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Today, we held our second annual Transition Day at Wapakoneta Middle School and Wapakoneta High School. The 4th grade students from Wapakoneta Elementary School and Cridersville Elementary School traveled to WMS on that day. The students had an opportunity to learn about the middle school as they participated in an orientation and a tour of the building. They also were able to meet many of the teachers as they moved through a typical 5th grade schedule. The 5th and 6th grade students moved to the next grade level at WMS for Transition Day. They learned about the opportunities that await them in the upcoming grade level. Our 7th grade students traveled to WHS for Transition Day. They had the opportunity to go through orientation, meet many of the 8th grade teachers and had an opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with a panel of high school students. We were very pleased to provide this opportunity for our students to help ease the transition to both WMS and WHS.

Yesterday was our annual DARE Graduation. Students have worked very hard to complete their DARE workbooks and essays. One goal of the DARE program is to establish a foundation of good decision-making skills as well as to let students know they always have a resource if they

need help. Many times in our society, we focus on the fact that “we have a drug problem.” While that may be true, at the core of that problem are people who lack good decision-making skills.

On the weekend of March 17 and 18, the air shimmered with excitement as Annie Jr., the first musical to be put on at the Wapakoneta Middle School, took the stage. With only eight weeks of rigorous rehearsals, the 37-member cast put on an outstanding show. Students from the fifth through the seventh grade worked earnestly together, supported one another, learned to build teamwork, and created bonds of friendship.