

Welcome to the first staff newsletter for 2019/2020! Teaching and learning is taking center stage every day because of your collective talents focused on our students. There will no doubt be challenges throughout the year, however I am sure your achievements and students' accomplishments will outweigh those difficult days. Sharing the stories of our staff and students is very important to me and definitely a highlight. I would like to take this time to encourage you to share the great successes and accomplishments that are occurring in your building. It can be related to academics, athletics, the arts or just a moment of humility you have witnessed with your students. It all counts! Reach out to your building principals, your administrators and Central Office; show them the great things taking place. I look forward to more newsletters filled with great stories from our staff, students, and community. We know what L'Anse Creuse is made of, and it is always a good time to share so that others know as well. Have a great rest of the week!

Erik Edoff



ATWOOD ELEMENTARY

Atwood Elementary hosted their Pizza Night Kickoff for the Watch D.O.G.S. program for this school year. The gym and cafeteria were packed with over 300 people who came to learn more about the program and how to get involved at the school. We are so excited to fill our days with Watch D.O.G.S. at Atwood.



Frederick V. Pankow Center

Pankow FFA received *Living to Serve* Grant from National FFA Organization! The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support semester-long service-learning projects that address needs related to community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health and nutrition; and community engagement during the fall semester. Pankow FFA plans to help address Hunger by working with students from Yacks Elementary, Green Elementary, Middle School-East, and St. Peters Community Garden located on Gratiot. Students will visit the garden to assist with harvesting of the vegetables, plant trees and learn about gardening. Congratulations Shirley Tautolo!





L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL - NORTH

On September 13, 2019, the 1985 State Championship Softball Team was inducted into the L'Anse Creuse High School – North Athletic Hall of Fame.



The Michigan Council of Teachers of English has named Jim Kroll as the 2019 Ray Lawson Award recipient! Kroll has been working in a public high school for the past fifteen years, eight years at L'Anse Creuse High School - North. A two-time honors graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Kroll holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary English Education and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership (K-12 School Administration). In addition to teaching, Kroll serves as the Executive Director for the Michigan Council of Teachers of English and is a certified Teacher Consultant for the National Writing Project. Congratulations Jim!



FRANCIS A. HIGGINS ELEMENTARY

Higgins Elementary is starting something new to increase social emotional learning! Each K-5 student has been assigned to a small multiage group called a Hawk's Nest! Each Hawk Nest is led by a staff member for the purpose of building a community of people who work together to build relationships, trust, and a sense of belonging and to promote kindness across the grade levels. Students will meet with Hawk Nest group monthly for about 40 minutes. The first meeting was a huge success! The older students LOVED helping the younger students find their way around the school! It was truly a wonderful display of kindness!!





TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Department would like to congratulate Chris Laity on his promotion to Network Specialist and welcome Dawn LaComb back to the district to replace Ginny McNabb at the Helpdesk.

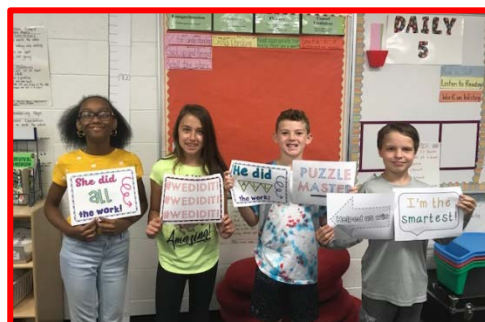


EMMA V. LOBBESTAEL ELEMENTARY

First grade worked hard during Unit 1 in Math on learning the partners for the totals to 10. We used Hand Up, Stand Up, Pair Up to find partners to share what we noticed about adding and subtracting 0, doubles, and partners for the totals 2-10. We shared with 3 different partners in this time period. As you can see in the pictures, everyone was very busy sharing their knowledge about partners.



The 5th graders did a Branches of Government Escape Room to celebrate Constitution day. The students learned a lot while having fun!





EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS

Preschoolers at the Early Childhood Center and Anna Mae Burdi are having a wonderful start to the school year, making new friends and getting to know their teachers, we are happy to see old friends returning and new faces around as we get into the routine of our day. They have begun learning how to write their names, sit in small groups for learning time, decide what to play with during free choice and they love running around on the playground. We look forward to a fun filled year of learning.

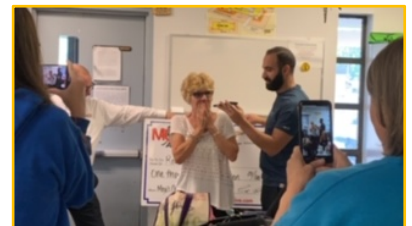


TRANSPORTATION

Recently Robin Kunkel, a bus driver for the district, was nominated and awarded \$1,000 by the Channel 955 Mojo in the Morning show and Moran Automotive for her exemplary service to students. During the September Board Meeting, the Board and Mr. Edoff presented Ms. Kunkel a Certificate of Excellence and thanked her for her years of service to the district. The following letter was submitted to Channel 955 by a parent showing her appreciation of Robin over the years.

Dear mojo in the morning:

I am the mother of a special needs child that is more than a handful at times. Her bus driver robin has become a special friend to my daughter Amanda. This woman is more than a bus driver, she has gone out of her way so many times to help me and Amanda, and I know she does this for so many of her kids. She is a funny, warm and wonderful caring woman who loves her job and her students. She takes the time to talk to Amanda and treat her as an equal. This woman is so deserving of this because she does from the bottom of her heart and asks for nothing in return. Robin treats all of her kids like this and I hope you choose her, she is so deserving.





L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL

L'Anse Creuse High School's Joyce Christmann was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame on September 15, 2019. Joyce Christmann has spent 26 years coaching girls and boys track and cross country at L'Anse Creuse High School and Middle School.

Under her leadership the girls track team earned four league titles and two conference championships. Her girls track and cross-country teams have also earned nine MAC sportsmanship awards. She has been named MAC Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2013. In 2013 she was inducted into the Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame. She is known for her positive relationships with her student athletes that reach beyond the four years as their coach, and for fostering performance excellence and high character. Congratulations Joyce!