



THE BLUE DEVIL DISPATCH

MAY 2026



From the Superintendent

To our Wickliffe Schools' family,

Earlier this week, I had the honor to present the annual State of the Schools alongside other leaders in Wickliffe at the State of the City event. In case you missed it, the full State of the Schools presentation can be downloaded from the Superintendent's section of the district website... but the short version is something we all know: our students and staff are doing exceptional work, and we are navigating a serious financial moment with transparency and purpose.

As you all know, Election Day is next Tuesday, May 5th . I want to make sure every Wickliffe family has the information they need before heading to the polls. Wickliffe voters will find Issue 3 on their ballot, the much discussed 1% Earned Income Tax for the district's ongoing operating expenses. I want to take a moment to remind everyone the district has provided a full FAQ that answers many of the pressing questions, and created a section of the district website (<https://www.wickliffeschools.org/about-us/may-5-2026-ballot-issue>) devoted to informing our community.

I also want to remind those who absentee/vote-by-mail, Ohio law has changed and your ballot must be RETURNED to the Board of Elections (by mail or dropped-off in person) BY ELECTION DAY – so if you received a ballot at home, do not wait to mail it. Polls are open Tuesday from 6:30am to 7:30pm.

In the last few months, I've had many good faith, honest conversations with curious

residents and voters. No matter the outcome on Tuesday, know that our pride in and commitment to our students and their families will not change.

Sincerely, Mike Chokshi
Superintendent, Wickliffe City Schools

School Attendance

From the Attendance Office

The new attendance law requires schools to count all absences, both excused and unexcused, when we review student attendance. If your child is absent or sick for 10 or more days/65 or more hours, a doctors note is required. This helps us keep accurate records and support your child when they return to school.



Please notify the office first thing in the morning by phone, email, or note if your child will be leaving school early. Without prior notice, there may be a delay in getting your student to the office for dismissal, which could cause you to be late for your appointment. Lower School parents should also inform their child's teacher.
Thank you for your cooperation!

From the Nurses' Office

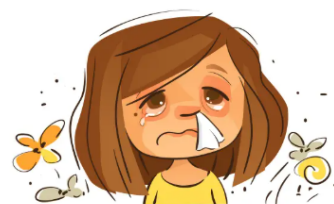
From the Desk of the School Nurse

As we enter the last month of this school year a couple of reminders from the clinic:

Medication Pickup: If your child has medication in the clinic please remember to pick up medication by the last week of school. This is for daily and PRN medication. Please remember that medication cannot be sent home with students.



- **Allergy Awareness:** With increased outdoor time, remind families to check or update asthma and allergy action plans. If your child has allergies please make sure to give medication if needed.



When to Stay Home

Immunization: Physicals and Immunization Updates: Remind families of students entering "transition" grades (like Kindergarten, 6th, and 11th) to schedule summer physicals and get required



vaccinations.

Seasonal Illness Reminders: Continue to reinforce hand washing and to keep children home if they are sick.



!!FYI Students with fever !!

Must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication. Students with vomiting symptoms: No symptoms for 24 hours.

Thank you,
The Clinic

🍏 Lower School 🍏



This year our annual Field Day will be held on Wednesday May 27, 2026.

🎓 Upper School Info 🎓

AP Testing Begins May 4th!

AP Biolog-May 4th

AP Precalculus-May 12th

AP students have been notified via email of the exam date, location and time of arrival. **Exam arrival time is 7:45am. The start time is 8:00am.** Students should bring a **charged laptop** and **charger** and a **CollegeBoard approved calculator**. Students are expected to attend regularly scheduled classes after the exam. If a student does not take a scheduled (ordered) exam, the unused test fee is \$40.



Lakeland

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Earn Free College Credits!

In order to move forward with the scheduling process for the 26-27 school year, any student who has requested one or more of the following ccp courses for fall must be accepted to the Lakeland Community College by Friday, May 15th. Any students who are not accepted to LCC will have CCP course requests removed from their schedule and the student will then be scheduled in an equivalent high school course.

CCP ITIS 1005 Computer Essentials

CCP ENGL 1110 Comp 1

CCP ENGL 2210 Intro to Fiction

CCP HIST 2250 US History

CCP BIOL 1140 Human Biology

If students in rising grades 7-9 need to take the placement test or students in rising grades 10-12 with a unweighted GPA under a 3.0 need to take the placement test for acceptance. Please schedule to take the test before May 15th. Students need to complete the online orientation in order to be accepted and register for CCP classes.

[Lakeland Community College CCP](#)

[Lakeland New CCP Student Checklist](#)

[CCP Counseling Session Presentation 4/20/26](#)

Any parents & students who were unable to attend the Counseling Session, please sign and return the Counseling Session Form form after viewing the presentation. [Counseling Session Form](#)

A photo ID is REQUIRED to gain entrance to the test center. If you do not have a photo ID, please print the [College Board Student ID Form](#) and bring the completed form with you on the day of your test. Email your school counselor if you need help with filling out the College Board Student ID Form.

Highlights From Our Campus

Student Council, alongside the Wickliffe Police and Fire Departments, hosted their annual charity basketball game—and it was a huge success! Through this event, we raised just under \$1,800, marking our largest contribution to the United Way of Lake County to date. A big thank you to everyone who participated, helped organize, and came out to support this incredible cause!



Annual Senior vs. Staff Volleyball Game

The annual Senior vs. Staff volleyball game brought incredible energy and enthusiasm to the gymnasium! In a fun and competitive matchup, the staff came out victorious. Thank you to everyone who played, supported, and helped create such an exciting atmosphere!



Learn, Lead, Serve

Our Learn. Lead. Serve. (LLS) students are heading into an exciting, community health-focused end to their senior year. This group has truly embodied civic engagement, leadership, and a genuine curiosity to learn about nonprofits and student philanthropy.

Recently, a cohort of LLS and Perry Service Learning students returned to The Cleveland Foundation to professionally podcast and film discussions centered on their service experiences and SMART Goal capstone projects. While there, students also toured the Cleveland Institute of Art community spaces, exploring makerspaces, film and prop production, and state-of-the-art creative studios—an inspiring extension of their learning.

Looking ahead, we are excited to partner with The Home Depot Foundation to install a community garden on May 8th, alongside LLS students. This project will support both gardening and composting efforts and is made possible through additional support from Lubrizol and Keep Wickliffe Beautiful, including funding for plants, materials, and a summer student intern.

For Earth Day, students will once again partner with Drink Local Drink Tap, joining LLS, middle school students, and guest participants from PSL for a beach cleanup at Edgewater Beach—continuing their commitment to water stewardship in the Great Lakes region.

We are also honored to welcome Derrick Speights from Edwins Leadership and Restaurant Institute to work with our students. Students will learn about food-based community programming, tour the campus, volunteer, and share a meal sponsored by The Buser Family Foundation.

Several students—Ella George, Josh Ledenican, Rae Fischlin, and Hayden Marshall—represented Wickliffe in the Teaching Cleveland Student Challenge, delivering an outstanding final presentation after participating in sessions focused on networking, case studies, and collaboration. The event, hosted at Cuyahoga Community College, featured keynote speaker Michelle Rose, of Greater

Cleveland Works, who emphasized the importance of civic participation and the Cleveland Workforce.

Our students have also made a meaningful impact through student philanthropy. This year's Magnified Giving recipients include Sub Zero Mission (\$1,000) and Flashes of Hope (\$500). Additional support includes a \$1,000 grant to Sew 4 Service through the Buser Family Foundation. Two outstanding student leaders, Victoria Crosby and Jaie Davis, continued student philanthropy in their SMART Goal and worked with New York Life to raise funds (\$1500) for our FRC. Students (David Griffith and Mrs. Cooper's class) also raised funds for Drink Local Drink Tap and proudly donated to Little Annie's Hope Train, honoring the legacy of founder Annie Klein, a beloved educator and community advocate.

We are incredibly proud of our LLS seniors. Their creativity, compassion, and commitment to community will continue to shape their futures. Thank you for supporting these students as they learn, lead, and serve—now and as continuing civic leaders and stewards.



WCS FRC

Back to School Bash

Save the Date for our 6th Annual Back to School Bash!

Saturday, July 25th, 2026 from 10am-1pm

This event is open to all students regardless of need. Come and kick-off next year's school year with free supplies, clothing, toiletries, food, haircuts for kids, and MORE!

Registration will open in late June/early July. Watch our social media!



Spring Sports Physicals

Wickliffe City Schools & Signature Health are proud to offer **FREE Sports Physicals** to all our Spring Sports athletes regardless of insurance coverage. Prior registration is required.

Don't wait Register now!

Visit www.signaturehealthinc.org/locations/wickliffe
- or -
Scan the QR Code below



Call or email with Questions
440-810-8201
FRC@wickliffecsd.org

Kick off summer with purpose! Join us at our blood drive on Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 from 8am to 2pm at the Wickliffe Family Resource Center.

All who come to give May 18-31 get an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, while they last. Help save lives by registering today!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=WFRC>



Signature Health Primary Care services will be available all summer long. Don't hesitate to register and schedule today.

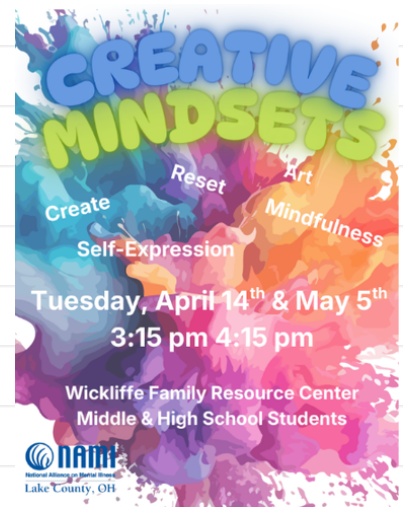
Visit our School Base Health Center site to learn more and register your child.

<https://www.signaturehealthinc.org/locations/wickliffe/>

Wickliffe Upper School - Join us for the last session of NAMI Creative Mindsets on Tuesday, May 5th from 3:15-4:15pm in the FRC. No permission slip required. Just be ready to create, practice mindfulness and self-expression.

FREE to participate

Contact Katelynn at the FRC with Questions
440-810-8201
FRC@wickliffecsd.org



Challenge Accepted!

Wickliffe Lower School

Join our.... Cereal Box Domino Challenge!

WICKLIFFE LOWER SCHOOL
JOIN OUR

CEREAL BOX DOMINO CHALLENGE

MAY
18-22



HELP US FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Wickliffe Family Resource Center helps thousands of families every year combat food insecurity and hunger in our community. Please have students bring in an unopened, non-expired box of cereal. **We will be collecting cereal boxes from May 18th to May 22nd.**

**WE WILL KNOCK
DOWN THE CEREAL
DOMINOES THE
LAST WEEK OF
SCHOOL**

*location tbd - weather
depending*

The Lower School Classroom that collects the most boxes will win a class pizza party!



Last Day of Instruction

May 18th-Seniors

Final Exam Dates:

May 19th

May 20th

May 21st

*students should report to exams during their scheduled class times.



Last Day of School

May 21st-Seniors

May 27th-Preschool

May 28th-K-11

Dismissal times:

K- 2 = 10:30am

Grades 3 - 6 = 11:00am

Grades 7-8 = 11:30am

Grades 9-11 Make - up exam in the morning
until 11:30am



Wickliffe City School District

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