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West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics Warms The Hearts of Their Community

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Caption for both images: **Students at West Michigan Academy in Ferrysburg perform their own Walk For Warmth, Friday, February 8. Two hundred students raised \$247.**

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On Friday, February 8, fully a week before the official Ottawa County Walk For Warmth in downtown Holland, WMMA held its own Walk For Warmth. "This is an important, annual event that benefits our community," says Dr. Floyd Strandberg, Principal of WMAAA. "We fully embrace character education here at West Michigan Academy and part of that education is helping others."



"We had such positive feedback from the students and so many pledges, we had to call the Community Action Agency for more boots!" said Rachel Federly, dance instructor and organizer of the school event. Two hundred students participated in the Walk which included the halls of the school and the periphery of the school grounds.

Each participating student pledged red paper boot cutouts for one dollar in exchange for walking, and as the week progressed red boots filled the walls of the Academy hallways.

The West Michigan Academy Walk For Warmth raised \$247 which will go towards Ottawa County families unable to pay their utility bills.



The WMAAA Walk For Warmth drew support from parents and the communities WMAAA supports such as Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, Norton Shores and Fruitport.

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