

Middle Vikes News



CLC action, Beginning of Semester 2, Athletic Shorts, Introduction of a new electives, 5th Grade ELA Teacher, Resource Room Math Instructor, Media Center Specialist, Destination Imagination Teams, 2019 Fall Freshman, Successful Viking Actions

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights are noted below. Please see details of most calendar events in separate articles.

Jan. 7- Students return from Holiday Vacation to begin Semester 2 of the 2018-2019 school year.

Jan. 10 – 1st Semester Report Cards and latest NWEA reports coming home with students.

Jan. 14 - PTO 4:00 PM *in the Lakewood Middle School Media Center located in the main office.*

JANUARY 29th - 8th grade meeting for all parents and students planning to enter high school in the fall of 2019 as a freshman in the Lakewood High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

February 20th and March 13th will be a ½ day of school for students. Dismissal will be at 10:34 a.m.

MARCH 25th THE 8TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR Students will begin to work on their projects at the end of January in their 8th grade Science class.

Happy New Year. Welcome back from a two-week break from the routine and responsibilities of school. Much fun, energizing academic activities will be introduced to students over the next few months that will give all an opportunity to grow and excel! We are glad to be back and see students involved with their learning.

This is a reminder that you have the opportunity as Lakewood parents to view and update your son / daughter's food service account online. A reminder of this information about this service is described below.

Winter's second sport season kicks-off shortly after our return to school. Featured school sponsored activities include girls' basketball, wrestling, and competitive cheer. See more information about these groups as well as club opportunities in the newsletter.

Once again, I hope the holiday break was special in all the ways time off from the normal routine can be. I am looking forward to a great second semester at Lakewood Middle School.

Kellie Rowland
Principal

CLC NEWS

Students in the CLC class at LMS are busy setting up activities for the New Year. Our Valentine's Dance will be on February 15th. Tickets will go on sale February 11th. Please remember that all dances end at 4:30 and students should be picked up promptly at that time. Flower and "Crush" sales will begin on January 28th and ending on February 8th with delivery on February 14th. Students can order a rose, carnation, or orange crush to be sent to their crush on February 14th. Students also will have the option to purchase a "best friend" pink pencil.

Russ Miller

WINTER SPORTS 2018-2019

The 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams tip off their seasons beginning January 21st. Our wrestling team has their first invitational January 25th. Girls' basketball practice is on the way after returning from Christmas break January 7th. Wrestling conditioning is occurring with practices beginning as well. Check the schedule below to help schedule a date or two when you can come out during January and cheer for the middle school athletes. Most basketball games begin at 4:30 with 7th grade playing first and 8th grade game to follow.

BASKETBALL

Jan. 21 vs. Perry	Home 4:30	
Jan. 23 vs. Stockbridge	Home 4:30	
Jan. 28 at Leslie	AWAY 4:30	Bus 2:45
Feb. 4 vs. Olivet	Home 4:30	
Feb. 5 at Maple Valley	AWAY 4:30	Bus 3:30

WRESTLING

January 25th	Lakewood Invitational @ Lakewood High School	5:00 p.m.	
February 1st	@ Ionia (Invitational)	9:00 a.m.	Bus: 7:45
February 5th	@ Dewitt	4:30 p.m.	Bus: 2:45
February 9 th	@ Holt (Invitational)	9:00 a.m.	Bus: 7:30

LAKEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL **DESTINATION** **IMAGINATION** TEAMS

Destination Imagination teams will compete Sunday, March 10th at Western High School in Parma. The 5th through 8th grade teams will be competing in their chosen central challenge and also an unknown instant challenge. If Lakewood places first in Regional Competition they will be advancing to the State Finals. Good Luck teams!!!

The 5th grade Destination Imagination team has chosen the Service Learning Challenge for the 2018-2019 competitions. Our team will be volunteering and raising money for Manna's Market. In addition, they will be creating a skit in which members need to "escape" a situation using clues and props the team has created. These clues will use multiple Fine Arts methods. Team members include May Nuremberg, Amelia Cramer, Tanner Haight, Ian Cole, Emma Duffy, Emma Tidd, and Bryce Shelter.

The 6th grade Destination Imagination team has chosen the Fine Arts Challenge. For this challenge the team will be creating a "game gizmo" and a container that goes through some sort of transformation. They will then use these items to create a skit using props the team has created. Team members include Emma Hyatt, Elayna Hawkins, Naomi Grummet, Sydnee Reuter, Jaidyn Seese, Gabe Flohr, Elisabeth Schlappi.

The 7th grade D.I. team has chosen the Improvisational Challenge for the 2018-2019 competition. The challenge is titled Heads Up. Before the competition, the team will need to research a list that is given to them of Figure Heads found on coins. There are coins from several different countries including: Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, etc. At the competition, the team will use up to 2 minutes to create a two-part improvisational skit that includes 2 figures that are chosen for them. The skit will be presented in 2 genres comedy and tragedy. The team will then have up to 5 minutes to present the skit incorporating an event, called the Flip, and switch from verbal to nonverbal style. The team, named Kool Kidz, has the following members: Makenzie Vasquez, Lilly Burgess, Annabelle Stank, Kaylie Hutterson, Cadence Poll, Sydne Morrow, and Makayla McGarry.

The 8th grade team has chosen the Service Learning Challenge this year. This challenge is titled Escape Artists. The team members consist of Alli Brandon, Zach Jados, Morgan Tidd, Annalyn Baker, Ellie Jados, and Carlie Cahill. They have given their team the name Vanishing Vikes. The team will volunteer at Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary and then present one of the projects which they completed. They will need to discuss the future of their project and how their project will impact the community in the future.

New Faces at Lakewood Middle School

Hello, My name is Stephanie Kutch. I grew up in Kentwood and attended Michigan State University. I taught sixth grade, took time off to be with my family, and then taught preschool for nine years and fourth grade for five years. This is my first year as the 5th grade Language Arts teacher, and I am very excited about it. I have three children – my son teaches music and art, a daughter who is working on her Master's degree and a daughter who is studying nursing at Concordia University Wisconsin. I loved this school as a parent and feel honored to be a part of its staff. We like keeping it in the family....my husband also teaches at Lakewood, he is the 6th grade Language Arts teacher.

Hello! My name is Kurt Murray and I am the new 5th to 8th-grade resource room math teacher. I have been teaching math and science at Lakewood High School for 19 years. I hold a bachelors degree from Central Michigan University and two masters degrees at Western Michigan University. I am currently helping to coach the 6th-grade basketball team. When I am not teaching, I am very active in the Michigan Educational Association and am a huge University of Michigan fan. I look forward to working with the students at the middle school.

Hello! My name is Amanda Evans and I'm the Media Center Specialist @ Lakewood Middle School, I graduated from Hastings High School with honors and a state endorsed gold seal in advanced reading, I attended Davenport University & worked in Emergency Medicine as well as private practice for many years, my husband is a Lakewood graduate and we have three children that attend Lakewood Public Schools, we enjoy being active all year with winter & summer sports. I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to work with all of the great kids & staff here at the Middle School.



Mrs. Stephanie Kutch



Mr. Kurt Murray



Mrs. Amanda Evans



Class of 2023- Getting Ready for High School Informational Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 29th, 2019

Where: Lakewood High School Auditorium at 7PM

What: Receive information regarding high school curriculum, programs, graduation requirements and expectations

Who: All current 8th grade students and their parent/guardian

Please join Mr. Steve Williams, principal, Mr. Justin Knoth, and Mr. Clair Rowland, high school counselors, as they present information relating to the transition to high school.

A reminder will be sent home with 8th grade students the week of January 7th.

“VIKING ACTION FOR SUCCESS” HONOREES FOR DECEMBER

Congratulations to the Viking Action for Success honorees for the month of December.

December focus trait was Considerate

Showing kindly awareness or regard for another's feelings, circumstances.

VAS members are:

8th GRADE: Alli Pickard, Austin Straub, Nathan Willette, Celesse Gerke

7th GRADE: Omar Santana Venegas, Drake Campbell, Sienna Brodbeck,

6th GRADE: Hector Neri-Salazar, Chloe Grove, Elayna Hawkins, Mitchell Case

**5th GRADE: Lucas Steward, Aubrey Elenbaas, Bailey Stickles, Liam Evans,
May Nerenberg, Gabby Hulbert**

The Viking Action for Success focus character trait for January is ENERGETIC:

Possessing or exhibiting energy, especially in abundance; powerful in action of effect

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