

Today is "A" Day

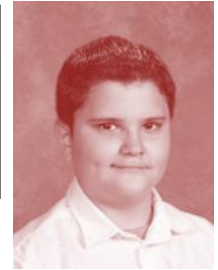


No one eats alone  
Today

Majd Nasser shared this very motivating quote:

**"Don't decrease the goal; Increase the effort."**

*That's awesome... If it is difficult, try harder!*



### No One Eats Alone: Friday, Feb. 09

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is No One Eats Alone Day. Please dress nicely (as if you're going to a fancy restaurant for dinner). We'll have performances by band and orchestra students, trivia games, & prizes.



Edsel Ford's Link Crew will be here for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunches to discuss the transition to high school. Plus, there will be several guests joining us for lunch.

### Pizza for GeoBee Participants: Monday, Feb. 26

All of our students who participated in the GeoBee 2018 Contest will be enjoying on Monday, Feb. 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The students' names will be announced just after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch. Mark it on your calendar.



### Guitar Class Coming to Stout Next Semester!

Stout Middle School will be offering a guitar class during 3<sup>rd</sup> hour next semester for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 1<sup>st</sup> hour students need to see their counselor if they are interested in joining this class.

### Games Club Switches to Wednesdays

Starting on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Games Club will begin meeting on Wednesdays after school in room D-4, instead of on Fridays. New members are always welcome, as long as they have a signed permission slip. Permission slips may be picked up from Mr. Melvin's room, D-4.



### CANDY GRAMS

**Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser: Feb. 6 – Feb. 13**  
Valentine's Day is coming and that means Stout Track is having their annual Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser!

From Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a table set up during lunch where you can purchase candy grams to send to anyone in the school for **only 50 cents each!** Send a message and a heart-shaped sucker to anyone of your choosing: your crush, your friends, your classmates, or even your favorite teacher! Make sure you know the first hour teacher of the person you want to send your candy gram to! Candy gram delivery will take place on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, during first hour. Coaches Crechiolo & Hool

**Edsel Ford coming to Stout: Wed. March 21**

Edsel Ford reps will be coming to Stout Middle School on Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 am to talk about scheduling and opportunities at Edsel Ford. Mark on your calendar that Edsel Ford’s SPRING ORIENTATION for all incoming ninth graders and parents will be held at Edsel Ford High School on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.



**Math League Contest is back: February 27, 2018**

The 2017-2018 Math League Contest at Stout Middle School is back. It will be held at 8:30 am, Tuesday Feb. 27, 2018. Please register by Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 with Mr. Sabra. You can also ask your teacher to send your name to Mr. Sabra. Last year you did well. Let's do better this year. For the **main rules** of this contest, click on [selected-math-league-rules](#). To practice, click on the samples:

[grade 6 2004-2005 Sample](#)

[grade 6 2012-13 Sample](#)

[grade 7 2004-2005 Sample](#)

[grade 7 2012-13 Sample](#)

[grade 8 2004-2005 Sample](#)

[grade 8 2012-13 Sample](#)

**HFEC applications are Due March 31, 2018**

On Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, letters Dearborn Technology & Manufacturing Early College emailed to all students all the information needed along with a link to fill their applications on-line. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 31, 2018.



The Dearborn Technology & Manufacturing Early College, located on the campus of Henry Ford College, provides students with the opportunity to learn, experience, and achieve the level of education required, not just to get a job, but to start a career in the new technology or manufacturing field. Students can earn both a high school diploma and a two year college degree or earn an associate’s degree – as that could lead to immediate employment. All of this is provided at no cost to students or parents!

**Some Dates to Remember**

Late Arrival Days	Half Day	Parent Teacher Conferences	No School
Wednesday October 18, 2017	Friday October 13, 2017	Monday November 13, 2017	Tuesday November 7, 2017 Professional Development Day
Wednesday November 15, 2017	Friday January 26, 2018	Tuesday November 14, 2017	Wednesday - Friday November 22, 2017 – November 24, 2017 Conference Release Day Thanks Giving
Wednesday December 20, 2017	Monday January 29, 2018	Wednesday March 07, 2018	Monday – Friday December 25, 2017 – January 5, 2018 Winter Break
Wednesday January 17, 2018	Thursday June 14, 2018 Last Day of School		Monday January 15, 2018 Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday February 07, 2018			Monday - Friday February 19, 2018 – February 23, 2018 Mid-Winter Break
Wednesday March 14, 2018			Friday – Friday March 30, 2018 – April 06, 2018 Spring Break
Wednesday May 16, 2018			Friday – Monday May 25, 2018 – May 28, 2018 Conference Release Day Memorial Day

**National Student Poetry Contest: Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Student Poetry Contest Entry Deadline is on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Grand Prize is \$500.00. There will be 36 prizes awarded. Each student may submit ONE poem, via an INSTANT ONLINE ENTRY FORM at [www.libraryofpoetry.com](http://www.libraryofpoetry.com) or by regular mail with entry being typed rather than written if possible. Poem must be NO MORE THAN 20 LINES.

Please mail your entries to:

“REVIEW COMMITTEE” c/o THE AMERICA LIBRARY OF POETRY  
P.O. BOX 978  
HOULTON, ME 04730

Make sure you include a copy of the cut out portion of the attached official entry form.

**TEACHER SUBMISSION FORM**

Teacher’s First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School’s Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Top Educator Award Notification, Poetry Contest Winners, And Future Contest Information)

Grade Levels I Teach: \_\_\_\_\_

To be considered for a Top Educator Award, please check the appropriate boxes below:

I Certify Full Class Participation Of All Students In # \_\_\_\_ Classes

Partial Class Participation Of # \_\_\_\_ Classes

**CUT OUT AND RETURN THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
(must be cut out and stapled to top left corner of poem)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do Not Use School Address)

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Poem Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For contact information regarding contest, winning entries, or publication)