



# — Lakeview Local Schools — **LAKEVIEW LEDGER**

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## From the Desk of the Superintendent

As we begin the month of March, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important updates about our district's progress, upcoming events, and continued advocacy for our students and schools.



### Strategic Planning: A Vision for the Future

In the spirit of growth and improvement, it is important to review and reflect on our strategic plan created post-pandemic with input from various stakeholders across the district and community. The three key outcomes of that work included: Student Well-Being & Academic Success, Communication & Community Engagement, and Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability. With this strategic plan in hand, our District leadership team has been able to drive towards these three goals.



### State of the Schools Forum: Join Us for an Important Conversation

As part of our commitment to transparency and community engagement, we will be hosting a State of the Schools Forum on **Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Lakeview High School Auditorium. This event will be an opportunity for you to hear firsthand about the district's achievements, goals, and challenges. We will also be addressing key topics such as our strategic planning progress and initiatives designed to improve student outcomes.

### Advocating for School Funding in Columbus

In Columbus, discussions around school funding continue to be a top priority. We are closely monitoring the developments in state legislation to ensure that our schools receive the support they need to continue delivering high-quality education. I am committed to advocating for fair and adequate funding that will allow our district to remain a place where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Rest assured, we will keep you informed on any important updates that may impact our district. Your involvement in this process is crucial, and we will continue to work alongside our state legislators and community partners to ensure that the best interests of our students remain the focal point.

## Looking Ahead

March offers a fresh opportunity to reflect on our goals and renew our commitment to the success of every student in our district. I am excited about the direction we are heading and the work that lies ahead, and I am grateful to each of you for your continued support. Together, we can achieve great things and create lasting change that will benefit our students and community for years to come.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, and I look forward to seeing you at the State of the Schools Forum!

Warm regards,  
Ashley Handrych  
Superintendent

## NEWS YOU CAN USE:

### Farm to Table Series

As part of our ongoing *Farm to Table* series, Lakeview Local Schools welcomed Tip of the Cap Mushrooms to our cafeteria last month! The local farm gave an engaging presentation to students about the many varieties of mushrooms they grow, including unique species like lion's mane and shiitake.



Students learned about the sustainable farming practices behind these delicious fungi and the nutritional benefits



they offer. It was a hands-on learning experience that brought fresh, local ingredients to life. We're excited to continue bringing farm-to-fork education to our students and support local farmers in the process. Stay tuned for more exciting events in our Farm to Table series!

## Important Dates:

- 3/15 Senior Citizen Game Night  
1:00–4:00 p.m., LHS Cafeteria
- 3/15 Lakeview Athletic Booster 250 Club Dinner, 7:00 p.m.
- 3/17 Superintendent's Parent Advisory, 7:00 a.m.
- 3/20 End of the 3rd Nine Weeks:  
**EARLY DISMISSAL**
- 3/21 **NO SCHOOL:** Late Winter Break



# Prep Bowl Champions

In an impressive display of knowledge and teamwork, the 6th-grade Prep Bowl team from Lakeview Middle School clinched the Trumbull County Prep Bowl Championship in February. The competition, hosted by the Trumbull County Educational Service Center at Lordstown High School, saw Lakeview's students outperform multiple other schools to secure the top honor.

Prep Bowl is an academic competition that challenges students across various grade levels to answer questions spanning all areas of study, including science, math, social studies, literature, pop culture, current events, sports, and fine arts. Teams compete in two halves, with the highest-scoring team emerging victorious.

The Lakeview Middle School team's journey to the championship was marked by dedication and rigorous preparation. Their success not only highlights their academic prowess but also underscores the importance of collaborative learning and extracurricular engagement in fostering intellectual growth.



# Valentine's Day at LES

Love and laughter filled the halls of Lakeview Elementary as the PTO hosted delightful Valentine's Day parties for students in grades K-4! The celebrations, held on February 13th, were packed with festive activities and plenty of heartwarming moments.



From creative crafts to fun games, each classroom had a chance to spread kindness and friendship in a joyful atmosphere. A big thank you to the PTO and all the volunteers who helped make this special day memorable for our young learners!

# School Counselor Week

In February we recognized and celebrated National School Counselor Week, honoring the incredible dedication of our school counselors at Lakeview Local Schools. Our counselors play a vital role in supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally—helping them navigate challenges, set goals, and achieve success.

Despite being over the **ASCA-recommended ratio** of students to counselors (250:1), our counseling team works tirelessly to meet the diverse needs of every student.



Their commitment to providing guidance, resources, and emotional support is essential to the success and well-being of our school community. Their impact extends far beyond the classroom, shaping the future of our students in meaningful ways.



# Gong Show Returns!

The Lakeview Gong Show is returning this year and we couldn't be more excited about it! Join us **Saturday, April 12th** at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium and help us answer the question: Does Lakeview have talent?

Join us

# Grants

Lakeview Local Schools is taking proactive steps to improve both school safety and energy efficiency through two major grant applications submitted by Superintendent Handrych. These grants, if awarded, will bring significant upgrades to our district, benefiting both students and staff.

The first grant application is for the Attorney General's School Safety Grant, requesting \$40,000 to fund wearable panic buttons for staff. These devices would provide an added layer of security, allowing for immediate communication with emergency responders in the event of a crisis. Prioritizing the safety of our students and staff is a top concern, and this grant would enhance our emergency preparedness measures.

The second application seeks approximately \$200,000 from the Ohio Department of Development's Energy Efficiency Program to replace all existing lighting at Lakeview High School with new, energy-efficient LED lighting. This upgrade would significantly reduce energy costs and provide improved lighting for classrooms, hallways, and common areas, creating a more sustainable and well-lit learning environment.

These grant opportunities would make a real difference for our district. Investing in safety and sustainability is essential, and we are hopeful for a positive outcome.

The district will provide updates as the grant review process moves forward. Stay tuned for more information on these potential improvements for Lakeview Local Schools.

# Junior Achievement Pizza Innovation Challenge



Lakeview Middle School students recently participated in the Junior Achievement Pizza Innovation Challenge, where they had the chance to unleash their creativity and entrepreneurial skills! Teams of students were tasked with creating a brand-new pizza concept, developing a marketing strategy, and presenting their ideas to the owners of Pizza Joes. The challenge gave students hands-on experience in innovation, teamwork, and business as they pitched their pizza creations. The students impressed with their bold ideas and presentation skills, making this event a fun and valuable learning experience. A big thank you to Pizza Joes for supporting our students and helping make this event a success!

# Athletic Boosters 250 Club Dinner

The Lakeview Athletic Boosters' Annual 250 Club Dinner is fast approaching, and they need your support. As the biggest fundraiser of the year for our student-athletes, this event helps provide essential funding for equipment, uniforms, and athletic programs that benefit all of our teams.

Join them for a great night of food, fun, and fundraising, all in support of Lakeview athletics! Tickets are available now, and we encourage all families and parents to purchase theirs soon. Don't miss this opportunity to show your Bulldog pride and make a difference for our student-athletes.

For tickets and more information, please contact the Lakeview Athletic Boosters: [amynewton1025@gmail.com](mailto:amynewton1025@gmail.com)