

Lakeview Communicator

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Capturing Kids' Hearts | Family Newsletter #2

Connect with Heart

Understanding and feeling what others are experiencing.



This month, we're focusing on empathy and challenging students to make sure that everyone they interact with feels seen, heard, and valued. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop empathy in your student at home.** As a family, use these activities to reflect on and better understand the needs of others.

1 ENGAGE: Celebrate Differences

Generate a list of each family member's favorite things, such as their favorite ice cream flavor or favorite thing to do. Identify any similar answers and celebrate those things you have in common. Discuss how those similarities might impact your family and your relationships. Identify and celebrate each other's differences. How might those differences impact your family? How do your differences make you strong? Use this example as a reminder for your child—and your family—to celebrate our unique differences. We are better TOGETHER!

2 EMPOWER: Build a Family Social Contract

Schedule time to have a family meeting and develop a family Social Contract together. Ask everyone to answer these questions:

- How do we want to treat each other?
- How do we want to treat each other when there is conflict?

Write down any words you identify as a family (respect, kind, honest) and ask each member to commit to the contract by signing it.

3 EXCEL: Find the Light. Be the Light.

As a family, brainstorm a list of 3-5 individuals you typically encounter during the day who may not receive many notes or words of affirmation or appreciation. Consider people who make your day brighter or provide a needed service, like your mail carrier, the cashier at your local store, or a neighbor. Ask each person in your family to write a note thanking that person for "Being a Light."

Conversation Starters

♥ What can you do to show people you care about them? How does listening to others help them know you care?

♥ What can you do or say to show that you are listening to others?

♥ Describe what it means to "make someone's day."

The Secretary Scoop

HELLO LAKEVIEW FAMILIES!

- **LOST & FOUND** - LOST ITEMS ARE QUICKLY ACCUMULATING. IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING SOMETHING, PLEASE REMIND THEM TO CHECK OUR LOST & FOUND.
- **STUDENT PICKUP CHANGES** - IF YOUR STUDENT WILL BE LEAVING EARLY OR IS CHANGING END-OF-DAY TRANSPORTATION, WE ASK THAT YOU CALL NO LATER THAN 2:30PM. THIS ALLOWS TIME FOR US TO REACH THEIR TEACHER.
- **STUDENT ABSENCE** - STUDENTS CAN BE REPORTED AS ABSENT SEVERAL WAYS : ATTENDANCE LINE, EMAIL TO THE OFFICE AND/OR TEACHER, OR VIA THE POWERSCHOOL APP.
- **EARLY PICK UPS** - IF YOU NEED TO PICK UP YOUR STUDENT EARLY FOR WHATEVER REASON, WE ASK THAT THEY BE PICKED UP AT OR BEFORE 3 P.M. THERE IS LIMITED PARKING AFTER THAT TIME AND IT CAN GET QUITE HECTIC FOR THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AS WE GET READY TO END OUR DAY.
- **POWERSCHOOL FORMS** - IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE FILL OUT THE POWERSCHOOL FORMS FOR YOUR STUDENT AND UPLOAD ANY ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS NEEDED AS PART OF THEIR REGISTRATION.

PLEASE CONTACT US DURING OUR NORMAL OFFICE HOURS OF 8:00AM-4:30PM IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

P: (906)475-7803 / F: (906)475-5764

THANK YOU!

Brittany & Jamie
LAKEVIEW SECRETARIES



LAKEVIEW CALENDAR



SEPT 17 - LPTP MONTHLY MEETING

SEPT 19 - 1ST POPCORN DAY

SEPT 24 - 1ST COOKIE DAY

OCT 1 - COUNT DAY

OCT 1 - LAPS FOR LAKEVIEW

OCT 13 - NO SCHOOL (PD DAY)

OCT 20-24- BOOK FAIR

OCT 28 - PICTURE RETAKES

NOV 26-28 - THANKSGIVING BREAK



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

STUDENT COUNT DAY IS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2025

RESPECTFULLY, WE REQUEST YOU DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD PRESENT FOR THAT ENTIRE DAY. OF COURSE, WE REALIZE ILLNESS OR UNEXPECTED EMERGENCIES MAY HAPPEN, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT A NOTE TO THE TEACHER UPON YOUR CHILD'S RETURN TO SCHOOL. THE NOTE SHOULD BE DATED, INCLUDE THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE, AND SIGNED FOR OUR RECORD KEEPING. (YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT THE ABSENCE VIA POWERSCHOOL FORMS THIS YEAR!)

THANK YOU!



HAVE YOU LIKED US ON FACEBOOK?

Please make sure to like the following pages on Facebook:

- Negaunee Public Schools
- Lakeview Elementary School LPTP



Negaunee Birth-Age 5 Playgroup

Location: Lakeview Elementary School

Dates: 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 1/16, 2/20, 3/13, 4/17

Time: 9:30-11:00am

- Parent/guardian is required to stay and participate in activities.
- When Negaunee schools are canceled, playgroup is canceled.

"It's the things we play with and the people who help us play that make a great difference in our lives." ~Fred Rogers



GROWING GARDENERS

Please join us for our
PRODUCE PARTY

September 18, 2025 from 5-6pm
Lakeview Elementary School
Garden

Growing Gardeners Club invites you to join us in the garden! What to expect:

- Vegetables from school and home gardens for sale
- Cider making demonstrations and samples
- Negaunee Orchestra student performances
- Garden tours

Park on Hungerford and enter the doors on the left of the greenhouse.

Questions? Email

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome back to school!

Mrs. Halamka and Mrs. Turner are the two school counselors at Lakeview. Elementary school counselors support students' academic, social, and emotional growth. They help children build skills in areas like making friends, managing feelings, problem-solving, and staying focused at school. Counselors also collaborate with parents and teachers to ensure each child feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. Have questions or feel your student needs support? Reach out to Mrs. Halamka anytime!

Hi! I'm Maple, and I'm Mrs. Halamka's furry helper at Lakeview! Did you know that simply interacting with a dog can help improve your mood? That's why I come to school twice a week: to help Mrs. Halamka with the humans in the building who may need a little extra love and care. If you have any questions, you can contact my owner! (I'm still learning how to check my messages...)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...LAPS FOR LAKEVIEW IS OCTOBER 1ST

THE LAKEVIEW PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP (LPTP) SPONSORS THIS FUNDRAISER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE EXTRAS FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS FUN, ENERGIZING ACTIVITY.

LAPS PACKETS WENT HOME ON SEPTEMBER 9TH TO THE YOUNGEST CHILD IN THE FAMILY. THERE ARE DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR DONATING! IN YOUR PACKET ARE PLEDGES AND ENVELOPES TO SEND OUT BY MAIL, OR YOU CAN SET UP AN ELECTRONIC ACCOUNT (ALL INFORMATION WAS SENT HOME IN THE LETTER ATTACHED TO YOUR PACKET) TO SEND OUT ONLINE, OR YOU CAN DO BOTH – SEND SOME OUT BY MAIL AND SEND OUT SOME ELECTRONICALLY. YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN ALSO DECIDE HOW THEY WISH TO SUPPORT LAKEVIEW SCHOOL – BY SENDING IN A CHECK OR BY DONATING ELECTRONICALLY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT DIANE AT (906) 475-0229 OR EMAIL AT DIANE.FAUST@NEGAUNEESCHOOLS.ORG. ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO SIGNED UP BY SEPTEMBER 11TH WILL RECEIVE A LAPS SHIRT.

You Are Invited...

Please join us for the LPTP (Lakeview Parent Teacher Partnership) meeting on September 17th at 6 p.m. in the Media Center (library). This is Lakeview School's very own group of parents and teachers working together to make Lakeview such a special place!

Are you new to Lakeview or the LPTP? This is what you can expect at the LPTP meeting:

- Someone to greet you at the door (main doors across from Teal Lake) and direct you to the library if you are unsure where it is.
- Meeting agenda, previous month's minutes, and treasurer report so you are up-to-date on what will be discussed.
- All participants are allowed to vote, make a motion, or add comments at the meeting. We love new ideas too!
- Meetings last approximately one hour.

We look forward to seeing YOU on September 17th! For more information, contact Diane at diane.faust@negauneeschools.org or (906) 475-0229.