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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable winter break, filled with moments of joy, relaxation, and time spent with loved ones. As we usher in 2025, I am excited to welcome everyone back to school and to begin another chapter in what promises to be a productive and inspiring second semester.



The start of a new calendar year offers us the chance to reflect on our accomplishments and set new goals. We are incredibly proud of the progress our students and staff have made during the first half of the school year, and we are excited to continue building on that success as we move forward.

Plans are underway for the 2025-2026 school year. As mentioned in our December E-News, our 8th grade students will return to the middle school building for the 2025-2026 school year. This transition is a significant milestone, and we are dedicated to ensuring it is a smooth and successful one for all involved. We will be working closely with students, families, and staff to make sure that all necessary preparations are made in advance, and I look forward to keeping you updated on this development.

As we resume classes, let's remember that our collective efforts and commitment to excellence continue to be the driving force behind our success. Whether it's through engaging classroom instruction, extracurricular activities, or community events, we are all part of a team working to support our students' growth and well-being.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Warmest regards,
Ashley Handrych
Superintendent

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Cortland Moose Lodge

In a heartwarming show of community support, the Cortland Moose Lodge has donated \$12,000 to the Bulldog Food Pantry at Lakeview Local Schools, a contribution aimed at helping students and their families facing food insecurity. This generous donation was presented to the district by one of our former bus drivers, Karen Boyles. This donation marks a significant boost for the food pantry's ongoing efforts to support local families in need.

The Bulldog Food Pantry, which provides essential food items to Lakeview Local School District families, has become a vital resource for many, especially during times of economic hardship. The donation from the Cortland Moose Lodge will help the pantry expand its reach and ensure that students have access to nutritious meals and other necessities throughout the year.

The donation comes at a critical time, as the food pantry is facing an increased demand during the holiday months. According to pantry coordinator Margie Petrunia, the gift will help purchase additional food supplies, including fresh produce, non-perishable goods, and hygiene items, all of which are essential for families struggling to make ends meet.



For more information on how to donate or volunteer with the Bulldog Food Pantry, contact Margie Petrunia at the Lakeview K8 Building.

Kindergarten Registration Information

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open February 1st. Registration can be completed online by visiting our website and clicking "Register a Student" or by scanning the QR code provided. Required documentation can be submitted electronically to registration@lakeviewlocal.org or in-person to the Board Office on the following days and times: every Tuesday from 8-11 a.m. or every Thursday from 1-3 p.m., during the months of February and March. Required documents can also be dropped off in the Elementary office in the evening of February 6th from 3-7 p.m. during LES conferences. Students MUST be 5 years of age by August 1st. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at registration@lakeviewlocal.org.

Register Here



5th Grade Camp Fitch

In November, our 5th grade students had the exciting opportunity to attend Camp Fitch, an outdoor adventure camp, for two nights of learning, exploration, and team-building. The experience provided students with hands-on outdoor education, fostering a deeper connection to nature while encouraging personal growth and teamwork.

At Camp Fitch, students participated in a variety of activities such as candle making, Lake Erie study, survival skills, challenge course, equestrian barn, and rock climbing- all designed to challenge them both physically and mentally. These outdoor experiences not only promoted physical fitness but also helped students develop essential life skills like problem-solving, communication, and resilience.

One of the most valuable aspects of the trip was the opportunity for students to build stronger relationships with their classmates. By working together in a fun and adventurous setting, students formed lasting bonds and learned the importance of collaboration and trust.

Outdoor education plays a crucial role in the development of our students, helping them grow both academically and socially. We are grateful to have had the chance to provide our 5th graders with such a memorable and enriching experience.



Farm to School

Lakeview Food Services was thrilled to host a special event that highlighted our commitment to bringing fresh, local foods into our school community: Farm to School Day! The event featured a local vendor, Wicked Sweet Honey Bees, who shared their delicious honey and taught our students about the importance of sustainable farming and local food production.

On this memorable day, students had the opportunity to learn about the honey-making process from start to finish, including how bees are vital to our ecosystem. Wicked Sweet Honey Bees, a beloved local business, provided a hands-on, educational experience, showcasing the sweet benefits of supporting local farmers and producers.

At Lakeview, we're committed to offering our students fresh, nutritious meals that support local farmers and promote healthy lifestyles. Farm to School Day was a wonderful way to connect our students with the food they eat while supporting our community.

We are grateful to everyone who participated and helped make this day a sweet success!



New Gymnasium Updates

We're excited to announce some great improvements to the Lakeview Local Schools' gymnasium. The walls have received a fresh new look with a vibrant coat of paint, covering the old block and creating a more welcoming and spirited environment for students, athletes, and fans alike.

In addition, thanks to a generous donation from the Lakeview Athletic Boosters, we now have a Wall of Champions to honor the outstanding achievements of our athletes and teams. This new feature is a great way to celebrate the success and pride of Lakeview athletics. We are also looking to further enhance the gym with new mats and would appreciate your support. If you or your business is interested in contributing to this important upgrade, please contact our Athletic Director, Mark Novotny for information. Your donation will help provide a safer and more functional space for our student-athletes.

Thank you for your continued support of Lakeview Local Schools and our athletic programs!



Cadence Care Services

Lakeview is proud to partner with Cadence Care, a trusted mental health organization, to provide additional support for our students' well-being. Through this collaboration, we have school-based social workers on-site who offer counseling, mental health resources, and personalized support to students in need. This service is partially grant funded.

The social workers from Cadence Care play a vital role in helping students manage emotional challenges, build coping skills, and navigate difficult situations, all while promoting a positive and healthy school environment. This partnership ensures that students have access to the mental health services they need during the school day, making it easier for them to thrive both academically and personally.

We believe that mental health is just as important as physical health, and by working with Cadence Care, we are continuing our commitment to providing comprehensive support for the well-being of every student. If you would like more information about these services, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.



Important Dates:

- 1/6: **CLASSES RESUME**
- 1/15: 9:30 A.M. 5th Grade Grandparents Concert, K-8 Cafeteria
- 1/20: **NO SCHOOL**, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 2/6: LES Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/12: LMS Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/14-2/17: **NO SCHOOL**
- 2/19: LHS Parent Teacher Conferences

