SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE
From the Desk of Mr. Jon C. Detwiler

Greetings Lakota Families,

In the public school world there has been some good news as of late from Columbus. It seems the pendulum of politics is swinging back to more local control of schools. Some proposed legislative changes in the areas of testing, teacher evaluation and school funding appear to be headed in a favorable direction for local boards of education.

Along with the state level changes there will be some changes for Lakota Local Schools. Starting August 1, I will be leaving Lakota Local Schools and taking the superintendent position for Fremont City Schools. I hope you will understand what a big decision this is for Mrs. Detwiler and me. As I told my board here, there are no reasons to leave Lakota.

This board was gracious and generous trying to encourage me to stay, but as I told board president Chris Chalfin, I feel strongly that this professional challenge is something that I would regret not trying. I pray you understand how much I have enjoyed my time here and how much I love this community. I am grateful for the kind wishes I have gotten from so many friends. I only hope that my four years here will be remembered favorably. I had a sixth grade boy ask me in the cafeteria the other day, “Mr. Detwiler, will you still love Lakota?” My response, as I checked my emotions… “Always” . Go Raiders!

Thankfully submitted,
Jon C. Detwiler,
Superintendent
of Lakota Local Schools

NECESSARY IMMUNIZATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN, 7TH AND 12TH GRADERS
Submitted by Mrs. Beth Crawford, School Nurse

A reminder to all families who will have students entering Kindergarten, 7th grade AND 12th grade this August: Please make sure your students have received all of the necessary immunizations prior to the start of the new school year and remember to submit a copy of their record to school for their file. It is not too early to make an appointment to have immunizations completed. Appointment times fill up quickly as the new school year approaches, so please do not delay. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Crawford, RN at 419-986-6640.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES
Friday, June 2, 2017 Last Day Of School For Students
Sunday, June 4, 2017 Graduation in the Lakota Local Schools’ Gymnasium
August 17, 2017 District Open House
August 29, 2017 First Day Of School

On Friday, May 19th, please plan on attending the Lakota Fine Arts Festival. The night is filled with art, dance, film and music prepared by students of all ages. There will be artwork and Science projects in the Auxiliary Gym from students in all grade levels. The Lakota Bands and Choirs will be performing along with the Raiderettes in the Auditorium. Concessions will be available.

The festival starts at 6:00 p.m. You won’t want to miss it!!
The spring is filled with many banquets, performances and athletic events that showcase the talents and celebrate the successes of our Lakota students. For this reason, spring is one of my favorite times of the year. It is an honor to celebrate alongside of students and family members all of their wonderful accomplishments.

As we approach the last few weeks of school, the students and staff are working diligently to prepare for final exams and for the future. Please join us on Sunday, June 4th, as the seniors gather one last time in the gym for commencement. On behalf of the staff of Lakota High School, we wish you all of the best life has to offer.

The Lakota High School Class of 2017 invites you to attend their commencement exercises on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lakota Local Schools Gymnasium. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this wonderful accomplishment.

Senior Class Trip to Gatlinburg 2017

Our trip to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge was the experience of a lifetime. From seeing the jaw-dropping Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies, the awe-inspiring exhibits at WonderWorks Amusement Park, and ziplining over the Great Smoky Mountains (Parton’s Dixie Stampede, Pigeon Forge was the experience of a lifetime. From seeing the sinking of the Titanic (to mention The Tomb Escape Game, Dolly Parton’s Dixie Stampede, and ziplining over the Great Smoky Mountains). Everyone should experience the wonder of The Great Smoky Mountains! Thank you to all who made this amazing trip possible!

Lakota’s Firelands Academic Challenge Team, (formerly and better known as Quiz Bowl) competed with 17 other surrounding area school teams this year from October thru February. Advised by Mrs. Andrea Widman, our students represented the school well in both academic knowledge and overall presence. We finished tenth out of 18 teams, and have already set some goals for next season! The following students (ranging from freshmen to seniors) participated on the team: Kiersten Linkey, Morgan Johnson, Destiny Parker, Makenna Linkney, Jonathan Mason, Desteny Parker, Makenna Linkney, Jonathan Mason, Caleb Chalfin, Megan Belden, Kelsey Johnson, and Collin Gosche. Students who attended received gift cards, prizes, pizza and home-made brownies. Students played games, ate and gathered with friends, discussing and sharing prom memories. Lakota High School SADD sponsored a successful After-Prom gathering at the Rising Sun Church of God. Thank you Pastor Paul – what a fun event! Students who attended received gift cards, prizes, pizza and home-made brownies. Students played games, ate and gathered with friends, discussing and sharing prom memories. Lakota High School SADD and Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services sponsored this event.

2017 Ohio Music Ambassadors Trip to Europe

The vocal music department would like to express its immense gratitude for the community support demonstrated toward Trinity Morelock and the Morelock family in their efforts to raise the fees for the 2017 Ohio Music Ambassadors trip throughout Europe, sponsored by BGSU and many other organizations. The trip affords students the chance to tour throughout Europe with other choral singers to perform at well-known locations, attend shows, participate in master classes with professors and directors throughout Europe. As a student interested in a music major, the nomination for the trip gives Trinity an unusual learning experience. Thanks to you, the Morelock family is now fully able to send Trinity on this amazing and extraordinary opportunity. Again, thank YOU all for being kind, supportive, and as always, Lakota strong.

LHS National Honor Society Members

Current members of the Lakota National Honor Society are: Megan Belden, Collin Gosche, RaeAnna Harnez, Kelsey Johnson, Madison Randolph, Brianna Ray and Abbey Straussbaugh. New members were tapped on January 13, 2017. They are: Kimberly Boyer, Ashley Graham, Chandler Harvey, Madison Below, Devin Carr, Caleb Chalfin, Devin Clark, Mariah Kiser, Makenna Linkney, Madison Below, Megan Belden, Collin Gosche, RaeAnna Harnez, Kelsey Johnson, Madison Randolph, Brianna Ray and Abbey Straussbaugh. New members were tapped on January 13, 2017. They are: Kimberly Boyer, Ashley Graham, Chandler Harvey, Madison Below, Devin Carr, Caleb Chalfin, Devin Clark, Mariah Kiser, Makenna Linkney, Madison Johnson, Destiny Parker, Makenna Linkney, Jonathan Mason, Caleb Chalfin, Megan Belden, Kelsey Johnson, and Collin Gosche. Students who attended received gift cards, prizes, pizza and home-made brownies. Students played games, ate and gathered with friends, discussing and sharing prom memories. Lakota High School SADD and Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services sponsored this event. 2017 Ohio Music Ambassadors Trip to Europe

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SADD BINGO NIGHT

Everyone who joined us for the Lakota “Parent’s Night/Bingo Night” had a great time. At no charge to the public, everyone received prizes, pizza and “Cookie Lady” cookies. The most important message received included education on under aged drinking and the opiate epidemic from top experts from the Ohio Investigative Unit of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Thank you to our sponsors supporting this event which included: The Lakota High School SADD members, Students Against Destructive Decisions, the Sandusky County Health Department, Prevention Partnership, Always Choose Good Health, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services, and the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot Counties.

NINE-TO-FIVE BREAKFAST

On Friday, May 5th, three Lakota High School students were recognized at the Nine-to-Five Breakfast. Sponsored by the North Point Educational Service Center and the Ottawa County Cabinet of Superintendents, the event was held at Mon Ami Restaurant in Port Clinton, Ohio. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful buffet breakfast and awards program.

The Nine-to-Five Breakfast was established to recognize students in grades 10, 11 and 12 who have demonstrated marked improvement in their academics, attitude, attendance or general school performance from the ninth month (September) through the fifth month (May). In addition to Lakota students, individuals from Danbury High School, Genoa Area High School, Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor High School, Put-in-Bay High School, and Woodmore High School were honored.

Each of the honorees also selected a “significant person” whom they felt supported them in their efforts to be successful. These individuals were also recognized by the students with heartfelt speeches and the presentation of certificates.

The junior award recipient was Hope Watson-Davis. She chose her mother, Christine Meagher, as her biggest source of support and encouragement.

The senior award recipient was Hope Watson-Davis. She recognized her grandmother, Gayla Watson, as her significant person who has had a valuable role in Hope’s life.

Paul Mowry served as our senior honoree. Paul chose his mother, Jackie Mowry, as the person who helped him adjust his attitude and improve his work habits.

She retired from Lakota Schools after many years as a paraprofessional. She is shown here receiving her retirement blanket from Mr. Detwiler. Thank you Mrs. Wasserman!
5th Grade All A Honor Roll:
- Cody Biddle, Eliana Blanchett, Kaylin Carlson, Chase Dusiel, Brooklyn Foss, Cassady Foss, Landon Geber, Grace Harmon, Jackie Hines, Levi Hoeger, Isaac King, Taya Manuell, Andrew Matt, Alex McGinnis, Grace Rogers

4th Grade All A Honor Roll:

7th Grade All A Honor Roll:
- Lauren Bennett, Libby Blaucey, Grace Dohanyes, Kinzer Dussel, Cecilia Ellison, Geffrin Gulliver, Emmy Lee; Benjamin Hong, Madelynn Husband, Cory Jay, Janae Jones, Zoe Lamb, J. Matz, Meghan Thoms, Grace Swaingood, and Zelbyln Hedges

8th Grade All A Honor Roll:
- Connor Hill, Ethan Klotz, Justin Miller, Eric Zueckle

4th Grade All B Honor Roll:
- Kurtis Fawcett, Matthew Fidler, Gabriel Galik, Grant Guess, Anna Hunker, Cadence Ilke, Ryden Leber, Christina Lopez, Maryyah Magnus, Wylie Meece, Haley Nichols, Nevaeh Poole, Joshua Quijiaquez, Madeline Rainier, Jhayla Runen, Zoey Smith, Autumn Speck, Jordan Stuller, Jared Tyson, Grace Walmteimer, Courtney Wasserman, Zoie Widman, Tyler Wiltensmyer

MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On May 23, 2017, the Lakota Middle School National Junior Honor Society will be inducting 17 new members at the annual honor’s banquet. These students have been selected based on their outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. As part of their membership, the students will complete four independent volunteer service projects over the next year and will also complete at least one project as a group. This year’s inductees are:

- Michael Blevins, Savana Ranzenberger, Ethan Smithback, Libby Blaucey, Jenna Jones, Riley McDoile, Paivoa Viola, Liza Ebert, Carlie Foss, Carson Hill, Alex Holman, Trinity Koppus, Maya Lester, Paul Lopez, Cole Roush, Jacob Stuller, and Brooke Trumpler

8th Grade Language Arts Poetry

Submitted by Mrs. Pam Clark

Students in my 8th grade Language Arts classes recently participated in a mini poetry slam. They wrote their own Spoken-Word Poetry, poetry that is meant to be performed by its creator. Many students chose to explore topics that were very personal and meaningful to them. Tears of empathy, sympathy, indignation, and solidarity were shared as they spoke of their fears, hopes, frustrations, confusion, and hatred on subjects ranging from baseball to LeBron James to romantic heartache to divorce to suicide. I was extremely proud to be able to witness the courage they displayed as they willingly stood in front of their peers and bared their souls. Even more, they displayed such respect for each other and offered comfort without reservation. Knowing that these people are the future of our world brings a smile to my heart. We’ll be in good hands.
MIDDLE SCHOOL

ASSET TEAM

The Middle School Asset Team members for 2016-2017 are: Emma Beckley, Austin Witte, Brianna Benavidez, Caleb Sears, Sophie Slover, Mark Morelock, Miranda Fouts-Esquivel, Katelyn Hoffman, Ann Hoffman, Blake Norwalk Anderson, Sophie Berkley, Kiefer Shultz, Tessa Burkett.

This year they have decorated the hall to promote positive thinking during testing. They helped make a new video for the Sandusky County Health Department promoting the 40 Developmental Assets and they are in the process of doing a school-wide art project, which is rock painting. Painted rocks will be placed around the community for people to see and hopefully bring smiles to the community.

LAKOTA L.E.A.D.S.

The Middle School recognizes students at mid-term and end of quarter throughout the year. A student that exemplifies each quality are chosen for each grade. The qualities are leadership, effort, academics, discipline and spirit. Congratulations to the end of 3rd quarter winners!

5th Graders: Tayla Manuel, Mikey Garcia, Isaac King, Grace Rogers, Kayden Leber

6th Graders: Kendyl Rosenberger, Brianna Barringer, Trinity Koppus, Collin Zender, Cole Rouah

7th Graders: Lauren Bennett, Noah Hanson, Brianna Gilliland, Mkenzie Ratthburn, Gage Yonisau

8th Grade: Ethan Smithback, Michael Blevins, Connor Hill, Grace Huth, Robert Hunder

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. DANA WARD

Dear Families,

We are finishing our state assessments. Our teachers worked very hard throughout the school year challenging our students so they would be prepared for the state assessments. The students worked hard, took their time, and stayed focused during the assessments and there is no doubt in my mind that each one of them did an amazing job! Assessment results should arrive in June and we will get those results to you as soon as possible. Diagnostic results will be sent home in the end of the year grade cards.

We have two programs that we will run throughout the summer; our Summer School and our Raider Reading Club. Summer School is a two year program concentrating on some pre-readiness skills as well as social skills. This allows children to mature and grow with their friends but does not put them into a stressful learning situation. Next year they will go to kindergarten and we are positive these students will have a successful year as readers and leaders!

In closing, thank you once again for a fabulous year at Lakota. Enjoy your summer with your children and cherish every moment with them! Don’t forget to spend some time reading and doing some fun learning activities also!

FROM THE LAKHI CAFÉ

Free/Reduced eligible students - if you receive free or reduced meals, you will continue that benefit at the beginning of next year.

Account balances - if you have money on their account, it will remain there for the beginning of the next year.

Breakfast - we will continue to offer breakfast every morning except for 2 hour delay days. We will continue to offer a nice variety of hot items for the students to choose from.

Meal prices - check the next newsletter or website for current meal prices.

We hope you enjoy your summer break and look forward to next year!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FROM THE LAKHI CAFÉ

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FIRST GRADE NEWS

The first grade students have been working hard on increasing their reading levels. As students are able to read benchmark books with 95% accuracy, they may advance to the next level. Each book level increases with more vocabulary, punctuation, and extended text. On April 11th, the first graders put on a wonderful performance of A Day in the Country. Great job to all of the kids and Mrs. Sandrock on a job well done! On May 17th, the first graders took a Field Trip to the Toledo Zoo. This was a great experience and everyone had fun. We are currently finishing up our reading and math series and counting down the days left of school using ABC days. Each day has a special activity that begins with the letter of the alphabet. Please don’t forget to read with your child this summer and practice those math facts. Have a great summer!
SECOND GRADE HAPPENINGS!

The second grade classes traveled to Terra State Community College on April 26th to participate in Earth Jam. This event was hosted by the Ottawa-Sandsky-Seneca County Joint Solid Waste Management District. The purpose of the event is to educate students more on the importance of the three R’s: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. While at the Earth Jam, students were introduced to Myrtle the Recycling Turtle and her environmentally friendly friends.

Our second graders will also experience a trip to Syracuse to the Fossil Park. Mrs. Blachuta’s and Mrs. Cline’s classes went on May 16th while Mrs. Bala’s and Mrs. Gonya’s classes will go on May 23rd. This particular field trip accompanies one of our reading texts, “The Dog that Dug for Dinosaurs”. Students get to dig for fossils just as the main characters, Tray and Mary, do in the text.

All of our students are working very hard to finish the year strong! Our students are now reading the lesson texts independently as well as reading the directions, questions and answer choices on their reading tests. They have grown a lot since August!

Upcoming events: We will be having our last AR Party on Friday, May 26th. Field Day is on May 31st.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Field Day is on May 31st.

30,000-90,000 minutes of reading. Please encourage your child to help us reach these goals.

Elementary students are working to complete the “Right to Read Week” Reading Challenge. Students are encouraged to read to earn rewards from now until mid-May. Elementary students are working very hard to finish the year strong! Our students are now working on their reading tests. They have grown a lot since August!

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SENIOR LACEY...
CAUGHT BEING GOOD

The Caught Being Good program focuses on positive behaviors throughout the school. Students can earn a white ticket whenever a staff member “Catches You Being Good”. The student then puts their ticket in the Caught Being Good Fishbowl and Mrs. Ward stamps their hand. At the end of each month, names are drawn from the fishbowl. These students get to have lunch with Mrs. Ward on the stage and receive a certificate. The following names were drawn from the Caught Being Good Fishbowl in January, February, and March:

January, 2017
- Bailey Markin
- Tessa Creek
- Jayden Jenkins
- Aubriana Wyant
- Sophia Rainey
- Landen Yoast
- Reese Singly
- Spencer Meyer
- Raelynn Frederick
- Kyle Faucett
- Grant Scherger
- Gabe Stacey
- Chevelle Rubel
- Caden Collins
- Brady Brubaker
- Jade Hines
- Maycee Milligan
- Justin Gonzalez
- Emma Hindall

February, 2017
- Luis Campos
- Autumn Gilbert
- Roger Kelbley
- Estrella Leal
- Kaylee Sweeney
- Ana Rodriguez
- Annabel Holmes
- Tyler Lang
- Brandon Thomas
- Nate Stewart
- Rayna
- Hailey Binkley
- Capdyn Burns
- Lane Graber
- Cole May
- Tyler Morlock
- Savannah Vestal
- Addison Endicott
- Case Timmons

March, 2017
- Braylen Reddick
- Bradley Thomas
- Chloe Nighswander
- Elena Wyant
- Brenna Walter
- Novey Howell
- Violet Tension
- Millie Behnke
- Audrey Williams
- Madehn Reinhardt
- Nevaeh Dispenett
- Hannah Gill
- Hunter Sweeney
- Red Timmons
- Jordyn Wedye
- Ashlyn Linkey
- Braxton Quaintance

MOTHER & SON DANCE

Below From left to right:
- Braylen Reddick, Phoenix Bryan, Brenna Walter, Milee Behnke, Elena Wyant, Violet Tension, Madlyn Reinhardt

From left to right:
- Hunter Sweeney, Nevaeh Dispenett, Chloe Nighswander, Gracie Cymbola, Bradley Thomas, Reid Timmons

Back row left to right:
- Hannah Gill, Red Timmons, Jordyn Wedye, Ashlyn Linkey

From left to right:
- Ana Rodriguez, Estrella Leal, Annabel Holmes, Kaylee Sweeney, Hailey Binkley, Brandon Thomas, Nate Stewart, Tyler Lang, Trey Barr
TRAVELING VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL WALL

On June 22-25, 2017, Bellevue will be very honored to host the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall. If you have any student groups that would like to visit for an educational session on June 24 from 8:00 a.m. to noon, you can contact Kenn Rospert at 419-217-7154 or email Rospert@hmcltd.net to sign up for a time slot.

This is an extraordinary event which offers those who may not be able to visit the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. the opportunity to see it closer to home. Parents are also invited to bring their children to the event anytime during June 22-25.

For more information, please see the following links regarding information on the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial as well as educational links with specific lesson plans about the Vietnam War Era.

http://www.vvmf.org/teaching-the-vietnam-era
https://youtu.be/Y3BqV49biqw

When school groups visit The Wall That Heals (TWTH), students will experience:
• Reflection at the Wall and exploration of its design
• Discussion of what purpose memorials serve (20 minutes)
• Exploration of historic artifacts and Faces on The Wall at the Education Center trailer (20 minutes)
• Investigation of exhibit panels that give information on the history of the war era, and the memorial (20 minutes)

Wood County Dept.
of Job and Family Services
K-12 Fitted for Success

PREPARING KIDS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!
Backpacks, Basic School Supplies, New Shoes and Socks for qualified children who will be in Kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Application packets may be picked up at:
Wood County Job and Family Services
1928 E. Gypsy Lane Road
Bowling Green, OH 43402
Or to request an application be mailed, call: 419-352-7566 ext. 8492

Applications must be received by July 31, 2017. Backpacks, Supplies and Vouchers will be distributed the second week of August.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:
• Legal Custodian/Parent of the child or children must apply
• Verify total monthly family income
• Verify child’s enrollment/school status and proof of citizenship

Funding is limited for this program. Assistance provided on first come/first served basis.