GREETINGS TO THE LAKOTA SCHOOLS COMMUNITY,

It is hard to believe we are already in December. The years just seem to fly by. I hope this newsletter finds you well as you prepare for the holiday season.

In the last newsletter I shared that we had achieved an improved academic status with the Ohio Department of Education. This time I would like to share some of the other things we have done this fall to maintain our facilities. We have fertilized our athletic fields to keep them in good condition. We also painted and installed a metal roof on the football concession stand. A new bus has been ordered and will be delivered early this spring. We continue to send our maintenance staff to trainings to better utilize and maintain our very sophisticated heating and cooling systems. We have completed the 5 year wetland mitigation process with the Ohio EPA that we entered into when we built our new building. We completed our first summer of doing our own grass mowing in order to save costs. We had to replace a well pump and repaired part of our fire suppression system.

This is just a partial list of the projects that we have been doing to maintain this beautiful facility. I never grow tired of the compliments I get from visitors that come to our school. As I travel around to other districts, I am more convinced we have some of the best facilities in the area. I know I speak for everyone, students and staff, here at Lakota Elementary School, when I say thanks again to the tax payers of this community that have supported our school.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

8th GRADERS EXPLORE WASHINGTON D.C.

The 8th graders participated in an opportunity to explore Washington D.C. on November 4th-6th. They visited places such as Arlington National Cemetery, MLK, Jefferson, WWII, Vietnam, Lincoln, and Korean Memorials, U.S. Holocaust Museum, National Archives Building, the White House, and the Capitol. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Flore, Mrs. Beck, Miss Grose, and Mr. McGinnis served as chaperones. The students learned a great deal about our nation’s history and had a wonderful time!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

Mrs. Henry’s 5th grade classes, along with Mrs. Linkey’s 6th grade students, made the Christmas season memorable for residents of the Independence House Nursing Home and Good Shepherd Home in Fostoria. The students collected donations of Christmas cards, Chap Stick, lotions, soaps, fuzzy socks with grips for women, and bandannas and will deliver the items to the people who live in those facilities. In addition, students created Christmas cards to add to the holiday spirit and attached the cards to the other gifts. The opportunity to serve the community in this manner is one lesson that will resonate with the 5th and 6th grade students.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS FUNDRAISER

Lakota Athletic Boosters will be doing a fundraiser December 16th at Buffalo Wild Wings in Fremont from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. We will be passing out the vouchers at the boys and girls varsity games in December. The Athletic Boosters will receive 15% of food purchases made at that time. Thank you for your support!

EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS

Lakota Athletic Boosters

ADMIT ONE

15% of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity, alcohol sales or promotional discounts) to our organization.

BAKE SALE BENEFIT FOR THE LAKOTA ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Tuesday, December 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in the Lakota Elementary Cafeteria.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

Lakota 5th and 6th grade classes made Christmas cards to deliver to the residents of the Independence House Nursing Home and Good Shepherd Home in Fostoria. Each child spent time with a resident playing cards and reading. The students were able to connect with the residents and realize the importance of serving others.

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From The Desk Of Mrs. Sherry Sprow
Lakota High School Principal

With the second nine weeks well underway, it is hard to believe the end of the first semester is quickly approaching. The high school students have been working diligently in their classes in preparation for first semester exams which will be administered during the week of December 14th. Congratulations to all of the students who were on the honor roll during the first nine weeks. We are very proud of you and applaud your academic success.

The fall sports season ended with many of our athletes excelling at various sports. The Fall Sports Banquets took place in November with a number of fall athletes recognized for their outstanding efforts in the state, district, and league. Congratulations to all of the fall sports teams. The winter sports teams have been working hard and are eagerly anticipating their upcoming contests.

To celebrate the holiday season, many musical programs have been scheduled. During this busy season, consider taking a bit of your time to spend with our talented students and enjoy some holiday cheer. The high school winter concert is scheduled for December 15th at 7:00 P.M. Information for all of the upcoming events can be found on our website www.lahotschools.org.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!

Homecoming Court
First Row L-R: Danielle Saam, Miranda Coleman, Hannah Jakoby, Mrs. Nancy Slotterbeck, Counselor, Brianna Arriaga and Neria Gonzalez.

Second Row L-R: Cameron Balderson, Logan Bloom, James Knally, Andrew Ferree, Dakota Gilber, Chris Fillhart

Homecoming Queen and King
Aspen Ray and Andrew Ferree

Homecoming Fun and Games

The Second Annual Women’s Leadership Forum was held at Terra Community College on Monday, November 9, 2015. Our high school faculty members nominated five senior women to attend this event: Danielle Saam, Miranda Coleman, Hannah Jakoby, Brianna Arriaga and Neria Gonzalez. Mrs. Nancy Slotterbeck, school counselor, coordinated the event.

The program involved a presentation and panel discussion by four women who either work in our local area or were raised in our area and their educational and career decisions that forged their pathways to positions of leadership. Panelists were: Pam Jensen, president of ProMedica Memorial Hospital and ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital; Roxanne Price, Assistant Commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association; Dr. Nancy Sattler, emeritus professor of mathematics at Terra State Community College; Christie Weinsinger, Executive Director of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center.

Numerous local, female leaders attended the forum and took part in round-table discussions with the senior women. They shared their victories and their challenges in reaching their goals and encouraged the women to make healthy choices and attain a sense of balance in their lives, as they pursue their careers. The women were also treated to a wonderful luncheon at the Neeley Center.

Homecoming Court
First row L-R: Madison Brudling, Saraiza Isipradit, Alexis Kirkpatrick, Kendidey Myers, Aspen Ray, Bree Long-Meyer

Second row L-R: Cameron Balderson, Logan Bloom, James Knally, Andrew Ferree, Dakota Gilber, Chris Fillhart
LAKOTA FFA NEWS
Submitted by
Lakota FFA Officer team
Members of our chapter participated in the District 4 Soil CDE in Fort Seneca on October 8th, 2015. A Rural team made up of: Makayla Waggoner, Miranda Cox, Bree Long-Meyer, and Spencer King placed 8th out of 27. The Urban team, made up of: James Knallay, Samantha Wallace, Madison King, Jacob Sattler, and Drew Smith earned 21st out 24.

We attended the 88th National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky on October 28-31, 2015. While at convention, members, advisors, parents and guests attended sessions, the career show and toured some area agricultural attractions. The highlight of the convention featured Tyler Cox, receiving his American FFA Degree, the highest award an FFA member can achieve.

The Food Science team of: Madison King, Madison Bowling, Emilee Roper, Maryn Klaus and Katelyn Klotz placed 6th out of 11 teams in the District 4 CDE held November 12, 2015 at Sentinel.

We would like to thank all of the customers who supported our annual fruit sales.

From The Desk Of Mr. Charles Tackett
Principal at Lakota Middle School

The which-comes-first question: do students need to read more in order to engage complex texts successfully, or do students first need the reading skills and strategies before they can read those challenging texts with confidence?

Renaissance Learning, a cloud-based company that creates educational software and assessments, recently released its annual report, titled What Kids Are Reading. The study attempted to uncover how students become better readers, as they progress from Kindergarten through high school. The conclusion drawn from the evidence should come as no surprise: students who read more, especially those who read complex texts, gained higher academic achievement than those students who read less.

Renaissance Learning took the results from 1.4 million 5th grade students in its database and found that 28% of the lowest 200,000 readers climbed out of this lowest academic achievement category by the end of the school year. Of the same 200,000 struggling readers, 5% made significant reading gains, showing enough progress to read as well as the top 50% 5th grade students. How were these gains made in such a short period of time? The students who increased their reading proficiency read, on average, 4.7 more minutes per day. That’s it: 4.7 minutes per day. These additional minutes equaled more than 200,000 more words for the students who made significant reading gains, as opposed to those who remained static. A parallel finding was discovered with a longitudinal study of 8th grade students in the Renaissance Learning database. The students who read more words showed the most significant reading progress: in some cases, students who made the highest gains read 300,000 more words than the 8th graders whose reading scores remained stagnant. The study can’t exclude other factors involved in the students’ reading gains, including teacher efficacy, but the underlying premise has validity: students who are exposed to more words, within more challenging texts, make higher achievement gains in reading.

The research results beg the next question: What makes a particular text complex, or challenging? Educational experts will mention word frequency, sentence length, the knowledge demands the reader must bring to the text, along with the meaning of the piece and the author’s purpose. However, if one dismisses the educational jargon, the bottom line is each reader will understand when a particular text – whether it be a novel, short story, play, poem, a non-narrative nonfiction article, or set of directions – requires him / her to push the limits of his / her academic prowess. When students first read texts that require them to exert a little more muscle, they may become frustrated, feeling the extra effort isn’t worth the gain. However, in comparison, weight lifting strains the muscles, and can be quite painful. The end result, though, is that weight lifting strengthens physical stature. Reading complex texts, in turn, strengthens mental acuity, and leads to success in all content areas.

Please encourage your children to read. The complexity of the selected texts matters, and should be a consideration. Yet fostering the love for reading for all purposes, aesthetic and pragmatic, will boost students’ reading skills and overall knowledge. Remember: 4.7 minutes of extra reading a day isn’t the only factor that promotes exceptional student learning and achievement, but that additional time is a factor that can’t be overlooked. 4.7 minutes per day may stand between your student and his or her future academic success. Encourage the gift of reading, and your student will reap the benefits for years to come.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

National Convention attendees at Schimpff’s Confectionary
L-R: Dakota Holman, James Knallay, Makayla Waggoner, Miranda Cox, Dalton Carr, Jacob Sattler, BreeAnna Skates

Soil Judging Participants
L-R: Jacob Sattler, Spencer King, Bree Long-Meyer, Miranda Cox, Makayla Waggoner, James Knallay, Madison King, Samantha Wallace and Drew Smith

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ACTOR EXTRAORDINAIRE!
Lucas Rosenberger participated in the Fremont Community Theater’s product of The Addams Family this past October. Lucas played the role of Pugsley, a devious child who will do anything to get his way, even going as far to poison Alice, his sister’s boyfriend’s mother.

This is the third production in Lucas’ budding career, as he also had roles in A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Aristocats.

Lucas plans to participate in Teen Theater this summer, to further hone his acting ability. Thank you, Lucas, for your positive representation of Lakota Middle School. Perhaps you will have your own star someday on the Hollywood Walk of Fame!
LAKOTA L.E.A.D.S. WINNERS

Lakota L.E.A.D.S recognizes students for their contributions in the following areas: Leadership, Effort, Academics, Discipline, and School Spirit. L.E.A.D.S. winners are nominated every month, and are awarded with a donut and juice party with Mr. Tackett. The following students were recognized as Lakota L.E.A.D.S. winners at the end of the first quarter:

LAKOTA L.E.A.D.S. WINNERS

5th grade
Leadership: Lauren Bennett
Effort: Simon Tackett
Academics: Hannah Wasserman
Discipline: Nick Banker
School Spirit: Riley McDole

6th grade
Leadership: Noah Dull
Effort: Julia Baker
Academics: Braden Schaser
Discipline: Berenice Gonzalez
School Spirit: Kaleb Bura

7th grade
Leadership: Lacy Widmer
Effort: Casey Warren
Academics: Logan Weisenauer
Discipline: Makenzie Wyatt
School Spirit: Brayden Tyson

8th grade
Leadership: Lauren Bennett
Effort: Simon Tackett
Academics: Hannah Wasserman
Discipline: Nick Banker
School Spirit: Riley McDole

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNTRY CROSS NEWS

What an amazing season the Lakota Jr. High cross country teams had. Both boys and girls were able to defend their titles as Sandusky River League CHAMPIONS and Julia Baker ran away with an individual title as well. The boys team also won three other invitational titles (St. Joe Invite, Old Fort Invite and Anna Rocket Invite) beating several division two and three schools along the way. Capping off the season for the team was a 2nd place finish for the boys at the MSLA State Cross Country meet in the silver division.

Julia Baker finished with All-Ohio honors for the girls team, finishing in 9th place at state. Julia’s time of 13:01 for a two mile race places her on the list of the Top 20 runners in the history of Lakota Jr. High girls cross country in the number 8 position. Kaeden Wasserman finished his season also in the record books as the 12th fastest boy in Lakota Jr. High history running a two mile time of 11:51. Travis Hoerig ran his way into the All-Ohio books by finishing in 10th place at the State Meet and will finish his Jr. High career with the 7th fastest time in the Lakota Jr. High cross country record books with a time of 11:37. Braden Schaser won 5 of the last 6 invitations, including becoming a State Champion! This win gave him an invitation to the Cross Country Coaches National Youth Championship, held in Lexington, Kentucky. Braden finished 63rd overall in a race of 14 year olds (both 8th grade and 9th grade students) running a 4K time of 14:53. Braden also finishes the season as the 2nd fastest boy in the history of Lakota Jr. High cross country (behind Trent Ticker) with a time of 11:05. Congratulations to all of the runners on both the boys and girls teams. They had a fantastic year and have much to be proud of. Runners on the girls team include: Julia Baker, Reilly Corrette, Alysha Enright, Miranda Fouts, Savana Rasurenberger, Brooke Reed, Madilyn Wilders, and Alyisia Yonikus. Runners on the boys team include: Gavin D’Amato, Cole Dibble, Cameron Dunn, Connor Hill, Travis Hoerig, Trent Mathias, Caleb Meel, Cody Roush, Braden Schaser, Kaeden Wasserman, and Austin Weaver.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSET TEAM

Middle school students on the Asset Team recently participated in the Change of Heart training at Grace Community Church in Fremont. Students learned about the 40 Developmental Assets, internal and external factors that successful students possess, and participated in team-building activities that focused on the following concepts: avoiding making judgments on other people; recognizing other people’s barriers; and using one’s personal gifts to help others overcome their barriers. Currently, students are in the planning stages for their annual projects, which may include a family fun night and a volunteer challenge. Last year, the Asset Team sponsored the S.O.S. fundraiser for several members of the Lakota family, and this year’s projects will do even more to promote goodwill and unity throughout the local community.

Advisors: Ms. Grosse, Mrs. Parnato, and Mrs. Garber

8th Grade Asset Team Members are: Paige Curtis, Alysha Enright, Elliot LeBay, Hailey Domen, Norma Moore, Berenice Gonzalez, Josie Bear

7th Grade Asset Team Members are: Alyssa Dovall, Haley Frueh, Clairissa Stump, Savana Ranzenberger, Cody Roush, Ann Hoffman, Nicole Reiter, Taylor Couzette

MIDDLE SCHOOL 1ST NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

4.0 grade point average
Julie Kopp, Carson Hill, Jayla Hires, Alexander Holman, Trinity Koppus, Paul Lopez, Kaya Monumper, Ryan Parks, Simon Rosenberger, Kristian Schorn, Jacob Stuffer, Brian Tackett, Anora Wimmer, MAsey Zelman

3.5 – 3.9 grade point average
Lacy Widmer, Casey Warren, Logan Weisenauer, Makenzie Wyatt, Brayden Tyson, Lacy Widmer, Lauren Bennett, Simon Tackett, Hannah Wasserman, Nick Banker, Riley McDole

3.0 – 3.4 grade point average
Hayley Frueh, Abigail Kinder, Ethan Klotz, Lauryn Tiel, Kendra McDole, Noah Dull, Julia Baker, Braden Schaser, Berenice Gonzalez, Kaleb Bura

2.5 – 2.9 grade point average
Emma Chaffee, Reilly Couzette, Leanne Craven, Connor Hill, Ethan Klotz, Caleb Meel, Haleigh Pfitteger, Nicole Reiter, Cody Roush, Clairissa Stump, Eric Zettke

2.0 – 2.4 grade point average
Noah Dull, Parris Haggens, Kisten Linkey, Madeyln Matz, Lucas Rosenberger, Braden Schaser, Mariah Woodruff

1.5 – 1.9 grade point average
Kenedi Rose, Brayden Tyson, Sebastian Wallace, Logan Weisenauer, Lacy Widmer, Austin Williams, Collin Zender

1.0 – 1.4 grade point average
Kane Blachuta, Lauren Bennett, Ryan Davis, Cecilia Ellison, Jade Hathaway, Jasmine Haudert, Shyler Herr, Benjamin Hoves, Jenna Juarez, Olivia Kennedy, Amilia Kneissly, Joyce Kohler, Trevor Mathis, Nicole Newell, Reese Paul, Tyler Reyna, Andrew Rogers, Grace Seccard, Sophie Skove, Isabel Smith, Dylan Tyson, Paige Vola, Ziedyn Wedge, Gage Yonkus, Madelyn Zender

0.5 – 0.9 grade point average

0.0 – 0.4 grade point average
Julia Baker, Josie Bear, Kaleb Buda, Mariah Chaney, Mariissa Claburn, Alexis Gable, Karl Hansen, Travis Hoerig, Steven Kern, Kenneth Kreikle, Alexia McLain, Eva McCann, Bodey Moon, Alexander Palmerton, Samantha Rickard, Noah Rogers, Aisley Shenfeld, Jacob Schreiner, Charles Thomas III, Joelynne Thomas, Katelyn Tyler, Austin Weaver
ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL

On November 17 and 18, four Academic Quiz Bowl teams – one for each grade level - competed in Sandusky County's Academic Quiz Bowl tournament. Questions were selected from several categories, including math, science, history, and language arts, and the students had to prepare for the tournament by reading. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle (5th and 6th grade) and Becoming Ben Franklin (7th and 8th grade).

On November 17, the 5th grade squad took 3rd place overall in their tournament, and the 6th grade squad secured a 2nd place finish. Mrs. Linkey and Mrs. Bentley, the co-advisors, were impressed by how the students performed during the tournament, especially considering this is Lakota Middle School's first year in the Quiz Bowl competition. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Johnson, the advisors for the 7th and 8th grade team, were equally impressed with the performances of their students, as they earned 2nd place finishes in their respective tournaments. Congratulations are extended to all of the students who participated in the Sandusky County Quiz Bowl!

A FEW REMINDERS:

- **Winter Clothes**: As the winter weather is in full swing, we ask that you make sure your child is dressed appropriately. We will be going outside any time the temperature, including wind chill, is 20 degrees or above. It is very important for your child to wear a hat, gloves, and a winter jacket daily. It might also be a good idea to have your child dress in layers for the school day in case it is a little chilly in the building.

- **Lost and Found**: There are several items in our lost and found area already. Ask your child to check these areas if they are missing sweatshirts, hats, coats, or gloves!

- **Absences**: If your student will be absent, please call the Elementary Office at 419-986-6640 before 10:00 a.m. Also, please send a note when they return to school so there is documentation for their file.

- **Academic Subjects**: If your student is struggling with any academic subject, please let us know. We will do our best to assist them.

- **Important Dates**
  - **December 14**: Fourth Grade Winter Program - 7:00 p.m. in Auditoria
  - **January 18**: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
  - **February 15**: No School Presidents’ Day (possible make-up day)

- **Calendar of Events**

  - **Music Events**
    - **First Grade** - “Nutcracker”
    - **Third Grade** - Symphony Trip
    - **Fourth Grade** - “Nuthacker”

  - **December 20, 2015**
    - **First Row**
      - Logan Weisenauer, Casey Warren, Libby Blashey, Michelle Jackson, Rosendo Gracia
    - **Back Row**
      - Mrs. Linkey, Cheyenne Haxing, Jenna Juarez, Hannah Wasserman, Zane Lamb, Mrs. Bentley

  - **February 15**: Mrs. Clark, Eric Zuelzke, Ethan Klotz, Ashley Schoenfeld, Emma Chaffin, Haleigh Pottinger, Mrs. Johnson

  - **February 18**: Mrs. Bentley, Michelle Constantino, Casey Warren, Libby Blashey, Michelle Jackson, Rosendo Gracia

  - **March 11**: Mrs. Bentley, Michelle Constantino, Casey Warren, Libby Blashey, Michelle Jackson, Rosendo Gracia

  - **April 21**: Mrs. Bentley, Michelle Constantino, Casey Warren, Libby Blashey, Michelle Jackson, Rosendo Gracia

- **ACCELERATED READERS**

  The students are doing a wonderful job of reading and taking their quizzes. We are very pleased with their hard work! It definitely showed in the amount of students that were able to attend the first AR Reward Party on October 30th. Those that met their goal were able to attend a half hour of extra recess. They all seemed to enjoy this!!

  Looking ahead to the next AR Reward Party: it’s tailgate time! For the students that meet their next goal, they will be able to attend a Tailgate Game Party in the gym. This will be on **Friday, January 15th**. We will have a variety of stations set up for students to participate in, however, we are in need of volunteers to help with this. If you are interested please contact the school or send in a note with your child.

  Keep reading with your child!!

  Readers are leaders.

- **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

  The Kindergarten classes are in full bloom! We have finished learning all of our letters and sounds and are excited about using what we have learned by turning them into words. We are practicing sight words and are beginning to learn how to read small sentences.

  We celebrated the 50th day of school by having a 50’s Sock Hop. The students had a blast! They dressed like they were in the 50’s and danced to songs from the 50’s. Thank you to PTO for paying for our ice cream floats!

  For Thanksgiving, we worked hard to earn feathers for our Indian headbands. After all our hard work, we had a Thanksgiving feast to show them off. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents for helping to pay for our feast!

  We have begun to count down the days until Christmas and are reminded every day to be on our best behavior!

- **FIRST GRADE NEWS**

  First grade students have been working hard and having some fun. They have enjoyed dance Fridays, dancing with each other in the hall and visiting with Lansbury. First graders who knew their sight words for Unit 1 were treated to an extra recess. To celebrate Thanksgiving, students rotated to stations to learn about traditions of the past and now. Then they were treated to a movie and a snack. Thank you to everyone who made a donation for our Thanksgiving celebration.

- **SECOND GRADE NEWS**

  We are traveling right along in our studies. Speaking of traveling, we traveled to different second grade classrooms in November and will travel in December. In November, we learned about the past, how toys have changed, words we use a long time ago and words we use now, how the world around us has changed (from pilgrim time to now). In December, we are planning on traveling around the world to learn how different cultures celebrate the holidays. Look for pictures in the next edition.

  Remember you can read the stories at home by going to the school webpage and clicking on the Elementary tab and then scrolling down to 2nd grade. Your child should know the story they are reading in class. Also, to help with math – please practice your addition and subtraction facts.
THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third grade had their music program titled Levi’s Sing America on November 10. They loved getting to sing and dance for their families! They were also able to entertain the school and visit veterans at the school on November 10.

Another exciting performance for the students occurred on Lakota Elementary’s first annual Grandparent’s Day. They loved getting to recite their poem for all the grandparents that were able to attend.

Students are excited that we have learned all our multiplication facts. They are working on earning ice cream sundaes. For each multiplication fact that they pass they will earn a part of their ice cream sundaes. We can’t wait to party and eat ice cream at the end of it!

Students have for these special loved ones. To conclude the visit, students were able to guide their grandparents on a tour of the building and stop in for some shopping at the book fair. Students look forward to seeing which song she has picked and getting their groove on each Friday morning.

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 for September and October:

- Malinda Maxwell, Tyler Wittenmyer
- Michael Myers, Morgan Hamilton, Grant Bomer, Kayla Fodor, Avery Davis, Olivia Thomas, Sabrina Wallace, Brody Hansen, Isabella Peace, Breanna Ridinger, Victoria Weaver, Tayla Manuel, Emma Warden
- Brady Kern, Autumn Speck, Liliana Blachuta, Isabelle Alge
- K'Aivia Jones, Autumn Speck, Jordyn Stuller, Jared Tyson, Grace Rogers, Jaya Runion, Ty Schwochow, Zoey Smith
- Haylee Nichols, Case Paul, Josh Ouelley, Madison Reinhardt
- Grace Rogers, Jaya Runion, Ty Schwochow, Zony Smith, Autumn Speck, Jordyn Stuller, Jared Tyson

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- A/B Honor Roll
  - Cash Allen, Layne Bintz, Abbyanna Coleman, Amber Dayton, Mackayla Edemour, Logan Emahiser, Addison Endick, Justin Gonzales, Emma Hindall, Riley King, Noah Kahler, Azelyn Linkey, Maegyn Milligan, Charlie Mores, Kaition Mohr, Gavnyn Quantance, Eli Schiers, Hailey Smith, Kaliynn Smith, Hannah Stahl, Lane Thader, Case Timmons, Jordan Wedge, Bryce Zender, Abby Zuhlke

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LAKOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOSTED GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Lakota Elementary students invited their grandparents to school on Thursday, October 29. Grandparents and students gathered in the auditorium to enjoy refreshments. The festivities also included classic performances of songs and poems expressing the love and appreciation students have for these special loved ones. To conclude the visit, students were able to guide their grandparents on a tour of the building and stop in for some shopping at the book fair.

2nd and 3rd GRADE STUDENTS SHINE IN THE MUSIC PROGRAMS

Congratulations goes to our second grade students who performed their “Fall Festival” in October and to our third grade students who performed “Let’s Sing America” a tribute to our veterans on November 10. Mrs. Sandrock is proud of the students for all their hard work for the programs.

The performances not only for entertainment but also meet many of the Music content standards for Ohio. Contributions to the programs are made by the students themselves by choosing their music teacher, Mrs. Sandrock, is working with the students to prepare for the 4th grade music program which will be held in the auditorium on Monday, December 14. Mark your calendar!

TO PERFORM “NUTCRACKER”

The fourth grade students are working diligently on preparing “The Nutcracker”. The musical combines the music from Tchaikovsky’s famous ballet with the story “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King” by E.T.A. Hoffmann. The performance will be Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. A parent letter will be sent home with parts, costume ideas, and the time the students need to be here.

We are excited to prepare this for you! Contact Mrs. Sandrock for any questions.

2nd and 3rd GRADE STUDENTS TO STUDY THE RECORDER

Students in Third and Fourth Grade will be learning music skills using an instrument called the recorder. The student will be instructed in Third and Fourth Grade students who need a recorder. Please contact Mrs. Sandrock if you have any questions.

1st NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

- All A’s Honor Roll
  - Cash Allen, Layne Bintz, Abbyanna Coleman, Amber Dayton, Mackayla Edemour, Logan Emahiser, Addison Endick, Justin Gonzales, Emma Hindall, Riley King, Noah Kahler, Azelyn Linkey, Maegyn Milligan, Charlie Mores, Kaition Mohr, Gavnyn Quantance, Eli Schiers, Hailey Smith, Kaliynn Smith, Hannah Stahl, Lane Thader, Case Timmons, Jordan Wedge, Bryce Zender, Abby Zuhlke

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Second Grade

- All A’s Honor Roll
  - Brock Adams, Cayden Bursiek, Elena Carlson, Lainer Clark
- Lily Davis, Sophia Fraser, Madalynn Gillmor,
- Landon Graber, Brooke Hamner, Chase Herr, Jara Hines,
- Alison Holman, Parker Little, Levi Moon, Chevelle Rubel,
- Shelain Schmetz, Landon Tarris, Brady Tyson,
- Levi Ulmer, Kyleigh Wyant

A/B Honor Roll

- Aiden Banks, Conner Beck, Ryelle Beckley, Brody Brubaker,
- Cayden Collins, Avery Davis, Jaxon Durran, Bennett Ebert,
- Jacob Fulk, Addie Gilbert, Brayden Gilts, Alyssa Garcia,
- Ethan Hathaway, Braydon Harrison, Brett Jacquet,
- K’Aivia Jones, Evan May, Paul May, Kaithlyn McDonald,
- Tyler Monroe, Ava Nordhaus, Adam Smelrof, Alex Speck,
- Hunter Sweeney, Andrew Tackett, Xavier Thomas,
- Dengo Lounes Velasco, Mesh Yonikus, Jalen Wagner,
- Jack Widman

Third Grade

- A/B Honor Roll
  - Landon Blusey, Grant Bomer, Alex Dolder,
- Morgan Hamilton, Noah Hoeger, Jett Koppus,
- Brandon Lead, Jordan Quantance, Abigail Stewart,
- Alivia Valiquette, Aubrey Vitte, Bryler Wedge,
- Alivia Weisnauer

LAKOTA ELEMENTARY 1ST NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

- All A’s Honor Roll
  - Cash Allen, Layne Bintz, Abbyanna Coleman, Amber Dayton, Mackayla Edemour, Logan Emahiser, Addison Endick, Justin Gonzales, Emma Hindall, Riley King, Noah Kahler, Azelyn Linkey, Maegyn Milligan, Charlie Mores, Kaition Mohr, Gavnyn Quantance, Eli Schiers, Hailey Smith, Kaliynn Smith, Hannah Stahl, Lane Thader, Case Timmons, Jordan Wedge, Bryce Zender, Abby Zuhlke

Fourth Grade

- A/B Honor Roll

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- Evan Bintz, Anthony Dixon, Chase Dussel, Madoka Eben, Matthew Flory, Kirtis Fawcett, Gabriel Garlick, Grant Guess, Anna Hurker, Grace Johnson, Isaac King, River Kitzar, Tayla Manuel, Riley May, Kylie Moezel, Taylor Muncber, Joe Munsberger, Michael Myers, Haylee Nichols, Case Paul, Josh Ouelley, Madison Reinhardt, Grace Rogers, Jaylah Rumon, Ty Schwochow, Zony Smith, Autumn Speck, Jorjyn Stuller, Jared Tyson, Courtney Wasserman, Jai Widman, Tyler Wittenmyer

GRANDPARENT’S DAY

Several Seneca County Veterans visited Lakota Elementary on October 5. They presented information about the United States flag with 4th graders. The veterans showed the proper way to display the flag and shared information about the history of the flag’s design. The second quarter is now underway. Students are working hard on multiplication strategies in math. Please help your child to review multiplication math facts. Students who met first quarter goals for Accelerated Reader and good behavior were rewarded. New goals have been set for the second quarter. Please encourage your child to work to meet these new goals.

Thanks to those of you who attended parent-teacher conferences at the beginning of November. Students enjoyed sharing their progress and school news with you. Our music teacher, Mrs. Sandrock, is working with the students to prepare for the 4th grade music program which will be held in the auditorium on Monday, December 14. Mark your calendar!

LAKOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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 for September and October:

- Malinda Maxwell, Tyler Wittenmyer, Michael Myers, Morgan Hamilton, Grant Bomer, Kayla Tody, Avery Davis, Olivia Thomas, Sabrina Wallace, Brody Hansen, Isabella Peace, Breanna Ridinger, Victoria Weaver, Tayla Manuel, Emma Warden, Brady Kern, Autumn Speck, Liliana Blachuta, Isabelle Alge, K’Aivia Jones, Bryce Zender, Jerzee Crawford, Charles Mose, Levi Ulmer

TO STUDY THE RECORDER

Students in Third and Fourth Grade will be learning music skills using an instrument called the recorder. The student will be instructed in Third and Fourth Grade students who need a recorder. Please contact Mrs. Sandrock if you have any questions.

4TH GRADE STUDENTS TO PERFORM "NUTCRACKER"

The fourth grade students are working diligently on preparing “The Nutcracker”. The musical combines the music from Tchaikovsky’s famous ballet with the story “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King” by E.T.A. Hoffmann. The performance will be Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditoria. A parent letter will be sent home with parts, costume ideas, and the time the students need to be here.

We are excited to prepare this for you! Contact Mrs. Sandrock for any questions.
GUIDANCE NEWS
Submitted by Ms. Darla Panuto

Asset Team members attended the "Change of Heart" program this past October, and will begin service projects soon. SADD members attended Halloween parades and made a bulletin board for Veterans day. SADD winter fun day for 6th-8th grade students was held at the Fremont Rec Center on December 5th.

KANSAS FIREFIGHTERS VISIT LAKOTA ELEMENTARY
During National Fire Safety Week
Fire Chief Bob Dible and several Firefighters from the Kansas Fire Department met with students on October 8 to discuss fire safety with Lakota Elementary students. The firefighters wore and explained the gear that they wear when fighting fires. They also demonstrated the use of several tools that they use. Fire trucks and other vehicles were on display for students to see. Students were able to climb into the cab of the fire truck and blast the horn! Thanks to the Kansas firefighters for coming out to speak with us!

PTO NEWS
Thanks to all who helped with the Santa Shop. We had a very successful fundraiser. Congratulations to the top seller of the school, Samantha Nye.

Top sellers by grade level were:
Kindergarten: Alicia Garcia Garner
1st Grade: Samantha Nye
2nd Grade: Jayden Durain
3rd Grade: Case Timmons
4th Grade: Dylan Bankey

Top 3 selling classrooms were:
Mrs. Chalfin, Miss Duncan, Mrs. Blachuta

Thank you for your support! Please keep bringing in your Box Tops and have a great and safe Holiday Season.

MAKING APPLE BREAD
On October 27th, the morning and afternoon preschool classes enjoyed making apple bread with Miss Tyfanie and her staff and student teachers along with Miss Michelle, the apple from the Food Service Department.

Thank you to the OSU Extension Office - Wood County, for loaning the apple costume to us.

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@lakotaschools.org.
**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**December**
- 18: End of the Second Quarter
- 21-31: Winter Break-No School

**January**
- 1: New Year’s Day-No School
- 4: Classes Resume
- 18: Martin Luther King Day-No School

**February**
- 15: President’s Day-No School (Possible Make-Up Day)

**March**
- 18: End of the Third Quarter
- 24-28: Spring Break-No School

**April**
- 7: Early Dismissal & Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 8: Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School

**May**
- 30: Memorial Day-No School

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Mrs. Amy Kreilick 

Our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year was a huge success! The fair was at the end of October and our library sold just over $5,000.00 worth of material! We were able to add many new books to our library collection, which is always wonderful! Look for information to come home concerning future fairs. Upcoming Book Fairs are as follows:
- February 16th-19th - Middle School and High School
- April 4th-5th - Elementary

Thank you for your support and keep on reading!

**COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY**

Seniors and Parents of Seniors, mark your calendars for an important event!

**February 14th, is COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY!** At 2:00 p.m., financial aid professionals from Ohio colleges and universities will offer free help sessions for the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is an online application that must be completed in order to qualify for all Federal aid programs, many state programs, scholarships, grants, loans and other forms of financial assistance, which can help defray the costs of higher education.

If you would like to participate in COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY, you are advised to register in advance by visiting the College Goal Sunday website at: http://www.ohiocollegesdaysunday.org. Workshops sign-in starts at 3:30 P.M. on February 14th. The program will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. and will last until approximately 3:30 p.m. Registration for this event will close on Friday, February 12, 2016.

There are over 50 locations across Ohio, the closest to us being Rocket Hall at the University of Toledo and Central Lounge at BGSU Firelands. It doesn’t matter what college students plan to attend – they are welcome at any site location.

The online FAFSA application will be available at www.fafsa.ed.gov beginning on January 1, 2016. Paper copies are no longer made available to high school counselors; students and their parents must complete the application online. Please be aware that both parents’ and students’ 2015 IRS 1040 tax returns and W2’s, along with other 2015 income tax and benefits information, are necessary to complete the FAFSA. (You may use estimated financial data, however exact data must be provided once your final tax forms are filed.) Additionally, colleges and universities assign their own individual filing deadlines for financial aid applications. For this reason, it is extremely important to be mindful of the deadlines that pertain to specific colleges.

College Goal Sunday is coordinated by the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA) with funding from Great Lakes and the National College Access Network. For questions related to Ohio College Goal Sunday, please feel free to e-mail: CGS@oasfaa.org.

**FROM THE DESK OF MR. NORM ELCHERT**

Treasurer

I can’t say enough on how happy I am to be back home with a wonderful staff, community and board to work with. It has been a very busy first few months of being the Treasurer. I do a general fund report every board meeting and post it on our website. (Please go to the District tab on our website and click on Treasurer’s Office.) I encourage you to take a look at this report. It is pretty detailed and is very easy to understand. This report will show you our revenues for this year compared to last year’s. It will also show you our expenses for this year compared to last year’s. The report is very important as it monitors both revenue and expenses each month and identifies any increases or decreases. This also helps in monitoring our 5 year forecast to see if we will need to adjust it in May.

As the weather continues to get colder, the days until the holiday season are fewer. I hope everyone enjoys time with family and friends during the holidays. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

**AMERICAS SCHOOL DAYS FUNDRAISER**

We are going to participate in a program sponsored by AmeriGas. The only requirement is for customers of AmeriGas to turn in the School Receipt portion of your bill to the school. We would ask that you put in an envelope marked AmeriGas Fundraiser and turn it into the Treasurer’s Office. The Treasurer will take a look at this report. It is pretty detailed and is very easy to understand. This report will show you our revenues for this year compared to last year’s. It will also show you our expenses for this year compared to last year’s. The report is very important as it monitors both revenue and expenses each month and identifies any increases or decreases. This also helps in monitoring our 5 year forecast to see if we will need to adjust it in May.

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**HELP SUPPORT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

Ronald McDonald House Charities provides a “home-away-from-home” to keep parents and children together while the child is being hospitalized. Many families travel far from home and spend several weeks or months in treatment for their seriously ill or injured children – a long time to be away or to divide a family. And, for children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having mom and dad close by for love and red support. To help support the Ronald McDonald House, please send your tabs from aluminum cans in to any of the school offices. The pop tabs collected will be taken to the Ronald House location in the spring of each year.

Thank you for your support!!!

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**Mission Statement:**

The Lakota Local School District, as a unified learning community, is dedicated to graduating students who are life-long learners and productive citizens in an ever-changing society.

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**NEWS FROM THE LAKHI CAFÉ**

Michelle Guzman, Food Service Director

**Why should we eat breakfast every day?**

Mom is right - it is the most important meal of the day. It gives us energy and improves our performance and concentration in class. It gives us more strength and endurance for physical activity. It is important for children and adolescenes because it helps with hand-eye coordination and problem solving skills. For adults, it helps to curb those afternoon cravings.

Breakfast pizza is very popular among the students but we also have days where we offer different items so there is a variety.

So come join us for breakfast!

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**SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT LAKOTA**

The Lakota Local schools are now taking applications for substitute teachers. The positions that are available are: certified teachers, cooks, custodians, aides, cashiers, secretaries and bus drivers. If you are interested, please call Ginny Nusbaum in the Board Office at 419-986-6650, extension 4301.

**THANK YOU!!**

The Lakota Athletic Boosters would like to extend a huge thank you to all who bought raffle tickets and attended the Reverse Raffle. Thank you to our whole community for supporting Lakota Athletics. Next year’s Reverse Raffle will be on November 12, 2016. Save the date!!

**GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY**

Submitted by Mrs. Beth Crossroad, School Nurse

Oral health is important for overall health and dental disease is preventable. Tooth decay is nothing to smile about. It hurts. Many children who have it can’t eat, sleep, or even pay attention in school.

February 6, 2016 is National Give Kids a Smile Day. It’s part of the American Dental Association’s Action for Dental Health campaign. Dentists across the country will provide free dental health services to qualifying children age 18 and under. The Dental Center of Northwest Ohio in Findlay will be participating in this event. To register your child for Give Kids a Smile, see the information below. lakota school or contact Mrs. Crawford at 419-986-6640 before January 25, 2016. Together, we can give kids a smile!

**LAKOTA SCHOOLS CAN USE YOUR HELP**

Thank you for supporting our school! Lakota PTO has been collecting Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Project A+ labels for many years. Box Tops and Project A+ labels earn cash for our elementary and it is used for field trips, rewards, recess equipment, and many other things. Labels for Education is a point collection. Each label is turned in to points and the points can be used for items in a catalog or to obtain gift cards to purchase supplies. The Lakota Music department collects Community Market receipts and they can be turned in for cash. The Lakota Yearbook participates in Kroger Community Rewards program and earns cash for the organization. This fundraiser is linked to your Kroger reward card and the organization earns money from purchases made when you use your card. An instruction sheet for sign up can be obtained on the home page of the Lakota website.