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Board Seeks Nominations for Distinguished Alumni Award

The Lakeview School District Board of Education is currently accepting nominations for the Annual Lakeview School District Distinguished Alumni Award. The award, established in 1983, recognizes Lakeview High School graduates who graduated at least 20 years earlier (1989 or before) and have distinguished themselves through community service and personal and professional accomplishments.

The award recipient will be recognized at a luncheon in his/her honor and during Lakeview High School's 2009 graduation exercise.

Nomination forms are now available on the district website at www.lakeviewspartans.org. Please contact Karen Dysinger, Office of the Superintendent, at **269-565-2411** for additional information. The nomination deadline is March 6, 2009.



World-renowned vocalist and 2008 Distinguished Alumni Doug LaBrecque poses with former teacher and forever fan Mary Both. Ms. Both is a 2nd grade teacher at Westlake Elementary.

Congratulations, Lakeview Food Service!

Lakeview's Food Service staff earned an A+ for their effort during annual inspections of all district kitchens. The inspections, which are conducted by the Calhoun County Public Health Department, actually entail much more than a look around the kitchen and food serving areas. The inspection process includes interviewing managers and employees, reviewing records and procedures, and assessing various food safety systems in addition to a physical facility inspection. Thanks to the highly professional and skilled members of Lakeview's Food Service Department, the District's eight serving locations – which serve over 2,700 meals every day – are in 100% compliance with state health requirements.

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Our Mission:

To provide educational programs in a safe learning environment that develop knowledgeable, healthy, socially responsible citizens in our global society.

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School Improvement Reports

Lakeview principals and members of buildings leadership teams gave annual presentations on school improvement to the Board of Education in November. Presenters spent time reviewing the successes and challenges they have experienced while working toward school improvement goals over the past year. One frequently mentioned success is the increasingly sophisticated manner in which instructional staff collect and analyze data around individual student learning.

Minges Brook Principal Laura Williams said, "New electronic data tracking allows us to identify where students are before school even starts. Instead of searching through student files, we are going straight to work with kids."

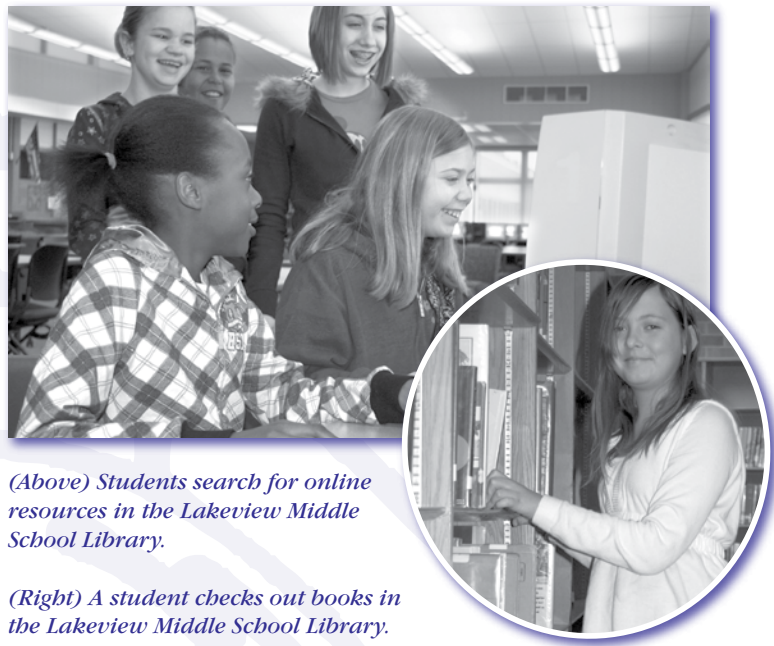
Electronic data tracking is one of several strategies now used by instructional staff to assess and meet individual student learning needs. The Middle School and High School have both augmented their student support efforts through the hire of Graduation Coaches Joe Blythe and Amanda Rizer. At LHS, Joe oversees the After School Academic Support Program, or ASASP, supporting school-wide efforts to boost student achievement.

LHS staff are also using common assessments and in-class student observations to help keep students on track academically. Meanwhile, the Middle School leadership team credits a new mentoring program – where each teacher identifies two students to work with during the year – with reducing student absences and keeping kids on track academically.

"It is so clear what administrators and teachers are talking about. It is really about working with the individual and meeting students where they are. It is about knowing the whole child," said Board President Kathleen Moore.

(Right) Elementary students participated in the presidential election during social studies.

(Below) Minges Brook students perform during their Veterans Day celebration.



(Above) Students search for online resources in the Lakeview Middle School Library.

(Right) A student checks out books in the Lakeview Middle School Library.

Elementary staff are using professional development hours, staff meetings, coaching, and learning labs to realize school improvement goals around literacy. Westlake Principal Jim Owen said, "We've started by developing good standards for teachers in writing; we are now making connections to how the same standards apply in math and science." "One subject carries right over into the next," agreed Prairieview Principal Carol Disler, noting that this year Prairieview is piloting the District's first mathematics coach based on the same concept as literacy coaches already in place around the District.

Also new this year, in support of elementary instruction, paraprofessionals are spending more time in the classroom supporting students as opposed to the more traditional practice of pulling students out of the classroom for individual or small group support. According to teachers Melanie Warren and Donna Keenan, a push-in approach allows teachers more one-on-one time with students and provides additional opportunities for students to dialogue with an adult about writing.

Kathleen Moore commended the principals and leadership teams, stating, "I am so impressed that all the schools are talking about the importance of teacher understandings. In Lakeview people are never ready to sit back and say things are good enough."

Board Secretary Jim Nelson concurred before speaking directly to the elementary staff, stating, "This is really falling in line with the task force visioning process and what the community wanted to see in elementary programs. I can see a lot of that coming out in what was presented tonight."



Fine Arts expo

to Showcase Student Talent

Lakeview High School will host a Fine Arts Expo on **Saturday, May 16, 2009**. Artwork and performances by Lakeview students in kindergarten thru 12th grades will be featured during the all-day event.

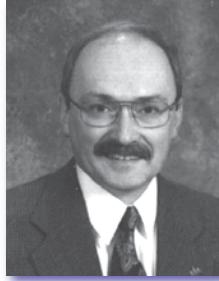
The following exhibits and performances will be showcased throughout Lakeview High School:

- Student Art and Photography Showcase
- Student Industrial Arts Exhibit
- Student Story Telling and Poetry Readings
- Multicultural Arts Display
- Performances including: LHS band and orchestra, LHS choir, and LHS theater arts
- Collage Concert highlighting LHS film and video students, theater arts students, bands/choir/orchestra
- Coffee House featuring jazz music, coffee and desserts
- Local Community Artist Showcase/Fair

Mark your calendar! This is going to be a huge event with something for everyone in the community!



Amy Jones
Director of Finance



Lyne Roberts
Director of Technology Services

Welcome New Staff

Amy Jones joined the Lakeview team on December 1 as District Finance Director. Amy served as Finance Director at Marshall Public Schools for the past seven years. She also has experience in business accounting and corporate finance. During her tenure in Marshall, Amy was responsible for the oversight of facility bond and sinking fund projects. She is also credited by Marshall for leveraging technology to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of business practices.

Lyne Roberts also joined the Lakeview team in December as Director of Technology Services. Lyne brings a unique range of professional experience to Lakeview, having spent the first sixteen years of his career as an elementary and middle school teacher prior to serving as an elementary assistant principal and elementary principal. Lyne most recently served as Director of Technology/Chief Information Officer at Eaton Rapids Public Schools. As Director of Technology Services, Lyne is responsible for managing all aspects of the District's student information, business management, and instructional technology and infrastructure.

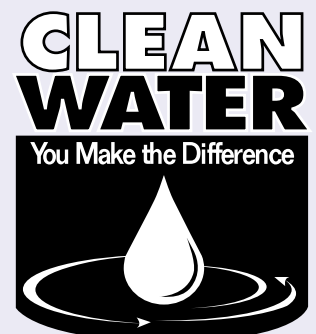
Simple Ways You Can Help Keep Our Water Clean

Did you know that the water we rely on for drinking, bathing, swimming and fishing comes from sources within the Kalamazoo River watershed? That is why it is so vital that we keep these resources clean and free of contamination. Everyday household activities can be the most serious sources of contamination in our watershed. Fortunately, there are some simple steps we can all take to help keep our waterways clean.

1. **Correctly dispose of hazardous household products.** Keep paints, used oil, cleaning solvents, polishes, pool chemicals, insecticides, and other hazardous chemicals out of drains, sinks, and toilets.
2. **Use nontoxic household products whenever possible.** Discarding toxic products correctly is important, but not buying them in the first place is better.
3. **Recycle and dispose of all trash properly.** Never flush non-degradable items down the toilet. They can damage the sewage treatment process and end up littering beaches and waters.

For information on hazardous materials recycling events in this area, visit Calhoun County Recycling at www.garbee.com or call (269) 781-9841.

Lakeview School District is a proud member of the Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partnership.



Lakeview DECA Rocks District Competition

Lakeview High School business and marketing students shined at the 2008 DECA District Competition. One hundred and one LHS students competed in a variety of events testing their business and marketing savvy. Overall, Lakeview students earned 77 awards and 59 students advanced to the state competition. On average only the top 10% of marketing students advance to the state competition.

The following LHS students aced both areas of competition for their given event:

Ashley Vanderbuilt and Sabrina Dotson – *Marketing Principles*

Russel Taylor – *Marketing Management*

Brandy Morgan – *Quick Serve Restaurant Management*

Jazmine Price and Dimeko Price – *Buying and Merchandising*

Samarth Bhandari and Leah Hess – *E-Commerce*

Nick Duckett and Nicole Potter – *Technical Sales*

Malia Samson, Chrissy Campbell and Megan Winerberger
– *Advertising Campaign*

Katelyn Williams – *Fashion Merchandising*



LHS students Megan Winerberger, Malia Samson, and Chrissy Campbell pose after sweeping the Advertising Campaign Competition at DECA Districts.

Support Your SPARTANS!

Cheer the Spartans on to victory!

Visit the Lakeview School District website at www.lakeviewspartans.org and click on the calendar link for a current athletic schedule!



Dr. Steven Pastyrnak

Division Chief for the Pediatric Psychology Clinic at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

**Saturday, March 21
1:00 – 4:00pm**

Lakeview High School
15060 S. Helmer Road
Battle Creek, MI 49015

Light refreshments will be served after the presentation.

Dyslexia is the most common learning disability.
It affects up to 1 in every 5 individuals.

Dyslexia: Do You Know It When You See It...? *Its Impact on Reading, Spelling, and Writing*

Dr. Pastyrnak's presentation will include the following topics:

- Overview of dyslexia
- Emotional impact on students and families
- Identification from a school-based perspective and a clinical perspective (including preschool identification)
- User-friendly classroom intervention strategies
- RTI (Response to Intervention) model and successful implementation within the school setting

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High School Athletic Code of Conduct – Next Steps

Superintendent Cindy Ruble shared a plan to continue working with national substance abuse prevention expert John Underwood on the High School Student Code of Conduct at the November Board of Education meeting. Ruble said, “We believe the Board, our parents, our students and our athletes are telling us that we need to learn more. There is no one who knows more about this subject than John Underwood.”

Underwood met with student athletes, administrators and Board members in October, sharing a national perspective on preventing the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by student athletes. This summer, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Steve Skalka will attend a week-long training at John Underwood’s American Athletic Institute (www.americanathleticinstitute.org).

Board members agreed that Underwood brings a key educational component to the table. They also revisited the need to broaden the current Code of Conduct to include all students, not just athletes. “That was something we clearly heard at the public forum. That we need to help affect the health of all our students, not just our athletes,” shared Board President Kathleen Moore.

Bob Sellers and Jenny Laughlin, both parents of Lakeview High School students, attended the meeting to encourage members of the Board to continue looking at ways to support athletes. Laughlin shared, “As educators, we make decisions based on data. I would encourage you to look closely at local data before making changes to the policy.”

Board members reiterated their intent to continue talking to students, parents, staff and community members, stating they would take the time necessary to make a decision that reflects the Board’s commitment to the community. Board Trustee Jim Davis said, “This isn’t about increasing punishments. It is about having something in place that decreases the problem, something that achieves the Board’s and community’s goals for student health.”



Lakeview High School librarian Gigi Lincoln was one of only three public educators to receive the national I Love My Librarian Award.

LHS Librarian Receives National Award

Dr. Margaret “Gigi” Lincoln, library media specialist at Lakeview High School, was one of 10 librarians nationwide recognized for service to their communities and schools as a winner of the Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award.

More than 3,200 library users nationwide nominated a librarian for the award. Gigi is one of only three public school librarians to receive the award.

To help celebrate, Lakeview High School staff surprised Gigi by declaring Monday, December 7th as Gigi Lincoln Day. The day was observed by all staff members wearing purple and white t-shirts declaring, “I love my librarian!” Gigi was also honored at a ceremony and reception in New York at TheTimesCenter.

“It has been Gigi Lincoln who has opened the doors to a world of knowledge and experiences that otherwise would have remained closed. Her work, as you see, may start in our school library, but it extends into our work as teachers, our minds as learners, and our hearts as human beings,” shared Lakeview High School teacher Scott Durham in a letter nominating Gigi for the award.

The award, which began as The New York Times Librarian Awards in 2000, is now a collaborative program of Carnegie Corporation of New York, The New York Times and the American Library Association.

Fall 08 Sports Highlights

Members of the 2008 Girls Golf Team earned a place in school history by placing 2nd at the Division II State Finals. They finished the season as SMAC East Champions, Big 16 SMAC Conference Champions and Regional Champion.



Pictured from left: Emma Hovarter, Erin Peavy (Division II All-State Honorable Mention), Hannab Matthies, Jessica Vocke, Grace LaBrecque (Division II All-State), Megan Hotrum and Coach Tony Evans. Missing from photo is Assistant Coach Bob O'Connor.

Girls Volleyball

East Division Co-Champions, Academic All-State

Boys Tennis

All City Champions, SMAC East and League Champions, Regional Champions, Finished 10th in the State, Academic All State

Girls Cross Country

All City Champions, SMAC Champions

Girls Swimming

All City Champions, SMAC East Champions, special congratulations to team member Jenny Root for earning All State honors

Riverside Students Bring Math/Science Lessons to Life



Riverside students Adam Bacik, Jessica Jackson and Riley Horstman measure the width of a dog's paw.

Riverside second graders were introduced to traditional and nontraditional units of measurement when they read the book *Measuring Penny* by Loreen Leedy. In the book, the main character has an important homework assignment – to measure something in several different ways. She decides to measure her dog Penny.

“We work to bring what we learn in books to life. The students were so engaged when we read *Measuring Penny*; we knew that bringing real dogs in and reenacting the measurement exercises would drive our math/science objectives home,” explained second grade teacher Karrie Nasers.

Thanks to the help of some canine volunteers, students applied their new knowledge of measurement through four different learning stations. Students used traditional units of measurement along with nontraditional units such as dog biscuits and cotton swabs to measure various parts of the dogs. Students also timed and recorded the amount of time it took the dogs to get to their food dishes and how high one of the dogs could jump.

“Students responded well to the exercise and talked about measurement and their experience often,” said Nasers. As the picture shows, this ‘nontraditional lesson’ in mathematics was a huge success.

Did you know?

There is a TON of helpful information in the parent section of the Lakeview School District website!

- **Get up-to-date grades with PowerSchool**
- **Review Bus Routes**
- **Plan activities with the Current Events Calendar**
- **Much, much more!**

See all our website has to offer at www.lakeviewspartans.org



Westlake third graders Madeline Richards and Gwen Trautman share their knowledge of motion during the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center's annual fund raising event.

Westlake Students Present Math/Science Kits

Westlake third graders Madeline Richards and Gwen Trautman joined teacher Jacquie Acheson at the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center annual fund raising event at the Battle Creek Country Club.

The students spent the evening demonstrating lessons and answering questions from adults interested in learning more about the Math and Science kits used in many Lakeview classrooms. According to Acheson, event participants were extremely impressed at how truly knowledgeable both girls were about the current 3rd grade kit, "Changes in Motion," as they shared information about topics including motion, friction, gravity, variables, and inclines.

The two also shared examples of their writing from a science journal entry in which they had to write a fantasy about arriving home one day to a house with no friction. Both writing pieces demonstrated audience grabbers, similes, details, VOICE, and all-around good elements of writing!

Needless to say, our Westlake students made Lakeview School District proud as they shared their love of learning to a room of impressed adults!

Prairieview Students Complete Lesson in Giving

This holiday season, Prairieview students in Mr. Lindsay's and Mrs. Shilling's classes enjoyed giving back to the community while building their mathematics and social studies knowledge. Both classes participated in a semester long curriculum based project that ended with students donating gifts through the Angel Tree Program.

Students began collecting pennies at the beginning of the school year to help fund the project. Both teachers used the activity as a regular math lesson in counting and exchanging money. Students also participated in weekly discussions on money management which further reinforced lessons in mathematics and economics.

Challenged to collect 1,000 pennies, the ambitious students in Mr. Lindsay's classroom collected 3,500 pennies plus enough silver coins to round their collection to \$50. A matching contribution from Mr. Lindsey, along with money collected by Mrs. Shilling's students put both classes on track for a generous donation to the Angel Tree Program.

Once all donations were collected and counted, students ventured to the computer lab for some virtual shopping. Using wish lists provided by the Angel Tree Program, students created shopping lists. Students were careful to divide their shopping ideas between wanted items and needed items as learned through the social studies curriculum.

With assistance from Instructional Technology Coach Stacy Smith, students completed their shopping on preapproved websites while learning important instructional technology skills such as online shopping safety, refining searches to find specific

(Right) Mykeal Robinson shows off her wrapping expertise.

(Below) Pictured from left, Sean Green and Dawson Burke wrap presents for donation to the Angel Tree Program.



items on the web site, and the importance of using correct spelling when submitting search requests.

Mrs. Shilling, along with LHS National Honor Society members Chelsea Ward and Joce Smith, used the students' shopping lists to purchase gifts locally. Students then wrapped the gifts, wrote a personal messages for each one, and then placed the gifts under the Angel Tree in time for holiday delivery.

Love and Logic Parent Workshop Scheduled

Do you struggle with getting your child to do homework, chores or follow house rules? Take the stress out of communicating with your child by learning the Love and Logic way to parenting. Love and Logic is a win-win approach to parenting that helps parents raise children who are self-confident, motivated and ready for the real world. This workshop will be taught by Lakeview Middle School Counselor Deb Miller. The course is free but pre-registration is appreciated. Call the Community Services Office at 565-2415 and reserve your spot today! **Tuesdays, March 10, 17 and 24, 2009** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Middle School Library.

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