L'Anse Creuse PUBLIC SCHOOLS

December 18, 2017

Pride

2017-2018 School Year

Superintendent's Message

Good afternoon:

We are almost there, just a few more days! I hope that all of you have plans to enjoy your friends and family over this well-deserved holiday break. It has been a great year filled with staff and student achievements and I know 2018 will be even better. Thank you for all that you do!

Have a safe and happy holiday season and we will see you next year.

Sincerely,
Erik Edoff

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central

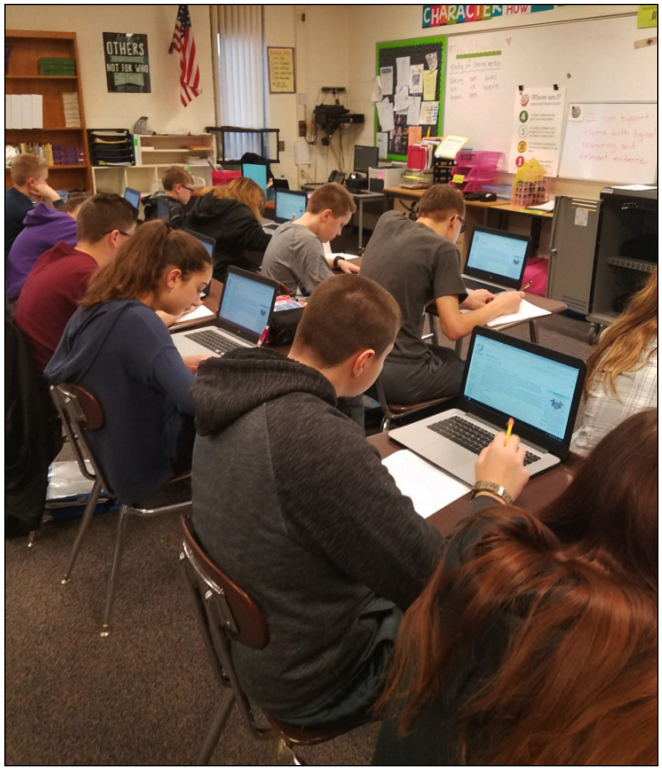
- During this season of giving, the students in **Mrs. Davis**' Reading Enrichment class took time to create Christmas cards and wrap them up with new pairs of socks. They donated them to a church in Clinton Township, who will take the socks to Detroit, along with a hot meal, and deliver them to those in need.

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – East

- MS-E has had a busy December, full of big checks! We were presented with a community partnership fundraising check for $1,015 from the Chesterfield Jersey Mike's Subs. This money will help offset the cost of student activities and classroom projects. That same week, MS-E teacher **Shawn Inman** was presented with a grant from the LCPS Foundation for her *Eagle Clothing Closet*. Ms. Inman's closet will be stocked with clothing and personal items to help students who may be in need. We are so happy to have community partnerships and support from the Foundation.

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – North

- It's been busy at MS-N in many classrooms! **Mrs. Eckenswiller**'s students utilized Chromebooks to conduct research on the types of intelligence. The students in **Ms. Henry**'s physical education class participated in circuit stations and tracked their progress.



L'Anse Creuse Middle School – South

- Middle School — South's bands and choir performed to a packed JAPAC recently. Our holiday concerts were a huge success. Both **Mrs. Ihnat**'s bands and **Mr. Clark**'s choir sounded wonderful! To add to the excitement, this event was our chance to introduce our new choir director, **Mr. Ray Sarver**. Mr. Sarver, who will be coming to South following the holidays, will be replacing Mr. Clark as he leaves for LCHS after 11 very successful years at Middle School — South. We wish Mr. Clark all the best in his new position and are very excited to have Mr. Sarver join the South family!

L'Anse Creuse High School

- LCHS collected 109 pairs of pajamas, 275 pairs of socks, 32 packs of diapers, 39 containers of wipes, and hats and gloves for the Foster Closet of Macomb. Staff and students are pictured below with Sherriff Wickersham.

L'Anse Creuse High School - North

- Congratulations to **Mrs. Mell** and **Mrs. Roggeman** for receiving L'Anse Creuse Foundation grants!

- Students in Mrs. Mell's class will be learning the history and process of needle felting. They will then create needle felted hats to be donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

- **Mrs. Roggeman**'s students will be engaged in learning activities through Breakout.Edu that promote collaboration, problem solving, grit and communication.

Frederick V. Pankow Center

- The Culinary Arts program prepared an extraordinary holiday luncheon for the Pankow staff. The students made appetizers, salad, chicken, salmon, vegetables, and desserts for the entire building. Everyone raved about the food and appreciated all the hard work the students did to make the entire event very festive. Pictured to the left are the adults who instruct, model, and facilitate Pankow's award-winning culinary arts program: **Julie Rak**, **Chef Satterly**, **Chef Baldwin** and **Amy Moore**.

DiAnne M. Pellerin Center

- Recently, Pellerin Center students participated in the district wide diversity summit. **Mondale Smiley** (pictured) was one of the Pellerin Center students who helped organize and present the summit's icebreaker activity for the day. Student participation in our improvement efforts are vital to our overall achievements. We are proud to see our students volunteer to be involved in both building and district initiatives.

Atwood Elementary School

- Atwood students participated in an assembly put on by the Detroit Pistons! The students were captivated by the simple, yet powerful message delivered by Coach Aaron: Be a good person! The students and staff were all wowed by the Detroit Pistons' mascot, Hooper, as he danced to the music from the DJ. The assembly ended with a students vs. staff basketball shoot out! Such a fun assembly with a positive message! Click here to view a video from the assembly.

Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary School

- The Carkenord staff is so proud of all the students who are following our rules and expectations! ***Gotchas*** are earned by students who are "caught" being respectful, responsible, and in control. This year we continue the Cookie Club to honor Gotcha winners! Each month, 24 lucky Gotcha winners will be selected to have a cookie and milk party to celebrate their super behavior! Each time students earn a Gotcha, their name is entered into the monthly drawing to be a member of the Carkenord Cookie Club. Gotchas will remain in the basket for the entire school year. Group photos of monthly winners are posted in the main hallway to celebrate superb behavior! Thank you to Chesterfield Panera Bread for their donation of the monthly cookies and milk to help support our PBIS program.

Marie C. Graham Elementary School

- This year Graham's leadership theme is "***Lead the World, Make it a Better Place***." Our focus is giving back to the community and having a positive impact on those around us. With the help of **Hope Comerford**, **Michael Kaufman** and some talented broadcasting students, our students have made a music video of the song "We Are the World." Enjoy!

Click here or on the screenshot to the left to view the music video!

Green Elementary School

- Congratulations to **Helen Majors** and **Loretta Rasmusseun** for winning a L'Anse Creuse Foundation grant! Their project "*Mindset Matters*" is sure to be a success!

Francis A. Higgins Elementary School

- Higgins Elementary is collecting toys for the Salvation Army. **Mrs. Angela Geibel** and our student council members are coordinating the collection. Pictured here, student council members are decorating the Salvation Army collection barrels near our beautiful holiday tree!

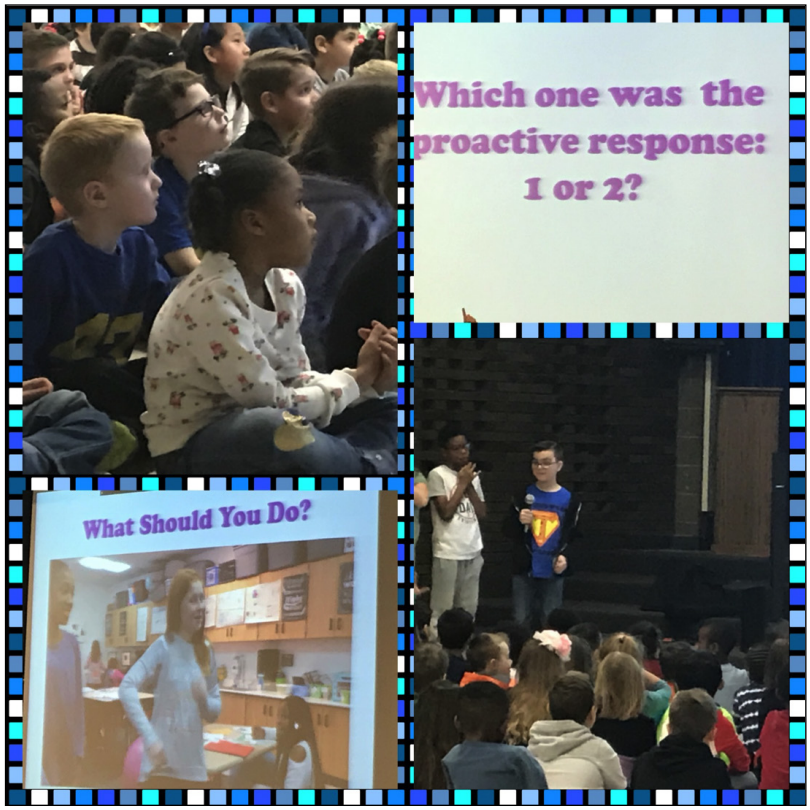
Emma V. Lobbestael Elementary School

- The students in **Mrs. Rubba**'s second grade class have been studying the author Cynthia Rylant during writer's workshop lessons. We have read many of her books using our writerly eyes to notice her craft techniques. Then the students apply these techniques into their own stories. We decided we enjoyed Cynthia Rylant's books so much that each student wrote her a letter and drew her a picture from their favorite book. We sure hope she writes back.

South River Elementary School

- Third grade *FISHY FINDS*! Students learned about business and economics while selling their products at South River's annual Holiday Bazaar.

Tenniswood Elementary School



- As part of our Leader in Me initiative, Tenniswood has started monthly "*Tiger Time*" assemblies to learn about the Habits as a School. December's Tiger Time was a huge success. The fifth grade students did a great job creating and presenting their Game Show skit, "What Should You Do?" based on Habit #1, "Be Proactive." The students enjoyed the fun and entertaining examples!

Donald J. Yacks Elementary School

- The first graders at Yacks Elementary had a great time fishing for candy canes during their holiday party. Our students and staff are wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Curriculum Department

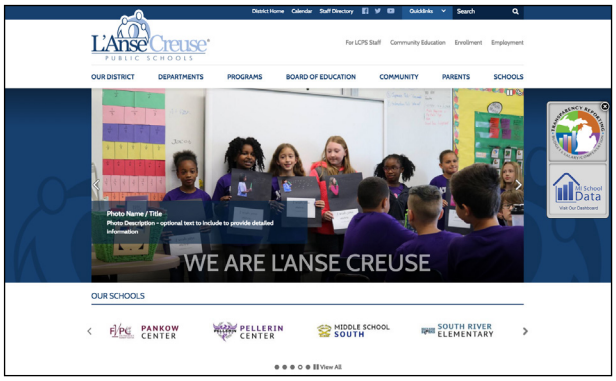
- The Curriculum Department worked to secure a grant from the MDE to provide additional reading support and interventions for students in kindergarten through third grade. It was very exciting to receive the grant and be able to start supporting more teachers and their students in reading! A portion of the grant money will be used to replace the take-home book component of Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System kits for all elementary buildings in the district. These take-home books enable students to build their home libraries and share the strategies learned in intervention with their families. The remaining funds will provide independent reading collections for classrooms. These classroom libraries will support students in transferring their learning to books they read independently.

Food & Nutrition Department

- Last week in the Food & Nutrition Department, Chartwells Chef **Jeff Stein** and Director **Debbie Elzerman** visited Tenniswood Elementary students. We are now serving a new pizza crust and had the opportunity to provide all students with a sample of our new pizza during lunch. We received rave reviews and a big thumbs up from the students.

School and Community Relations Department

- When you return from the holiday break, www.lcps.org will have a whole new look. Over the past several months, our office has been working with the technology department and individuals from each building/department to design a new website that will not only look better, but will be much more user-friendly for both staff and parents.



L'Anse Creuse Foundation

- On December 8, the L'Anse Creuse Foundation visited 14 school buildings to surprise 32 teachers with a giant check and the news that their grant requests had been funded. Check out the chart below to see some of the grants we awarded this year.

Grant Title	Teacher	Building	Awarded
Qball	Brianna Shepherd	Tenniswood Elementary School	$191.00
Dramatic Play to Increase Language Skills	Katherine Merian	Emma V. Lobbestael Elementary School	$271.00
Holocaust Memorial Center - Michigan's Holocaust Museum	Jennifer Tuttle, Greg Majors	L'Anse Creuse Middle School – North	$300.00
Puzzle Play	Kim Nowak	Francis A. Higgins Elementary School	$300.00
Given a Choice!	Ayesha Strait	Atwood Elementary School	$317.82
Kick Back and Comprehend: Creating a Comfortable Community of Critical Readers	Sarah D'Agostini, Lisa Ternes	Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary School	$400.00
Learning POPS in Science with BrainPop	Allison Boska	L'Anse Creuse Middle School – North	$460.00
Mindset Matters	Helen Majors, Loretta Rasmusseun	Green Elementary School	$500.00
Getting the Community Involved: Dads of Great Students Program	Kristin Schuck	South River Elementary School	$500.00
Breakout EDU	Susie Roggeman, Jim Ekdahl, Marie Howard, Jen Franks, Darrel Johnson, Kelly Fillmore, Preston Woodward, Frances Xing	L'Anse Creuse High School – North	$800.00
Breakout of the Educational Rut	Shannan McCarron	L'Anse Creuse High School	$800.00
Lego Robotics - Getting students excited about STEM!	Andrea Piasecki	L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central	$800.00
Sensational Sensory Support	Kristen Black, Kristy O'Donovan-Korte	Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary School	$1,000.00
Adjustable Stand-Up Desktops	Donald Kavanagh	DiAnne M. Pellerin Center	$1,000.00
Think on Your Feet!	Dawn Beigler	Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center School	$1,036.24
Mathematica for Marvelous Mathematicians	Kathryn DeLuca	L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central	$1,250.00
Crusaders Creating for Children (Felted Hats)	Dena Mell-Dorchy	L'Anse Creuse High School – North	$1,534.25
Eagle Clothing Store	Shawn Inman	L'Anse Creuse Middle School – East	$1,760.00
The Science Behind Pixar	Carrie Buchman, Mary Beth Docherty, Andrea Matzka	L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central	$2,000.00
TOTAL			**$15,220.31**

Wheeler Center

- The Wheeler staff is definitely in the spirit! Over the past several weeks we have been collecting hats and gloves for children in need in Macomb County. Then we collected plastic bags to donate to the L'Anse Creuse High School — North Key Club who in turn made homeless mats. Last but not least, the Outreach Committee raised money from staff through jean days to buy gifts for several children in need in our district.