Lakeview to Offer Early Kindergarten Opportunity

Preparations to welcome the next class of Lakeview Spartans during annual Kindergarten Round-Up events are in full swing. Starting next fall, Lakeview School District will expand its kindergarten opportunities to include a new Young Fives program.

Young Fives is designed to serve as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children turning five years old between September 1 and December 1, who are ready and able to take the next step in their education with the benefit of additional social and/or academic supports.

For more information, please visit: www.lakeviewspartans.org

Calling All Incoming Kindergarten Students

Do you have a child who will attend kindergarten in the fall? Incoming kindergarten students and their families are invited to learn all about kindergarten in Lakeview! There will be information, activities, and a chance to meet the kindergarten teachers and other kindergarten students and families. Additional information is available at: www.lakeviewspartans.org

- Monday, March 19 – Riverside Elementary, 6-7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 20 – Prairieview Elementary, 6-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 21 – Westlake Elementary, 6-7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 22 – Minges Brook Elementary, 6-7 p.m.

Spartan Legacy Joe Kurti Honored

Lakeview honored Spartan legend Joe Kurti with the Gary & Marlene Beard Lifetime Achievement Award during halftime of the January 26 boys basketball game. Kurti shared his mantra of “FUN-DAMENTALS – COMPEITION” through 75 seasons coaching over 900 middle and high school student athletes in the sport of basketball. As a longtime Lakeview coach, teacher and counselor, he used his time in the gym to teach students game fundamentals along with life lessons, helping students develop leadership and life skills that would serve them long after their high school athletic careers.

The Gary & Marlene Beard Lifetime Service Award was established in 2017 to recognize outstanding leadership, dedication and service to Lakeview students, families, staff and community. The award honors the legacy of long time Spartans Gary and Marlene Beard who began their lifetime of service to the students and staff of the Lakeview schools in 1958.

CACC’s Education Academy Brings JA to Riverside

Students from the Calhoun Area Career Center’s Education Academy are getting hands-on learning in Riverside’s kindergarten classrooms. Aspiring teachers visited young students every Thursday in January to teach JA Ourselves – a program that introduces students to personal economics and the choices consumers make to meet their needs and wants.

During the course of the program students gain an understanding of the concept of money, particularly earning and saving and they identify the importance of giving to a worthy cause.

The students who join us are dedicated, well-prepared and all-around great young people,” explained Donna Keenan and Jessica Day, kindergarten teachers. “Our students at Riverside are enjoying learning about economics with them!”

Kindergarten students share their ideas about money with aspiring teachers from the Calhoun Area Career Center.

In addition to having a Staff Wellness Team, Minges Brook Elementary has a new Student Wellness Team. The Student Wellness Team helps create a successful health and wellness culture among students. The team is responsible for brainstorming games and activities for indoor/outdoor recess, vegetable naming as a part of our smarter lunchroom initiative, assisting with Operation Fit events at school (Workout Wednesday, Morning Movement, Mileage Club in the Spring, etc.) and just being a voice for the student body on how to improve health and wellness at school and more importantly at home and for their peers. The students meet at least once a month with the Operation Fit Coordinator during lunch/recess.

On the mornings that Ms. E. the Operation Fit Coordinator, is not in the building, one of the Student Wellness Team members, Devan, leads the entire school through morning movement via the school intercom system. Devan said he likes the feeling of being a leader while announcing the movements. Two student members go to each classroom to help demonstrate/lead the rest of the class. The lively music played through the speakers is an added bonus to the workout time!
Prairieview Hockey League Teaches Sportsmanship

This is the 9th year of the Prairieview Hockey League. All 3rd and 4th grade students are eligible. The students learn the basic skills of playing floor hockey, the importance of good sportsmanship and being a successful student athlete.

Westlake Robotics Team Attends Expo

Members of the Westlake Robotics Team participated in the Concord Robotics Expo on January 20th. The team was given a challenge to learn about the various uses of water and ways that water could be gathered, cleaned, distributed, and preserved. They built a model using Legos to display their ideas. The team was coached by elementary science teacher, Mr. Olian.

Lakeview Board Seeks Nominations for Alumni Awards

The Lakeview School District Board of Education is now accepting nominations for its Annual Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni Awards. Nomination forms and award criteria are available on the district website at www.lakeviewspartans.org.

LHS Students Hone Skills in Wood Tech

In Wood Technology this year, students are honing their skills in the woodworking field by building a cutting board and checkers board. Through this woodshop program, students have opportunities to build unique one-of-a-kind projects. Students will move on to some hand drafting, CAD (Computer Aided Drafting), and mass production projects. Students will design, prototype, then build their own CO2 cars. A race will be held to see whose car is the fastest, and we’ll be certain to provide an update for readers here!

DECA Delivers at Districts

The Lakeview High School DECA program has achieved great success over the years. But on January 19, LHS students were unstoppable in the 2018 Districts competition! At this event, students demonstrate to business professionals in real-life scenarios that they have the skills needed to become the world’s future workforce leaders. On average, Lakeview advances, around 70 students from Districts to state competition but this year LHS will send a record number of 125 DECA students to the next level!