

District unveils new strategic vision

The Lakewood Board of Education, at its August 5 meeting, adopted Vision of a Lakewood Graduate as the District's strategic vision moving forward.

"The Vision of a Lakewood Graduate represents the hopes, dreams, and aspirations that the Lakewood Schools community has for its graduates," Superintendent Mike Barnes said. "The Vision of a Lakewood Graduate will serve as our District's North Star. It moves Lakewood City Schools' students and staff members to look beyond the high-stakes testing environment and

to help students develop skills, abilities, and habits of mind that will help them succeed and compete in this complex and rapidly changing world."

The Vision of a Lakewood Graduate was developed based on feedback received from nearly 2,000 stakeholders over the course of last school year. Stakeholders were asked what 21st Century skills, abilities, and habits of mind will a Lakewood High graduate need in order to succeed when they graduate.

Through research conducted via community listening sessions,

surveys for community members, staff and parents, and facilitated discussions with business leaders, spiritual leaders, PTA groups, community organizations and the Board of Education, the following six core competencies emerged:

- Critical & Creative Thinking
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Empathy
- Growth Mindset
- Global Awareness/Citizen

The Vision of a Lakewood

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76 students earn honors for outstanding AP test performance

The growing number of Advanced Placement courses (16) available at Lakewood High School has translated into a growing number of AP Scholars as well. Seventy-six members of the Classes of 2019, 2020 and 2021 have earned AP Scholar Awards – including three National AP Scholars - in recognition of

their outstanding achievement on the AP Exams taken each spring. Congratulations to the following students:

National AP Scholar, an award earned by averaging at least a 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams:

Class of 2019: Timothy Daso,

Muhammed Mansour

Class of 2020: Evan Bell

AP Scholars with Distinction, an award earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

Class of 2019: John Bobik, Gibson Burns, Marisa Campbell, Corinna

Cooper, Timothy Daso, Sofia Dunay, Michael Ferrone, Elizabeth Halko, Lillian Horschke, Franc Lleshaj, Alvin Musai, Muhammed Mansour, Emily Perry, Jacob Potter, Wilson Reynolds, Aleksandra Seckers, Andrew Sheldon, Alexander Shell,

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OMEA All-State selections (from left) Lydia Kress, Emma Carson (alternate), Grace Gill, and Nina Seckers.

Students earn All-State Orchestra invite

As has become tradition, Lakewood High orchestra students have been selected as members of the prestigious Ohio Music Educators Association's All-State Orchestra. Students must first be chosen for one of OMEA's five Region Orchestras to be eligible to audition for the All-State ensemble. Congratulations to senior cello player Grace Gill, junior harpist Nina Seckers,

and freshmen violist Lydia Kress on being chosen for the top state orchestra. Senior Emma Carson was chosen as an alternate for violin. This is Grace's third straight All-State selection.

The All-State trio and Emma will perform in the Northeast Region Orchestra Festival November 3 at Baldwin Wallace University. The All-State Orchestra performs at the OMEA confer-

ence February 1 in Cincinnati.

"I am extremely proud of the students who auditioned for Regional orchestra this year. All four of them took on the extra responsibility to practice in May, which is our busiest time of the year. Their hard worked paid off as is represented by their All State status. What a magnificent accomplishment!" said LHS Orchestra Director, Dr. Elizabeth Hankins.

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Circle of love, trust & hope....



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....is what Superintendent Barnes called it when the faculty and staff of Lakewood High School encircled the Class of 2023 on its first day at LHS to attend the Fresh Start program. Dr. Barnes wished to convey to these new high schoolers and other new LHS students that their teachers, administrators, and support staff are there to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment and that they will always have their back!

RANGER Café @ West Shore Doors open Oct. 29

Make your lunch reservation now for the 2019-2020 season of the Ranger Café @ West Shore. Beginning Tuesday, October 29, the Ranger Café will be open for lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 – 1:30 p.m. The Culinary students of the West Shore Career-Tech District are excited to show the public what they are learning every day in the professional kitchen and restaurant of the Ranger Café.

The café, located at Lakewood High School, is operated by the Culinary Arts/ProStart students of the West Shore Career-Tech District. Under the guidance of chef instructors Rob McGorray and Devan Corti, students learn the nuts and bolts of running

a restaurant. The students are involved in every aspect of the restaurant from planning the menu, cooking, to serving as wait staff and cashiers. This hands-on program is open to 11th and 12th grade students in Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River, and Westlake.

Reservations are required. Please call 216-529-4165 and select "1" to reserve a table.

The Ranger Café plans to be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the school year, however on occasion it will be closed for academic reasons. To see the schedule and full menu, visit www.lakewoodcityschools.org/Content/RangerCafe.

K-5 to see new style of report cards

This year, after two years of research and development, the District will new Standards-Referenced Report Cards for our elementary students. These new report cards will describe what a student should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, science, art, music and physical education, as well as provide specific feedback on students' work habits.

Standards-Referenced Report

Cards are beneficial for students, families and teachers in many ways. Students and families will have a much more thorough picture of what a student is able to do, and what are the student's areas of need. Students will have the opportunity to practice new skills without the penalty of receiving a poor grade. Teachers will be able to use ongoing assessments as a way to guide classroom instruction, and the process of re-teaching will create opportunities for growth.

The Teaching & Learning Department will be holding information sessions on the new report cards for parents who wish to learn more. The meetings options are:

- October 9, 9:15-10:15 am in Grant Elementary Cafeteria
- October 9, 6-7 pm @ LHS Cafeteria
- October 15, 6:30-7:30 pm, LHS LRC Conference Room (for parents of students with disabilities)

Listen & Learn

With Superintendent Mike Barnes

Superintendent Mike Barnes found his Listen & Learn sessions last year so valuable that he is eager to hold the sessions again this school year.

The sessions are hour-long informal conversations open to anyone in the community with questions, concerns, or ideas about the school district or for anyone just wanting to come

listen. This school year's schedule is as follows:

- September 25, 6 pm, Ranger Cafe at Lakewood High
- November 20, 9 am, Play Grounds Cafe, 15715 Madison Ave.
- January 22, 12 pm, Taco Tonto's, 13321 Madison Ave.
- March 18, 6 pm Board of Ed at Taft School, 13701 Lake Ave.

Board move to Taft building on target for January 2020

The District's renovation of the former Taft Elementary School building is on track and in some cases, ahead of schedule. The former elementary school will soon be home to Board of Education headquarters, which will move from its longtime home on Warren Road, the District's new all-day preschool program, its partners in higher education, and a professional development/meeting center.

The Board offices were slated to be

ready for employees to move into the space in January 2020, and that remains the case. The areas for preschool, higher education, professional development center, which will replace the gym, will not be open until August 2020, however the contractor has indicated that the building's entire renovation will be complete by January. The project also includes a new playground for the preschoolers.

Project manager Robb Seders of Mill-

stone Management Group has kept the Board of Education members abreast of the progress at Taft via regular updates at Board meetings where he often comments on the quality of the nearly century-old building. The old adage "they don't make 'em like they used to" certainly holds true with Taft, Seders says. The school was originally built in 1927 and closed in 2008 when the elementary school moved to the current Emerson Elementary School.



LHS Showcase Night is Oct. 8



Lakewood High Art Department was on hand at last year's LHS Showcase to show off all the offerings of their department as well as to display some of the amazing artwork of our students!



You hear about all the great courses, extracurriculars, and learning spaces at Lakewood High School but have you ever been able to come explore them? Well, you will have your chance at the Lakewood High Showcase Night. Learn about LHS clubs, activities, West Shore Career-Tech, Rannger Hub, AP classes, and so much more! It all takes place on Tuesday, October 8 from 6-8 pm. Come see what a gem we have in LHS!

Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation awards teacher grants

The first day back for teachers on August 19 included learning who was awarded one of the 17 teaching grants distributed by the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation for innovative classroom and extracurricular projects. The Foundation awards the grants each year from the Margaret Warner Educational Grants Fund, the Meinke Creative Teaching Grant Fund, and Foundation funds. This year's grants totaled just over \$9,000.

The Ranger Education Foundation has a long history of helping enrich Lakewood students' educational experiences. That is why the estate of Margaret Warner, who had a long and distinguished career as a social studies teacher at Lakewood High, decided to donate to the Foundation in 1998. The grants fund was established in 2007 from that initial money. The Meinke fund was created by retired Lakewood High School teachers Jim and Gail Meinke in honor of their son, Ryan.

The following teachers and their projects were the fortunate recipients this year, with their students being the ultimate beneficiaries:

Elementary Schools:

1. Battle of the Books – All

schools

2. Full STEAM Ahead – Grant
3. Learning Critical Thinking through Interactive Coding – Hayes
4. CHAMPS Café in Collaboration with Helping Hands – Horace Mann
5. Paths to Success – Lincoln
6. Lincoln Leaders of Community Service – Lincoln
7. Walking Club – Roosevelt

Middle Schools

Harding:

1. Margaret Warner Volunteers
2. Wellness Club
3. Middle School Soccer Club
4. The Road to Freedom: An Underground Railroad Experience
5. Socialize by Playing Board Games

Lakewood High

1. Teaching the Classics with a Contemporary Twist: Making Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird Accessible to English Learners
2. Cultivating Responsibility and Empathy for Animals Through Unique, Real, and Engaging Studies (CREATURES) in the Classroom
3. Real World Ready
4. Bio Color - Art in Science
5. Exploring Mennonite Culture

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All courses and programs offered by the Lakewood City Schools and the West Shore Career Technical District are without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, creed, gender, marital status, disability, or age in its educational programs, activities, employment policies or admission policies as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The district provides equal access to Boy Scouts and other designated groups. Jeffrey Schlade serves as Title IX Coordinator and Lisa Bruening as 504 Coordinator.

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Board of Education members served up some tasty ice cream sundaes at the annual back-to-school Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Board and the Lakewood Council of PTAs. The 7th & 8th grade bands from Garfield and Harding middle schools provided the entertainment. This is a wonderful Lakewood Schools tradition that brings the community and their elected officials together in fun and delicious way! Board members from left: Edward Favre, Besty Shaughnessy, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona, and Tom Einhouse.

District to host Realtors' Lunch

Superintendent Mike Barnes invites West Shore area Realtors for our second annual "Lunch & Look" on October 9 at the Ronger Café, located at Lakewood High. It will be a chance to learn

more about the District and tour our state-of-the-art high school. If interested, call 216-529-4074 or email christine.gordillo@lakewoodcityschools.org. RSVP required by October 1.

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Crown Steiner, Lalia Williams-Riseng, Nina Zanghi
Class of 2020: Evan Bell, Aidan Bohac, Maxwell Gilliland, Alice King, William Rosenberger, Tully Worron

AP Scholars with Honor earn their recognition by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

Class of 2019: Abigail Allio, Tate Armitage, Nathan Bilski, Isabella Bryson, Lauren Hildum, Avina Kaviche, McKenzie Lane, Gregory Medley, Nikoy Norris, Lillian Utrata

Class of 2020: Emma Carson, Halina Dreger, Emma Hirsch, Cameron Levis, Kathryn Oleksa, Tristan Rumsey, Colin Sabo, Audrey Stahl

AP Scholars, is an award earned by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are:

Class of 2019: Erica Bakia, Alexander Bransteter, Gabrielle Caskey, Hong Chen, Keegan Frear, Safe Jassani, Violet Jouriles, Alexandra Latham, Aurora Piotrowski, Eliza Richardson, Tyler Stalbaum, Grace Stringer, Aryan Tischler, Madeline Tobey

Class of 2020: Grace Gill, Emily Gowan, Jessica Haklaj, Taylor Heckelnh, Nicole Hudak, Alexander Lammers, Sean Mahoney, Emily McIntire, Sean O'Donnell, Anna Rigdon, Zachary Shell, Laura Shields, Tru Smith, Alexander Weber, Jack Wynn

Class of 2021: Anastasia Seckers, Simon Thompson

Vision

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Graduate transforms a traditional organizational vision from a set of words and sentences on a page to a concrete set of outcomes that our District and stakeholders can expect to see in our graduates, said Barnes. All resources, time, and activities will align with the new

vision and will empower teachers to implement more personalized learning experiences for students.

Said Board President Linda Beebe: School is about more than testing. You can't gauge creativity, empathy, global awareness in a test. We've taken a step beyond the infatuation with testing. If we don't do more, we are doing our students a disservice."