

# — Lakeview Local Schools — LAKEVIEW LEDGER September 2024

# From the Desk of the Superintendent

We have had an outstanding start to the 2024-2025 school year here at Lakeview Local Schools. I am inspired and in awe each day that I see our



students and staff committed to making Lakeview a great place to learn and work. As we start the new school year, I'm reminded of the values we work hard to instill amongst our school community; accountability and action, relentless pursuit of growth and excellence, and care and connection.

This year our elementary and middle school teachers will work to select a new English Language Arts curriculum that meets the guidelines of the Ohio plan to raise literacy achievement. This initiative does come with some funding from the state, but the District will also have costs associated with the mandated adoption. Staff had presentations from Amplify CKLA and Savvas MyView & MyPerspectives Literacy last spring.

The District will also work on adoption of an official cell phone policy as required by the House Bill 250 signed into law by Governor DeWine. Our current middle and high school policies meet the requirements, but we will align and present a formal policy for the Board of Education to adopt before the July 2025 deadline.

Mr. Stowell has begun his role as deputy treasurer and is working to drill down into all fiscal practices, funds, and prepare for our annual District audit from the state. The audit that will be performed this fall will cover the last two fiscal years FY23 and FY24 which will be based on the work of our outgoing treasurer. You can expect to see an updated Five Year Forecast in late October. Finally, I am in the early stages of forming a Student Superintendent's Advisory Council and am also looking to form a Parent Superintendent's Advisory Council as well. If you are interested in joining, please see the information below.

My door is always open,

Warm regards, Ashley Handrych Superintendent

#### **Important Dates:**

- ▶ 9/5 **PICTURE DAY**, K-7
- ▶ 9/25 LHS Parent Teacher Conferences
- ▶ 9/26 Volleyball PINK GAME
- > 10/3 LMS Coffee Chat at 6pm
- ▶ 10/9 LMS Parent Teacher Conferences
- ▶ 10/11 **NO SCHOOL**, NEOEA Day
- ▶ 10/17 LES Parent Teacher Conferences

# **NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

### **Parent Engagement**

We value your partnership in your child's education and received feedback from parents on the mode of communication they most prefer- email was the overwhelming choice. Our principals use Blackboard Communications to send emails and text messages updating you with items happening in the building. Our teachers also have access to this tool and will use it to communicate. Additionally, you can get our app by visiting the App store on your mobile device and searching "Lakeview Bulldogs" or by visiting our website and clicking on the "Mobile App" link.

## **4-H Recognition**

Lakeview had over thirty students enter a project at the Trumbull County Fair this summer. At the August Board of Education meeting, the Board of Education recognized those students for their achievements in 4-H.



#### Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee

In search of parents in grades K-12 that are interested in serving on a parent advisory board to the superintendent. Meetings would be held quarterly at 7:30 a.m. in the Lakeview Board of Education Offices. Dates: Monday, October 21st, Monday, December 16th, Monday, March 17th, and Monday, May 19th. If you are interested in joining, we are hoping to get ten parents across the grade bands to participate, use the QR code to link to the form to sign-up.



### Volleyball Pink Game

Each year our varsity volleyball team hosts a breast cancer fundraiser game to support a beloved community member who is currently battling the disease. This event will take place on **Thursday, September 26th** with the JV game starting at 5:30 and Varsity immediately after. All proceeds will go directly to the community member's needs and expenses. There will be raffles, pre-game shopping, and other opportunities for attendees to donate. This event is not just about raising funds but also about bringing the community together to offer strength, hope, and encouragement to someone that means so much to everyone. We hope you'll consider joining us.

#### Parent Teacher Organization

Our K-7 building has a robust PTO and they are always looking for new members and volunteers. The PTO provides countless experiences for our students and is a great way to meet others and get involved at the school. You can find them on Facebook at Lakeview Bulldogs PTO or contact them at: <u>lakeviewelempto@gmail.com</u>. Their first meeting of the year will be on **Monday**, **September 16th at 6:00 p.m.** in the K-7 cafeteria.

#### Ohio House of Representatives High School Art Exhibition

Sophomore Lilliana Masteller was selected to display art at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. This honor is bestowed to a single student in each House of Representatives district and will be on display through May of 2026.



### **Coffee Chat**

LMS Coffee Chat: Meet with Mrs. Handrych and Mr. Vastag to learn about the District protocol for student threats. **Thursday**, **October 3rd: 6:00 p.m.** at Lakeview Middle School.

