SPRING 2023-2024 NEWSLETTER

LAKEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reimagining education, instilling community pride, inspiring future success.





Lakewood Schools Community,

As we close another school year, I wanted to acknowledge and celebrate some of our students' achievements from these last few weeks of the year.

Let me start by saying congratulations to the 136 graduates of the Class of 2024! Commencement was a fantastic event and these seniors accomplished great things (see more inside). During Commencement, I talked about being a person of good in someone else's life, and have to say this Lakewood Class of 2024 has a good start on this lesson. Their service as a class or through National Honor Society, Student Council, or other clubs is admirable.

For the rest of our District's students, the last nine weeks of school was a time to finish strong and look forward to new opportunities. We had new inductees to National Honor Society at LHS and National Junior Honor Society at LMS. High school student Reece Wellman was selected to attend the 2023-24 Ohio Supercomputer Summer Institute, a program where gifted high school students learn through project-based, hands-on experiences. Reece is the first LHS student to be chosen for this program! Jackson Intermediate was awarded the Ohio Department of Education's Momentum Award – given to schools who are experiencing exceptional growth and achievement!

In addition to their everyday classroom success, our students have achieved great extracurricular success outside of school. Our Lancer Marching Band performed at Disney World's Magic Kingdom at the end of March – what an unforgettable experience! The LHS spring musical, *Anastasia*, was a huge hit, and bravo to our LMS drama and choir classes on their performance of *Disney Newsies Jr.*! On May 5, the LHS Spring Choir & Band put on an amazing concert. Also, the LMS 7th & 8th Grade Choir & Band and the 5th & 6th Grade Choir & Band gave us great performances mid-month.

Congratulations are due to our athletic successes from the Spring...runner Isaiah Mitchell placed 10th in the 100M Dash at the OHSAA Division II Region 6 Meet! He got to Regionals in both the 100M and 200M Dash and he set another new school record for the 200M with a time of 22.33 at Districts! At the LCL Championships, the Boys team finished 4th and the Girls finished 5th. Some highlights were: Isaiah Mitchell – 100M and 200M CHAMPION; Nolan Moore – 110M Hurdles and 300M Hurdles Runner Up; Cadence McNichols, Isaiah Mitchell, Nolan Moore, Matthew Keller - 4x100M Relay Runner Up; Jaylie Maas - High Jump CHAMPION; and Maggie Taylor – 3200M Runner Up.



Last but not least, we have been delivering on our Strategic Planning process, and you will see those updates inside. Thank you for your staunch support of our Lakewood Lancer students, staff members, and programs throughout the 2023-2024 school year. Have a great Summer and we will see you back in the Fall! It's Lancer Time!

Sincerely,
Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Superintendent









Congratulations
LHS Class of 2024!





























Lancer PRIDE & Academics Highlights



LHS student Reece Wellman: Selected for the 2023-2024 Ohio Supercomputer Center Summer Institute.



LMS Science Fair Winners



LES students presented their class published book during BOE Meeting.



LMS Life Skills creating Blessing Bags for Foster Care.





LHS & LMS National Honor Society

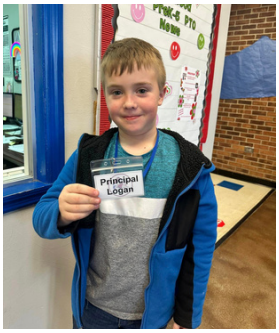








LMS Reality Store 2024.



JIS Principal Logan for the day.



Lakewood athletes honoring veterans.







HARLEM WIZARDS
TRICKS HOOPS & ALLEY OOPS

April 22, 2024











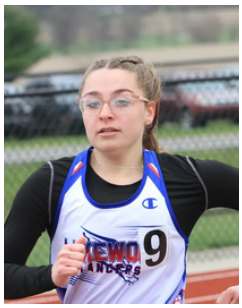




Lancer Athletics & Arts Highlights











(L-R) Isaiah Mitchell - Track Regional Qualifier & set four new school records; Jaylee Maas - LCL High Jump Champion; Maggie Taylor - 3200m LCL Runner Up; Noland Moore - 110m & 300m Hurdles LCL Runner Up; 4x100m Relay LCL Runner Up.

LAKEWOOD Lancers



LMS 8th Grader Braylon Brooks: placed 4th in the 400m Dash at the OHSAA Track & Field Championships.















End of the year band and choir performances from JIS & LMS.





LHS production of *Anastasia* & LMS Production of *Newsies*

Strategic Plan Action Team Updates

STUDENT EXPERIENCE 1

- Developing "signature events or experiences" at each grade level.
- Partnering with the school community to increase community service opportunities for students.

STAFF EXPERIENCE 2

- Gathered anecdotal data on district and building practices that have an impact on staff.
- Conducted a staff survey and analyzed data that gave insight into areas of success and for growth.
- Meeting prior to school starting to set goals for the coming year that focus on these areas of growth.

FACILITY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 3

- Completed upgrades on all four schools from $400,000 safety grant (see next page).
- Began planning and procurement for HVAC repairs and controls replacement for LHS; expected completion by summer 2025.
- Updated the District's 5 Year Capital Plan.

CULTURE OF INCLUSION & BELONGING 4

- Updated language regarding discrimination and harassment to be included in the student handbooks.
- Celebrated various heritage months this year and look forward to even more next year.
- Planning for both staff PD and student education, as well as a student club at LHS.

COMMUNITY PRIDE & ENGAGEMENT 5

- Conducted a community survey to gauge sentiments among stakeholders and help shape the strategies and activities of this action team.
- Helped plan a Senior Sunset event to celebrate the Class of 2024.
- Planning a Back to School Bash in August...more info to come!

District Finances

To keep our community informed about the District's finances, we wanted to share information about the projected revenue for this fiscal year, the Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant, and a recent award the Treasurer's Office received.

Current Fiscal Year Projected Revenue Analysis

Projected Local Taxes - $19,668,073

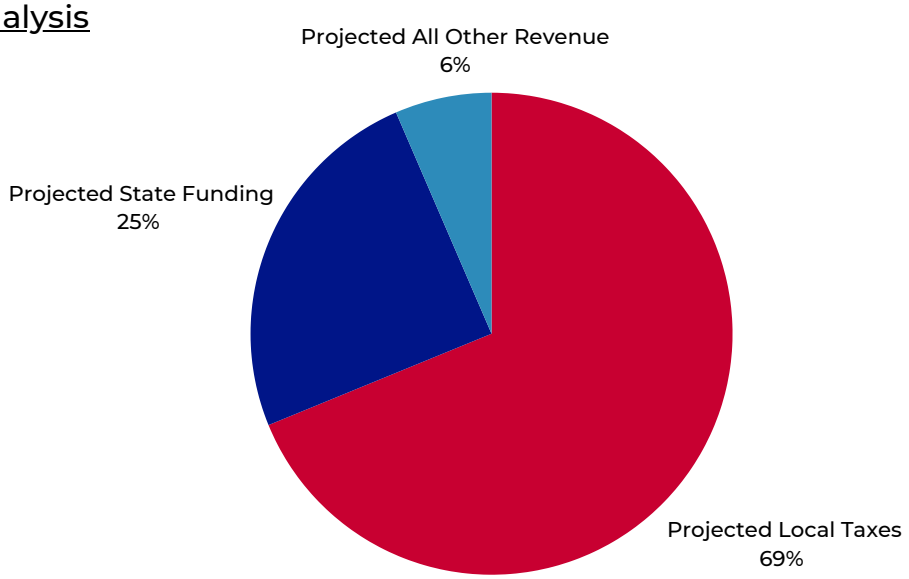
- Real Estate - $17,368,721
- Public Utilities - $2,299, 352

Projected State Funding - $7,059,861

- Fair School Funding Plan - $4,635,739
- Restricted State Funding - $551,542
- State Share of Local Taxes - $1,872,580

Projected All Other Revenue - $1,854,126

- Other Operating Revenue - $1,839,126
- Other Sources - $15,000



Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Program from the State of Ohio

The District applied for and received the Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant. This grant totaled $400,000, of which $100,000 was to be allocated to each instructional school building. These grant funds were restricted as to the type of authorized expenditures that could be made. The District is currently wrapping up the projects that were part of this grant. The safety projects completed at each building using this grant include:

LHS

- Keyless door access controls
- Security cameras and video surveillance
- Exterior building lighting

LMS

- Keyless door access controls
- Security cameras and video surveillance
- Exterior lighting

JIS

- Keyless door access controls
- Secured building entry vestibule
- Security cameras and video surveillance

LES

- Keyless door access controls
- Window film covering
- Security cameras and video surveillance
- Exterior lighting

On May 15th, the Lakewood Local School District Treasurer's Office was presented with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. This award is presented to local governments, school districts, and other entities upon the completion of a financial audit that meet the criteria to be considered a "clean" audit report. This award represents the hard work of all of Lakewood Local School District's staff and employees who make every effort each day to attain accounting excellence. Specifically, the State Auditor's Office recognizes District Treasurer Glenna Plaisted for her leadership, professionalism, and exceptional commitment to fiscal integrity.

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

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Planning Ahead

Summer Learning Resources

- Sir Reads-a-Lot Video Series: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6hFwP8O0RW8KIKxwOx17yPsaDoEIERBg
- Camp Invention Activities for Families: https://www.invent.org/programs.
- The Works Event Calendar: https://attheworks.org/calendar-events/
- 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 2024-25 School Year

- **August 21:** First Day of School (Pre & Grades 1-12)
- **August 26:** First Day of Kindergarten
- **November 27-December 2:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 23-January 6:** Winter Break
- **Late Start Dates:**
  - September 25
  - October 30
  - January 29
  - February 26
  - April 30
- **March 24-28:** Spring Break
- **May 29:** Last Day of School

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

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