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Lakeview to Offer Early Kindergarten Opportunity

Preparations to welcome the next class of Lakeview Spartans during annual Kindergarten Round-Up events are in full swing. Starting next fall, Lakeview School District will expand its kindergarten opportunities to include a new Young Fives program.

Young Fives is designed to serve as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children turning five years old between September 1 and December 1 who are ready to take the next step in their education with the benefit of additional social and/or academic supports.

Young Fives offers an instructional environment based on kindergarten standards modified to meet the academic, social,

and emotional needs of younger children through play; small group instruction; and hands on activities.

Young Five students develop core academic skills, strong social emotional skills and positive self-esteem under the care and guidance of professional educators experienced in early childhood development. Young Fives is a full-day program that follows the regular school calendar.

Parents and caregivers interested in additional information are encouraged to attend one of four Kindergarten Round-Up events being offered in March. Additional information is also available on the district website at www.lakeviewspartans.org.

Calling All Incoming Kindergarten Students

Do you have a child who will attend kindergarten in the fall? Incoming kindergarten students and their families are invited to learn all about kindergarten in Lakeview! There will be information, activities and a chance to meet the kindergarten teachers and other kindergarten students and families.

Additional information is available at: www.lakeviewspartans.org.

**– Monday, March 19 –
Riverside Elementary, 6-7 p.m.**

**– Tuesday, March 20 –
Prairieview Elementary, 6-7 p.m.**

**– Wednesday, March 21 –
Westlake Elementary, 6-7 p.m.**

**– Thursday, March 22 –
Minges Brook Elementary, 6-7 p.m.**

Spartan Legacy Joe Kurti Honored

Lakeview honored Spartan legacy Joe Kurti with the Gary & Marlene Beard Lifetime Achievement Award during halftime of the January 26 boys basketball game. Kurti shared his mantra of "FUN-FUNDAMENTALS – COMPETITION" through 75 seasons coaching over 900 middle and high school student athletes in the sport of basketball. As a longtime Lakeview coach, teacher and counselor, he used his time in the gym to teach students game fundamentals along with life lessons, helping students develop leadership and life skills that would serve them long after their high school athletic careers.

The Gary & Marlene Beard Lifetime Service Award was established in 2017 to recognize outstanding leadership, dedication and service to Lakeview students, families, staff and community. The award honors the legacy of long time Spartans Gary and Marlene Beard who began their lifetime of service to the students and staff of the Lakeview schools in 1958.



CACC's Education Academy Brings JA to Riverside

Students from the Calhoun Area Career Center's Education Academy are getting hands-on learning in Riverside's kindergarten classrooms. Aspiring teachers visited young students every Thursday in January to teach JA Ourselves – a program that introduces students to personal economics and the choices consumers make to meet their needs and wants.

During the course of the program students gain an understanding of the concept of money, particularly earning and saving and they identify the importance of giving to a worthy cause.

"The students who join us are dedicated, well-prepared and all-around great young people," explained Donna Keenan and Jessica Day, kindergarten teachers. "Our students at Riverside are enjoying learning about economics with them!"



Kindergarten students share their ideas about money with aspiring teachers from the Calhoun Area Career Center.



A student works in her Junior Achievement workbook after learning about the importance of saving money.

Minges Brook Student Wellness Team

In addition to having a Staff Wellness Team, Minges Brook Elementary has a new Student Wellness Team. The Student Wellness Team helps create a successful health and wellness culture among students. The team is responsible for brainstorming games and activities for indoor/outdoor recess, vegetable naming as a part of our smarter lunchroom initiative, assisting with Operation Fit events at school (Workout Wednesday, Morning Movement, Mileage Club in the Spring, etc.) and just being a voice for the student body on how to improve health and wellness at school and make it fun for their peers.. The students meet at least once a month with the Operation Fit Coordinator during lunch/recess.

On the mornings that Ms. E, the Operation Fit Coordinator, is not in the building, one of the Student Wellness Team members, Devan, leads the entire school through morning movement via the school intercom system. Devan said he likes the feeling of being a leader while announcing the movements. Two student members go to each classroom for morning movement to help demonstrate/ lead the rest of the class. The lively music played through the speakers is an added bonus to the workout time!





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Prairieview Hockey League Teaches Sportsmanship

This is the 9th year of the Prairieview Hockey League. All 3rd and 4th grade students are eligible. The students learn the basic skills of playing floor hockey, the importance of good sportsmanship and being a successful student athlete.



Congratulations to LMS National Junior Honor Society

Lakeview Middle School NJHS chapter has (again!) won the National Outstanding Service Project Award for their 2017 Be The Change Hurricane Harvey relief efforts for Rockport-Fulton Middle School! Only FIVE chapters nationwide earn this honor, and this is Lakeview Middle School's 3rd year in a row winning this award! Congratulations go to 8th grade NJHS members for the planning, development, and execution of their project, and especially Chigo Manu and Carleigh Hassing for writing and submitting the report that was required.

Future activities for NJHS include the 7th grade NJHS school wide food drive that will take place in April. The 8th graders are in the planning stages for their spring project—more information to come! A small group of members are planning a "No Name-Calling Week"/Bullying Awareness project for February and another small group is planning a science fair that will take place in April.



LMS's Miller Named Michigan Counselor of the Year

The School Counselor of the Year award honors professionals who devote their careers to advocating for the nation's students and addressing their academic and social/emotional development and college and career readiness needs. Debra Miller, Lakeview Middle School, was named the Michigan School Counselor of the Year and was recognized today at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC by the former First Lady, Michelle Obama.

LMS Masque's Penguin Project Receives Congressional Recognition

The LMS Masque theater program has received congressional recognition for its upcoming Penguin Project.

Masque Director Deanna Flora was notified last fall that the program's application to become a Penguin Project site had been accepted. This is a tremendous honor – as recognized by Congresswomen Debbie Stabenow – with only one other site in Michigan and a total of 19 across the country.

The Penguin Project is a national organization that supports local productions of Broadway musicals modified to showcase talents of area youth with developmental disabilities. LMS theater students will be involved in the project as mentors helping with lines and staging during both practices and performances.



Westlake Robotics Team Attends Expo

Members of the Westlake Robotics Team participated in the Concord Robotics Expo on January 20th. The team was given a challenge to learn about the various uses of water and ways that water could be gathered, cleaned, distributed, and preserved. They built a model using Legos to display their ideas. The team was coached by elementary science teacher, Mr. Olian.



LMS Divers Place in State Meet

Lakeview Middle School was represented by three members of the I-94 Diving Club coached by Willie English in the MISCA Middle School Invitational at Holt High School on January 19th. Only 24 total divers are invited throughout the state of Michigan.

Kennedy Lynn, 7th grade, placed 14th, Brock Gardner, 8th grade, placed 4th and the only sixth grader in the state to make the cut, Ian Kline was 21st.

LHS Students Hone Skills in Wood Tech

In Wood Technology I this year, students are honing their skills in the woodworking field by building a cutting board and checkerboard. Progressing through the woodshop program, students have opportunities to build unique one of a kind projects of their choosing. These projects represent an investment of many hours of care and precision. They are works of art that will last a lifetime and be a source of pride for students and their families for years to come. Looking ahead to second trimester students will move on to some hand drafting, CAD (Computer Aided Drafting), and mass production projects. Students will design, prototype, then build their own CO2 cars. A race will be held to see whose car is the fastest, and we'll be certain to provide an update for readers here!



DECA Delivers at Districts



The Lakeview High School DECA program has achieved great success over the years but on January 19, LHS students were unstoppable in the 2018 Districts competition! At this event, students demonstrate to business professionals in real-life scenarios that they have the skills needed to become the world's future workforce leaders. On an average, Lakeview advances around 70 students from Districts to state competition but this year LHS will send a record number of 125 DECA students to the next level!

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 Cipicic '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.

A Storyteller Makes History Come Alive at LHS

Tenth grade English classes at Lakeview High School (approximately 360 students) were recently privileged to attend during the school day one of six interactive workshops given by Judy Sima, an acclaimed storyteller and second generation Holocaust survivor. Ms. Sima's presentation titled "History Alive: Capturing the 'Story' Behind the Facts" thoroughly engaged students and provided support for a curriculum unit focusing on implicit bias, dehumanization, and social injustice through the reading of Night by Elie Wiesel. A similar and very impactful evening session was offered to area adults in cooperation with Willard Library. The project, organized by Lakeview District Librarian Dr. Margaret Lincoln and funded by a CISD mini grant, was timed to coincide with observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27 - a date set aside by the United Nations for official commemoration of victims of the Nazi regime and for promoting Holocaust education throughout the world.

