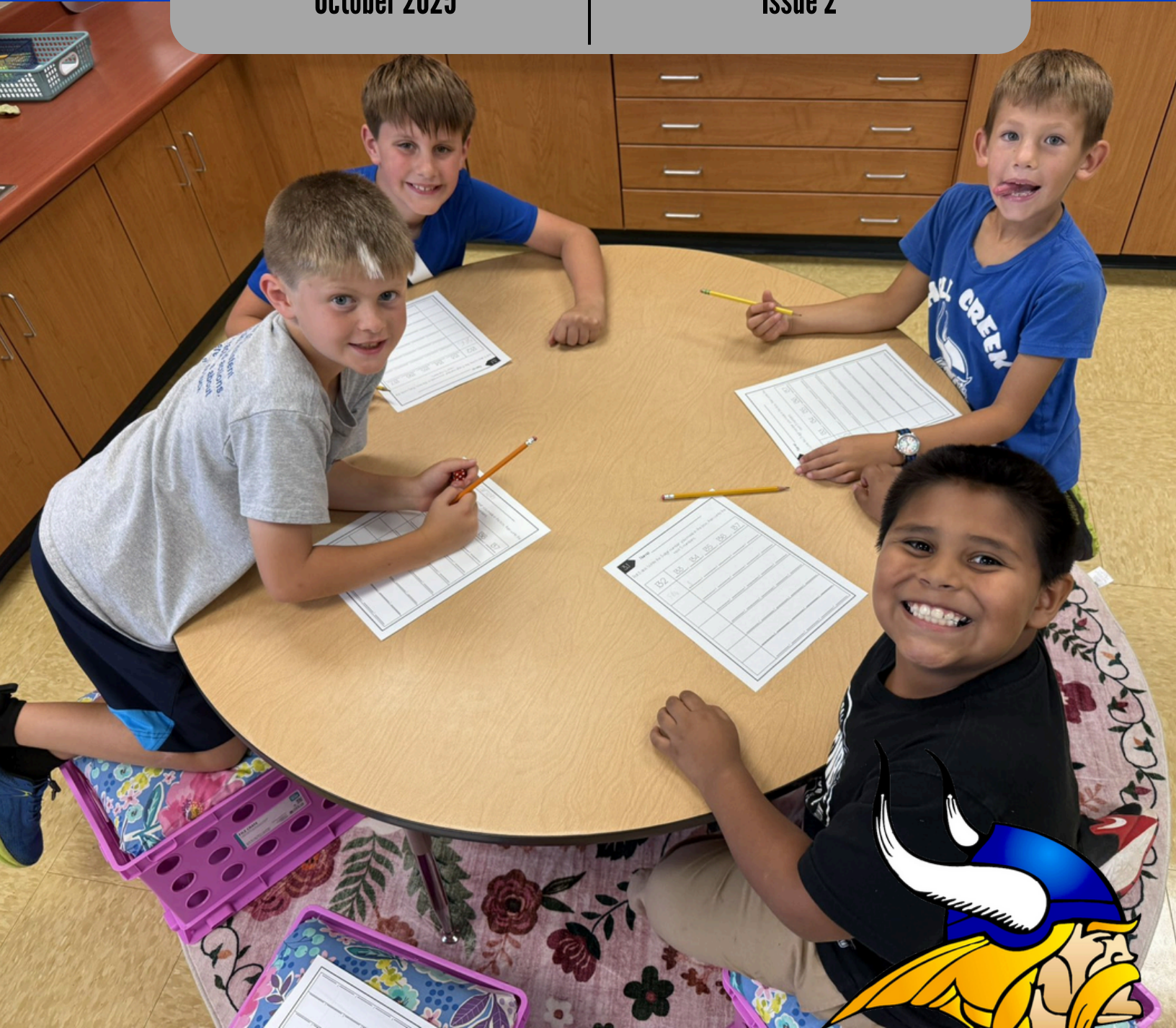


# Lakeview Community Schools Viking Voyager

October 2025

Issue 2



# From the Desk of the Superintendent

Every year, schools are tasked with building a budget. On the surface, that may sound like rows of numbers and spreadsheets, but it's really about something much bigger, it's about preparing for the future. A budget is not simply a plan for the present; it is an investment in years to come, ensuring that Lakeview is positioned for long-term success.

In a very real sense, our students are doing the same thing. Each day they make choices, what classes to take, what activities to pursue, what friendships to nurture. These decisions are like small deposits into their future. Just as a budget prepares a district for what's ahead, these choices prepare students for who they are becoming.

This connects back to what I wrote last month about the **Power of Moments**. Every moment a student experiences, a kind word, a breakthrough in understanding, a setback overcome, acts like a deposit in shaping their future self. The same is true for our district. Each decision we make, whether it's financial, educational, or cultural, is an investment in the kind of community we are building together.

But here's something important to remember: **paths aren't set in stone**. Students can change their direction. Districts can adjust their course. Budgets can be reimaged. None of these shifts are easy, but they are possible, and they are made stronger with the support of those around us.

This is where the idea of "soundtracks" is important. Just like a favorite song can play on repeat in your head, we all carry stories we tell ourselves about what's possible. Those inner soundtracks shape how we face change. If the soundtrack says the future is limited, we'll hesitate. But if it says the future is full of possibility, we'll move forward with courage. At Lakeview, I believe our soundtrack is one of optimism, adaptability, and commitment to the future.

So as we enter this year together, let's see both our planning and our moments for what they truly are: **investments in a brighter future**. Each small choice, each positive memory, each intentional plan builds momentum toward who we are becoming, both as individuals and as a district.

We are Lakeview!

Rick Meyer  
Superintendent  
Lakeview Community Schools

SUPERINTENDENT  
**First Year Follies**

This month's discovery: the state reporting portal. Let's just say it feels like a website straight out of the 90s. Retro websites may be charming, but I'll stick to modern tools whenever I can.



# 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.

## Ty Schmidt

Congratulations to Ty Schmidt for being selected as a Viking Way Student of the Month for September! Ty is an excellent student. He demonstrates a good attitude, works hard every day to improve himself, and is not afraid of a challenge. Awesome job Ty!



## Vivienne Mulder

Congratulations to Vivienne Mulder for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for September! Vivienne is kind and respectful to her peers and her teachers. She is a super student who excels in her academics. Vivienne is a hard worker and always gives her best effort. Great job Vivienne!



## **SENIOR PICTURES DUE SOON!**

It's time to submit **senior pictures** for this year's yearbook! Please submit headshots to Mrs. Schatz at [kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org](mailto:kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org). 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](mailto: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**

**\*\*Note\*\*** Headshots are required for the Telegram. If you submit a photo that is focused further away, know that it may be cropped to meet the requirements for the Telegram.

**If you can't afford senior pictures, we have a professional photographer who will do a brief session for FREE!**  
**Contact Mrs. Schatz at [kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org](mailto:kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org) for more information.**

# Important Yearbook Info

## **SENIOR ADS FOR YOUR SPECIAL SENIOR - Get Yours NOW!**

**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](mailto: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 **VERY** limited spots available, so get your senior ad today! These ads will be first come, first served. Once our space is filled, we will not be able to take any more ads.





# TRICK or TREAT

SO OTHERS  
CAN EAT

Lakeview's Chapters of NHS and FBLA will be collecting food for the local food pantry to fill their shelves.

Students will be out in Lakeview neighborhoods on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. Not going to be home? No problem! Feel free to leave your food on your porch OR drop off at your closest school (Lakeview, Shell Creek or Platte Center.)

Elementary students can also bring food items to their school to drop off!

Thank you so much for helping feed the hungry of Columbus!

Bring food items/cash donations to the Lakeview/Scotus game to donate even more!

# Platte Center 5th Grade Happenings



The 5th grade students at Platte Center had a special visit from Cornhusker Public Power who taught them all about electrical safety. The speakers shared important tips on how to stay safe around electricity, like not touching downed power lines and being careful with outlets and appliances.

The students asked lots of great questions and learned how to be more aware of electrical dangers at home and school. It was a fun and educational experience for everyone!

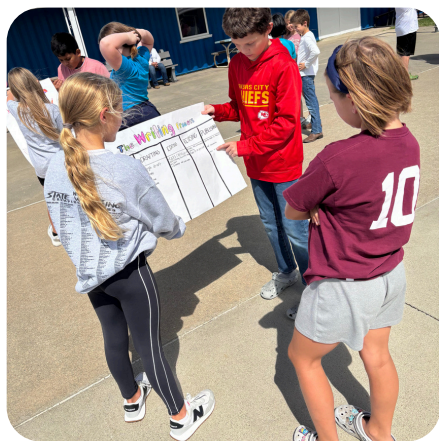




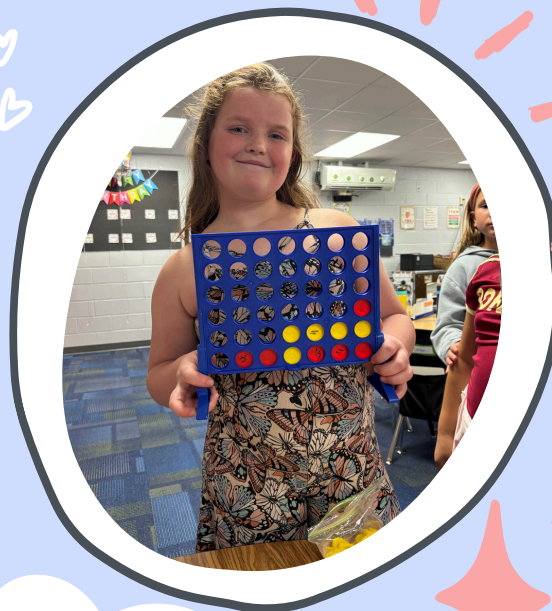
# PLATTE CENTER ELEMENTARY



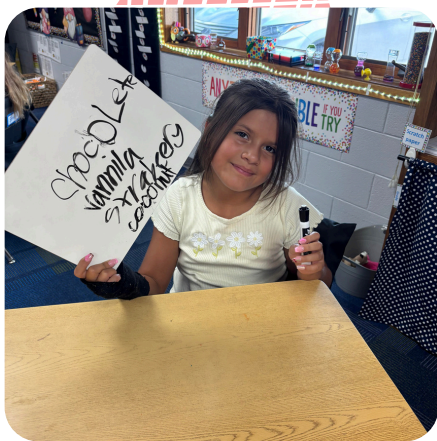
PLATTE CENTER'S 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS PUT THEIR WRITING SMARTS TO WORK BY CREATING COLORFUL POSTERS ALL ABOUT THE WRITING PROCESS! THEY PROUDLY SHARED THEIR CREATIONS WITH THE 4TH GRADERS, GIVING THEM AN EXCITING SNEAK PEEK AT THE STAGES OF WRITING THEY'LL BE DIVING INTO THIS YEAR.



# PLATTE CENTER ELEMENTARY



PLATTE CENTER ELEMENTARY'S 4TH GRADERS CELEBRATED THE 4TH DAY OF 4TH GRADE WITH TONS OF FUN! FROM A FIERCE CONNECT FOUR TOURNAMENT TO 4 CORNERS, AND EVEN BRAINSTORMING THEIR TOP 4 FAVORITE ICE CREAM, CANDY BARS TO MENTION A FEW. THE WHOLE DAY WAS FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES CENTERED AROUND THE NUMBER '4'





# St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter

## "Fruits of the Spirit"

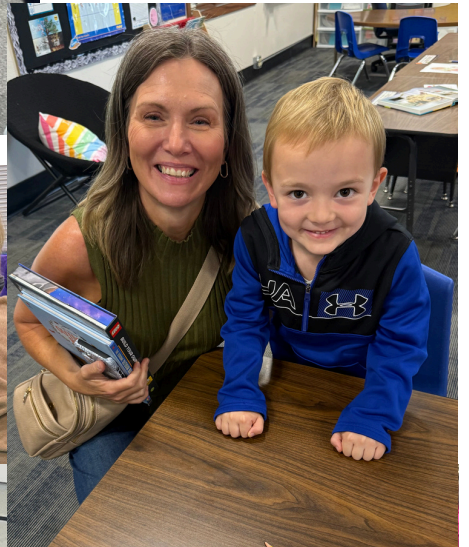
We are off to a wonderful start at St. John's Lutheran School this year! So much has happened in our first month! A wonderful time was had at our first parent hot lunch; our grandparents were invited for a special chapel and pizza lunch; the book selection in our i55 Book Fair was enjoyed; and Parent-Teacher conferences were held. On September 9th, the Middle Room and Big Room were given a demonstration by the Cornhusker Public Power District, emphasizing the importance of safety when using and being around electricity. Our theme, "Fruits of the Spirit," was showcased on Sunday, September 21st, with the children singing during church. After the church service, a burger bash was held.

The Pre-school and Pre-K students have been busy getting the hang of their new school routines and reviewing and practicing colors. They are anxiously awaiting their field trip to the Columbus Fire Station! The Little Room is learning about plants and the life cycle in Science; numbers and coin value in Math; along with nouns and verbs in English. Meteorologists are getting an early start with the Primary Room. They have been studying weather in Science; in Math, they are reviewing facts, working with a calendar and place value. Native American tribes in the United States are being studied by the Middle Room, along with reviewing Math facts and fractions. In Science, the Big Room students have reviewed the scientific process and are now learning about matter; they just finished learning about the endocrine system in Health; for Math, multi-step equations and inequalities are being solved; and The Giver by Lois Lowry is being read for Language Arts. Every day, all the students are expanding their knowledge and acquiring new skills! It is exciting to see!

We are looking forward to the 38th annual Oktoberfest Festival on Sunday, October 19th. Join us in celebrating our German heritage with a delicious feast for only \$18. Indulge in delicious German dishes like bratwurst, meatballs, Eisbein & sauerkraut, hot potato salad, hot macaroni salad, cheesecakes, and a variety of other salads and desserts. Serving starts at 11:00 am and goes until 1:30 pm. See you there!

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23









LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ELL Para-Educator (Jr-Sr High)
- Special Education Para-Educator (Shell Creek)
- Part-Time Kitchen Help (Shell Creek)
- Student Services Driver (District)
- Head Boys Soccer Coach
- Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach



## EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE TODAY!

For more information about these opportunities, please visit our website at [www.lakeview.esu7.org](http://www.lakeview.esu7.org)

# October 2025

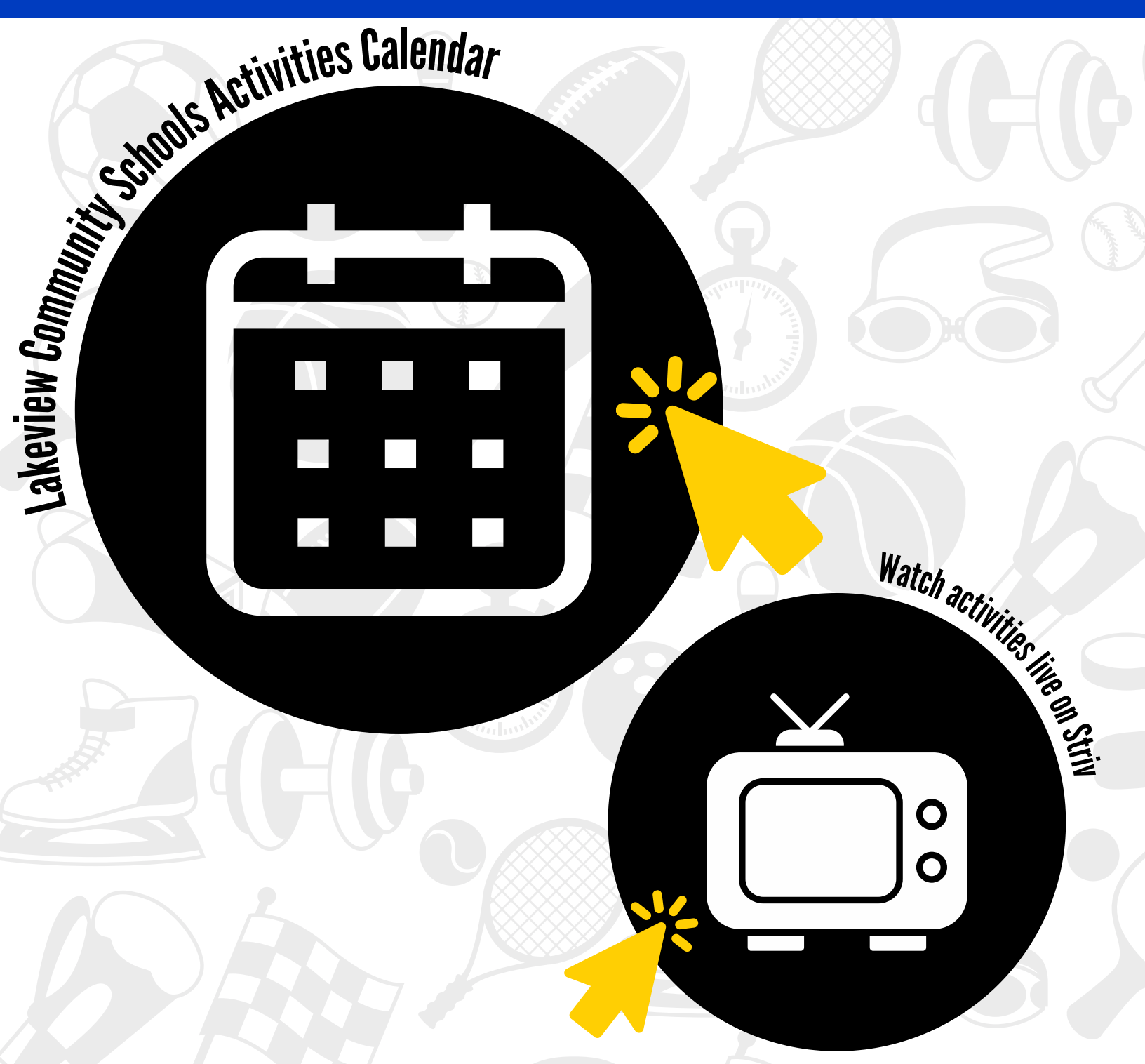
# Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fruit & veggie bar PB&J Offered Daily			<b>1</b> Chicken alfredo Green beans Bread stick	<b>2</b> Max sticks Marinara sauce Broccoli Cookie	<b>3</b> Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	<b>4</b> Milk and water offered daily
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pizza Peas Cookie	<b>7</b> Sub sandwich Chip Baked beans	<b>8</b> Pork steak Mashed potatoes/gravy Mixed Veggies Roll	<b>9</b> Beef Nachos w/ cheese sauce Refried beans Corn	<b>10</b> Hamburger French fries Green beans	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>14</b> Chicken fajita on a soft shell Rice Broccoli	<b>15</b> Corn dogs Mac cheese Peas	<b>16</b> Pasta bake Corn Bread stick	<b>17</b> Chicken Patty Tri Potato Mixed Veggies	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Burritos w/ cheese sauce Rice Broccoli	<b>21</b> Chicken bacon ranch hoagies Baked beans Chips	<b>22</b> Pizza Peas Cookie	<b>23</b> Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Roll	<b>24</b> Hotdog wraps Mac cheese Carrots Pudding cup	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>28</b> Rib patty Fries Green beans	<b>29</b> Mandarin orange chicken Rice Broccoli Fortune cookie	<b>30</b> French toast Sausage patty Juice Strawberries	<b>31</b> Chili soup Cheese Crackers Cinnamon roll	Menu is subject to change. Grab n go meals offered daily 7-12



# Lakeview Community Schools

# ACTIVITIES



## 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: [rmiksche@columbusunitedway.com](mailto:rmiksche@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

### [99 Coping Skills](#)

### [Mindfulness Practice Cards](#)

### [101 Positive Things to Say to Myself](#)

### [Your Life Your Voice Website](#)

### [988 Lifeline 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  
☎ 800-273-8255 (TALK)

DHHS Child Abuse and Neglect:

☎ 800-652-1999

211 Helpline:

☎ 2-1-1 or 402-444-6666

 Text your zip code (68601) to 898211



# Level Up: 2025-2026

# ACT Test Dates



\*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.



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## Fechas de examen para 2025-2026

 AGO. 1	 SEP. 6	 SEP. 12	 OCT. 18	 NOV. 7	 DIC. 13
 AGO. 19		 SEP. 30		 NOV. 24	
 ENE. 9	 FEB. 14	 MAR. 6	 ABR. 11	 MAYO 8	 JUN. 13
 ENE. 23		 MAR. 24		 MAYO 29	
 JUN. 5	 JUL. 11				
 JUN. 24					

*\*No hay centros de examen programados para la fecha de examen de julio en Nueva York.*

-  Fecha de examen
-  Fecha límite de inscripción normal
-  Fecha límite de inscripción tardía (con costo)

**¿No tienes tiempo para inscribirte?**

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