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CHESTERFIELD, Mich. – As Francis A. Higgins Elementary third-graders were readying themselves for summer vacation last June, they were given one more assignment: grow a cabbage. Teacher Katie Nebel Hoffner works with sponsor Bonnie Plants, who donates the plants, and awards a \$1,000 scholarship to the top cabbage grower in the state. On **Sept. 13** at 9 a.m., the top three students from Higgins Elementary School will receive a gift card and recognition during morning announcements.

"The Cabbage Program is a great way to engage children in the joy of gardening," said Nebel Hoffner. "Gardening provides a safe place to experience nature, discover the cycles of life, and develop an understanding of our environment. It also exposes our children, firsthand, to the benefits of growing nutritious food. Seeing students excited about learning and the art of gardening is what we strive for here at Higgins," added Nebel Hoffner. Higgins Elementary School is located at 29901 24 Mile Road.

CHESTERFIELD, Mich. – The Detroit Red Wings School Assembly Program will visit Green Elementary School **Sept. 13** from 10-11 a.m. The assembly will focus on delivering a positive message on the importance of education and a healthy lifestyle to students, and includes a trivia contest, game with select students, a teachers vs. students shoot-out, and a motivational message by "Coach" Jim Biewer, Detroit Red Wings staff member. At the conclusion, the Detroit Red Wings Foundation will donate a full set of street hockey equipment.

"Children respect professional athletics and will listen to them," said Principal Eileen Hielscher. "We thought this was a good way to provide a positive message about the importance of education and a healthy lifestyle." Green Elementary School is located at 47260 Sugarbush Road. For more information, contact Hielscher at hielsei@lc-ps.org or at 586-493-5280.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP, Mich. – South River Elementary School honors grandparents **Sept. 16** by inviting them to come to school and create a scrapbook page with their grandchildren at 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. "This annual event brings our community into our beautiful facility and it's a great opportunity to bridge the generations through a hands-on project," said Principal Laura Holbert.

South River Elementary School is located at 27733 South River Road. For information, contact Holbert at holbela@lc-ps.org or at 586-783-6480.

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