



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

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## From the Desk of the Superintendent

As we enter into the month of April, we continue to closely monitor the budget proposals out of Columbus and how they will impact funding here at Lakeview. Currently, under Governor DeWine's proposed biennium budget for Ohio, Lakeview Local Schools could face a significant funding cut over the next two years. This reduction in state funding would directly impact our ability to maintain current educational programs, services, and staff levels. If passed, the cuts could threaten the resources available to our students and limit the support systems essential for their success.



We urge our community members to stay informed and engaged as we navigate this challenge, advocating for fair and adequate funding for Lakeview Local Schools to ensure that every student we serve receives what they need to succeed.

## 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. We have multiple student demonstrations this evening.

It would mean a great deal to the staff and students of Lakeview Local Schools if you could attend this event. As parents, you are essential partners in our mission to provide a high-quality education that prepares our students for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. Your insights, questions, and feedback help us shape the direction of our district. By attending the forum, you will be helping to strengthen the bond between our school community and our families, ensuring that together we continue to create an environment where all students can thrive.

We understand that your time is valuable, but your presence at this event will make a difference. We encourage you to attend, learn more about what's happening in our schools. Together, we can build a bright future for Lakeview Local Schools.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards, Ashley Handrych, Superintendent

## NEWS YOU CAN USE:

### Right to Read Week

Lakeview Elementary recently celebrated Right to Read Week, an exciting event that encouraged students to explore the joy of reading and the power of books. Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of fun and engaging activities, including themed dress-up days, guest readers, and classroom reading challenges.



Themed days allowed students to connect with their favorite books and characters in creative ways. Guest readers from the community, including teachers and local leaders, shared their favorite stories with students, fostering a love for reading and inspiring the next generation of lifelong readers.

Right to Read Week was a huge success, reinforcing the importance of literacy and sparking excitement for reading among all students at Lakeview Elementary!



### Second Grade Wax Museum

Lakeview Elementary's second graders recently brought history to life with their highly anticipated Wax Museum! Dressed as famous historical figures, students researched and presented key facts about their character's life and achievements in an interactive, hands-on event. Parents, teachers, and fellow students had the chance to walk through the museum, learning about a variety of historical figures through the eyes of our talented second graders.

It was an exciting and educational experience for everyone involved, showcasing the hard work and creativity of our young learners. The Wax Museum was a true celebration of history, knowledge, and the impressive abilities of Lakeview's second-grade students.



# Senior Citizen Bash

On Saturday, March 15th, the Lakeview High School National Honor Society hosted a delightful Senior Citizen Bash for our local community members. The event was a wonderful opportunity for students and senior citizens to come together for a day of fun, food, and fellowship.

The event featured a variety of engaging activities, including games, dancing, and delicious food, all provided with the goal of bringing joy and connection to our senior community members. National Honor Society students worked hard to organize the event, ensuring that everyone had a memorable experience. The lively music got everyone dancing, and the games brought plenty of smiles and laughter throughout the afternoon.

This event not only allowed our senior citizens to enjoy a fun-filled day but also gave students the chance to build meaningful relationships with members of the community. It was a heartwarming celebration of generosity, respect, and the importance of connecting across generations.

A big thank you to the National Honor Society students for their dedication and hard work, as well as to the senior citizens who joined us for this special day. It was a fantastic event, and we look forward to hosting more community-focused activities in the future.



# Staff/Student Volleyball Game

Lakeview High School recently hosted a spirited and fun-filled Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game, bringing together the entire school community for an afternoon of friendly competition and team spirit. The event was a huge hit, with students and staff alike coming together to cheer on their teams in a lighthearted and exciting match. Student leaders from our student body organized and hosted the entire afternoon.



The gymnasium was filled with energy as the students faced off against their teachers, coaches, and staff members in a volleyball showdown. Laughter and cheers echoed throughout the game as both teams gave it their all, showcasing their athleticism, sportsmanship, and school pride. Though the final score was close, the real winners were the students and staff who had a great time building connections and making memories together.



This annual event is not only a great way to build school spirit, but also provides an opportunity for students and staff to bond outside of the classroom setting. We look forward to next year's match and continuing to build a sense of community here at Lakeview High School.

# Lakeview High School Blood Drive

The Lakeview High School National Honor Society recently hosted a successful blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. The event, held at the high school, saw a fantastic turnout as students, staff, and community members came together to support a vital cause.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the drive exceeded expectations, collecting numerous pints of blood to help those in need. The National Honor Society students worked hard to organize and run the event, demonstrating their commitment to service and making a meaningful impact on the community.

We are incredibly proud of the students for their dedication and the support from everyone who participated. The blood drive was a true testament to the spirit of giving and the power of coming together to make a difference. A special thank you to the American Red Cross for their partnership, and to all those who donated or volunteered to make this event a success! We are proud of our students and helping make this event a success!

# Permanent Improvement Funding

This month, we had to allot permanent improvement funding to update and repair the bleachers in the new gymnasium. This much-needed project will ensure a safer and more comfortable experience for our students, staff, and visitors during events, assemblies, and sporting activities. The bleacher improvements include necessary repairs to seating, safety features, and overall durability. We are grateful for the continued support of our district's permanent improvement funds, which make these upgrades possible. This project is part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving our facilities to provide the best learning and athletic environments for our students.

# Grants

Lakeview Local Schools is excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development's Energy Efficiency Program. This generous funding will allow us to upgrade all lighting at Lakeview High School to energy-efficient LED lighting, significantly enhancing the school's sustainability and reducing energy costs.

The new LED lighting will not only improve the overall lighting quality throughout the high school but will also contribute to long-term savings and a smaller environmental footprint. The switch to LED technology aligns with our commitment to sustainability and creating an energy-efficient environment for our students and staff.

We are grateful to the Ohio Department of Development for supporting our efforts to improve the school's infrastructure while promoting energy conservation.

# Important Dates:

- 4/4 Elementary Art Festival
- 4/9 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 4/15 State of the Schools Forum, 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- 4/16 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 4/18-23 Spring Break, NO SCHOOL

