

News from around Romeo Community Schools ...

Romeo Middle School

Romeo Middle School takes recycling paper seriously and everyone in the community is invited to participate. Thanks to the Abitibi Paper Retriever Program, Principal Sam Argiri, School Secretary Kim Smith, and the student members of the school's Builders Club, a large container is now available for paper recycling. It is located at the north end of the school's parking lot on Prospect Street and is open 24/7.

"We have kids in our Builders Club who take paper from the classrooms after school and deposit it in the recycling bin," Smith said. "It's been going fairly well since we started the program last spring."

Abitibi empties the bin regularly and takes the contents to its recycling center to convert it into other paper products such as newsprint. The proceeds from the paper go toward educational activities for the students at Romeo Middle School.

Everyone is encouraged to drop off their paper at the recycling container. Suitable paper includes newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, mail, office paper, school paper, and bagged shredded paper.



Powell Middle School

Powell Science Olympiad Head Coach Dave Dau is looking for a few more students to round out the school's Science Olympiad team. Any 6th-8th grader can join the team for a competition that's scheduled for March 17, 2007. Practices will start soon.

Parents coach the school's team. The goal is the competition as well as solidifying science skills. Sign up sheets are in the school office.

Three Romeo High School students have received top honors from the National Merit Scholarship corporation due to exceptionally high scores on their 2002 PSAT/NMSQT and SATs.

Senior **Christopher Wingert** has been named a Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, and seniors **Courtney Clark** and **Andrew Walla** have received commended status by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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November 20 & 21 marked the second Challenge Day activity for Romeo High School students. The event, co-sponsored by the school with funds from the Romeo Kiwanis Club, is linked to the school's Peer Mediation program.

"The major impact for students is a feeling of connectedness," said teacher/advisor David Robertson. "It really starts with being personally aware of the positive impact you can make as an individual."

Challenge Day workshop sessions include activities

that allow students to connect with each other and their school while delving into issues that create barriers. Students also seek new ways to contribute to the creation of a positive school environment.

Peer mediators will make up the bulk of student participants with Challenge Day adult leaders as coordinators.

"Peer mediation is many things," said Robertson. "Ultimately it is school improvement and student empowerment."



Romeo High Peer Mediators challenge Powell Middle School students to empower themselves and raise school spirit during a 2005 presentation that "spun off" from Challenge Day 2005.

"Challenge Day is an event that creates an opportunity for what might seem like the impossible - building unity between students. It opens your eyes to see what goes on in the lives of students, opens your heart to share what's been kept hidden and challenges your mind to think beyond what society teaches us."

Meghan Mills - Romeo High School senior and student Challenge Day leader.