



# A Look Around Lakota

**DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER**

*October 2021 Edition*



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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**West Theater  
Production: The 39  
Steps**

*October 28-31*

**No School for  
Students/Professional  
Development Day  
(Election Day)**

*November 2*

**Title VIB Funds  
Community Session**

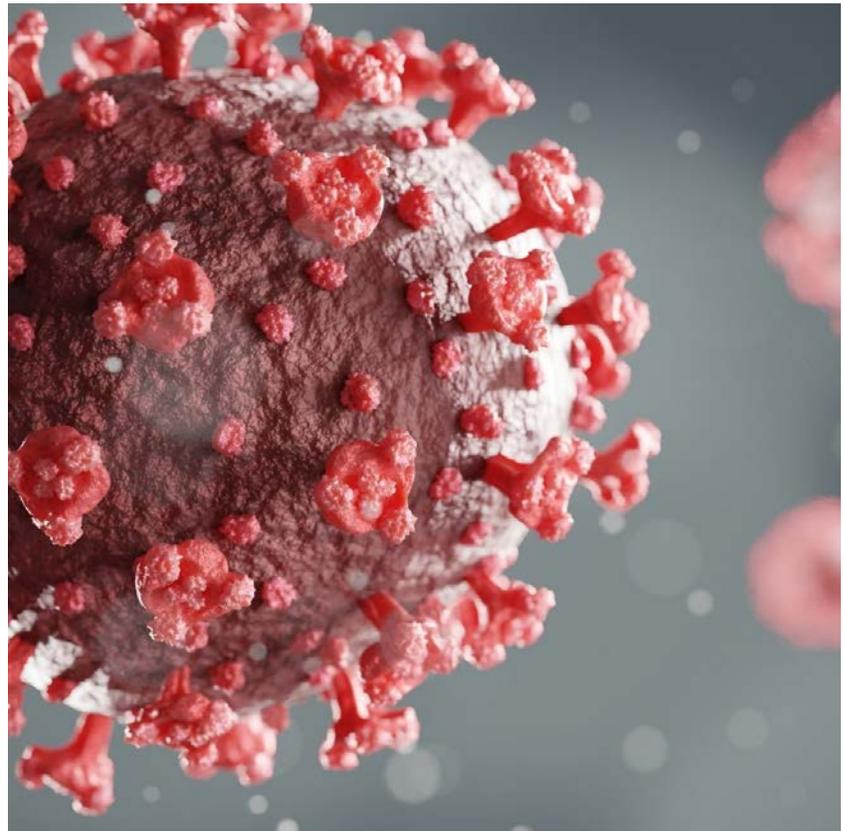
*November 2*

**In The Loop  
with the Supe**

*November 10*

**Lakota East Craft  
Show**

## **FRONT & CENTER**



*November 13 & 14*

**Lakota Board of  
Education Meeting**  
*November 15*

**East Theater  
Children's Musical:  
Dear Edwina, Jr.**  
*November 19, 20 & 21*

**No School  
(Compensatory Day)**  
*November 24*

**No School  
(Thanksgiving Break)**  
*November 25 & 26*

## **District Reviewing Updated ODH Quarantine Guidelines**

Lakota Local Schools is in the process of reviewing the Ohio Department of Health's updated quarantine guidelines with local medical experts and the Butler County General Health District.

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## **Lakota Answers the Call, Stuffs the Bus with Over 19K Items for Reach Out Lakota**

In a year when our local food pantry is on pace to serve far more families than the year prior, the Lakota Board of Education's "Stuff the Bus" food drive tradition was of critical importance. Students, staff and families answered the call and topped last year's grand total by 3,000 items, bringing in approximately 19,500 donations.



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## AROUND LAKOTA

### DISTRICT NEWS



#### Super in 60: October

In this month's edition of "Super in 60," Lakota Superintendent **Matthew Miller** brings you the latest district highlights in just 60 seconds.

[Watch video](#)



#### Lakota Issues 2020-2021 Quality Profile

Lakota Local Schools is proud to share with the community its 2020-2021 Quality Profile. This annual publication provides highlights from the previous school year in light of major priorities and areas of focus driving our daily work.

[View profile](#)



### October Words of Wisdom

In honor of Make a Difference Day, we asked students around Lakota: How can WE make a difference in our schools and our community? Here's what they had to say in this month's Words of Wisdom.

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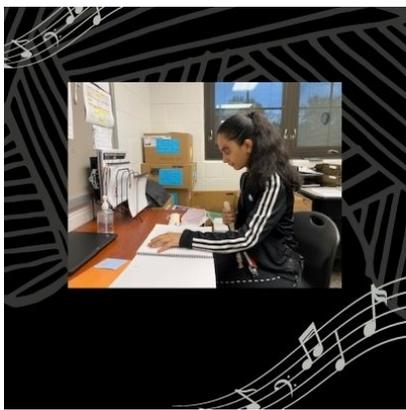


### Revised 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

The 2022-2023 Academic Calendar has been revised; the half-day Professional Development Day scheduled for April 10, 2023 has been moved to March 10, 2023. On Friday, March 10, 2023 there will be no school for students and Monday, April 10, 2023 will be a regular day of attendance for students.

[View calendar](#)

## SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS



### Choir Class: Teaching to a New Tune

When the school year began in August, Lakota East Freshman **Arju Sapkota** found herself not only in a new school, but in a new school district. However, the task ahead was a little more daunting for Sapkota because she is blind.

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### FALLowing Fall: Quarantine Idea Turns into a Year-Long Science Project

Quarantines aren't just impacting students. Sometimes a teacher is quarantined, too. When Ridge Junior School teacher **Fritz Prior** found himself quarantined, 'FALLowing FALL' was born.

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### Food Stylist Gives West Photo Students Taste of Art Career

Ever wonder why that sandwich on the billboard looks so tasty? After a recent visit from a professional food stylist, **Jodi Kessler's** photography students at Lakota West High School aren't wondering anymore - and have a real world application to



### Independence Postcard Project Puts Learning on the Map

How do you get your students excited about a United States mapping unit? Independence Elementary School teacher **Amy Smith** found the answer in the postal service.

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the concepts they're learning in art class.

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## OPPORTUNITIES



### **2022 MLK Day Student Contest Promotes Building a 'Beloved Community'**

In preparation for our community's 23rd annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all Lakota students in grades K-12 are invited to participate in a contest that promotes self-reflection about diversity and inclusion in our community and nationwide.

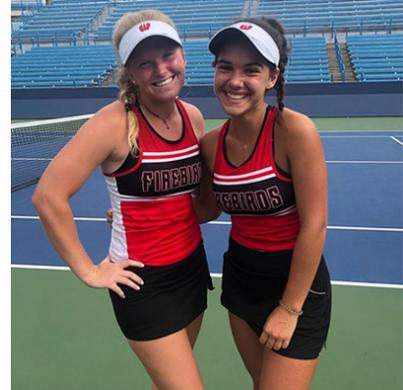
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## SHOUT-OUTS



### East Boys Golf Celebrates State Champion

Lakota East senior **Joseph Wilson IV** earned the No. 1 spot at the OHSAA Boys Golf Division I State Championship this past Saturday, shooting a two-day gross total 143 (69 first round and 74 second round). For the sixth consecutive year, the Lakota East boys golf team earned a ticket to the state tournament, placing fifth overall. In addition to Wilson, the Thunderhawk team included **Tyl Sylla, Jake Curry, Walker Wood** and **Cameron Uhl**.



### West Girls Tennis Doubles Team Qualifies for State

For the first time since 2012, Lakota West tennis doubles team **Molly Grace** and **Leah Schleibaum** qualified for the state level of competition. They defeated Springboro and Ursuline in the District tournament to secure their spot at the State Championships last Saturday, where they fell during the first match.



### **Former East Wrestling Coach Lands in National Hall of Fame**

Former Lakota East Head Wrestling Coach **Robert Latessa** was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame-Ohio Chapter. Latessa led East's wrestling program for 12 years, producing two teams that placed in Ohio's Top 10, three team state champions, 16 state placers and 35 state qualifiers.



### **O'Connor Receives OSBA AI Kettlewell Award for Southwest Region**

At the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Southwest Region's Fall Conference on October 14, Lakota Board of Education member **Lynda O'Connor** was presented with the AI Kettlewell Award for her outstanding boardmanship.

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## *Color Run Fun*



Fundraisers can be FUN! Just take a look at the recent Color Run events held at Liberty Junior (at top) and Plains Junior (bottom).

The Color Run events were sponsored by the schools' PTO groups, and the money raised will go toward student and staff programming. Students could run or walk the one-mile route, and they got doused with colorful powder along the way.

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