

2017-18 ITnet Accomplishments

SkillsUSA

We had four students attend the 2018 SkillsUSA State Competition in Grand Rapids, MI on April 20-22, 2018. Congratulations to Vance Plummer, a senior this year from Imlay City, for winning a gold medal in Internetworking. Vance will be attending the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky in June. Also, congratulations to Joseph Gehman, a Lapeer home school senior for winning a bronze medal in Internetworking.

CyberPatriot

The CyberPatriot competition is a security competition sponsored by the United States Air Force. This year, we put together a team of Daniel Baki (North Branch), Cole Bosma (Imlay City), Nathan Church (Lapeer), Matthew Dewey (Lapeer), Ben Parton (North Branch), and Vance Plummer (Imlay City). They competed throughout several rounds of competitions, and we congratulate them for making it to the State Round GOLD Tier and finishing 1st in Michigan in that Tier.

Field Trips

On October 24, 2017, students visited Quicken Loans Data Center in Troy, MI. Students were given a tour of the large data center by a long time network employee and had the opportunity to hear about working in the IT field and ask questions of an experienced IT professional. December 8, 2017, students visited Mott Community College's Flint main campus. Students were able to tour the college campus, attend several sessions with college professors, and participated in a panel discussion with former Mott students who are now employed in the IT field. It was a great field trip to ensure all students have had the opportunity to visit a college or university.

Custom Builds

3 small groups completed custom built computers for our lab - A.M. students Brent Walker (Lapeer), Chris Watson (Dryden), and Matt Senko (Lapeer); A.M. students Grant Rose (North Branch), Jacob Ruhlman (North Branch), Lorance Sheldon (Lapeer), and Avery Gronda (Lapeer); P.M. students Kody Hurd (North Branch), Megan Wisswell (North Branch), and Michael Duty (North Branch). Each year students do a group project based on the customer's (instructor) requirements. They price out all of their parts, create a presentation, and present their project to the board (classmates) to be reviewed. The best product meeting the criteria is then chosen to be built by the students for use in our lab. **Community Service**

In keeping with our annual tradition, the ITnet class collected new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season to be donated to Toys for Lapeer County Kids. All toys donated stay within Lapeer County, helping to ensure that children in our area receive a gift over the holidays. Again this year, the barrel was overflowing with gifts.