

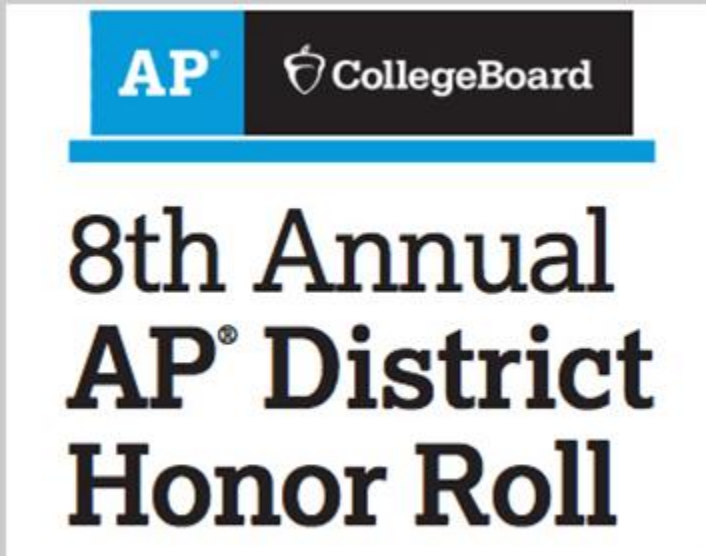
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Lakota District Selected for 8th Annual AP Honor Roll

Lakota Local Schools has been selected by the College Board for the 8th annual AP Honor Roll. The district is one of 447 across the United States and Canada, including 34 in Ohio, to receive the distinction. This is the fourth time Lakota has been selected.

The AP Honor Roll recognizes school districts that have increased access to Advanced Placement® (AP) coursework while also maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning a score of three or higher on AP exams.

“We are very proud to be recognized by the College Board for this achievement,” said Matthew Miller, Superintendent of Lakota Schools. “Our students and staff should be commended for their hard work and dedication that is required to achieve this honor.”

Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

“We are committed to offering our students courses that not only meet their needs, but challenge and prepare them for life after graduation, while maintaining our high standards,” Lakota’s Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Keith Koehne, said. Lakota currently offers 20 AP courses.

Inclusion on the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2015 to 2017, for the following criteria:

- Increased participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;
- Increased or maintained percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and

Community Invited to Martin Luther King Day Celebration Jan. 15

Program will Feature Student Contest Winners

The 19th annual community celebration of Martin Luther King Day will take place on Monday, Jan. 15. The commemoration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a ‘March for Unity’ from the Square at Union Centre over to Lakota West High School, where there will be a program followed by a free lunch for all participants (*photo above shows last year’s march*). Everyone is welcome to attend.

The program will feature Dr. King’s words, music, and presentations by students who won the different categories of this year’s writing and art contest. The theme of this year’s contest was “Making the Grade” which challenged students to grade themselves and our country on our progress toward living MLK’s dream for equality.

“The 14 judges had a challenging time narrowing down the field of winners,” said event coordinator Gail Webster. “We had 523 entries, more than in previous years, including some new creative approaches like videos and posters. There were so many great thoughts expressed in the entries we received.”

Congratulations to the following Lakota students who were winners in this year’s contest.

2018 “Making the Grade” Contest Winners

Elementary: *The Dream: Attainable or Simply an Aspiration?*

Gabrielle Walker, 6th grade, Union Elementary

Junior High: *Letter to Dr. King*

Anngell Darby, 8th grade, Hopewell Junior High

- Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2017 scoring a 3 or higher than those in 2015, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

Special Merit, Junior High: *Making the Grade Lifelong*
Rithik Sinhasan, 7th grade, Hopewell Junior High

High School: *Making the Grade* speech
Jacob Wilson, 9th grade, Lakota West Freshman

Fine Arts: *Handprints of Equality* video
Callie Dillard, Jacob Meister, Ximena Mendosa, Josue Mota, Amane Ohhashi, Reese Stanard – 6th grade, Freedom Elementary

Grand Prize: *MLK Trifold: Expectation vs. Reality*
Jillian Phillips and Kira Thornsburg, 6th grade, Freedom Elementary

MLK Song: Music video, with original artwork, lyrics and melody (to be performed live at program)
Max Lenhoff, Quinn Cooper, Sawyer Rock – 6th grade, Freedom Elementary

[Click here for a flyer](#) with more information on the community celebration of Martin Luther King.

Around Lakota

School Spotlights

High School Students Can Apply Now for Spring Internships

This spring, Lakota's juniors and seniors will have more internship opportunities than ever before. Lakota has partnered with area businesses to create unique learning experiences that also offer elective high school credit. In addition, Lakota departments have developed internships in the areas of public finance, curriculum & instruction and marketing & public relations.

More than 60 high school students will have the chance to gain hands-on experience in such career paths as OT/PT/speech therapy, marketing, biomedical engineering, podiatry/small business, surgery/physical therapy, and public finance.

Application timelines vary (see dates below) and students will be asked to participate in an interview process for each one. Click on the following links for program descriptions for each internship.

To apply for any of the internships, follow the instructions on the [Spring Internship Student Application](#).

[ABC Pediatric Internship](#): Applications due Jan. 23

[Lakota Curriculum and Instruction Design Team Internship](#): Applications due Jan. 23

[Lakota Marketing & Public Relations Internship](#): Applications due Jan. 23

[Center for Foot Care Internship](#): Applications due Feb. 13

[P & G Engineering Internship](#): Applications due Feb. 13

[Beacon Orthopaedics Internship](#): Applications due Feb. 13

[Various Views Internship](#): Applications due Feb. 13

Details Coming Soon:

Lakota Public Finance Internship: Applications due Feb. 13

West Chester Hospital Internship: Applications due Feb. 13

Several other internships are being finalized and will be announced soon. Be sure to check [Lakota's Internship page](#) or the high school websites for details on all internships.

Hopewell Elementary Students, Staff Drinking More Water

School Receives Grant for New Water Stations



Students at Hopewell Elementary are having a healthier start to the new year, drinking lots of water from their two new water fountain/bottle filler stations.

The fountains were part of a grant that the school received from the Delta Dental Foundation.

When Superintendent Matthew Miller passed along information about the grant, Hopewell Elementary Principal Christina French seized the opportunity to try to get new water fountains, as many of the drinking fountains in the school were old and not in ideal working order. Filling out the grant took 5 or 6 hours, but was well worth it. The new fountains were recently installed at the school.

“Grants like these can help us build upon a culture of health and wellness,” said French. In fact, she is still using funds from a \$10,000 Fuel Up to Play 60 grant the school received several years ago to pay for health and wellness programs. “The grant for the water fountains/filling stations was a perfect follow-up to the Play 60 grant in our quest to keep kids healthy,” said French.

As part of the grant from Delta Dental, Hopewell received two water fountains that include a device to refill bottles with clean filtered water. In addition, staff and students received a ‘Rethink Your Drink: Water’s Cool at School’ water bottle.

The new water stations are encouraging everyone to drink more water during the day. Fifth-grader **Rylan Reid** (*pictured at left*) is a frequent visitor to the fountains. Rylan says the water stations are helping him to drink more water, and that he uses the station to fill a water bottle that he keeps with him throughout the day.

That’s the whole goal of the grant – encouraging the healthy habit of drinking lots of water. And from the popularity of the new water stations at Hopewell, it’s working.

West's Art Alumni Day as Fulfilling for Alumni as Students



A career in art can mean anything from fashion design, illustration and architecture to animation, graphic design and automotive design. That's what aspiring artists at Lakota West learned at this year's 15th annual Art Alumni Day, where more than 20 alumni returned to share their post-graduation experiences and lessons.

"Our students get to actually see what the next step might be for them in college and even beyond," said Visual Arts teacher Stephanie Gauer. "Doing it this way opens up their eyes in a way that a lecture format couldn't have nearly the same impact. It really brings all the possibilities of their future in art to life."

Colorful portfolios filled with paintings, drawings, ceramics and textiles, some complete and some still in progress, filled West's community room the last day before winter break. The open house format gave students free reign to visit the tables that best matched their interests.

"I want go study graphic design with a minor in drawing or painting," said Lakota West senior **Zoey Oxley**. "I definitely met a lot people who showed me that's possible as a West student and what my life might look like if I take that next step."

"It was really inspiring to see what paths people choose and what they're doing," added Lakota West senior **Ceci Farrara**, who got to see several examples of what a first year major in illustration looks like.

As for the growing list of visiting alumni, it's an easy decision to return and carry on the tradition of Art Alumni Day

"When I attended as a student, I was so inspired to learn that there is a career in the arts for me and that I wasn't limited to a science or English field, like I thought before I landed in AP art," said Class of 2016 graduate **Hanann Marawi**, now studying fashion design with a minor in animation at the University of Cincinnati. "I think it's really important to come back and show students that you can have a career in the arts and still be happy, still make money and still do what you love."

Class of 2005 graduate **Zachary Whitaker** returned to share his job in automotive design with Tata Motors in London.

"This is my livelihood and my passion, so I think it's important for everyone to see what you can do outside of the normal core classes," Whitaker said. "Every company now needs design and art and to be able to market themselves and students should see how they can fit into that."

Parent Learning Series Kicks Off



A new learning series has kicked off for Lakota parents from the comfort of their own homes. During the district's first Facebook Live session, parents learned from a panel of three experts in the district how to foster a love of reading in children.

Moderated by Andrea Davis, a teaching and learning consultant and member of the district's Curriculum and Instruction department, three Lakota teachers answered questions and provided tips and strategies during a live conversation format on Facebook. Emily Hermann, Tiffany Rexhausen and Julia Schieve fielded questions ranging from 'how to engage reluctant readers' to 'what are some favorite apps, websites and resources to find books.' Davis hopes to empower parents with the series. "It is my desire that the sessions will answer their questions and give them strategies they can use right away."

Throughout the half-hour session, the live audience was able to send comments and ask questions, which were then answered by the panel. The entire video is available on [Lakota's Facebook page](#).

The parenting series will continue monthly through May. Visit [Lakota's Facebook page](#) to tune in for any of the upcoming sessions:

Feb. 6 - 7 p.m.

Engaging with your Child's Teacher

March 5 - 7 p.m.

Creating a Home Learning Environment & Helping with Homework

April 11 - 7 p.m.

Fostering a Growth Mindset at Home

#WEtryNewThings Campaign Kicks Off

LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS

It's a new year. Share what you want to try in 2018 on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Be sure to tag the district & add #WEtryNewThings to have a chance to win a Lakota Schools prize basket.*!

#WEtryNewThings

NEW THINGS

SAME THINGS

IT'S A NEW YEAR
What new things will you try in 2018?

*One winner will be chosen at random on Feb. 2, 2018

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram icons

It's a new year and a new opportunity to make a resolution to try new things. During the month of January, take a picture of what you will try this year and join the conversation. Post your picture on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram for your chance to win a Lakota prize basket. One winner will be chosen at random on Feb. 2.

To add your post to the growing list of stories, be sure to tag Lakota Local Schools ("Lakota Schools" on Facebook, @LakotaDistrict on Twitter and Lakota_District on Instagram) and include #LakotaGivesBack in your posts.

Join and follow the conversations at #WEtryNewThings.

Lakota Staff Contributed \$45K to Local Causes in 2017

Casual for a Cause!



In 2017, Lakota staff contributed more than \$45,000 to local causes, more than half of which originated through the inaugural “Casual for a Cause” campaign. More than 700 staff members participated in staff giving efforts, representing a nearly 400 percent increase over last year.

At the start of the school year, Superintendent Matthew Miller challenged staff to turn the tradition of casual Fridays into an overwhelming display of Lakota staff’s commitment to giving back to the West Chester Liberty community. Lakota staff were invited to pledge a donation toward the cause, all of which was divided evenly among these four organizations:

Butler County United Way

Caring Community Collaborative

Community Foundation of West Chester Liberty (Lakota Fund)

Reach Out Lakota

Outside of “Casual for Cause,” staff also had the option to designate a gift to any one of these organizations through payroll deduction.

“By investing in local causes that serve our students and their families, our staff are literally multiplying the impact they have in our schools every day,” Miller said. “Regardless of the amount, the fact that so many staff stepped up to give this year says a lot about their compassion for this community.”

Lakota Creates Outreach, Diversity and Inclusion Department

Lakota Local Schools is proud to announce the creation of the Lakota Outreach, Diversity and Inclusion (LODI) department. This office is charged with enhancing the district’s ongoing efforts to consistently provide all students with a safe, secure and supportive learning environment free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and intimidation.

The members of this new department will be drawn from several different efforts of inclusion already underway at Lakota Schools. This includes Lakota’s extensive parent engagement and community outreach efforts, as well as the “Champions for Change” program, a group with district-wide representation that has dedicated its work over the last two years to promoting a culture of empathy and understanding among students and staff across all Lakota schools.

The department will also be charged with reviewing current administrative guidelines and procedures already in place that protect Lakota's most vulnerable students. They will collaborate with staff, students and content experts to study current practices and then introduce measures that help ensure district-wide consistency and transparency in implementation.

The creation of LODI follows the recent vote by Lakota's Board of Education on a proposed policy specific to transgender students. Despite its failure to pass - a move that would have placed Lakota among only two other Ohio districts to approve such a policy - the district continues to be guided by its anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies when it comes to meeting the needs of all students, including those identifying as transgender.

Lakota superintendent Matthew Miller said, "This group will be responsible for diving into the day-to-day implementation of policies and guidelines already in place to protect all of our students. They will then recommend to me how to improve the experience of students and build a consistently inclusive environment district-wide."

"We are always looking at how we can improve our students' Lakota experience," Miller continued. "This is another step we are taking to ensure that all of our students feel safe, secure and supported while at school. We have no choice but to help facilitate tolerance and acceptance so that students can focus on learning."

The Lakota Board of Education does not anticipate another vote on a policy dedicated to gender identity and expression in the near future. Instead, the district has charged the LODI department to not only study, but recommend changes to existing administrative guidelines. This may include the recommendation of additional professional development for staff, students and community members and other measures to more fully and consistently meet students' needs.

Lakota School Board Welcomes Two New Members, Elects Leaders



Pictured above: Treasurer Jenni Logan, Board Member Todd Parnell, Board Member Kelley Casper, President Julie Shaffer, Board Member Lynda O'Connor, Vice-President Brad Lovell and Superintendent Matthew Miller.

Monday's organizational meeting of the Lakota Board of Education began with the swearing in of two new board members, Kelley Casper and Brad Lovell. Todd Parnell commenced a second term, joining current board members Lynda O'Connor and Julie Shaffer.

The board elected Shaffer to lead the group as president during 2018 and Lovell to fill the position as vice president.

The school board also approved a number of committee assignments:

- Policy Committee: Todd Parnell, Brad Lovell
- Community Engagement Committee: Kelley Casper, Julie Shaffer
- Finance Committee: Kelley Casper, Lynda O'Connor
- Legislative Committee: Brad Lovell, Lynda O'Connor
- Diversity Committee: Todd Parnell, Julie Shaffer

Regular meeting dates were set for the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of July, November and December. These dates will be set at a future meeting.



Seniors Take Top Scores in American Legion Government Test

Lakota East's **Hannah Ackerman** and **Weston Lindner** brought home top scores in the American Legion's Government Test for the six-county 4th District.

The students will be attending the American Legion's district meeting in March to receive their awards, and their test papers will be forwarded to the Ohio department headquarters for comparison to the other 11 district winners. Having two district winners from the same high school is a rare feat -- and this is Hannah's second year in a row to have a top score. The top three boys and top three girls for the 12th grade will win a trip to Washington D.C. and the Gettysburg Battlefield. Good luck to Hannah and Weston!

Lakota West Sophomore Honored with Award

Breiland Anderson, a sophomore at Lakota West High School and founding member of Sole Bros, Inc., will be honored at the 18th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keep the Dream Alive" Award Ceremony on Jan. 15. Breiland, along with four friends, began the non-profit organization in 2015. Its mission is to provide new or nearly new quality sneakers to youth in need. Since founding the organization, Sole Bros Inc. has collected more than 3,000 pairs of sneakers. By partnering with larger organizations, the shoes have been distributed to youth worldwide. Great job, Breiland!

Lakota East Junior Wins National Award

Stone Shields, a junior at Lakota East High School, has won first place in the sports features category in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Writing Contest. Stone is a sports writer for the school's news magazine, Spark. His article, "One Breath at a Time," tells the story of Hunter Holt, a varsity player on the East baseball team who fought his way back to the baseball field after a long recovery from a collapsed lung. This year, 7,093 print news and magazine entries competed for the top spot in 51 print news 35 magazine categories. Congratulations, Stone!

[View All District News](#)

New Business

Announcements & Opportunities

Jan. 18: 'Parenting with Love & Logic' Kicks Off New Learning Series

In addition to its all-new Facebook Live parent engagement series, Lakota is bringing parents monthly learning opportunities in a more traditional format.

Lakota will kick off the series on Thursday, Jan. 18 with a special focus on "Parenting with Love and Logic." Parents are invited to join Jenny Haynes, Lakota technology teacher and independent facilitator of '9 Essential Skills for the Love and Logic Classroom." The session will take place at Lakota's Central Office from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and is designed to equip parents with practical skills they can use immediately.

[View the event flyer](#) for more details and [register online here](#).

On The Radar

Quick Links & Reminders

Save the Date, Exhibit at Lakota's Summer Fun Fair March 5 & 7

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 Local Schools will partner with more than 100 local businesses and organizations to host its sixth annual Summer Fun Fair this March 5 and 7. The event features local organizations with programs and services to

Jan. 18: Drop-Off Dialogue Addresses Stress, Anxiety

On Jan. 18, Hopewell Junior School is inviting the larger Lakota community to attend its "Drop-Off Dialogue." The session will feature an expert from Children's Hospital and the University of Cincinnati speaking about adolescent stress and anxiety. Hopewell is opening the session up to all Lakota parents as a way of maximizing a valuable resource.

This informal gathering will begin at 7:30 a.m. in Hopewell's media center. [View the event flyer for more details.](#)

Jan. 24 & 25: Information Sessions on College Credit Plus, Alternative Credit Options

Parents and students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend information sessions on College Credit Plus and Credit Flex/Summer School Options. Ohio's College Credit Plus program provides opportunities for eligible students in grades 7-12 to take college courses and earn college credit at no cost to the students or their parents. Students can also learn about Alternative Credit Options available to earn graduation credits through methods outside of their regularly-scheduled high school classes.

Sessions will be held at both high schools, and parents and students are welcome to attend any presentation at either high school.

January 24: Lakota East Main Campus Theatre

Alternative Credit Options: Credit Flex/Summer School

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

College Credit Plus

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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 and exhibitors are invited to attend either of two open house events:

- Monday, March 5 – Lakota East High School – 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 7 – Lakota West High School – 6-8 p.m.

There is no cost to exhibit or attend. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate both evenings and will be provided with a table and chairs.

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. 26.

Have You Seen December's "A Look Around Lakota" Video Update?

In December's video update, Lakota Superintendent Matthew Miller shared some

January 25: Lakota West Main Campus Theatre

Alternative Credit Options: Credit Flex/Summer School

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

College Credit Plus

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 27: West to Hold 'Try Band' for Future Firebirds

Future Ridge and Plains students, especially fifth and sixth-grade students, are invited to attend the annual "Try Band" on Jan. 27 at the Lakota West Freshman School from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Students will have an opportunity to visit with small groups of musicians to learn about the various instruments -- to listen to the instruments, touch them, and maybe even get a chance to play them. This open house part of the event will run from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The Lakota West Symphonic Winds will hold a concert from 11:30 a.m. until noon.

[Click here for a flyer with details.](#)

Preschool Registration Begins Feb. 1, Application Now Available

Registration for Lakota's tuition-based preschool program will begin on Feb. 1 and run through Feb. 28.

An informational meeting for parents will be held on Feb. 15 at Liberty Early Childhood School from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Staff members will be available to answer questions and to give an overview of the program. They will share the Creative Curriculum and Acelero Adaptation that preschool teachers follow, as well as what the "life in the day of a preschool child" looks like.

exciting changes in response to feedback from our community and staff members.

Other highlights include:

- Our National Merit semi-finalists;
- A recent partnership with IKEA West Chester fueling a more flexible learning space;
- Our talented musicians spreading the holiday spirit around our community; and
- Various acts of kindness happening throughout our schools.

[Click here to watch December's video update.](#)

With the recently announced transition of two Lakota elementary schools to early childhood schools for the 2018-19 school year, we are hopeful to have preschool at all of our early childhood buildings, but are still in the planning stages. Placement will be based on attendance zone, but parents may select up to three additional locations as preferences during the application process.

All applications must be received or postmarked by Feb. 28 to be considered for the lottery. The lottery will take place at the beginning of March and notices of admission will be mailed March 12 to all applicants. Applications received after the Feb. 28 deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Parents can [visit the preschool enrollment webpage](#) for more detailed information and to download the application. Applications are also available at any of the four current early childhood schools. Please direct any questions to the preschool office at (513) 870-5378.

Kindergarten Registration Begins March 12

Open registration for the revamped all-day kindergarten option for all students will begin on March 12 and run through April 6.

With the recently announced changes for the 2018-19 school year, all students will be eligible for the all-day kindergarten option, with the option to enroll in the half-day program, if desired. School assignments based on the realigned attendance boundaries will be available by Jan. 24.

Two parent information nights for Kindergarten have been scheduled as follows:

February 22
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Lakota East HS

February 28
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Lakota West HS

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 2018-19 school year. Families can register for kindergarten at the Lakota Enrollment Center (8735 Cincinnati-Dayton Road).

Enrollment applications and materials will be available in early February on the [enrollment section of Lakota Online](#). All questions can be directed to the Enrollment Center at (513) 682-4120.

Weather Decisions Require Careful Consideration to Multiple Factors

Mother Nature has made her presence known early in 2018, resulting in three calamity days thus far. Student safety is our top priority, which is why every decision, including weather-related delays, closures and early releases, is taken very seriously and in the best interest of keeping all students safe.

Several different factors are considered before we decide to close or delay school. This includes carefully monitoring weather forecasts when treacherous weather is predicted and looking not only at the morning commute, but the entire school day. When bad weather is upon us, we look at road and parking lot conditions and how they may or may not affect buses running and arriving on time. We also look at temperature and wind chill, along with multiple forecasts to assess how much and how quickly the temperature will change throughout the day. We consider temperature and sidewalk conditions and how they may affect the students walking to and from school.

Our Chief Operating Officer and his team begin monitoring these conditions the evening prior to any sort of inclement weather and throughout the night, as conditions continuously change. We will always do our best to notify parents of our decision as early as possible, including the evening before where conditions allow it.

In addition to posting an alert on the district homepage, Facebook, Twitter and local television and radio stations, Lakota also issues a phone call, text message and email to anyone who has selected these options for weather-related alerts in their School Messenger account. To learn more about our notification system, click [here](#).

Upcoming Community Conversations

Since 2012, Lakota Schools has been holding Community Conversations to hear your ideas, thoughts and opinions about our schools. There are many choices to be made about how schools

will look and work as we move forward. These decisions need to be made as a community and with the consideration of many different voices.

This week, conversations were held at both Lakota high schools to get the students' perspective about their educational experiences. On Jan. 29, the Lakota LEADS parent group will hold a conversation about gifted services. Plans are also being finalized for open conversations with Eastside community members as well as one with Westside community members.

Please check our [Community Conversation webpage](#) for details on upcoming conversations.

Photo of the Week



Lakota East, West Students Participate in Community Conversations

Students at Lakota East and West high schools had the opportunity to participate in a Community Conversation this week with school board members, the superintendent and other district administrators. The students candidly shared their thoughts about education today.

Pictured here are Lakota East students engaged in the conversation.

Upcoming Events

Event Spotlights

- Monday, January 15
[District Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#)
- Wednesday, January 18
[Parenting with Love and Logic](#)
at Lakota Central Office
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 22
[Board of Education Meeting](#)
at Lakota Central Office
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 24
[Alternative Credit Options/College Credit Plus Information Sessions](#)
at Lakota East Main Campus Theatre
5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 25
[Alternative Credit Options/College Credit Plus Information Sessions](#)
at Lakota West Main Campus Theatre
6:30 p.m. / 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 27
[Lakota West 'Try Band' for 5th/6th Graders](#)

Lakota In The News

Community Coverage

Hamilton-Journal News

[One of Ohio's most modern youth centers opens today in Olde West Chester, and here's why it's a big deal](#)

[New 'snow days' system eases missed time for Butler County students](#)

[Controversial decision on transgender rules leads to new Lakota office](#)

Cincinnati.com

[MLK Day event in West Chester will feature King's own words](#)

WHIO - Channel 7

[Don't forget the rights of heterosexual students, parents tell Lakota school board](#)

Dayton Daily News

[Here's how Lakota's superintendent makes sure to hear from the community](#)

Latest E-Flyers

What's News This Week?

As a reminder, E-Flyers is Lakota's way of distributing information about programs, classes, events and opportunities happening in our schools and around the community. Rather than sending flyers home with students, we are now posting all approved information on the E-Flyer page, making it easy for families to access all current opportunities. Here is a listing of all of the new district and community-sponsored flyers for this week.

District-Sponsored:

[Drop-Off Dialogue on Adolescent Anxiety: Jan. 18 \(all Lakota parents welcome\)](#)

[Lakota East Dance Team Clinic and Performance: January 26 \(Grades K-8\)](#)

[Parenting with Love & Logic Parent Engagement Session - January 18](#)

[Lakota West 'Try Band' for 5th & 6th Graders: Jan. 27](#)

[Parenting with Love & Logic Session: Jan. 18](#)

[College Credit Plus and Credit Flex Information Sessions: January 24/25 \(Families with students in Grades 6-12\)](#)

Community-Sponsored Flyers:

at Lakota West Freshman Campus
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Saturday, January 27
Lakota East Swing Dance
at Lakota East Main Campus
7:30 - 10 p.m.

[See Full
Calendar](#)

[Community Observance of Martin Luther King
Day: January 15](#)

[East Junior High Lacrosse Team \(Hopewell and
Liberty junior school students\)](#)

[Play Fanatics Soccer League Registration \(Ages
3-14\)](#)

[Outlaws Youth Football & Cheer Registration
Starts February 1 \(Grades K-6\)](#)

[i9 Flag Football, Soccer, Lacrosse and Baseball
Registration \(Ages 3-14\)](#)

[CycleBar Fundraiser for Youth In Philanthropy:
January 12](#)

[Board of Elections Needs Poll Workers for May
8 Election](#)

[Tomahawks Football Early Bird Registration:
Ends March 1 \(Grades K-6\)](#)

[All Current
E-Flyers](#)

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