



A Look Around



DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER

September 2022 Edition



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IMPORTANT DATES

In The Loop with the Supe

October 5

Stuff the Bus

Food Drive

October 10-21

LODI Fellas & Fiction

October 10

Board of Education

Meeting

October 10

First Quarter Ends

October 14

Staff PD Day (No School for Students)

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QUALITY PROFILE

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October 19

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Meeting

October 24

Lakota Issues 2021-2022 Quality Profile

Lakota Local Schools is proud to share with the community its 2021-2022 Quality Profile. This annual publication, mailed to every household and business in both West Chester and Liberty townships, is designed to provide highlights from the previous school year in light of major priorities and areas of focus driving our daily work.

[Read more about the Quality Profile](#) and look for the printed version in your mailbox soon!

[View the E-Version](#)

Gifted Services Gains



Lakota Teachers to Thank for Gifted Services Gains

A big lift by Lakota teachers to personalize student learning is steadily translating to big gains in the number

of Lakota students identified as gifted actually receiving gifted services.

Lakota's elementary schools were the first to see the impact of this district-wide effort to remodel Gifted Services, achieving **a 327% increase in the number of identified students receiving gifted support last school year**. That's nearly 1,500 elementary students compared to the 350 who received services during the 2020-2021 school year.

[Read more](#)



Help 'Stuff the Bus' for Reach Out Lakota Oct. 10-21

The Lakota Board of Education's 15th annual district-wide food drive for Reach Out Lakota will run Oct. 10 through Oct. 21, leading right up to National Make a Difference Day on Oct. 22.



In true “WE are Lakota” fashion, the district is challenging families, staff and community members to “stuff the bus” with canned goods and other non-perishable items most needed by the primary relief organization for families in West Chester and Liberty townships.

[View this year's flyer to see a list of items most needed by Reach Out Lakota.](#)

[Read more](#)

AROUND LAKOTA

DISTRICT NEWS



Lakota Shares Results of 2021-2022 State Report Card

[Lakota's state report card results for the 2021-2022 school year](#), released by the Ohio Department of Education this month, include the following highlights: a seven point increase in the district's overall Performance Index, all eight elementary schools meeting the Gifted Performance Index, and meeting state standards for early literacy (K-3).

"It's important to remember that the state report card is just one snapshot in time of our students' learning and one of many data points we use to build our instruction and meet the personalized academic needs of each student," said Lakota's Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Keith Koehne. "We treat it as one more puzzle piece in the full picture of each student's individual progress."

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September: Super in 60

Superintendent Matthew Miller needs just 60 seconds to catch you up on what you might have missed around Lakota in September, plus what's on the horizon next month.

[Watch the Video](#)

MFP Recap: Sept. 6, 2022 Committee Meeting

Members of the district's master facilities committee met on Sept. 6 to receive an update on community engagement efforts and discuss the project timeline for selecting a final plan.

[Read the Recap](#)



School Board Authorizes Curriculum CRT Audit

ICYMI: Safety and Security Community Conversation Recap

In response to a request from the Board of Education, a request for proposals regarding a curriculum and critical race theory (CRT) audit was issued on August 12, 2022. This RFP was also forwarded to four companies who specialize in curriculum review and auditing.

[Read more](#)

The Lakota Board of Education kicked off a new season of Community Conversations on Sept. 13. Nearly 40 parents and community members attended in addition to board members, district leaders and three Lakota school resource officers (SROs).

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS



East Courtyard Transformed into Therapeutic Space

Thinking outside the box doesn't just apply to teaching and learning. At Lakota East, you might even say they're thinking outside the classroom. Over the summer, an unused courtyard was transformed into a therapeutic outdoor space for students and staff.



Come Fly with Me: Spanish I Students Turn Travel Agents

Have you ever thought about planning a trip to Spain? Lakota West students in **Tricia Becker's** Spanish I class have some recommendations. They put on their travel agent hats to learn more about the country - and shared this knowledge with their classmates.

[Read more](#)[Read more](#)

Diversity of Ridge Football Coaching Staff 'One of Team's Greatest Assets'

Spend just one practice with the football coaching staff at Ridge Junior School and you'll see that they share a deep love and respect for their players. But at first glance, their commonalities end there. And despite their medley of backgrounds, Ridge Athletic Director **Ken Jones** said it was all very intentional - and it's working.

[Read more](#)

Shawnee Poster Project More than Meets the Eye

Following a recent unit all about communities, Shawnee ECS teacher **Lydia Scott**'s first-graders have quite the masterpiece to show for all their hard work. But one might say the strategy behind the masterpiece is even more masterful.

"It's more about the process than the product," advised Lakota Innovation Specialist **Libby Brown**. Scott took this advice from her "thought partner" to heart and ended up with a student-led, project-based lesson that even incorporated a real world connection - all the makings of a personalized learning experience.

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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



October 19: Next Master Facilities Community Meeting

Join leaders from Lakota Local Schools to learn more about the district's Master Facilities planning process. Attendees will also have an opportunity to share feedback on each of the plans. The Board plans to select a final grade configuration in November.

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Lakota West Craft Show this Weekend

The Lakota West Craft Show, going strong for over 44 years, is known as one of the premiere craft shows in the area.

The fair, featuring 198 indoor booths, is October 1 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (early bird admission at 9 a.m.) and October 2 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Start Now on Your Projects for Lakota's Science Fair & Engineering Fair

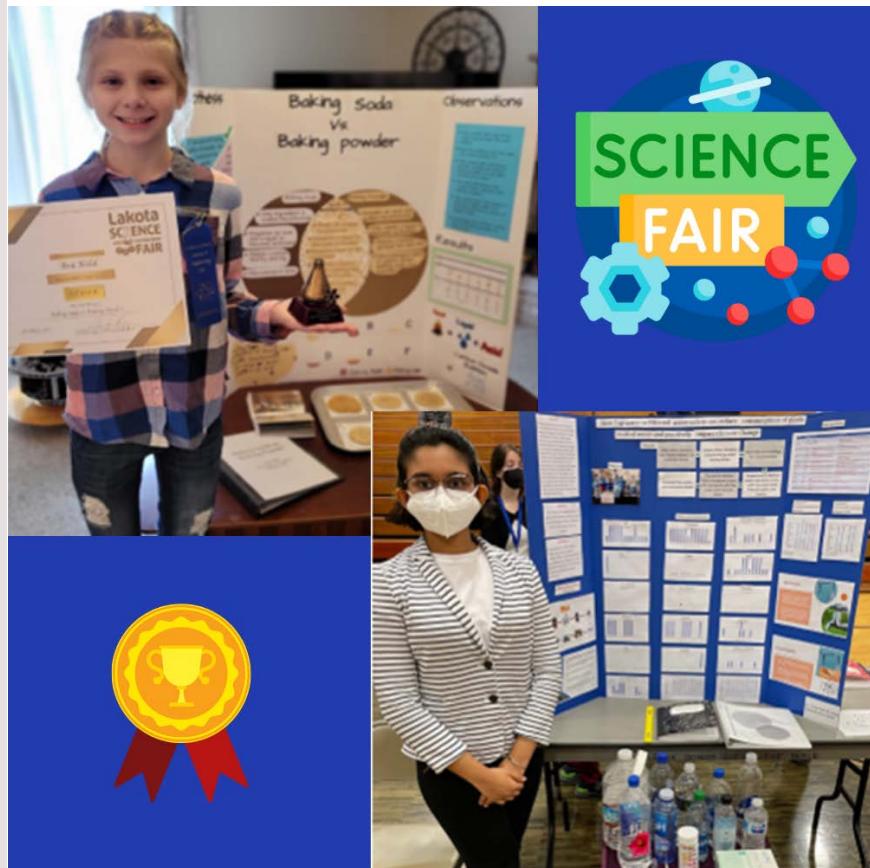
Lakota LEADS is again sponsoring the Lakota Science & Engineering Fair for STEM-loving Lakota students in grades 5-12. Start your individual or group project now to participate in the January 2023 event.

Not sure how to start? Click below for week-by-week directions, frequently asked questions as well as information about LEADS.

Plus, be sure to read the shout-out below about some of last year's winners.

[Read more](#)

SHOUT-OUTS



Student Scientists Win Big

Lakota had five great projects qualify for the State Science Day competition; two received superior ratings and three were excellent.

Congrats to Hopewell Junior School's **Krishna Naik** (bottom photo) who received a superior rating and the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Advanced of Alternative Energy Scholarship. And a special shout-out also goes out to Woodland Elementary's **Ava Kidd** (top photo) for getting a superior rating and winning the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority Scholarship *and* the Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award.

TOP PICK PIC



Ice Cream Social Welcomes New Lakota Families

From playground fun, bubbles and face painting to raffle baskets, mascots and of course ice cream, it was a fun way to spend a Saturday morning welcoming our newest additions to the Lakota family! Thank you to everyone who came out for our ice cream social on Sept. 10 at Union Elementary, including many of our community partners. [View our Ice Cream Social Facebook album.](#)

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