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Lakeview Selected for National AP Honor Roll

Lakeview School District has been selected for the College Board's 8th Annual AP Honor Roll. Lakeview is one of only 447 districts in the U.S. and Canada to achieve this status. Twenty one Michigan districts made the list this year.

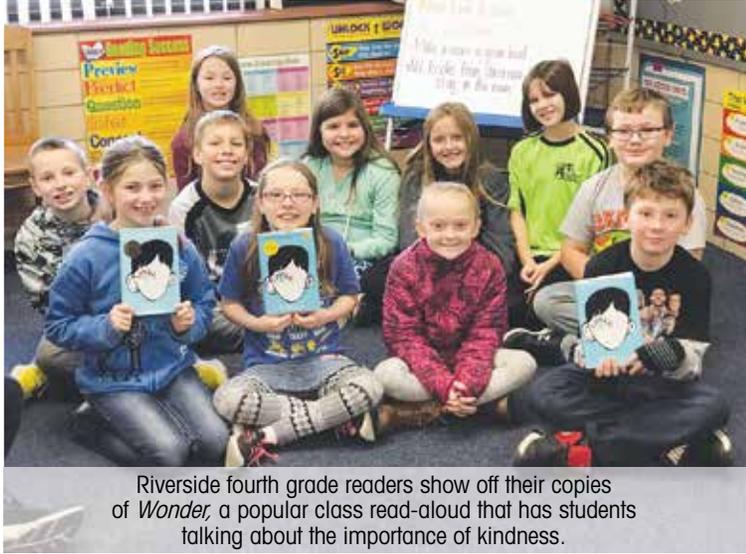
"This is an honor that reflects the commitment of our high school staff to engage and support all students in achieving at a high level," said Lakeview Superintendent Blake Prewitt.

The College Board annually recognizes districts for increasing student access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students who pass AP exams. Lakeview offers 13 AP courses including English, statistics, economics, physics and history. Enrollment in AP coursework continues to increase, with almost 30% of LHS students enrolled in AP courses this year.

"Lakeview High School is proud to have earned this honor by providing rigorous academic opportunities for all students. We promote all students taking high level classes such as Advanced Placement courses, and focus on ensuring that all students are supported to succeed," said Lakeview High School Principal Jeff Bohl.

Advanced classes including AP courses help prepare students for college level academics. Students who test proficient on the AP exam may also earn college credit for their efforts. Last year, LHS graduates continued their education at top ranking colleges and universities including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, the University of Michigan, and Hope and Kalamazoo Colleges.

Fourth Graders See Wonder Come Alive on the Big Screen



Riverside fourth grade readers show off their copies of *Wonder*, a popular class read-aloud that has students talking about the importance of kindness.

When fourth-graders listened to a book entitled *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, they were excited to hear that their read-aloud was destined to become a movie. *Wonder* is a story about a boy who was born with a facial deformity and who enters a traditional school for the first time. The fifth grader is faced with convincing his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances.

Following a half-day of school in November, 110 students, parents, and teachers travelled to JC Cinema to watch the movie together.

According to Fourth Grade Teacher Kathy Estes, "The film adaptation was another amazing way for kids to experience *Wonder*'s theme: kindness. A quote that has guided how our students are learning to interact with one another is expressed by a character in the book/movie. English Teacher Mr. Browne advises, 'when given the choice between being right or being kind ... choose kind.'"

Movie-goer and fourth grade Riverside student Brooklyn Bracy enjoyed the movie. "I was happy to see so many of my friends at the theater. It was interesting to see how the movie was not able to include as many details from the story as we read aloud in class, but then I remembered, they can't add everything."

Following the movie, students began to collect daily notes from their peers about what makes them special. Once completed, students will have a compilation of 27 ways they are seen as special.



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Third and fourth grade Minges Brook Elementary students were delighted to spend a day at the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo. While at the Air Zoo, students were engaged in many activities. Third graders learned about electromagnets. They got to see how a real telegraph works and how to build a closed circuit that would power a flying spinner. Luke, Vontez and Jackson shared that they enjoyed learning about Static electricity....one of the Air Zoo teachers demonstrated rubbing a balloon on a student's hair and then showed how the balloon would make the student's hair stand straight up. They also loved riding on the various rides the Air Zoo offers.

The fourth grade students learned about circuits. They had various hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons they were taught. Henry and Nathan explained the video they watched about past wars and enjoyed decoding a message sent by Morse code. Easton thought it was cool when they 'zapped' a Barbie and her hair went straight up.

All the students were so excited about getting to try all the rides and explore the exhibits. They loved the field trip and many have already returned with their families.

Westlake Students Enjoy Symphony

Westlake music teacher, Kara Black received a grant from the BCreative Program through the Miller Foundation that sponsored all four 2nd grade classrooms to attend the Battle Creek symphony at Kellogg Auditorium. One unit in the second grade curriculum introduces the instruments of the orchestra and what better way for students to recognize the instruments, than to see them played in a live performance. Mrs. Black also taught the students about the four families of instruments, how the performers prepare for the show, and proper etiquette for audience members. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to see the a performance in such a beautiful auditorium. The students did an outstanding job representing Lakeview. Mrs. Black stated, "It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved."





Upcoming Events

LMS Masque Presents Elf Jr.

Elf Jr is the story of Buddy, a young orphan raised at the North Pole. When Buddy's size and poor toy-making abilities lead him to question his elfness, he embarks on an adventure to find his birth family in New York City. Along his journey, Buddy wins the hearts of his new family and the audience as he reminds us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

Show times:

12/15 – Elf Jr, 7 PM, LMS Auditorium
12/16 – Elf Jr, 3 PM & 7 PM, LMS Auditorium
12/17 – Elf Jr, 3 PM, LMS Auditorium
\$5.00 General admission at the door.

LHS Barnes & Noble Book Fair

The Lakeview High School Library Barnes & Noble Bookfair got underway on Saturday, December 9 at the Lakeview Square Mall Barnes & Noble store and runs through December 20.

Students, parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and staff members need only present a coupon or simply tell the cashier that they are associated with Lakeview Schools. Online purchases can be made through December 25 at <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/bookfairs> by entering Bookfair ID number 12269601 at checkout.

Teddy Bear Toss

LHS Pep Club and varsity basketball teams will host a Teddy Bear Toss on Friday, December 15. Fans are encouraged to toss a new stuffed animal onto the court during half time of both the men's and women's basketball games. Games start at 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Lakeview High School. The stuffed animals collected will benefit the Battle Creek Area Toys for Tots. The event is sponsored by the LHS pep club and varsity basketball teams.



Deborah Margolis of MSU Libraries helping a student with the America's Historical Newspapers database. Photo by: Margaret Lincoln



Student Joe Wood prepares to upload an article to History Unfolded. Photo by: Margaret Lincoln

Research Sprint at MSU

This fall, Lakeview High School students had a unique opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom. On October 27, students traveled to Michigan State University Library to work with MSU Library personnel and faculty, engaging in a research project about the Holocaust.

LHS students participating in the trip were those enrolled in the blended online course World At War taught by Lakeview Social Studies teacher Scott Durham who, for the current school year, is based out of East Lansing where he is pursuing History doctoral program. LHS Librarian Dr. Margaret Lincoln supervises and supports the LHS students in their course work during the school day when they report to the library for the onsite portion of their class which employs the Course Content Management System Moodle.

Lincoln and Durham collaborated with Deborah Margolis, Middle East Studies & Anthropology librarian and liaison to Jewish Studies at MSU, to organize a Research Sprint whereby students researched a specific event during a defined time period using online collections. The goal of the visit was to contribute research to the History Unfolded project established by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. See newspapers.ushmm.org.

MSU History Professor Kirsten Fermaglich first spoke to LHS students on the structure of newspapers and how these offer insights into the past. They discussed how to incorporate primary sources into the study of history, implications of knowledge of unjust events, and the contextualization of those events. Students learned how to navigate America's Historical News-

papers database (an academic library resource not available at LHS) and microfilm holdings so as to successfully upload their article findings to the Museum site.

Research submitted to History Unfolded is helping to inform an exhibit on the American Response to the Holocaust, scheduled to open in Washington in 2018. LHS students can take pride in their efforts to have contributed to this growing knowledge base provided by 'citizen historians' throughout the United States.



Scott Durham helps World at War students locate microfilm articles for History Unfolded. Photo by: Margaret Lincoln.



LMS National Junior Honor Society members Freddy Melges, Jordan Edwards, Chigo Manu and Anna Miller drop off sweaters for distribution this winter.

Lakeview NJHS and NHS Team up to Collect Sweaters

NJHS teamed up with Bachman-Hebble Funeral Service for their Sweaters For Warmth campaign, which has been a local initiative of theirs for 30-ish years. Under the leadership of Lisa Downey, NJHS joined Bachman-Hebble to collect sweaters for their drive. Jordan Edwards (NJHS President) and Anna Miller (NJHS Historian) co-chaired the service project, but approximately 10 NJHS members worked on this project—making phone calls for box donations and promotional press releases/photos, writing announcements, designing a flyer, decorating boxes, etc. and mostly during their lunches for a 2-week period. Lakeview High School's NHS expanded the service project and collected approximately 100 sweaters (within a day or two!), and LMS contributed the rest. A total of 389 sweaters were donated. Sweaters were distributed locally through the Haven of Rest Ministries, In as Much House, Santa's Helpers, Family & Children Services of Battle Creek, and Safe Place.

Research Sprint at MSU

Lakeview Spartans finish up a successful Research Sprint by posing at this MSU landmark!
Photo by: Scott Durham



Minges Brook Leaders Are Readers

Read to Lead is a Lakeview High School student run program that strives to help Minges Brook Elementary youngsters improve their reading and writing skills. It connects National Honor Society volunteers with students in 3rd and 4th grade. Abigail Boyer, a Lakeview High School student, runs the Minges Brook program. Mrs. Kerner has volunteered her classroom and her time so that students have a place to meet.

A typical meeting for Read to Lead begins with a book discussion, a writing activity, and reading time. Once a week, for 60 minutes, readers and students explore the world by reading books provided by the children's teachers, in the safety and security of an elementary school classroom. This structured program utilizes interactive reading and writing activities to teach children about countries around the world, creative writing, poetry, and much, much, more.

Currently there are 14 Minges Brook students who attend Read to Lead. Students were invited to participate in Read to Lead based on academic strength and interest in reading along with the ability to follow the direction of the National Honor Society students. A limited number of spots were available and placement was on a first come, first serve basis.

Mikayla, a 3rd grader, signed up to participate in Read to Lead because she wanted to get better at reading. She also said she thought it would give her a chance to meet new people. Mikayla reported that her favorite part of Read to Lead is playing fun reading games. Another 3rd grader, Amelia, said she joined Read to Lead to get better at writing. She wanted to experience what Read to Lead would be like. Amelia said she enjoys when the students are broken into small groups and work on the writing lesson. Madison, a 4th grader, summed it up by saying, "Read to Lead is fun and I have improved my reading and writing!"



Lakeview Board Seeks Nominations for Alumni Awards

The Lakeview School District Board of Education is now accepting nominations for its Annual Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni Awards. Nomination forms and award criteria are available on the district website at www.lakeviewspartans.org/alumniawards. **The deadline for submission is March 1st.**

The Awards recognize Lakeview graduates who, through their careers and community service, have distinguished themselves amongst their peers. Past recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award include Broadway star Doug LaBrecque '82, and local community and business leaders Mary Jane Cipcic '67, Charles Burnham '69 and Dr. Peter Colquhoun, Class, '74. Jenn Gibbons '03 and Caitlynn Shump '10 received the district's first two Outstanding Young Alumni Awards.

Stuff the Bus for S.A.F.E. Place

Key Club hosted the annual Stuff the Bus event supporting S.A.F.E Place on Friday, December 1. S.A.F.E Place is a 47-bed emergency domestic violence shelter that provides food, clothing and other basic needs for up to 52 adults and children. Collection bins were available in the LHS main office and SSC, and teacher Mia Eckstein offered her vehicle for community drop off before and after school on the day of the event. Key Club members (Breana Bentz, Karlie Champion, Emily Davidson, Ngun Jung and Rebecca Myatt) collected items such as pillows, paper towels, garbage bags, cleaning supplies and baby care products to donate to S.A.F.E Place.



Reading Buddies Important Part of Day at Prairieview and Westlake Elementary Schools

Lakeview elementary schools invite volunteer readers to spend time with students who are working on reading skills.

This year, Lakeview alumni Cooper Grosteffon and Gavin Homer volunteer to support reading efforts at Prairieview Elementary School. Prairieview has invited alumni, community members, parents and grandparents to work with student readers for the past four years.

Westlake 4th grade students that model HCRR

(honesty, caring, respect, responsibility) and are strong readers were selected by their teachers to be reading buddies for younger students at Westlake. Each afternoon, these students check the reading sign-up sheet, grab books, and read with the younger students. They can be seen reading in the hallways.

Thanks to all Lakeview reading buddies for helping our students practice reading while building new friendships!



Ryan Katz, President of Katz Well Drilling, shows students different types of drills. The drill pictured has a synthetic diamond and can drill through almost anything. Outstanding Young Alumni Awards.

RS Robotics Club Continues to Learn from Community Partners

In November, Riverside Robotics Club members welcomed Ryan Katz, President of Katz Well Drilling, and had the opportunity to learn about different types of wells.

Club members' favorite well was the drift well. It is drilled into sand and gravel and is the most difficult type of well to drill. They have to measure screens down to the 1000th of an inch to keep the sand out.

The Club also learned that pipes in Michigan have to be buried at least 4 feet underground so that they do not freeze. Student compared Michigan standards to Southern standards where drillers put pipes above ground or only 18 inches below.

"It is an amazing thing when students and professionals from our community come together to learn. We are so appreciative of experts who visit Riverside and share their knowledge with us," said Jessica Day, Riverside Robotics Club coach.