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MISSION & VISION STATEMENT
Providing educational programs in a safe learning environment that develop knowledgeable, healthy, socially responsible citizens in the global community.

Minges Brook Students Learning to Lead

In late October, interested fourth grade students applied to be a part of the Minges Brook Student Council. They had to get a teacher recommendation and write a speech which they presented in front of the entire 4th grade. They also had the opportunity to campaign around the school with posters. After a week of campaigning, the top four candidates presented their speeches in front of the whole school during an assembly. The entire student body voted for president. The 1st runner up earned the vice president spot.

According to Mrs. Andrea Brown, 4th grade teacher and student council advisor, "The Minges Brook Student Council is a group of six 4th grade students who want to make a fun and safe place for everyone. The student council's mission is to help improve our school and community. This group of student leaders drive their own passions and do all the decision making. They all have a heart for helping others."

Student Council President Colin wanted to be on the council so that he could

help anyone who was bullied. He also wanted to help create new student jobs, like a playground helper for instance. Colin thought, if there was someone to help put away the playground equipment, students would be able to get into the lunchroom quicker and have more time to eat and talk.

The students on the council have been helping Operation Fit by being a part of the fitness team and encouraging kids to eat more vegetables during lunch. They have also been working on leadership skills when they meet once a month to learn what a student leader looks like. In April, the student council will help facilitate the Mileage Club. An ongoing council project involves surveying Minges Brook students on topics such as how they like school, how they feel about their class and their relationships with peers. Taking an active part in creating positive change in their school helps students be leaders in all aspects of their life.

"I want to continue to give these kids a



Minges Brook Student Council Vice President Maddie and President Colin

platform to find their voice to make a difference at our school. These students really care for the student body and take into consideration the student and teacher's needs. It's amazing to hear them converse in group discussions and hear their ideas," said Brown.

Kindergarten Parent Information Events Scheduled

Do you have a child who will attend Kindergarten in Lakeview School District next fall? Please join our elementary school staff for an informational meeting on the district's Kindergarten program.

- **Minges Brook Elementary**
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Westlake Elementary**
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Prairieview Elementary**
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Riverside Elementary**
Thursday, April 27, 2017
5:30-7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Registration Day is Thursday, August 10, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Riverside Third Graders Learn About the World of Work, Cultivate Dreams

Riverside Elementary third graders are learning what it takes to follow their dreams and to become entrepreneurs. Vicki Kramer's 3rd grade class was chosen to launch the Biz Whiz 101 program for Generation E Institute, a nonprofit organization based in Battle Creek, MI. Throughout the program, students learn about the world of work and how they can use their interests and hobbies to earn an income.

In November, Generation E Institute contracted ELA Coach Barbara Martin and Kramer to write the 4-unit, 16-lesson program. The goal was to offer teachers an opportunity to integrate the lessons in a variety of subject areas while still meeting the content area standards.

During Biz Whiz 101, students form a class business and within the business, there are marketing teams that must work together to develop, produce, market and sell a viable product in order to generate a profit for their business. Students formed the LOL Pencil Company and chose to produce decorated pencils.

"Biz Whiz 101 is a series of performance tasks - similar to what students are required to do on the state assessment - that link to a variety of standards including math, social studies, writing and research as well as speaking and listening," explains Kramer.

According to pre-assessment data, no student could define an entrepreneur or even believed that they could be one. By the fourth lesson students were linking their hobbies and interests with ideas for their own business and having discussions with their parents about how they could

earn money.

Before the big sale day, students met with adults from the world of work and practiced their business etiquette skills. Business professionals also answered questions about their careers that students prepared prior to the session.

When asked what she has learned from the Biz Whiz 101 experience, third grader Carlee Gaskell said, "I know now that I can use what interests me to be an entrepreneur. I love to bake and would like to own a bakery one day."



Students look at each other's "light bulbs" to reveal their strengths as well as their hobbies and interests. This becomes the foundation for thinking about what they could do in the world of work.



The LOL Pencil Company are ready for their "sales day."

Soles for Souls

Six seventh grade National Junior Honor Society members of Lakeview Middle School have completed a project called Soles for Souls.

Soles for Souls was designed to help support students in the Lakeview School District. Within two weeks, a total of 117 pairs of shoes and boots were collected. The total amount of boots provided to this cause was 32 pairs, and the total amount of shoes was 85 pairs. Thank you for the support of Lakeview Middle School's students, teachers, and parents who helped our project be successful.



Mrs. Kramer's third grade class kick of Biz Whiz 101 with "A Spider and Its Web" activity to build student understanding of the importance of teamwork.



Terry Martin, Regional Sales Director, Equitech Int'l Corp., meets with a team of third graders to answer questions about the world of work.



Nomi Sung shows here pencil prototype and prepares to pitch her idea to the class.



Collin ...proudly displays his "Collin's Kennel" shirt. He wants to own his own Kennel because he loves dogs and believes he can be an entrepreneur.



Westlake Literacy Night and Taste Test

The smell of tacos filled the air as approximately 100 Westlake students and their families participated in a taste test sponsored by Bronson Battle Creek

and Operation Fit. Chefs from Bronson modeled how to prepare healthy tacos. Families were then able to taste the deliciousness of tacos for dinner. Each family received supplies to prepare the tacos at home. This fun event preceded Westlake Camping Literacy Night.

After families dined on tacos, they were greeted by campfires and large tent doors, which led to darkened hallways for Literacy Night on March 23rd. Westlake students and families brought their flashlights and blankets to camp out in the hallway to read. Mrs. Schoonbeck also had supplies for the students to make their own bookmarks.



DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE Key Club Treasurer senior Shawnia Valencia packages meals with Kids Against Hunger and volunteers for the community. The treasurer helped the club raise the \$2800 needed to host the event that packaged 10,022 meals. "The name of it just got me," Valencia said. "I was really determined in making this happen."



Key Club Unites the Community in the Fight Against Hunger

By Elise Smith –
LHS Crystal Staff Reporter

On March 4, 2017 members of LHS Key Club and the community came together with Kids Coalition Against Hunger, KCAH, with a goal of packaging 10,000 meals. Key Club has been fundraising for nearly two years for this event, as holding it costs \$2800.

"Raising the funds to bring Kids Coalition Against Hunger was the most challenging part," Key Club adviser Katie Newburn said.

Last year the club did not reach that amount and was unable to host the event. With the help of grants, fundraising and donations they were able to raise enough to cover the cost of bringing the event that will ultimately feed hundreds of families in need. The majority of the money raised came from grants from the Battle Creek Community Foundation and the Key Club International Youth Opportunities Fund as well as a donation from the Lakeview-Urbandale Kiwanis Club.

"Our goal is to feed starving children and their families both locally and around the world," KCAH director of Southwest Michigan Chuck Bailey said.

Of the meals packaged, one third are sent to third world countries such as Haiti. Another third of the meals are disbursed to local food banks and school programs, while the last third are stored for disaster relief.

"Our current goal for the state of Michigan is to get over 8 million meals per year," Bailey said.

With a goal of 10,000 meals in mind, the event at LHS exceeded expectations. Fifty-three volunteers packaged 10,022 meals within a span of two hours.

"Only god knows how many lives we're actually saving today," Bailey said.



Photo from 2017 competition, courtesy of John Burdette, FIRST Robotics Coach Team 4327

FIRST Robotics Competition 2017

Lakeview's FRC Team 4327 (Q Branch Robotics) both hosted and competed in a district level event at Lakeview High School on March 3 & 4. Following qualifications, Q Branch Robotics finished 4th out of 40 competing teams in this year's challenge: STEAMworks. Lakeview then chose Team 4003 from Allendale and 5204 from Three Rivers to compete with them for the playoffs as the 4th seeded alliance.

After winning in straight matches through the quarterfinals and semifinals, Lakeview was pushed to a tiebreaker match in the finals. Thanks to the reliable climbing systems of all three alliance members and great gear running combined with skilled pilots the 4th seeded alliance won the entire event. You can check out coverage of Lakeview's victory on an episode of RoboZone from Fox Sports Detroit! <http://tinyurl.com/LHSRoboZone>

Lakeview went on to finish 5th at the Gull Lake District Events and ended their run in the quarterfinals. However, they did well enough to earn their spot in the Michigan State District Championship at Saginaw Valley State University on April 12th through the 15th. Feel free to make the trek up to cheer on the team or watch the action live here: <http://www.firstinmichigan.org/stream.php>.



World Language Students Experience Chicago's Latino Culture

The French and Spanish Clubs of Lakeview High School traveled with a large group of students and chaperones to Chicago on Saturday, March 4. The French students learned about Latino culture by exploring the Pilsen neighborhood, in the southern part of Chicago. Some students were excited to teach others about their experiences at their Quinceañeras, since this was where they had shopped for their parties. They ate Mexican food for lunch and enjoyed music as a part of their cultural experience in the restaurant. After an afternoon of sightseeing in downtown Chicago, the students and chaperones tried Djolof rice, fish, chicken and plantains at a Senegalese restaurant, a new type of food for everyone in the party. The students and chaperones had a long but excellent trip!



Dr. D.F. Arnold addresses area students at W.K. Kellogg Auditorium before a day of job shadowing

Sophomores Job Shadow Community Member

In March, over 800 students started their day at W.K. Kellogg Auditorium by listening to speaker Dr. D.F. Arnold, a motivational speaker and Director of Academic Services in Grand Valley State University's Athletic Department. Dr. Arnold's main message to these participants in the Future Track program was "it's not about how you start, but how you finish."

The Battle Creek Community Foundation provided grant money and recruited over 50 area employers who hosted students during the one-day, hands-on career exploration event.

Students were placed in their job shadow positions based on the top career pathway ratings and career interests that were identified during a Career Exploration lesson in students' US History classes in the fall.

The main benefit of Future Track for students is that they get exposure to someone who actually is in the career they think they want to pursue. They get a firsthand look at what the day of someone in that career path looks like. In addition to the message from Dr. Arnold based on his experiences after being kicked out of two high schools, graduating from an alternative HS and going on to receive 5 higher education degrees, students are able to see all the different educational paths to get to different careers.



Devashree Patel



Karlie Champion



Arianna Harris 2D



Abigail Carstens 2D



Bao Le 2D

Variety of Art Forms Displayed for Community Viewing

LHS art teachers Candace Knack, Bobbie Mathis and Becky Pryor once again provided artwork for the Battle Creek Art Center's Class Acts event. The rich art programs at LHS submit artwork from every level of classes.



LMS Spartan Singers Perform at K-Wings Game

On Friday, March 24, the LMS Spartan Singers were invited to sing the National Anthem before the start of the K-Wings game. The Singers showcased their talent and impressed the crowd while helping others. The proceeds from gate ticket sales went to the charity of the singers choice. This year the students chose to have the proceeds go to teacher Jodi Reid and Maddie Reynolds, the daughter of teacher Lesa Glen Reynolds, who are both battling cancer. Over \$200 was raised. Spartan Pride!

2017 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE APPLICATION INFORMATION & DEADLINE

The 2017 Schools of Choice application is now available on the district website (www.lakeviewspartans.org). Applications will be accepted beginning Monday, May 1, 2017. The deadline for completed applications is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2017. Application materials are available online at www.lakeviewspartans.org and in person at Central Office, 15 Arbor Street. Completed applications must be returned to Central Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 25. For 2017-2018 school year, the district will accept students in grades K-12 for limited enrollment only. This means that if there are more qualified applicants than openings at any grade level, a random-draw lottery will be held to determine which students will be accepted. Any student who does not live within the Lakeview School District boundaries but who lives within the boundaries of another Calhoun County wpublic school district is eligible to apply.

Riverside After School Art Program Hosts Play-Doh Party

On March 21, over 40 students, parents and siblings entered the library for a Play-Doh party. The event was a way to continually provide students an experience in a variety of media.

"I wanted to foster collaboration between younger and older students while they were all having fun creating art," explained Sherry Callen, Riverside Elementary Art Teacher.

Students explored the 3D sculpting experience and Callen encouraged them to continue sculpting at home by giving each participant Play-Doh and tools.



Riverside Second Grader LaNasia Latty proudly shows her Play-Doh 3D creation.



Riverside students create 3D Play-Doh sculptures during an afterschool art session.



Lakeview Middle School NJHS Hoops for Humane Society Fundraiser

By Katelyn Klos, Grace McGlynn, and Genevieve Moore

On Thursday March 9th, Lakeview Middle School's National Junior Honor Society hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament called Hoops for Humane Society. There were 37 teams, all 5-8th graders. The goal was to raise money for the Humane Society, in a fun way to involve the school community. We raised \$1400 to help fund the building of a private playground for their animals who are staying at the Humane Society. We would like to give a big thanks to the following local businesses; Martin Dental Ceramics, West Columbia 7, Hoffman Bros., Inc. Biggby Coffee, Schlotzsky's, Finley's, as well as the LMS staff, NJHS families, and the Lakeview High School girls varsity basketball team, players and coaches.



Award-Winning Entrepreneur Speaks to LHS Students in Project Passion

On Tuesday, March 21, students in Project Passion, an after-school program in its third year at LHS, were visited by entrepreneur, Christina York. York is the founder and CEO of SpellBound, an Ann Arbor company that creates innovative technology tools for pediatric therapists to distract, engage, and entertain their patients and ultimately create a more positive hospital experience. On her visit, she showed students how her company's "SpellBound AR" app uses augmented reality technology to transform print materials into digital 3D worlds. She also shared stories and advice on running experiments and prototyping that helped the students think about the passion projects they have been working on this year. You can learn more about or donate to Project Passion at www.projectpassion.org. The community is invited to attend the Passion Gallery on May 17 to hear Lakeview student recount stories about their projects. Thank you for your interest and support!

Minges Brook Students Enjoy Motown Magic



On February 24, the entire Minges Brook student body was treated to a special field trip. The Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra invited them to a special session of the Motown Magic concert at the WK Kellogg Auditorium. Special thanks to the BC Symphony for paying for the busses used to transport the students.

Mrs. Ferrill, Minges Brook Music Teacher, taught 2 lessons prior to the concert on Motown, how it came to be and some of the popular recording artists that came through there. She said, "I'm grateful to the Battle Creek Symphony for working with the elementary schools to provide this opportunity for students to experience the symphony. I'm also very appreciative to our principal who saw it as an excellent chance for our students to experience the arts."

Mary Anne Bachman, Learning Support Coach, said the "orchestra and the singers were wonderful and the songs brought back many good memories." First grader Colby especially liked the last song as it reminded him of the movie "Guardian of The Galaxy". Jada, a fourth grader, said it was extra exciting when a Jackson 5 song came on. The students and staff had an amazing time experiencing live music and are very appreciative toward everyone who had a part in making it happen.

Westlake Art Students Recognized... Westlake students were recognized by Mrs. Schoonbeck, the art teacher, for their artistic creations. Student work was displayed at the Battle Creek Art Center. The following students were recognized: Evelyn Calow, Ayaka Kuge, Gabby Petty, Miles Chase, Aiden Moffet, Nine Lam, Rachel Dawttachin, Ava Turley, John Zofkie, Amber Zofkie, Carson Howard, Sydney Manning, Mia Schuemann, Lyla Barroso, Gavin Rains, Mary Par, Reese Gowin, Tyler Cichy, Hunter Dawe, Kohei Okuma, Isla Magers, Nikita Decorah, Habikuk Lian, Eliana VanDyk, and Avery Russell.

LSEF Announces 2017 Spring Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the 2017 spring grant recipients. Grants were provided by the Lakeview Schools Educational Foundation



Mary Ellen Vanderveer Staff Improvement Grant

- Lakeview High School & Middle School teachers Tracy Pollard, Amy Olenzek, John Cosby and Esmeralda Hawley received a \$256 grant to cover registration costs for four staff members to attend the 2017 Mittens Comprehensive Input Conference in Saline, Michigan, on April 22, 2017.
- Westlake Elementary Principal Tamara Jamieron received a \$540 grant to provide financial support for the Westlake Student News Program.

Dr. Robert D. Spencer Fund

- Lakeview Middle School teacher Jeff Cachero received a \$210 grant for the registration fee to attend the MSVMA Summer Choral Workshop, August 2-4, in Lansing.
- Lakeview Middle School teacher Martha Grostefon received a \$389.40 grant for the purchase of six AED trainers to teach AED to Lakeview employees, coaches and some students.

Help Us Reach Our Goal of \$10,000 by donating to the Lakeview Alumni Scholarship Fund. Every \$1 helps!
Donations can be made through The Battle Creek Community Foundation online:

bccfoundation.org/scholarships > Donate Now > Another Specific Fund > Specify the Lakeview Schools Alumni.



Westlake Art Students of the Month

Westlake students were awarded the Student of the Month for March at a recent school wide assembly. Students were selected by their teachers for demonstrating the Westlake Way, which is being respectful, being responsible, being safe and being a learner.