

LAKESHORE LIGHT



The Lakeshore High School Engine Build Club took home FIRST PLACE at the 2023 *Hot Rodders of Tomorrow SEMA Show* playoffs! Find the article on page 13.



Community walking hours are now available at the KOHN FIELDHOUSE. More information PAGE 2.



Grounded in TRADITION Committed to EXCELLENCE

Message from the Superintendent



Superintendent
Greg Eding

Blue Ribbon School for 2023-24 by the U.S. Department of Education. Roosevelt is one of only 13 schools in Michigan to receive this award this year. The school was selected based on its performance on state assessments and its commitment to closing the achievement gap for all students.

The Lakeshore High School Engine Build Club, under the direction of teacher Doug Haygood, took first

Lakeshore Public Schools has had an incredible start to the school year! In September, Roosevelt Elementary School was named a National

place at the 2023 Hot Rodders of Tomorrow SEMA Playoffs in Las Vegas, NV. The team competed against some of the best high school engine builders in the country and emerged victorious with an average full engine tear down and build time of 24 minutes and 50 seconds over the course of three competitions.

The Lakeshore High School Marching Band won the Division IV State Championship at Ford Field in Detroit. The band is led by Director, Matt Pagel, and Assistant Directors, Christina Baumann and Christopher Grapis. On top of being the overall champion, the Lakeshore Band also received four special awards for outstanding music, visuals, general, and auxiliary. The band took a fire truck victory parade through the district to celebrate their outstanding accomplishment.

And finally, our elementary teachers and staff are doing some amazing work. In

September, the entire elementary teaching staff took part in training for a new tool that screens students for reading proficiency. And then in October, our K-2 teachers were trained in a new intervention tool for reading.

We are grateful for the financial support of the **LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION** and for the efforts of the LEF all-volunteer board.

We are very excited about this work and the positive impact it will have with our students.

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**Upcoming
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meetings**

The regular Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M. in the Lakeshore High School LEF Learning Center (formerly the LGI Room near the auditorium) (unless conflicting with summer or holiday schedules - see below).

December 11, 2023

*January 22, 2024

*The January meeting will be held on the 4th Monday.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

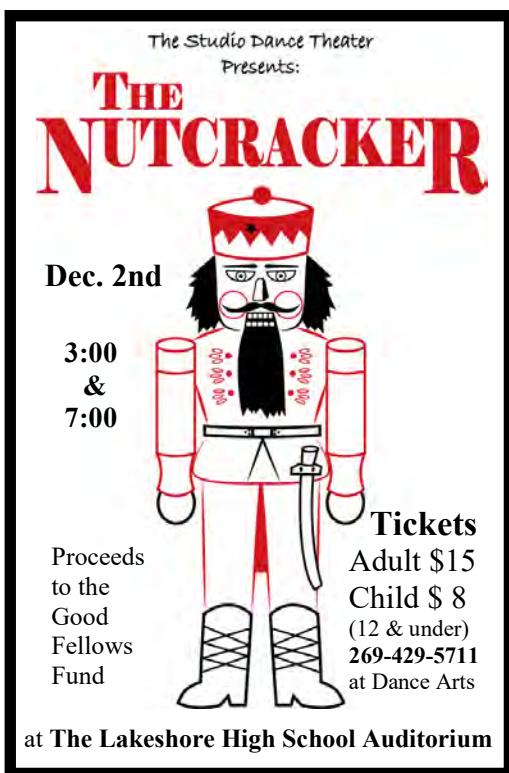
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It is not easy for teachers to take time away from their classroom for training, as they need to create detailed sub plans and be prepared for their own learning. Our elementary teachers need to be commended for all of their hard work in literacy this year!

We are quickly entering the holiday season, which can be stressful. My challenge to you is to work on providing opportunities for your family to look past the stress and find ways to show gratitude. Volunteering as a family, writing a thank you note, donating to a cause, or supporting a family in need are just a few examples of how gratitude and thankfulness can be shown.

And finally, thank you for sharing your student with us at Lakeshore Schools. It is our pleasure to work with you to support your student towards being a successful, contributing member of society.

*Sincerely,
Greg Eding, Superintendent
Lakeshore Public Schools*



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KOHN FIELDHOUSE

Community Walking Hours Available at KOHN FIELDHOUSE

NOW through March 27, 2023

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (only when school is in session)

11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Community walking hours may not be available if:

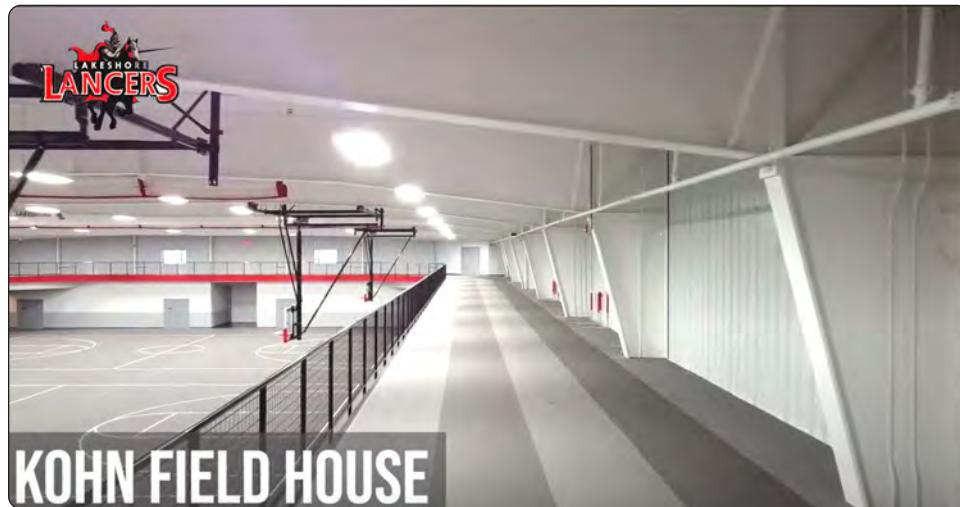
- school is not in session according to the district calendar
- school is closed due to weather or any extenuating circumstances
- events are scheduled that require use of the fieldhouse and/or track

The Kohn Fieldhouse is open to the residents of Lakeshore.

Guidelines for participating in community walking hours:

- no charge - it's FREE
- shoes must be changed upon entry into the building to use the track
- a locker room area is available to change shoes and store boots/shoes and coats while walking
- Lakeshore Public Schools is not responsible for lost or stolen items
- no use of any other part of the facility during walking hours is allowed
- no food or drink (other than water) on the track
- joggers should use the inside two lanes and walkers should use the outside two lanes
- refusal or noncompliance with these guidelines will be grounds for dismissal

For more information visit Ipslancers.net, go to the “Facility Use Information” section and follow the links to the “Walking Schedule” and “District Calendar.”



The mission of Lakeshore Public Schools, in partnership with families and the community, is to guide students toward achieving educational excellence by engaging, inspiring and empowering them to think, learn and pursue their individual passions with knowledge, confidence, and integrity – the foundation of their future.



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LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL



Sister School Exchange Program

In 2018, Lakeshore High School started the Sister School Exchange Program to help students learn about different cultures in an increasingly interconnected world.

Students from Lakeshore High School and Gesamtschule Hardt in Mönchengladbach, Germany, participate in a short-term reciprocal exchange program. Students from both schools host their international partners for two weeks, inviting their guests to experience each other's cultures, tour local sites, form lasting friendships, and learn about the world through meaningful experiences.

Lakeshore students must apply to be selected for the Sister School Exchange Program, as they need to show how they would be a good ambassador for the district and the program. The program fees and expenses average roughly \$1800-\$2200 per student, but the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation offers financial scholarships to help cover the cost.



Students from Lakeshore High School and Gesamtschule Hardt in Mönchengladbach, Germany, participate in a short-term reciprocal exchange program.

This year, over half of the participants received funds from the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation!

Our German guests arrived on September 27 and had an action-packed two weeks. They participated in team-building activities at Five Pines, met with a world-renowned glaciologist, took a cooking class, participated in a wooden pen-making workshop, toured Whirlpool, hiked Grand Mere, visited Roosevelt Elementary School, and spent a day in Chicago taking in the sights and sounds. These events were coordinated by Amy Perkins and Danielle Plichta,

the Co-Directors of the Sister School Exchange Program.

The students also attended classes at Lakeshore High School and participated in extracurricular activities. They had the opportunity to learn about American history, government, and culture. The students found the annual football rivalry game against St. Joseph High School to be particularly

interesting! They also had the chance to make friends with American students and to learn about American culture from a student perspective by participating in other activities with their host families on the weekends. Some of the students were fortunate enough to go to Great America, the Niles Haunted House, a Detroit Lions game, and on dune buggy rides in Saugatuck!

The preparation for the German students' visit began early in the summer with communication via phone, text, apps, and social media posts. One of the host families, the Tomlinsons, actually did a video tour of their home so their

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German exchange student, Leonie, knew what to expect when she arrived. Josh Tomlinson made Leonie a special pillow case that read, in German, "Dreams do come true, Welcome to America" for Leonie to have on the bus ride home to Stevensville from the O'Hare airport. When Leonie arrived at the Tomlinson home, she was greeted with a Welcome Banner, a special gift basket filled with Lakeshore gear, snacks, and Bath & Body items. Josh also hung signs, in German, throughout their home, labeling important areas. The Tomlinsons said, "We just wanted her to feel comfortable and welcomed."

Another family, the Velascos, were hosts for the Sister School Exchange Program for the second time this fall. Coincidentally, both of their German guests are from the same family. They hosted the older brother, and this fall, they hosted the younger brother, Jonathan. Jonathan shared that his school does not have organized sports like Lakeshore High School does, so all of the athletic and band events that they went to were a new experience for him and that he loved getting into the school spirit dressing up in Lakeshore gear! Mrs. Velasco said she is, "Very excited for her son, Sam, to go to Germany in the spring and have the same experience. These are life-changing experiences that our youth need! It's easy to forget how big the world is if you've never seen it with your own eyes."

The exchange program is a great opportunity for both the German and American students. It is a chance for the students to learn about each other's cultures and to make lifelong friendships.



Students enjoy team building at Five Pines in Berrien Center, MI.

The program is possible thanks to the generosity of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, the support of Lakeshore Public Schools, and innovative educators like Ms. Perkins and Mrs. Plichta.

As Mrs. Velasco stated, "Learning a language is one thing. Traveling is one thing. But learning a language or traveling with the intent to discover another culture and connect with people individually --- is the key. Our perspective changes. We gain appreciation for what we are and who we are as we see our place in the world. Our heart opens up."

To which Ms. Perkins said, "If more people had experience like this, we would have a more peaceful world."

Our Lakeshore students will travel to Germany March 28 through April 15, 2024.

LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL



FULBRIGHT-HAYS SUMMER SEMINAR



Social Studies teacher Amy Perkins on a boat with her camera, photographing the natural splendor of the Amazon.

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad (SA) program provides short term study abroad opportunities for groups of U.S. educators in the arts, social sciences, and humanities for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. The program is open to educators and administrators who have teaching, administrative, information resource, or curriculum development responsibilities at their respective schools and desire to enhance their expertise by engaging in overseas study and exploration. All seminars focus on the humanities, area studies, and foreign languages related to a given country or countries. Participants engage in broad but in-depth experiences, beginning with well-planned and informative pre-departure orientations.

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation covered the program fees for this adventure!



The port region of Rio de Janeiro



Daily life in Amazonia



Hiking in the Andes, Argentina





LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL

HELP BUILD HOPE



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Lakeshore High School football and soccer teams had the honor of working with *Help Build Hope* at Lakeshore Christian Church. This organization partners with *Habitat for Humanity* and helps build houses for local families. Our Lakeshore boys teams built 64 walls that were inspected, given the seal of approval, and loaded onto the truck to be assembled in Benton Harbor. What a great event for our student athletes to interact with like-minded volunteers! Lakeshore athletics continue to support and volunteer in the community. It's a great way to let our athletes know there is more to football and soccer than the on-field commitments. Thank you to Coach Thompson and Coach Samuel for linking up with Lakeshore Christian Church and our high school athletes to *Help Build Hope*!

Berrien County Dancers

WINTER CONCERT

The Berrien County Dancers (BCD) will hold their Winter Dance Concert on Thursday, December 14 and Friday, December 15 at 7:00 P.M. at the Lakeshore High School Auditorium. Tickets go on sale December 8 and can be purchased through a dancer in the program or at the door on show nights. Our Friday, December 15 concert will be live-streamed at lps.anywhereseat.com. General admission tickets and live-stream tickets are \$7.

The concert will feature works by Theresa Graziano, BCD Artistic Director, and guest choreographer, Brittany Latta as well as members of the Advanced Dance class. Each semester, all BCD students participate in master classes taught by guest professionals. Students worked with Giordano Dance Chicago Artistic Director and company members in October as well as Hot Crowd Dance Company, a modern-based company in Chicago. Advanced Dance members will perform choreography that Hot Crowd professionals set on them in the Winter Concert.

BCD Placement Auditions for 2024-2025

Participation in Berrien County Dancers is open to any high school student in Berrien County who would like to earn high school credit for taking dance. Advanced Dance placement auditions will be held on Wednesday, January 24 from 3-5 P.M. and Intermediate Dance placement auditions will be held on Thursday, January 25. Both auditions will be in the high school dance room. Reservations are required to attend. Contact Theresa Graziano, Artistic Director, at tgraziano@lpslancer.net for an audition reservation.

Students who are interested in Beginning Dance may register through their guidance counselor without an audition.

December 14-15

BCD Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 P.M., LHS Community Auditorium

January 24-25

BCD Adv. & Int. Dance Auditions, LHS. Details at berriencountydancers.com

Saturday, January 27

BCD Dance Marathon, 9 A.M.-3 P.M., LHS Dance Room. Details at berriencountydancers.com

May 9-10

BCD Spring Dance Concert, 7:00 P.M., LHS Community Auditorium



Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship
ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Science teacher Jill McNabnay explores Iceland through the Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship.

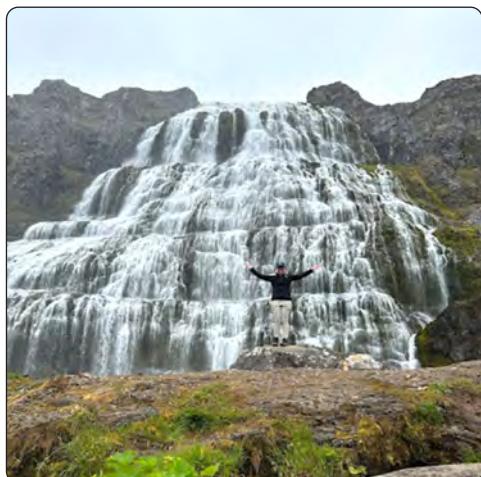
As a biology teacher, Ms. McNabnay was most looking forward to searching for Arctic wildlife and experiencing Greenland's ice sheet and glaciers up close. She said, "I've been teaching about melting glaciers for the past 20 years, but once you're exposed to it firsthand, it becomes real; it becomes emotional. It was one of the most breathtaking environments I've ever experienced, while also realizing it won't be here much longer unless we start to take action to mitigate climate change. It was humbling to observe how our decisions and choices in the Western world are directly impacting the Greenlandic people, their beautiful environment, and their way of life." *(Continued NEXT page.)*

High school science teacher Jill McNabnay was selected for the professional development opportunity of a lifetime this past summer when she was chosen as one of 50 educators in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico to be a 2023 Grosvenor Teacher Fellow.

The Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship exists as a partnership between National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions, which allows teachers to become explorers around the world and then bring their experiences back to the classroom. Ms. McNabnay was chosen to travel to the Arctic with a sixth grade geography teacher from St. Louis. She spent 19 days aboard the National Geographic Explorer, exploring Greenland and Iceland in what she describes as "the adventure of a lifetime."

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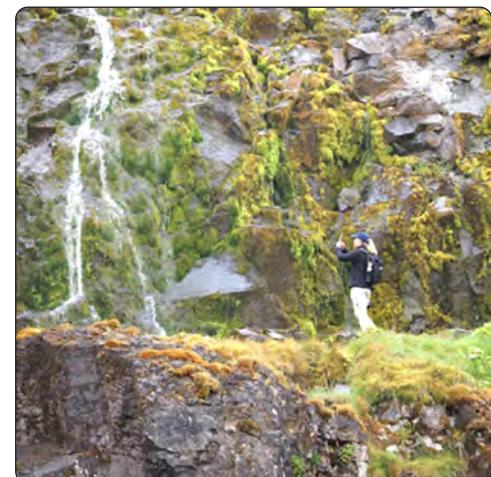
-- Jill McNabnay



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LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL

LAKESHORE AFTER PROM

As a continued tradition of Lakeshore Public Schools, the parents of the junior class will be hosting this year's After Prom!

After Prom is a wonderful opportunity for students to continue their celebration in a safe and structured environment. Guests of the After Prom are treated to food and beverages, games and activities as well as a plethora of door prizes.

To make this amazing experience happen ... it costs money.

There are several ways you can help to make After Prom possible:

- **Hassle-Free Fundraiser** - Anyone wishing to donate money can easily drop cash or a check (payable to Lakeshore After-Prom) off to the high school office. Another option is through Venmo (@Lakeshore-Lancers) Please indicate this is for After-Prom in the "what's this for?" and select "pay without confirming."
- **Ice Fest** - Currently scheduled for January 20 at the Garden Ice Arena. This will be an evening of skating, food and fun for elementary-aged students and their VIP (Very Important Person). More details to come!
- **Savvy Shoppers Needed** - With Black Friday and holiday deals just around the corner - this might be for you! Donated door prizes are needed. Savvy shoppers may find it more fun to shop for deals and donate those items to be raffled off at After Prom. Any items or gift cards donated can be dropped off at the high school office. This may be a way to get more bang for your buck!!!
- **Shoe Donation** - After Prom is excited to have partnered with *Funds2Orgs*, an organization that works with redistributing gently used shoes to people in need. Shoes are shipped all over the world. This is a win-win project! You can declutter your closets while providing people in need with gently worn shoes, sandals, boots, etc.



Drop boxes will be available at all five buildings in the Lakeshore district. Announcements of additional drop off locations will be shared as more become available. Shoe donations need to be dropped off no later than January 1. Please tie laces together or somehow attach shoes together before dropping off. Only gently worn items can be donated. You can make a difference while cleaning out your closets!

Please help in any way you can to continue this awesome Lakeshore tradition!



(Arctic Expedition continued.)

The Arctic experience has already had an impact on many of the students in Ms. McNabnay's classes. She has updated several parts of the curriculum in her Environmental Science and Advanced Honors Biology classes based on what she learned last summer. National Geographic stresses the importance of storytelling and empowering students to make a difference in their community. So, after their annual trip to Suttons Bay to do scientific research, the Advanced Honors Biology students developed and told a piece of the story of the Great Lakes, including the state of different invasive species, plankton, and micro-plastics. They picked a specific audience to target, with the goal of developing empathy and empowering others with their story.

Ms. McNabnay was also able to have a professional glaciologist that she met on board the National Geographic Explorer virtually share his research with 100 LHS students this fall. She said, "One of my favorite parts of the expedition was that naturalists who are experts in their various fields went everywhere we did. I would choose what activities I did each day based on the naturalist I wanted to learn from. There were experts on whales, birds, ice, lichen, rocks, ice, plankton, history, and photography. I learned more than I've been able to even process at this point."

While the Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship is only awarded to a teacher one time during their career, it is a two year commitment that Ms. McNabnay is looking forward to completing over the next year and a half. "Obviously, the highlight is the expedition itself and everything that comes with that. But I have loved figuring out ways to bring this experience back to my students. We have had the mindset this year of thinking globally, while acting locally."

Leading the Way through Volunteering

LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB**We provide our members with opportunities to serve, build character, and develop leadership.**

Key Club kicked off the school year with an incredible Homecoming Dance to raise money to support their projects for 2023-2024. The club will now be able to make donations of material to **Berrien County Blanket Brigade** and **Blossomland Learning Center**. The club will also be able to send students to two leadership conferences!

Key Club, the high school branch of Kiwanis, is a high school club committed to making a positive change in the community.

Lakeshore Key Club turned 60 years old on October 18, 2023. At 198 members, Key Club is the largest club within Lakeshore High School.

Key Club sponsored the Kiwanis Family Fall Festival, an afternoon of food and fun for Berrien County foster families. Lakeshore partners with Bridgman and St. Joseph Key Clubs and the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph Kiwanis Club to sponsor the event.

In addition to continuing many of our former volunteering opportunities, members can now participate in some new projects including: Blanket Brigade, Kiwanis Family Fall Festival, Roadside Cleanup, and Berrien County Animal Control's Trunk or Treat (all pictured at right).

Key Club members are learning how to lead and stand for what's right through service and volunteerism. In partnership with the local Kiwanis club, these high school students are making a positive impact as they serve others at Lakeshore Public Schools and in the community.



Blanket Brigade: Members make blankets for the patients at Hospice at Home.



Key Club members dressed-up as some of the kids all time favorite characters at the Kiwanis Family Fall Festival.



Gathered together in fluorescent vests, Key Club advisor Mrs. Woodard, Kiwanis Advisor Dr. Driscoll, and a group of Key Clubbers pose for a photo during Roadside Cleanup. Key Club students eliminated trash and waste along Cleveland and John Beers one Sunday in October.



Key Club members brought a car and provided candy donations to participate in the Berrien County Animal Control's Trunk or Treat.

REACH HIGHER

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation



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\$250,000	RAV Employee Appreciation Program
\$220,000	Early Literacy Program
\$175,000	LHS Weight Room Upgrades & Equipment
\$175,000	Classroom Educational and Technology Upgrades
\$80,000	CNC Machines for the CTE Program
\$50,000	Broadcasting Class Equipment
\$50,000	Continuation of the PLC Initiative

Every donation is used to benefit students, staff, and the Lakeshore Community.



The LEF's
BIGGEST
Fundraising Goal Yet!

Together we can
do this!

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**WELCOME
FOUR NEW
BOARD MEMBERS!**

Your volunteerism makes a
world of difference.

READ MORE PAGE 2.

trustees

JC Anderson
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Greg Eding
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Kathleen Wolf



LEF Board Members



Welcome New Board Members



READ MORE ABOUT OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

lefonline.org/board-members

The addition of four new LEF Board Members is a point of pride for the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. The board is now comprised of 26 active volunteers who meet regularly to discuss projects, grants, programs, and fundraising efforts aimed at enhancing, enriching, or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community. Learn more about the LEF Board at lefonline.org/board-members.

**LEF'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISING GOAL YET!
\$1 MILLION COMMITMENT**



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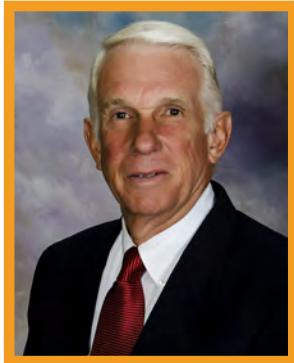


Continuation of the PLC Initiative



Excellent schools are the foundation of excellent communities. When you invest in Lakeshore Public Schools through the LEF, you are investing in the quality of life in our community both today and tomorrow.

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO THIS ...



J.C. Anderson, Chairman

During the last two Chairman's letters, I recognized two pillars of our community who had recently passed away: Merlin Hanson and

Steve Upton. Both of these men and their families have been frequent and substantial contributors to the LEF. As a result of their philanthropic actions, the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF), the Lakeshore Public Schools, and the greater Berrien County area, have all been positively impacted. I am convinced that the recent announcement by the LEF would have been strongly supported by both Merlin and Steve as an excellent use of our funds.

In case you haven't heard, in early October, the LEF announced a commitment to fund \$1,000,000 in projects that improve the educational experiences throughout Lakeshore Public Schools.

That commitment is represented by seven projects that are detailed throughout this newsletter. The projects span a broad spectrum of needs, and there is something for everyone. From physical changes, to program support, to teacher recognition, this major investment supports a comprehensive strategy that improves the educational experiences throughout the Lakeshore School District.

I think that a quick review of the LEF fundraising approach is in order. When I was asked to become the leader of the LEF in 2012, the fundraising approach was in a very sequential manner. First a project was identified, then a fund-raising effort was developed, then the fundraising was executed, and finally the project initiated and then completed. This approach was time-consuming, but very financially secure because 100% of the funds were secured before the project spending started. When we consider our LEF mission of enhancing the well-being and education of the Lakeshore students, the more projects that we can fund during a school year the better! With that in mind, we've decided to commit our support to some projects before all of the money has been raised so we can have a greater, more immediate, positive impact. As such, we have moved to a continuous fundraising approach. The **Lancer Leader** annual appeal, the **Online Auction** in February, the **Golf Scramble** in June, and the **Cash Raffle** in September, all play an essential part in raising the money to support our project commitments. This investment approach may be a bit more financially risky, as multiple project commitments are made and the project executions are in process before the total financial commitment has been raised, but the impact outweighs the risks.

We have approximately \$600,000 of the \$1,000,000 project commitment covered, leaving the LEF in need of raising the remaining \$400,000 to close the gap. This is the largest fundraising need that I have experienced as Chair of the LEF. I feel encouraged, however,

that we have never failed in our ability to generate the funds needed to support excellence in education at Lakeshore. This is where we continue to ask for your financial support to help bridge this funding gap.

I have been around education all my life. My parents, my sister and my daughter have all been teachers. Whether you've been around educators like I have or not, it's hard to disagree with the fact that excellence in education benefits us all. But we recognize that excellence takes investment. We can have the absolute best facility, the absolute best programs and curriculum but it still takes an effective teacher to put it into meaningful execution. That is one reason why I personally feel that the RAV (Recognize, Appreciate and Value) project, in particular, is a critical investment to continue to increase the effectiveness of our teachers. Think about it ... each of us can name a former teacher that really supported us in our efforts to do better and/or guided us towards a career. Teachers are a foundational component of educational excellence.

Please consider that improving the educational experiences of our staff and students is an investment that will pay dividends for decades. Together, we can do this ...

Sincerely,

J.C. Anderson
Chair, LEF



IT'S TIME TO "RAV" --

Recognize, Appreciate and Value our Educational Staff at Lakeshore!



Best of the Best
John Girton, Lakeshore High School Teacher



Best of the Best
Megan Vree, Roosevelt Teacher



Best of the Best
Christen Hopkins, High School Secretary

The LEF approved a \$250,000 investment over the next five years to fund the **Recognize, Appreciate and Value (RAV) employee appreciation program.**

This program was initiated after the appointment of Susan Toothman as Director of Human Resources and Communication with the Lakeshore administration. Components of this program were done during her time as Middle School Principal. Knowing the challenges for our education staff in today's environment, the administration wanted to take what she had learned and build out a program to improve employee morale and motivation.

"Schools where employees feel respected, valued and appreciated are more efficient in teaching and learning," says Toothman. "When employees feel supported, they are more likely to go the extra mile for their students and colleagues. This creates a positive school culture that benefits everyone."

The program's goal is to show appreciation to the staff for their years of service, hard work and dedication. The program was designed to encourage loyalty, set an example, and to create a positive work environment that boosts employee morale.

The main initiatives with RAV program are:

Milestone Celebration Employee Appreciation Program

This program celebrates teachers starting at five years of service up to 30 years. Staff will receive gift cards and color-coded lanyards to represent their years of service to Lakeshore Public Schools.

End of Year Staff Recognition Program

The *R. James Johnson Award* and *Totzke-Nye Support Staff Person of the Year Award* are given at the end of each school year. Each recipient will receive a plaque with their name on it and a gift card.

District Pulse "The Best of the Best" Recognition Program

The *Best of the Best* award is the recognition given to staff members who give their best, day in and day out, for the success of the students and staff at Lakeshore Public Schools. The *District Pulse* will highlight four *Best of the Best* award winners in each publication with a gift card and stainless steel tumbler.

Mentorship Program for All New Staff to Lakeshore Public Schools

The *Mentorship Program* for all new teachers is supported through peer encouragement and information they need to learn, grow and enjoy their first years of teaching at Lakeshore Public Schools.

"Welcome to the Community" Basket for New Teachers

Moving to a new community and school system can be a bit overwhelming. This initiative is focused on helping that change become easier while boosting the local community businesses. New teachers will be presented with a basket filled with items from our local community restaurants, Lakeshore gear, and gift cards to help fund school supplies.

LEF Project Grant

EXPANDING AND IMPROVING PROGRAMS

LEF donations fund career preparedness for local high school students.



Lakeshore Public Schools has been working for several years to advance opportunities in Career Technical Education (CTE) by expanding and improving programs while increasing accessibility to students across a diverse spectrum.

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation helped forward that focus through a major project grant that helped Lakeshore High School establish a HVAC program. Mike Schmidt, CTE director at Lakeshore High School, explained that this year, with the help of LEF funding, they were able to add an electrical section as well. Both HVAC and electric share a common class space to learn, which also allows for the use of similar equipment needed for each specialty. LEF funds helped to purchase air conditioners and furnaces that are used to certify HVAC students through the NC3 program. Students learn how to properly charge a system, troubleshoot heat pump issues, learn about air flow (testing and adjusting for max efficiency out of the system or equipment), and test variable speed motors.

In addition to purchasing the new HVAC equipment, funds were also used to set up six electrical panels where students can learn to wire a basic panel, lights, receptacles, and switches (3-way and single poles.) More equipment is also on the way that will allow students to work with simple circuits and three phase motors. The students in the electrical class follow the NEC (National Electrical Code) to make sure everything is safely wired. Once the task is complete, the students get to test the system and have the opportunity to troubleshoot the

circuits. All students in the electrical section will be certified through NC3 on how to use a multimeter. The NC3 certification gives students the most up to date knowledge and competencies that are valued and required by most employers.

This year's program consists of approximately 16 students, up from 10 last year. Students from other area schools are involved in the program as well, including: St. Joseph, Coloma, Buchanan, Bridgman, and Berrien Springs. Lakeshore's HVAC instructor, Brian Murphy, and Electrical instructor, Jeff Chorny, collaborate with multiple local businesses, many of which are willing to offer their expertise with the students. Dave Boelcke, original owner of Boelcke Heating and Air Conditioning, has shared his time and knowledge with the HVAC students as well as electricians from Lincoln Tech, Beaudoin Electric, and IBEW local 153 out of South Bend.



CTE students with some of the HVAC equipment



Connor White's Eagle Technologies Apprenticeship acceptance items.

"I'm grateful that Lakeshore offered CTE classes while I was there. Both the electrical and CAD courses piqued my interest, and opened a door for me to pursue an apprenticeship with Eagle Technologies," says Connor White, '23 graduate of Lakeshore High School.

Eagle Technologies accepted only 10 applicants for their apprenticeship this year, and out of over 100 who applied, Connor was one of the 10 chosen.

"We wouldn't be able to have these programs without the LEF's support," says Schmidt. "These certifications can be used to increase opportunities for employment, which is wonderful for our students."

FAR MORE THAN FOOTBALL

Lakeshore might have been looking to hire a football coach three years ago, but they got so much more than that. What Lakeshore didn't see coming was a transformational leader and an inspirational role model who would get more people involved in the football program than any other activity at the high school. Coach Danny Thompson's enthusiasm has been contagious and has captured not just the football players, but parents, other athletes - including a former diver, cheerleader, and band member, softball and tennis players, and an English teacher. They are all part of the football community that Thompson is creating and he isn't done yet.

Growing up in a small town, Thompson knows a lot about struggling to find confidence and his place.

Raised by his mom, grandmother, and his aunt, Thompson said he had love and support, but he "was always missing something." He now helps his team learn to gain yardage on the field while also gaining confidence both in the classroom and in life.

Elementary and middle school were difficult times for Thompson. It was



Coach Danny Thompson

reflected in his poor grades and 45 absences during sixth grade alone. "It wasn't until high school that my peers got to see the true me. What made the difference? I found my 'something' - football. I found out that I was good at something. I started to gain confidence and self-worth. For the first time, I found out I could be as good as others around me and I found something that allowed me to fit in."

As a teacher today, Thompson relates to those students who are not enjoying school. Thompson says, "As a leader and class clown, I found out who I was and wanted to be. I enjoyed history and socializing and loved the 30 minute bathroom break. Football was my carrot to get passing grades and without it, I am not sure what I would have done. I had amazing teachers/coaches who looked out for me and got after me when I was getting too big for my britches. The best thing about my teachers were the ones who I was closest with actually hated sports, but they understood how important they were to me, so they made an effort to talk with me and support me. I never forgot that, and it would mold the teacher that I am today."

While attending college and playing football for Olivet, Thompson had a game-ending injury and found himself lost again. "I didn't know what or where to focus my energy. After a lot of time and talking to some of my former coaches and teachers I decided that I loved a couple of things in my life: football, high school, and histo-

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One way that our district is working towards becoming more inclusive has been the establishment of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coalition (DEIC). The DEIC is a cohort of passionate Lakeshore students who are committed to improving the learning experience for all students.

FAR MORE THAN FOOTBALL continued ...

ry. Where could I have those things in my life and make a living? I had education as my major, but it wasn't until this moment in my life that I really knew I wanted it," Thompson said.

While Thompson is Lakeshore's first black coach and teacher, he is also the first person to tell anyone that this distinction means absolutely nothing. What matters in life: accepting others. "We live in a pretty ugly world sometimes and most of that comes because we choose to judge instead of meeting and talking to people. I have been sort of a trailblazer all my life and had a gift to bring people from different backgrounds together. I credit this to my mother. She raised me to see people - not - race and it has really formed the way I live my life. With my work with the Diversity Club, I try to bring the same ideal to the kids and share my own personal experiences to help them on their journey. I think for students of color in the building it does a lot to see a person in my position because they can see themselves. I think it is important not only to focus on race but to build the understanding that all people struggle with something and having conversations with others will open our eyes. If people don't know, then they will never understand. If they are open to conversations and look beyond their own situations, they start understanding what it means to have empathy. If we can get these kids to think with empathy we can change the world. My mission is to help create a culture of acceptance with the students of Lakeshore so they can carry that with them into the next chapter of their lives."

The bottom line: Find your something, accept others and lead with empathy. It's working well for Coach Thompson. It could work well for you too. And you might just change the world while you are at it.

LEF MAJOR PROJECT ONE-TO-ONE TECHNOLOGY



Stewart Elementary third graders: Viviana, Charlie, and Oscar.

One-to-One Technology at Lakeshore Public Schools' elementary schools is now up and running! We're told, now that every student is equipped with their own computer, the potential for personalized learning, digital literacy, and engagement has soared. Having one-to-one technology has helped empower Lakeshore's elementary students to explore, learn and collaborate. We wouldn't have been able to make this major project possible without our donors. Thanks to all of you who support our mission - together we are helping the students, staff, and community *Reach Higher*.

LEF Reach Higher Raffle

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

\$3000

LEW BURCHARD

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BOB JACKSON

\$500

JOHN MAROHN



LAKESHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUBS



Lakeshore Middle School students enjoying book club.

Your donations in action!

Lakeshore Middle School 7th graders had fun forming book clubs in their English Language Arts classrooms with the help of new books purchased through LEF grant funding.

The students read together as groups and studied their chosen authors, all while learning about character traits and author's craft. We know that reading matters and are excited about the hours of learning and enjoyment these Lakeshore Middle School students will get thanks to the generosity of so many in our community!

To donate, or learn more about our mission, visit: lefonline.org.

The next great idea for our schools can come from anyone: students, teachers, staff, or community members.

APPLY TODAY AT [LEFONLINE.ORG](http://lefonline.org)

Patti Florian Student Enrichment

If you are a Lakeshore student in any grade, kindergarten through high school, this grant may be of interest to you! Patti Florian Student Enrichment Grants are awarded for activities or events that promote self-improvement through exploration, discovery, study and interaction.

Foundation Project

The best ideas in education come from teachers. If your proposal costs over \$2,500 you should consider applying for a Foundation Project Grant. Do you have a big idea that would benefit a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or the community?

Professional Development

The Professional Development Grant is for staff who seek to bring continual energy, talent and passion to their roles. Do you have a great opportunity to develop and strengthen your professional talents and skills by attending a conference, seminar, workshop, college course or other experience?

Staff Support

Do you have an idea for a quality educational experience that would benefit Lakeshore students, staff, and/or the community? If your proposal costs up to \$2,500 and could be completed within the year following the grant award, you should consider applying for Staff Support grant.

Sponsorship Opportunity

LAKESHORE BAND TRAILER

Early in the 1990s, band parents Bob and Vicki May had a vision for the Lakeshore Band. They knew the band needed a means of transporting all their equipment to competitions, and a semi-trailer would be just the thing. Bob found the first trailer, and since another band parent was a graphic designer, the first customized Lakeshore Band trailer was soon a reality.

A decade later, that trailer was no longer big enough for the band, as enrollment had grown from 91 to 235 – thanks to the guidance of Lori VonKoenig. Not only did instruments need to be transported, but also uniforms and sound equipment. Band parent Mark Mabry found the new trailer, and became its caretaker and driver for the next 25 years. He outfitted it with lights, ramps, and interior hangers.

Why is the band trailer so important?



Lakeshore Band Trailer

Not only does it transport all the uniforms, flags, and sound equipment, but it also serves as a billboard for the school district and band program when it is off site. It is a source of pride for the band, parents, alumni, and the entire community. Matt Pagel, the current director of bands for Lakeshore, says “The trailer is an outward representation of the pride the community takes in the program and the high standard of excellence to which we hold ourselves.”

Until this year, no extensive maintenance had been done on the trailer since its purchase. After two decades of travel, including 16 trips to Disney World in Florida and adventures to Washington DC and Arizona, it was definitely time! The band contracted with Premier Graphics of Grand Rapids to do the new graphic wrap, and K & R of Holland for the joint repairs, sand blasting, rust removal, and other repairs. The trailer is now finished, and made its first road trip to a band competition in October.

The trailer repairs came at a cost of \$25,000 to the band program. To help offset some of these costs, sponsors may “purchase” their name/company logo to be placed on the back doors of the trailer. The cost of this decal is \$2,000. The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation joined fellow sponsors Red Coach Donuts and the LECO Corporation in donating to the cause to help support our high school band. Additional sponsorships are available and appreciated.

If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact band director Matt Pagel at mpagel@lpslancer.net. Next time you drive by the high school when the band is going to a competition, take a look at the beautiful new trailer, and as always, Go Band!

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2023 ART AROUND TOWN

This past June, we recognized some of Lakeshore Public Schools' finest young artists as our 2023 Art Around Town winners!

Twenty students from Lakeshore's elementary, middle and high school were chosen after what was a very difficult judging competition by retired Lakeshore teacher, Gail Harrah!

The artwork is now on display at local businesses that so graciously sponsored our students. Make sure to check out these amazing works of art the next time you stop by the following businesses, and thank them for supporting the students and our fine arts programs at Lakeshore Public Schools. See all the works of art on our Facebook page at: <https://lnkj.in/t/lef23art>



Gail Harrah, Retired Lakeshore Teacher

Amelia Ryan –

Mead & White Electrical Contractors Inc. – Lincoln Charter Township
2055 W. John Beers Road
Stevensville, MI 49127

Anvikoha Kadus –

Anytime Fitness
5643 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Braden Schiman –

Southshore Health & Racquet Club
3630 Tennis Court
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Carlee Holt –

Full Circle Café
5729 St. Joseph Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Claire Grasley –

Golden Muse Winery
8903 Stevensville-Baroda Road
Baroda, MI 49101

Clara Kleiman –

Red Coach Donuts
5811 St. Joseph Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Cydney Bacon –

Austin Tax & Financial
715 Columbia Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Emely Piedra –

Sturgis Bank and Trust
312 Main Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Gaia Escobar –

Bit of Swiss
4333 Ridge Road
Stevensville, MI 49127

Gio Flores Ortiz –

Priebe's Woodworking
2113 Plaza Drive
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Isabella Tomasi –

Y Not Ice Cream & Smoothies
5651 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Jovie Detrich –

Superintendent's Office
5771 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Kaelynn Malott –

Final Design
1601 Lakeshore Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Kaite Craig –

Superintendent's Office
5771 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Kiersten Craven –

Silver Beach Pizza
401 Vine Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Nabla LaFond –

Lincoln Township Library
2099 W. John Beers Road
Stevensville, MI 49127

Paige Lies –

The Garden Ice Arena
1626 W. Glenlord Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Piper Josimovich –

Scott Berry Promotions
1509 W. John Beers Road
Stevensville, MI 49127

Sara Emerson –

Spectrum Health Neurology
3950 Hollywood Suite 230
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Tessa Kuhn –

Honor Credit Union
5960 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

1959 LAKESHORE GRADUATES



The Lakeshore High School Class of 1959 celebrated its 64th reunion at Papa Vino's in St. Joseph this past summer.

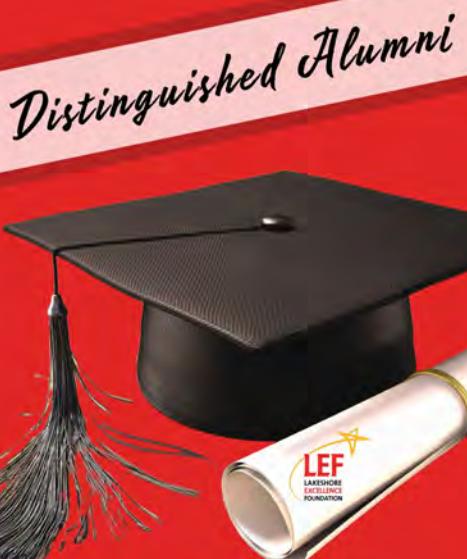
Ten members of the original class of '59, plus their family and friends, were in attendance. One member, Lonnie Groenke, traveled all the way from Las Vegas to attend. The group meets monthly for informal lunches and always welcomes former classmates and faculty to join in. Plans are already underway for a special 65th reunion celebration.

Back Row: (left to right) Bob Dixon, Dorothy (Klug) Thar, Jerry Schlutt, Janice (Smith) Miller, Mick Ott, Janet (Ritchey) Snelgrove, Ray Kosarski

Front Row: (left to right) Lonnie Groenke, Darlene (Roth) Damaske, Art Brunke

To make sure you don't miss any details, sign up for our alumni updates at:
lefonline.org/alumni/get-registered

Nominate the Next



Applications Due
December 15
LEFONLINE.ORG

The Lakeshore Alumni Association is accepting nominations for their next Distinguished Alumni!

The selection committee—composed of alumni, a current school staff member, and a previous school principal—carefully consider all nominees for a period of three years after their nomination. You may also renominate a candidate as many times as you wish.

The deadline to apply is December 15, 2023.

If you are interested in learning more, or would like to submit a nomination, visit:
lefonline.org/alumni/nominate-distinguished-alumni



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WHAT WE DO.

The LEF collaborates with staff at Lakeshore Public Schools to identify and support worthy projects that will enrich and supplement the learning opportunities in our schools. We also make a variety of grants for students, teachers, staff and community members to support innovation and professional development.

Visit lefonline.org to learn more about LEF!

Our mission is to “acquire and distribute resources in support of Lakeshore Public Schools for programs and projects aimed at enriching or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community.”

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come.

Annually, the LEF Board evaluates the health of the fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and reinvests the earned interest. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at (269) 921-2513 or email at anderjcna@gmail.com.

THE FACTS

The state funding for public schools in Michigan continues to be a challenge and Lakeshore is in the bottom 25% when it comes to funding. Yes, 75% of Michigan public school districts receive more state funding on a revenue per student basis!

SIX WAYS TO GIVE

1. Donate conveniently online
2. Swing those clubs
3. Become a Lakeshore Lancer Leader
4. Give us your two cents
5. Endowment Fund
6. Planned Giving

lefonline.org/giving-opportunities

Ways to keep in touch ...

1 Join the Lakeshore High School Alumni Facebook Group:

Search for “Lakeshore High School Alumni” and Join the Group

2 Register on the LEF website for email updates:
lefonline.org/alumni/get-registered

If you graduated from Lakeshore High School, this is a great way to stay in touch!



Learn more about LEF.

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Follow us on Facebook [@LakeshoreExcellence](#)

Read our newsletter in the Lakeshore Light

Contact our Chairman, J.C. Anderson (anderjcna@gmail.com)



LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL

2023 MCBA Flight IV STATE CHAMPS! GO BAND!

Congratulations to the Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band for achieving “1st Place”, “Best Music”, “Best Visual”, “Best General Effect”, and “Best Auxiliary” in Flight IV at the MCBA Marching Band State Competition at Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Their performance, *The Buzz*, was about the life of a honey bee. This accomplishment marks Band Director Matt Pagel’s first state win as lead band director for Lakeshore.

To celebrate, the Lancer Marching Band rode on Lincoln Township and Baroda firetrucks for a victory PARADE around Stevensville. The community lined the route, made signs, and cheered to show support.



2023 MCBA Flight IV Champions



The Lakeshore Community shows support.

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Lakeshore Marching Band, Honey Bee



Lakeshore Marching Band celebrates a win!

LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL

Math & Science Center

Berrien County Science Fair and Beyond!

The Math & Science Center (MSC) is a high school program geared toward gifted and talented students who enjoy learning and challenging themselves academically.

The MSC freshmen participate in the Berrien County Science Fair each spring. Students who had top finishes in last year's science fair were:

Ben Neidlinger & Ethan Thomas - 1st place in Animal Science
Ariel Wang & Elise Wang - 1st place in Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sara Callahan - 3rd place in Behavioral and Social Sciences
Kyra Culwell - 1st place in Biochemistry
Parin Ruperee - 1st place in Engineering Technology
Sam Pickens - 2nd place in Engineering Technology
Kieran Smith & Garrett Thomas - 1st place in Medicine and Health
Kasie Hicks - 1st place in Microbiology

Congratulations to *Ben Neidlinger* and *Ethan Thomas* for being the overall winners of the science fair with their project *The Effect of Different Alcohol Concentrations on Daphnia Heart Rate*.

Several students also took their science fair projects to the next level and presented at the Michigan High School Research Symposium. Students who participated in the symposium included: *Celia Beaufils, Logan Bellinger, Sara Callahan, Tanner Hall, Morgan Meeth, Cole Miller, Ben Neidlinger, Sam Pickens, Parin Ruperee, Ethan Thomas, Garrett Thomas, Ariel Wang, Elise Wang, and Carly Whitelaw*.



MSC students who participated in the Michigan High School Science Symposium.



Congratulations to the overall science fair winners.



Upcoming Events
 Math & Science Center

November
 MSC Alumni Career Day

December
 Freshmen trip to the University of Notre Dame's College of Computer Science

January
 Junior trip to Western Michigan University's College of Engineering
 Sophomore winter trip to Michiana Service Camp

April
 Senior trip to Tennessee

May
 Junior trip to Cedar Point

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LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL

Lakeshore High School Engine Build Club



Students at the 2023 Hot Rodders of Tomorrow SEMA Show playoffs

We are incredibly proud to announce that the Lakeshore High School Engine Build Club, under the direction of Instructor Doug Haygood, took home **FIRST PLACE** at the 2023 Hot Rodders of Tomorrow SEMA Show playoffs!

The team competed against some of the best high school engine builders in the country and emerged victorious with an average tear down and build time of 24 minutes and 50 seconds over the course of three competitions.

We are proud of what they have accomplished and are excited to see what they do in the PRI Playoffs held December 5 through 9 in Indianapolis, Indiana. We wish them the best of luck!

Math & Science Center

Trip to Suttons Bay

The current MSC freshmen traveled to Suttons Bay at the start of the school year to do authentic scientific research aboard the Inland Seas Schooner. Students collaborated to answer research questions using professional limnology equipment and historical Schoolship data. Each student team focused on a different research topic from invasive species like the Round Goby and Zebra & Quagga Mussels to water quality, plankton, and microplastics. They then compiled all of their background information and research into a story for a particular target audience. The goal of telling their story was to find a way to empower others to help make necessary changes to preserve our Great Lakes ecosystem.

During the trip, students also had the opportunity to learn about the role that salmon play in the Great Lakes during a tour of the Platte River Fish Hatchery. They also collected data from different species of trees and participated in a Bioblitz while hiking in Sleeping Bear Dunes. They used their tree data in their math and computer classes upon our return to school.



MSC Class of 2027, Sleeping Bear Dunes



MSC Class of 2024 on their trip to Cedar Point last spring -- they collected data on different roller coasters using accelerometers to be able to analyze the data in their Physics class.



LAKESHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Garden Club

Enjoying the Great Outdoors



The work had just begun! (BEFORE)



A beautiful garden by the Garden Club. (AFTER)

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A beautiful garden by the Garden Club. (AFTER)

In 2021, the Garden Club was started at Lakeshore Middle School in order to beautify the area and instill the love of gardening in any student who wanted to learn. In the three years the Garden Club has been meeting, they have made great progress in beautifying the courtyard area and have now expanded to creating and caring for the garden bed in front of the LMS office as well.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the local community. The Garden Club, with Advisor Cheri Bacon, is so thankful for the donations from the following businesses: *Honor Credit Union of Stevensville, Biggby of Stevensville, Nature's Way Landscaping, Lowe's of Benton Harbor, and Alex's Veggies.*

Last year, the Shoreline Garden Club of Stevensville offered to partner with the Garden Club. Their members have not only donated items to the garden, but several of their members come to the school to meet weekly with the LMS students in order to teach them how to care for different plants.

In addition to the support of these businesses, the Garden Club has also received several donations of plants, garden tools, and items from community members.

LMS is so thankful for our community partnerships!

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
UPDATE

A different face around our district is that of our new School Resource Officer Derek Boone! Derek has been a police officer for six years, originally working for the Pokagon Tribal Police and then coming to the Lincoln Township Police Department in 2021. He lives in Watervliet with his wife, Rachel and their dog, Nala. Derek and Rachel are looking forward to welcoming their first child, a son, this December. Derek and his wife enjoy camping, hiking, attending concerts, and spending time with their family and friends. Derek said he is, "excited for the opportunity to continue to grow the relationship between the Lincoln Township Police Department and Lakeshore Public Schools."

Welcome to Lakeshore!



Officer Derek Boone, Rachel and Nala



LAKESHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

LMS Prop Crew and the Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band

“Congratulations to the Prop Crew of Lakeshore Middle School students who were up bright and early to help the Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band achieve “1st Place”, “Best Music”, “Best Visual”, “Best General Effect”, “Best Auxiliary”, and “Best Percussion” at the MCBA Marching Band competition on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Jenison High School! Many thanks go out to the LMS Prop Crew and their families, led by Candice Westfall and Leslie Woods. We could not do it without you.”



Members of the Prop Crew

LMS Prop Crew

*Soren Adams
Allison Bailon
Luke Britten
Taryn Combs
Liam Culwell
Brylie Dail
Misa Davis
Logan Dienes
Jackson Dinges
Donovan Erickson
Brady Hart
Aeon Kress
Peyton Kuhl
Adriana Kyncl
Donnie Martin
Ace Massey
Makalyah Newby
Isabella Muenchow
Madalyn Ryan
Jackson Streelman
Rorie Tippetts
Hennessee Wheaton*



Middle School Principal Allison Arend

Did you know?

Principal Allison Arend

Principal Arend earned her undergraduate degree from Hope College and her MA in Educational Leadership from Michigan State University. Allison always wanted to be a teacher and taught social studies and English in both high school and middle school before becoming a principal. She was the assistant principal at Lakeshore Middle School for five years before becoming the principal. In her spare time, she loves to travel, attend Michigan State sporting events (Go Green!), and go to concerts. A fun fact about Allison is that last Spring Break she traveled to the Penedes region outside of Barcelona, Spain!

Good Sports Are Winners

Lakeshore Middle School was voted the sportsmanship co-winner along with Michigan Lutheran for the 2022-2023 school year by the Fruit Belt Officials Association!

What an honor to be recognized by a group that interacts with middle school students from all over the area; this reflects directly on the work we do every day as parents, teachers, support staff, and coaches to instill the importance of healthy competition and character in our student athletes. Congratulations!



Lakeshore Middle School Student Athletes

A Great Start to the Week

Students and staff at Hollywood Elementary School begin each week with an all-school assembly. Principal Ben McIntyre uses the time together to highlight the *Seven Habits of Happy Kids*, school events, student successes, and schoolwide expectations.

Principal McIntyre said, "We focus on the whole child by teaching regulation strategies, singing songs, and focusing on the Hollywood family. It's a great time where we can all come together and celebrate our commitment to each other."



All school assembly

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P.R.I.D.E.

Stewart Elementary School students are showing PRIDE in everything they do! PRIDE stands for Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Empathy. It is the school's core values!

The Stewart Family staff developed the school wide expectations in the 2017-2018 school year through their *Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports* program and a profound focus on the behaviors staff want to see. The students then helped the staff to define what each of those behaviors look like; one behavior was given to each grade level to define. Those expectations have become the foundation of the Stewart Family culture.

Students at Stewart Elementary are demonstrating PRIDE in many ways. They are persevering in their studies, even when challenges arise. They are treating each other with respect, regardless of their differences. They are acting with integrity, even when no one is watching. They are dedicated to their schoolwork and to their classmates. And they are showing empathy for others, both inside and outside of the school community.

Several students shared their thoughts about PRIDE at Stewart:

Hadley Mcleod - 4th grade

"PRIDE is something we have in our school that everyone should follow to be nice and kind to everyone and leave no one out."

Marlee "Mars" Winans - 2nd grade

"PRIDE has one letter of all the good things you should do. Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Empathy -- show all of those things and you will have a good life."

Keegan Goff - 5th grade

"When you think about doing something bad, you think about PRIDE and then do the right thing."

Stewart's P.T.O. is also actively involved in the PRIDE culture at Stewart Elementary School through "Stewie Neutron," the school mascot, and the POP store (Points of Pride). Stewie greets students a few times a week at the entrance of Stewart Elementary with high-fives, hugs, and dance parties! He also participates in all of the school activities and events. The POP Store is a "kid-favorite" aspect of the culture as students earn tickets for demonstrating Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Empathy and are then able to use tickets to purchase items.



"Stewie Neutron," the school mascot, and the POP store (Points of Pride)

Stewart Elementary School is committed to helping students develop the skills and character traits they need to be successful in life.

"Our students are amazing," said Principal Samantha Lantis. "They are constantly showing us what it means to be perseverant, respectful, honest, dedicated, and empathetic. We are so lucky to have them as part of our school community."



LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY

Building Mathematical Success

Elementary teachers new to Lakeshore Public Schools are offered the opportunity to participate in Bridges math training. The Bridges curriculum focuses on developing mathematical reasoning while creating an inclusive and equitable learning community for all students.

Thank you to Melissa Rescoe, our local Bridges expert, for leading our new teachers through the basics!



New elementary teachers participated in Bridges math training.

The Science of Reading

K-2 teachers took part in UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) training with our Berrien RESA Early Literacy Consultant, Rebecca Miles. The work of UFLI is deeply rooted in the science of reading. Teachers learned about structured literacy, brain research, and how UFLI explicitly and systematically teaches foundational skills for reading.



K-2 teachers participated in UFLI training.

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LAKESHORE LANCERS

Early Literacy Initiative

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Early Literacy initiative. This initiative is designed to help all children develop the literacy skills they need to succeed in school and in life. Over the next several years, we will be working closely with our Berrien RESA Literacy Consultant, Rebecca Miles, to provide training and support to early childhood educators on how to teach literacy skills effectively. Our Young Five through 5th grade teachers kicked-off the school year learning about our district's new assessment tool, *Acadience*. Acadience is a universal screening and progress monitoring assessment that measures early literary skills.



Elementary teachers participate in Acadience training.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Natalie Macerata, said, "Lakeshore is very fortunate to have a talented and committed group of educators who are excited about learning research based practices. We have kicked off our early literacy journey and are committed to partnering with Berrien RESA to train and empower our teachers over the years to come."



One Million Dollars

A huge THANK YOU to The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation for their **ONE MILLION DOLLAR** commitment to our district! The funding will impact every student, teacher, and staff member in our district through several major projects. Read more about it in the LEF portion of this newsletter.



Roosevelt enjoyed dressing up during Homecoming Week!



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Roosevelt Elementary

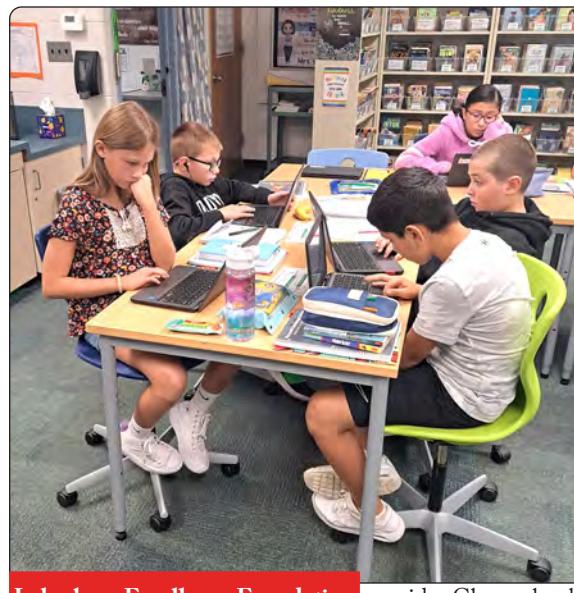
National Blue Ribbon School

Roosevelt Elementary School has been named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2023-24 by the U.S. Department of Education. This prestigious award recognizes schools for outstanding academic achievement or making significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

Roosevelt Elementary School is one of 353 schools in the United States to receive this award this year. The school was selected based on its performance on state assessments and its commitment to closing the achievement gap for all students. Congratulations!



Roosevelt Elementary Staff celebrate being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2023-24.



Lakeshore Excellence Foundation provides Chromebooks

New Chromebooks in the Elementary Schools

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation wants to ensure that every student has access to the technology they need to succeed in the 21st century. The foundation believes Chromebooks are essential tools for learning in today's world. Last school year, they generously donated the funding to purchase new Chromebooks to go 1:1 at the elementary level. The LPS Technology Department worked hard over the summer to prepare the Chromebooks for students. Thank you!



The Lakeshore Food Service staff looks forward to providing a quality meal program. Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on Lakeshore Public School's website: lpslancers.net by clicking on MENU, then DEPARTMENTS (listed under OUR DISTRICT), and then going to FOOD SERVICE.

Breakfast begins at 8:25 A.M. for elementary students, 7:25 A.M. for middle school students, and at 7:20 A.M. for high school students.

If a student is bringing a lunch from home and wants a milk or juice they will need money in their account to purchase a drink (75¢). There is water available in every cafeteria. Every child can receive one free breakfast and one free lunch for this school year. If you feel your family may qualify based on income for free meals please fill out an application. There are additional benefits for families that qualify. Approved applications also help school funding. Applications can be downloaded from the website or they are available in every building.

Applications can be mailed to:
Lakeshore Public Schools ATTN: Pam Greiffendorf
5771 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville MI 49127

Families approved for free may be eligible for other benefits and help with school funding. Please fill applications out even though meals are free.

We offer online payments at: www.mymealtime.com. There is a fee for this service only if you make a deposit. We strongly recommend having an account so you can view your child's account activity.

Please pre-pay for your child's purchases as needed. You can pay by cash or check (Lakeshore Public Schools). All deposits need to be made before 10:00 A.M. Elementary students turn in deposits to their teacher (for juice or milk purchases). Middle school students please use the deposit box located by the office. High school students can use deposit boxes located in the principal's office or the cafeteria.

Breakfast and lunch are an important part of your child's day. We strive to make it nutritious and fun! If you have any questions, please call Pam Greiffendorf at 428-1400, ext. 2965.



Start the Day with Breakfast!

Children who come to school hungry may find it difficult to stay alert and learn. The school breakfast program helps by providing children with a great start to their day. All students are invited to participate in the breakfast program. Breakfast is free for all students. The breakfast menu is posted on the website. Breakfast begins at 8:25 A.M. for elementary students, 7:25 A.M. for middle school students, and at 7:20 A.M. for high school students. If you have any questions please call Pam Greiffendorf, Food Service Director, 428-1400, ext. 2965.

My MealTime

Lakeshore Schools has partnered with *My MealTime*, a fast, secure online service for making credit or debit card deposits and monitoring your student's lunch account.

mymealtime.com

Download the mobile app
Use your device's web browser and go to mymealtime.com. If you're on a mobile device, from the *My MealTime* sign-in screen, choose the appropriate button to download the *My MealTime* app.

Easy steps to use *My MealTime*

Step 1: Register. Click or tap the Register button and follow the onscreen prompts to create your *My MealTime* account.

Step 2: Link Your Student. Click or tap the 'Add Student' button, then find your student's school. Link them to your profile by using their student ID number that was provided by your student's school.

Step 3: Make a Deposit. You may choose to store your credit/ debit card for quick and easy repeat use.



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