LCPS Pride Newsletter – May 16, 2018

Superintendent's Message

Good afternoon:

It's that time of year; every night there are award ceremonies, concerts and celebrations. It is a wonderful time to be in education. Each and every one of you should be proud of your impact on not only our graduating seniors, but all of your students.

In these last few weeks please take time to identify those students who aren't being formally recognized and praise them for their own personal achievements. Although not every student has the opportunity to win an award or be praised on stage, your personal one-on-one acknowledgement of their success is just as powerful! Don't ever underestimate your impact on our students' lives. It's immeasurable.

Thank you,
Erik Edoff

Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary School

Second grade students in Coyotes Care, Carkenord's service club, created bird and squirrel feeders. Students hung feeders from pine trees around the school. Also, the team cleaned the trash from the playground and field. Children can make a difference amongst our community and by taking care of our Earth!

Marie C. Graham Elementary School

Last week at Graham, we started a recess club. The clubs are led by students who have a passion for something and want to teach others about it. The clubs meet twice a week during lunch/recess time. The recess clubs give students an opprtunity to share a passion, connect with students who are outside of their class or grade level and to learn new things. Some of the recess club themes are: fidget spinners, yoga, basketball, exercise, and jazz dance. We have gotten a great response to the recess clubs and are looking forward to expanding it to all grade levels next year.

Green Elementary School

Mrs. Comerford, our music teacher, invited her **Uncle Joe (Dr. Joe Phaneuf)** from California to come teach her first- through fourth-graders about the guitar and different genres of music. He played and sang some folk songs with the children while Mrs. Comerford harmonized. It was great fun for all involved.

Francis A. Higgins Elementary School

Higgins Elementary filled the cafeteria with students, moms and special guests for our annual *Mornings with Moms* PTC event! Students and their special guests enjoyed donuts, yogurt and juice before beginning their day. Students and guests enjoyed this special event, which was hosted by our Higgins Parent Group.

Emma V. Lobbestael Elementary School

Our school participated in the *Jump Rope for Heart* event sponsored by the American Heart Association. Students raised money and participated in jumping rope exercises during Physical Education class. We are happy to announce our students and families raised $4,709.

South River Elementary School

Mrs. Schuck's fourth grade class is learning Economics through Mini-Society. Each student came up with a product to sell and is running a business during Market Days. They loved having the first- and second-graders come buy their products. They look forward to the next Market Day when more classes/customers come.

Tenniswood Elementary School

Tenniswood celebrated our Teacher of the Year, **Mrs. Sharon Peet**, by lining the halls with handwritten messages on tennis shoes. We feel so lucky to have Mrs. Peet as a part of our Tenniswood family. Her commitment and dedication to the students and families of Tenniswood is second to none.

Donald J. Yacks Elementary School

The students at Donald J. Yacks Elementary are enjoying the new *Marlin Running Club*. Students are working hard to build strength and endurance.

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central

In the District-Wide Art Show, **Alison King** won Best of Show 3D in the middle school category (pictured left). **Ravyn Morgan** also won Best in Show 2D for her charcoal drawing (pictured right).

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – East

Sixth grade science students at MS-E enjoyed learning about anatomy while dissecting frogs in **Mrs. Frantz**'s class.

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – North

MS-N Student Council took a Service Learning Field Trip to the Capuchin Services Center in Detroit. The center provides groceries, furniture and clothing to people in need. Our students worked hard stocking the shelves and freezers and cleaning up. It was a

great opportunity for them to "give back" and we're very proud of all the work they did. Afterward, we went to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen for lunch, where we ate and socialized with the other customers. Once again, our students made us amazingly proud! What a fine bunch of young people we have representing our school in even the most demanding situations.

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – South

Middle School — South celebrated the induction of its new National Junior Honor Society members at its annual banquet at Zuccarro's. Over 400 people were in attendance to help recognize some of South's top scholars. A special thank you goes out to Board Trustee **Don Hubler**, who was in attendance and helped present students with their NJHS pins.

L'Anse Creuse High School

Mrs. Wolff and her creative writing class created a number of short stories as an assignment and presented them to South River students on April 13. This was a fantastic idea from our very creative teacher, Mrs. Wolff! Another example of our staff and students working together for the betterment of our school-community.

L'Anse Creuse High School – North

Mr. Nader and several LCN Crusaders attended Special Olympics at Macomb Community College. Students spent the day running various events and assisting athletes with their activities.

Frederick V. Pankow Center

Recently, several students from Pankow attended the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference in Grand Rapids. SkillsUSA is among the largest student organizations for Career & Technical Education in the world. The theme for this year's conference was, "Empowering Students through Education to Become Skilled Professionals." Pankow's team of **Brad Dalrick**, **Alyssa Stackpoole**, and **Alanna Hayes** earned third place in Crime Scene Investigation.

Other Pankow students who qualified to participate at the state conference were:

Brenden Myny: Criminal Justice
Gary Downing: Criminal Justice
Breanna Droska: Commercial Baking
Xavier Adams: Automotive Service Technology (Electrical)
Griffyn Woodson: Auto Service Technology, New Vehicle Prep

DiAnne M. Pellerin Center

On May 7, Pellerin Center SADD was invited to the Ford Driving Skills for Life event at the Ford Proving Grounds in Romeo. This event was a culmination of the months of work

from 68 schools across the state of Michigan. The Pellerin Center SADD club was very fortunate to finish third overall. A trophy presentation happened at the event along with a fun day of learning about the dangers of driving. The many stations included an impaired driving station, a drifting correction station with brand new Mustangs, a distracted driving station with cell phones, and finally a reaction time station. It was fun for all students involved and a great experience to learn about the dangers that can happen behind the wheel. Strive For A Safer Drive was recently showcased on WDIV. **Click here to view the video**.

Atwood Elementary School

Señor Dan Francis celebrated Cinco de Mayo with his Spanish classes last week. It was a great culmination of learning and of course delicious Mexican food! Several parents came in to help out with the fun!

Curriculum Department

The Curriculum Department Partnered with the Detroit Zoo and met with their Chief Program Officer and Curator of Education to explore creative ways to engage our students when visiting their Learning Labs (Animal Needs, Life Cycles, Conservation, Wildlife Forensics, and Careers). The conversation centered on opportunities for students in all grades K-12, and culminated with a tour of the labs as well as the wildlife art gallery. Professional development opportunities for our staff were also discussed along with the potential for high school students to participate in long-term projects at the zoo. We are excited to be able to partner with the zoo and have input during the planning stages of future educational programming for LCPS students.

Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center

The Central Macomb Optimist Club sponsored *Respect the Law Day* at the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center School. Their long-standing partnership promoted the motivational program that involved the young students to rally against local violence. Additionally, the event allowed the youth and local law enforcement officials to interact with a question and answer period. The students created individual and team posters to help promote the event. The posters helped the students to expand their knowledge on the rights and responsibilities of being a respectful citizen within their community.