

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LAKOTA ELEMENTARY MUSIC

It is an exciting year in Music class! We are off to a great start learning about steady beat, rhythm, singing and so much more! Our students are discovering that music encompasses other subjects such as science, math, and history. This year our school theme is "Americana". Students will learn songs that originated from America, the styles that developed out of this great country, and the lives of composers and musicians.

Kindergarten students have been focusing on the joy of singing and practicing how to keep a steady beat. With time, these skills will improve. You may hear them chant about a "Neat Little Clock" while swinging their arms in a grandfather clock pendulum sway or how fascinated they are about "Johnny" being able to work with five hammers at a time. You can help develop these skills by saying nursery rhymes while patting a beat or even singing

simple songs.

First grade is also focusing on the joy of singing and reviewing a steady beat. However, the students are experiencing patterns of long sound and short sounds which we will later define as rhythm. We have sampled a little music history by learning "Alabama Gal" which incorporates singing, instrumental playing, and movement.

Second grade is focusing on music that highlights a "Fall Festival." We will begin our Elementary program year highlighting our second grade students. Parents will receive a note at the beginning of October for all the details.

Our program "Fall Festival" is Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditoria. This program covers many music content standards including 3CE Listen to and identify music of various styles, composers, periods and cultures and 2PR Sing (using head voice and appropriate posture) and move to music of various styles,

composers and cultures with accurate pitch and rhythm.

Third grade is concentrating on how a melody is created and how instruments blend together to create music. We have been singing and playing melody patterns to a favorite cartoon classic, "Linus and Lucy."

We have also started our Unit on the symphony orchestra. At the end of this unit, we will dress up and attend a concert in Findlay this year to hear how the instruments together make great music. Again, this covers many music content standards such as 1CE visually and aurally, identifies the four families of orchestral instruments and 9PR Demonstrate appropriate audience etiquette at live performances. We will attend the live performance on **Wednesday, November 7, 2012.** We would like to thank the Lakota Elementary PTO for generously sponsoring our trip. After this

Unit of study, we will begin learning to play a recorder. More details to follow in a parent letter coming home soon!

Our Fourth Grade students are exploring "American Music" and the styles that developed during this time. We will share with you what we learned in a program called "American Voices" and our audience will travel through time and meet some very famous "American Voice" heroes. We will learn music for each part of history and how it was created. This program will be in honor of all of our military including our Veterans. The program is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

Parents may contact Mrs. Sandrock by calling her at 419-986-6640, extension 1118 or by e-mail at csandrock@lakota-sandusky.k12.oh.us if they have any questions about their child's music education.



Weather Delays & Closings

In case of bad weather, we now have the Instant Alert System in place. You will be notified by phone when there is a delay or closing. You may also check with one of the following radio/television stations for delays and closings.

Television Stations: 11, 13 and 24
Radio Stations: WTTF/WSPD/WTOD,WFOB,WFRO, WFIN, K-100/WKKO

Honeywell Instant Alert for Schools

Parent User Interface

Website URL:
<https://instantalert.honeywell.com>

Minimum Requirements

Register and create your account

1. Go to the Honeywell Instant Alert for Schools website listed above.
2. If you are not a staff member in the school, click on 'Parent' in the New User box.
3. If you are a staff member in the school, you could instead click on 'School Staff' in the New User box.
4. Complete the student information form. Click 'Submit.'
5. Complete the corresponding screen. Click 'Submit.'
6. After receiving the Confirmation message, click 'Proceed' to get started with Instant Alert.

7. Note: Remember your Login Name and Password so you may use it to update your profile.

View and check details about yourself and your family members

1. Upon successful login, click on 'My Family.'
2. Click on a parent name to view and edit parent details.
3. Click on a student name to view details about your children enrolled in this school.

Configure alert settings for yourself

1. Click on 'Alert Setup.'
2. Click on the check boxes to select which alert type you would like to have sent to which device. Click on 'Save' when complete.
3. If you would like to add another contact device, select the device type and enter the device details. Select the person to whom the

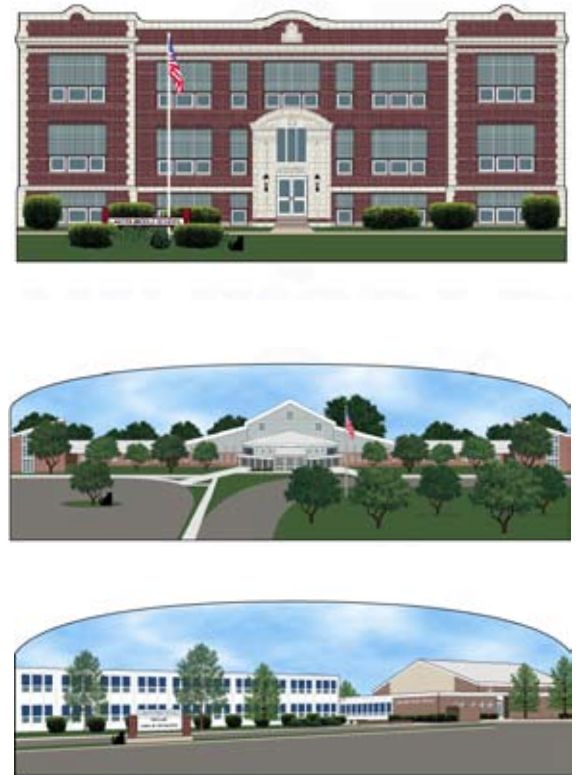
- device belongs and click on 'Add.'
4. You are also able to set the days and times you would like your phones to receive alerts. For example, if you want your work phone to receive alerts only during the workdays, you could set the weekday start time to 8:00am and the weekday end time to 5:00pm and then uncheck the weekend box. Or, if you did not want your cell phone to receive alerts while you were sleeping, you could set the weekday start time to 6:00am and the weekday end time to 10:00pm and the weekend start time to 8:00am and the weekend end time to 11:00pm. You have the flexibility and control to set up your phones in many different ways.
5. For e-mail, text messaging and pagers you may send yourself a test message. Click on 'Send Test Message' to send yourself a message.



Lakota Schools Cat's Meow Replicas

The Cat's Meow wooden replicas of the Lakota Schools are now available. Posters of the Cat's Meow replicas are on display at all the Lakota Schools.

Order forms are available in each of our school offices. For more information call the Board Office at 419-986-6650.



Lakota Schools Cat's Meow Order Form

Today's Date: _____ Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Bradner School	2 1/4" H x 7" W	MW003904
Jackson Burgoon School	3 1/4" H x 7" W	MW003902
Jackson Liberty School	3" H x 7 1/2" W	MW003903
Risingsun School	3 3/4" H x 6" W	MW003905
Lakota High School	2 1/2" H x 8" W	MW003906
New Lakota School	2 1/2" H x 8" W	MW003907

Raider Pride Pkg.
(Purchase the 5 original schools and receive the *New Lakota School* free)

# Ordered _____	@ \$15.00 ea. = \$ _____
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# Ordered _____	@ \$15.00 ea. = \$ _____
# Ordered _____	@ \$75.00 ea. = \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____	

Please make checks payable to Lakota Local Schools and return this completed order form to any Lakota School or send to
Lakota Local Schools
5200 C.R.13
Kansas, OH 44841

All proceeds will go to the Lakota Enrichment Fund.



PARENTING TIPS ON BULLYING



From the Lakota School Nurse
Deb Morehart, RN, BSN, CSN

1. Encourage your children to report bullying incidents to you.

- Validate your children's feelings by letting them know it's normal to feel hurt, sad, scared and angry.
- Let them know they are right to report the incident and are not to blame.
- Help your children be specific in describing bullying incidents.

2. Ask your children how they tried to stop the bullying.

3. Coach your children about possible alternatives.

- Avoidance is often the best strategy.
 - Play in a different place.
 - Play a different game.
 - Stay near a supervising adult when bullying is likely to occur.
 - Look for ways to find new friends.
- Support your children by encouraging them to invite friends to play at your home or involve your child in activities outside of school.

4. Treat the school as your ally.

- Share your children's concerns and specific information about bullying incidents with

appropriate school personnel.

- Work with school staff to protect your children from possible retaliation.
- Establish a plan with the school and your children for dealing with future incidents.

5. Encourage your children to seek help and to report bullying incidents to someone they feel safe with at school, such as a teacher, counselor, principal or bus driver.

6. Use school personnel and other parents as resources for finding positive ways to encourage respectful behaviors at school.

- Volunteer time to help supervise field trips, the playground or the lunchroom.
- Become an advocate for school-wide bullying-prevention programs and policies.

7. Encourage your children to continue to talk to you about all bullying incidents.

- Do not ignore your children's reports.
- Do not advise your children to physically fight back.
- Do not confront the child who bullies.
- Do not confront the family of the child who bullies.

Source: Committee for Children



Betty Linkey and Carol Wollam, members of the Class of 1961

The Lakota High School graduating Class of 1961 donated a Red Magnolia Tree in honor of their class. Your generous gift will be appreciated for many years to come. Thank you!

SEARCH FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

School districts across the state of Ohio are participating in an effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Schools search for children having such conditions as hearing impairment, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, autism, multiple disabilities, mental retardation, other health impairments, and traumatic brain injury. Public schools are required and are committed to the provision of a free and appropriate public education, regardless of the child's disability. Many children with disabilities are not found to receive

and address their needs until they reach school age. These children may not be visible as a part of the mainstream community, such as children of homeless families or migrant families. Also, unidentified children with disabilities are often preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability or that there are programs and services available.

Lakota Local Schools is interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. **If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, please contact Tracy Foos, who is the Special Education Supervisor at Lakota at 419-986-6650 or tfoos@lakota-sandusky.k12.oh.us.**

FIVE THINGS NOT TO SAY TO A SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT

"Kids may not remember what you say. Or what you do. But they will remember how you make them feel." A few years ago, while attending a bullying seminar at a parenting conference, I heard that quote from the presenter. I couldn't help but agree. I, for example, have forgotten so much from my childhood, but remember vividly the rare occasions when I was yelled at in school. In third grade, for example, my teacher called me a hypocrite for making someone laugh when I was supposed to be helping her with her work. At the time, I had no idea what that word meant (I didn't learn it until 10th grade vocabulary), but I did remember how it made me feel-embarrassed, ashamed and humiliated.

Most of us have felt that way at one time or another in our lives. Unfortunately, some people experience it more than others, such as special needs parents. When our children are acting out or exhibiting some of their quirks publicly, it's not uncommon for people to say things that sometimes leave us feeling humiliated, angry and above all, sad.

Of course, sometimes people don't mean to hurt us. They may be uncomfortable and nervous and say the wrong thing. There are, however, people who say harsh things because they are judging us. I asked special needs parents to share what they feel are the worst things people can say to them, and came back with these 5 No-Nos.

1. "I don't know how you do it." While this may seem like an innocent comment, it drives

us crazy when people say this, particularly in times of crisis when we are most vulnerable.

"I had to put my daughter in the hospital. Her depression was so bad."

"Oh Patty, I don't know how you do it."

We "do it" because we don't have a choice. The only alternative would be to curl up into a ball and give up. Where would that put our children?

2. "Give me your kid for a week and I'll whip him in to shape." There are many reasons why people should never say this. The biggest one is that given the stress many special needs parents are under and the fact that we aren't used to people wanting to *take* our kids, we are likely to take you up on your offer. So if you make this request, be prepared to get this response: "OK great, I'm free at 5:00 and will drop her off then." We also might peel out in your driveway in case you change your mind.

People who say things like this often remark, "Your child just needs discipline." Believe us, if discipline were the answer, we would all run boot camps. We would love to think our children's struggles were a result of our parenting mistakes. We can control those.

3. "You poor thing." The one thing that special needs parents can't stand more than anything (besides being tagged on a perfect kid's Facebook report card) is pity. We don't want you to feel sorry for us; we want you to be compassionate. Compassion and pity are quite different. Compassion says to a person, "I feel your pain, let me take some of it away from you.

DISPLAY CASE COMMITTEE REQUESTS

The Display Case Committee plans to feature one graduating class, rotating displays approximately every 3 months. If your class would like to be highlighted, please collect items for display, then call Kathy Lee, Secretary to the Superintendent, at 419-986-6650, extension 1 and leave your contact information.

As a tribute to the deceased members of the Lakota community, the Display Case Committee would like to list the names of these persons in one case at Lakota School. In order to obtain accurate information, we are seeking your help. Please call Kathy Lee at 419-986-6650, extension 1 or email her at klee@lakota-sandusky.k12.oh.us and give her

the following information: correct spelling of deceased person (including maiden name, when applicable), year of birth, and year of death. Please leave your phone number in case we need to contact you with a question.

Thank you for your assistance.

Committee:

Elaine Roush, Yvonne Riffle,

Pat Harrison

If anyone has interesting facts or stories from the early years of Lakota (Amsden, Bradner, Burgoon, Kansas, Risingsun) that you are willing to share, please call Kathy Lee, 419-986-6650 extension 1.

Pity, on the other hand, says, "Wow! Your life stinks! I wouldn't want to be you!"

The fact is, our lives with our special needs kids don't stink. Are they challenging? *Yes.* Are there times we think about drinking a box of wine at 9:00 a.m.? *You betcha.* Are there days when we think we can't stand another moment of watching our kids' struggle to be accepted? *Plenty.* But there are also days when we experience joys that other parents never understand-like when our kids hit major milestones in their lives, such as getting invited to a party or making a friend, or using the potty for the first time-at age 8.

4. "I'm so lucky, my kids are healthy." When people say this, it makes it sound like our kids have some terrible disease. It might surprise some people that most special needs parents actually think they are blessed to have the children they have. My special needs children have enriched my life in so many ways. They've given me the gift of compassion, taught me unconditional love, made me less judgmental, and helped me appreciate the family and friends who have supported them. Sounds pretty healthy to me.

5. "If that were my kid, he'd be different." It's so easy today to make judgments about people based on the way they look or the way they act. It's a lot more difficult to stop and think about what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes. Someone who makes this type of comment obviously doesn't have the ability to do that. The best response to this

statement is this: "No, if that were your kid, you'd be different." So until you walk in my size 9 wide shoes, shut up!

These are just a few things that special needs parents have to hear on a daily basis. If you're a parent of adopted special needs children, you might hear even worse things. Some parents have been on the receiving ends of these harsh comments:

"At least, she's not your *real* child."

"Did you know he had special needs when you adopted him?"

"Did you try to return them?"

What You Could Say

So now that I've shared what we don't want you to say, what should you say? Here are some great suggestions:

Sometimes it's better to listen than to speak. Many special needs parents just want someone who will listen objectively, and not judge.

Don't be afraid to ask specific questions that can help educate you, such as "Can you tell me more about autism?" Avoid questions such as "What's wrong with him?" Or "What's *her* problem?"

If the child is present, don't talk as though the child isn't there. That makes the child feel ashamed.

Remember the difference between compassion and pity.

Ask how you can help. You'll score major points with that one. For added points, you may want to offer to adopt our kids. Just kidding!

EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 15 PTO – Conference Room in Media Center – 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Music Boosters – Staff Dining Room – 6:30 p.m.
- 22-31 OGT Testing

November

- 5 Athletic Boosters – Staff Dining Room – 6:00 p.m.
- 19 PTO – Conference Room in Media Center – 6:30 p.m.
- 19 & 20 Early Dismissal- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21 Conference Comp Day (No School)
- 22 & 23 Fall Break (No School)
- 26 Music Boosters – Staff Dining Room – 6:30 p.m.

December

- 3 Athletic Boosters – Staff Dining Room – 6:00 p.m.
- 17 PTO – Conference Room in Media Center – 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Winter Break Begins (No School 12/21-1/2)

January

- 3 Classes Resume
- 21 Martin Luther King Day (No School)

February

- 15 Waiver Day (pending ODE approval)
- 18 President's Day (No School)
- 27 & 28 Early Dismissal- Parent/Teacher Conferences

March

- 1 Conference Comp Day (No School)
- 11-22 OGT Testing
- 28-29 Spring Break (No School)
- 28 Possible Make-Up Day

April

- 1 Spring Break (No School) Possible Make-Up Day
- 22-30 OAA Testing

May

- 1-10 OAA Testing
- 27 Memorial Day (No School)
- 31 Last Day for Students

June

- 2 Graduation at 2:00 p.m.
- 4-7 Possible Make-Up Days

KEEP THAT "COMMUNITY CASH" ROLLING IN!

The sales receipts from the Great Scot stores have been coming into the music department regularly and the Lakota Music Boosters ask you to continue to save and send them in to Mrs. Adams or Mrs. Brower with your favorite music student. Every little bit helps our music kids with their costs. Thanks for your continued support!

LAKOTA COOKBOOKS ARE HERE!!

The Lakota Music Boosters are selling cookbooks – "LET'S EAT, LAKOTA RECIPES" – filled with over 400 recipes contributed by Lakota community members. The cookbooks are the result of a self-determined 4-H project created by Lakota 8th grader, Caris Conrad, who with the help of her mother and grandmother, worked over the summer to gather, organize and submit the book for publication. The music boosters happily agreed to financially back the project and are now selling the cookbooks for \$12 each or 2 books for \$20. The books will be sold at various functions throughout the school year including all home football games, musical events and other sports activities. You may also purchase a cookbook by contacting Mrs. Sherry Adams at 419-986-6620, extension #3409 or 419-619-3873, Mrs. Amy Conrad at 419-469-0057 or Mrs. Cindy Eidenour at 419-986-6620. All checks are payable to Lakota Music Boosters. The proceeds from cookbook sales will directly benefit Lakota music students. The music boosters are also selling Lakota Spirit items such as window decals (\$6), "LAKOTA PRIDE" yard signs (\$10) and Lakota megaphones (\$2.00 and \$2.50 with popcorn, \$.50 refills).

LAKOTA MUSIC BOOSTERS' CONCESSION STAND!

The Lakota Music Boosters would like to thank EVERYONE who has helped to supply, set-up and work the concession stand/Coke trailer during the current football season! It's been great seeing new faces and parents of the younger music students, as well as parents of the middle school and high school students. Special thanks to Cindy McGough, Laura Miller and Paul and Cheryl Rutledge. The stand is a project that takes many people and the boosters have been very fortunate to have willing workers and good workers. Thanks again and see you at the game!!!

"COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT" AT BOB EVANS!!!

The Fostoria Bob Evans will sponsor a "Community Fun Night" to benefit the Lakota Music Boosters and the Lakota FFA. The event is scheduled for **Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.** Fliers advertising the event are in the hands of high school and middle school music students and FFA members. They can also be found in the high school and middle school offices. Anyone having their dinner at Bob Evans on November 8th will earn these school groups 15% of the bill, but you must have your flier- one flier per receipt, including CARRY-OUT orders!!! Many Lakota students will be involved in the evening's activities. The Lakota Marching Band will perform in the parking lot from 5-5:30 p.m., the FFA members will greet and welcome customers at the door and various vocal music students will provide musical entertainment in the dining room throughout the evening. Last year's "fun night" was an evening of great food, fellowship and music! Bob Evans realized the largest receipt total for an organizational "fun night" ever! Join us again this year on **November 8th from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Fostoria Bob Evans Restaurant.** Thank you for your on-going support!

HELP LAKOTA WIN!!

Red Ribbon week is fast approaching! We have lots of contests, dress up days and activities to show your school spirit and commitment to living drug free the week of **October 22nd -26th.** Sandusky County is likewise celebrating this national event, and is hosting a **Red Ribbon Spooktacular at Terra Community College on October 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00.** This FREE event will include carnival games, free cotton candy and other goodies, face painting and wear your best monster mask for the costume contest! The school with the highest percentage of attendance will win \$150! This event is open to all ages. So please, mark your calendars now - come support your school, and have a ghoulishly good time!

Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

Lakota Local Schools are in need of substitute bus drivers. This would require a valid School Bus CDL. For further information, please contact Mr. Tim Kern, Lakota Transportation Supervisor at 419-986-5558.

LAKOTA KIDS INVOLVED IN SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES!

The Greater Cincinnati Harmony Fest, hosted by Miami of Ohio in June, was attended by several Lakota girls- Kyleigh Harrison, Carlee Conrad, Caris Conrad, Gates McGough, Jessica Walter, Lauren Raymond and Evie Hankins. The girls learned several pieces of music arranged in the "barbershop" style and along with the rest of the festival chorus, presented a show at the end of the week. The Sing-A-Ma-Jigs (Kyleigh, Carlee, Caris and Gates) also sang for a couple of events in June and August. The All-Ohio Youth State Fair Choir and Band also was complimented with the talents of Gunnar Lentz and Lauren Raymond (choir) and Brett Welly and Gates McGough (band) as they sang, played and marched through the fairgrounds in Columbus, entertaining crowds for nearly 2 weeks! Good job and congratulations to all of these fine musicians!

Lakota Athletic Boosters REVERSE RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE \$10,000.00
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012

RAFFLE STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE FREEPORT HALL
(3700 Girton Road - outside of Wayne, OH)

(DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.)

TICKETS ARE \$100.00 (INCLUDES ONE MEAL)
ADDITIONAL MEAL TICKETS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$12.00

MEAL SERVED FROM 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
(DESSERTS AND SNACKS PROVIDED THE REST OF THE EVENING)

SILENT AUCTION ** RACE HORSES ** 50/50's
Being held throughout the evening

PROFIT FROM EVENT HELPS SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES WITH NEW UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING:

- Lisa Timmons 419-680-2070
- Karl King 419-307-9866
- Roxy Bowling 419-619-0152
- Shannon James 419-265-0321
- Cindy Eidenour At H.S. 419-986-6620
- (MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND)

BLOODMOBILE

The Lakota High School National Honor Society chapter will be hosting a blood drive on **Friday, November 16, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the main gymnasium.** Students who are 16 years of age and older may sign up. Community members are also encouraged to donate by calling the high school office at **419-986-6620** to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

PTO MEETINGS

October 15
November 19
December 17
6:30 p.m.
Conference Room in the Media Center