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From the SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



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SMF ACHIEVEMENT & EXCELLENCE

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 at Lakeview Intermediate School, I was reminded once again how fortunate we are to be part of such an exceptional school district. During the meeting, we had the opportunity to recognize student achievement and celebrate staff excellence.

Principal Andy Yanchunas opened the meeting by highlighting the accomplishments of our 700 fifth- and sixth-grade students. One of the exciting updates was about the expansion of clubs and extracurricular activities at Lakeview, including the addition of Chess Club and the tremendous success of the Crocheting Club, led by art teacher (and one of this month's Center Stage Award Winners), Leah Renner. It is inspiring to see so many students finding connection and creativity through these opportunities.

I was proud to recognize this month's Center Stage Award recipients. Twelve outstanding staff members were honored for consistently going above and beyond in service to our students and district. Their dedication, professionalism, and care make a meaningful difference every day. Congratulations to Amanda Altiere, Karen Brown, Emma Calaway, Karen Chapman, Maria Conkle, Annie Garduno, Olivia Graham, Morgen Kyser, Ryan Hinman, Lester Nash, Leah Renner, and Stephanie Spitale.

I was also joined by Athletic Director Cyle Feldman to recognize our winter athletics coaches. We presented certificates of appreciation in gratitude for their leadership, commitment, and the positive impact they have on our student athletes both on and off the field.

Our students' curiosity, our staff's hard work, and our coaches' commitment to growth and excellence continue to make our schools a place where every student can succeed and feel valued.

BOYS BASKETBALL ADVANCES IN OHSAA PLAYOFFS WITH HOME WIN

The Stow-Munroe Falls boys basketball team continued their impressive season with a hard-fought 58-51 victory over Normandy on Thursday, Feb. 26 at home. The win moves the Bulldogs further into the OHSAA state championship playoffs.

With a season record of 14-9, the Bulldogs have shown resilience and determination throughout the year. Thursday's game was no exception, as the team battled hard in front of an enthusiastic home crowd.

Next up, the Bulldogs will face the Highland Hornets on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Highland High School. Fans are encouraged to come out and support the team as they continue their playoff run.



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8TH GRADE SCAVENGER HUNT

The 8th Grade High School Scavenger Hunt is a fun event to help incoming high school students become familiar with SMFHS. Registered students and families will report to the high school commons on Tuesday, March 3 at 5 p.m. Members of Student Council will host a parent Q&A session during the scavenger hunt. We look forward to seeing our 8th graders and their families!

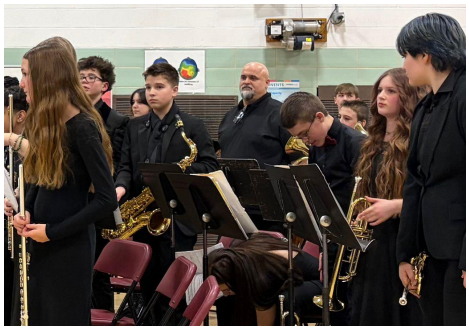
Important reminders!

- On Monday, March 2, join us in wearing orange for **Inclusion Day** to kick off National Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month.
- The **8th Grade Scavenger Hunt** will be held at SMFHS on Tuesday, March 3 at 5 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Basketball will play their **OHSAA Semifinal Playoff game** on Tuesday, March 3 at Highland High School during their OHSAA playoff game at 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Intermediate School's Drama Club proudly presents ***Dare to Dream***, a musical revue, on Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 at 5 p.m. at the Kimpton Middle School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased through the Hometown Fan App at https://www.hometown.com/box-office/fan-app. Search for "Stow," and then "Stow Munroe Falls High School". Tickets will also be sold at the door (cash or charge) on show days, if available.

KIMPTON'S BAND GIVES STELLAR PERFORMANCE

Kimpton Middle School's band concert on Wednesday, Feb. 25 highlighted the dedication and progress of our 7th and 8th grade student musicians.

Adding to the excitement of the night, Kimpton teacher Mr. Saylor joined the 7th grade band on stage, performing right alongside students and sharing his love of music.





ORCHESTRA PERFORMS CINEMATIC FAVORITES

The Stow-Munroe Falls High School Orchestra brought the magic of movies and musicals to the stage on Tuesday, Feb. 24, delighting audiences with a night full of familiar melodies and impressive performances. They covered the whimsical tunes of Shrek, thrilling themes of Jurassic Park, and many other cinematic favorites.

Audience members were treated to an unforgettable concert, as each piece was performed with energy, precision, and heart.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

From March 2-6, our Child Nutrition Services team is serving up fun and delicious breakfast specials for students of all ages - from Magic Muffins to Unicorn Smoothies! High school students can enjoy their own menu featuring biscuit and croissant breakfast sandwiches, and more.

National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) highlights the important role a nutritious breakfast plays in helping students start their day ready to learn, grow, and succeed. Each year, NSBW celebrates the School Breakfast Program and the dedicated nutrition staff who fuel our Bulldogs every morning.

Thank you to all our Child Nutrition Services workers for your commitment to bringing fun and nutrition to our students!

