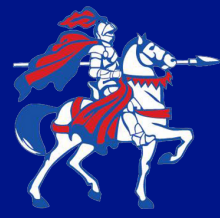




# LAKEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



*We are a community of learners inspiring each student to explore, grow, and achieve.*



Lakewood Schools Community,

It is very difficult to believe that we are already through three-quarters of the school year. Now our students are preparing for that final quarter. Many great achievements have happened since the Fall newsletter and I'm happy to share them with you. First, our renewal levy passed in November with a 52% majority "Yes" vote. The levy combines two existing emergency levies - from 2017 and 2019 respectively - into one 10-year levy. Thank you for your support!

The winter brought much success across our District. Our school STEM teams performed well in various competitions at The Works' STEMfest! in early March. Mrs. Dutiel and Mr. Vukovic received the Leaders for Learning Award from the Licking County Foundation...congratulations to both! Our Marching Band put on a fantastic highlights show in October and our fall play, Silver Belles, was another great performance. And congratulations to our athletic successes from the winter, especially the LCL Champion Girls Bowling Team and Swimmer Austin Masters (50 & 100 Freestyle), as well as the Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams who were not included in the last newsletter. I'd also like to congratulate our State Qualifiers - Caleb and Corey Rafferty (Cross Country), Austin Masters (Swim), and Josh Taylor (Wrestling Alternate).

In February, Lakewood Local Schools and our Board of Education embarked on a new and comprehensive Strategic Planning process for our District. For more information, please see the back page of this newsletter.

As we move into Spring, many exciting things are on the horizon. The LHS and LMS spring musicals, The Music Man and The Music Man Kids, are coming up. The LHS production will take place the weekend of April 14-16, while the LMS production will be on May 4. We're also looking forward to the spring sports season, with Lancer Baseball, Softball, and Track & Field programs striving for continued success. We are once again partnering with MPW Industrial Services to offer three paid externships to rising seniors, beginning in June. Lastly, the Class of 2023 will end their Lakewood Lancer career with Commencement on Sunday, May 21, from The Court in Lakewood High School. Please join me in wishing them well as they plan for their future beyond high school!



Thank you for your continued support of our Lakewood Lancer students and staff members. With their hard work and dedication, and your encouragement, it is and will always be Lancer Time!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Superintendent





# Lancer Leadership in Action



JIS Tech Club - Third-grade students learning about coding and circuits.

Newark Rotary Club Ethics Leadership Conference

(Above) Storm Negele and Sydney Kane: LHS representatives at Newark Rotary Club meetings.  
(L) Hebron Elementary's Therapy Dog, Reba!



(L) Mrs. Dutiel and (R) Mark Vukovic received the Leaders for Learning Award from the Licking County Foundation.



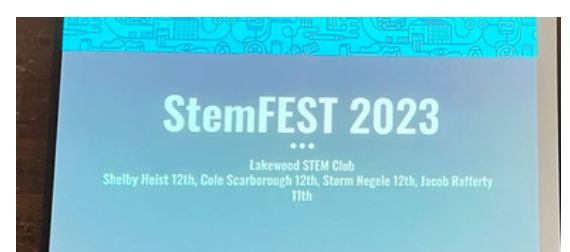
Math students from Jackson Intermediate School shared their ratio projects during a Lakewood School Board Meeting.

LHS Marching Band Hi-Lights Show. Every song played was from memory.

LCL student athletes. Connor Ford, Josie Lynch, Kenna Parkison, Caleb Rafferty, and Josh Taylor represented at the LCL LEADS Conference.



Congratulations to Lakewood's STEMfest 2023 winners! The competition, hosted by The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology, challenged students to reimagine how we live in the world and envision change for our future.





# Lancer Athletic Accomplishments



Girls Cross Country - LCL Champions!



Boys Cross Country - LCL Champions!



Girls Bowling - LCL Champions!



Corey and Caleb Rafferty:  
2022 Cross Country State  
Qualifiers



Austin Masters: LHS 2023  
Swim State Qualifier.



Congratulations to the following coaches awarded LCL Coach of the Year: (L-R) Dan Sekerak: Boys CC, Rob Englert: Girls Golf, Scott Price: Bowling and Chris Monroe: Girls CC

## Strategic Planning

Last month, Lakewood Local Schools and our Board of Education embarked on a new and comprehensive Strategic Planning process within our District. This process, and its outputs, will build on the current plan and initiatives, and assist the District in aligning its vision, mission, and key goals to future work. This will be an inclusive and highly effective process, resulting in a solid and workable plan that will serve as a roadmap for decision-making, continued school improvement, and student success over the next several years.

We have invited a cross-section of individuals from a variety of backgrounds, roles, and perspectives within the Lakewood school community to join our Core Team. Over the course of eight weeks, the Core Team will meet four times to revamp our Vision, Mission Statement, and Core Values. Outcomes and outputs will be communicated in the next volume of this newsletter.





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# Planning Ahead

### Learning Resources

- Sir Reads-a-Lot Video Series:  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6hFwP8O0RW8KIKxwOx17yPsaDoEIERBg>
- Scholastic Summer Reading  
<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer-reading.html>
- The Works Event Calendar:  
<https://attheworks.org/calendar-events/>
- Highlights Summer Activities:  
<https://www.highlightskids.com/>
- IXL (LMS student resource to practice math, social studies, science and ELA): <http://ixl.com/> (and their login)

### Key Dates for Remainder of '22-'23

- April 7 - Good Friday - No School
- April 29 - LHS Prom
- May 12 - LMS Reality Store Event
- May 18 - Senior Awards Night
- May 21 - Graduation
- May 25 - Students' Last Day of School
- June 5 - 30 - Lakewood Summer Program (by invitation only)

### Key Dates for 2023-24 School Year

- August 24 - First Day of School
- August 29 - First Day of Kindergarten

Full calendar available on our website:  
[www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/calendars.aspx](http://www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/calendars.aspx)



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