

Leonard Middle School May Board Report

I attended the UTC program sampler with Mrs. O'Connell and some great students from Leonard Middle this afternoon. UTC has invited middle school students to join them as they highlight different parts of their varied program once a week for the past several months. Mrs. O'Connell has been taking our students to these UTC samples so they can get a taste of the varied programs offered. The group has grown so large we had to order a bus for the last three weeks. Our students loved the law enforcement presentation they saw this afternoon; fingerprints and handcuffs were the highlights. Below are a few pictures that show the kids having a great time.



The LMS Jazz band performed at the annual Scholar Leader program at the Augusta Civic Center on May 9.



The Scholar Leader program recognizes students from middle schools throughout our state that are exceptional students and exceptional people. This year our two Scholar Leaders are Hunter Clukey and Isabella Bouchard. Hunter and Izzy are both superior students and the kind of young people that just make me smile and feel lucky I get to work with them. They represented our community well at the reception in Augusta last week.

As we near the end of our discussion about differentiated bus runs, I need to share the simple idea of equity and opportunity. We can add the opportunity to supplement time at school for students that need extra time without adding cost. Equity is improved when everyone can add time on task. The idea that everyone can hop on the bus to extend their school day as needed or wanted just creates a little more equity and opportunity for our kids in RSU 34.

Respectfully Submitted,

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