

L'Anse Creuse NEWS

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Second semester is well underway and spring is around the corner.

As you know, I recently sent out a survey to all staff to gather opinions throughout the district in an effort to gain a better understanding of the thoughts, feelings, areas of strength in the district, and concerns you may have. The tool used for this survey also provided the opportunity for individuals to read others comments and rate responses, allowing for shared information across the district. We had 456 staff members participate and rate 8,275 ideas in dialogue with open and honest responses. There were many thoughts, but the top rated are below:

"We need the support of our district to realize that not all buildings are the same and some may need extra support in order to make sure each student succeeds."

"I am most proud of the relationships I build with students. It is important because a lot of our students don't get the amount of adult connection they need at home."

The results of this exchange and more that will follow; give voice to a large number of people in a short amount of time. The ability for us to work together in celebrating success and tackling challenges cannot be realized without a real understanding of where people are on the issues that are most impactful. Thank you again.

Erik



FRANCIS A. HIGGINS ELEMENTARY

Higgins Elementary supports the American Heart Association by raising money via the Kids Heart Challenge! Lots of students and staff members are showing support by wearing red! Thank you to our fabulous Physical Education teacher, Mr. Conger, for organizing the Higgins Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser to support the American Heart Association! Go Red and don't forget, Kindness is Contagious!!



The Higgins Science Olympiad Team, Coached by Mrs. Diana Champagne, is super excited about the upcoming district competition! They have been busy with their coaches practicing and preparing for all of the exciting events!





L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL - NORTH

On December 7, Todd Harm was promoted to *Lieutenant Colonel Harm* and was appointed as the new active duty commander of the 127th Maintenance Squadron. The squadron is responsible for heavy maintenance of the 21 A-10C "Thunderbolt II" (aka, Warthog) assigned to Colonel Spehar's group. Lt. Col. Harm's squadron contains 258 authorized, battle-ready Airmen to maintain this weapon system and defend/protect the base of operations anywhere in the world. Only 25% of officers will earn a command in their career!

For those of you who do not know Todd, he is a kind, compassionate and dedicated teacher. He keeps the many hats he carries in his life separate – which is why you may not have known this about him. Since, Todd has accepted and assumed this new command and left the district in December.

To kick off the first Black History Month of the decade, L'Anse Creuse High School – North held their first ever Black History Spirit Week. Every day, students and staff expressed themselves through apparel relating to music, black colleges and universities, innovators and culture. We concluded the week with our annual Black History Month celebration, which included performances in poetry, singing, speeches or readings and dance by our very talented students.



The LCU hockey team made history on Wednesday, March 4th. Students played a great game and were victorious over Rochester Unified to become Regional Champs with a score of 3-0. Congratulations to these athletes from both LC and LCN. The team takes on Howell in the quarter finals on Saturday. Go LCU!





TENNISWOOD ELEMENTARY

Tenniswood is so proud of Ean Martz!! He completed the Clinton Macomb Public Library Kindergarten Reading Challenge! A children's librarian presented the 100 title challenge to our classes - it's a poster of 100 books specifically selected to introduce kindergarteners to different genres and many classics. If students complete the challenge and present it at the library they receive a certificate and book to keep! We believe he's one of our only students over the last several years to complete the challenge.

Students in Tenniswood's Green Team collected coins for the Amazon Rainforest Fire Fund in the month of November. They will be donating almost \$200 to the World Wildlife Fund to help with the damage caused by the fires.



L'ANSE CREUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL - SOUTH

Members of the digital solutions team from Bounteous visited all of our 6th grade Science classes. They introduced our students to basic coding – creating and using video games! Our students were excited for the hands-on experience. Thank you to Heidi Smith, Les Winograd, Chris Sands, Sasikala Rajkumar, Steven Carter, Karl Martinez for this amazing opportunity.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS



The Preschoolers at the Early Childhood Center and Anna Mae Burdi collected socks for our "Socktober" event. These socks were donated to a local church which will use them during their MCREST program for the men, women and children that need warm socks! Thank you for all your donations.



L'ANSE CREUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL - CENTRAL

Health and Physical Education Students at Middle School Central learned about the dangers of addition and vaping. Noah Locke from C.A.R.E. of Southeast Michigan led two days of interactive lessons for the students. The classes participated in experiments that provided each individual with an opportunity to predict the negative impact that substance abuse can have on their bodies, brain, social, and family life. To prevent substance abuse, students discussed alternative ways to combat stress, insecurities, peer and societal pressures.



SOUTH RIVER ELEMENTARY

South River RoboSharks had their First Lego League Competition. South River did great in the Robot Game portion and finished 3rd out of 22 teams. They are excited to compete again next year applying everything they learned from this year's competition.



L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL

Brenden Stultz, a freshman at L'Anse Creuse High School, is the recipient of 5, 1-day park hopper passes to Walt Disney World. Brenden volunteered this fall at the Annual Run for Resilience Ostomy 5K. The race directors submitted an application of their volunteers to the organization: All for Good, a service Point of Light, Disney Family Volunteer Program and Brenden was awarded. This organization is all about encouraging families to volunteer together to make a difference.





GREEN ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Ward's fourth grade classroom traveled to Michigan's capital city of Lansing. The students were treated to meeting their local representatives as part of their capital tour! They were able to ask several questions of legislators and actually received responses for some of their concerns in a town hall type meeting!



WHEELER COMMUNITY CENTER & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES



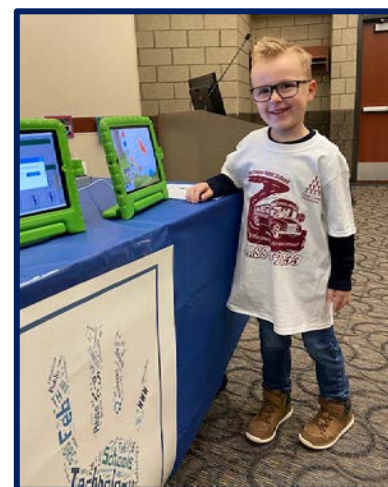
Curriculum & Instruction

Lynn Sobczak, Homeless Education & Foster Care Liaison at the Wheeler Center, was honored at the State of the Bay Address for her photo being chosen as the 2020 Directory cover for the Anchor Bay Chamber of Commerce. Many of us know how talented Lynn is with her photography; however this is her first published photo! Congratulations Lynn!

On February 11 and 12, the district welcomed the Class of 2033 and registered students for both Traditional Kindergarten and our new Transitional Kindergarten program during the Kindergarten Enrollment Fair. The district registered 344 students for both programs for the 2020-2021 school.

Special Education

The L'Anse Creuse Special Olympics ski teams participated in the 2020 State Winter Games in Traverse City, MI and Schuss Mountain from February 4-7. Athletes participated in cross country or downhill skiing. Each athlete completed a time trial as well as two skiing competitions. Athletes brought home medals as well as ribbons for their hard work and athleticism.



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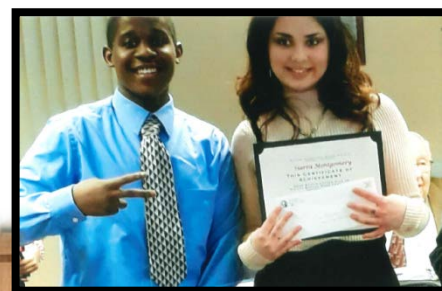
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The weather was perfect for being outside all day long in the snow! The athletes also spent plenty of time on the sledding hill, competing in a tug of war competition, and dancing the night away at opening and closing ceremonies. Fun was had by all athletes, coaches, chaperones, and volunteers! Every L'Anse Creuse athlete lived up to the Special Olympics motto, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Congratulations athletes, see you at Summer Games!



MCJJC

Two students, Malik Lewis and Siarra Montgomery, who attend the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center, were chosen to present their poems at the 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration. Additionally, Malik and Siarra also received a monetary award at the MISD February Board Meeting for their works.



L'ANSE CREUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL – EAST

On January 25th, select 7th & 8th grade band students participated in the annual MSBOA District XVI Solo & Ensemble Festival at Rochester High School. At this event, approximately 3,000 band and orchestra students from Macomb, Oakland, & St. Clair counties performed a prepared solo, duet, trio, quartet, etc. Following their performance, students receive valuable feedback from an adjudicator and are given a rating from 1st Division (highest) down to 5th Division. East band students took home 18 1st Division medals and 39 medals total! The Eagle Bands would like to congratulate all participants and express how proud we are of your accomplishments.





March 2nd - 15 outstanding members of the MS-E Eagle Bands were selected to take part in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Honor Days. The event featured 3 Honor Bands, 100+ members each, and represented the best middle school musicians from Metro Detroit. Students received extremely challenging music in advance, rehearsed for 6 hours in one day, listened to performances by DSO musicians, and performed in the iconic Orchestra Hall that evening. Truly a day for them to remember, so bravo to these exceptional young musicians!



MS-E Staff, students, parents, and local communities all worked together to collect coats of all sizes to donate to local families! Over 100 coats were given away. Everyone who came was able to get a coat for the cold, winter months!



JOSEPH M. CARKENORD ELEMENTARY

Carkenord students worked hard to raise \$20,940 for the American Heart Association by participating in the Kids Heart Challenge. Our top fundraisers had the chance to play egg roulette with Mr. Madeleine and Mr. Osterholm.

