



## Lakeview Middle School Newsletter

April 2026

### IMPORTANT DATES

April 2-6, 2026 – No School (Easter Vacation)  
April 21-23, 2026 – PSSA Testing (ELA)  
April 28-29, 2026 – PSSA Testing (Math)  
April 29-May 1, 2026 – PSSA Testing (Science)  
May 8, 2026 – Act 80 Day (No School for Students)  
May 25, 2026 – No School



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**Sailor Code:**  
**Be Here/Be Ready**  
**Be Respectful**  
**Be Safe**  
**Be Positive**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we move through April, it is hard to believe the end of the school year is just around the corner. This is an important stretch for our students, as we are focused on helping every child finish the year strong.

#### **Upcoming State Testing**

Our annual PSSA testing will take place over the next few weeks. These tests are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned this year and for us to reflect on how we can continue to improve as a school. It is important that our students are prepared by:

- Getting a good night's sleep
- Eating a healthy breakfast
- Arriving at school on time
- Coming prepared with a positive mindset

We are proud of the hard work our students and school staff have put in all year, and we are confident they will do their best.

#### **Finishing the Year Strong**

April and May are critical months for maintaining focus and effort. We encourage students to stay organized, keep up with assignments, and take advantage of extra help when needed. Strong attendance and consistent engagement in class make a big difference as we head toward final projects, assessments, and end-of-the-year activities. Together, we can ensure a successful and rewarding finish to the school year for all of our students.

Go Sailors!

Mr. Ace

# DISTRICT 5 ELEMENTARY CHOIR

## CONCERT FESTIVAL



On Friday, April 10th, the Lakeview School District proudly hosted the annual PMEA District 5 Elementary Chorus Fest. This outstanding event brought together over 250 talented fifth and sixth grade students from 22 area school districts for a truly memorable experience.

Students spent the day rehearsing, collaborating, and building new friendships—all while creating beautiful music together. The event concluded with a standing-room-only concert that showcased their hard work and dedication.

👏 A special thank you to Mrs. Patton for her leadership, time, and commitment in organizing and hosting such a meaningful opportunity for our students!

### **The 5th grade Lakeview students who participated in this event included:**

Alexis Bonzo  
Griffin Brocklehurst  
Forest Figley  
Kennedy Lewis  
Hunter McCurdy  
Avery McNeish  
Sophia Myers  
Nate Paolini  
Myla Schliefer  
Blakely Smith  
Addison Williams  
Weston Urey

### **The 6th grade Lakeview students who participated in this event included:**

Hannah Bice  
Bella Cavelli  
Caleb Cole  
Samuel Creekpaum  
Lexie Davis  
Caelynn English  
Keira Grant  
Olivia Heckman  
Audrey Lewis  
Camden Morton  
Kinsley Nelson  
Chevelle Shannon

## WHAT'S COOL ABOUT MANUFACTURING

Congratulations to Lakeview Middle School's "What's So Cool About Manufacturing" team on their outstanding achievements at the recent West Central Regional Awards Ceremony!

Team members Cylas Fry-Stutzman, Elijah Scott, Alan Cumpston, Finley Engstrom, and Jordan Struthers earned top honors for their video, receiving awards for:

- **Outstanding Educational Value**
- **Outstanding Career Pathways**

These impressive accomplishments have secured the team a place in the statewide competition. They will represent Lakeview at the final awards ceremony in Harrisburg on May 13, 2026. Congratulations to these students, along with their coach, Mr. Cumpston.



## PSSA INFORMATION

### TESTING DATES

- Tuesday, April 21 – ELA for Grades 6-8
- Wednesday, April 22 – ELA for Grades 6-8
- Thursday, April 23 – ELA for Grades 6-8
- Tuesday, April 28 – Math for Grades 6-8
- Wednesday, April 29 – Math for Grades 6-8
- Thursday, April 30 – Science for Grade 8
- Friday, May 2 – Science for Grade 8

### CHROMEBOOKS

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will keep their Chromebooks charged at school during the weeks of testing.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student need to make sure that they charge their Chromebooks at home each night.

# TESTING TIPS

## Preparation and Test Day

- **Rest and Nutrition:** Ensure a full night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast to maintain focus.
- **Arrival:** Arrive at school on time to avoid a rushed, stressful environment.
- **Attire:** Dress in layers to accommodate fluctuating room temperatures.
- **Electronics Policy:** Do not bring cell phones, smartwatches, or other electronics into the testing room. These are prohibited, and having one can compromise the test.

## Test-Taking Strategies

- **Read:** Carefully read all instructions and questions twice.
- **Underline:** Highlight or underline key instructions and specific actions required in the prompt.
- **Note/Notice:** Record special requirements or important information.
- **Manage Time:** Do not spend too much time on one question. If stuck, skip it and come back to it.
- **Answer Every Question:** There is no penalty for guessing, so ensure every question is answered, even if you are unsure.
- **Use the Text:** For reading sections, return to the passage to find evidence for your answers rather than relying on memory.

## Online Assessments Strategies

- **Practice Tools:** Use the online tools training (available via the DRC Insight portal) to practice with the pointer, highlighter, cross-off, and magnifier tools.
- **Check information:** Verify that your name and test session information are correct on the welcome screen.
- **Flag Questions:** Use the “flag” button to mark questions you want to review later.
- **Review Screen:** Use the “review/end test” button to check for unanswered or flagged questions before finishing.

## Open-Ended/TDA Responses

- **Restate the Question:** Start your answer by rephrasing the question as a statement.
- **Complete Sentences:** Write in complete sentences and paragraphs, not bullet points.
- **Use Evidence:** For Text-Dependent Analysis, (TDA), use specific details from the text to support your analysis.
- **Legibility:** Write clearly, as unreadable answers may be marked wrong.

## For Parents

- **Encourage, Don't Pressure:** Maintain a positive attitude, and remind your child to simply do their best.
- **No Outside Materials:** Ensure children do not bring study notes or books into the testing room (other than approved reading material for the test).