

October 19, 2018



**WE are Lakota**



## One-to-One Chromebook Pilot Expands to High Schools

Lakota Local Schools is excited to announce the district is expanding its one-to-one (1:1) technology pilot to both Lakota East and Lakota West students in January.

Following the successful launch of the WE are Empowered initiative at the junior schools in September, every student in grades 9-11 will receive a district-owned Chromebook as part of Lakota's innovative approach to providing a student-centered education. "We are excited to be moving ahead with the 1:1 initiative at the high schools," said Superintendent **Matthew Miller**. "Information is available at your fingertips in today's world. Our teaching methods must incorporate the use of technology in the classroom to better prepare our students for life beyond high school," he continued.

Twelfth grade students will continue to have access to the same educational experiences as the underclassmen through the use of devices currently available at each high school, as well as having the ability to bring their own device to class. This decision supports the district's commitment to long-term financial sustainability, given the monetary investment needed to purchase devices for seniors who will be graduating in a few months.

The WE are Empowered initiative gives students more access to real world learning through collaboration with peers and online content. "Technology is not going away," Miller notes. "It is our responsibility to make sure that our students have the skills they will need to be successful when they graduate. Incorporating technology in our classrooms through the WE are Empowered initiative is another way we are preparing our kids for the future."

**Todd Wesley**, chief technology officer at Lakota, is looking forward to including more students in the pilot. "We are excited to expand this initiative to the Lakota West and Lakota East campuses to further empower our high school learners through a more personalized experience." Wesley agrees with Miller that the program is designed to complement Lakota's teachers by providing access to a robust learning tool to enhance student learning.

A group of students from both high schools' main and freshman campuses will test out the devices prior to the January launch. **Josie Godfrey**, a junior at Lakota West, is one them. "I think it's exciting. I think it's going to be a really good way for students to get to connect with their schoolwork," she said.

The district has plans in place to offer professional development to assist high school teachers as the initiative moves forward, just as it has for junior school staff. Expanded teaching opportunities with using technology to enhance lessons and projects, including real world problem solving, are some examples. "We've seen the excitement from the junior school teachers and students," said Miller. "We're looking forward to bringing the same level of excitement to the high schools in January."

*Pictured above: Plains Junior students receiving their Chromebooks in September; the 1:1 program will be expanded in January to include grades 9-11.*

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**East teacher  
Bruce named  
SW Ohio  
Math Teacher  
of the Year**



**Lakota  
East golf  
teams  
head to  
state**

## East Celebrates Both State-Bound Golf Teams

Following tradition, Lakota East gave both the boys and girls golf teams a fanfare send-off to this weekend's state championship. Division 1 District Champions, the boys are celebrating their third consecutive ticket to the state tournament. The girls placed third at the district tournament to earn their second consecutive trip to Columbus.

Senior **Kyle Schmidt** earned medalist honors at the district tournament for his two-under par score of 70 and will play alongside his teammates freshman **Ty Sylla**, juniors **Peyton Houston** and **Brock Aten** and freshman **Joe Wilson**. Powered by the play of senior **Bree Wilson** (79) and junior **Grace Honigford** (79), the rest of the state-bound team includes freshman **Samantha Bernardo** and **Ellie Yeazell** and junior **Camryn Eddy**.

Both teams are competing for the state championship title on Oct. 19 and 20 at Ohio University's Gray Course. [Click here to watch a video from the Main Street send-off.](#)

## Nichole Bruce Named Southwest Ohio Math Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Lakota East's **Nichole Bruce** for being named Southwest Ohio Math Teacher of the Year. The award was presented to Nichole at the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference held in Akron earlier this month.

AROUND LAKOTA



## Wyandot Students Partner with Canadian Second-Graders

The world is getting a little smaller for Wyandot second-graders in **Melissa Riehle**'s class. That's because they are participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Global Read Aloud (GRA).

The GRA started with the simple goal of using one book to connect the world; this year 1.5 million students in 86 countries will be taking part in this six-week program with options for kindergartners to college students.

The Global Read Aloud team chooses books and holds a public vote to make the final selections. The books chosen spark connections, spark change and make people feel something. Mrs. Riehle's class is in the Picture Book Study, and each week they read the selected book aloud.

"My partner teacher in Canada and I actually read the book to our class twice each week because we know there is value in rereading the same story and gleaning new reading ideas," said Mrs. Riehle. "Then we respond to the book in different ways and share our responses. Our partner class responds to the same story, sometimes in the same way or in a different way."

At the start of the program, the Wyandot second-graders created introduction videos (using a video discussion platform called Flipgrid) that they shared with their Canadian friends. In Week 1, they read *My Heart Fills with Happiness* by Juliet Flett, and used videos to share what fills their hearts with happiness. During Week 2, they read *Wild Berries* by Julie Flett that included collages and words in the Cree language. Riehle's class created collages, and their partner class shared words in the different languages they speak.

Second-graders **Melida Sieng** and **Paietyn Knox** talked about the Global Read Aloud and what they enjoyed about it. Melida especially liked Week 2 where she shared how to say a few words in Cambodian on the video she created. And, by watching the videos from Canadian students, she said, "I also got to learn about French." Paietyn said she likes the program because she "can listen to other people and learn more about other people."

This week Riehle's class read *You Hold Me Up* by Monique Gray Smith and created their own books about who "holds us up" and how. On Wednesday, the class created videos to share their books, and on Thursday Mrs. Riehle's students viewed videos from their Canadian partner class. In a few weeks the Wyandot students will Skype with their partner class and meet "face to face".

"The students can't wait to talk to the other students," said Riehle. "GRA is giving my students the chance to share their voice with not just their classmates, not just at their school, but across the world. They are connecting with second-graders in another country and seeing how we can all learn from each other."



LAKOTA SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU

***E+R=***

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Oct. 25 | 6:30 p.m.  
Lakota V

Nov. 8 | 6:30 p.m.  
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## Lakota Offers 'E+R+O' Parent Training Oct. 25 & Nov. 8

Has your son asked you to “press pause?” Have you heard your daughter say that something is “above the line?” Are you wondering what it all means? Lakota Local Schools is offering parents two opportunities to learn what E+R=O is all about and why we are teaching it district-wide.

Event plus **R**esponse equals **O**utcome, also known as the R Factor, teaches students and staff that while a person cannot control an event, they can control their response. This in turn will affect the outcome. The R Factor is taught throughout the district, providing a common language for students as they continue their education.

Lakota will present the one-hour training for parents on two separate evenings:

- Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m. at Lakota West
- Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m. at Lakota East

Assistant Superintendent Robb Vogelmann views the R Factor training opportunities for parents to be similar to curriculum nights. “As we work on establishing our District culture, we want to bring parents along the journey with us,” he explains. “We want to allow the parents an opportunity to see the resources we are using.” Vogelmann also hopes that parents are noticing pieces of the R Factor around their children’s schools. “Hopefully this evening will help explain what parents are seeing and explain why we are using R Factor training for staff and students.”

Each session will last one hour.

[View the event flyer to learn more about the upcoming E+R=O trainings.](#)



## Endeavor Turns Tradition Upside Down for Future-Ready Experience

When the sixth grade teaching team at Endeavor Elementary was seeking a future-ready experience for their students, they looked no further than one of the school's longest standing traditions - an annual field trip to Camp Kern.

"We owe it to our students to go beyond field trips that build community and emphasize teamwork to experiences that really push them to think about their futures," said Endeavor Principal **Andrea Blevins**.

The team found that combination in a new partnership with Miami University, which replaced Camp Kern this year and hosted the school's 200 sixth-graders on an extended day trip to Oxford's campus on Oct. 5. Activities like the high ropes course allowed students to practice soft skills like collaboration and teamwork, while a campus tour uncovered so many other seemingly menial, but important discoveries.

"I think their biggest takeaway was thinking of life beyond being a student - and the fact that they will get to make their own choices and pave their own way," Blevins said. Simple questions ranging from cars on campus and job options to dorm life and the logistics of changing classes helped students foresee the decisions and responsibility that comes with independence.

Sixth-grader **Saumya Goel** was intimidated by the responsibility factor, but also intrigued by concepts like choosing your own classes and class times and having to be respectful of your roommate's space. "I know I want to be an architect," she added. "And this whole experience made me think about how I was going to do that."

Blevins also noted the value in a panel that combined Miami professors with six current students who were all Lakota graduates. "They talked about what it's like to grow up in West Chester and then come to Oxford. It was a great way for them to see themselves in a current college student," she said.

"I thought about college and where I might want to go," said sixth-grader **Grant Beerman**. "I had never thought about that before."

Blevins stressed that the experience was a valuable one, regardless of how college does or doesn't fit into one's future. Even so, recognizing that college isn't the only track to success, she and her team are considering a continuation of the trip in the form of a career-ready day to help students more clearly see that path as an option, too.

A secondary benefit to the change was the expansion of the chaperone pool from just teachers to parents, too. Blevins said it was a great way to involve parents in the future-ready discussion.

[Click here to view the complete gallery of photos from the Miami trip on Endeavor's Facebook page.](#)



*Students in Moriah Walker's Media Design and Communication class hosted #LakotaEdChat on Oct. 10.*

## New Junior School Elective Explores Media and Communication

Creativity and communication have Lakota's junior school students thinking about media in a whole new way. Media Design and Communication, a new English elective, gives students the opportunity to explore communication through a wide variety of tools and media. Students are also challenged to apply media and communication to real world learning.

Topics range from social media to podcasts to photography, videography and more. Student feedback has been very positive, many wishing it was a full year. The class encourages creativity and a willingness to learn about many topics students haven't studied before. "I like that it stretches normal learning," said **Meredith Brown**, a seventh-grader at Liberty Junior.

Classmate **Maddie Henderson** agrees. "I like all of the opportunities it gives us. It gives us a chance to explore things we've never tried before." Students have also had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about different professions.

**Mike Murray** from SpotOn Productions spoke to **Moriah Walker's** classes at Liberty Junior. He was a big hit with seventh-grader **Emily Fuller**. "When professionals come and talk to us, it gives us inspiration about what we might want to do," she said. "(Mr. Murray) had a dream as a kid and followed it. It inspired me that if there's something I'm interested in, I could follow it and turn it into a career."

Members of Walker's class recently did something no other Lakota junior school student has done before: they hosted a #LakotaEdChat. The ed chats have become a staple for Lakota staff members on Wednesday evenings. What started as an opportunity for staff to come together and discuss different topics each week has grown to include participation from parents, community members and even students. While students hosting is not new, until now it has only been high school students facilitating the online discussions.

Walker had encouraged the students to follow along on ed chats during their social media unit. She offered the opportunity to her students to actually host one and several jumped at the chance. The group of about 11 students met over a three week period during their advisory time to create the topic and questions. "I asked them what they would like to talk to the Lakota community about, either to get their point of view across, or find out what teachers and parents think," Walker explained. "They felt that we would be able to connect more with 'Reducing Stress' as an overall topic because this relates to both students and teachers."

Maddie was excited to lead the chat. "I liked the thought of being the first kids (at Liberty Junior) to do it. Actually doing it gave me a whole new perspective." She also enjoyed being able to talk to a wide-range of teachers. "I like it that teachers were able to see what we're struggling with and what we need help with."

Meredith agrees. "It gave me a sense of leadership. You're stepping up and doing it."

The group was shocked to see how many people participated in their chat, including **Kate Law**. "I was surprised to see some of my former teachers participating," she noted. The group was especially excited to see Ohio's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria, tweet to the ed chat that he had been following along.

The district as a whole has been encouraging student and teacher voice. Over the past year, ed chats have been noticed at a local, state and even national level. Emily is happy that the adults are listening. "I like it that I actually have a voice and that the teachers and administrators are actually listening to us," she said. "We're talking about things that will make our school day better."

The community is invited to participate, or just follow along, on Wednesday evenings. Search #LakotaEdChat at 8:00 p.m. to join the conversation. To view an archive of the Liberty Junior ed chat, click [here](#).



## **Welding Engineer Helps Connect the Dots on Industrial Revolutions**

Which invention had a bigger impact on our world - the steam boat or the light bulb, the telephone or the elevator, the 3D printer or the smartphone?

As part of their unit on the four Industrial Revolutions, these were just some of the questions posed to students in **Jennifer Parrett's** history class at Lakota West Freshman. But for Parrett, the futuristic aspect of the project was just as important as the reflective piece.

"I believe it is important to make the connection for students that history is happening around them today," Parrett said. "That's why a big part of this project was to evaluate the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution. I wanted them to think about what inventions are happening around us right now that will change their lives and their futures."

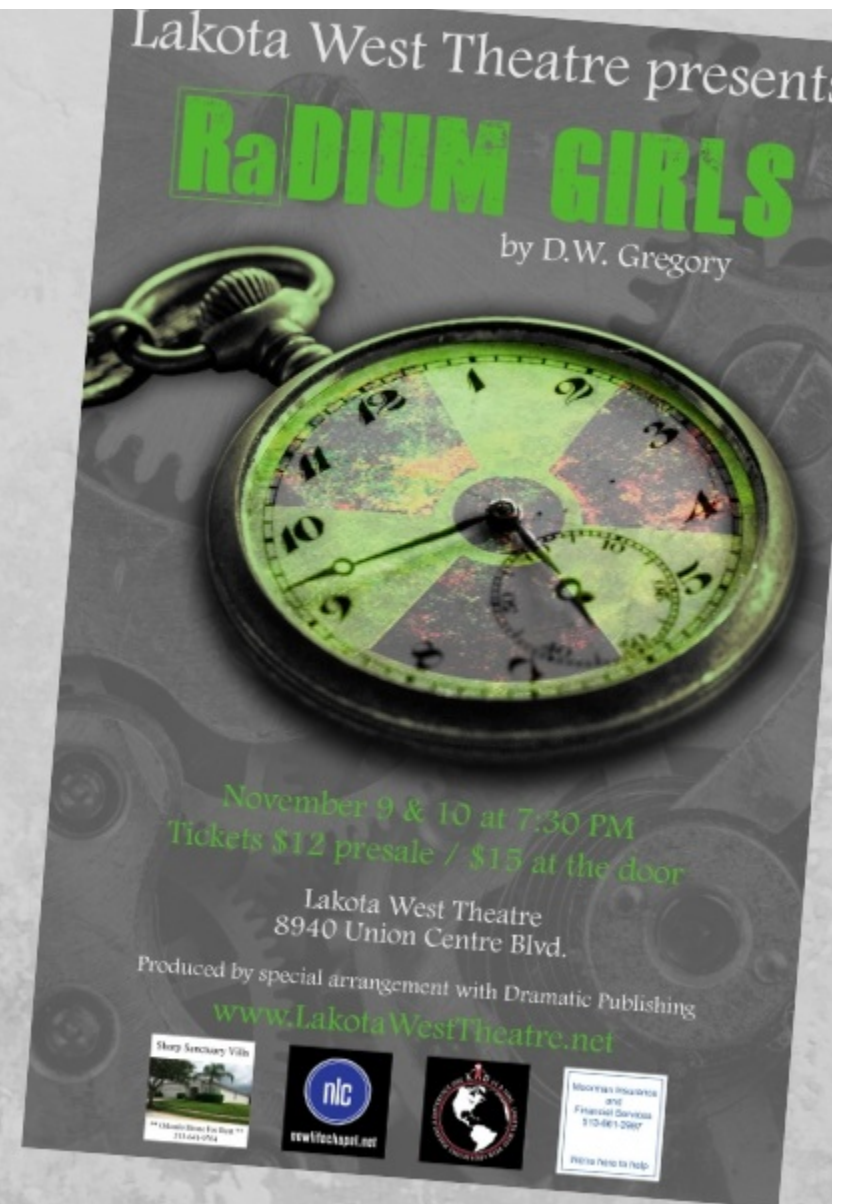
Helping students to make those connections was the expert voice of **William Roth**, whose career in welding and engineering has spanned the U.S. Navy and many corporate roles for companies like Copeland Corporation and Procter & Gamble. Roth, who did the same exercise as Parrett's students, joined the class for an afternoon to compare his results to a panel of students. According to Roth, his contribution was about "connecting the dots for how all these things fit together" and impact our progress socially and economically.

"Part of the process of a true project based learning exercise involves having an outside expert come in to evaluate the students' work," Parrett said. "I was looking for someone in the engineering or research and development field that would have a wide scope of knowledge about inventions and their impact on society."

Parrett turned to Katie Bauer for help on this piece of the project. Bauer joined Lakota's team this year as the strategic partnerships coordinator. Her role is to help teachers like Parrett connect with professionals who can help make a connection between what students are learning in class and how it might apply to the world around us or a future career. This might take the form of classroom visitors like Roth, internships or even field trips.

"My students really enjoyed the outside perspective," Parrett said. "They were very interested in Mr. Roth's feedback on their decisions and it made the whole project more authentic."

# Tickets on Sale Now!



Lakota East will perform 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.' on Nov. 2-4 and Lakota West presents 'Radium Girls' on Nov. 9-10. Tickets are now on sale for both productions.

**High Schools Kick Off Theater Season**

Lakota high schools are getting ready for their first theater productions of the school year. Get your tickets now to see our talented students present these top-notch plays: *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.* and *Radium Girls*.

### **Thunderhawk Theater Presents the Children's Musical: *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.***

Potions and peaches and peril, oh my! Join the Thunderhawk Theater as they present Timothy Allen McDonald's *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, based on the classic childhood tale by Roald Dahl. Join James as he goes on the adventure of a lifetime. After becoming an orphan and escaping life with his evil aunts, he befriends a band of insects who teach him the true meaning of family. Preceded by two short pieces from the *Bully Plays* collection, this evening of children's theater will be fun for the whole family. Performances include:

**Friday, Nov. 2**

7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 3**

2:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 4**

2:30 p.m.

The cost for tickets is \$10. [Click here to purchase advance tickets online](#); tickets will also be available at the Lakota East Box office the night of the show.

### **Lakota West Theater Performs *Radium Girls***

Lakota West Theater is proud to present *Radium Girls* to kick off its 22nd season. Performances will take place on Nov. 9-10 at 7:30 p.m.

Written with warmth and humor, *Radium Girls* is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece. In 1926, Radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage – until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a

true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

[Click here to purchase tickets now for \\$12;](#) tickets will be \$15 the night of the show. Patrons tickets are also available for \$30 each.

**Friday, Nov. 9**

7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 10**

7:30 p.m.

OPTIMIST CLUB'S

# Run for Youth



*More than 300 elementary students participated in the Optimist Club's "Run for Youth".*

## Big Turnout for Optimist Club's "Run for Youth"

Over 300 Lakota elementary students put on their running shoes for the Optimist Club's "Run for Youth."

The 1.5 mile race was held at Plains Junior on Oct. 6. Up for grabs were medals for the top finishers, cash prizes to the physical education program at schools with the highest percentage of students participating, as well as a travelling trophy to the top elementary school.

The top runner among girls was Freedom sixth-grader **Evelyn Prodochl**; the top runner among boys was VanGorden fifth-grader **PJ MacFarlane**.

Many elementary schools developed running clubs for their students to help prepare for the run, including Freedom Elementary that took home the school participation award for the second year in a row (*pictured above*). The Optimist Club hopes that students learn that running is a social activity that is easy to share with others.

Although the weather for the annual race was the warmest in years, the students still faced a few challenges. "After a very wet September, there were some wet spots on the course. Some kids even had to finish the race without shoes or carrying their shoes!," said Optimist Club President **Ben Dibble**.

"The Club believes that running is an activity that everyone can participate in. It's a sport where you can compete against yourself and strive to get better by training and learning to push through adversity (like the wet course). In many ways, running develops 'grit' in our students."

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**FEATURED PHOTOS**



*A school bus is making its way to all Lakota schools during October to collect donations for the annual 'Stuff the Bus' food drive for Reach Out Lakota. Help Lakota win the friendly food drive competition against Mason and Middletown; donation bins are located at all schools until Oct. 26. Above: Heritage ECS students pose before loading up their donations.*



*Lakota academic coach Tiffani Rexhausen and her family got creative at the tinkering space set up in Lakota's booth at the Great Pumpkin Fest, hosted by West Chester Township. Hundreds of families visited the booth to sign the "WE are Lakota" banner that will hang in Central Office.*



*Lakota students in grades K-6 joined more than 1.4 million others at over 4,200 locations across six states in celebrating National Farm to School Month. Pictured above, Woodland Elementary students participated in the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch during lunch on Oct. 17. The program celebrates the use of healthy, Ohio-grown foods in our cafeterias to grow healthy eaters.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Oct. 20 CommUnity University Focuses on Mental Health**

Lakota's new monthly learning series, Family & Parent CommUnity University in partnership with Miami University Voice of America, continues with a session focused on students' mental and emotional health. Lakota parents, staff and residents are encouraged to attend Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon at Miami VOA.

Grant Us Hope CEO Keith Kline will facilitate the morning's general session, providing education about how to identify the signs of mental and emotional distress and provide support to youth in need. Grant Us Hope is a rising change agent for teen suicide prevention in the Greater Cincinnati region and Lakota's partner in bringing Hope Squads to all our secondary schools.

Following the general session, Grant Us Hope will also facilitate two smaller and more participatory breakout sessions divided by grades K-6 and 7-12.

Each monthly session is live streamed and includes breakfast, compliments of Overhead Doors, and free childcare provided by student volunteers. The sessions are free and open to the public, but registration is encouraged. [Click here to register.](#)

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### **Project Life and Project Search**

Special education students and their parents are invited to an information session to learn more about Butler Tech's Project Life and Project Search transition to work programs. The hour-long session is scheduled for Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Plains Junior School.

Students aged 14 and up are encouraged to attend and learn more about the application process. [View the event flyer to learn more about the Oct. 24 transition to work information session.](#)

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### **Help Celebrate Adena's 40th Anniversary Nov. 4**

Join the Lakota community in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Adena Elementary School.

The open house will take place on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. Students will take center stage at the event, providing live music, tours and an art gallery. Guests are also invited to enjoy cookies and refreshments and peruse past yearbooks as well as enjoy the school's new playground. [Click here to view the flyer for Adena's 40th anniversary celebration.](#)

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### October 'Listen Up Lakota' Features Safety & Security

The October edition of "Listen Up Lakota," a monthly radio program powered by WMKV 89.3FM, will feature an interview with Assistant Superintendent **Robb Vogelmann** and Chief Operations Officer **Chris Passarge**. The duo discusses some of Lakota's most recent efforts to continue improving the safety and security of Lakota schools.

Tune in at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 or 1 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 25. WLHS/WMKV is a member-supported public radio with its studios located at Maple Knoll Village in Springdale.

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### District Wide Safety Drill Set for Nov. 6

Keeping our students and staff safe is always the number one priority at Lakota Local Schools. Throughout the year, students participate in a variety of safety drills, as required by the State of Ohio. Similarly, the State also mandates that district administrators and staff perform safety exercises annually.

On Nov. 6, a district-wide safety drill will take place at Liberty Junior School for administrators and staff. The exercise will focus on the reunification of students and parents after an emergency. Local law enforcement and first responders will also participate in the drill, as well as student and parent volunteers.

Please do not be alarmed should you see emergency personnel on school grounds on Nov. 6.

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### Nov. 8 Community Conversation: New Social Media

Social media encompasses far more than just Facebook. From Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat to lesser known platforms like Vero, the social media terrain continues to thicken. Lakota is partnering with Edge Teen Center to host an upcoming Community Conversation at which parents and educators learn ways to leverage it as a positive tool.

**Thursday, Nov. 8**  
6 p.m.  
Edge Teen Center  
7568 Wyandot Lane #2, Liberty Twp.

The Community Conversation program, now in its seventh 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 Community Conversations use a unique format. They're led by a professional facilitator, so that school leaders can focus on listening and not on running the meeting. Most of the talking will be done by the students, parents and residents who are there. Part of the time is spent talking in small groups, where many people are more comfortable sharing their ideas, as well as in the larger group.

The sessions are engaging and energizing and help guide school leaders in making decisions. All are welcome.

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### **Community Subscribers: Account Update Required**

If you subscribe to receive Lakota news from a school at which you are not currently a staff member, parent or guardian, you may need to take action to continue receiving school-specific communications.

Due to some reconfiguration to our community portal for Lakota communications, your school selections were deleted from your account. You will continue to receive district communications, but if you wish to specify schools from which you receive email, text or phone alerts, [please log into your community School Messenger account to add these preferences](#).

[Step-by-step instructions for modifying your community account](#) can also be found on the communication sign-up page of Lakota's website.

## **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*

- Saturday, October 20  
[Family & Parent Community University: Social and Emotional Health](#)  
at Miami University VOA  
8 a.m. - noon
- Wednesday, October 24  
[Parent Transition Series: Butler Tech's Project Life & Project Search](#)  
at Plains Junior School  
6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 25  
[Lakota Gifted 101](#)  
at Plains Junior School  
6:30 - 8 p.m.
- Monday, October 2  
[Board of Education Work Session](#)  
at Plains Junior School  
6:30 p.m.
- Friday, November 2  
[Student Fanfare at Creekside ECS](#)

## ON THE RADAR

### *Announcements & Opportunities*

#### **Share Your Pet 'Howl-o-ween' Photos**

Share your funniest, funkiest and most creative “Howl-o-ween” photos with the rest of the Lakota community in this month's social media contest.

Participate on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram by tagging Lakota’s account and #LakotaHowloween. At the end of the month, the three best-dressed pets, or the photos with the most “likes,” will be declared our winners.

In return, Lakota’s School & Community Relations department will deliver a special surprise to the top dogs (or cats). We’ll also feature them on Lakota’s website, social media accounts and in ‘A Look Around Lakota’ District E-News.

You can participate without submitting a photo, too! Search on your social media site of choice for #LakotaHowloween to “like” and share your favorite submissions.

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#### **Start Your Day with High-Fives**

Join us for one of our upcoming community fanfare events supporting student achievement.

The concept is a simple one: Line the school’s entrance and give

at Creekside  
8:45 - 9:10 a.m.

- Friday, November 2  
**Theatre Production: "James and the Giant Peach, Jr."**  
Lakota East Theatre  
7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 3  
**High School Open Houses for Future & Prospective Students**  
at Lakota East & West  
10 a.m. - noon
- Saturday, November 3  
**Theatre Production: "James and the Giant Peach, Jr."**  
Lakota East Theatre  
2:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 4  
**Theatre Production: "James and the Giant Peach, Jr."**  
Lakota East Theatre  
2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 6  
**Election Day: No School for Students/Teacher Professional Development Day**
- Tuesday, November 6  
**Fellas & Fiction (Boys Grades 1-6)**  
at X-Quisite Cutz  
6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 7  
**Student Fanfare for Shawnee ECS**  
at Shawnee ECS  
8:50 - 9:10 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 7  
**Coffee Chat with the Superintendent**

students high-fives and words of encouragement as they are filing into school, providing students with a visual display of all their supporters during times like testing and the start of a new semester.

Upcoming fanfares include:

### **Creekside ECS**

Nov. 2  
8:45 a.m.

### **Shawnee ECS**

Nov. 7  
8:50 a.m.

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## **High School Open Houses Welcome New Families**

Lakota is welcoming future and prospective students to visit its two high schools on Saturday, Nov. 3 for the district's first open house.

The event hours are from 10 a.m. to noon at both Lakota East's and Lakota West's main campuses. Representatives will include teaching staff and students from both high schools, along with the four junior schools, who will be available to answer questions and share more about the student experience.

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## **Evening Coffee Chat on Nov. 7**

Come join us on Wednesday, Nov. 7 for our next Coffee Chat of the year. It will be held from 7-8 p.m. at Coffee Beans & Brew (7051 Yankee Road).

Superintendent Matt Miller will be on hand for drop-in conversation with parents and residents.

Coffee Chats are held on the first Wednesday every month (with some exceptions), rotating between West Chester and Liberty Township locations. The times will also vary to accommodate different schedules. [Click here to](#)

at Coffee Beans & Brew  
7 - 8 p.m.

**See Full  
Calendar**

[view the Coffee Chats scheduled](#) for this school year. We hope to see you there!

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### **Circus-Themed Book Club for Grades 2-6**

All students in grades 2-6 are invited to the LEADS Greatest Book Club on Earth event.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, Rockin' Readers (grades 2—4) will go on an adventure with Harper and the Circus of Dreams written by Carrie Burnell and A Novel Bunch (grades 4—6) will discuss The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo. Following book discussions, the Cincinnati Circus will perform a fun show. Cost to attend is \$8.00 per student/LEADS member or \$10.00 per student/non-LEADS member (no cost for parents/guardians. The event runs from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Union Elementary.

[Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

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### **Gifted 101 Coming Up Oct. 25**

Do you have a child identified as gifted? Learn more about Lakota's Gifted Services at 'Gifted 101'.

At this session you will discover key resources to support your student at home, learn about the work of Lakota's Gifted Intervention Specialists and Gifted Advisors, and hear about the LEADS parent group. 'Gifted 101' will be held on Oct. 25 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Plains Junior School.

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### **Enter this Year's MLK Day Writing & Art Contest**

All Lakota students are invited to participate in the annual writing and art contest to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This year's "Common Ground" theme challenges students to address how we unite in a world that is divided and polarized in so many way.

Students in grades 7-12 are to submit in writing the equivalent to a two-minute speech. Elementary students may respond through the artistic medium of their choice or through writing.

In addition to an individual's entry, classes, troops, or youth organizations for students in grades K-12 who would like to enter the contest as a group project are invited to be as creative as possible, with skits, songs, artwork or videos.

The deadline for entering is Monday, November 26, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. [Click here to access the entry form and more contest details.](#)



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