



All Star News

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"You are a STAR right where you are!" – Lois Schultz

★ IMPORTANT DATES ★



April	1-8	Lakota March Madness Basketball Tournament for Grades 3-6 Continues
	4	PTO Provides Waffle Truck Treat for Staff
	4-8	Staff Appreciation Week!
	8	Lakota West Performs MED SHOW for 6 th graders in café @ 8:45 a.m.
	8	PTO After-School Movie Night - Last One of the Year!
	13/14	AIR Testing - Math
	15	No SCHOOL
	19/20	AIR Testing - Science
	21	PTO Meeting in the Hub - 7:00 p.m.
	27	Barb Bossu Volunteer of the Year Awards at East High School
May	3	MAP Testing - Reading – Grades 3-6
	5	MAP Testing - Math – Grades 3-6
	6	FunFest
	9	6 th Grade Visits Lakota Ridge Junior - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
	10	3 rd Grade Welcome Night Scavenger Hunt – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Adena
	11	4 th Grade Field Trip - Carillon Park (Dayton)
	12	3 rd Grade Field Trip - Cincinnati Reds GABP
	12	6 th Grade Band Concert at Adena - 6:00 p.m.
	13	Field Day
	16	Field Day (Rain Date)
	16	Class of 2022 Time Capsule Social in Café - 4:00 p.m.
	17	Parade of Graduates - 10:00 a.m.
	19	"Mr. John" Day
	19	Retirement Celebrations for Mr. John & Mrs. Gfroerer in the HUB - 3:30-5:00 p.m.
	19	PTO Meeting in the Hub - 7:00 p.m.
	20	Last Day of School! 4 th Quarter Ends/ 1 hr. early release
	20	6 th Grade Recognition Ceremony in Café - 9:00 a.m. <i>(live streamed for families)</i> 6 th Grade Picnic and Activities in Afternoon
23	Teacher Work Day	



★ SCHOOL NEWS ★

ADENA PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS PLACEMENT GOOGLE FORM

Each Spring, Lakota elementary school administrators and teachers spend a significant amount of time preparing class lists for the upcoming year. The first priority for class placement in all Lakota elementary schools is to **create well-balanced academic and behavioral classrooms for all students**. In order to accomplish this goal, many factors must be taken into consideration. All schools look at factors such as overall academic ability, value added projections, MAP, AIR assessments, classroom performance, and social interactions to determine placement. We are very consistent in this practice.

Information from your child's current classroom teacher is the first priority in this process. I will meet with our teachers to create balanced class groups for next year. Please complete and return this form only if there are important factors that you wish us to consider.

Your response should focus on your child's learning style or the environment she/he responds to best.

If you have critical information regarding class submit here: [parent input form](#) ... by the **end of day on Friday, May 6** for consideration. Your email should focus on your child's learning style or the environment she/he responds to best.

Submissions requesting a specific teacher or forms received after the end of school on May 6 cannot be considered.

All requests meeting these requirements will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. *(Note: some parental class placement requests in the upper grades may not be possible due to enrichment offerings in advanced classes.)*

AIR TESTING CONTINUES!

Spring is in the air, which means AIR testing is right around the corner! State testing began on Tuesday, April 5th. Please view the [2022 Spring AIR Testing Calendar](#) to know which days your child(ren) will be testing, and ensure that your students are on time every day, as testing begins promptly at 8:45 a.m.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Jordan Eisenhard at jordan.eisenhard@lakotaonline.com

PTO "TOP 3"

1. OPEN PTO POSITIONS FOR 2022-23

..... THE ADENA ALL STARS PTO NEEDS YOU
OPEN POSITIONS FOR
the 2022-2023 school year

SECRETARY
The secretary position holds a place on the Executive Board of the PTO. You will attend Exec Board Meetings, Monthly PTO Mtgs and record minutes of meeting. The secretary also posts minutes on Facebook and other duties as required.
DPC REP X2
DPC stands for District Parent Council. This position also holds a spot on the Executive Board and attends Executive Board Meetings, PTO meetings, and the monthly DPC Meeting with the District. This position is considered an Ambassador for Adena and is a liaison between Adena and the district, responsible for facilitating the Barb Bossu award.
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
This person coordinates with vendors to determine course offerings for Fall and Winter After School Programs. The position will require strong communication with vendors, parents, Adena administration, and the PTO Executive Board. Strong computer skills will help with managing registration and possibly reporting.
YEARBOOK MOVIE NIGHTS
Yearbook: You get to put all of your creative talents into designing the schools yearbook with Lifestouch's software! Co-Movie Nights: Help Shelly plan the monthly After School movie, create fliers, etc. There are many other chair positions available if interested.

..... **READY TO SIGN UP?**

We need you! If you are interested in becoming more involved in Adena next year, we have a number of open positions. If you are interested in any of the following or helping in another area, please reach out to Lindsey Sharp at adenaptopresident@gmail.com

If you are interested in any of the positions listed, or want to obtain please reach out to Lindsey Sharp at adenaptopresident@gmail.com, or any other member on the PTO.

2. SPRING MINI SESSIONS



The PTO is excited to offer a Spring Mini Photo Shoot. Please use the Signup Genius to reserve your spot. Payment is due at the time you reserve your spot. Please use the link below for payment. Thank you.

<https://adena-elementary-pto.square.site>
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D48ACA82CA4FD0-spring1>

The PTO is excited to offer a mini Spring photo session! This will be like the fall photo fundraiser. Once again our amazing photographer is donating much of her time and services.

How This Works: Please register for one time slot below. Each time slot costs \$40. We would like to get as many families as possible to participate so we ask you to register for ONE time slot only. Payment can be made by check, cash, or square. Payment must be made as soon as possible after registration. We will email you the payment information after we receive your registration and more details about the day.

Within two weeks after your session we will send you a dropbox link to your photos. You will receive approximately 10 edited photos. You will have full access to download your photos for personal printing. You are welcome to print your photos through any printing service of your choice. Our photographer does not do prints.

We ask that this mini photo session be for immediate family only. It will help with staying on time if you could bring a sheet of paper with up to six poses you would like to capture. For example...parents only, whole family, each child alone, etc.

For Dress: Get creative! There is no need to match. We ask that you stay away from mixing too many patterns. We will be outside so wear something comfortable. A common rule is to coordinate 2-4 colors for everyone's outfit.

Thank you for taking part in the PTO mini photo shoot!

If you have any questions, please email adentaptopresident@gmail.com.

Location: Voice of America Park
Date: 4/16 and 4/24
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

3. FUNFEST IS NEAR!

A flyer for FunFest. On the left, it says "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED" with a logo of five hands in different colors. Below that, "Adena Funfest Needs Volunteers!!!" and "We need many helpers to make this event a success!". It lists "Find Sign Up Information:" with three bullet points: "All-Star News", "Adena Elementary Lakota Schools PTO - OH Facebook page", and "On the bottom of the presale ticket form". There is a QR code and a cartoon character holding a sign that says "Volunteer Sign Up Link". In the center, there is a text box: "We would like to ensure ALL children have access to Funfest! If your child/family would like to request accommodations, please email Jena Wells at jwells00@hotmail.com by April 25th." Below that is a logo of a family with a child in a wheelchair. Another text box says: "Please contact Amy Moorman, 513-777-0100 ext. 13519 or by email @ amy.moorman@lakotaonline.com if you would like to participate and need financial assistance." Below that is "Questions? Ask in the Adena Elementary Lakota Schools PTO-OH Facebook page or contact Hilary Knecht @ hil.knecht@gmail.com or 513-207-9596 and Erin Cox @ princebutercup@hotmail.com or 513-290-0345". At the bottom left, it says "This material was prepared by Adena PTO and is not endorsed by the Lakota Local School District or any Lakota School." On the right, there is a large "ADENA" logo with a star. Below it, "FUNFEST IS BACK!!!", "Friday, May 6, 2022", "3:30-7:00 pm", "FUN GAMES, GREAT PRIZES, & MORE!", and a list of activities: "Laser Tag", "Food, Drinks, & Snacks", "Colored Hair Spray", "Face Painting", "Plinko", "2 Basketball Games", "3 Bounce Houses", "Tic Tac Toe", "Karaoke", and "Spirit Wear Table".

The PTO is excited to be bringing back FunFest Friday May 6th, and we need your help. We are looking for adults, junior high, and high school student volunteers. This will be divided into 2 different time slots. 3:00-5:30, and 5:30-8:00. You will be assigned to a spot when you arrive to check in. Please email snmcguffey@yahoo.com with any questions or restrictions. This is going to be a great time. Thanks for your help to make this event a success. Copy and paste the link below to get to the Sign Up Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D48ACA82CA4FD0-funfest>

[This flyer](#) will be sent home next week in backpacks in both English and Spanish.



LAKOTA DISTRICT NOTES

In Case You Missed Lakota's State of the Schools...

Lakota's annual State of the Schools program and interactive student-led school showcase on March 29 was a great opportunity for parents, students, staff and community members to get up-to-date on the district's current and future plans to fulfill its strategic plan. If you missed the program, you can [view the full recording of the State of the Schools program on Lakota's YouTube channel](#).

During the program, we also debuted a special video that spotlights the variety of reasons our families choose Lakota. [Watch the full-length "WE Choose Lakota" video](#) and look for more videos in this series on Lakota's social media channels in the coming weeks. Join the conversation and share why you choose Lakota by tagging your posts with #WEchooseLakota.

Nominations for 2022 Lakota Educator of Excellence Awards Due April 18

The Northern Cincinnati Foundation, in partnership with Lakota Local Schools, is currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Lakota Educator of Excellence Awards. Each nomination requires a minimum of three letters of support and the deadline is Monday, April 18.

Two monetary awards will be presented: one to a teacher from the elementary level (PreK-6) and another to a teacher from the secondary level (7-12). The winners will receive a \$1,000 grant to be used for a special project at their school, both awards made possible through a generous sponsorship from Phelan Insurance Agency. The third, non-monetary award, will be presented to a Lakota administrator or support staff member who has shown extraordinary commitment to the students and teachers of Lakota Local Schools as well as the community.

[Learn more about Lakota's Educator of Excellence Awards. Click here to submit your nomination before April 18.](#)

Lakota Safety Village for Incoming Kindergartners Begins May 23

The all-new Lakota Safety Village for incoming kindergartners is hosted by the West Chester Police Department and the Butler County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer Divisions at Lakota West Freshman.

Enroll in one of the nine weekly summer sessions to get your child kindergarten ready. Participants will learn about basic safety skills and proper school etiquette. The five-day sessions are limited to 25 children each and held almost every week beginning May 23 through Aug. 1. Sign up for the morning (8-10 a.m.) or afternoon (noon - 2 p.m.) session.

[Click here for more details about Safety Village, including a link to sign up for one of the summer sessions.](#)

SEEN Parent Workshop Coming May 6

Whether you're a parent, teacher, counselor, or neighbor, seeing kids and teens dealing with difficult emotions can be scary - BUT there is hope!

Center Pointe Christian Church (CPCC), in partnership with Lakota Local Schools, is hosting a special parent workshop on Friday, May 6 to help encourage, empower and equip parents to connect with their children even during the most difficult times.

The workshop features co-authors of best-selling book SEEN. Will Hutcherson is the founder of Curate Hope and Chinwe Williams, Ph. D. is a Board-Certified, Licensed Professional Counselor and owner of Meaningful Solutions Counseling and Consulting. With their help, we will be tackling the important topic of mental health for our kids. The goal is to help attendees understand how the brain works when it's in despair and how to offer simple tools you can use each day that point to HOPE.

The program will be held at CPCC, located at 5962 Hamilton Mason Road, from 6-8:30 p.m. Free childcare will be provided through fifth grade. Tickets are \$25 per couple or \$15 per single. [Purchase tickets on the CPCC website.](#) [Click here to view the program flyer.](#)



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.

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



DO YOU FOLLOW @ADENAELEMENTARY ON TWITTER?

Throughout the year, see our students learning and pictures of all of our school events and activities on our Adena Twitter account - [@AdenaElementary](#) or click [here](#) to follow us!

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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to call John at school 777-0100 ext. 13523, cell 513-262-5157, or you can e-mail at john.mattingly@lakotaonline.com, or reach Assistant Principal Jordan at school 777-0100 ext. 13535, cell 513-259-5306, or you can email at jordan.eisenhard@lakotaonline.com.