

A Look Around Lakota: E-News Edition

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New ECS Innovation Hubs Filled with Fun Learning Tools

Virtual reality, robots, green screens, and books? Yes! They are all part of Lakota's newly unveiled Innovation Hubs at its early childhood schools (ECS).

"The K-2 Innovation Hubs provide not only a space for our youngest learners to foster their love of reading through access to books, but now also serve as an extension of our classrooms by providing a space for students to explore, create, and collaborate through a variety of digital tools and hands-on activities!" said Director of Digital Learning **Krista Heidenreich**.

The wait is over for Lakota's youngest learners as they've gotten to explore their redesigned media centers over the past few weeks. What started as a pilot program at Heritage Early Childhood School in the fall has now expanded to the district's five other buildings. **Lizzie Porter** is very excited about all of the building options. "It's really fun and I like to build," she said. The Wyandot kindergartner is also happy that she is able to borrow new library books each week, noting that author Mo Willems' "Elephant and Piggie" series is her favorite.

The new learning spaces include technology tools, tinkering and maker space materials. Students are able to "problem solve, design, build and collaborate with magnets, marbles, wood planks and many other manipulatives," explained Heidnereich.

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Lakota's School Counselors Wear Many Hats

“Think of all the possible barriers kids might have to learning,” said **Lori Brown**, Lakota’s director of student services. “Think of a million reasons and that’s the million things our counselors combat day in and day out.”

National School Counseling Week, always celebrated the first full week in February, is a time to reflect on the unique contribution Lakota’s counselors make to our school communities. From hot button issues like mental health and college and career readiness to lesser known responsibilities covering parent education and staff wellness, Lakota’s counselors are at the center of a lot of critical pieces in a student’s K-12 experience.

Social & Emotional Learning

“Mental health and social skills have a huge interplay,” said Wyandot ECS counselor **Jennifer Gillum**, “and both are undeniably critical to the long-term success of every student.”

With the recent rollout of [Ohio’s new social and emotional learning standards](#), Lakota remains committed to equipping every staff member with the training to support students in this way. Even so, Lakota’s counselors carry the largest load when it comes to social and emotional learning. and facilitate the school-wide programming that supports self-awareness, mindfulness, conflict resolution, communication and other preventative skills that Lakota students are learning.

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Update on EdChoice Voucher Program

Lakota Superintendent to Testify Next Week

The debate over the expansion of public schools on the [EdChoice voucher list](#) continues in Columbus. At this point, the Ohio House and Senate have not come to an agreement on a joint solution as to the prospect of 70-percent of the state's districts having an eligible school on the list.

The enrollment period, which was to open on Feb. 1, has been delayed until April 1, following a vote by the state legislators. On Feb. 5, the House introduced its plan to amend the voucher program in [Senate Bill \(SB\) 89](#), which passed the House by a vote of 88-7. The bill will phase out district-paid EdChoice vouchers, increase the eligibility for income-based vouchers from 200-percent to 250-percent of the poverty level and, if the student is both income and building-eligible, require the state to fund the voucher beginning in the 2021-22 school year.

The Senate does not agree with these changes and has sent the bill to Conference Committee. The committee is now holding hearings to gather more information about the EdChoice voucher program.

Lakota's superintendent, **Matthew Miller**, will testify next week. "Senate Bill 89 is a good starting point to fix the EdChoice debacle," he said. "Schools that receive passing grades by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) should not be also considered failing schools." Ironically, Endeavor Elementary, which is one of eight Lakota schools the state says is failing, received the [Momentum Award](#) from ODE shortly after the EdChoice list was published. "How can a school be failing on one hand, but then receive accolades for exceeding expectations in student growth on the other?" questioned Miller.

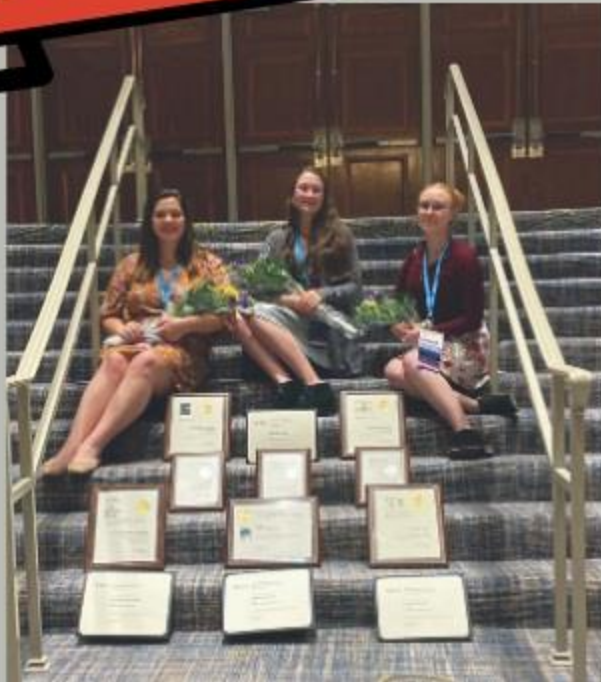
Miller believes the problem with the voucher system stems from a deeply flawed state report card. "The state grading system puts a higher priority on standardized test scores than ensuring that our kids are prepared for life after graduation," he explained. "The state says that they want our students to have real world learning opportunities, yet they do not include that as an indicator on the report card." [Read more](#) to find out what can you do to help.

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Lakota East's Spark Wins National Awards



Lakota East Athletic Signing Ceremony



Lakota West Athletic Signing Ceremony

Student-Athletes Recognized at Signing Ceremonies

Athletic signing ceremonies took place last week at Lakota East and West high schools. Congratulations to these student-athletes who signed commitments to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Lakota West's signing was for football only;

another ceremony will take place on Apr. 15 for all athletes regardless of sport.

Lakota East

Luke Birdsong: Soccer – University of Memphis

Joey Boujaoude: Volleyball – Midway University

Alexes Church: Golf – Mt. Vernon Nazarene University

Serena Clark: Track and Field – Clemson University

Gracie Clute: Track and Field – Indiana Tech

Alex Dudash: Lacrosse – Mount Saint Joseph's University

Adam Hundemer: Football – Southern Illinois University

Alex Mangold: Basketball – Nova Southeastern University

Gavin Myers: Football – Urbana University

Troy Reisner: Football – University of Dayton

Allison Romito: Tennis – Shawnee State University

Aaron Sharp: Wrestling – Urbana University

Kylee West: Softball – Georgetown College

Hailey Wilson: XC and T&F – University of Findlay

Kayla Womack: Soccer – Morehead State University

Elijah Wood: Wrestling – Wilmington College

Lakota West

David Afari: Football - Miami University

Daved Jones: Football - University of Cincinnati

Jake Kieffer: Football - Morehead State University

Isaac Kolosik: Football - Butler University

East's Spark Wins National Journalism Awards

At the recent National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) convention in Washington, D.C., East's Spark student magazine took home top honors in many categories, including the Brasler Award for best national story of the year (**Alex Fernholz** and **Anna Mullins** wrote the winning vaping series that comes with a \$1000 prize).

Here is the complete list of Spark's 2019 NSPA Awards:

National Story of the Year Winner (News category): **Alex Fernholz and Anna Mullins** (vaping series)

National Story of the Year Runner-up (Opinion category): **Anna Biddle** (multiple columns)

National Story of the Year Runner-up (Social Justice Reporting category): **Rebecca Breland, Abby Bammerlin, Jessica Jones, Shiloh Wolfork, Isis Summerlin, Vivica Heidenreich, Ekra Khalid, Lauren Maier, Alex Fernholz, Caroline Bumgarner, Meredith Neiman, Katey Kruback, McKenna Lewis** (masculinity package)

National NSPA Brasler Award: **Alex Fernholz and Anna Mullins**

National Design of the Year Winner for Comics Journalism: **Selena Chen**

National Design of the Year Honorable Mention for Page Design: **Lauren Maier**

National Design of the Year Honorable Mention for Art Portfolio: **McKenna Lewis**

2019 NSPA Over-all Publication Awards: Lakota **East Spark, NSPA Pacemaker Award** (one of 24 presented; 16th time)

Lakota East **Spark, NSPA All-American**, five marks of distinction (21 consecutive times)

Pictured above:

Spark Chief Editors Rebecca Breland, Anna Mullins, and Alexandra Fernholz sit with the bounty of over-all publication and individual awards at Marriott Wardman Hotel in Washington DC.

Mullins and Fernholz split the \$1,000 Brasler Prize for an in-depth series that explored vaping in the school and community. Fernholz has won two editorial cartoon NSPA contests making her the only Spark staffer in history to win a National Story of the Year and a National Cartoon of the year.

AROUND LAKOTA



Master Facilities Plan: Thought Exchange #1 Results

Immediately following the first [Master Facilities community meeting](#) on Jan. 28, Lakota Local Schools launched a ThoughtExchange online survey to gather feedback about the data shared.

Superintendent Matthew Miller and Chief Operations Officer Chris Passarge shared enrollment projections for the next 10 years and the age and condition of Lakota's 23 school buildings to a packed house at Hopewell Junior School. For those unable to attend, the meeting was [shared via YouTube and social media in its entirety](#). [An abbreviated video](#), which included the same data, was linked to the survey for participants to review.

Community members were asked, "After hearing information we have gathered about enrollment projections and the condition of our facilities, what are your key takeaways and what concerns do you have?" And they answered.

More than 600 people participated in the exchange, which was open from Jan. 28 - Feb. 11. [ThoughtExchange](#) is a unique platform the district is utilizing to gather feedback from parents, staff, students and community members on a wide-range of topics, including the Master Facilities Plan. "We value our community's input when making decisions that will affect the entire district," said Miller. "ThoughtExchange is an additional vehicle we are using to gather feedback because we want to be able to give our parents, students, staff and community members many options to share their thoughts."

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UNION SIXTH GRADERS

HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT ONE PLANT AT A TIME

#LakotaGoesGreen



Emmy Burgei, Kyra Egan and Taryn Delaney (from left) show off the herbs and avocado plants growing in Union Elementary's culinary center since the school's greenhouse was damaged in a storm.

Union Sixth-Graders Spearhead Greenhouse Renovation

Union Elementary School had a dilemma. What to do with their greenhouse, which had been built as part of an Eagle Scout project, when it was badly damaged during a storm. Sixth-grade teacher **Madison Geiger** found out that when you pair that with a lesson about the environment, magic can happen.

Geiger began the enrichment unit on the environment with her students growing a green bean or sunflower from seed. Many were successful, but a few plants suffered from over or under watering. When reflecting on the project, Geiger asked, "with that knowledge under your belt, what do we do now?"

Students took the reins, researching what types of plants grow best in this climate, as well as beginning to design ideas for the greenhouse and surrounding space. **Taryn Delaney** suggested growing different types of herbs for the school's culinary center, as well as rehabbing the existing gazebo to be used as outdoor seating for lunch periods. Other plans included making bird feeders to hang around the school, pulling up dead plants in the greenhouse and planting flowers to beautify the landscaping.

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Extreme Makeover *Classroom Edition*



BEFORE



AFTER

Extreme Makeover Classroom Edition Takes Over Adena

To the tune of “Move that bus!” from ABC’s former hit home makeover series, Adena Elementary School Principal **John Mattingly** exclaimed to two lucky fourth grade classes on Monday, “Do you want to see your new classroom?”

With that, a stampede of students broke through their two classroom doorways, each concealed by a paper curtain, to find their learning space outfitted with more than \$22,000 worth of new furniture and equipment. A longtime partner of Lakota Schools, School Outfitters gifted the collaborative desks, chairs, mobile tables, whiteboards and storage carts to the district, their team delivering and installing the 125 pieces in just four hours.

“My first reaction was ‘Wow!’” said fourth-grader **Kaylee Penny**, who first noticed that almost every piece in the room now has wheels.

Such mobile work surfaces, paired with other tools like trapezoid-shaped desks and whiteboard top tables for example, facilitate more collaborative learning environments and grouped instruction. Moreso, students can easily choose to work independently or in groups, sitting on a stool or standing up, on paper or on a whiteboard - all supporting Lakota’s move toward a more [personalized learning experience](#) marked by student choice. [Click here to watch a video and see students' reactions to their new classroom.](#)

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Project Helping Other People



Project HOP, short for "Helping Other People," challenged students at Liberty and Hopewell Junior schools to donate gently used clothing and personal items for those in need.

Liberty, Hopewell Join Forces, Make Friendly Wager to 'Help Other People'

A class project that reaches the point of real community impact is called project-based learning. But when that project lives on the next year without any connection to the original class - *and* in partnership with another school - some might call it pure selflessness.

At last year's "State of the Schools" address, Liberty Junior eighth-grader **Emily Fuller** shared with the Lakota community how Project HOP, short for "Helping Other People," came to life. A simple challenge posed by her Media Design & Communication teacher, **Moriah Walker**, inspired Fuller to actually put her idea for a clothing drive into action. It was her response to the question, "What would make the world a better place?"

A year later, with the support of classmates and friends **Bryn Williams**, **Maddie Henderson** and **Alexa Schatzky**, Fuller repeated the drive benefiting Reach Out Lakota at a whole different scale. She passed the challenge along to Hopewell Junior, to which the school's Student Council, under the leadership of teacher **Anne Caudill**, responded with enthusiasm. They even introduced a wager that the principal at the "losing" school would have to sport the opposing school's spirit wear.

"I'm very grateful to Hopewell and everyone who has supported me, especially Mrs. Walker for not giving up on this crazy idea I had last year," Fuller said. "It was an incredible opportunity to be able to dream it up, but I never imagined actually being able to pull it off."

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Student Safety Committee



The Student Safety Committee at Lakota East plans to help students get extra skills that are applicable not only in school, but also in life.

East Seniors Bring Back Student Safety Committee

School safety is the number one priority at Lakota, and some students at Lakota East are stepping up to do their part to make sure their school is as safe as possible.

Each year students and staff receive ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) active shooter response training, showing them how to respond to different scenarios in the event of an intruder in the building.

“The trainers pointed out the trauma kits found on the walls of the school, saying that if you are able to use the equipment and need to, you can help,” said senior **Zach Timmons**. “But then the trainers said most people have no idea how to effectively use the kits. We wanted to change that.”

So Zach and fellow senior **Leo Rolfert** set out to bring back the Lakota East Student Safety Committee that had been created back in Feb. 2018 after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) shooting. Originally, the committee was established to help support the students that had been affected at MSD by hosting fundraisers, sending a banner of support to MSD and holding a ceremony at East to honor the 17 victims.

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MASTER PLANNING

STEP 1 TO 5



SHP

Architect Mike Parkinson visited West math classes this week to help with their roller coaster project. He discussed the design process, and the importance of problem-solving and accepting failure as part of that process.

West Roller Coaster Project Makes Learning Fun

What's more fun than riding a roller coaster? How about designing your own coaster?

Students in **Caroline Smith's** math class took on that challenge, applying concepts like slope, average and angles to an amusement park.

"I have always despised math – and now, of all things, I am a math teacher," said Smith, an intervention specialist at Lakota West. "I learned the hard way that math is tied to 'real life' and I am trying to help my students see that math does play a role in their day-to-day lives. It is really cool to see them excited about math."

West junior **Brittany Davis** is enjoying the project. "I don't really like math, but this is making it easier. It's a different way to learn math."

Three integrated math classes for student with disabilities are working on the roller coaster projects. The project is an example of personalized learning where teachers try new ways to reach students and encourage them to take ownership of their learning.

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FEATURED PHOTOS



On Tuesday, Feb. 11, more than 50 parents, students, staff and residents gathered in Lakota East's Innovation Hub to connect their vision of the future of Lakota learning to facility needs. The meeting was the culmination of individual focus groups held last week with each group.

The meeting series represents the second phase of community input in Lakota's Master Facilities Planning process, which will ultimately build a long-term plan for the future of Lakota's aging facilities. The next community meeting, happening on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at Lakota West Freshman, will share the themes that emerged during the visioning phase. Learn more at lakotaonline.com/BuildingOurFuture.



Happy Valentine's Day from these students in Mrs. Allsup's class at Wyandot ECS!



As part of their Hope Week activities, Lakota West's Hope Squad offered a yoga session to students during their XH period. It was a full house, with students taking a break to care for their mind, body and soul.

NEW BUSINESS

Feb. 26: Next Community Facilities Meeting Discusses Visioning

Lakota continues to make progress toward building a Master Facilities Plan (MFP) that protects Lakota's most important physical assets *and* supports the type of learning that will carry our schools into the future.

A series of stakeholder focus groups is the second phase in Lakota's efforts to engage the larger community in shaping the final facilities plan. The visioning phase involves defining Lakota's long-term vision for teaching and learning and then applying those priorities to the physical attributes of our facilities. The second at-large community meeting will share the common themes that emerged throughout this phase before giving attendees an opportunity to provide feedback.

Parents, staff, students and community members are invited to attend the community visioning meeting on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m at Lakota West Freshman.

[Visit Lakota's Master Facilities Planning website to learn more](#) about the process and direct any questions to masterplan@lakotaonline.com.

Personalized Learning the Focus of February 'Listen Up Lakota'

This month's edition of "Listen Up Lakota," a monthly radio program powered by 89.3FM WMKV, will focus on Lakota's drive toward more personalized learning in every classroom. These special guests share their perspective: Lakota's Director of Digital Learning **Krista Heidenreich**, Lakota East Principal **Suzanna Davis**, Lakota's Assistant Director of K-8 Instruction **Regina Kirchner** and Innovation Specialist **Jessica Carrelli**.

Lakota's emphasis on personalized learning aims to give students more voice, choice and ownership in how they learn and show what they've learned. From [flipped classrooms](#) and [project based learning](#) to [flexible playlists](#) and [station rotations](#), Lakota teachers across all subjects and grade levels are experimenting with different personalized learning strategies. What exactly does this look like and what benefits are Lakota staff seeing?

Tune in at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 or 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 on 89.9FM WLHS or 89.3FM WMKV. You can also stream it live at WMKVFM.org or download the WMKV app. The interview will be available as a podcast on the station's website after the first air date. WLHS/WMKV is a member-supported public radio with its studios located at Maple Knoll Village in Springdale.

Upcoming Plays at Lakota Junior Schools

Frozen Jr.: March 6-8

Tickets are on sale now for Frozen Jr. on March 6-8 at Plains Junior School.

Bringing together sisterly love and the courage to be yourself, Frozen Jr. is an adaptation of the well-known Broadway musical and hit movie. Anna and Elsa are princesses in Arendelle, where Elsa has a secret that could harm her and her whole nations. Their journey is beautifully depicted in this musical, with some of the memorable songs and characters from the film.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at ticketpeak.com/plainsfrozen or by calling 513-571-6686.

Annie Jr.: March 6 & 7

Hopewell Junior's Drama Department presents Annie Jr. on March 6 & 7.

Based on a heartwarming comic strip, Annie Jr. follows the orphaned heroine and her journey to find a family. Searching for her parents and evading Miss Hannigan, Annie wins over everyone with her spunky persistence.

You can purchase tickets online for \$8 at <https://hopewelljr.seatyourself.biz>; tickets will also be available at the door for \$10.

Feb. 29: 'Cookies & Cocoa' Welcomes New Lakota Families

Lakota Schools is hosting its first Cookies and Cocoa event to welcome our newest families who have started at our schools since October and would have missed our ice cream social. Join us for a sweet treat on Feb. 29 from noon to 2 p.m. at MidPointe Library Liberty Center.

LEADS Kicks Off Write Challenge Writing Contest for K-12 Students

LEADS (Lakota Enrichment and Academic Development of Students) is excited to announce the Write Challenge writing contest for *all* Lakota students in grades K-12.

This year's theme is PROGRESS. Students can submit an essay, narrative, poem or all three! Entries are due on March 15 and must be submitted electronically. Students and families can learn more about the Write Challenge and obtain entry forms on the [LEADS website](#). [View the program flyer](#) and direct all questions to president@lakotaleads.org.

LATEST E-FLYERS

E-Flyers is Lakota's convenient and eco-friendly way to distribute information about programs, classes, events and opportunities happening in our schools and around the community.

Lakota is proud to partner with Peachjar to share these opportunities in a digital format. Look for district-approved flyers in your email inbox every Wednesday or click the button below to view all current flyers by district or school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Spotlights

- Friday, February 14
No School (in lieu of conferences)
- Monday, February 17
Presidents' Day: No School
- Thursday, February 20
Story Time with a Lakota Principal (Mary Brophy from Hopewell ECS)

ON THE RADAR

Announcements & Opportunities

Upcoming Community Conversations

The Community Conversation program, now in its eighth year, allows school board members, the superintendent and other school district leaders to get input about Lakota schools and their operation from all our stakeholder groups.

Lakota's next Community Conversation will discuss the topic of student anxiety. We hear regularly from students, and their parents, that kids really struggle to handle after-school activities, homework, friends, and trying to get enough sleep. It adds up to a lot of

at Midpointe Library, Liberty Center
6:00 p.m.

- Thursday, February 20
Community Conversation: Student Anxiety
at Lakota East Community Room
6:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 24
Board of Education Work Session
at Plains Junior School
6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26
Master Facilities Planning Community Visioning Meeting
at Lakota West Freshman School
6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26
What Colleges Wants: Trends in Admissions
at Lakota East
7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 28
Community Conversation with Senior Citizens
at Chesterwood Village
10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, February 29
Cookies & Cocoa for New Families
at Midpointe Library, Liberty Center
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 2
Summer Fun Fair Open House

pressure. We want to talk about how schools, parents and students can work together to make it better.

All are welcome, including students. Please make every effort to attend this important program.

Community Conversation on Student Anxiety

Thursday, Feb. 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Lakota East Community Room

We will also be hosting an hour-long Community Conversation with senior citizens to hear their concerns and ideas about education at Lakota.

Community Conversation with Senior Citizens

Friday, Feb. 28 @ 11 a.m.

Chesterwood Village

Lakota's Community Conversations use a unique format. They're led by a professional facilitator, so that our school leaders can focus on listening and not on running the meeting. Most of the talking will be done by you, the residents who are there. We also spend time in small groups, where many people are more comfortable sharing their ideas.

The sessions are engaging and energizing and have led to new and innovative ways Lakota can best meet the needs of our students and larger community.

at Lakota East
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 4

Summer Fun Fair Open House

at Lakota West
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 4

Coffee Chat with the Superintendent

at Coffee Beans & Brew
7:00 p.m.

**See Full
Calendar**

Feb. 26: What Colleges Want - The Latest Trends in College Admissions

High school students and parents: mark your calendars for Wednesday, Feb. 26 for a special session all about the latest trends in college admissions.

LEAP will be hosting the evening that will discuss these topics:

- Top Factors for "Getting In"
- Strategies to be College Ready
- Understand how Colleges View Applicants and Award Merit Scholarships
- Plan for College Major Selection & Internships helpful to you

Lakota Gifted Services and the LEADS Parent Group are sponsoring the event that will be held from 7-8 p.m. at Lakota East High School. [Click here for a flyer with more details.](#)

Share Your #WEloveLakota Photos: February Social Media Contest

In celebration of Valentine's Day in February, we're asking you to tell us what makes you love Lakota – with a photo! Is it a specific teacher, your principal, a favorite class, your entire school, your high school sweetheart, an extra-curricular program or maybe even the cafeteria's chicken nuggets?

Whatever it might be, GET CREATIVE and share a photo that illustrates that one thing or person that gives you a reason to love Lakota.

Participate all month long on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram by tagging Lakota's account and #WEloveLakota. At the end of the month, the top photo on each site with the most "likes" will be declared our "most loved" Lakota people, places or programs.

In return, Lakota's Media & Community Relations department will deliver a special valentine surprise to those three most loved people,

places or programs on your behalf. Others around Lakota will learn more about the top winner through a story about them to be featured on Lakota's website, on Lakota's social media accounts and in the district's "A Look Around Lakota E-News."

Lakota Summer Fun Fair Coming March 2 & 4

Are you looking for ways to keep your kids active this summer? Lakota is partnering with more than 100 local businesses and organizations to host its eighth annual Summer Fun Fair this March 2 and 4.

The event features local organizations with programs and services to keep students in grades K-12 active this summer. Vendors range from summer camps, learning centers and childcare facilities to athletic leagues, art programs and local parks and recreation.

For convenience, families are invited to attend either of two events:

Monday, March 2

Lakota East High School
6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4

Lakota West High School
6-8 p.m.

There is no cost to exhibit or attend. Learn more at www.lakotaonline.com/summerfair. To register your organization as an exhibitor at the fair, please contact Cindy Zahneis at Cindy.Zahneis@lakotaonline.com or at 513-644-1203 before Feb. 24.

Pi Day on March 6

Just 3 more weeks until...you can handle a human brain, stargaze through telescopes and virtual reality goggles, create a one-of-a-kind

Doodle Bot, design your own seed necklace, explore Future City exhibits, and so much more!

Pi Day is Friday, March 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lakota East High School. Once you've had a chance to satisfy your craving for awesome STEAM challenges, fill your stomach. There will be food available for purchase from Papa John's and Chick-fil-A, as well as other snacks and pies – you can't have Pi Day without pies.

Still not sure if Pi Day is for you? Then [check out this video](#) to see what all the excitement is about.

K-12 Online Registration for 2020-2021 Open through April 1

Online registration for grades K-12, including Lakota's all-day kindergarten program, opens Feb. 1 for the 2020-2021 school year. Kindergarten registration extends through April 14.

Parents of incoming kindergartners are encouraged to attend the Kindergarten Information Night at the early childhood school in their [attendance zone](#).

Kindergarten Information Night

March 24

6 p.m.

All six early childhood schools

All students are eligible for all-day kindergarten, with the option to enroll in the half-day program, if desired. Lakota's kindergarten classes will be held at six K-2 early childhood schools, including Creekside, Heritage, Hopewell, Liberty, Shawnee and Wyandot. Please note that students must be five years old on or before Aug. 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. [Visit the kindergarten registration site for more details](#).

Families can register online before scheduling an appointment to visit the Welcome Center at 5572 Princeton Road to provide required documentation. [Visit the Welcome Center website for more information and to register online](#). All questions can be directed to the Welcome Center at (513) 682-4120.



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