



A Look Around



DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER

August 2022 Edition



#WEareLakota

IMPORTANT DATES

Labor Day
(No School)
September 5

In the Loop with the
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September 7

New Family Ice Cream
Social
September 10

LODI Fellas and
Fiction
September 12

Board of Education
Meeting
September 12

FRONT & CENTER



Community
Conversation: Safety &
Security

September 13

Celebrating the Start of the 2022-2023 School Year

Lakota welcomed 17,364 students to start off the 2022-2023 school year, and that number continues to grow as additional students complete the enrollment process.

“We are excited that enrollment is up and that Lakota continues to be a destination district,” said Superintendent **Matthew Miller**. Enrollment continues to exceed projections, and is up 1,161 students from five years ago. “Our theme for the year is ‘WE Choose Lakota’ to celebrate all the different reasons our students, staff and parents choose Lakota as a place to work and live.”

[Read more](#)

AROUND LAKOTA

DISTRICT NEWS



Super in 60: August 2022

Got 60 seconds? In his first Super in 60 of the new school year, Lakota Superintendent Matthew Miller catches you up during this busy back-to-school season on what you might have missed and what's coming up.

[Watch the Video](#)



Welcome to New Administrators

As our Lakota schools welcomed their students for the start of the 2022-2023 school year, new administrators were welcomed as well. The changes come as a result of both movement throughout the district and opportunities for former administrators to advance their careers outside of the Lakota.

[Read more](#)

Master Facilities Update: Your Voice Matters

Members of Lakota's master facilities planning (MFP) committee met on Aug. 8 to review feedback from recent community meetings and additional information on potential savings related to maintenance and operating expenses.

Learn more about the four building configuration options and how you can share your thoughts.

[Read more](#)

WE ARE COMMUNICATING



WE are Communicating: Meeting the Needs of Students

Asking a question or sharing what you would like to do may seem like an easy task, but what if you struggle to communicate? Maybe you speak a different language or are a student with a disability who has limitations with your ability to use your natural voice. Then what?

Nearly 300 students in Lakota schools are using alternative methods of communication to interact with their teachers, aides and other staff in the classroom.

[Read more](#)

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

The USDA's free meals waiver for public school food service programs has expired. Families who may qualify for free and reduced meals based on income or other qualifying factors need to complete the [meal benefits application at LunchApplication.com](#) for this school year.

[View more details about free/reduced meal applications on the Child Nutrition website.](#)



Back-to-School Hub

Still have some back-to-school questions?

Visit Lakota's Back-to-School Hub for all the information you need for a successful start to the new school year.

[Visit the Hub](#)



Bus Drivers Needed

Log Into FinalForms to Complete Back-to-School Forms

New for the 2022-2023 school year is Lakota's expansion of FinalForms for parents and guardians to efficiently and electronically review and complete most required back-to-school policies, forms and waivers.

[Read more](#)



Community Conversation on Safety & Security

The safety of our students and staff will always be our first and most important priority. We hope you'll join us on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. for a community conversation about this very important topic.

Do you love children? Are you looking for part-time employment? Petermann Bus, Lakota's contracted provider of bus transportation, is looking for drivers. No previous experience is necessary and you'll even get paid to train.

[Read more](#)



Ice Cream Social for New Families

WE are excited to welcome all of our new families to the "WE are Lakota" family at a special district-wide ice cream social on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at Union Elementary (7672 Lesourdsville-West Chester Rd.)

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TOP PICK PIC

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



Back-to-School Photo Contest Winners

Social media was buzzing earlier this month as families and staff shared their favorite first day moments. We're sharing the top posts and winners of this year's contest - as chosen by you!

On Facebook, 13-year Lakota East Spanish teacher **Annie Cantrell** took the lead for her first day selfie (pictured left). On Twitter, Hopewell ECS parent **Allison Hader** shared a humorous "candid" of her "not wanting to let go" of her kindergartner (pictured center). On Instagram, Freedom parent **Remon Refaat** brought home a win for his family for a second year in a row (pictured right).

Search #WEchooseLakota and #WEareLakota for a peek inside Lakota's start to the new school year.

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