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2017 MANNA'S MARKET COMMUNITY CARD PROJECT UNDERWAY

Made with Meaning

The annual Manna's Market Community Card project is underway. Each year, students from Lakewood Public Schools partner with Manna's Market to design artwork for community holiday cards. This service learning holiday card project is another initiative that helps raise funds for Manna's Market local food and clothing pantry. Manna's keeps dollars local by serving families right here in our community. The cards feature beautiful student artwork on the front. Please consider purchasing community cards, they not only deliver a personal holiday greeting with artwork designed by kids in our schools, but they also help Manna's Market to deliver much needed service to families and neighbors in our hometown. Points of purchase at local businesses. A special thank you to Charlotte Lithograph for their generosity in printing the community cards. Congratulations to our student artists!



Check out the local businesses for points of purchase nearest you!

Clarksville: Big Lumber. **Sunfield:** Mapes Furniture, Mark Woodman Heating & Plumbing, Marco's Gas Station, Sunfield Library. **Woodland:** Marathon Gas Station, Diamond Propane, Woodland Eagles, Woodland Library. **Lake Odessa:** So Simply, The

Consignment Friends, Quilting Basket, Walker Pharmacy, The Hair Port, Delectable Delights, AllyMade, Marathon Station, Union Bank –M50 branch, Lake House, Portland Credit Union, Kathy's Flower Patch. **Nashville:** 66 Unique Antiques, Mooville, Country Kettle Café, Good Time Pizza, Maple Valley Pharmacy. **Hastings:** The Hanger, Union Bank, Thornapple Credit Union.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S STATE OF THE DISTRICT

I trust this communication finds you enjoying the startup of another school year at Lakewood Public Schools. We have exciting things happening in our district as a result of supportive community and parents, skilled and caring staff, and wonderful students. The dedication runs deep at LPS!

This year we are focusing on providing increased supports and opportunities to our students in a variety of ways. We have invested in additional certified interventionists at the elementary levels, to help ensure all students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade. In January, 2018, we will be launching a district initiative called positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) at Lakewood Early Childhood Center and Lakewood Elementary School. PBIS is a systematic way to provide continuity for students by teaching behavior expectations much like you would core curriculum.

At our middle and high schools we are in the process of hiring certified staff to assist with increased student supports. Our high school launched a new pathway this year in our skilled trades program. This opportunity builds on our existing trades program adding the option for students to go directly into the workforce. Davenport University joins Lansing Community College as partners with our district in our Early/Middle College Program. This opportunity allows eligible students to complete their associate's degree at no cost. See the guidance department's home page on our website for more information.

We are proud of and thankful for our dedicated faculty and staff. We also know that we could not do this job without the support from our communities and parents.

UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

December 11, 2017
January 8, 2018
LHS Media Center, 7 p.m.
7223 Velte Rd, Lake Odessa, MI 48849



superintendent's SHOUTOUT

Amy O'Brien is the definition of dedication, loyalty, creativity, and fun engagement in the classroom. A graduate of Lakewood, Ms. O'Brien's classroom motto is, "let them know you care about them, first and foremost." This Motto has served her well over the last 28 years of teaching and impacting student's lives in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th grades, and currently 5th grade at our middle school. Ms. O'Brien exhibits leadership outside of the classroom as well. She has served on the Curriculum Council, school improvement committee, PBIS team, as well as coordinated events such as March is Reading Month and family math and reading nights. When asked about what stands out the most about Ms. O'Brien, her principal responded, "Ms. O'Brien demonstrates her love for teaching and students each and every day." Well said. And, well done, Ms. O'Brien. Lakewood is a better place because of you. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to our students! #ThisIsLakewood



BOARD'S BULLETIN

Lakewood Board of Ed working for you

The Lakewood Public Schools Board of Education is grateful and wishes to thank the community and parents for their continued support and partnering in the district's educational efforts. We are humbled by the opportunity to serve this community.

The Board of Education completed a comprehensive draft of a 3-5 Year Strategic Plan last year and is dedicated to seeing the plan fulfilled. Our work centers on 6 Key Targets: academic achievement, financial stewardship, facilities and operations, communications, and board responsibilities. We are pleased with the progress made thus far in these areas and are appreciative for the time, energy, and commitment our support staff, teachers, and administrators put into making this plan a reality for our students.

Thank you again for continued support of Lakewood Public Schools.

NOT ALL CLASSROOMS HAVE FOUR WALLS

Little Vikings Learn Through Adventure and Field Trips



Each school year our Kindergarten and Kinderstart classes take two field trips, one in the fall and then one in the spring. Our kindergarten classes ventured to Klackle Orchard in Greenville on a warm fall day. The students picked apples and played with everything they had to offer our little Vikes. Our students did a superb job representing Lakewood Public Schools. The workers from the orchard commented that Lakewood students were well behaved! That filled Mrs. Duits' bucket right up! The Kinderstart classes went to Country Mill in Charlotte. They took a hayride, picked apples from the orchard and picked a pumpkin to take home. Field trips are one of many things that students remember for years to come.

LECC Turns Attention to Fire Prevention

Fire Safety Week Educates Young Students



ANNUAL HARVEST HUSTLE FUNDRAISER LECC PTO Delivers Fall Fun to Kids



Each class took a walking field trip to the Woodland Township Fire Department for about thirty minutes during Fire Prevention Week. The volunteer firefighters shared important information with our little Vikes on what to do if they were ever on fire. They practiced covering their face, then they stopped, dropped and rolled. They also practiced yelling to the firefighter, "I am over here!" so they firefighter could hear them through their protective gear. Each student also had the experience of holding the water hose and spraying the tree with water. FUN! The fire departments gave each student a goody bag full of activities and fire safety tips, along with a red fire helmet. A big thank you to our fire department for hosting each class during fire prevention week.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK The Safe Way is the Best Way

National Bus Safety Week took place the week of October 16th. LECC had an assembly in the gym that was led by four local sheriffs to inform our little Vikes on the danger zones around the busses. Then, we headed outside to practice a few bus evacuation drills. Thank you to the officers and the Lakewood transportation department for informing our Little Vikes on how to be safe while on the bus. The PTO treated each of our LECC bus driver to a Delectable Delights caramel apple.

The month of October ended with the Harvest Hustle. Our PTO made this event a fun filled one for our little Vikes. Each class went to the gym for a class picture and then rotated through eight stations. Some of the stations consisted of pumpkin bowling, ring toss and climbing under and over straw bales. The students had a blast. Thank you to the volunteers that set up.

PFCU PLANTING SEEDS FOR CHILDREN'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

Student-Run PFCU Branch Provides Project Based Learning



Lakewood Elementary is very excited to have a PFCU student-run branch again this year! This is a hands on savings program that teaches money management and encourages good savings habits to students in grades second through fourth. The student ran branch also provides some "employed" fourth graders the ability to work in a business environment, while learning accountability and computer skills. As with any job, students had to complete an application, go through the interview process (in groups) as well as show responsibility in the classroom.

The PFCU branch is open to students every Friday morning, for deposits only, until the end of the year. If you are interested in having your student start a savings account with PFCU permission slips can be picked up in the office. Throughout the school year, patrons have the ability to earn prizes and participate in fun contests while learning how to save!



LAKEWOOD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Providing the Extra's for Education

Did you know that in the state of Michigan, you are never more than six miles away from a fresh body of water? Formal swim experience greatly reduces the risk of drowning. Because of this, all third grade students will have the opportunity to attend a water safety program at the Ionia YMCA. This would not be possible without a grant from the Lakewood Education Foundation.

Some of the skills the students will work on are:

Swim Safety: Including the buddy system, reach and throw-never go, safety on ice, and safety with boating. **Self-Rescue:** Which encompasses front and back float, endurance swimming, being comfortable with submersion and self-extraction. **Swim training:** Such as the basic fundamentals of stroke, endurance, and deep water entrance and extraction from the pool.

Mrs. Setter's class will be going the first week of December and the rest of the classes will be going in January. We are very excited for this experience for our students, so get those bathing suits out of the storage tubs! More Information will be coming home soon via Friday folders.



Fundraising Fun at Lakewood Elementary

Exceptional School Fundraising Making a Difference in Lakewood

Fundraising is well underway at the elementary! *Saddle Up and Read* was the message sent at the fall book fair. Our library took on a Wild West theme as kids and parents alike browsed through a large selection of books from Scholastic. These book fairs are extremely important to our library. A percentage of the profits earned by Scholastic are given back to our library in scholastic dollars which is the only source of funding it has for purchasing new books.

The Harvest Hustle was a big success raising over \$4,200. The afternoon was beautiful and the kids enjoyed being able to walk/run around the soccer field while helping the school raise money to help fund field trips, items needed in the classroom as well as teacher appreciation gifts and lunches during conferences.

There are many ways a community can help raise funds and supplies for the classrooms without donating money. We are always collecting Box Tops, Coke product caps, Aunt Millie's School Spirit and Tyson A+ labels. As well as using Meijer Community Rewards, Target's Take Charge of Education School, Direct Your Dollars (a Spartan Nash promotion), recycle your papers, newspapers and books using our Paper Gator (located in the south parking lot) and you can bring your ink cartridges in and we will recycle them too. If you would like any additional information regarding any of these programs, please feel free to contact our office.

LAKEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL PENNY WARS PAYS OFF

Students Raise Money for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan

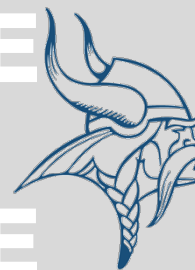


In November, students at Lakewood Middle School were pitted against their peers to raise money to help assist those with childhood cancers. Lindsey Weemhoff from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, visited our school the week previously to discuss her experiences as a middle school cancer victim.

Through her eight-year battle with cancer, she is now cancer free. This inspired students to raise money to help those battling that terrible disease. In early November, the Community Leadership Class put out bins at the end of the middle school blue hallway to collect money for the society. The rules were clear. It was grade level versus grade level. All coins counted as a positive point, all paper money was a negative. Every day, the CLC members would count the coins to give the grade levels a running total of which grade was in the lead.

Competition was brisk, with totals changing daily. The moans and groans could be heard in the hall as they watched paper bills being put into their bins. As totals were announced at the end of the day, cheers could be heard in the halls when their grade level's position changed.

SAVE THE DATE



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| November 28 | VAS assembly to honor Self-Discipline students. |
| December 1 | Students will travel to high school for the Elf Jr. Performance |
| December 5 | 6th grade Band Concert at 6 PM, 7th/8th Grade Band Concert at 7PM |
| December 7 | Students will bring progress reports home. |
| December 11 | Drill – Shelter in Place |
| December 11-15 | Scholastic Book Fair in Media Center |
| December 13 | Choir Concert @ LHS |
| December 14 | Think and Write Thursdays (Social Studies prompt) |
| December 19 | Last day of school before Holiday Break |
| January 3 | School resumes from Holiday Break |



Patriot Pen Essay Competition

LOCAL VFW POST SUPPORTS
LMS STUDENTS

VFW Post 4461 notified Emil Meyers that he was the winner of their Patriot's Pen Essay competition. This year's theme was "America's Gift to My Generation." Every fall, the VFW sponsors an essay contest; winners move forward the district level. Emil wrote about different types of freedom. He enjoys running cross-country, playing tennis, and reading. We are proud of our competition winner!





VIKINGS FOR VETERANS, 2017

Lakewood High School Honors Veterans Day in a Meaningful Hometown Way

On Friday, November 10, 2017, Lakewood High School students and staff had the opportunity to celebrate and honor our local veterans in recognition of Veteran's Day at the *Vikings for Veterans* recognition. In collaboration with the Lakewood VFW, we were able to invite and host many veterans. In our second year of hosting the event, Lakewood welcomed over 30 area veterans. Many of our veterans are family members of our students; grandparents, aunts, uncles, moms and dads. It was great to see our students and veterans enjoying the moment together.

The recognition started with a reception for our veterans to gather, tell stories and connect with families. The event included performances from the Lakewood band and choir, playing of Taps for those no longer with us, and the Lighting of the Flame ceremony for our students and staff to recognize those currently in service.

The *Vikings for Veterans* recognition allows our school community an opportunity to thank all those that have served and sacrificed to protect our freedoms. It is a great honor for our students, staff, and community to extend our gratitude to our local veterans. We are grateful for their service!



DEVELOPING A SKILLED WORKFORCE

At LHS, Skilled Trades Are Opportunities

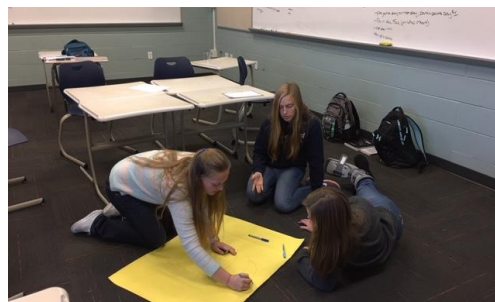
Developing skills is as important as Training. Our construction technology program is in its first year as a class offering for the 2017-18 school year. Those students whom pass all test and performance profiles will receive national certification in the NCCER curriculum. We have had two units in masonry, floor systems, wall systems and most recently a module in ceiling joist and roof framing. We have upcoming modules in roofing exterior finishes, basic stair layout, two units in residential electrical, Intro to HVAC, units in plumbing, cabinetmaking and construction equipment.

This is a great class for our students. Students that complete national certification requirements have the opportunity to continue their training through post-secondary educational partner, Greater Michigan Construction Academy. "There hasn't been this big of need for skilled trades since the 1970's" said Mr. Ackerson, Construction Technology teacher. "Almost every trade is in need of our youth that want to excel in their field. Many of my students are diving in and enjoying what they are learning, in a vocational education class. The more you do the more you learn."

Destination Imagination on A Mission

STEAM FORGES AHEAD AT LHS

The Destination Imagination (DI) team at LHS is active and meets every Wednesday after school. The mission of DI is to teach students the creative process and empower them with the skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing world. STEAM-based learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) can help children develop critical and creative thinking, analysis, reasoning and design skills, and can also enhance later interest in STEM careers. Each team has 5 – 7 students and they practice impromptu challenges each week, as well as work on an on-going project that they will take to Regionals and States. When competing, each group will perform the challenge and then receive an instant challenge to perform. DI is a great way for students to learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, and collaborative problem-solving.



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A Christmas in the Village

Come out and enjoy this two-day family friendly line-up of events to kick off the holiday season!

Friday, Join us for a fun evening beginning at 6:00 pm for pictures with Santa Dog, Bonfire with s'mores & a hot chocolate bar, and hop on a wagon ride around the village! There's much more too!

Saturday will include a pancake breakfast (Hosted by the Kylie Erdman Memorial Scholarship Fund), lunch with Santa at the Sunfield Historical Society Welch Museum, kid's crafts at the Sunfield Library, holiday shopping at Mapes Furniture and the Sunny Crest Trading Post, along with a craft show at the Welch



**You won't want to miss this FREE
Family Friendly Event in our
beautiful village!**

LAKEWOOD
COMMUNITY

December 15, 2017 **6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Join in on festive fun! Friday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The Lakewood Area Chamber and the Lake Odessa DDA invite you to join us for our 1st annual event. Festivities will begin at 6pm with a lighted Christmas parade through Main Street. Stores will stay open late and Santa will be at the Lake Odessa Fire Station!

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
½ Day | November 21, 2017
No School | November 22-24
DECEMBER
Winter Break | December 20-January 2
JANUARY
½ Day | January 17, 2018
FEBRUARY
No School | February 19, 2018
MARCH
½ Day | March 14, 2018
Spring Break | March 30, 2018 – April 6, 2018
APRIL
½ Day | April 25, 2018
MAY
Memorial Day – No School | May 28, 2018
JUNE
Last Day of School – ½ Day | June 1, 2018

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