

December 2024

Issue 4



From the Desk of the Superintendent

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the accomplishments we've achieved together so far. Our theme of **INVEST** continues to inspire and guide our actions, and December brings a unique opportunity to reflect on the meaningful investments we've made in our students, staff, and community. This month, we'll be focused on celebrating our successes, closing out the semester on a strong note, and preparing for the exciting opportunities ahead in the new year.

Investing in Our Students

December is an important academic month as students wrap up projects, assignments, and assessments before winter break. The dedication they've shown this semester has been impressive, and it's clear that their hard work is paying off. Our teachers are doing a fantastic job supporting students, ensuring that they feel prepared and confident as they complete their coursework. I want to remind students to reach out if they need additional help or resources—our staff is here to make sure every student has what they need to succeed.

This month, I am encouraging our students to take pride in their accomplishments and reflect on the progress they've made since the beginning of the year. As they set new goals for the coming semester, it's a great time to recognize their resilience, growth, and the positive impact they're having in their classrooms and beyond.

Investing in Each Other

The spirit of giving and kindness is very much alive in our district. Our staff has worked diligently to create a positive learning environment, and it's been heartening to see teachers and support staff collaborate to ensure that all students feel valued and supported.

As we approach winter break, it's also a priority for us to recognize the hard work of our staff. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their commitment to our students and for fostering an environment where both academic and personal growth are possible. We hope everyone takes time during the break to rest, recharge, and reconnect with loved ones.

Investing in Our Community

We continue to find ways to give back to our community. Recently, The Elementary School at Platte Center prepared and planned its annual Veteran's Day Program, Shell Creek Students took time to distribute cards to our local Veterans, and Lakeview conducted a successful blood drive. All three of these events/programs are a great example of investing in our community and the wonderful people who make up Lakeview.

December is a time when we see the full impact of our district's connection to the community. From holiday donation drives to volunteer projects, our students and families have been incredibly generous in their efforts to support those in need. The response to our drives has been outstanding, and I am deeply appreciative of everyone who contributed.

Investing in Ourselves

As the holiday season approaches, it's an ideal time to focus on self-care and well-being. December can be busy, and I encourage everyone to prioritize rest, relaxation, and time spent with family and friends. Taking care of ourselves—whether through setting aside time for hobbies, practicing mindfulness, or simply enjoying some quiet time—ensures that we return from winter break ready to continue investing in our shared goals.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a happy new year!

Sincerely,

Jason Cline Superintendent Lakeview Community Schools

The Viking Way Students of the Month

We strive to build a strong **academic** foundation with educational opportunities that develop **character** and the **mindset** needed for all students to be successful members of their community.



Kase Wemhoff

Congratulations to Kase Wemhoff for being selected as a Viking Way Student of the Month for November! Kase is a classroom leader and is always happy to participate, he has a good attitude, and he is responsible and dependable. He is kind, respectful, and a good classmate. Awesome job Kase!



Elizabeth Miller

Congratulations to Elizabeth Miller for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for November! Elizabeth is an excellent student who does very well in her academics, she is a good leader who is willing to help others. She is an excellent helper and is always willing to take the initiative. Great job Elizabeth!



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2025

ALL 9-12 LAKEVIEW STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SNOWBALL WINTER FORMAL. THE DANCE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2025 FROM 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM IN THE LHS WEST GYM.

ADMISSION WILL BE \$5 PER PERSON PAID AT THE DOOR THAT EVENING.

ALL LAKEVIEW PATRONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CROWNING OF OUR SNOW BALL ROYALTY AT 7:30 PM THAT EVENING IN THE WEST GYM.

AS THE SENIOR CLASS IS HOSTING THE EVENT, ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025 ARE REMINDED THAT WE WILL CLEAN UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DANCE THAT EVENING-CLEANUP WILL BE DONE BY 10:30 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE SNOWBALL WINTER FORMAL!

FBLA News

December 2024

Lead to Learn Conference

Forty-two members attended the Lead to Learn Conference in Oklahoma City on November 14-16th. Members started off the trip with supper at Brickapolis. Members enjoyed mini golf, laser tag, and an arcade while there. The next day members toured Factor 110, a production company that put on the conference. We then toured and observed the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. It was an amazing experience learning about history and honoring the victims. The day concluded with attending a NBA Thunder vs Suns game. The next day members attended the Learn to Lead Conference. The morning started off with team building activities with 250 other FBLA members from the Midwest. Students got the opportunity to do a Q&A and hear some songs from The Voice contestant & country music star, Bailey Rae! Members then attended break out sessions to enhance their communication and leadership skills. After the morning sessions. members had lunch while learning about proper etiquette. The afternoon concluded with keynote speaker, Diana Rogers Jaeger talking about confidence and letting go of the rope to find new opportunities. The conference was an amazing opportunity to network, learn, and grow in all aspects of life.





Fall Tour

On October 31st, forty-three members attended the fall tour. Members started off the day touring Carson in Omaha. This stunning building was built in 2021 and host over 400 employees. Members then did a O&A with Lakeview alums Aaron Schaben & Maddy Schwarz and HR director Kelsey Ruwe. It was a fantastic morning learning about their business and the advice they had to offer. After the tour, members went to Top Golf and listened to Sales Manager, Cory Livingston discuss the ins and outs of sports management. Members then enjoyed some golf on a beautiful afternoon.

Food Feud

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Food Feud on October 11th. Lakeview patrons donated over 1800 cans/monetary donations. Food and donations were distributed to the Platte County Food Pantry, Center for Survivors, Columbus Rescue Mission, Lakeview Food Pantry, and Little Free Pantry.

Secret Santa

Students will be paired up with teachers for our annual Secret Santa event the week of December 9th. This fun activity helps build relationships and spreads Christmas cheer.

→ SENIOR PICTURES DUE NOW!

It's time to submit **senior pictures** for this year's yearbook! Please submit headshots to Mrs. Schatz at <u>kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org</u>.

Specifications for submission are below. If we do not receive a picture for your senior student by **January 31**, we will use the headshot taken for school pictures. These pictures will be used for the yearbook, for the senior slide show, and for the Columbus Telegram.

Senior Photo Submission Requirements:

- Email the image to be used (kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org)
- JPG Format
- Minimum 200 DPI
- Cropped vertically
- No special effects (soft focus, b/w, sepia, etc...)
- Submission due by January 31

NoteHeadshots are required for the Telegram. If you wish to use a different photo for the yearbook, you may, but the above requirements still apply. If you are sending 2 different pictures, please specify where each picture is to be used.





Attention Parents of Seniors!! Graduating from high school is such a wonderful milestone in your child's life. We would like to offer the opportunity for you to mark this occasion by ordering a senior advertisement in the yearbook. These "ads" will contain your child's senior picture already submitted and a baby picture if that was also submitted. You can then personalize the ad by writing a note to your child. Past notes have been ones of encouragement and love. The limit is 150 words. You can submit these ads to kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org. The cost is \$50 per ad. Please make payment to Lakeview High School with senior ad marked in the memo. All ads and payment must be submitted by January 31. We have limited spots available, so get your senior ad today! *Ads will only be reserved when payment is received.

SHELL CREEK STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN KIDS HEART CHALLENGE!!!!!

On November 6-12, 2024 Shell Creek Elementary students, grades 1st -6th participated in the annual Kids Heart Challenge, also known as Jump Rope for Heart. This program is sponsored by the American Heart Association in schools throughout the nation. Each year the American Heart Association asks each school nationwide to participate in this program to help fight heart disease and stroke. American Heart Association

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CHALLENGE

The students at Shell Creek Elementary have shown a great interest in this program and worked hard to raise funds to help in the fight against heart disease and stroke. This year Shell Creek Elementary had **293** students participate, with **61** of those students turning in money donations for the American Heart Association. This year Shell Creek Elementary raised **\$2735.34** to help fund research and programs in and around our community fighting heart disease and stroke.

I would also like to recognize this year's top money raiser at Shell Creek Elementary. Normally it is a pretty close race when it comes to determining the top money raiser and this year was close again. **Ryleigh Spitz, a 4th grader in Mrs. DeBower's** class turned in the most money with **\$498.19**. Ryleigh will receive a recognition certificate from the American Heart Association for her hard work and efforts to promote healthy lifestyles. **Congratulations to Ryleigh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

As this year's Kids Heart Challenge coordinator, I would like to thank all of the students for their hard work and efforts. It's a total school effort and these students showed a lot of excitement and enthusiasm about participating in this year's Kids Heart Challenge. I would also like to thank all the teachers and parents for all your help in getting the money back to me so quickly. By doing this I was able to get the money sent off to the American Heart Association as soon as possible so the student's additional prizes (Jump Rope, T-Shirts, Playground Balls) can be received to reward their efforts. I look forward to next year's Kids Heart Challenge and teaching the students to be physically fit and healthy for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Chris Thoms Health and Physical Education Teacher Shell Creek Elementary

Veterans Day at Platte Center Elementary

The Veterans Day Program at Platte Center Elementary School was a heartfelt tribute to those who have served in the armed forces. On Monday, November 11, the school community was honored to welcome 19 veterans, with six of these distinguished guests receiving the prestigious Quilt of Valor-a symbol of gratitude and recognition for their service. The event featured an inspiring speech by Tylor Szatko, an alum of Platte Center Elementary and a graduate of Lakeview Jr/Sr High, whose familial ties to the school remain strong through his grandmother, Mary Szatko, the school's cherished cook. The program included stirring performances by students, with the 4th-6th graders performing "Remember Flanders Fields" and selected 6th graders, Vicente Rojo Aguilar, Bree Paesl, Kylie Palensky, and Serenity Ellis, delivering special readings. Meanwhile, the younger students from K-3rd grades sang a heartfelt rendition of "God Bless America." The solemn mood was further enriched by the poignant notes of "Taps," played by Lakeview district choir teacher, Mrs. Christy Cash, making the event a memorable occasion of respect and remembrance.









OCTOBER BIRTHDAY ASSEBMLY

Platte Center Elementary celebrated 17 students with October birthdays on November 1st.





OCTOBER VIKINGWAY AWARD WINNERS

Platte Center had siblings win the viking way award this month; Kindergartner, Luis Alvarez gomez and fourth grader fatima alvarez gomez. Luis's teacher that nominated him had this to say about him; Luis is Sweet, kind and always respectful to his teachers and classmates, and he is Always focused and on task. he ALWAYS has a smile on his face. Fatima's teacher had this to say about her; fatima is always aware of everyone's feelings around her. She is compassionate to those who may be having a bad day and is concerned about them. Fatiima always does her homework and tries her best on all of her work. She always is working hard to follow the Viking way.

INTEGRITY AWARD

fourth grader, Harper Liebig won the October Integrity Award. She is always doing the right thing when nobody is watching. Harper always has her homework done and is helpful to students in the classroom who may need some extra help or attention. She is always willing to help a teacher as well.





VIKING WAY EXPECTATIONS Award Winner

Mr. Nygren chose two students, Aubriella Suhr Tapia and Heulaio Claros, to play a fun game to show who knew the most about the Viking Way Expectaions. Heulalio was the winner.



PIPE PUPPY / TRAVELING PINEAPPLE WINNERS

Tonia Wemhoff, Platte Center Elementary's newest Paraprofessional Judged our dance off. Second grade showed off their best dance moves to become the October pipe puppy and traveling pineapple winners. They will get to name both before passing them onto the next winning class.

St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter

"Rooted in Love"

November has been a month full of Blessings! We celebrated our Fall Festival with fun costumes and games to play at school. Our school attended the STEM Science program at Ag Park in Columbus. We hosted a Veteran's Day Brunch. We also had a Food Drive for our local Rescue Mission in Columbus. Our Middle and Big Room took a trip to Lincoln for the UNL Life Skills Program. Let's see what adventures December brings as we prepare our hearts and our homes for the coming of our Christ Child.

"I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...being rooted and grounded in love." Ephesians3:17-18





CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



"THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US ALSO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND SIN WHICH CLINGS SO CLOSELY, AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, LOOKING TO JESUS" - HEBREWS 12:1-2

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Christ Lutheran Happenings

This month our middle and lower grades enjoyed a wonderful field trip to the 4-H STEM Field Day and Insane Science Day. We learned much about unique animals, how to engineer and design our ideas to solve problems, how to code and program, and how to work together to accomplish a goal!

Our upper grades also led us in a wonderful mock election process, where we were registered to vote, held primaries within our two parties, listened to a debate between the two main candidates, and then finally cast our votes! We were deciding on the best book character to represent our school. The winner was: The Cat in the Hat!

We are now busy preparing for our Children's Christmas Service, which will be held on Sunday, December 22nd at 5PM. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Dates

- December 11th Early Out 11:30
- December 20th Early Out 11:30
- December 22nd Children's Christmas Program 5PM
- Dec. 23-Jan. 6 Christmas Break
- January 7th School Resumes

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION!



























ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BUYING GIFTS FOR UNDERPRIVALEGED CHILDREN

DEC 8 12-5 PM A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER **ADULTS - \$5** EREE BABYSITTING WHILE **SHOPPING** • **CRAFT SHOW**• GAMES • •SANTA•BAKE SALE•

@LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL COLUMBUS, NE 68601

2024-2025 LAKEVIEW CLUB WRESTLING

The 2024 Lakeview Club Wrestling season pre-K-8th grade is right around the corner. A parent meeting will be held in the Lakeview High School cafeteria and the first club practice will be on Thursday, **January 2nd**, **2025**, **at 6:30 pm**. Topics will include: wrestling attire, tournament schedule, fundraisers, practice dates and times, Lakeview Club Tournament, coaching and wrestler expectations, as well as any questions you may have. **Don't miss this thrilling opportunity to expose your child to one of the oldest sports known to man!**

Check it out and see if the Lakeview Wrestling Club is right for you! All skill levels are invited. We have **designated December 2nd, 9th, 16th as dates that will have pre-season practices that will focus on fundamentals of the sport.** Practice will run from 6:30-7:30 PM. Bring your child up whether he's experienced or new to the sport of wrestling.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Coach Bargen. If you are interested in taking a bigger role such as club coach, please contact Coach Bargen.

High School Coach:

Jeff Bargen- 402-440-2039



HS & JH Wrestling Coaches: Logan Rodehorst - HS Ed Kinzer - HS Aaron Wilson - HS & JH Tanner Balfour - HS Brandon Glendy - JH

Registration fee per child is \$50. This will include:

- USA Wrestling membership which will carry insurance
- · Entry fee to all club wrestling tournaments
- Lakeview Wrestling T-shirt
- Rental of Lakeview club singlet for the season

Dates to Remember:

- Friday, December 6th Come cheer on the high school boys and girls wrestling teams at the Lakeview Invite.
- Mondays in December 2nd, 9th, 16th Pre-season practices 6:30-7:30 PM
- Thursday, January 2nd at 6:30 PM in Lakeview cafeteria. This is the organizational parent meeting. Bring your child along for the first practice during the meeting.
- Mondays and Thursdays evenings will be designated practice nights after the first meeting. We will have a beginner (Pre-K -2nd) practice from 6:15 7:00 PM and an advanced (3rd-8th) from 7:00 8:00 PM.
- Sunday January 26th will be our club invite. We host a large tournament, and this is a big fundraiser for our club. We will need everyone's help to make this a success again.
- Monday, Jan 27th Feb 10th This is our trash bag fundraiser. Please collect the \$ on the front end of the sale. People love these bags, and we have a lot of return customers each year.

NEBRASKA SMART IS A FREE VIRTUAL TUTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12.



Teacher education candidates from Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State Colleges remotely tutor students in rural Nebraska. This program is currently offering services to:

- All NRCSA member school districts
- Educational Service Unit 1
- Educational Service Unit 4
- Educational Service Unit 13
- Other select smaller rural school districts

Visit our website for the full list of school districts served.

HOW IT WORKS

Nebraska students in grades K-12 have free access to online tutoring with a qualified Tutor in English, math, science, and social studies. Parents must first register their child. Once registered, students can request pre-scheduled appointments with a Tutor or log in and request on-demand tutoring to be connected with the next Tutor available in the queue. Students should provide homework for which they wish to receive help or topics that they would like to cover.



TUTORING HOURS®



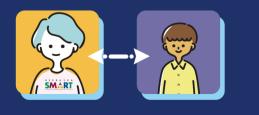
OUR PARTNERS

The Nebraska Department of Education has awarded a grant to the Nebraska State Colleges to develop a program that provides free online tutoring to K-12 students in rural Nebraska.

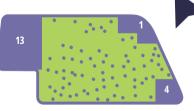


OUR TUTORS

Tutors are full-time students at Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State Colleges who have been admitted to the teacher education program, have completed background checks, and received training through their teacher education program coursework.



PLEASE VISIT nscs.edu/NebraskaSMART



FOR THE FULL LIST OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED.

NEBRASKA SMART ES UN PROGRAMA DE TUTORÍA VIRTUAL PARA ESTUDIANTES EN LOS GRADOS K-12.



Los candidatos a maestros de las Universidades de Chadron State, Peru State y Wayne State College imparten tutorías en forma virtual a estudiantes en las zonas rurales de Nebraska. Este programa ofrece actualmente servicios a:

- Todos los distritos escolares miembros de la NRCSA
- Unidad de Servicio Educativo 1
- Unidad de Servicio Educativo 4
- Unidad de Servicio Educativo 13
- Otros distritos escolares rurales más pequeños

Visite nuestro sitio web para la lista completa de los distritos escolares que son atendidos.

COMO FUNCIONA

Los estudiantes de Nebraska en los grados K-12 tienen acceso gratuito a tutorías en línea con un tutor calificado en inglés, matemáticas, ciencias y estudios sociales. Los padres deben registrar primero a su hijo. Una vez registrados, los estudiantes pueden solicitar citas previamente programadas con un Tutor o iniciar sesión y solicitar tutorías bajo demanda para conectarse con el próximo Tutor disponible en la lista. Los estudiantes deben proporcionar las tareas para las que quieren recibir ayuda o los temas que les gustaría cubrir.



NUESTROS SOCIOS

El Departamento de Educación de Nebraska ha otorgado una subvención a las Universidades Estatales de Nebraska para desarrollar un programa que ofrezca tutorías gratuitas en línea a estudiantes en K-12 en las zonas rurales de Nebraska.





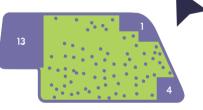


NUESTROS TUTORES

Tutores son estudiantes a tiempo completo en los colegios Chadron, Peru y Wayne State que han sido admitidos al programa de educación para maestros; han completado una revisión de antecedentes; y han recibido entrenamiento a través de su currículo de estudio en educación.



POR FAVOR VISITE nscs.edu/NebraskaSMART



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Community Resources

Columbus Area Mental Health and **Counseling Services**

Community Response: to assist children, youth and families to be healthy and resilient through a prevention network of community resources.

Community Response contact information: Email: rmiksch@columbusunitedway.com Office: 402-564-5661 Locations:

1119 B Street 3214 25th St, Ste 2 Schuyler, NE Columbus, NE

Columbus Area Service Directory

Lakeview Resources

- Need to talk to someone? Does your family have any basic needs that are not being met?

Mrs. Mollie Rambour, Junior High & Platte Center School Counselor

Mrs. Hellbusch, Shell Creek School Counselor

----> Mrs. Paige Rambour, High School Counselor

<u>99 Coping Skills</u>

Mindfulness Practice Cards

101 Positive Things to Say to Myself

Your Life Your Voice Website

Hotlines/Helplines

Your Life Your Voice-Boystown National Hotline:

1-800-448-3000



Text "Voice" to 20121

Crisis Response- use in case of an emergency or mental health crisis:



(402) 564-3264

National Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 988

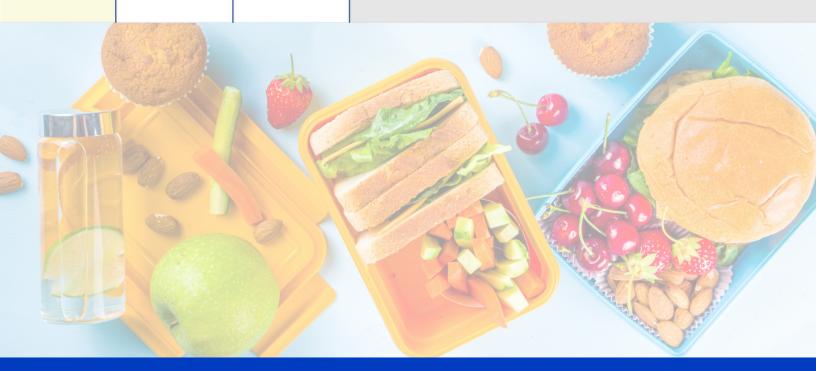
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DHHS Child Abuse and Neglect: 800-652-1999

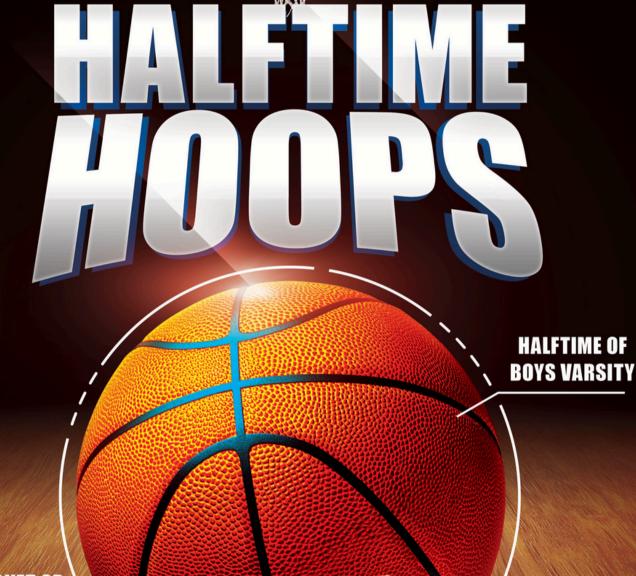
211 Helpline: • 2-1-1 or 402-444-6666 Text your zip code (68601) to 898211

December 2024 Sunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Broccoli	Pulled pork nacho Cheese sauce	4 Cheeseburger casserole Corn Bread stick			7 Fruit &veggie bar milk water offered daily
-	Biscuit Mixed veggies	10 Breaded beef Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Roll	11 Chicken Quesadilla Tri-potatoes Carrots	Beef taco Refried beans		14 Grab Ngo meals offered daily 7-12
		Crackers	18 Pizza Tri –potatoes Green beans	Sliced Ham Scalloped potatoes		21 P.B.J.offer daily K-12
			25 No school			28 Menus are subject to change
	30 No School	31 No School	This institution is an equal opportunity provider			



TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE & LAKEVIEW BOOSTER CLUB PRESENTS



\$1/TICKET OR \$20 FOR THE AMOUNT OF YOUR HEIGHT

tropical CAFE

3 PAID CONTESTANTS WILL BE SELECTED

1 MINUTE PER CONTESTANT MAKE (1) LAYUP & (1) FREE-THROW Receive 1 FREE Smoothie Coupon

MAKE (1) LAYUP, (1) FREE-THROW, & (1) 3-POINTER Receive 1 FREE Combo Meal Coupon

MAKE (1) LAYUP, (1) FREE-THROW, (1) 3-POINTER, & (1) HALF COURT SHOT Receive FREE Smoothies for a Year (1 Smoothie per week for 1 year)

Proceeds will be donated to Lakeview Community School and the Lakeview Booster Club.

Lakeview Community Schools















