

Student Achievements

- Wealthy Elementary School was designated a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, one of only 13 National Blue Ribbon Schools in the state of Michigan.
- The musical *Aladdin, Jr.* was a huge success with over 200 students actively participating in all facets of the production. Four great shows were presented involving students in 1st-5th grades.
- Six Odyssey of the Mind Teams met regularly throughout the year and competed at the Regional Competition.

Student Activities (Athletic, Drama, Music, Arts, etc.)

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was celebrated by all students through participating in a silent march, whole school assembly, and mix-it-up “Dream Keeper” groups. Classroom activities focused on the book *The Quite Contrary Man: A True American Tale*, and this year’s theme was “Celebrate the Uniqueness in All of Us.”
- The Variety Show in November highlighted many student talents in music, dance, and more.
- A very successful Scholastic Book Fair was held in March.
- Field Day will be held as the final PBIS TEAM celebration for the year. Four smaller celebrations were also held throughout the year to promote and celebrate positive behavior.
- Wealthy Family Movie Night was held with over 400 attendants enjoying *Minions*. The student body exercises their democratic values by voting on the title to be shown.
- All students will participate in the Wizard Walk (our annual PTO fundraiser).
- Water safety and swim lessons were offered to all 1st – 5th grade students in Wealthy pool.
- Our annual Veteran’s Day Assembly included all grades and many local veterans. The keynote speaker was East Grand Rapids graduate and Master Army Aviator Andrew Graham.
- Author Melissa Stewart met with 1st – 5th graders. She met with each grade as a group, each classroom separately, and with a group of selected students called the “Wetland Writers.” This group traveled to Reeds Lake to learn first-hand about non-fiction writing.
- Poet Laura Purdie Salas visited for a week and provided instruction and insight on writing poetry to each K – 5th grade classroom.
- Author Lester Laminack will visit and present to all students and conduct staff development on writing.
- Spirit Week activities included all students and were comprised of Pajama Day, Crazy Hair Day, Beach Day, Wear Green/St. Patrick’s Day, and East Day.
- Junior Great Books met in grades 1st – 5th with over 100 students participating in the reading and discussion of classic literature in small groups.
- The Wealthy Choir consists of 62 - 4th and 5th graders. They participated in the 42nd annual Melodies in March concert. The choir also led our student body in every assembly and participated in various community outreach events in addition to their weekly choir meetings.
- Many students in 3rd – 5th grades participated in Chess Club.
- Girls on the Run met twice per week and included many 3rd and 4th grade girls.
- Over 30 students participated in the Poetry Club, which met weekly during lunch.
- Many students participated in the 4th and 5th Grade Math Club.

- Kindergarten students attended the Circus and then developed and presented their own Circus acts for the school.
- Kindergarten students visited the Critter Barn & Steffens Apple Orchard to build on a farm unit.
- Kindergarten held a Gingerbread House making event.
- 1st Grade field trips included visiting the Fulton St Market, the EGR Public Library, and the Meijer Sculpture Gardens twice, visiting both the *Then and Now* and *Butterfly* exhibits.
- 1st Grade hosted a visit by the Red Cross to hear a weather safety presentation.
- 1st Grade donated Toys for Tots as a part of their community service for Social Studies.
- 2nd Grade field trips included visiting Sietsema Orchard, Blandford Nature Center, EGR City Hall, and the Grand Rapids Public Museum.
- 2nd Grade hosted mystery readers throughout the school year.
- 3rd Grade visited Historic Charlton Park in Hastings, MI.
- 3rd Grade will be visiting Camp Roger for an end-of-the-year celebration.
- 3rd graders participated in an Economics Fair in the gym which supported the Social Studies curriculum.
- 4th Grade will travel to Mackinac Island as the culmination of many instructional units.
- 4th Grade traveled to our State Capitol in Lansing as part of their Social Studies instruction.
- 4th Grade traveled to a local Apple Store to learn about making movies.
- 4th Grade participated in the annual Flea Market economics unit.
- 4th Graders built Eco-columns as a part of their Life Sciences science unit.
- 5th Grade Safeties had their annual pool party in recognition of their hard work being a Safety.
- 5th Grade Students attended Science Camp for 3 days and 2 nights at Mystic Lake Camp in Lake, MI.
- 5th Grade will travel to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in the spring.
- 5th Grade hosted a “Parade of Homes” where they displayed small-scale architectural designs.
- 5th Grade hosted their second Math Fair where students will share with an audience of students and parents the different ways an area of interest to them involves math.
- 5th Grade celebrations will include a Field Trip to Michigan’s Adventure, 5th Grade Promotion Assembly, and the 5th Grade Walk of Fame.

Partnerships/Collaborations

- The Wealthy Elementary School Cultural Ambassadors Committee organized a *Cultural Luncheon* on Spain and developed a new mural honoring the uniqueness of the students that is displayed in the gym.
- The Student Leadership Team sponsored our annual Kids Food Basket food drive resulting in thousands of breakfast bundles being delivered to students across Kent County.
- All students participated in *Hearts of Gold* through change donations and Spirit Days.
- Ongoing collaboration with a sister school in the Greater Grand Rapids area helped further the goal of literacy through the donation and exchange of books and school supplies.
- Wealthy’s partnership with Clark Retirement Home enabled each 2nd grade student to visit and read with an elderly reading buddy several times throughout the year.
- Numerous classrooms sponsored programs whereby parents and grandparents visited as mystery readers or “experts for the day.”
- Many students regularly attended the *Harry Potter* Read-a-loud in coordination with EGR KDL during lunch once a week.
- In partnership with EGR KDL, 5th graders participated in a *Little Bits* class, which utilized a platform of easy-to-use electronic building blocks for creations inventions.