

Girl on Mission to Meet Elected Officials

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PONTIAC, Mich. - She is only in sixth grade, but she is on a mission to meet all the elected officials in her area, and this has not just been an educational experience for her.

Lilly Arbour has now met yet another elected official -- Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard. The sixth grader from Rochester Hills has embarked on quite the civics lesson with her father, Pete.

"A few years ago, we were watching the election results, and it came clear that we didn't know most of the people we were voting for in a lot of the elections," said Pete Arbour.

So, they made it their New Year's resolution to meet everybody they could, and that's a lot of politicians.

"It turns out there are 115 elected officials that we need to meet," Pete Arbour said.

From the school board to the sheriff to the U.S. Senate, so far they have met more than 30 politicians. Pete might actually be having more fun with this project than Lilly. Sheriff Bouchard even gave them goodie bags.

"It's really fun. All the people (have) been very kind," said Lilly Arbour.

Lilly says she will be going to the state capitol soon, and she highly recommends others take on a project like this to better understand their government.

"It's our job to work for people like her, and to have her here and that engaged at this age is refreshing and exciting," said Bouchard.

We asked Lilly if she wants to get involved in politics. She answered, "I really don't know yet what I want to do... I would like to go that way, though. I think that be very fun."