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\$1 Million Lilly Foundation Grant to LRC Spills God's Blessings to Conference Schools and Partner Churches

Lake Region Conference is one of 256 recipients of the Lilly Foundation "Thriving Congregations" grant. The \$1,000,000 award provides an opportunity for LRC schools and their partner churches to meet community needs. The initial meeting of the school cohorts took place the weekend of March 20-21, 2006 in Elkhart, IN. LRC grant writer, Charde' Hollins inspired participants with her experience and vision. PWA and partner church representatives - City Temple (Detroit), Sharon (Inkster) and Ypsilanti, teamed up and responded to the motivation to dream big and design an initiative to meet needs in their respective communities. The genius of the project was to stimulate coordination of effort and resources so the school, churches and their surrounding communities benefit, while spotlighting the school as a hub and beacon attracting families to see what the school has to offer. Following the acronym RAMP, the PWA cohort prayerfully

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(Pictured from L to R: Debbie Young (Ypsilanti), Jacqueline Blake (Sharon Inkster), Candace Bone (City Temple), Charde' Hollins (LRC grant writer), Lynnette Jefferson (PWA principal), JeNean Lendor (LRC Communication Dir), Darlene Saunders (City Temple), Deidre Garnett (LRC Education Supt), Kent Nichols (LRC Treasurer), Lucy Byrd (Sharon Inkster).

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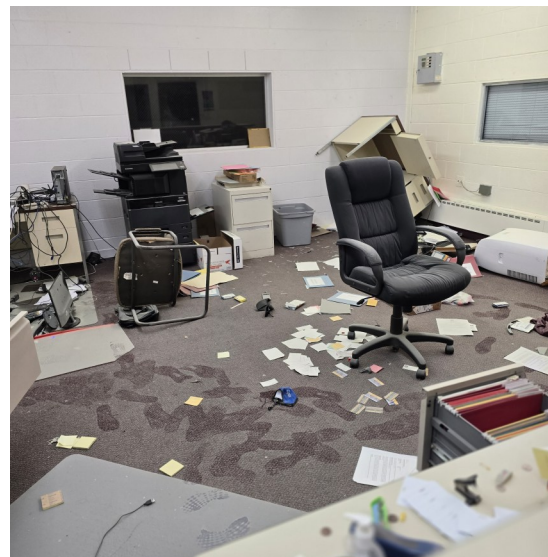
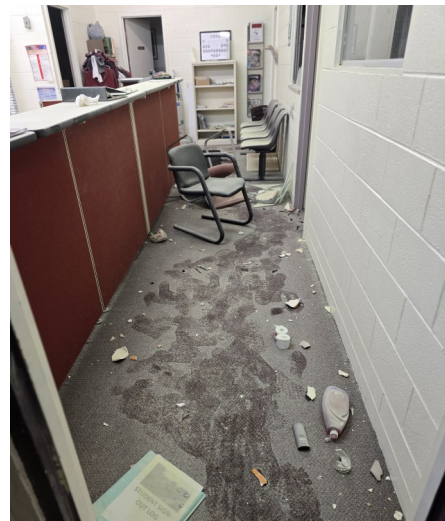
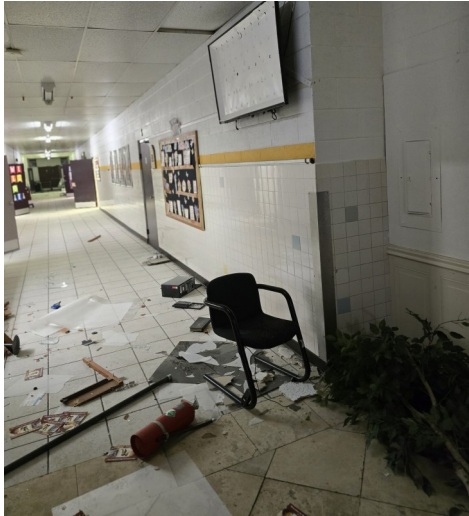
Principal's Points

PWA remains a beacon of light giving hope to families from Belleville, Inkster, Southfield, Redford and Ypsilanti. Children are educated to be positive, knowledgeable and kind citizens in this life and, more importantly, introduced to Jesus so they will want to be citizens in the Heavenly kingdom. 2/3rds of the current enrollment of 14 are non-Adventists. This is why PWA exists—to bring the light of God's love to students, their families and the surrounding community. It is definitely true, by God's grace, "**PWA is here to stay**"! Please jump on board! Enroll your child(ren) today. Call 313.565.5808.

Lynnette Jefferson, Principal

“Breaking” News — Literally! But Our God is Greater!!

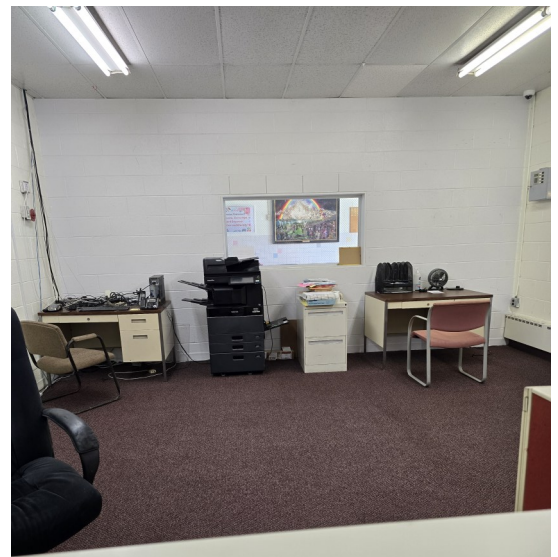
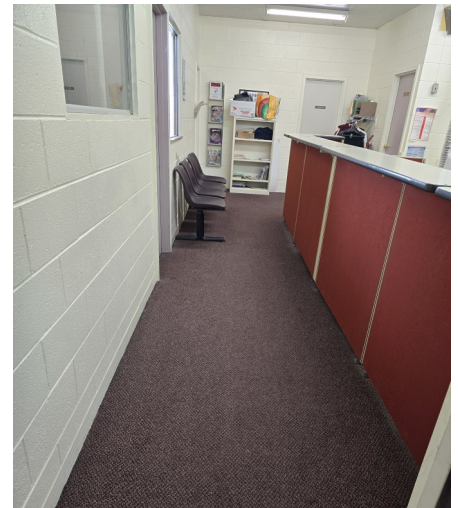
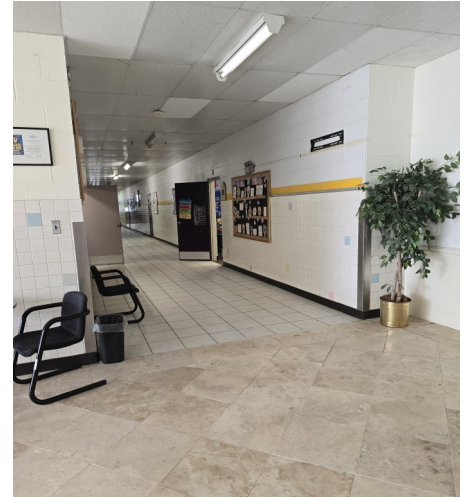
MAY 16, 2026



On Saturday evening, May 16, 2026 an act of vandalism and break-in occurred on Peterson-Warren Academy school grounds. There was significant damage done to the facility. The photos only scratch the surface of the type of destruction to property and equipment. Miraculously, the two classrooms housing the two new SMART boards and laptops used for classes were not entered. As God spoke to the sea in Job 38:11 and said “this far you may come and no farther...” His angels stood guard to prevent more loss and ruin. Thanks to the security cameras, the perpetrators were identified and apprehended. There were six laptops and nine iPads stolen but recovered with only one damaged. For this we are grateful. Commendation is due to Dr. Tim Gardner, one of the facility managers, for giving direction to area pastors and members who volunteered their time for the clean-up efforts. Principal Jefferson noted in particular, Sister Cheryl Bell spent several days working hard

on the restoration. Staff and students continued classes via zoom and returned to the building after one week. We praise God for His protection that no injury or loss of life was experienced during this unfortunate event.

TODAY



PWA Impacts the Inkster Community

JULY

Diaper Give-away & Children's Health Expo

The event was held July 12, 2025 on a Sabbath afternoon as the 2nd Pentecost 2025 outreach and was a resounding success! With 2 volunteers at each of the 10 stations, this was a great show of support. There were 80 registrations and 70 who attended! There were many positive comments and attendees were very impressed. Each attendee was given a flyer with information about Peterson Warren Academy. Coordinated by Pastor Steven Bramwell and his team from Flint, we give the event high marks for community engagement. Families Served: 116. Diaper Packs Distributed: 348 (12 diapers/pack - each family received 3 packs)



Registered community members line up to receive free diapers.

AUGUST

Back-to-School Rally Sneaker Distribution

The 3rd Pentecost 2025 outreach was held on Sunday, August 10th. Sneakers and backpacks with school supplies were given to registered guests. The goal was to engage community members and give information about PWA. Collaboration with Pastor Bramwell and the Flint team rendered another successful experience with distribution of 102 pairs of sneakers and 110 book bags with supplies.



PWA students were also recipients of the sneaker distribution.

SEPTEMBER

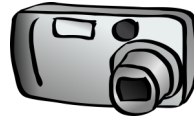
KISS Sends Love to Lady Officers

KISS is an acronym for Kids in Simple Service. It's a program to help children think about others - like giving them a little kiss. Phyllis Washington, currently a member of the Flint church, has volunteered to work with the students on this special monthly community project, helping them create simple tokens to let neighbors know we care. On September 12th, the students assembled a special gift package with items including a note pad and pen, lotion, chocolates, a card with a handwritten Bible verse and other small tokens of appreciation. 16 students visited the Inkster police department to deliver the packages for the women police officers in recognition of National Policewoman Day. One woman police officer was very engaging with the students, taking a photo with each student and the teachers, promising to ensure the other women officers received the package. The officers were deeply grateful for the tokens of recognition.



One of the Inkster policewomen poses with PWA staff and students.

PWA Snapshots



JMMAC Comes to PWA



For the last three years, Ypsilanti church member Elder Roberta Perry has brought the JMMAC Bible experience to PWA every other Friday for Chapel. JMMAC is an acronym for Jesus Makes Me a Champion and teaches students Biblical principles in a fun creative way with engaging incentives to encourage learning.

Gym Teacher Extraordinaire!



Students can depend on Pastor Neville Lendor stopping by just about every Thursday to shoot hoops, work them through calisthenic exercises or run them around the gym. Not only is he helping students build strong muscles, he's establishing relationships. Senior pastor of the City Temple SDA church in Detroit may be his main responsibility, but "shepherding" this young flock is an important part of his ministry. And PWA loves him for it!



➡ PWA showcasing the school Mission - *Educate, Encourage & Empower for Now and Eternity* - at the 2025 Memorial Day Parade in Inkster, MI.



↑ PWA students came out on top with 1st place and 2nd place awards in the relay races during the annual LRC Field Day held May 26, 2026. Students from all LRC schools meet at Camp Wagner in Cassopolis, MI to engage in fun activities.



← Staff, students and parents visited a number of sites during the May 2025 Chicago Field Trip.

A successful International Taste Fest fundraiser featuring delectable samples from participating churches made the trip possible. The goal was \$1000 and they raised over \$1200! Go PWA!

\$1 Million Lilly Foundation Grant (cont'd)

chose *Healthy Living* as the banner that would guide the programs and activities to be developed.

Respond to data-driven needs of the community surrounding the school

Assemble a working team including community organizations and local agencies

Maximize grant and other available resources to meet the needs of the community surrounding the school

Promote PWA as a location for community support and preferred choice for education.

Each school is allowed to apply for up to \$100,000 and the partner churches share \$50,000 between them. These funds will either jump start or expand programs already in existence to have greater impact on the communities served. One thing we learned from Charde' was that we don't need to reinvent the wheel! Consider what is already being done and build on it. Thus, the focus on organic gardening, health education and community engagement became the hall-marks of *Healthy Living*. Partnering with community organizations, health institutions and community non-profits will allow relationships to develop and mutual goals to be met. As the community is invited to participate and receive the offerings, we are praying God will do more great and marvelous works for the churches AND our school, so we can continue to say with unbridled excitement and confidence "With God's favor, PWA is here to stay!"



(Left) Conference officials and Motor City Area pastors stand in recognition of the achievements of the graduating class of 2026. Pastor Neville Lendor of City Temple was the graduation speaker.

(Right) Graduates - 8th grader, Moses J and Kindergartner, Bronze T.



In Appreciation

A BIG SHOUT OUT to PWA Friends and Supporters!
We couldn't make it without you!

Dr. Tim Gardner (Burns)

Sharon Smith (Ypsilanti)

Angie Moore (Ypsilanti)

Manford Walker (City Temple)

Doug Williams (City Temple)

Motor City Unity Prayer Line

Motor City Elders

MyBoys Hoop

Constituent Churches who give from the heart!

Debbie Young (Ypsilanti) - Newsletter Compilation

To donate – please mail a check payable to Peterson Warren Academy and indicate in the memo line the specific item.

To volunteer - please call the school (313) 565-5808 .

Thank you so much!!

2026-27 School Year

1st Day of School

Monday, August 12, 2026

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Out of School Time



Peterson-Warren Academy, Flint Fairhaven SDA School and Pontiac Southside SDA church were awarded a **\$283,000** grant in December 2023! Evenly divided between the three recipients, the purpose of the grant is to support before and after

school, and summer programs. PWA started their after school program in March 2024 and is in the 2nd year offering after school and summer classes, continuing what is known as OST (Out of School Time). Classes include tutoring, drama, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) and have recently added fabric arts.

Week of Prayer Kicks Off Pentecost 2025 Initiative



A special Week of Prayer was held the end of April 2025 to kick-off Pentecost 2025. Carey Rodgers, PWA alumnus and his family coordinated the presentations themed "Fruit of the Spirit".

Partnering For Eternity Worth It's Weight in Gold

The **Partnering for Eternity (PFE) Scholarship** was established in 2006 to cultivate meaningful relationships between students and senior mentors at Seventh-day Adventist academies and elementary schools.

The program aims to **ease senior isolation**, teach students the value of service, and provide **tuition assistance** for participating students. It is currently active in over 150 schools across the United States and Peterson Warren Academy joined three years ago. High school students can earn \$1600/yr and elementary students can earn up to \$1320/yr.

During our inaugural 2023-24 school year 7 students at PWA participated. During the next two years, two PWA students participated each year. **This year, 2025-26, our high school student earned a tuition assistance scholarship of \$1600.** PWA students have learned to care for the elderly, to listen and learn new skills, like baking, and to help freely. One PWA student, even after leaving the PFE program, asked if he could visit his senior mentor to assist with her chores. This is truly a win-win program combining service with scholarship. Jacqueline Blake, Education Leader (Sharon Inkster) volunteers her time to run PFE.

For more info, visit the PFE website at: www.sffcfoundation.org

If interested, please contact Principal Jefferson at the school.

