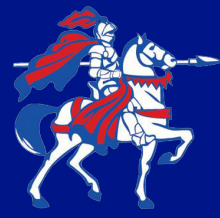




LAKEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Reimagining education, instilling community pride, inspiring future success.



Lakewood Schools Community,

It has only been two and a half months since we welcomed everyone back for the 2023-2024 school year, and I want to reflect on all that we have accomplished in that brief time.

First, the summer was busy, the pinnacle of which was decommissioning Hebron Elementary School and preparing the new Lakewood Elementary School. It is bittersweet not to be having classes at Hebron Elementary for the first time in more than 100 years. But with temperatures reaching the high 80s in the first days of school, we know this decision was the best one for the health and safety of all our students and staff and is contributing to a more positive learning environment. We also launched a newly redesigned website over the summer. Please take a look if you have not already – <https://www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/>.

At Convocation for staff on August 21 and in my opening message for the year, I shared the outcomes of our strategic planning process and that we must commit to living our new vision of ***“Reimagining education, instilling community pride, inspiring future success.”*** I am proud to say that all district staff have strived to live this vision so far, as well as our new mission of making Lakewood “a family-friendly, inclusive community dedicated to empowering every learner through innovation, collaborative problem-solving, and consistent communication.” See more on our Strategic Plan inside.

The first several weeks of this school year have included some great moments: Homecoming festivities, including alumni playing alongside our Lancer marching band; Jackson Intermediate being nominated as a Distinguished Recognition School for its student achievement; receiving word from the Ohio Department of Education that Lakewood High School, Jackson Intermediate, and Lakewood Elementary have received a Bronze Award in recognition for their implementation and hard work in the area of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports); honoring our 2023 Wall of Fame Inductees; and our Girls Golf Team being District Qualifiers with senior Avery Thompson finishing as Runner Up in the State Division II Golf Tournament!

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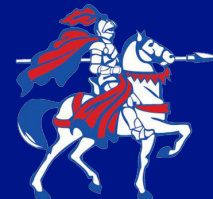
Thank you for your continued support. It's Lancer Time!

Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Superintendent





Lancer PRIDE Spotlight



LHS and LMS Marching Band



LHS students attend 2023 College Application Blitz



Lakewood High School, Jackson Intermediate, and Lakewood Elementary have received a Bronze Award from The Ohio Department of Education in recognition for their implementation and hard work in the area of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports).

Lancer Pride is systemic throughout the district and started with each individual building organizing a PBIS team and developing school interventions and supports. Receiving "Brag Tags", Kona Ice, "Pride Cards", Pax Notes, Student of the Month and PBIS Pep Rallies are just a few ways students are recognized for displaying Lancer Pride and Positive Behaviors in their schools and in their daily student activities (academic and nonacademic).



Jackson Intermediate School was awarded \$5,000 through the Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN) Classroom Grant Program, funded by Battelle. Congratulations to JIS fifth-grade teacher Krista Clark, who will use the grant to purchase LEGO Education Spike Robotics kits that will be integrated into the curriculum.





The NEW Lakewood Elementary School



Thank you to our Community and Business Supporters!

Beth Moore

(State Farm Agent - Hebron)

Brandon & Julie Salyer

(Lakewood Board Member)

Brittany Misner

(Lakewood Board Member)

David & Erica Lohr

(Lakewood Board Member)

Jeremy Gosnell

(Gosnell Services)

Jeremy & Krista Weekly

(Lakewood Board Member)

Johnathon & Andrea Lynch

(Lakewood Board Member)

Harkness Family

(Community Supporter)

Lakewood PTO

(Parent/Community Supporter)

Licking County Operation Round Up

(Community Grant)

Licking Memorial Health Systems

(Business Supporter)

Matt Parsley & Justin Henry

(Automation Wiring Professionals)

Misty Dutiel

(Hebron Teacher)

Poling Family

(Lakewood Staff & Community Supporter)

Ryan Haire

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Superior Building Services

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Tim Phillips

(Community Supporter)

It was no small feat to move furniture, desks, tables, supplies, etc., just a few short miles to the new Lakewood Elementary, nor to expand Jackson B to house our K-2 students, but we did it!

Strategic Plan Updates

In early 2023, the Lakewood Local Schools Board of Education convened a diverse group of stakeholders including community members, parents, district staff members, and district administrators to consider and chart the future direction of the District. The resulting strategic plan includes a vision statement; a mission statement; core values; and five new, over-arching goals with clarifying goal statements.

Vision

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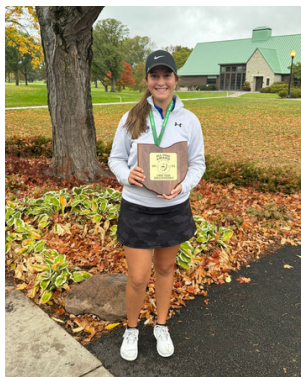
Mission

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Lancer Athletic Highlights



Avery Thompson: Girls Golf DII State Runner-Up

Girls Golf Team: District Qualifiers

Avery's "Ride" to state!



Fall Senior Athletes 2024 Tradition



Left: Congratulations, Mathew Bowen! Lakewood High School's new Athletic Director. Bottom: LMS Middle School Football.



Our new softball field...thank you to all who helped make this happen!



Random act of kindness: The Boys XC teams and LHS cheer team spent practice time cleaning up our stadium. Thank you, Lancers!



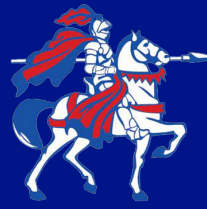
Wall of Fame Inductees 2023

Congratulations to the 2023 Wall of Fame inductees! The following were honored during a reception and ceremony on Friday, September 22, prior to the football game: Jeff Hartman (service), Delma Shade (Lifetime Recognition), Robin Moore (Athletics).





District Finances



To keep our community informed about the District's financial state, we have included our breakdown of General Fund revenues and expenses (our operational costs) for FY2023.

District General Fund Revenues

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 15,012,993
Public Utility Property Taxes	\$ 2,214,675
Property Tax Allocation (OH)	\$ 1,742,109
Unrestricted Grants in Aid	\$4,636,351
Restricted Grants in Aid	\$ 495,501
All Other Revenues	\$ 1,435,086
Other Financing Sources	\$26,676
TOTAL REVENUES FY23	\$ 25,563,391

District General Fund Expenditures

Salaries & Wages	\$13,981,171
Fringe Benefits	\$5,643,735
Purchased Services	\$2,593,050
Materials & Supplies	\$819,172
Capital Outlay	\$807,430
Repayment of Debt	\$377,893
Other Objects	\$1,066,227
Transfers Out	\$271,756
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY23	\$25,560,434

If you have questions, please reach out to the District's Treasurer, Glenna Plaisted, at (740) 928-1928 or gplaisted@lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us.



**Lakewood Locals Schools Earns 4-Star Rating
on State Report Card**



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Planning Ahead

Fall Learning Resources

- Sir Reads-a-Lot Video Series:
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6hFwP8O0RW8KIKxwOxI7yPsaDoEIERBg>
- Camp Invention Activities for Families:
<https://www.invent.org/programs>
- The Works Event Calendar:
<https://attheworks.org/calendar-events/>
- Highlights for Kids:
<https://www.highlightskids.com/>
- Preparing for College:
<https://www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/schools-page/lakewood-high-school/counseling-office/preparing-for-college>
- IXL (LMS student resource to practice math, social studies, science and ELA): <http://ixl.com/> (and login)

Key Dates for 2023-24 School Year

- November 22-27: Thanksgiving Break
- December 21-January 2: Christmas Break
- January 12 & 15: No School
- February 19: No School
- March 5: Staff In-Service - No School
- March 25-April 1: Spring Break
- April 27: Prom
- May 26: Graduation
- May 30: Students' Last Day
- Late Start Dates:
 - January 24
 - April 17

Full calendar available on our website:
www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/calendars.aspx



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