We have had an outstanding beginning to the 2012-2013 school year. A big thanks goes out to our administrators, teachers, support staffs, parents and most of all to our great students for the smooth beginning. We have excellent students who are very respectful, hardworking, and in general, love school. The Lakota Local Schools are working hard to provide the best education possible as we want all students to experience success.

The new building continues to be a focus of attention for us as we make sure that your investment is being well taken care of and that you are proud of the Lakota Local Schools. We want our students to have a world class education and to be prepared for college, the work force or the military. Again, we must thank all of our taxpayers for the opportunity to educate our children in a first class facility. Your vote for success and this wonderful opportunity to teach and make a difference in a world class facility remains unparalleled. We owe it to our students to give them all that we have to ensure their opportunities for success.

You, as parents, can also help our students and your kids to reach their potential. Parent’s involvement can help children succeed in school. It doesn’t take a college degree to help your son or daughter find success in school. Parents have the opportunity to provide expectations for their children that can carry a child throughout their formal education.

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE…..FROM THE DESK OF MR. DAVID M. DANHOFF

Many students have done a great job of settling into our classroom routines. This can be a difficult transition but everyone seems to be adjusting well. Kindergarten is an important year. This year sets the foundation for the rest of their academic success. We need to work together as a team to create a positive home-school connection. We have started our Jolly Phonics and also Math. Encourage your student to talk about what they are learning in school and help them practice at home. One of the most important things you can do is read to your child and talk about what you have read. This helps build vocabulary and will help them with comprehension and concepts of print. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning!

Kindergarten Classes
WELCOME CLASS OF 2025!!

Ways in which you can help your child do well in school include:

- Let your child know that you expect them to do their best in school. Set achievable goals each year.
- Routines must be established. By establishing a time for play, for dinner, for chores and for homework, you have served notice that there are expectations out of school.
- Success only comes with hard work. "Too often our children want to play the "blame game" or talk about bad luck instead of dealing with the reality that more hard work is needed to be successful.
- Pay attention to what your child is doing in and out of school.
- Take time to read with your child when they are young. Later on, as they gain more independence, put reading time into the daily schedule.
- Keep in contact with the school and your children’s teachers.
- Be available for your child when they need your help and support. Often a child needs someone to listen to them after school… not necessarily someone to evaluate their day. Listen to their “replay” in an active but non-judgmental way. Your availability is what they need most.
- Be firm when facing the multitude of excuses that come with every child. Establish clear rules and the consequences for breaking those rules.
- Share your values and reflections with your child as they do with you. Your sharing of your time means so much to your child and speaks volumes regarding your love for them.
- Most importantly, let your children know that you love them. Fortunately kids are very resilient and as we make our mistakes as parents (we all do), the kids are able to overcome our mistakes because of that special “caring” factor that we should always find time to supply. Parents do make a difference in the success of their children.
Outstanding high school staff. Staff members are an excellent addition to our school. Devon Hasselbach, science teacher. These new staff members are an excellent addition to our outstanding high school staff. Mrs. Ashley Cramer, science teacher; and Ms. Karen Murphy, guidance counselor; Mr. Nick Petroff, math teacher; and Ms. Devon Hasselbach, science teacher. These new staff members are an excellent addition to our outstanding high school staff. We begin the 2012-2013 school year. The school year is off to a great start. I would like to thank our high school staff and students for their hard work and positive attitudes as we begin the 2012-2013 school year. The high school has several new staff members this year: Mr. Steve Pleasnack, intervention specialist; Mrs. Karen Murphy, guidance counselor; Mr. Nick Petroff, math teacher; Mrs. Ashley Cramer, science teacher; and Ms. Devon Hasselbach, science teacher. These new staff members are an excellent addition to our outstanding high school staff.

The new administration of the Ohio Graduation test will be October 22 – October 31, 2012 for any upperclassmen who needs to pass one or more sections of the test. Ensuring that students get plenty of sleep and eat breakfast on these days is essential to their performance on the tests. Testing intervention is taking place weekly to prepare these students as well as our 9th and 10th grade students for success on the OGT.

Homecoming week began Sunday, October 7th with the annual Homecoming Parade that was held in Rising Sun. This much anticipated week will be filled with activities for our students and will end with a dance on Saturday, October 13th, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

The fall sports seasons are well underway and our athletes have been working very hard. The music programs have also been busy rehearsing and preparing for several upcoming performances. Good luck to all of our fall participants.

As we embark on another year, I appreciate the opportunity to serve our school district and community as Lakota High School’s principal.

LAKOTA FFA SENDS 5 TO STATE FFA CAMP MUSKINGUM, CARROLLTON, OHIO

In late June the Lakota FFA was represented well by five students at the 2nd session of the State FFA Camp Muskingum. The camp is located outside of Carrollton, OH south of Canton on one of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy lakes. Leesville Reservoir is the home to the FFA Camp, where 280+ students each week are split up into camp chapters for a week of fun and team building events.

Those attending were (left to right), Makayla Kiser – Chapter Secretary, Morgan Mowry-Chapter Treasurer, Alexandra Hovis-Chapter Reporter, Katie Park-Chapter Sentinel and Keeley Brust-Chapter 1st Vice President.

From The Desk Of Sherry Sprow
Lakota High School Principal

From The Desk Of Mr. Norm Elchert
Principal at Lakota Middle School

SANDUSKY COUNTY JR. FAIR QUEEN

Carlee Conrad won the title this summer as the "Sandusky County Jr. Fair Queen, 2012." She ran under her 4-H Club, “Crazy Clovers” and the Lakota FFA. She will be traveling to area fairs, festivals, and parades throughout the year, as well as running for the Ohio State Fair Queen. Contest starts in January at an Ohio County Fair’s Kings and Queens week-end event. Congratulations Carlee—we know you will represent Lakota well.

FFA FOOD-FOR-ALL GRANT PROVIDES FOR RAISED BED GARDENS

The FFA Grant which supplies more fruits and vegetables to students during the summer and school year through a variety of means, allowed the Lakota FFA to get now 6 Raised Square Foot Gardens. These were planted in June and came along well in spite of the warm temperatures and lack of rain. Students not only helped plant, but with the aid of a soaker hose system that has been added, water and care for the gardens. Pictured here are some students and a parent who helped lay the gardens out and plant them in June. (left to right are Zac Baker, Semon Riddle, Eddie Riddle, William Riddle and Katie Park.)

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.

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FIRST GRADE NEWS

The First Grade classes have adjusted nicely getting back into routine. We have started homework and working on sight words. It is important to have your child practice their sight words every night to help improve their reading. Your child should be reading every night for 10 minutes or more. We also will be starting our addition facts. It would be a great idea to practice addition facts with your child every night. Also, your child should start developing a nightly routine for homework. On September 26th, our classes traveled to the Sandusky County Fairgrounds to learn about animal habitat. We had a great time learning about the several animal habitats in Ohio. Mary Wright is ready to teach students about the new requirements of the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee. In short, this new law says that if a child is not reading on grade level by the end of 3rd grade or are not able to pass the end of the year reading test, they may be retained. These two new items re-emphasize the importance that elementary education has on building a strong academic foundation for a student to be successful and the importance of the school and the home working hand-in-hand to ensure that success.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

This year is off to a great start! We are working hard and accomplishing so many things each day! We would like to welcome Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Downs, two teachers that are new to second grade this year! It is a pleasure to work with them! We have successfully completed our Dibels testing! The second grade has started using a new Vocabulary program this year. This will help the children when they are trying to figure out a difficult word while reading a story. The students will soon be starting to prepare for their Wax Museum that will be held in the spring. This is a great project for the students! We have introduced the students to Accelerated Reading and Study Island. Both of these programs are accessible at home and in the spring. This is a great project for the students! We have introduced the students to Accelerated Reading and Study Island. Both of these programs are accessible at home and in the spring. This is a great project for the students! We have introduced the students to Accelerated Reading and Study Island. Both of these programs are accessible at home and in the spring.

PTO NEWS - TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

The Lakota Elementary PTO will be sponsoring a safe Trick or Treat night here at the school on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. It will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Students and their siblings, 12 years old and younger, are welcome to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help pass out treats please call the elementary office at 419-986-6640 or watch for a flyer to come home in your child’s folder for a sign up sheet. Hope to see everyone there!
Summers Reading Group

Summer Reading Was A Hit!

Lakota staff enjoyed a wonderful group of summer readers ranging from preschool age to fourth grade. Over 70 children participated in our Reading A-Z program. Students read books and completed comprehension activities with guidance from adults at home. Each Tuesday, students came to school and either read to Mrs. Sayre or Mrs. Ridgely. The teachers checked student progress, and then selected the next book packet for the student's reading level. Students also took home math activities to help stay on track with grade level skills. During the last session of the program, students were given a book to keep. We hope to see all our readers back next summer!

Kristian Brown Visits Mrs. Kramer’s First Grade Class

On the first day of school, Mrs. Kramer’s First Grade Class had special visitors. Kristian Brown from Channel 13 ABC came to visit along with her cameraman Jag. Kristian Brown was doing a follow up story on Mrs. Kramer. Last October, Mrs. Kramer was diagnosed with breast cancer. During the school year, she would SKYPE her students while at chemotherapy. Channel 13 visited back in February while Mrs. Kramer SKYPED her class. This time, Kristian Brown was able to see our beautiful new school, visit with Mrs. Kramer and her class of new first graders, and enjoy some jitter juice.

All American Citizens Showcase

Lakota Elementary will showcase students and staff each month as an All American Citizen. We would like to recognize the following students and staff for the month of September. Stars of these citizens will be displayed on our “All American Showcase” for a month and then sent home with the student.

Congratulations to the following for this honor: James Bingaman, Ian Martinez, Elizabeth Strawn, Layne Blessing, Morgan Hamilton, Kayla Tody, Connor Billock, Owen Jarboe, Savanah Vestal, Brooklyn Foos, River Kitziaz, Jordyn Stuller, Gideon Evans, Christina Lopez, Madison Reinhart, Anthony Dixon, James Kline, Olivia Shively, Landon Gebes, Karah Smith, Aaralynn Adams, Ethan Bommer, Trever Odom, Peyton Harden, Brandon Minich, Makenzie Wyant, Chyenne Haning, Gavin Rothburn, Elijah Wolph, Shi’Anne Cherry, Mitchell McDaid, Sebastian Wallace, Dominique Brown, Emylee Herr, Zaedyn Wedge, Audrey Bender, Ben Hovis, Kacy Smith, Elvira Black, Joyce Kohler, Kamene Tuttmann, Jayden Claburn, Erhan Longoria, Hannah Wasserman, Dillon Ellinger, Khloe Mohn, Dakota Slater, Reilly Cozette, Sam Gunter, Maliyah Maxwell, Madison Bradner, Caleb Mead, Erica Riehl, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Gump, and Ms. Lee. Thanks to all of our students and staff for being “All-American!”

Thank You Lakota Local Schools

Bus Drivers for all you do!

National School Bus Safety Week

October 15-19th

Just a reminder to students to remember the rules and keep everyone safe on the bus!