



— Lakeview Local Schools —
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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Dear Lakeview Families,

As we head into the holiday season, I want to take a moment to pause and say thank you. This time of year always brings perspective and reminds me just how lucky we are to be part of the Lakeview family.

Every single day in our schools, there's a story worth telling. I could give countless examples of Lakeview kids lifting each other up, showing character, and choosing kindness. Those moments don't always make the headlines, but they're the heartbeat of who we are.

Our elementary principal recently shared something with his staff that stuck with me. He showed them a white sheet of paper with three small dots on it. He reminded everyone how easy it is to focus on the dots...the problems, the frustrations, the things that don't go as planned and overlook all the good surrounding them. The truth is, there's far more "white space" than there are "dots," and that's something I always try to keep in mind.

To our families and parents: thank you for being part of that white space. The notes, thoughtful emails, the words of encouragement, the small tokens of appreciation- they lift us up more than you know. Education is a noble calling, but it can be challenging work. When we feel your support, it reminds us that we're not alone in it, that we're working together for something bigger than ourselves.

So as the holidays approach, I hope we all take a moment to see the bigger picture, to notice the good happening all around us and to be grateful for this incredible community we get to call home.

With gratitude,
Ashley Handrych, Superintendent



NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Supporting Lakeview Families: Bulldog Food Pantry & Angel Tree Program

The Lakeview community believes in taking care of one another, especially during times of need. Through the Bulldog Food Pantry and Angel Tree Program, families have resources and support available to help provide for their children and households.

The Bulldog Food Pantry is open monthly, with additional holiday food pick-ups to help ensure that every family has access to nutritious meals. For parents who may be in need, this is a confidential and welcoming resource to help support your household. The Angel Tree Program is another way the community comes together. This program provides toys and clothing so parents can give their children special gifts during the holiday season. It's a way to make sure every child experiences the joy and excitement of the holidays.

If your family could benefit from these programs, or if you would like to donate to the food pantry or adopt a family from the Angel Tree, please contact Mrs. Margie Petrunia at 330-898-4598. She can provide all the information you need to participate or receive support.

Angel Tree Sign-Ups need to be to Mrs. Petrunia by November 7th.

Important Dates:

- NOVEMBER 6th, 8th & 9th : High School Fall Play
- NOVEMBER 11th: Veterans Day Ceremony at 9:30 AM
- NOVEMBER 19th - 21st : 5th Grade to Camp Fitch
- NOVEMBER 26th - 28th: **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break

Holiday Concerts:

- DECEMBER 3rd: 6th & 7th Grade Choir Concert, 6 PM
- DECEMBER 4th: 3rd & 5th Grade Choir Concert, 6PM & 7 PM
- DECEMBER 9th: 6th & 7th Grade Band Concert, 6 PM
- DECEMBER 10th: Jazz Band Concert at Hartford Hill Winery, 6 PM
- DECEMBER 11th: 8th Band & Choir Concert, 6 PM
- DECEMBER 15th: High School Band & Choir Concert, 7 PM

TCTC Visits Lakeview High School to Inspire Future Career Pathways

Career exploration is in full swing for our Lakeview sophomores! A few weeks ago, representatives from the Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC) visited Lakeview High School as part of our career development series for 10th-grade students.

During their classroom visit, Thomas Kornbau and Morgan Cretella from TCTC shared valuable information about the wide variety of career-tech programs available, from healthcare and engineering to culinary arts, education, and beyond. Students learned how career-technical education can open doors to both college and the workforce after graduation.



Adding a special Lakeview touch to the presentation was Madison Moore, one of our own seniors currently enrolled in TCTC's Cosmetology Program. Madison spoke to our sophomores about her experience as a Lakeview student attending TCTC, offering first-hand insight into the skills, opportunities, and personal growth that come from participating in a career-tech program.

Next up, interested sophomores will have the opportunity to explore TCTC even further during Sophomore Career Day on Tuesday, December 2nd, where they'll spend time learning about three programs of their choice through hands-on experiences. Contact LHS Guidance Department to register: the deadline is Sunday, November 9th. Families are also invited to visit TCTC during their Annual Open House on Wednesday, December 11th, which is open to students and parents of all grade levels. It's a great opportunity to see the programs in action and learn more about the many career paths available to our students.

We're grateful to TCTC for their continued partnership and commitment to helping Lakeview students discover their passions, explore career options, and plan for a bright future!

"Living on Your Own" Brings Real-World Skills to Lakeview High School

This school year, Lakeview High School added an exciting new course to its lineup: **Living on Your Own**, a class designed to help students prepare for life beyond graduation.

The course blends practical life skills with a modern take on home economics, giving students hands-on experience in everything from budgeting and time management to cooking and household basics. It's about helping students feel confident and capable as they take their next steps into adulthood.



In recent weeks, students have rolled up their sleeves in the kitchen learning cooking techniques, meal planning, and food safety, all while discovering the value of healthy, affordable home-cooked meals. The lessons extend beyond recipes; they're about teamwork, independence, and everyday problem-solving.

At Lakeview, we believe that developing well-rounded students means offering experiences that reach beyond textbooks. Courses like *Living on Your Own* give students a chance to learn the practical skills that will serve them for life and reflect our district's ongoing commitment to helping every Bulldog be ready for whatever comes next.



Honoring Bob Wilson with a Memorial Blood Drive

The Lakeview community is coming together to honor the life and legacy of Bob Wilson, former superintendent of Lakeview Local Schools, who recently passed away after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Bob had a deep passion for blood donation, inspired by his own rare blood type and his understanding of the lifesaving impact it can have. His dedication to helping others through giving blood was just one example of the many ways he cared for people beyond his role in education.

In his memory, Lakeview Local Schools is hosting the Bob Wilson Memorial Blood Drive on Thursday, November 6th. This is an opportunity for students, families, staff, and community members to continue Bob's mission of giving and make a real difference in the lives of those in need.

To sign up and donate, please visit the American Red Cross Blood Donation page.

Bob's spirit of service, generosity, and care for others will live on in this meaningful tribute. We hope you'll join us in honoring his legacy by donating blood, a gift that saves lives.

Lakeview Middle School Halloween Dance Raises Funds for 8th Grade Trip

Spirits were high and costumes were creative at the Lakeview Middle School Halloween Dance on October 23rd! Students, staff, and families came together not only for a night of fun, music, and community, but also to support a great cause.

The dance served as a fundraiser for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., scheduled for

March. Thanks to the generosity and participation of our students and families, the event helped raise funds to make this memorable educational experience possible for any 8th grader wishing to attend the trip.



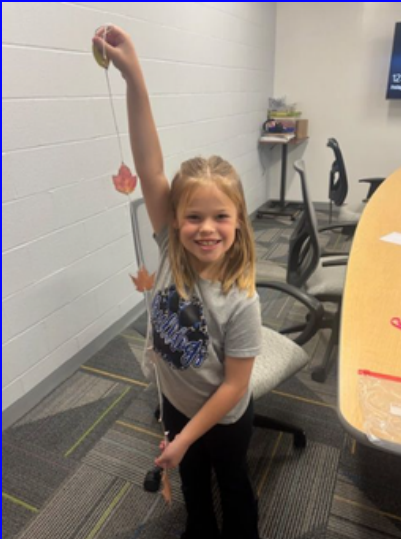
From dancing in costumes to enjoying treats and games, the night was full of laughter, school spirit, and teamwork.

We're grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered, and contributed to making the dance a success. Every dollar raised brings our 8th graders one step closer to an unforgettable trip to our nation's capital!

LES Students Celebrate Positive Behavior with PBIS Incentive Day

Lakeview Elementary School students were all smiles this month during PBIS Incentive Day, a special celebration recognizing positive behavior and good choices throughout the school.

As part of the fun, students participated in rooftop dance parties and other exciting activities designed to reward them for demonstrating respect, responsibility, and kindness: the core principles of Positive



Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a school-wide approach that encourages students to make positive choices, reinforces good behavior, and creates a safe, supportive learning environment for everyone.

Incentive days like this are more than just fun, they highlight the importance of making good decisions, working together, and celebrating the successes of our students.

Fiscal Responsibility

Article by Terry Armstrong, Treasurer

School districts across the State of Ohio are preparing their financial forecasts which provide a look at the past, present and future of specific district school budgets. Aligning spending priorities with meeting the needs of students, staff and the entire school community, while remaining fiscally responsible, remain a focus at Lakeview Local Schools

An analysis of the most recent data from the Ohio Education and Workforce District Profile Reports and other district data available to the public demonstrate that Lakeview Local Schools spends 24.43% less per pupil than similar districts in Ohio and 45.14% less per pupil than the average of all districts in Ohio.

Per Pupil Spending in Comparison to Similar District Average in Ohio			
Category	Lakeview	Similar Districts in Ohio	Statewide Average of All Ohio districts
Total Operating Spending	\$ 11,237.76	\$ 13,971.06	\$ 16,310.87
Administration	\$ 1,778.21	\$ 1,926.17	\$ 2,207.72
Building Operations	\$ 2,287.15	\$ 2,801.03	\$ 3,306.47
Instructional Spending	\$ 6,337.87	\$ 7,937.53	\$ 9,263.89
Pupil Support	\$ 581.12	\$ 838.72	\$ 1,034.23
Staff Support	\$ 253.42	\$ 467.61	\$ 508.90

Sources: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce District Profile Reports
Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Similar District Data
Lakeview Local Schools Financial Forecast