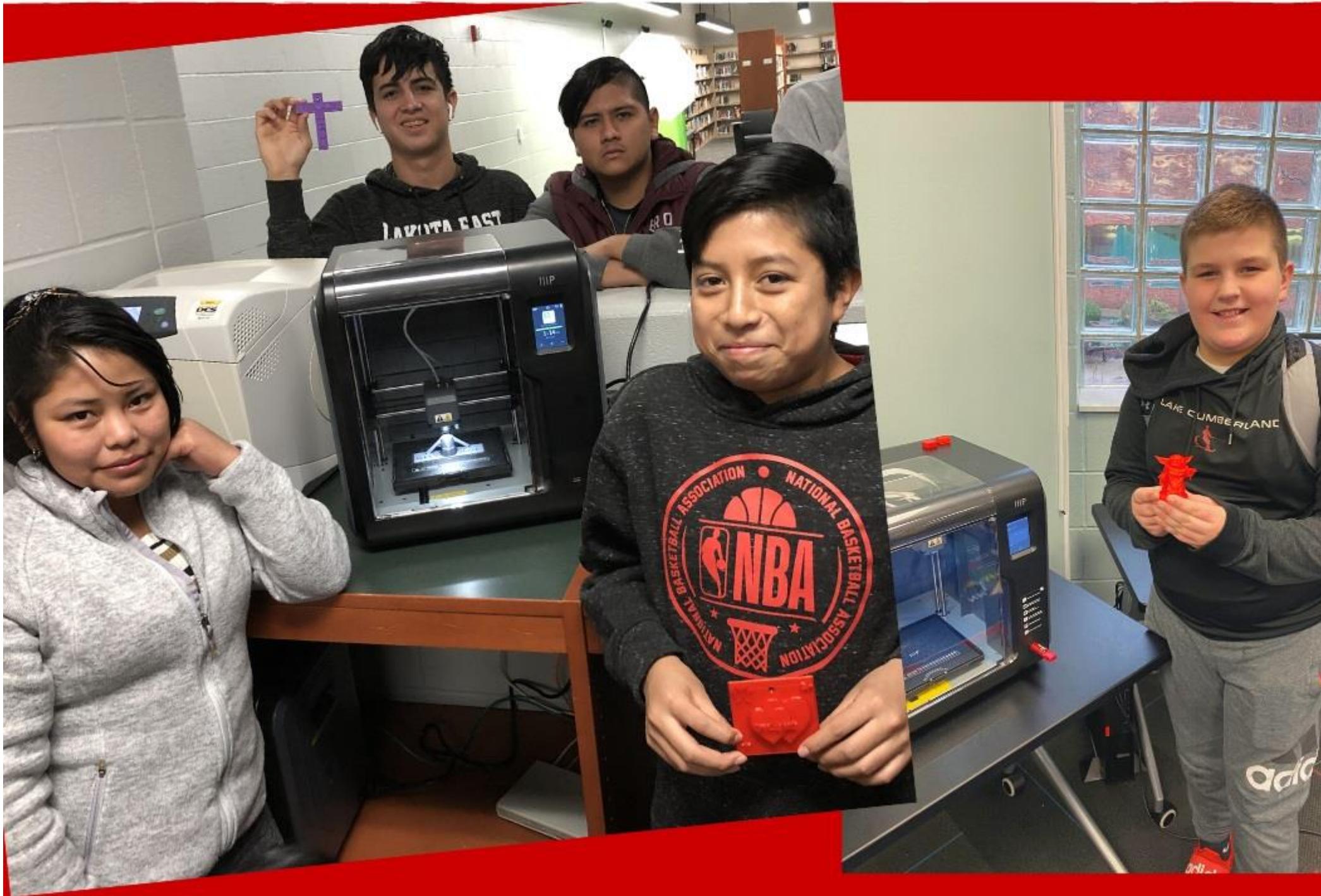


A Look Around Lakota: E-News Edition

January 17, 2020



GE Grant Brings New Learning Opportunities



GE Program Brings New Opportunities to Six Lakota Schools

Sixth grade science classes at Endeavor are using 3D printers to make crystals for a presentation on rocks and minerals. Cherokee social studies classes are making pieces for their board games on ancient civilizations. Lakota East high school students are using 3D printers for projects in nearly every subject area -- they even used their creativity and knowledge of 3D printing to make ornaments for a holiday tree in the school's Innovation Hub.

Examples like these are happening more often now thanks to the GE Additive Education Program. The Innovation Hubs at Cherokee, Endeavor, VanGorden, Plains Junior, Ridge Junior and Lakota East received 3D packages from GE last fall that included a Polar Cloud account, a 3D printer and STEAM curriculum/lesson plans. Lakota schools were among the 982 schools in 23 countries that were awarded packages in September.

This is a true example of "WEareInThisTogether" (one of the pillars in Lakota's Strategic Plan). Staff spouses, student parents and others alerted Lakota about the education program being offered by our community partner.

"The program aligns directly with our *WE are EMPOWERED initiative* and the vision of our Innovation Hubs to expand future ready learning opportunities for our students," said Lakota's Chief Technology Officer **Todd Wesley**. "We were fortunate enough to have six schools' applications accepted and awarded. We are so grateful to GE for adding to our K-12 3D printer fleet and resources to further expand real world learning opportunities for our students."

The program is part of a five-year initiative by GE aimed at accelerating the awareness and education of 3D printing, and to build a pipeline of talent that understands 3D design and printing when they enter the workplace.

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ThoughtExchange



How can WE better communicate with you?



Lakota's First ThoughtExchange Gathers Input on Communication

Lakota is introducing a new online platform to regularly engage our community and gather input on different topics. The tool encourages you to share your own thoughts by answering a single question and then rate others' thoughts according to how strongly you agree.

Participate in our first ThoughtExchange to help us continue improving our communication efforts:

What are some specific things you appreciate about how Lakota communicates with you and in what areas can we improve?

Regardless of your connection to Lakota, we value your perspective and want to learn more about how you want to hear from us. [Click here to share your thoughts in Lakota's first ThoughtExchange.](#) The exchange will remain open through Jan. 27.





SHOUT OUTS



**Board
Appreciation
Month**

**East's Adkins
Reaches 100
Wins**



**Lakota Wins
210
Regional
Scholastic
Art Awards**

**Two Gold Key
Winners**



East Boys Basketball Coach Earns 100th Career Win

Clint Adkins, the Lakota East boys basketball coach for six seasons and counting, celebrated his 100th career win at the Thunderhawks' Dec. 30 game against Riverside. With an overall record of 103-36, Adkins has led two East teams to two District titles, including last year's. His record also includes three sectional titles and two Greater Miami Conference wins, including one tie.

Congratulations to Clint on this milestone and thank you for your leadership at Lakota East!

Lakota Wins 210 Awards in the Regional Scholastic Art Competition

Lakota received an impressive 210 awards in the 2020 Regional Scholastic Art Awards; 106 art students combined to receive 51 Gold Key awards, 66 Silver Key awards and two Silver Key Art Portfolio awards.

"Lakota high school art students have the most winners selected in the entire tri-state region," said East teacher **Linda Augutis**. "Many of our students will earn scholarships and future opportunities from participating in this prestigious art competition."

The award-winning entries will be part of an exhibition at The Art Academy of Cincinnati from Feb. 10-21, and a ceremony will be held on Feb. 21 at The School for Creative and Performing Arts to recognize the winners.

[Click here to view a complete list of the 2020 Scholastic regional winners.](#)

Gold Key winners will move on to the national competition in New York City that takes place in March.

"Scholastic is our biggest art competition of the year and we are off to a great start to the competition season," said West teacher **Stephanie Gauer**. "For many of our students, this was their first art competition and first time winning so it's an exciting time for everyone involved."

Pictured above are two of Lakota's Gold Key winners:

"Infancy" in India ink and acrylic paint by West senior **Taylor Thompson**

"Mama Bear Stare" black and white photo by East senior **Tanner Gagliardo**

Lakota Celebrates School Board Recognition Month

As a tribute to Ohio's School Board Recognition Month, Lakota celebrated its five board members at the Jan. 13 school board meeting. Superintendent Matthew Miller presented each board member with a personalized, oversized card made by students at Liberty Early Childhood School.

Lakota school board members include: President **Brad Lovell**, Vice President **Kelley Casper** and members **Lynda O'Connor**, **Todd Parnell** and **Julie Shaffer**. They are elected officials who serve as a link between the community and its schools. They are responsible for establishing policies that provide a framework for the daily operation of the schools.

"Thank you for all that you do for us and all of our kids," Miller said.

Please join us in paying tribute to the tireless efforts of Lakota's Board of Education!

AROUND LAKOTA



MASTER FACILITIES PLANNING

COMMUNITY MEETING

JAN. 28 @ 6 PM
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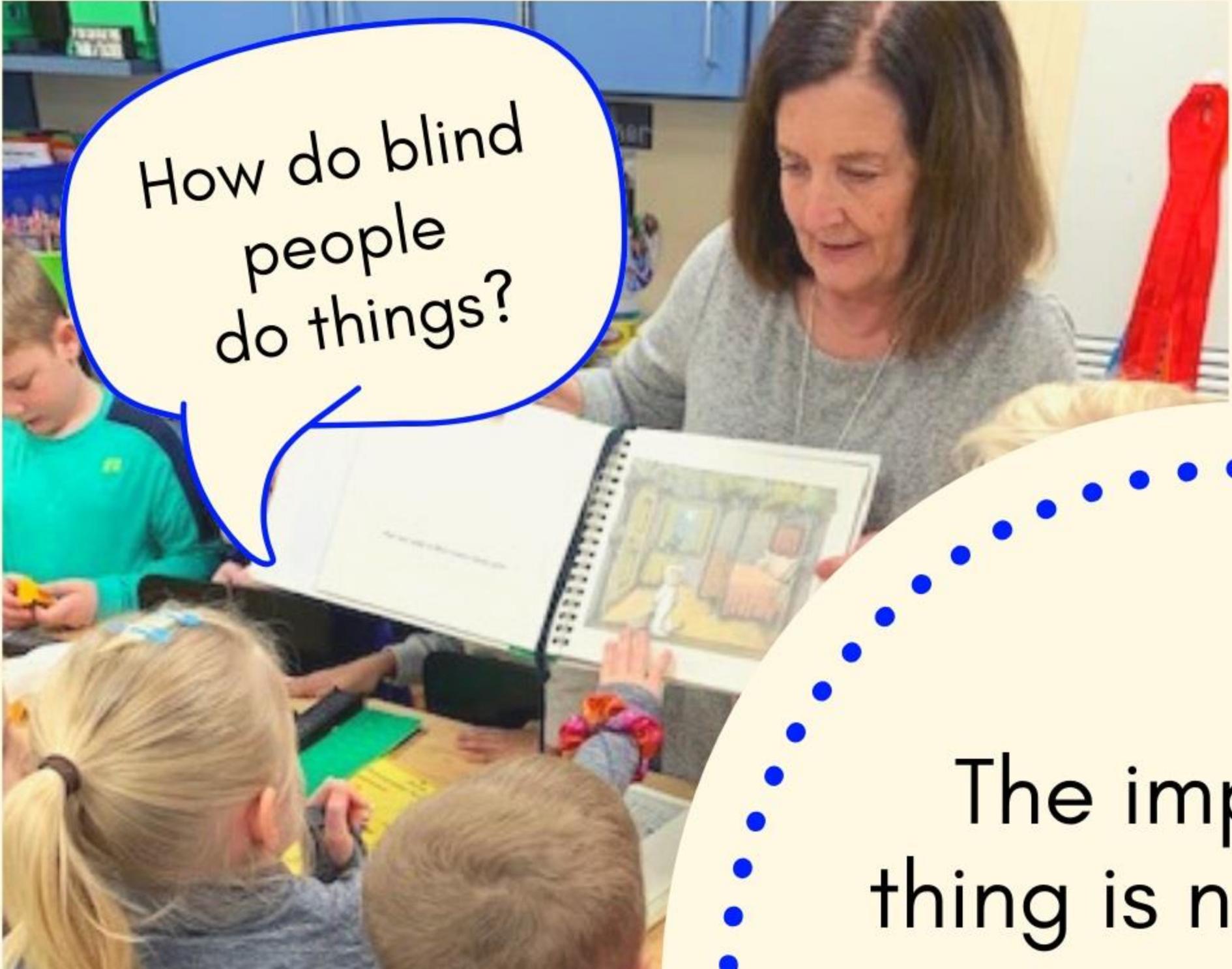
Master Facilities Planning: Jan. 28 Community Info Meeting

Lakota's strategic plan calls for an in-depth assessment of our facilities, with the end goal being to build a plan that protects our district's most important assets and supports the type of learning that will carry our schools into the future.

“In total, Lakota’s 25 buildings are valued at more than \$400 million. Furthermore, their average age is 32 years,” added Chief Operations Officer **Chris Passarge**. “It is critical that we have a firm grasp on what is required in upcoming years to keep our buildings in working order *and* updated with spaces that align with our long-term vision for teaching and learning at Lakota.”

A committee, which includes the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), VSWC Architects, an educational visioning expert and district leaders, has been formed to lay the groundwork for the district’s master facilities plan. This group has been gathering detailed data on Lakota’s facilities and thoroughly examining current and projected enrollment to help devise a plan in partnership with the community.

The first of many community meetings in this process is an information night scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at Hopewell Junior School. The group will be sharing their initial research about Lakota facilities. Parents, staff, students and community members are invited to attend this important meeting and be a part of building Lakota's future.

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a grey sweater, is sitting at a table in a classroom. She is holding an open book and looking at it. In the foreground, the backs of several children's heads are visible as they look towards the book. One child on the left is wearing a bright green shirt. The background shows blue classroom cabinets and a red bag hanging on a wall.

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Liberty Kindergartners Chip Away at 100-Plus Question Bank

Have you ever wondered why boxes are made of cardboard, why tigers have stripes, how skyscrapers are made or who invented numbers? These quandaries - and so many more - are what fill the minds of kindergartners in **Christa MacFarlane's** class at Liberty Early Childhood School. The best part of all: They're getting answers.

"We have this giant stack of standards that we get to teach, but have we asked them what they want to learn?" asked MacFarlane. "How do you give a kindergarten student voice in their learning?"

It was a question that the six-year Lakota teacher asked herself one day before launching into a new lesson she thought up on her own that has reinvigorated both her and her students. For 10 minutes straight, she challenged her students to drill her with questions. "What's on your mind? What are you wondering about?" she asked. "What do you want to learn?"

"It was non-stop. I literally couldn't keep up," she recalled. "They are just craving information and answers to things they see in their worlds every day."

From there, MacFarlane dumped all of their questions into a single list that she circulated first among her parents and then throughout the entire building, challenging them to help her students find answers. One visitor at a time, the class has been crossing questions off their list.

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#LakotaGoesGreen: Cherokee's Super Cheetah Clean Up

A group of Cherokee fourth-graders designed reverse vending machines that gave out coins or seeds to those who deposited trash/recyclables.

#LakotaGoesGreen: Super Cheetahs Take on Challenge

What if you could build a better world? Where would you begin?

The Super Cheetahs, a team of Cherokee fourth-graders, took on this challenge as part of a FIRST LEGO League competition.

Grant Armstrong, Madi Blamer, Zach DeMonge, Alex Reder, Matthew Turner and Claire Wagner met every Friday after school to answer these questions.

Their solution: help the environment by rewarding people for depositing recyclables and trash. The team created a pull behind unit consisting of two reverse vending machines that gave out coins or seeds to those who deposit trash/recyclables.

"We did this ourselves without our parents making the decisions for us," said one team member. "The kids gained so much from this experience," said Bobbie Turner (who coached the team along with her husband, Kevin). "The kids did everything: they identified the problem, researched, developed, designed, sought expert opinions and continued to improve the project."

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Students at Ridge Junior School are redesigning their school gets the news by creating video announcements.

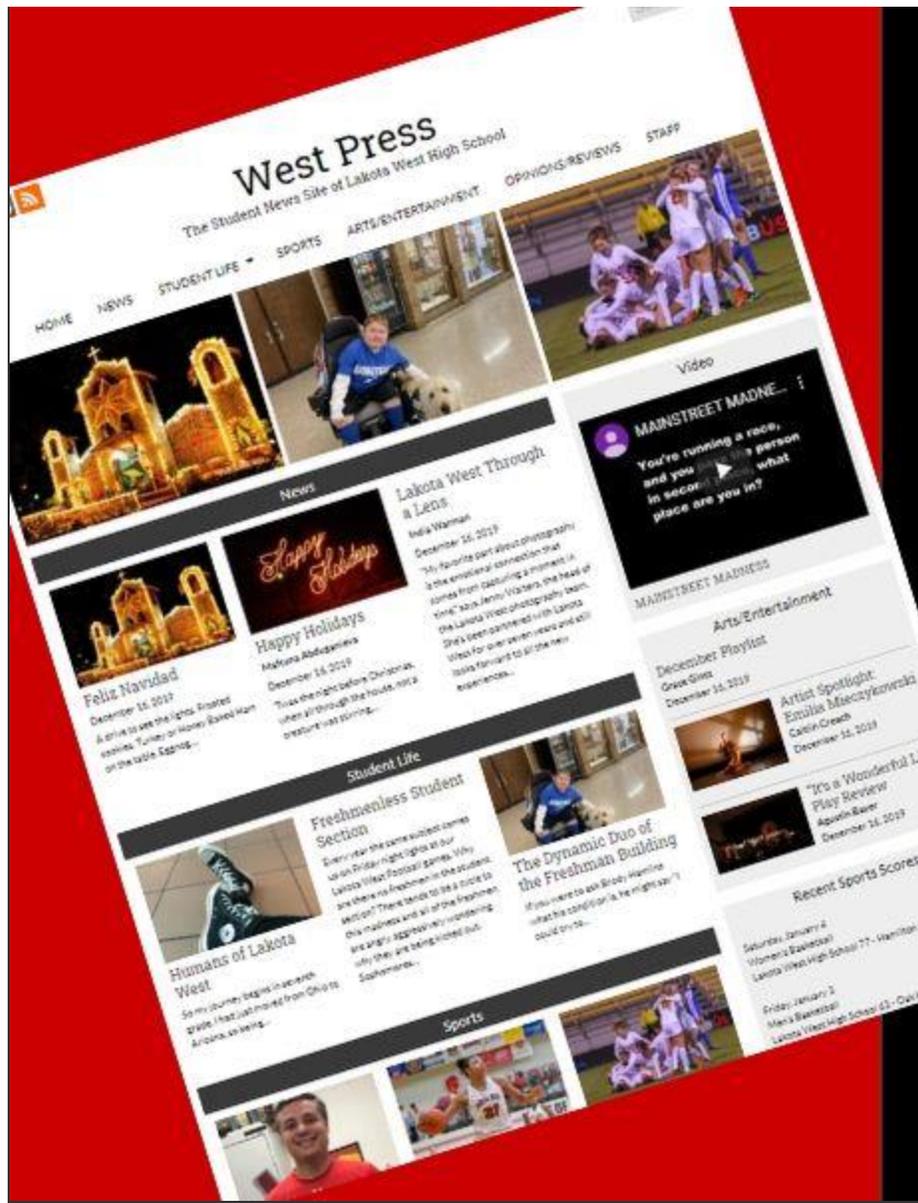
Ridge Junior Students Redesigning the Way Information is Shared

School announcements are coming to life over at Ridge Junior School thanks to this year's video announcements.

Principal **Ben Brown** wanted to give students a chance to “tap into the personal learning aspect of students following their interests during RISE time.” [RISE time is the school’s advisory period](#) and is an acronym for **R**ealize, **I**nnovate, **S**erve and **E**mpower.

Brown tapped into the school's media design and communication teacher, **Alexandra Cook**, to head up the project, who took it a step further. “I wanted to open up the announcements to the whole school because I know there are students with a passion and interest in creating videos, but they may be limited by their elective choices,” Cook said. “This gives them an opportunity to learn video editing that they might not have otherwise. Plus it gives me students who are passionate about creating the videos, which makes the whole process more fun.” Cook sends out a Google form quarterly for students to complete if they are interested in participating.

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WEST LAUNCHES ONLINE NEWS SITE



West Journalism Class Launches Online News Site

Journalism class is back at Lakota West High School this year, but with a twist. "The students didn't want to sit in a traditional English class," teacher **Mary Mahoney** said. "So I threw my lesson plans away."

At one time, the school produced a student-run newspaper, but when major cuts hit the district in 2013, the journalism class was eliminated. Without a teacher willing to pick up the elective class, it was not offered at the school again until this year. “To me, if you do not have a passionate teacher (teaching the class), it’s not really beneficial,” explained Principal **Elgin Card**. Enter Mahoney.

With students leading the way, the new journalism class is a prime example of [personalized learning](#). Through [project based learning](#), the first-year journalism students are responsible for brainstorming article ideas, researching and writing the content - with Mahoney’s oversight. “It’s empowering the kids to create,” she said.

Putting the ownership of the class in the students’ hands has resulted in Mahoney seeing excitement in her students - even after the first lesson. The [West Press](#) is the student-created new online news website.

Mahoney uses class time to teach writing lessons before the students apply what they learn for the website. The goal is to have a new edition posted at the beginning of each month, but new content is added as it is ready.

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Lakota's Board of Education met on Monday for its organizational meeting. Back row: Todd Parnell, Julie Shaffer and President Brad Lovell. Front row: Vice President Kelley Casper and Lynda O'Connor.

School Board Hosts Organizational Meeting

The Lakota Board of Education held its annual organizational meeting on Jan. 13. All school boards in Ohio are required to hold this meeting within the first 15 days of the month.

The meeting began with the swearing in of members **Lynda O'Connor** and **Julie Shaffer**. Both won their bids for re-election in November.

The board members voted to unanimously approve **Brad Lovell** and **Kelley Casper** as president and vice president, respectively.

"It's an honor and privilege to be able to serve as the president of the Lakota Board of Education," Lovell said. "We must continue building on personalized learning in our classrooms, providing new educational programs and pathways, as well as ensuring that our facilities will support our educational vision that we will build together with our community in the coming months. The momentum WE have built must continue for our students."

In addition to officer elections, the board also appointed liaisons to the following positions:

- Board Policy Committee: Brad Lovell, **Todd Parnell**
- Community Engagement Committee: Kelley Casper, Julie Shaffer
- Finance/Business Advisory Committee: Lynda O'Connor, Julie Shaffer
- Legislative Committee: Kelley Casper, Lynda O'Connor
- Facilities Committee: Brad Lovell, Todd Parnell
- Safety Committee: All school board members
- Butler Tech Board of Education: Julie Shaffer
- OSBA Capital Conference Delegate: Kelley Casper, Julie Shaffer (alternate)

Meeting dates were also set for 2020. The board will continue to hold both a regular meeting and work session during most months. [The meeting schedule can be found on the district website here.](#)



CELEBRATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

MLK DAY 2020



Jan. 20 ● 10:30 AM ● Union Centre Square

Jan. 20: Community Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Student Winners

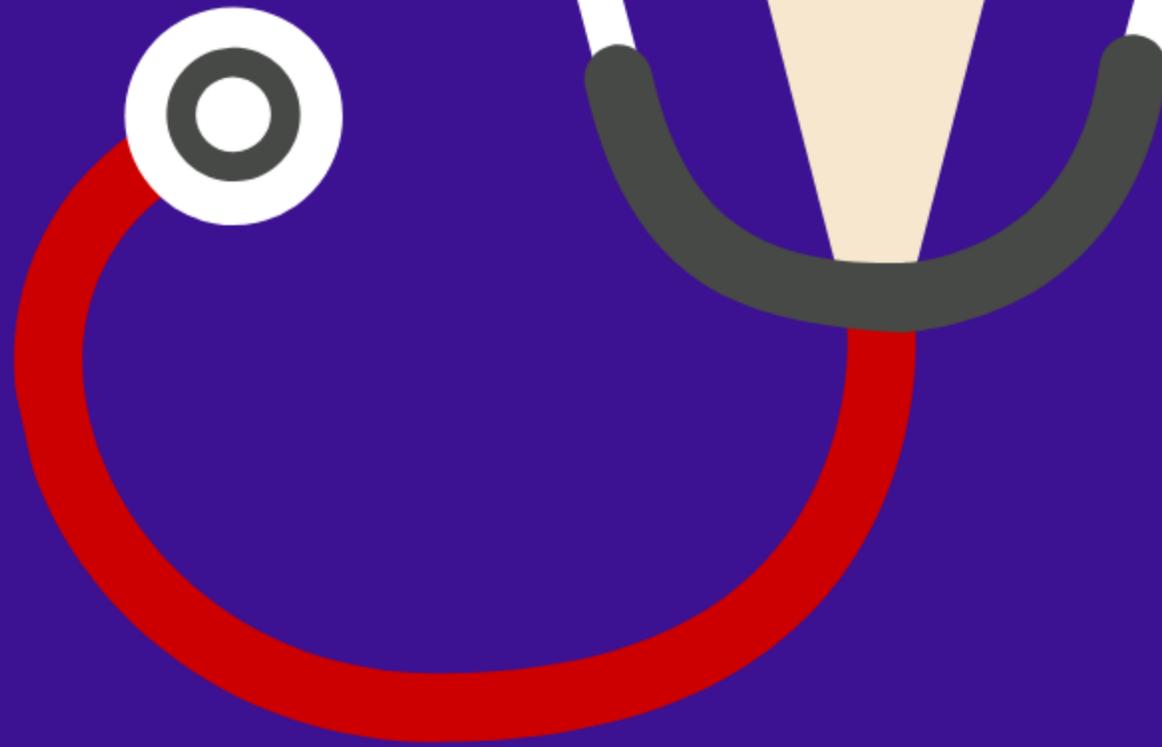
The entire West Chester Liberty community is invited to the 21st annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, Jan. 20. The March for Unity will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Union Centre's Clock Tower and conclude at Lakota West, where the program, beginning at 11:15 a.m., will lead into a free lunch donated by local restaurants.

This year's contest, themed "20-20 Vision," challenged students to use their hindsight vision to identify Dr. King's single most important accomplishment. All student entries will be on display at Lakota West, and winning essays, skits, songs, artwork or videos will be presented during the program.

Congratulations to all of our 2020 student honorees; [click here for a list of all of the winners](#) including grand prize winner, **Genna Pisano** of Hopewell Junior School.

In the spirit of honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s values and ideals surrounding diversity and inclusivity, our community observance will include a new component this year. The "Celebration of Unity Expo" invites individuals or families to share information about their culture with their West Chester and Liberty township neighbors at the Jan. 20 event. [Click here for more details about this opportunity to get involved, including the participation form.](#)

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**Keeping Students Healthy
During Flu Season**

Staying Healthy During Flu Season

Keeping our students healthy during this time of year can be a challenge, but Lakota has put many safeguards in place to keep illnesses from spreading.

Lakota's registered nurses monitor all illnesses (such as influenza-like illness, strep throat and GI issues). They look at the reasons why students are absent, as well as symptoms being seen in the clinics to discover any patterns in classrooms, grade levels and across the school building.

Lakota's Manager of Health Care Services, **Lauren Brown**, also uses a software program to monitor illnesses across the district. "When we see an increased incidence of an illness we notify the custodial staff to focus on cleaning the classroom(s) and common areas affected," said Brown. "We also send letters to classes when we reach at least 20% of students with the same illness. Lastly, we work closely with the local health department when we see unusual patterns or rates of illness and seek their input on control measures and other helpful resources."

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FEATURED PHOTOS



A project based learning activity in Amy Weisbrot's special education class at Woodland Elementary gave way to a class visit to Perfect North Ski Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Ind. last week. Students have been researching different ski resorts around the country and are working to create their own resorts in anticipation of a "Ski Fair Day." Their presentations will put on display their individual pricing, types of terrain, lodge accommodations, activities and more.

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Heritage ECS second-graders kicked off a service project on World Kindness Day in November; they decided to knit hats as part of the American Heart Association's "Little Hats Big Hearts" program. Here's the amazing result: 31 knitted hats are being donated to newborns at a local hospital!

Teacher Jenny Hutzelman taught her students to knit the hats using looms, and parents donated the yarn. Students were allowed to knit during morning choice time, during read aloud, and at the end of the day while they were waiting for dismissal.



WHAT IS CULTURE?

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Culture is an environment that helps us to work better together and achieve our goals. It is the set of shared beliefs, values, and behaviors that influence how we act and how we interact with others. It is the glue that holds an organization together and the engine that drives its success.

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Parents and community members were invited to an open discussion about culture in our schools at a recent community conversation.

Assistant Superintendent Robb Vogelmann shared information about the E+R=O culture in our schools (event + reaction = outcome). Results from a recent Youth Truth survey students in grades 3-12 participated in about their schools was also shared. Following this presentation, attendees discussed ideas on how stakeholders could work together to help build and support positive culture in our schools.

NEW BUSINESS

#LakotaLooksAhead: What are YOU Looking Forward to In 2020?

A new year, a new decade, and a new social media challenge! Lakota, we want to hear what YOU are looking forward to in 2020.

During the month of January, share your new year's thoughts and ideas on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or all three!

Be sure to tag Lakota Local Schools ("Lakota Schools" on Facebook, @LakotaDistrict on Twitter and Lakota_District on Instagram) and include #LakotaLooksAhead in your posts.

WE are Personalized: Winter 2020 Community Newsletter

Several times a year, Lakota produces a community newsletter to help parents and residents stay informed about important district-wide news and updates. The piece is mailed to every household and business in West Chester Township and Liberty Township for just 20 cents per piece.

The winter 2020 edition, titled "WE are Personalized", will be mailed to all residents next week. If you do not receive a copy at your home or if you need additional copies, please visit Lakota's Central Office or any school's main office.

Copies are also available at the administration buildings for both West Chester and Liberty townships, as well as the West Chester MidPointe Library.

This issue brings Lakota's emphasis on "Personalized Learning" to life, sharing examples of the district's four different "plays" in action. Learn exactly how a flipped classroom, project based learning, a flexible playlist and station rotation gives way to a more individualized, student-directed learning experience. Plus, Superintendent Matthew Miller shares the importance of Lakota's up-and-coming Master Facilities Plan, while Treasurer/CFO Jenni Logan explains the significance of Lakota's acceptance into the Expedited Local Partnership Program.

[Click here to view the winter 2020 edition of Lakota's community newsletter electronically.](#)

New Internships: High School Students Apply NOW

Looking for a spring internship? A summer internship? Maybe a paid internship for right now?

Then keep your eye on Lakota's Internship, Apprenticeship and Volunteering Opportunities web page.

New listings include spring internships at West Chester Hospital, Beacon Orthopaedics or Children's Hospital. We've also begun posting summer internships -- there are some great opportunities at the Butler County Visitors Bureau. There are several paid positions as well. Here is a list of current internships:

West Chester Hospital Medical Spring Internship

[West Chester Hospital Medical Internship](#)

PromoSpark Shipping & Receiving Internship (paid)

[PromoSpark Shipping & Receiving Internship](#)

Beacon Orthopaedics Spring Internship

[Beacon Orthopaedics Internship Description](#)

Cincinnati Children's-Liberty Campus Spring Internship

[Cincinnati Children's-Liberty Campus Internship Description](#)

Butler County Visitors Bureau Visitor Experience Summer Internship

[Butler County Visitors Bureau Visitor Experience Internship Description](#)

Butler County Visitors Bureau Video Journalism Summer Internship

[Butler County Visitors Bureau Video Journalism Internship Description](#)

N2 Publishing Internship

[N2 Publishing Internship Description](#)

ABC Pediatric Therapy Internship: Applications due by midnight Jan. 17

[ABC Pediatric Therapy Internship Description](#)

ActionStreamer Engineering Lab Internship (paid)

[ActionStreamer Internship Description](#)

Other real-world learning experiences range from HVAC apprenticeships to a marketing internship to volunteering in a hospital environment.

[Please visit Lakota's Internship, Apprenticeship and Volunteering webpage to see a list of all of the opportunities and how to apply.](#)

Save the Date for Lakota Pi Day 2020!

Tower building, city planning, a human brain, live animals, Star Wars characters, and so much more! Save the date for Lakota Pi Day on Friday, March 6 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. for a chance to get your hands on some fabulously-fun math and science activities at over 40 stations.

Pi Day will be held at Lakota East High School, and is a free event geared toward students in grades K-8. Please visit www.lakotaleads.org for more information on this year's event.

Lakota West Try Band: Jan. 25

Fifth and sixth grade students from Lakota West feeder schools are invited to come and "try band" on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Lakota West Freshman building.

Visit anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and high school band students will demonstrate different instruments and allow the younger students to explore all the different instruments they could play in seventh grade band. There will be a concert at 11:30 a.m. [Check out this video of the journey a group of sixth graders were able to have after they went to Try Band!](#) [Click here to view the event flyer](#) or visit www.lakotawestbands.org. Questions? Contact tryband@lakotawestbands.org.

Tickets on Sale for Lakota East "Noises Off"

On Feb. 6-8, the Thunderhawk Theater will present Michael Frayn's hilarious farce, *Noises Off*. First performed on the West End, and then moving to Broadway in 1983, this comedy about a community theater performing the disastrous show *Nothing On* will have you rolling in the aisles. So many mishaps as they prepare to open, so many doors, romantic intrigue, mistaken identity, sardines -- this play has it all.

Get your tickets now for Lakota East's performance of this Tony award-winning play. Tickets are \$10 night of the show or may be purchased online at: <http://bit.ly/NOTICKETS20> (plus \$0.50 fee).

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

- Monday, Jan. 20
No School - Martin Luther King Day
- Thursday, Jan. 23
Alternate Credit Options Information Session
at Lakota West Theater
5 - 7 p.m.

ON THE RADAR

Announcements & Opportunities

2020-2021 Preschool Registration Open through Jan. 31

The lottery application for Lakota's tuition-based preschool program at VanGorden Elementary is now available and registration will run Jan. 6 through Jan. 31.

All applications must be received or postmarked by Jan. 31 to be considered for the lottery. The lottery will take place at the beginning of February and notices of admission will be mailed mid-February to

- Thursday, Jan. 23
Storytime with a Lakota Principal (Cherokee's Valerie Montgomery hosts)
at Midpointe Library, Liberty Center
6 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 25
Try Band Open House (5th/6th graders at West feeder schools)
at Lakota West Freshman Building
10 a.m. - noon
- Monday, Jan. 27
Community Fanfare for Union Students
at Union Elementary
8 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28
Master Facilities Plan Community Information Night
at Hopewell Junior
6 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 30
Alternate Credit Options Information Night
at Lakota East Main Campus
5 - 7 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 31
Community Fanfare for Lakota East Students
at Lakota East Main Campus
7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 5
Coffee Chat with the Superintendent
at Einstein Bros. Bagels
1 - 2 p.m.

all applicants. Applications received after the Jan. 31 deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Parents can visit the [preschool registration webpage](#) to download the application and access more detailed information about the enrollment process and preschool program. Please direct any questions to the preschool office at (513) 870-5378.

Jan. 23 & 30: Alternate Credit Information Nights for Secondary Students

For students entering seventh through twelfth grade in the 2020-2021 school year, information sessions about Lakota's [College Credit Plus \(CCP\)](#), [Credit Flexibility](#), [Summer School](#) and [PE Waiver](#) options are being hosted at both high schools. Representatives from area colleges and universities will be available to answer questions about the CCP program.

Parents and students are invited to attend either session, as the same information will be shared each evening.

Thursday, January 23

Lakota West
5-7 p.m.

Thursday, January 30

Lakota East
5-7 p.m.

[View the Alternative Credit Information Sessions flyer](#) for more information.

First Lakota Local Science Fair Accepting Entries through Jan. 31

The first-ever Lakota Local Science Fair will take place on March 6, 2020 at Lakota East High School in conjunction with Lakota's annual Pi Day Celebration.

A wide variety of science projects will be considered as per the guidelines of the Ohio Academy of Sciences. Students in grades 5-12 are invited to register for the fair; projects will be judged only if the student or their team provides consent.

Basic participation requirements include:

1. Choose a topic related to the science of your interest.
2. Parent / teacher / coach must [register online by Jan. 31, 2020](#).
3. Follow the recommended framework, as per the Lakota Local Science Fair [information guidelines](#).
4. Present your project at the Science Fair with a poster display, project notebook, and oral presentation on Pi Day.
5. Relax and enjoy yourself. You will do a GREAT job!

For more detailed information, please email lakotasciencefair@gmail.com.

Call for Summer Fun Fair Exhibitors

Does your business or organization offer a summer program or activity that's perfect for kids? Are you looking for ways to keep your kids active this summer?

Lakota will partner 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.

The open house event features representatives from both for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. They will be available all at

one time and in one location to share information and answer questions about their summer offerings.

For convenience, families and exhibitors 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.

Story Time with Cherokee's Principal on Jan. 23

As part of its ongoing efforts to build community support around early literacy, Lakota's early childhood and elementary principals are taking turns hosting "Story Time with a Lakota Principal" this school year.

Lakota students are invited the Midpointe Library in the Foundry at Liberty Center on Jan. 23 for the next Story Time. From 6 - 7 p.m., students can hear a Lakota principal share one of his or her favorite stories. Students are also encouraged to bring a book to exchange for another book they may take home with them. Principal hosts are scheduled as follows:

- Jan. 23 - **Valerie Montgomery** (Cherokee Elementary)
- Feb. 20 - **Mary Brophy** (Hopewell ECS)
- March 26 - **John Mattingly** (Adena Elementary)



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