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Japhet School Cut Ribbon on Free Little Library for Community

Clawson, Michigan -- Japhet School, the award-winning independent school in Clawson, built a Free Little Library to share with the community, and this morning it hosted a "little ribbon cutting." Head of School Kerri Vizena, Clawson city councilwoman Paula Millan, all Japhet students and their teachers, and other special guests attended. Librarian and reading specialist Pam Mazurkiewicz, who spearheaded the project, cut the ribbon while Student Council representatives stretched it across the little library.

Mrs. Mazurkiewicz introduced the project to students in early September and invited students to help design the little library. It was installed in the ground in mid-November. Students and Mrs. Mazurkiewicz are maintaining the library, keeping it stocked and tidy. Councilwoman Millan brought a book with her this morning to donate to the little library!

The way a little library works is simple: anyone may open the library's door and choose a book, anytime. People can leave a book, or just take one without leaving one.

At Japhet School, character and academics are equals in the classroom. This project helps instill in students the importance of responsibility, community service, initiative, industry, and of course, the joy of reading.

"I'm so pleased to support this project, our Little Library, that highlights the importance and love of reading for all ages!" said Mrs. Vizena. "I'm thrilled with the efforts of our faculty, staff, students, and friends of Japhet to provide this worthy activity which unites Japhet School with our community. Well done!"

Adult and children's books are welcome in the little library, Since students will be helping, Japhet staff ask that the books be appropriate for children to see. Donors may place the books right inside the little library.

Photos are attached separately as high-res files.



Suggested caption, library alone: Japhet School's Free Little Library is now filled with books and is open to the community.



Suggested caption, ribbon-cutting: School librarian and reading specialist Pam Mazurkiewicz cuts the ribbon with help from student council representatives and Head of School Kerri Vizena.



Suggested caption, group shot: Japhet School student council representatives, librarian Pam Mazurkiewicz, Head of School Kerri Vizena, and Clawson city councilwoman Paula Millan stand around the school's Free Little Library.



Suggested caption, Councilwoman Millan: Clawson city councilwoman Paula Millan attended the ribbon-cutting event and brought a book to donate to Japhet School's Little Library.

About Japhet School:

Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes of fewer than 20 students in each, which enables teachers to challenge students with academic material that is appropriate for their intellectual readiness, regardless of age or grade. Integrated with strong academics is Japhet School's national award-winning character education curriculum, which builds a peaceful community within the school. The school's public speaking curriculum gives graduates confidence in leadership roles. Japhet is a National School of Character: it was the first school in Michigan -- and the first independent school in the country -- to receive this award. To learn more about Japhet, visit japhetschool.org. # #