's Family Night Talent Show

December 22 – Eisenhower's Winter Holiday Family Night

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