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Middleton School District
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DELiberative Session

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I am happy to continue the tradition of celebrating some of the great things going on at our “small school with the big heart.” I think it’s important to take a few moments to reflect back on some highlights of Middleton Elementary School’s third year. As we all know, the time just goes so quickly, and it can be easy to forget the wonderful things happening for our students. Before I move on to talk about our elementary school, and share a few things from Kingswood Regional Middle School, High School, and Lakes Region Technology Center, I want to pause for a minute and say thank you to our taxpayers for supporting what has been done for the youth in this community. They are our future, and they are being given a tremendous foundation here.

I also want to take a minute to share some very exciting news that we just learned from Mrs. Crosby and the MES staff you see pictured here. Because of their commitment to their work around childhood trauma, The Attachment & Trauma Network has selected Middleton Elementary School staff as the recipients of the “Touching Trauma at It's Heart School Award for 2019!” They were selected because the Network was so impressed with the MES team's ability to build a trauma-informed school from the ground up, one with whole community involvement, and they want to honor their hard work and success. The award will be presented to them at the Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools conference, on Monday, Feb 18. Congratulations and thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our children!
We are so fortunate to have a beautiful library/media center for our students to use throughout the day. Effective use of technology is really a life skill now in the 21st century, and our students are fortunate to have many opportunities to learn through educational tools provided to them. During their class time in the library/media center, students have the opportunity to participate in group learning activities around research, coding, and writing skills, just to name a few.
The use of technology was in full swing, when Mrs. Thibeault’s third grade students had the pleasure of communicating through Skype with fellow third graders in Michigan. This is such a great way for students to practice their communication skills, collaborate, and see how easily learning can happen in and beyond the school walls.