L'Anse Creuse PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pride

April 17, 2018

2017-2018 School Year

Superintendent's Message

Good afternoon:

Welcome back and I hope you enjoyed your spring break. Whether you were able to travel or just spend some time with family and friends, it seems like we are now running to the finish at full speed! Our days will now be filled with teaching and learning, testing, events, and achievements. We only have about 40 school days left this year, but that is still enough time to make a difference or strengthen a relationship. You never know when your impact will make a critical difference in a student's life.

Hang on tight! It's going to be a fun ride!
Erik Edoff

DiAnne M. Pellerin Center

- The Pellerin Center participates in all required state assessments (SAT, ACT, WorkKeys, PSAT 9, PSAT 10, MSTEP). In addition, ALL students who attend the Pellerin Center participate in the NWEA assessment plan three times during the school year. This data helps drive decisions to assist with student academic growth and planning for future school improvement initiatives.

Atwood Elementary School

- Atwood third-graders went to the Troy Historical Museum. Students got to see what life was like as a Michigan pioneer. Students made their own candles and tin sun catchers and experienced a one-room schoolhouse and log cabin. They even made their own butter!

Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary School

- Carkenord students participated in *Hoops for Heart*. Students collected fundraising donations totaling $16,535 to benefit the American Heart Association. The tremendous support of the Carkenord community is much appreciated. The top fundraisers were able to throw a pie in the face of our fabulous PE teachers, **Mr. Madeleine** and **Mr. Osterholm**, during a school-wide assembly. Thank you to Mr. Madeleine and Mr. Osterholm for organizing this program and being great sports!

Marie C. Graham Elementary School

- Graham Elementary students are participating in a ***Kindness Challenge***! Students have been challenged to take a random act of kindness note from one of the boards posted throughout the building. After they complete the random act of kindness, they put the note into their class bucket. We will have a drawing each Friday to recognize the students who are passing on the kindness. Our school-wide goal is to reach 500 acts of kindness before the end of April. Pictured are our first weekly drawing winners.

Green Elementary School

- On March 20, Green Elementary held their annual Kindergarten Round-Up for the graduating class of 2031! Students and their families were able to travel through a typical day in kindergarten and then go on a scavenger hunt throughout the building. Students and their families located special rooms such as the library, the cafeteria, the art and music rooms, and their most favorite area, the gym!!

Francis A. Higgins Elementary School

- The families of Higgins Elementary enjoyed a wonderful evening event hosted by our March is Reading Month Committee! Local author **Maria Dismondy** shared her stories and her love of writing with our students while focusing on valuable character traits. It was an enjoyable evening for all!

Emma V. Lobbestael Elementary School

- Kindergarteners used the Kagan method, "*quiz-quiz-trade*," to practice saying "me gusta" and "no me gusta" in **Maestra Querio**'s Spanish class.

South River Elementary School

- Huron-Clinton Metroparks staff visited **Mrs. Fraeyman**'s first/second grade split class to present a program about the life cycle of a chicken. The class is also incubating eggs and learning all about the life cycle!

Tenniswood Elementary School

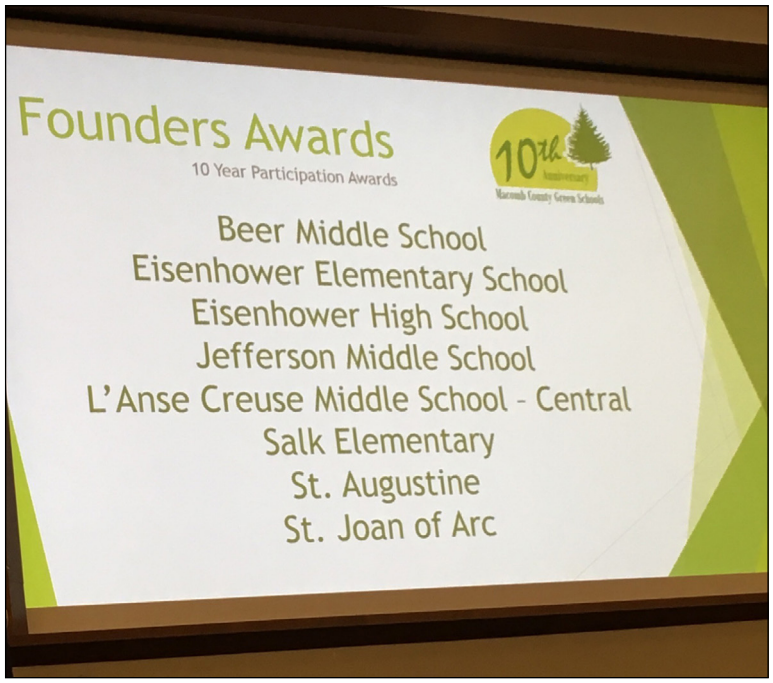
- **Ms. Hamlin**'s fourth-graders participated in a *Tournament of Books* combining March Madness and March is Reading Month. Ms. Hamlin picked "sweet" 16 books that she had read aloud to the class so far this year, and one book advanced through the brackets to become the winner! *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo went up against *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume and won by one vote!

Donald J. Yacks Elementary School

- The students at Yacks Elementary were so lucky to have a visit from Mount Clemens Mayor **Barb Dempsey**, who came to read to students and share a special treat bag. Yacks students love reading and having guest readers.

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central

- Middle School — Central proudly received two special awards at the 10th Annual Macomb County Green Schools Celebration event. First, sixth-grader **KyleeAnn Pfeifer** was honored for winning the county-wide fourth-sixth grade Earth Day poster contest. Second, MS-C was presented with the Founders Award, which recognizes the eight schools (out of 127 currently participating) that have participated in the program since its inception ten years ago. This honor is thanks to the pioneering efforts of **Mary Beth Docherty**, who made MS-C an official green school the first year the program rolled out, and current Green Club sponsors **Andrea Piasecki** and **Sara Schueneman**.



L'Anse Creuse Middle School – East

- MS-E Spanish 1 classes closed out their unit about breakfast foods with a "fiesta de cereal y leche." The students provided an abundance of cereal and milk to share. It was a technology-free day where all students enjoyed playing games with each other. The most popular game? ¡UNO! Muchas gracias to **Señoras Grant** and **Twardy** for making this a spectacular culture learning experience for our students!

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – North

- **Adena Tanner**, eighth-grader at MS-N, is now a published author. Her award-winning narrative titled "Laughter is the Best Remedy" was selected by the Michigan Reading Association for their 2018 edition of Kaleidoscope. She was invited to attend a celebration luncheon where she received a medal and a copy of the publication. Congratulations, Adena!

L'Anse Creuse Middle School – South

- As part of March is Reading Month, Middle School — South's Student Council visited Yacks Elementary School. South's leaders brought their favorite children's book and spent time reading with elementary students. They even had healthy snacks! Thank you to **Mrs. Nelson** and **Ms. Miller** for all their efforts to coordinate this event with Yacks.

L'Anse Creuse High School

- The L'Anse Creuse High School Science Olympiad team won the fifth place trophy at the Macomb Regional Science Olympiad Tournament held on March 17. The primary and alternate teams won a combined total of 22 medals and an invitation to the State Tournament. Only the top six teams from the region move up to the state level. Wish them luck when they compete against the best teams in the state at Michigan State University on April 28.

L'Anse Creuse High School - North

- LCHS-N's testing team worked hard to ensure another successful testing year! Countless hours are put in to this event and our counselors, social worker and intervention specialist do an amazing job.

Frederick V. Pankow Center

- On Saturday, March 24, the FV Pankow AFJROTC Honor Guard finished their final drill competition in superb fashion. Competing with seven regional high schools representing the US Army and US Marine Corps (Pankow was the only US Air Force unit competing). The cadets captured:

  1st Place in first-year COLOR Guard: **Chris Bowman**
  1st Place in first-year Regulation Unarmed Drill: **Landon Flum**
  2nd Place in Squad Co-ed Exhibition: **Tessa Parry**
  2nd Place in Advanced Armed Platoon: **Jacob Fournier**
  3rd Place in Advanced COLOR Guard: **John Jacobs**

  <u>First-year KNOCKOUT (50+ individual competitors from seven regional schools)</u>
  2nd Place: **Chris Bowman**
  9th Place: **Devin Liske**
  10th Place: **Dallas Beam**

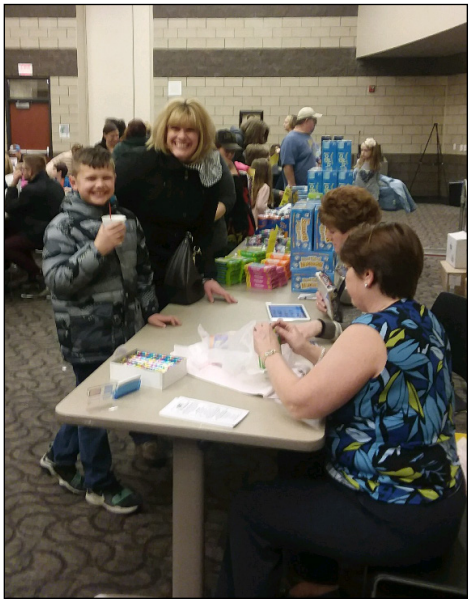
  <u>Advanced KNOCKOUT (40+ individual competitors from seven regional schools)</u>
  6th Place: **Julia Marquardt**
  9th Place: **Adam Morgan**

Community Education

- Fourteen swimmers attended the 13 and over Michigan USA Swimming State Meet and they all swam phenomenally. These swimmers included **Molly Allard**, **Tori Beels**, **Parker Brown**, **Emma Dutkiewicz**, **Hannah Gurecki**, **Brianne Lowe**, **Andrea Marasigan**, **Megan Marasigan**, **Ty Minton**, **Kyle Mowid**, **Stewart Nowinski**, **Lauren Paris**, **Aimee Radatz** and **Reid Schoenherr**. Many of the swimmers not only placed in several events, but also improved on their own times. The team finished 27th in the state and their leader **Mike Owensby** is extremely proud of how each swimmer competed.

Curriculum Department

- The Curriculum Department held their second Title I District Learning Gizmos Math Night at the Wheeler Center on March 20. Staff and families from our six Title I elementary buildings participated in the event. Families learned new educational math games, played games with LCPS staff and were able to take home a math game at the end of the event. Additional games were available for families to purchase on site. The event was funded through the Title I grant. Family fun and learning were enjoyed by all!



Food & Nutrition

- On March 13 and 14, the state visited the Food Service department to conduct an administrative review. The reviewers observed breakfast and lunch services at three schools: Green Elementary, Middle School — East and High School — North. Congratulations to the Food Service staff at these locations! The reviewers were impressed by their hard work and effort to deliver quality food to our students. As a result of their dedication, the reviewers had only one minor finding. A special thank you to **Tanya Nofs**, **Chef Jeff**, **Debbie Elzerman**, **Sue Oleksy** and **Laurie Warren** for their leadership in coordinating the review and having all the materials ready for the reviewers, as well as to the office staff for their diligence in assuring free and reduced applications and claims were processed accurately. Overall, it was a great two days for all members of the Food Service Department.

School and Community Relations

- On April 9, Macomb County Prosecutor **Eric Smith** honored the top Coalition students in the county, including **Ra'Naa Murphy**, senior at L'Anse Creuse High School, and **Tori Conklin**, senior at L'Anse Creuse High School — North. The students received personal gift cards and accepted a $500 check for the Coalition.