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Lakeview Library Profiled on elibrary Website

District Librarian Dr. Margaret Lincoln and the Lakeview High School library program were featured this summer on the Michigan elibrary website teacher page. (Read the article online at: http://teachers.mel.org/K12-spotlight#Lincoln.)

Lakeview Schools’ Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Jim Owen, states, “We’re so very fortunate to have someone like Gigi Lincoln’s caliber working to support both staff and student learning. Gigi plays a critical role on a daily basis providing access to quality and relevant resources that support our initiatives.”

Lincoln has served the district for 44 years, earning many accolades for her leadership in K-12 library science and innovation in integrating technology as an educational tool. She is a 2008 recipient of AASL’s I Love My Librarian Award, a Library of Congress American Memory Fellow and US Holocaust Memorial Museum Teacher Fellow. This summer, the Lakeview High School Library, under her leadership, was certified as “Exemplary Level” in the Library of Michigan School Libraries 21st Century benchmarks program.

Lakeview Middle School held its annual Spartan Stut Kickoff assembly to build excitement for Homecoming Week. The Lakeview Spartans Marching Band made a special appearance to get students fired up for the upcoming week’s activities. The LMS PTA sponsors the Spartan Stut Kickoff for the Ferociousness of Homecoming. Students raise money and this is the PTA’s sole fundraiser for the school year.

Two LHS Seniors Recognized by National Merit Program

LHS Seniors Will Ingalls and Blake Little were recently recognized by the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Ingalls has been named a semi-finalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. This honor places him in the top 1% of over 1.6 million academically talented students nationwide who took the National Merit qualifying test last year. He joins approximately 16,000 semi-finalists competing for more than $32 million in scholarships. Little has been recognized as a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students are recognized for exceptional academic promise demonstrated by placing in the top 2% of students taking the qualifying test for program entry.

LHS Senior Achieves Top ACT Score

LHS Senior Blake Little has earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 35. On average, less than one-hundredth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. Nearly 2.1 million students took the ACT in Little’s cohort. In a letter to Little, ACT Chief Executive Officer Marten Roorda called his exceptional achievement significant and rare. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1-36. A student’s composite score is the average of the four test scores.

Mingles Brook & Prairieview Elementary Scheduled for Completion Soon

Community Meetings Scheduled for Updates on Phase 2 of Bond

The scope of the bond includes new safety features in all district buildings. The LMS entrance was recently upgraded to include a camera and buzzer system. Similar systems are already installed in the district’s four elementary buildings. Visitors to LMS are asked to park in the circle drive, park, get out and walk up the sidewalk closest to Columbia Avenue (north entrance). New signage provides the following instructions for gaining access to the building during the school day: Look directly into the camera and speak clearly to the attendant. Please stay in front of the camera and say your name, your student’s name and then the nature of your visit. The attendant will tell you what to do next.

Construction and renovation work at Mingles Brook and Prairieview Elementary Schools is nearly complete. The projects which began last spring will wrap up in late November or early December. While the bulk of work was completed this summer, construction crews have continued working with school in session, primarily in the new classroom additions.

Mingles Brook and Prairieview are part of the first phase of construction and renovation projects made possible through a $30 million bond approved by voters in May 2016. The next phase of work will include upgrades and additions at Riverside and Westlake Elementary Schools and updates at Lakeview Middle School and Lakeview High School.

The district is now holding public meetings to update the community on the status of the Mingles Brook and Prairieview projects, to report on estimates for the second phase of work and to discuss the timeline for completing work at Riverside and Westlake Elementary Schools.

Initial estimates for the second phase of work which covers Riverside and Westlake Elementary Schools came in $1.2 million over budget. This is one of several factors causing the district to consider adjusting the process timeline to ensure the budget and design for the school year.

Lakeview Activities Highlight Spartan Spirit

2017 Homecoming Top 10

Back Row: Mason Evans, Sage Castleberry, Queen Sunshine Johnson, Gerald Hadstrom, Benjamin Harms, Cameron Witz, William Ingalls, Grant Book, Cameron Gillette, King Myers Homen, Blake Little.

Middle Row: Mary Selby, Lucy Campbell, Logann Halaskas.

Front Row: Kennedy Wheelke, 2 Allison Shenfeld, 3 Kailie Hubert, 2 Taylor Zanetti, 5 Jenna West, 6 Gracie MacPhee, 7 Megan Wendt
**Riverside Partners with Families to Reach SMART Goals**

The 2017-18 school year just began and already Riverside families are learning how to help their children reach grade level benchmarks in Reading, Writing and Math. October 1 and 2 kicked off the first of many Riverside grade level Parent SMART Times. SMART is an acronym for Students Moving Ahead Reading Targets. Parent SMART Time sessions equip parents with the tools they need to reinforce classroom instruction and to practice academic skills with their children at home. Riverside’s first grade team addressed their reading standard where students will be able to compare and contrast the adventure and experiences of characters in stories. The second grade team’s goal is related to conceptual place value in math. All grade levels will invite families to attend Parent SMART Time in each trimester this school year.

Second-grader Alyssa Wood and her mother use sticks and bundles to learn about conceptual place value during 2nd grade SMART Time.

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**And the Winner Is...**

Everyone’s a winner during summer learning and Riverside staff saw to it that their students had every opportunity to continue their learning while away from school in June, July, and August. In June, teachers presented every student with a customized Summer Workbook to complete. On August 2, Riverside held a summer check-in carnival to encourage students to keep working until the first day of school. The carnival featured an inflatable obstacle course, treats and many drawings for books and toys. The biggest prize were reserved for Back-to-School. When students who completed their packet turned them in for the final drawing. The big winner is Allison Trejo who was awarded a bike for her hard work. Other prize recipients include: Juan Mejia, Zachary Robillard, Kendall Moran, George Lian, and Aubrey Metzger. Way to work hard Riverside team!

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**LMS Student Art Recognized at Water Festival**

Four LMS students received top honors for their artwork as part of an annual contest sponsored by the Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partners. Karlee Gutsue placed 1st, Lauren Tkac placed 2nd, Carley Stafford placed 3rd and Gram Miller placed 4th in the contest which promotes the importance of protecting water resources. Karlee’s 1st place drawing will be the design for this year’s t-shirt.

Rosie Lian, Emmee Daniels, John Yang, Callie Wolf and Carson Howard were recognized as finalists. Students were recognized during the Krazy for the Kzoo river clean-up event on October 7. Hundreds of volunteers attend the clean-up each year to help maintain parts of the Kalamazoo watershed in the Battle Creek area.

Students were encouraged to participate in the contest after attending the Children’s Water Festival last spring. The Water Festival is an annual event sponsored by the Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partners and the Battle Creek Mathematics and Science Center. The event invites 4th and 5th grade students to learn about water resources.
Welcome New Instructional Staff!

Minges Brook Elementary
- Chanelle Bercaw, Kindergarten
- Jody Ledbetter, Social Emotional Learning*

Prairieview Elementary
- Lauren Martin, 1st Grade

Westlake Elementary
- Donna Huggett, Special Education
- Shelly Janitski, Kindergarten
- Cindi Westhouse, Art*

Riverside Elementary
- Jennifer Kemp, 3rd Grade
- Jody Ledbetter, Social Emotional Learning*
- Allison Ray, Kindergarten

Lakeview Middle School
- Erin Castillo, Special Education
- Kristel Green, 5th Grade

Lakeview High School
- Charlene Baker, Special Education

Lakeview
- Rachel Sachritz, 6th Grade Math
- Nicole Stanger, Art
- Renee Zuhl, 8th Grade Math

- Cindi Westhouse, Art*
- Charla Miller, Music
- Coby Cappemulli, English
- Katie McCarthy, Physics
- David Swan, Social Studies

*Shared Between Schools
Book Time at Minges Brook

Students at Minges Brook were delighted to have members of the United Way visit their classrooms recently. Tom Beuchler, President and CEO of Schweitzer Construction Inc., and several United Way cabinet members went to classrooms and spent time reading a book to the students. They then let each student pick out a book to keep. The United Way had gathered the books from local donations. Part of the time that the volunteers spent with the students was spent encouraging them to read on their own.

Students loved listening to the volunteers read and then looking through the books they were able to take home. Promoting reading is an ongoing effort for the staff at Minges Brook. Getting books into the hands of students, especially books students can enjoy at home, is an added bonus. Minges Brook Elementary has enjoyed partnering with the United Way to promote literacy for several years and looks forward to their continued support.

Lakeview Students Support Hurricane Relief Efforts

Living the values of HCRR (honesty, caring, responsibility, and respect) in and out of school was recently modeled by fourth grade students from Westlake Elementary. Before school was even in session, this group of students decided that they wanted to help those recently affected by Hurricane Harvey. In four hours at Meet the Teacher Night, the students collected $330.43 from very generous Westlake families. The check was then presented to the Red Cross from the Harvey relief fund.

Members of the LMS National Junior Honor Society held a Bucket Brigade at the school during lunches and at the Spartan Strut Kickoff Assembly. The Bucket Brigade was a fundraiser for the Hurricane Harvey relief fundraiser. The students raised $2,000. The funds will be going directly to Rockport-Fulton Middle School in Rockport, Texas. Pictured are NJHS members Allison Wickham, Olivia Lakies, Hunter Paulson.

Westlake Students Support Hurricane Relief Efforts

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Westlake Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day was celebrated at Westlake Elementary on the crisp, fall day of Thursday, October 5th. Students met outside before the start of the day and as school family, walked the path around the school property. This walk promotes the healthy lifestyle that students and staff continue to work towards in conjunction with Operation Fit.

Westlake Students Learn to Pay it Forward

A “Pay It Forward” incentive brought the character building NED Assembly to Westlake Elementary on Monday, September 25th. Students were entertained by magic, humor, and awesome yo-yo tricks, all the while learning about NED’s message. N stands for Never Give Up. E stands for Encourage Others and D stands for Do Your Best. Westlake was able to receive this assembly for free because of another school selling NED items. Through the purchase of NED items by Westlake students and families, they were able to then pay it forward and send NED and his awesome message to another school.
WANTED – Mentors for the LMS Robotics Team

LMS 7th and 8th grade Robotics Teams are looking for mentors. Student involvement in robotics at Lakeview Middle School is growing and the students need your help!

If you are interested in mentoring in the fields of Robotics, CAD Programming, Business and Programming in general please contact Erik Johnson at ejohnson@lakeviewspartans.org.

The team meets Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Middle School. For more information please see the team’s website at nindroids.net.

Collaboration with diverse texts

LHS students in an English 9/10 class worked in small groups on placing events from a story onto a plot diagram. Currently, their focus is on multi-cultural texts, which allows students to hear voices that offer unique perspectives about the world. The students were tasked with placing events from the literature on their timelines to demonstrate their knowledge of plot progression.

LHS Step Team Returns

The LHS Step Team is back and ready to bring something fun to the table that everybody can participate in no matter the skill level. Stepping (or step-dancing) is where participants use their entire body as an instrument in a percussion style dance. The students who rejuvenated the group want everyone to feel like there is at least one club in school that they can be themselves and not worry about other people’s opinions. The team also hopes to give people confidence, let them have fun and learn the history behind step dancing.

The members are looking for opportunities to perform for people who have shown great interest in what they do. If there was ever an opportunity to perform at an event outside of school they definitely wouldn’t hesitate to join and want to eventually become a competitive club.

Step Team Goals
• To help students learn about a different and unfamiliar style of dance
• To teach people about a culture that isn’t taught in school
• To bring a more diverse selection of clubs and activities at Lakeview
• To represent a minority group on a large scale
• To help students learn how to work together to create something that sounds and looks stunning

What Step Team Can Do for People
• Give students the option to express themselves through a new dance form
• Provide students with a team-like group that doesn’t require money
• Provide students that don’t excel in sports, something else to participate in
• Help students learn to work with their peers in a team-like way
• Provide students with a way to meet new people
• Help shy students come out of their shell

Minges Brook Droplets

Minges Brook Elementary students have an exciting new opportunity this year. Mrs. Brown started a Robotics Club. The Club is part of the Lakeview FIRST Robotics program. FIRST is a world-wide organization with thousands of teams across the globe all seeking to inspire the next generation problem-solvers. This year they are focusing on a real-world theme, usage of water in our community. The Minges Brook team will use basic engineering concepts to build a model made of LEGO elements.

Students are in first and second grade. Interested students filled out an application and then six students were chosen through recommendations from their former teachers.

Mrs. Brown, one of the 4th grade teachers at Minges Brook, started the group because other elementary schools have a robotics club and she heard amazing things about the program from the coaches. She said one of the best parts of the club is that they have two high school students from the Lakeview High School Robotics Club (Trevor Sanchez-DeLeon and Brindy Goodale) that act as mentors for the Minges Brook students each week.

There will be an expo in December where each robotics club will be able to showcase their research and their models to other teams and judges. The club lasts until December but they are planning on visiting the middle school and high school Robotics competitions in the spring.

Pixel, a 2nd grader, said she joined Robotics Club to learn more about complex Lego robotics. She also said deciding on a team name was fun. The MB Robotics Club picked Minges Brook Droplets as their team name. She really enjoyed building her own creation the first week. During the second week, Pixel enjoyed building a water mover. She said she is excited to show off their project in December.

The team’s website at nindroids.net.

Step Team members performed at both lunches during Friday of Homecoming week on a stage set up in the cafeteria. They hope to gain interest and get as many students as possible to participate.

Photo credit - Anna Metzger, LHS Log Photographer
Environmental Science students learn from Sprout

Students in Katie Norris’s Environment Science class attended Sprout (formerly known as Sprout Urban Farms) to see a large hoop house full of vegetables that will be growing all year round. The Environmental Science class will be making a hoop house out of the LHS garden and have planted carrots, spinach, and radishes thus far. They were also able to see Sprout’s large compost bin. This compost is where the soil came from for their own garden/hoop house, prompting them to consider building their own compost bin into which the students would empty the cafeteria scraps into every other day.

LHS graduate and Sprout employee, Olivia Jayakar, guides Environment Science students through the planning procedures for their garden, which is soon to be a hoop house.

Sprout works with a grant to have an alumni of LHS work with the class once a week on their own compost and hoop house.

FREE Workshop! Parenting with Love and Logic

Hosted by: Deb Miller, LMS Counselor
Dates: Wednesday, November 1, 8, & 15
Please plan to attend all 3 nights
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Place: Lakeview Middle School Library

Do you struggle with getting your child to do homework, chores, or even follow house rules? Learn the Love and Logic way to parenting. Take the stress and anger out of the communication between you and your child. Raise children who are self-confident, motivated and ready for the real world with this win-win approach to parenting.

This workshop is for all parents with kids of all ages.

Registration - Leave your name and number at 565-3906 or email dmiller@lakeviewspartans.org
Free Childcare - Please provide number of children who will need care.

4th Annual Candy Cane Lane Craft & Vendor Event
Saturay, Dec. 9, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
LAKEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
300 South 28th Street
Battle Creek, MI 49015

Saturday, December 9, Lakeview Middle School will host the 4th annual Candy Lane Craft & Vendor Event as a fundraiser for the 8th grade English department and the LMS P.T.A. We look forward to buying books for our classroom libraries with the money raised from this event!

The Candy Lane Craft & Vendor Event is a blend of crafters, artists, and home businesses all in one location! Limited exhibitor space is still available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.facebook.com/LMSCandyCaneLane
OR email us at LMS.Candycanelane@yahoo.com

2017-18 Spartan Elite Youth Basketball Sign-ups
(Grades 3rd-6th)

Spartan Elite Youth Basketball is a partnership between the Lakeview High School Boys’ Basketball Program and BC Parks and Recreation.

- Registration fee is $100 per participant
- Sign-up today at: bcshops.org
- Registration deadline is November 8th
- Contact BC Parks & Rec or swichmann@lakeviewspartans.org with any questions.

Important Dates:
- MANDATORY skills & drills practices for registered participants are Saturdays, November 11th & 18th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Full Blast
- Team practices will be held at Full Blast beginning the week of November 27th
- Games will be held at Lakeview High School gym on Saturdays, December 9th - February 10th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- NO BASKETBALL on Saturdays, December 23rd & December 30th due to the holidays

Calendar of Events

10/16 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
10/20 ½ Day
11/10 ½ Day
11/20 ½ Day*; Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
11/21 ½ Day* – 1st Trimester Ends
11/22-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School
12/1 ½ Day
12/18 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
12/20-1/2 Winter Break - No School
1/15 MLK Day - No School
1/16 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
2/14 Student Count Day
2/19 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
3/8 ½ Day*
3/9 ½ Day* – 2nd Trimester Ends
3/16 ½ Day
3/19 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
3/30-4/6 Spring Break - No School
4/16 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
5/4 ½ Day
5/21 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00PM, LHS Forum
5/28 Memorial Day - No School
6/3 Graduation
6/7 ½ Day*
6/8 ½ Day* – Last Day of School, 3rd Trimester Ends

* ½ Day for Students & Teachers

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