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Good teachers are costly, but bad teachers cost more. -Bob Talbert

Teaching skills should be continually sharpened, with time to take courses, attend conferences, and share lessons and tips with other teachers, online, and in person.

http://www.edutopia.org/big-ideas-better-schools

Dear Friends:

For more than twenty-five years the Lakeview Schools Educational Foundation (LSEF) has supported the teachers and students in the Lakeview School District through grants and scholarships. We are currently administering 19 scholarship funds and five grant funds. During the last year LSEF awarded \$10,350 in scholarships and \$1,660 in sports scholarships, mostly to graduating seniors, plus \$3,465 in grants to the teaching staff to enhance their skills and learning opportunities for students.

We thank all who have contributed in establishing the funds and those who have added to our funds over the years. Our primary mission is to diligently monitor the funds in our care and distribute them consistently as the fund originators intended. Additionally, the LSEF Board is committed to making LSEF even more visible and productive in the years ahead. To that end we recently hired a part-time administrative assistant through a generous contribution from the Battle Creek Community Foundation. This will help the Board with organizational tasks, but also we hope to do a better job:

- Enhancing the visibility of LSEF
Reaching out to students, parents, and the Lakeview community and businesses to partner in expanding scholarship and grant opportunities for Lakeview. This can include contributing to existing funds or creating new funds to meet identified needs.

We are blessed with a community of individuals with many talents who are committed to investing in quality education and in the success of the next generation. Part of that includes time tutoring a student, volunteering with PTA or other school activities, and serving on committees or boards. It also includes finances. Regularly give to those causes that you believe in and remember to include those causes (including LSEF) in your will or estate planning.

We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of the Lakeview School District, its students, and its staff. You may contact any member of the LSEF Board if you have any questions or suggestions. See the listing on this page. GO SPARTANS!



Charles C. Crider, Jr., Chairman Lakeview Schools Educational Fund

2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)

Over \$12,000 in Scholarships were awarded by the Lakeview Schools Educational Foundation. Congratulations to all the students who received scholarships.

Scholarships Awarded

Table listing scholarship recipients and amounts, including Andert Family Scholarship (\$750), Judi Dolezal Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Marie and Frank Eldridge Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000), etc.

Total Scholarships: \$10,350

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Table listing sports scholarship recipients and amounts, including George Byelich Sport Fund, Zachary Bower (7th Grade), Breh Ruger (8th Grade), etc.

Table listing sports scholarship recipients and amounts, including Steve Straub Sports Camp Scholarship Fund, Maggie Farrell (10th Grade), Haidyn Markos (8th Grade), etc.

Table listing sports scholarship recipients and amounts, including Mahoney, Aiden Booton (9th Grade), Baumgartner Wrestling Camp, etc.

Total Sports Scholarships: \$1,660

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Financial statement table showing Revenues (Total: \$71,170) and Expenditures (Total: \$17,497), including Donor Gifts Received, Investment Income, Grants Paid, and Scholarships Paid.

Teachers Receive Grants from LSEF to Enhance Students' Learning

Each fall and spring the Lakeview Schools Educational Foundation (LSEF) awards grants to teachers in the Lakeview district for use in furthering their teaching skills and enhancing the education of their students. A total of \$3,465 was awarded last school year.

Fall grants were given to the following educators:

- Katie Newburn from Lakeview High School attended the Michigan Transition Services Association conference.
Dr. Margaret Lincoln from Lakeview High School (LHS), in collaboration with English and language arts teachers, created a special collection of library books chosen by the 2015 graduation class.



John Burdette and Lindsey Keller, teachers at Lakeview High School, were given monies to update the Robotics Club robot. They participated in several robotics competitions during the school year.

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MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

Providing educational programs in a safe learning environment that develop knowledgeable, healthy, socially responsible citizens in the global community.

Lakeview Schools Educational Fund BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Effective November 1, 2015)

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A Variety of Scholarships Are Available

Includes Scholarships for Middle School, High School, and Adult Students

Lakeview Schools Educational Foundation (LSEF) provides Lakeview students with scholarship opportunities in three categories:

- Traditional Scholarships
- Non-traditional Scholarships
- Sports Scholarships

Traditional scholarships* are available to graduating Lakeview High School seniors. These scholarships range from \$250 to \$3,000 each. Two of these are renewable, while some others have renewal potential. Applications for traditional scholarships are due by March 28, 2016. Apply through the LSEF or BCCF websites.

Non-traditional scholarships are also available for adults who wish to attend Kellogg Community College or a technical school on either a part-time or a full-time basis, and for students already in college or returning after some time away from an educational setting. The deadline for application is April 30, 2016. Applications are available on the LSEF website only.

Sports scholarships provide financial assistance for students to attend sports camps. There is one scholarship for students in each of the 3 categories: grades 6-8, grades 7-11, grades 8-11. The dead-

line for application is April 30, 2016. Selection process should be completed in time for camp registration. Applications are available on the LSEF website only.

Please find out more information about these scholarships on the LSEF website.

Lakeviewspartans.org>Community & Alumni>LSEF>Student Scholarships

***FAFSA will be required if applicant wants to be considered for financial aid or if financial need is a requirement of the scholarship. FAFSA is based on the parent's 2015 Income Tax, if you are a dependent. Start the FAFSA process early to allow time for the LSEF scholarships and other Battle Creek Community Foundation scholarship requirements and deadlines. Apply through the LSEF or BCCF websites.**

Lakeviewspartans.org>Community & Alumni>LSEF>Student Scholarships

bccfoundation.org/scholarships

Help us grow these scholarships. Contributions may be made online or directly to LSEF. You can contribute to an existing scholarship or set up a new one. Every contribution, regardless of the amount, helps our students meet their full potential and contributes to a growing community.

Lakeviewspartans.org>Community & Alumni>LSEF>How You Can Help

LSEF is a 501(c)3 organization and contributions may be tax deductible.

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• The **Middle School Music staff** was awarded monies to partially cover their expenses to the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

• **Samantha Epp and Heather Dykstra** from Minges Brook used the grant monies they were given to attend a seminar addressing negative behavior patterns closely associated with students who suffer from ADHD and PTSD. They will share their experiences with classroom teachers.

Spring grants were awarded to the following educators:

• **Laura Williams** attended an Advanced Cognitive Coaching Workshop. The information she gained will help teachers promote reflection and metacognition skills with their students.

• **Jessica Day**, a kindergarten teacher, was able to purchase math manipulatives for her Riverside students to work towards mastering the Common Core Standards for math.



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Riverside Teacher Jessica Day (middle) receives a \$500.00 reward from MSU's Tom Izzo. Riverside Paraeducator Courtney Markos attended the event in support of Day.

Michigan Lottery, Tom Izzo Honor Riverside Teacher for Exceptional Work

Riverside Elementary School teacher, Jessica Day, is known for constantly seeking out ways to provide new educational opportunities for students. She teaches Kindergarten and serves as a technology coach for Riverside. This fall, Jessica was honored with an Excellence of Education

award from the Michigan Lottery. "I work with the best educators in Battle Creek. Everyone in this building deserves this award. In fact at the awards ceremony, I nominated a number of teachers myself. It was an honor to receive this award. I am very grateful," said Jessica Day.



Harvesting Literacy Family Night

How do face painting, pumpkin pie and reading go together, you may ask? Well on Tuesday, Oct. 27th Harvesting Literacy Family Night was held at Minges Brook Elementary. The night was jam packed with fun activities including face painting, cookie decorating, a photo booth, fall games outside and a yummy free dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and pumpkin pie!

Harvesting Literacy Family Night was designed to provide opportunities for our families to better understand how they can help their child as a learner. Families met in their students' classroom where they learned about the strategies used to be a better reader and listened as

students shared what they do in class, all in the effort to help our students become independent readers. Each student left with a reading strategies book mark for home use.

Minges Brook Elementary and the United Way partnered together to host the Parent Involvement Harvesting Literacy Night. In addition to Minges Brook teachers and staff volunteering their time, volunteers from Covenant Hope Church, Lakeview High School Art teacher Bobbie Mathis and some of her art students and a few Lakeview Middle School students helped make the evening a wonderful success. There will be 2 more Parent Involvement evenings this school year.



Lakeview Middle School PTA Sponsors 19th Annual Spartan Strut

During Homecoming week, Lakeview Middle School students collected donations for the 19th annual Spartan Strut. The Spartan Strut is a PTA sponsored fundraiser. Each grade level then celebrates by walking and dancing outside on the track for a half an hour, enjoying music by a dj, and having healthy snacks.

This year, students raised over \$12,000 which the PTA will use to fund special activities and events such as WATCH DOGS, Girls on the Run, Spelling Bees, Books for the library and classrooms, Spring Fling, academic competitions and opportunities, and other support for the staff and students.

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Four other students who were top raisers picked a staff member to dump a bucket of ice water on at the Homecoming Football game. Mrs. Haas, 6th grade teacher, is pictured with student, Malachi Amaro.



JT Hilton, a fifth grader, was the lucky winner of the drawing for an Asus Chromebook. Entries were earned for donations collected.

The fifth graders had the most participation for raising money and won a field day which they had on our last half day of school, October 16th. It was a day filled with structured activities and lots of fun!

Many other prizes were awarded to students who participated in this fundraiser. Once again, the Spartan Strut was a success and fun for all students involved. We look forward to next year!



Riverside Instructional Coach Kathryn Sellers purchases fresh produce from Manny Sevastopoulos, Mobile Market Manager for Fresh on Wheels.

Riverside, Urban Sprout Farms Offer Local Products to Community

Each week, Urban Sprout Farms mobilizes its Fresh on Wheels service, packed with Michigan grown fruits and vegetables, and visits Riverside Elementary. Teachers, students and families are treated to a year-round selection of the season's best harvest from local farms.

"As schools, we are continually reinforcing the importance of a healthy diet,

including fresh fruits and vegetables," explained Denise Myers, Riverside Elementary principal. "What better way to communicate that message than to offer the product right at our school."

As winter approaches, the "veggie stand" will move into Riverside's lobby offering fresh produce throughout the coldest months of the year.

Save the Date!

Lakeview Middle School MASQUE

Presents:



Performances:

Friday, December 4th 7pm,
Saturday, December 5th 7pm,
& Sunday, December 6th 3pm

LMS auditorium, \$5 general admission

Part-time Bus Drivers Needed

Lakeview's Transportation Department is looking for individuals to transport our most precious resources! If you enjoy working with children, are looking for part time employment, and meet the qualifications listed, please call: Transportation Department at 269-565-2490.

Minimum Qualifications: high school graduate/equivalent, valid Michigan driver's license with a positive driving record, the ability to obtain and/or complete the following requirements: CDL B license with P and S endorsements, Michigan Department of Education physical, new beginning bus driver course and requirements of the Michigan School Safety legislation. A successful candidate will also have the ability to work cooperatively and relate positively with students, staff, and parents and read maps and/or follow oral or written instruction. Regular, dependable attendance is a critical performance factor to ensure consistent, high quality services to students and families. EOE

Good News Briefs!

Asif Recognized At HATS Off Ceremony

Lakeview Middle School 8th grader Javeria Asif is one of 300 high-achieving middle school students honored earlier this month at the 17th annual HATS Off Recognition Ceremony, a statewide awards ceremony to recognize the top-scoring students who participate in Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search. Students are selected for recognition based on their performance on either the SAT or ACT college entrance exams.

Hanlon Recognized in Top 5% by National Merit Corporation

Lakeview High School senior Cameron Hanlon has been recognized as a Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. As a Commended Student, Cameron placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the Preliminary

SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

LHS Receives Clean Water Award

Lakeview High School science teachers Katie Norris and Juli Tripicchio along with current and former science students were honored with a 2015 Clean Water Award.

The annual award, presented by the Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partners, is given annually to an individual, group or business located within the Kalamazoo River Watershed that has displayed extraordinary passion and progress in protecting water resources.

According to City of Battle Creek Environmental Program Coordinator Tiffany Welsh, Lakeview students were selected based on their strong history of support for the Krazy for the Kazoo initiative, an annual endeavor to help clean and maintain the local watershed.

Walker Recognized Nationally

Lakeview High School senior Andrew Walker has been named an honorable mention Rolex Junior All-American by the American Junior Golf Association. Andrew won the Division 1 state golf championship as a junior last spring and has been twice honored with the "MR. Golf" Award by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.



He's Back!

The Lakeview High School Pep Club raised \$3,000 to purchase a new mascot costume to help encourage school spirit. Lakeview's mascot "Sparty" had been without costume for several years and his fans were ready for a comeback! Sparty arrived in time to welcome the LHS Class of 2019 to freshmen orientation and has since been making rounds throughout the district.

Help Draft the Facilities Plan!

Lakeview School District is holding community meetings to create a district-wide facilities plan focusing on our elementary buildings. We need input from elementary parents and the community as we prepare to present a plan to the Board of Education in November.

**Monday, November 9, 6-8PM;
Riverside Elementary Gym**

Help update the draft plan based on additional feedback from district residents. The updated facilities improvement plan will be presented to the Board of Education in November when they will decide whether or not to ask for voter support.