

## Family & Community Engagement in WPS 2018 -19

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## Agenda

- F.A.C.E Team
- History of District FACE
- District-wide PreK-6 2018-19 F.A.C.E. Events
- Positive Outcomes of F.A.C.E.
- Sustainability of Offerings



# **History of District F.A.C.E**

- 2014-15 SY First District Team led by Patrick Costello, Betsy Harris & Susan Kustka
- Developed Surveys/ Analyzed data to determine next steps.
- 2015-16 SY Susan Kustka established new team to work along with parent council reps. to develop equitable experiences district-wide for PreK-6 students at all schools; All day Saturday kick-off 9/26/15
- 2016-present: Streamlining of events (combined STEM Hotspots and FACE Events) to avoid duplication of efforts and saturating needed vendor/ community supports



## FACE/STEAM Hotspots Events - 2018-19

- New England Wildlife Center 10/6/18
- Adventures with the STEAM Team 2/28/19
- Weymouth's Got Talent 3/12/19
- Family Game Night 3/27/19
- Beautiful Boy Movie Screening 5/1/19
- Speaker/David Sheff 5/8/19
- Full STEAM Ahead 5/22/19



## About the STEM HotSpots...

The STEM HotSpots targeted the PreK-8 community with opportunities for families to explore various topics within science, technology, engineering and mathematics. These events may occur on weeknights or Saturdays.

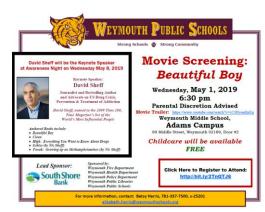




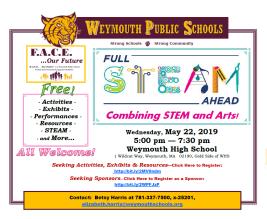






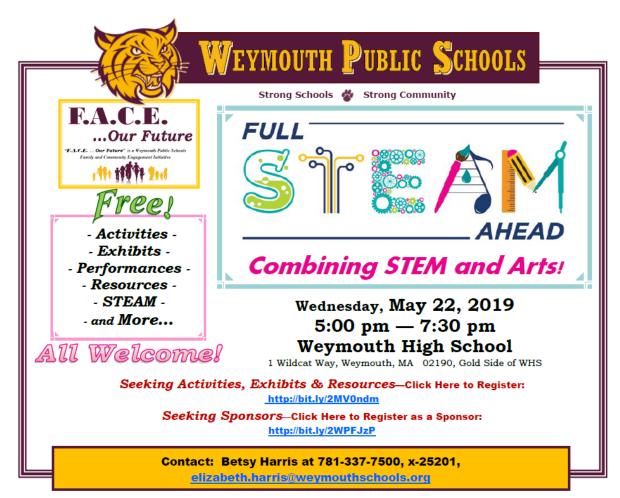








## STEAM Expo: Full STEAM Ahead May 22, 2019





### STEAM Expo: Full STEAM Ahead

- **STEM was changed to STEAM** to accommodate the Arts and performances.
- **60+ stations** providing a variety of interactive STEAM-related activities in WHS Gold Cafeteria, lobby and outside
- Free Planetarium event at 6:00 pm accommodated **66** people
- Approximately **350** students and parents from WPS families attended
- Opportunities for students to engage in hands-on activities and have discussions with the "experts"
- Many raffle prizes with STEAM relevance were provided for student
- Community members, WPS employees and WHS students participated as presenters
- Presenters included: WPS Staff, School-Community Partners, WHS Robotic, WHS CTE, and Capstone students

















2018-2019 WPS Full STEAM Ahead Photo Album: http://bit.ly/2WPf1ud



























## **Elks Essay Contest**



2018-2019 WPS: Elks Essay Awards Ceremony Photo Album: <u>http://bit.ly/2JCUym6</u>

Congratulations! WPS won 1st Place in BOTH Divisions at the State Level

#### Isabella Galusha

**Division I: Grades 5-6** 

**Isabelle Cummings** 

**Division II: Grades 7-8** 



## **Broader Reach of FACE**

#### • Food Instability

 Weymouth Market, Weekend Backpack Program, Food Pantry Collections, Pop-Up Pantries, Summer Food Program, 2 Dollar Bag Program

#### • Textile Recycling

- Bin(s) at every school,
  - Year to Date **\$45,876.25**
  - TOW saves like amount in disposal fees
  - **458+ TONS** averted from landfills
- Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program
  - Register up to 2 schools of choice, shop between September March
    - 2018-2019 District earnings: **\$22,626.21**
    - Year to Date earnings: **\$244,157.71**





## **Broader Reach of FACE**

Continued

#### **Community Service Opportunities**

- Share opportunities
  - 2018-2019 Hours (to-date): 54,054.00
  - Program to date Hours: 199,577.10
  - VIP Program / WeyCathlon

#### **Capstone Fair**

- Introduce Students to Partners
- Recruit Capstone Fair Judges
  - 2018-2019 WPS: WHS Capstone Fair Photo Album: <u>http://bit.ly/2Z3tBvt</u>
  - 2018-2019 WPS: Capstone Chesna/WPD Dedication Ceremony Photo Album: <u>http://bit.ly/30jpEV0</u>

#### **Career Speakers**

#### **Credit for Life Fair**

Partner volunteers

#### Wildcat Workforce Lunch Visits



## **Broader Reach of FACE**

#### Continued

American Red Cross Blood Drives	Fairing Way Outreach Handmade Hats, Scarves & Gloves	Hygiene Kits for Families in Emergency Situations	Media	Special Olympics
Apprenticeships	Free Laundry	IT Information Sharing Initiative	Parent Councils	Substance Abuse Resources
Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher	Health Connection South Shore Health Systems	Internships	Planetarium Shows	Teacher Externships
Civic Associations	Health Fairs	Joanna's Place	Quincy Family Resources	Walk for Hospice
Comfort Zone Camp	Heating Assistance	Job Shadows	Read to Succeed	Weymouth Private Schools
CPR Classes	Higher Education Institutions	Lung Health Presentation	Scholarships	White Cane Day
Digital Depression in Teens	Hiring Opportunities	Mammogram Van	SEPAC	Weymouth Private Schools
Dual Enrollment	Houses of Worship	Mass Hire	South Shore Support Services	White Cane Day

Assist various Town Departments

Elder Services, Fire, Libraries, Police, Weymouth Rec, Veterans, etc.

...and MORE!

## Secondary Schools 5-12 F.A.C.E. Connecting Themes

- Health, Safety, & Wellness: Into the Dark, Awareness Night (9-12+); The Other Talk – Norfolk County DA's Office
- Focus on the Arts: Music in Our Schools; Drama and Chorus Presentation
- WHS Walk With a Wildcat



## 5-12 F.A.C.E Themes

- Community Service expansion:
  - Adams: Helping Hand, Wounded Warriors, Pennies for Patience, Make a Difference Club
  - Chapman: Breast Cancer Walk, Turkey Basket Drive, Giving Tree, Cradles to Crayons Clothing Drive
  - WHS 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Weycathlon to promote values of Community Service with students and parents (PreK-12); WHS Capstone Fair – Projects involve much interaction with the students and community. School-Community Partners participated as judges.



## **Positive Outcomes**

- Fosters community support and community pride
- Encourages volunteerism of students, staff, parents, and community members
- Highlights student talents
- Enhances family participation w/ larger turnouts
- Connections to College and Career Readiness



## **Additional Positive Outcomes**

- Hands-on activities for multiple academic and enrichment areas
- District-wide participation
- Equity for students at all primary schools
- Promotes Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math
- Capstone and Community Service at WHS have shown significant interaction between students and the community



## Sustainability of District-Wide Events

- Overuse of specific community partners and parents for volunteerism and resources
- Lack of funds to purchase materials for events
- Coordination & timing of district & community events
- Developed a F.A.C.E. Committee and identified events to sustain with more admin support, but still fell on main three
- Promoting consistent Family Engagement PreK-12
- Increased effort to encourage new community partnerships and participants
- Tried to target alumni participation to further sustain F.A.C.E. and promote success of schools



#### **WHS Credit for Life Fair**



2018-2019 WPS: WHS Credit for Life Fair Photo Album: http://bit.ly/2Z4ouen

#### MASSHire, 3M, ElectroSwitch & Ziljian talk with WHS & Chapman students about the

Manufacturing Industry with WHS Field Trip to ElectroSwitch



2018-2019 WPS: WHS Field Trip to ElectroSwitch & South Shore Manufacturing Presentation Photo Album: <u>http://bit.ly/2Z98Kab</u>



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2018-2019 WPS: Awareness Night with David Sheff Photo Album: <a href="http://bit.ly/2JUoRow">http://bit.ly/2JUoRow</a>



#### **Family Game Night**



2018-2019 WPS: Family Game Night Photo Album http://bit.ly/2JXrsxG

#### **Special Olympics**



2018-2019 WPS: Special Olympics Photo Album: http://bit.ly/2wAXfvE

#### **Adventures with the STEAM Team**





2018-2019 WPS: Adventures with the STEAM Team Photo Album: <u>http://bit.ly/2JXrsxG</u>







#### WHS Night of 100 Stars



2018-2019 WPS: WHS Night of 100 Stars Photo Album http://bit.ly/2WHtEiZ





