From the Superintendent

Dear Lakeview Community Member,

I would like to thank parents, staff, and community members for their input this fall on the 360 survey. The survey data illustrated the need to engage stakeholders in a strategic planning process. The strategic plan will be a vision for student success around which the district will focus its actions and resources. The final product will be a 3-5 year plan with progress reported back to the community on an annual basis.

Students, parents, staff and community members will have the opportunity to have their voice in the planning process. In early January, students, parents and staff will receive an email link to an anonymous survey administered by the National School Climate Center. Beginning January 7 and through January 25, community members will have access to the online survey through a link on the district website at www.lakeviewspartans.org. In addition to collecting survey data, the district will hold fourteen focus groups in February.

Dr. Vickie Markavitch will help lead the strategic planning process. Dr. Markavitch is a sought after education consultant in the Midwest. She recently retired as Oakland Schools Superintendent after twenty nine years as a superintendent in Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana.

The Lakeview School District has always been known as a high achieving district focused on the education of the whole child. We have started the process of strengthening that status by engaging our stakeholders in developing a strategic plan. We are looking forward to engaging the Lakeview community in developing the next generation of Spartans!!!

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Superintendent
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Area Robotics Clubs Gather at Riverside to Celebrate STEM Challenge

After 3 months of planning, designing, and building a Moon Base, members of area robotics clubs invited their families and friends to an expo held at Riverside Elementary to see how students solved problems related to living on the moon.

Over 250 people gathered at the Lakeview First Lego League Jr Robotics Expo to observe displays and discuss what students know about living on the moon. According to Expo Coordinator Jessica Day, “Competitions and showcases serve as an engaging way for students to develop and display their skills in Science & Technology.”

The Riverside Club earned the Solaris as a Rock Award for applying their construction knowledge to produce a very sturdy robot.

Helping Coach Fin achieve this milestone are from left to right: Naszear Thomas, Bryce Plane, Jashaun Boggerty, Evan Rager, Kory Lenneman, Brendan Barbre, Coach Fin, Walter Brown, Austin Lee, Jayden Dennis, Romnie Reed, Jayden Miller, Ethan Ror, (missing from photo is Andrew Berry).
Giving back is a (Spartan) family tradition

Each year, the students and staff of Lakeview School District benefit greatly from the support of countless parents and community volunteers. Lakeview Parent Teacher Associations host fundraisers, recognize students and staff, and plan family events. Parents, grandparents and community members volunteer in classrooms. Community members and organizations give generously in both time and much needed resources.

Lakeview staff and students show their appreciation for this support in a variety of ways. They excel in the classroom and through their participation in the district’s fine arts and athletic programs. Perhaps most importantly, they express their appreciation by giving back to the community that so faithfully supports them.

Ding Dong Ding! The sound of bells ringing was heard as the Minges Brook Kids Care Club volunteered for the Salvation Army. Sixteen 4th graders rang bells and sang songs for two hours at Walmart and Sam’s Club in Battle Creek. This was the first service project of the school year for the club led by Mrs. Kerner. Special thanks to Mrs. Kerner, Mrs. Birchmeier, Ms. Bankhead and Ms. Oliver for chaperoning.

Prairieview Elementary adopted eight families and collected food for the annual food drive. Students generously surpassed their goal of collecting 500 items, bringing in 726 non-perishable foods! The food will be put in holiday food baskets for families in need. Special thanks to Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Homer for agreeing to treat the entire school to ice cream for reaching their goal!

Families at Westlake collected goods throughout the holiday season for Santa’s Helper. Those items collected will be given to those in need in our Battle Creek community. Each grade level brought in specific items including toiletries, paper products, boxed and canned foods. Westlake families were extremely generous in their donations.

LMS adopted ten families through the Santa’s Helper program again this year. The students did an outstanding job coming up with ideas and donating items to help those in need this holiday season. Special thanks to Mrs. Grosteffon for donating the turkeys for each families’ basket, Mr. Ouellette for coordinating the efforts, and the National Junior Honor Society for collecting toys and warm clothing!

Riverside students visited the Residents of Heritage Assisted Living and spent time decorating cookies and visiting with one visited Reflections Memory Care in Battle Creek to celebrate
Volunteering during the holidays is a longstanding family tradition for Riverside Elementary School staff member Courtney Markos. Markos shared, “the WK Kellogg Christmas dinner has been a long tradition in my family and has given us more happiness than any gift ever could.” The tradition, started by her grandmother with help from her father, allows the family to honor loved ones who have passed away while supporting the community. “Our family has been blessed to be a part of the program from the very beginning. It has taught me from a young age how good it feels to give back as a family.”

For the Newman family, a new holiday tradition started five years ago when LHS Student Services Secretary Deb Newman’s son Matthew (LHS ’06) helped organize the local Shop with a Cop event through work. Since then, Newman’s niece Sally MacPhee (a paraprofessional at Prairieview Elementary), and daughter Melissa (LHS ’08) have joined the fun. MacPhee’s sister, sister-in-law and brother (an Emmett Township Police Officer) also participate.

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LHS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Steve Wichmann, Varsity Football Coach Jerry Diiorio, Athletic Assistant Beokiee Reed, Athletic Director Troy Crusciel and LHS athletes spent an afternoon volunteering at the Food Bank of South Central Michigan.
Future Medical Professionals

Medical career students were introduced by Clark Imus from KCC (EMS Faculty Coordinator of the Public Safety Education Department) to the job opportunities within the field of emergency medicine in the prehospital setting. Clark is an EMT-P / IC for Kellogg Community College.

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Clark gave students an opportunity to perfect their back boarding skills by loaning Lakeview High School students equipment while KCC is on winter break. This is just one of the many career paths and skills students taking Medical Careers will be introduced to.

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