



LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS

August 2026

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Desk of Dr. Chad Coffman

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope you have had a restful, enjoyable summer and found time to relax with family and friends. As we begin another school year, I am excited to welcome our students back to school and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to the Lakota family. At the elementary school, Lauren Cox will serve as our elementary school counselor, Abigail Nagy joins our staff as a pre-school teacher, and Elizabeth Laird joins us as our elementary music teacher. At the middle school, Mackenzie Smith will be our fifth-grade intervention specialist, and Heather Cable will serve as the elementary and middle school receptionist. At the high school, Kathryn Reiter joins our staff as our Spanish teacher and Acacia Hull will serve as the high school secretary. Please join me in welcoming each of them to Lakota Local Schools!

I would also like to thank our staff members who worked throughout the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. Their dedication and hard work have ensured that our classrooms, offices, and

campus are ready to welcome students. In addition to the many routine preparations, we made progress on several important projects, including the beginning stages of our new bus storage facility, a new scoreboard for the football field, and the refinishing of the gymnasium floors.

This year, our focus remains on providing every student with a high-quality education in a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment. We are committed to strengthening literacy instruction, expanding effective co-teaching practices, and supporting the social and emotional well-being of every student. We will also continue to provide meaningful opportunities that prepare our students for success in college, careers, military service, and life beyond graduation.

Thank you for your continued support of Lakota Local Schools. Working together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish everyone a successful, rewarding, and memorable school year!

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

From the Desk of Mr. Elchert, Treasurer

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer with family and friends. Summer always seems to fly by because of all the fun and memories that come with it. As summer begins to wind down, it also means another exciting school year is just around the corner!

Over the past few months, our maintenance and custodial staff have been hard at work ensuring our buildings and grounds are ready to welcome students and staff back for another great year. Our transportation department has also been busy preparing every bus for another safe and successful year of transporting our students. I want to extend a sincere thank you to all of these dedicated staff members for their hard work throughout the summer in preparing for the 2026-2027 school year.

You will notice several exciting changes around the district this year. The most significant project is the addition to our current bus garage. The first phase includes constructing an 18-bay structure to protect our buses from the weather, which we anticipate completing before Thanksgiving Break. The second phase will extend the west end of the garage, allowing our bus lift to reach its maximum height while providing additional workspace for servicing today's larger buses. The final phase will connect the new storage bays to the existing facility, with completion expected before the end of the school year.

Protecting our buses from the elements is an important investment. Not only will it help extend the life of our fleet, but it will also reduce maintenance costs, help prevent weather-related wear and tear, and improve safety for our drivers by eliminating much of the time spent clearing snow and ice during the winter. It will also allow our transportation department to clear the lot more efficiently during inclement weather. With new buses now costing approximately \$125,000 to \$130,000, including warranties, and prices continuing to rise each year, we believe this investment will help us maximize the lifespan of these valuable assets while reducing long-term expenses.

We are also excited to unveil a new football

scoreboard and game clocks at our stadium this fall. This project would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We sincerely thank Slippery Trucking, Old Fort Banking Company, Croghan Colonial Bank, RPB Wealth Management, POET Biorefining LLC, Technique Roofing Systems LLC, and the Carson Zender Memorial Foundation & Lakota Football Program for making this project a reality. I would also like to recognize Bowling Transportation, the sole sponsor of our previous scoreboard, for its years of support. We are incredibly grateful for all of our community partners and their continued investment in our students and schools.

To all of our fall athletes, coaches, and teams, I wish you the very best as your seasons begin. Your hard work, dedication, teamwork, and commitment make our district proud, and we look forward to cheering you on throughout the season.

Our updated four-year financial forecast will be released in August and again in February. I am pleased to report that we concluded the last fiscal year in a positive financial position, with results that were slightly better than I projected in February 2026. As we move into the new fiscal year, we will closely monitor the impact of House Bill 186 and its new inflation caps on district revenue, while also keeping a careful watch on rising operational costs. As always, we remain committed to providing our students with a high-quality educational experience while maintaining responsible stewardship of district resources.

Finally, I want to express how fortunate I feel to serve the school district that provided me with such a wonderful education. It is truly a privilege to work alongside an outstanding staff that is caring, dedicated, and committed to supporting our students and families every day. We are also blessed to have supportive families and community members whose generosity and involvement help make our district such a special place. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I look forward to another outstanding school year together.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIREES!

Congratulations to Cheryl Sandrock, Julie Boice, and Lori Schaferly on their retirements this past June! Mrs. Sandrock is retiring as Lakota's elementary music teacher, Mrs. Boice as our fifth-grade intervention specialist, and Mrs. Schaferly as one of our dedicated bus drivers. We are grateful for the years of care, commitment, and service each of you has given to our students, staff, and community. The Lakota community thanks you for your many contributions and wishes you all the best as you begin this exciting new chapter. Congratulations, and enjoy your well-earned retirement!



Mrs. Boice



Mrs. Sandrock

2025-2026 MALE AND FEMALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

This year's Female Athlete of the Year is **Rylee Markel**. Rylee earned 3 Varsity Letters in Girls Basketball, and 4 Varsity Letters in Track and Field. In basketball, her Senior year, she averaged nearly 16 points a game and was voted a unanimous First Team ALL League selection. She was voted for the 1st team All District,



Rylee Markel



Avery Shilling

and 2nd team All-Northwest Ohio. She also earned Special mention All State recognition. In the sport of Track and Field, this individual is the most successful and well-rounded female athlete on the track team. She is a 4-Year Letterman and qualified for Regionals in the Long Jump her senior year.

This year's Male Athlete of the Year recipient is **Avery Shilling**. Avery earned 4 Varsity Letters in the sport of Football, 4 Varsity Letters in Basketball, and 4 Varsity Letters in Track and Field, totaling 12 Varsity Letters. A rare accomplishment. In Track and Field, he was instrumental to a team that won three consecutive SBC League Track Championships. He specialized in the middle distance 400-meter event earning first team All-Conference both his junior and senior years. He also qualified for the State Track Meet his junior year and hopefully will again this year in the 4x400 Relay. In Boys Basketball, over his 4 years, he played a key role in bringing respectability back to the boys' basketball program, achieving back-to-back winning seasons his junior and senior year. This past year, he earned 2nd team All-Conference honors.

BOYS TRACK

Please join us in congratulating the following athletes on their STATE TRACK performances: King Beard finished 3rd place in the 100m dash and 4th place in the 200m dash. Lucas McEwan finished 4th place in the 300m hurdles. Donovan Statham finished 5th place in the 400m dash. He also broke the Lakota/school record in the prelims with a time of 48.93. The 4x400m relay team of Avery Shilling, Brady Tyson, Donovan Statham, & King Beard finished 3rd place in the event. They also completed their high school career as the school record holders in the event with a time of 3:21.40. 5 athletes in 5 events and all finished on the podium with hardware around their neck. We are unbelievably proud of these young men and what they contributed to the Lakota Track program. They leave behind a legacy of winning and a very high standard. Congratulations gentlemen!



L to R: Lucas McEwan, Avery Shilling, Brady Tyson, Donovan Statham, King Beard

Mark your calendar
**FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

OPEN HOUSE
Thurs., August 20, 2026
New Families - 3-4 p.m.
All Other Families 4-6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

FROM THE DESK OF SHERRY SPROW

Lakota High School Principal

As summer break begins to wind down, it’s time to start preparing for another exciting school year at Lakota High School! I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer filled with opportunities to recharge and make lasting memories.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our returning students and families and a special welcome to our incoming freshmen and students who are joining Lakota High School for the first time. I would also like to welcome Mrs. Kathryn Reiter our new Spanish teacher. The high school faculty and staff are excited to welcome you and are looking forward to another year of learning, growth, and building meaningful relationships.

The first day of school for the 2026–2027 school year is Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Before we begin, we invite all students and families to attend our Open House on Thursday, August 20. Open House is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers, explore the building, locate classrooms, and ask questions before the school year begins. Students can also place supplies in their lockers, pay school fees, and receive important information regarding lunches, transportation, and other back-to-school procedures.

At Lakota High School, we believe that strong partnerships between school and home are essential to student success. We appreciate the continued support of our families and community and look forward to working together to help every student reach their full potential. Our commitment remains focused on providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment that prepares students to be college, career, and life ready.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another outstanding year at Lakota High School!

Go Raiders!

LAKOTA ATHLETIC
PASSES
2026-2027

- ALL YEAR FAMILY PASS = \$350
- (Parents & children in grades K-12 only in the same household)
- ALL YEAR ADULT PASS = \$150
- ALL YEAR STUDENT PASS = \$50
- (Students in grades K-12)
- ALL YEAR SENIOR PASS = \$120
- (Age 65 & up)
- Passes can be purchased in the HS office and Home events.
 - Passes cover all Home games during the regular season for both HS and JH games.
 - Biddy events Not included.
 - Passes DO NOT include tournament events.
 - NO Refunds



IMPORTANT ATHLETIC DATES

AUGUST 1
First Day of Required Practice
Football, Volleyball, Cross Country,
(Golf Starts July 27)

PARENT MEETING
FALL SPORTS
Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.
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PICTURE DATES
FALL SPORTS
Monday, August 10
From 3:30 to 7 p.m.

DRUG TESTING
FALL SPORTS
Wednesday, August 12
From 2 - 4 p.m.

2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE DATES
September 18 & October 30
Students will be released at 12:45pm. Everyone can expect to be home 2 hours early.



LAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026
FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

4th Quarter 4.0 Honor Roll

9th Grade

Shelby Biddle, Bradley Boze, Katie Leiter, Huddson Prenzlin, Miles Riser, Jaxon Sommers, Lucas Ward, Aubriana Wyant

10th Grade

Wyatt Brubaker, Zoe Johnson, Emma Klingler, Shyann Loppe, Carson Quaintance, Madison Roschie, Reese Seigley, Piper Shultz

11th Grade

Ashlyn Allnutt, Alexander Burkhalter, JaRetta Edwards, Kyle Fawcett, Chloe Foos, Anthony Gosche, Brody Hansen, Braylon Hemminger, Shyanna Himburg, Colten Kelbley, Peyton Myers, Kaitlynne Repasz, Xavier Wedge, Raelyn Wittenmyer, Chad Wonderly

12th Grade

Makennah Brause, Cayden Bursiek, Benett Ebert, Ramiyah Feahr, Addie Gilbert, Madalynn Gillmor, Steven Hornyak, Alex Liskai, Lexi Moon, Carter Myers, Alexander Speck, Donovan Statham, Xavier Thomas, Brady Tyson, Jalen Wagner, Jacoby Widman, Ryleigh Wyant, Roxy Zelman

4th Quarter 3.0-3.9 Honor Roll

9th Grade

Karmen Albert, Chloe Barthalow, Caleb Brubaker, Phoenix Bryan, Kennedy Chatlain, Alaina Doust, Reed Elchert, Orion Ezzell, Autumn Gilbert, Jett Graber, Liana Graber, Peyton Harrison, Michael Henning, Braidon Himburg, Charlotte Jakscy, Bailynn Keeran, Ruger Kelbley, Estrella Leal, Ezekiel Ley, Madison Long, Cherokee Loppe, Roanin Pass, Braylen Reddick, Avrey Reinbolt, Lillian Shilling, Wyatt Smith, Kaylee Sweeney, Myles Tarris, Alyssa Tody, Praylynn Weber, Korben Westness

10th Grade

Abigail Bender, Tara Bensman, Jesse Dierksheide, Da-Layj'iana Doyle, Avarra Edwards, Millie Gillett, Kelsey Holman, Carson Hull, Krue Kirian, Ashlynn Markel, Maliyah Martinez, Haylee Miller,

Gabriel Moore, Luke Parsons, Aubrey Payne, Alyssa Repp, Joel Ruble, Grace Sautter, Madison Seedorf, Elizabeth Snyder, Shelby Spaulding, Brenna Walter, Preston Weber, David Williams, Gabriela Wittes, Elena Wyant, Connor Yonikus

11th Grade

Keely Albert, Isabelle Alge, Johnathan Baldwin, Kolette Bartson, Queen Beard, Steven Bensman, Sophia Bomer, Connor Claburn, Kaleb Burgess, Spencer Capelle, Bryson Clark, Malcolm Conley, Koreena Crawford, Shelly Crook, Hunter Cunningham, Reid Dussel, Nicholas Elchert, Bailee Ferguson, Kady Fuerstenau, Nathaniel Grigson, Graham Harmon, Evan Harris, Jacob Hines, Cooper Kaser, Lilliana Keels, Brady Kern, Corrina Ley, Frank Lopez, Aydin Manuel, Tyler Markin, Ella McCarthy, Phoenix Medellin, Montana Moore, Max Nordhaus, Samantha Nye, Addison Parks, Jaycee Reinbolt, Madelyn Reinhart, Kamdyn Rice, Julian Salazar-Cassady, Grant Scherger, Hunter Splawn, Nathaniel Stewart, Mya Stoudinger, Brandon Thomas, Olivia Thomas, Kyle Thomason, Matthew Travis, Jocelyn Tritch, Danica Weiss

12th Grade

Brock Adams, Kylie Bailey, Nicholas Barlekamp, Ava Barthalow, Rylee Beckley, Samantha Bleckinger, Jon Briceno, Brody Brubaker, Gabriel Brubaker, Lainee Clark, Caiden Collins, Jerzee Crawford, Kaylee Davidson, Joshua Dibble, Mason Eben, Landen Graber, Alyssa Gracia, Jase Harman, Brookelyn Harner, Zella Hendricks, Eli Hill, Allison Holman, Jose Ibarra, Addison Jakscy, Dawson Jones, Emma Jurovcik, Norah Kroetz, Jacob Leiter, Rylee Markel, Vanessa Marker, Sage Martin, Evan May, Paul May, Kaitlynn McDonald, Lucas McEwan, Ava Nordhaus, Leah Nordhaus, Anthony Nuhfer, Kaiya Parker, Scout Paul, Landen Riser, Chevelle Rubel, Jacob Scott, Avery Shilling, Adam Smelser, Izrael Smith, Alexia Stephenson, Hunter Sweeney, Reid Timmons, Leviticus Ulmer, James Vanhoose, Olivia Wittes, Meah Yonikus

*Semester 2 CCP and credit recovery grades are included in quarter 4 honor roll eligibility calculations.

DRESS CODE FOR LAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL

In general, school dress should be such that it ensures the health, welfare, and safety of students, and it projects a positive image of Lakota students and schools. Dress and grooming should be clean and consistent with health and safety requirements for the enhancement of the educational environment. Dress and grooming should not disrupt the teaching/learning process nor detract from orderly school climate.

- Student apparel may not be offensive or promote hostility based on race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.
 - Clothing with offensive illustrations is not acceptable. School officials reserve the right to make recommendations for changes in the dress and grooming of students.
 - Clothing or jewelry that promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or gang identification; that contain profanity/vulgarity; or that suggest sexual or pornographic activity are prohibited.
 - All shirts must have sleeves and be able to be tucked in. Shirts that are provocative or that contain sexual undertones (for example: girl in bikini, or picture that accentuates male or female anatomical features) are prohibited. (e.g., no “Hooters” shirts) Halter tops, tank tops, sleeveless tops, transparent clothing, and exposure of bare midriffs are prohibited. Short shorts, short skirts, spandex shorts, and **pants with holes, tears, or frays that expose skin are prohibited.** Short and skirt length must be at the top of the knee or longer. Pants must be worn at the waist. The waist is defined as the area between the rib cage and the top of the hipbone. Exposed undergarments are prohibited. Leggings and yoga pants are prohibited unless worn with a dress or skirt that comes to the knee or below.
 - Pajamas, robes, and blankets are prohibited.
 - Book bags, large purses (defined as any bag that can hold a book), briefcases, duffel bags, or other similar items must be in student lockers during the school day and are not to be taken to classrooms or carried in hallways other than when entering/leaving the building or going to gym class.
 - Gym shoes that are only worn inside are required for physical education.
 - Slippers, shoes with cloth soles, or shoes with wheels are prohibited.
 - Pocket or wallet chains, spiked bracelets, necklaces, or earrings are prohibited.
 - Hats/bandanas or other head apparel, sunglasses, and coats are prohibited during school hours unless prescribed.
 - Spikes or cleats are prohibited in the building at all times.
 - Earrings/stud earrings and other jewelry should be appropriately worn. (e.g., some earrings that may be appropriate in a classroom setting may not be appropriate in a gym class)
- Students found in violation of the dress code will be asked to change clothes. If a student does not have a change of clothes, the student’s parents will be called to bring in a change of clothing. If the student’s parents cannot be reached, the student will spend the day in the office. The responsibility of enforcing the dress code belongs to all students, parents, and faculty members, but it ultimately belongs to the principal. In questionable situations, the administration will have the right to decide what is acceptable and unacceptable dress or appearance.

FBI/BCI FINGERPRINT CHECKS

Lakota Local Schools now has the capability to do FBI/BCI fingerprint checks. If you would like to use this service, please call the Board Office at 419-986-6650 for an appointment.

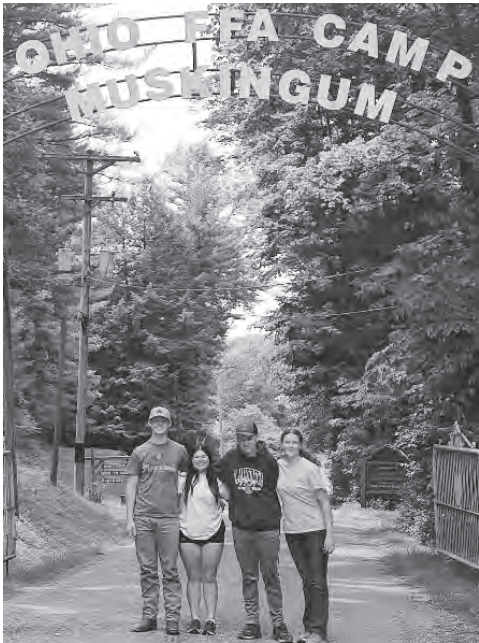
HIGH SCHOOL



LAKOTA
FFA NEWS

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Submitted by:
Mrs. Karhoff, Advisor



Ohio FFA Camp

Ezekiel Ley, Kendall Shaul, Michael Blasius, and Corrina Ley attended the First Session of Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum held June 1-5, 2026, in Carrollton, Ohio.



2026-2027 Lakota FFA Officer Team

Front Row: Chloe Foos-Farm Manager, Grace Sautter-President, Kendall Shaul-Treasurer, & Abigail Bender-Secretary.
Back Row: Corrina Ley-Reporter, Joel Ruble-Vice-President & Parker Eidenour-Sentinel.

FRIENDS OF THE LAKOTA RAIDER MUSIC PROGRAM —
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

The Lakota Music Boosters play a vital role in supporting music education for all grade levels in our district. Thanks to the generosity of families and community members, we've been able to provide opportunities that enrich students' musical growth and strengthen our program.

Here is a listing of some of the projects we have supported:

- Music department bi-annual trips where our students received instruction from collegiate clinicians followed by a performance in local venues. This year our students traveled to Nashville. 61 students at a total of \$18,300.00. This support is earned by students and their family and friends by volunteering to work in the concession stands and other various fundraising opportunities.
- Band uniforms and show choir outfits.
- Maintenance of music booster owned Lakota Raider truck used to transport equipment for performances and competitions.
- Scholarship fund that provides two \$500.00 scholarships. With a goal of increasing each to \$1,000.
- Provides support for Solo and Ensemble contests, Music Festivals, and College sponsored clinics.
- Participation in community parades, where the Lakota Raider Marching Band earns stipends for the organizers of the event.

Wish list:

- New uniforms for Choir and Band with the intention of uniformity between the groups. The existing band uniforms have exceeded their intended lifespan, and we are now initiating conversations about their replacement. Cost for new band uniforms could range between \$35,000 to \$45,000. Cost for new Choir uniforms has yet to be determined.
- Replacement of aging instruments that are no longer cost effective to be repaired. At this time, costs for these instruments are estimated at \$20,000.

How do we raise funds:

- Two fundraising events per school year.
- Cookie Walk during Fine Arts Festival
- Concession Stand for Football and Track season
- Occasional donations

This is where we need your support. In order for us to maintain this level of support, we need you. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, alum, community member, you are needed to help us "keep the music playing." Together, let's support their musical journey.

The next Music Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the school. We'd love to see you there!

LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL
IMMUNIZATION
CLINIC

DOES YOUR CHILD STILL NEED
IMMUNIZATIONS?

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE
DURING OPEN HOUSE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED
IMMUNIZATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN, 7TH
GRADE, AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS.

PLEASE CALL THE SANDUSKY COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT AT 419-334-6367 TO SIGN UP.

THURSDAY
AUGUST 20 | 3-6 PM
HS CLINIC

Questions?
Sandusky County Health Dept.
419-334-6367

COST: \$25.00
PER STUDENT
DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 11

RETURN PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION TO THE
ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
OFFICE ATTN: STEPHANIE REINHART
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE LAKOTA
ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

MINI CHEERLEADER
CAMP

GAME DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER
25, 2026

GAME TIME 7:00 PM
ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER DURING FRIDAY
NIGHT'S GAME. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:20 PM
AND TAKE YOUR STUDENT TO THE END
ZONE NEAR THE RESTROOMS

PRACTICE INFO

Tuesday, September 22, 2026	Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Grades 4th-6th 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Grades 1 st - 3rd 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Grades PS, BK, and Kindergarten 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PERMISSION SLIP/WAIVER

Student name: _____ Student grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guradian phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ T-shirt size: Youth: S M L
Adult: S M L

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Lakota high school Mini Cheer Camp. I will not hold Lakota Local School District, or it's coaches, responsible or liable for any accidents that occur during the cheer camp, or for any lost or stolen items during the process of the camp. Our signature above certify compliance to this information and we understand that entry fees paid are non-refundable.

HIGH SCHOOL

5 COUNTY ART SHOW

Painting: Acrylic
Ryleigh Wyant, Honorable Mention

Ceramic Sculpture
Alexia Stephenson, 2nd Place

Papier-Mache
Ryleigh Wyant, 2nd Place
Sophia Bomer, 3rd Place

Drawing: Pencil Multicolored
Kyle Fawcett, 2nd Place

Ceramics: Hand Built
Ava Nordhaus, 2nd Place
Ryleigh Wyant, Honorable Mention

Print: Block
Landen Graber, 1st Place
Tara Bensman, 2nd Place
Carson Quaintance, 3rd Place
Sophia Bomer, Honorable Mention

Ceramics: Mixed Media
Ryleigh Wyant, 1st Place

Mixed Media 2 D
Rylee Beckley, Honorable Mention

Scratch Board
Norah Kroetz, 1st Place
Chase Herr, Honorable Mention
Landon Graber, Honorable Mention
Madelyn Reinhart, Honorable Mention
Landon Graber, Honorable Mention

Graphics: Computer
Zella Hendricks, 3rd Place
Danica Weiss, Honorable Mention

Stained Glass
Chevelle Rubel, 1st Place
Olivia Thomas, 2nd Place
Alexia Stephenson, 3rd place
Justin Wonderly, Honorable Mention

Drawing: Pencil Multicolored:figurative
Danica Weiss, Honorable Mention



Ryleigh Wyant



Kyle Fawcett



Landen Graber

Tara Bensman



Norah Kroetz

LAKOTA

HIGH SCHOOL

NEW YEAR. FRESH START.
BE PRESENT. BE SUCCESSFUL.

A GREAT YEAR
STARTS WITH
GREAT
ATTENDANCE!



Every day you're here is
a step toward your goals,
your future, and your success.



BE HERE TODAY.
ACHIEVE TOMORROW.



BE PRESENT
Every day counts.
Small choices lead
to big success.



BE CONNECTED
Build relationships.
Be part of something
bigger.



BE PREPARED
Stay on track.
Be ready to learn
and grow.



BE YOUR BEST
Your future is bright
when you show up.
Give your best every day.

GOOD ATTENDANCE = MORE OPPORTUNITIES



More time to learn.
More chances
to succeed.



Better grades.
Stronger skills.
Brighter future.



Be on track.
Stay eligible.
Reach your goals.



Your future
starts with showing
up today!

BE KIND



BE SAFE



BE YOUR VERY BEST

SEARCH FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

School districts across the state of Ohio are participating in an effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Schools search for children having such conditions as hearing impairment, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, autism, multiple disabilities, intellectual disabilities, other health impairments, and traumatic brain injury. Public schools are required and are committed to the provision of a free and appropriate public education, regardless of the child's disability. Many children with disabilities are not found to receive and address their needs until they reach school age. These children may not be visible as a part of the mainstream community, such as children of homeless families or migrant families. Also, unidentified children with disabilities are often preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability or that there are programs and services available.

Lakota Local Schools is interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, please contact Pam Bibler, who is the Special Education Supervisor at Lakota at 419-986-6650 or pbibler@lakotaschools.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FROM THE DESK OF MR. ROD SMITH

Lakota Middle School Principal

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Lakota Middle School. I am so excited to be your principal and partner in education. Our relationship is a very important part of student success. This is my philosophy and I feel very strongly about it.

Parents, thank you for the vital part you play in helping your children be ready for school each day. We appreciate your support and your involvement in your child's education. Working together, we will provide the best educational opportunities and support for a successful school year.

Students, thank you in advance for wanting to do your best each day! This will pay off the rest of your middle/high school days at Lakota and in your future career. Education can be stressful. However, learning can and should be fun, engaging, and rewarding. You represent Lakota 24 hours per day/7 days per week. Most importantly, you represent yourself.

Make a commitment now to start fresh and to do your best in everything you do and to be in school every day. Your efforts in everything you do in and out of school are constantly being evaluated by your peers, parents, school staff, and our community. We are Raider Nation! The expectations are high and we deal with challenges together. Take comfort in knowing that no one is alone in the education process.

If you have not marked the date down, please plan on attending our Open House on August 20. This will be a great opportunity to meet your teachers, find your locker, pay fees, and receive a copy of your schedule. Please check the district's website (www.LakotaSchools.org) for more information. Also, ensure you have reviewed and updated Final Forms and Parent Square before the start of school.

This year is going to be a GREAT year, and I could not be more proud and honored to be your principal!



LAKOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL 2025-2026
FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

5th Grade All A's

Janessa Boatman, Sophia Boatman, Julia Haubert, Stella Risner, Liliana Tiger, Liam Wegman

6th Grade All A's

Leeland Balderson, Layla Boze, Jordan Brickner, Marley Graber, Abigail Hagemann, Emersyn Humphrey, Wilhelmina Koppus, Kayla Lilly, Chase Meyers, Griffin Prenzlín, Carlene Sayre, Addison True, Carter Whitta

7th Grade All A's

Serenity Bailey, Ashton Biddle, Emerson Billow, Adean Clouser-Reasor, Memphis Conley, Leighlyn Delamotte, Anna Haubert, Liam Ley, Taylor Lilly, Emma Manders, Sophia Miller, Addalyn Parker, Kendra Repasz, Aubrey Thrasher

8th Grade All A's

Andrew Burkhalter, Levi Colvin, Payton Dussel, Ella Hansen, Carlee Humphrey, Vivalynne Kirian, Preslee Riser, Avery Sautter, Wilson Scherger, Payton Sprauer, Blake Timmons, Ragan Valenti, Averie Widman

5th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Caliana Arana, Michael Barthallow, Olivia Colvin, Wyatt Cox, Riley Cramer, Rylan Delamotte, Connor Farster, Cooper Hansen, Allison

Harmon, Raelyn Harrison, Aaron Havens, Colt Johnson, Madison Johnston, Wesson Kelbley, Carson Kendrick, Elliott Leber, Maesyn Malone, Trenton Maxwell, Oliver Podach, Riot Schmidt, Sawyer Shilling, Macey Spaulding, Leah Walter, Chase Wyant, Douglas Younker

6th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Eli Anderson, Ava Brubaker-Garcia, Quinn Capelle, Lydia Dible, Avery Gilbert, Ryker Gonzales, Henry Hammer, Garhett Harmon, Joshua Havens, Montral Hayes, Aubrielle Hemminger, Serenity Holman, Gentry Krotzer, Carson Lengerich, Lincoln Maxwell, Jordan McGowan, Colton Molet, Vivian Noel, Maggie Sauter, Maysa Sommers

7th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Chase Adams, Charles Baker, Kasen Burley, Xavier Eakin, Kaden Fawcett, Aubreonna Knott, Carmella Krupp, Rileigh Malone, Adelynn Merrick, Sarah Miller, Raylynn Moroschan, Bella Ochs, Vanessa Reinhart, Destiny Smith, David Wagner

8th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Briana Bolen, Landon Brubaker-Garcia, Carter Bursiek, Luis Campos, Jackson Gnepper, Bradlee Graber, Bryson Hammer, Christopher Havens, Cameron Krawetzke, Carter Leber, Ryder McCulloch, Aaron Miarer, Maci Nagy, Rachel Nuhfer, Henry Penner, Braylon Pullom, Jadeyn Ruble, Cadence Stahl, Maci Tarris, Cameron Valiquette

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2026-2027 LAKOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

FIFTH GRADE

GENERAL SUPPLIES
3 – Large Boxes of Kleenex
1 – Large Pencil Box/Pouch
4 – Boxes of 24 Pencils
1 – Pack Pencil Top Erasers
OR Pink Erasers
1 – Handheld Pencil Sharpener
1 – Pack of Red Pens
1 – Pack of 5 Multicolor Highlighters
8 – Dry Erase Markers
1 – Box of 24 Colored Pencils
2 – Bottles Elmer’s School Glue
1 – Pair of Scissors
1 – 6-Pocket Expanding File
1 – Lanyard for Student ID
1 – Pair of Headphones/Earbuds in a Ziploc Bag with Student’s Name to be kept at school (No Wireless)
Last Name A-M: 1 – Box Quart Size Ziploc Bags
Last Name N-Z: 1 – Roll of Paper Towels
BAND – Mr. Welly
Pencil/Eraser
Tradition of Excellence, Book 1 by Bruce Pearson & Ryan Nowlin
CHOIR – Miss DeTray
1 – 3 Ring Binder (1 inch) OR Folder with student’s name
Highlighters
1 – Box of Tissues
ART – Ms. Michael
1 – 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)
LANGUAGE ARTS – Ms. McCullough
1 – One Subject Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
1 – Pair of Tennis Shoes
(to be kept at school)
1 – Stick OR Roll On Deodorant (No Spray)
SCIENCE – Mrs. Salver
1 – 100 Page Composition Book (sewn in pages, NOT spiral)
SOCIAL STUDIES – Mrs. Balsizer, Ms. McCullough
1 – One Subject Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook
MATH – Mrs. Salver, Mrs. Balsizer
1 – Composition Book
1 – Folder with Prongs

*** SIXTH GRADE ***

GENERAL SUPPLIES
to be used in ALL Classes
1 – Headphones/Earbuds
(to be left at school)
2 – Large Boxes of Kleenex
(to be given to first block teacher)
1 – Large Pencil Pouch
Dixon Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
Erasers
4 – Dry Erase Markers
1 – Box of 24 Colored Pencils
1 – Pair of Scissors
1 – Bottle Elmer’s School Glue
4 – Glue Sticks
1 – 6-Pocket Expanding File
SCIENCE – Mrs. Bentley
1 – 2” Binder
1 – Pack **Reinforced Edge** College Ruled Notebook Paper
1 – Set 5 Tab Dividers
1 – Box Quart Size Ziploc Bags
SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Balsizer
1 – RED Two Pocket Folder
1 – 100 Page Composition Book
2 – Packs of 3 x 5 Index Cards
LANGUAGE ARTS – Mrs. Gibson
1 – 100 Page Composition Book
1 – Pack of 5 Multi-color Highlighters
Art – Ms. Michael
1 – 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)
MATH – Ms. Hushour
1 – 3 Subject Notebook
1 – 2 Pocket Folder
BAND – Mr. Welly
Pencil and Eraser
Tradition of Excellence, Book 1 by Bruce Pearson & Ryan Nowlin
CHOIR – Miss DeTray
1 – 1” Binder OR Folder with Student’s Name

Pencils
Highlighters
1 – Box of Tissues
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
1 – Pair of Tennis Shoes
(to be kept at school)
1 – Stick **OR** Roll On Deodorant (No Spray)

*****SEVENTH GRADE *****
LANGUAGE ARTS – Mrs. Clark
1 – Pack of cap erasers
1 – Box of 24 Pencils (**#2 only**)
LANGUAGE ARTS – Ms. Dominick
1 – 1” Binder
1 – Set 5 Tab Dividers
1 – Composition Notebook
1 – Bag of Peppermints
MATH – Mr. Brickman
TI-30XIIS Calculator
2 – Notebooks
16 – Dry Erase Markers
Dry Erase Board Eraser OR Clean Towel
1 – Box of Pencils
1 – Pack of Pens
MATH – Miss Grose
TI-30XIIS Calculator
1 – Folder
1 – Notebook
1 – Box Colored Pencils
1 – Box Pencils
1 – Box Pens
Rimps – Miss Grose
1 – Folder
1 – Notebook
1 – Box Colored Pencils
1 – Box Pencils
1 – Box Pens
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
1 – Pair of Tennis Shoes
(to be kept at school)
1 – Stick OR Roll On Deodorant (No Spray)
Dress Code Appropriate Shorts/Athletic Pants and T-Shirt
HEALTH – Mr. Jacoby
1 – Notebook
SCIENCE – Miss Brickner
1 – 1 ½” Binder
Pencils
1 – Box of Colored Pencils
1 – Pack of Glue Sticks
1 – Box of Tissues
Headphones compatible w/school-issued Chromebook (**required for in-class work**)
WORLD STUDIES – Mrs. Brickman
Headphones compatible w/school-issued Chromebook (**required for in-class work**)
1 – Plastic Two Pocket Folder
2-4 – Packs of 3 x 5 Index Cards
1 – Box of sandwich baggies (zip to shut)
1 – Pack of Sharpies (girls - color, boys - black)
1 – Box of pencils
ART – Ms. Michael
1 – 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)
Please provide two (2) large boxes of Kleenex to your first period teacher (including Band/Choir/Phys Ed.).

ELECTIVES
BAND – Mr. Welly
Pencil and Eraser
Tradition of Excellence, Book 1 by Bruce Pearson & Ryan Nowlin
CHOIR – Miss DeTray
1 – 1” Binder OR Folder with Student’s Name
Pencils
Highlighters
1 – Box of Tissues
DIGITAL MEDIA – Mrs. Johnson
2 – Thin Sharpies (Black)
1 – Box of 24 Colored Pencils
1 – Set Prang OR Crayola Watercolor Paints
Pencils/White Eraser
1 – Ruler
INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES
Miss Grose
1 – Folder
1 – Notebook
1 – Box Colored Pencils
1 – Pkg. of Index Cards
1 – Box of Sandwich Baggies

STEAM / CAREER CONNECTIONS
Mrs. Johnson
1 – 100 Page Composition Book
1 – Pair of Headphones/Earbuds
Bring one of the following:
• Roll of Paper Towels
• Container of Clorox Wipes
Please provide two (2) large boxes of Kleenex to your first period teacher (including Band/Choir/Phys Ed.).

*** EIGHTH GRADE ***

LANGUAGE ARTS – Mrs. Clark
1 – Pack of cap erasers
2 – Box of 24 Pencils (**#2 only**)
LANGUAGE ARTS – Mr. Witte
1 – Two Pocket Folder
1 – Pack 150 Sheet Loose Leaf Paper
1 – Box of 24 Pencils
1 – Pack of 6 Multicolor Highlighters
LANGUAGE ARTS – Ms. Dominick
1 – Binder (1 inch)
1 – Set 5 Tab Dividers
1 – Composition Notebook
1 – Bag of Peppermints
ALGEBRA I – Mrs. Goodspeed
1 – Folder
1 – Notebook Paper
1 – Dry Erase Marker
MATH – Mr. Brickman
TI-30XIIS Calculator
2 – Notebooks
16 – Dry Erase Markers
Dry Erase Board Eraser **OR** Clean Towel
1 – Box of Pencils
1 – Pack of Pens
ART – Ms. Michael
1 – 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
1 – Pair of Tennis Shoes
(to be kept at school)
1 – Stick OR Roll On Deodorant (No Spray)
Dress Code Appropriate Shorts/Athletic Pants and T-Shirt
HEALTH – Mr. Jacoby
1 – Notebook
SCIENCE – Miss Brickner/Ms. Gudakunst
1 – 1 ½” Binder or Folder
Pencils
1 – Box of Colored Pencils
1 – Pack of Glue Sticks
11 – Box quart sized-Sandwich Bags
U.S. STUDIES – Mrs. Brickman
Headphones compatible w/school-issued Chromebook (**required for in-class work**)
1 –Two Pocket Folder
2-4 – Packs of 3 x 5 Index Cards
MATH– Miss Grose
TI-30XIIS Calculator
1 – 1” Binder
1 – Folder
1 – Notebook
1 – Box Colored Pencils
ELECTIVES
AG SCIENCE – Mrs. Karhoff
1 – Pair of Headphones/Earbuds
1 – Two Pocket Folder
1 – One Subject Notebook OR Lined Paper
Pencils/Pens
CAREER CONNECTIONS
1 – Pair of Headphones/Earbuds
FITNESS & WEIGHT TRAINING – Mr. Jacoby
Dress Code Appropriate Shorts/Athletic Pants and T-Shirt
CHOIR/SELECT CHOIR – Miss DeTray
1 – 1” Binder **OR**
Folder with Student’s Name
Pencils
Highlighters
1 – Box of Tissues
BAND – Mr. Welly
Pencil and Eraser
Tradition of Excellence, Book 1 by Bruce Pearson & Ryan Nowlin
STEAM
1 – Pair of Headphones/Earbuds
Please provide two (2) large boxes of Kleenex to your first period teacher (including Band/Choir/Phys Ed.).

DRESS CODE FOR LAKOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

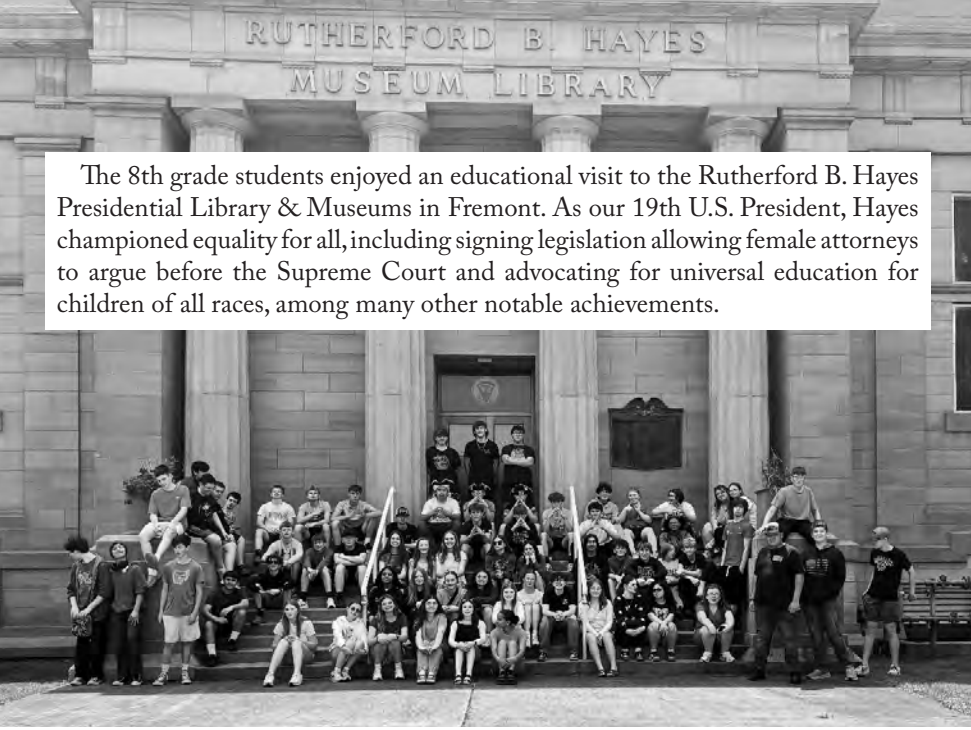
In general, school dress should be such that it insures the health, welfare, and safety of students, and it projects a positive image of Lakota students and schools. Dress and grooming will be clean and consistent with health and safety requirements for the enhancement of the educational environment. Dress and grooming will not disrupt the teaching/learning process nor detract from orderly school climate.

- Student apparel may not be offensive or promote hostility based on race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.
- Clothing with offensive illustrations is not acceptable. School officials reserve the right to make recommendations for changes in the dress and grooming of students.
- Clothing or jewelry that promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco or gang identification; that contain profanity/vulgarity; or that suggest sexual or pornographic activity are prohibited.
- All shirts must have sleeves and be able to be tucked in. Shirts that are provocative or that contain sexual undertones (for example: girl in bikini, or picture that accentuates male or female anatomical features) are prohibited. (e.g., no “Hooters” shirts) Halter tops, tank tops, sleeveless tops, transparent clothing, and exposure of bare midriffs are prohibited. Short shorts, short skirts, spandex shorts, and **pants with holes, tears, or frays that expose skin are prohibited.** Short and skirt length must be at the top of the knee or longer. Pants must be worn at the waist. The waist is defined as the area between the rib cage and the top of the hipbone. Exposed undergarments are prohibited. Leggings and yoga pants are prohibited unless worn with a dress or skirt that comes to the knee or below.
- Pajamas, robes and blankets are prohibited.
- Book bags, large purses (defined as any bag that can hold a book), briefcases, duffel bags, or other similar items must be in student lockers during the school day and are not to be taken to classrooms or carried in hallways other than when entering/leaving the building or going to gym class.
- Gym shoes that are only worn inside are required for physical education.
- Slippers, shoes with cloth soles, or shoes with wheels are prohibited.
- Pocket or wallet chains, spiked bracelets, necklaces, or earrings are prohibited.
- Hats/bandannas or other head apparel, sunglasses, and coats are prohibited during school hours unless prescribed.
- Spikes or cleats are prohibited in the building at all times.
- Earrings/stud earrings and other jewelry should be appropriately worn. (e.g., some earrings that may be appropriate in a classroom setting may not be appropriate in a gym class)

Students found in violation of the dress code will be asked to change clothes. If a student does not have a change of clothes, the student’s parents will be called to bring in a change of clothing. If the student’s parents cannot be reached, the student will spend the day in the office.

The responsibility of enforcing the dress code belongs to all students, parents, and faculty members, but it ultimately belongs to the principal. In questionable situations, the administration will have the right to decide what is acceptable and unacceptable dress or appearance.

8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP



NEWS FROM THE LAKHI CAFE

We are pleased to let you know that meal prices will remain the same this year. We hope this helps in your budgeting. Listed is how much it would cost per student to eat each day:
Elementary \$398.25 for lunch, \$708.00 for breakfast and lunch
Middle School \$442.50 for lunch, \$752.25 for breakfast and lunch
High School \$486.75 for lunch, \$796.50 for breakfast and lunch
Please remember that the online application for free and reduced meals is on the website under Payschools. If your student received benefits last year, those same benefits are effective for the first 30 days of school. You can also print an application from the website and it is in the Quicklinks column. We will also have paper copies in the offices and at Open House on the 20th. If you have any questions, please email me at mguzman@lakotaschools.org

OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
New Families: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
All Other Families: 4:00-6:00p.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO ELEMENTARY MUSIC!

Welcome to Elementary Music! I am Miss Liz Laird and I am so excited to be a part of Lakota Elementary! I am a recent graduate of BGSU, receiving a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. This past Spring, I was Mrs. Cheryl Sandrocks student teacher, and got to know the elementary students, staff, and music staff. I was also a part of the Lakota High School Track and Field coaching staff, working with the middle/long distance runners, and will be an Assistant Cross Country Coach this fall. I’m looking forward to being a part of the Lakota Community!

Incoming Fourth grade students will need to find their recorders they used in Third grade. They can bring them to Open House to put them in their lockers or bring the recorders the first week of school.

Our Elementary Music Performances this year are scheduled. Third grade will participate in our annual Veterans Day breakfast on Wednesday, November 11th for our Veterans and staff and students. Their evening performance will be Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. Fourth grade will present their Winter program Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11th, our First-grade students and parents will be dancing their socks off at the annual First Grade Family Dance. This event will take place in the Auxiliary Gym and start at 6:00 p.m. which is different from all other Elementary programs. Second Grade will present the Spring program Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Lastly, our Kindergarten students will share all they have learned at their Kindergarten Graduation on Thursday June 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakota Stadium.

All events except for the First Grade Family Dance and Kindergarten Graduation will be held in the Auditoria. Students should arrive at 6:45 p.m. and the performance will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Another opportunity for our families this year will be an all-school Winter Sing-along on Friday, December 4th starting at 6:00 p.m.

I look forward to meeting you at our Open House for 2026-27!

BEGINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome to Begindergarten! I am truly excited about the new school year, and I have been planning a lot of fun learning activities for all of you! I look forward to meeting all of the new students and parents at the Open House on Thursday, August 20th. If you have your child’s school supplies by Open House, please bring them along so your child does not have so much to carry on the first day. Please remember that your child also needs a pair of Velcro gym shoes, a sturdy, reusable water bottle, and an extra set of clothes that will be kept here at school. I hope you enjoy the last days of summer, and I will see you at Open House!

-Mrs. Strudthoff

 School Supply List Lakota Elementary School 2026-2027 		
Begindergarten & Kindergarten		
1 – Set of Headphones (NO EARBUDS) 4 – Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons 2 – Packs Crayola Classic Color Markers 8 – Thin Black Expo Dry Erase Markers 1 – Crayola Watercolor Paints 12 – Glue Sticks 10 - #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred) 1 – 4 Pack of Playdoh	1 – Pair of Scissors 1 – Box Gallon Ziploc Bags (Boys) 1 – Box Quart Size Ziploc Bags (Girls) 2 – Boxes of Kleenex 1 – Plastic Pencil Box 1 – Pack of Baby Wipes 1 – Primary Composition Book (Begindergarten only)	1 – Extra Pair of Clothes to be left at school (no shorts) 1 – Pair of VELCRO Tennis Shoes for Gym to be left at school 1 – Book Bag (regular size) 1 – Bingo Dabber (Begindergarten only) 1 - 1 inch Binder w/Clear Front Pocket (Kindergarten Only)
First Grade		
1 – Set of Headphones (NO EARBUDS) 4 – Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons 2 – Packs Crayola Classic Color Markers 6 – Thick Black Expo Dry Erase Markers 4 – Thin Black Expo Dry Erase Markers 1 – Crayola Watercolor Paints 2 – Plastic Pocket Folders with Prongs (1 red, 1 blue) 1 – Pocket Folder (student’s choice)	1 – Spiral Notebook 24 – Elmer’s Glue Sticks 24 - #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred) 4 – Pink Erasers 1 – Pair Fiskars Scissors 1 – Pack of Baby Wipes 1 – Box Gallon Size Ziploc Bags (Boys) 1 – Box Quart Size Ziploc Bage (Girls) 2 – Large Boxes of Kleenex	1 – 2 Pack of Playdoh 1 – Empty Frosting Container 1 – Computer Mouse with battery for Chromebook 1 – Pair of Gym Shoes to be left at school 1 – Book Bag (regular size) 1 – Extra Pair of Clothes to be left at school including underwear and socks (no shorts) 1- 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)
Second Grade		
1 – Set of headphones 4 – boxes of 24 Crayons 12– Dry Erase Markers (Expo preferred) 1 – Folder 2 – One Subject Wide Ruled Notebook 8 – Glue Sticks 2 – Packs of Pencils 20 – Pencil Top Erasers	1 – Pair of Scissors 1 – Giant/Extra Large Book covers 2 – Large Boxes of Kleenex 1 – School Box/Pouch (Large) 1 – Computer Mouse for Chromebook 2 – Red Pens 1 – Pair Gym Shoes to be left at school 1- 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)	1 – Extra Pair of Clothes to be left at school (no shorts) <i>Please check with your child throughout the school year as their supplies may need replenished (pencils, erasers, glue, etc.)</i>
Third Grade		
1 – Set of headphones 3 – Boxes of 24 Crayons 6 – Dry Erase Markers (Expo preferred) 1 – Set Colored Pencils 3 – Pocket Folders 2 – Spiral Notebooks (single subject) 10 – Glue Sticks (small)	25 - #2 Pencils 2 – Red Pens 20 – Pencil Top Erasers 2 – Chunk Erasers 1 – Pair of Scissors (pointed) 1 – Box Gallon Size Ziploc Bags (Boys) 2 – Box Quart Size Ziploc Bage (Girls)	3 – Boxes of Kleenex 1 – Large Pencil Box 1 – Computer Mouse for Chromebook 1 – Pair Clean/New Socks for Whiteboard 1 – Pair of Gym Shoes to be left at school 1 – Book Bag 1 – 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)
Fourth Grade		
2 – Sets of Headphones 3– Boxes of 24 Crayons 12 – BLACK Expo Dry Erase Markers 2 – Sets of Color Pencils 4 – Plastic Two Pocket Folders 1 – Spiral Notebook for Science 15 – Elmer’s Glue Sticks (small)	48 – No. 2 Pencils 1 – Pack Pencil Top Erasers 1 – Pair of Scissors (pointed) 1 – Box Gallon Size Ziploc Bags 2 – Boxes of Kleenex 1 – Pair Clean/New Socks for Whiteboard 1 – Book Bag 1 – 2 Pocket Folder (Art Class)	1 – Shaving Kit or Large Cosmetic Purse to be used as pencil pouch *REQUIRED 1 – Pair of Gym Shoes to be left at school 1 - Stick Deodorant (for locker after PE) *Bring Recorder Back to School* PLEASE NO TRAPPER KEEPERS, COMPUTER MICE, PENCIL BOXES OR SMALL PENCIL POUCHES

 LAKOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2025-2026 FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL			
Second Grade High Honors Scarlett Barciz Wyatt Bolen Ethan Brubaker Ophelia Crispin Levi Eakin Zoey Glover Maverick Graber Easton Haas Emberlynn Harden Gibson Harmon Thajrid Jarrett Axel Jay Bailey Kendrick Emily Reiter Emery Salyer Landon Thomas Hudson Tiell Bennett Wegman Bennett Whitta	Carson Reid Nataleigh Reinhart Willow Scarberry Addison Schlachter Riley Steinmetz Connor Tarris Sara Thacker Reagan Timmons Lincoln Wyant Fayma Younker	Second Grade Honors Braxton Anderson Margaret Brickner Braelyn Brubaker-Garcia Addison Downing Wilson Emery Nolan Gallagher Eva Green Abel Knitz Rosalie Kowalski Rosie Maxwell Preston Minch Maleah Navarre Peyton Nino Malia Peace Jace Rasp Paisley Roberts Ellie Scherger Kailee Schnatterly Emersyn Shilling Ezra Stahl Rylie Verbon Quentin Villarreal Jaxon Wagner Cooper Wicker	Landon Hoffman Kinsley Jacquot Madisyn Meek Henry Patterson Gabriel Salaz Lucas Salaz Charlee Smith Cole Swartz Tagan Wilson Faith Wonderly
Fourth Grade High Honors Cole Adams Olivia Balderson Kendall Burley Madalyn Cox Kendyl Durst Harper Engle Montana Emery Avery Finsel Katrina Glover Carter Gwiner Bailey Harmon Elaina Jakcsy Ben Miarer Price Minch Whitney Norris Serenity Patton Gage Shaferly Claudia Tiger Carly Valenti Penelope Wagner Madisyn Wickard Joseph Zalewski	Fourth Grade Honors Autumn Baker Harper Balderson Thomas Clouser-Hackworth Charlie Cramer Cash Crispin Trey Dible Dominic Feahr Alona Garcia Miah Gibson Elicianna Gomez Wyatt Harrington Bentley Herr Tate Kaser Erica Koontz Phillip Lipinski-Wilson Manny Maxwell Julian McCarty Brayson Nickols Rieleigh Rucker Beau Sautter Paige Shull Blake Splawn Ariel Stone Yuri Swett Izabella Wittes		
Third Grade High Honors Harlow Behnke Anthony Boggess Madelyn Cook Taylor Gnepper Jagger Graber Gabriel Grine Lucius Hickle Norah Hull Bailey Koval Adonis Liddell Cecelia Maxwell	Third Grade Honors Mykela Barciz Liana Boatman Reese Capelle Marcellous Dehring Christopher Edwards Trenton Farster Paris Garufos Aiden Hartman		

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

Ohio Requirements – Kindergarten, 7th & 12th Grade

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, this is a reminder of the Ohio Department of Health immunization requirements for students entering **Kindergarten, 7th grade, and 12th grade**. These vaccines are required for school attendance.

Kindergarten Requirements

Kindergarten students must have documentation of the following vaccines prior to school entry:

- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) – 5 doses
- Polio – 4 doses
- Hepatitis B – 3 doses
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses or documented history of disease

7th Grade Requirements

Students entering 7th grade must have:

- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) – 1 dose
- Meningococcal (MCV4) – 1 dose

These vaccines are required prior to the start of school.

12th Grade Requirements

Students entering 12th grade must have:

- Meningococcal (MCV4) – 2 doses total
- OR 1 dose if given on or after the 16th birthday



Exemptions

Ohio law allows for medical or non-medical (religious/personal belief) exemptions from immunization requirements. If your child is not receiving the required vaccines, a signed exemption form must be completed and kept on file with the school each year.

Exemption forms can be found on our website in the Nurse’s Corner.

2026 - 2027

LAKOTA ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL FEES

Lakota Elementary School.....

\$45.00

Lakota Middle School.....

\$45.00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LAKOTA YOUTH SHINE IN SUMMER THEATER PERFORMANCE

Rhett and Mya Bognar attend the Ritz Theater Summer Camp in Tiffin, Ohio. During the week, Rhett and Mya learned how to sing, line dance, and learned their role as “barnyard critters”. At the end of the week, Rhett and Mya were a part of the theater production “Betty Lou and the Country Beast” by Jim Carronan, an adaptation of a classic fairytale “Beauty and the Beast”.

“Rhett’s favorite part of the week was learning the Church Clap line dance. Mya’s favorite part was performing in all the shows. They also enjoyed making new friends, doing arts and crafts, practicing different vocal accents and learning about the Ritz theater.

We at Lakota are so proud of their accomplishment and look forward to watching them grow in the Fine Arts.



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are excited to welcome our newest learners to the start of a wonderful school year! Kindergarten is an important milestone filled with discovery, growth, friendships, and fun. Our teachers and staff are looking forward to helping each child build confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning.

As students begin this exciting journey, there are several important skills that help children feel successful and ready to learn each day. In kindergarten, students practice:

- Recognizing and writing their name
- Identifying letters and letter sounds
- Counting, sorting, and recognizing numbers
- Listening and following directions
- Sharing, taking turns, and working with others
- Using scissors, crayons, pencils, and glue safely
- Expressing needs and feelings appropriately
- Developing independence with routines such as unpacking backpacks and cleaning up

Families can support learning at home by reading together daily, encouraging conversations, practicing counting and letter recognition, and establishing consistent routines for bedtime and school mornings.

Kindergarten is a year full of exciting firsts, and we are honored to partner with families as we help our youngest students learn and grow. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Ridgely, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Gonya, Miss Cramer

We hope your children have enjoyed their summer break and were able to spend quality time with their families. The students entering first grade will experience many new challenges in reading, math and writing. To ensure that your child is ready to begin the year, the teachers have a few suggestions to help prepare for the fall. Play games to review all the sounds of the alphabet. Help them to write the capital and lower case letters so that the letters sit on the line. Say groups of three numbers and ask your child to write them in order. During trips in the car, you could count starting on different numbers, for example 34, and continue to count up to 50. Counting backwards is another great skill to practice. Ask your child what various road and store signs say.

It is important that your children get 10-12 hours of sleep for each day of the school year. Well-rested kids can do their best and will also stay healthier.

When we get ready for gym at school, students must be able to change into different gym shoes all by themselves. If your child hasn’t mastered shoe tying yet, please consider buying Velcro-closing shoes.

The first grade teachers look forward to meeting you on August 20th at the district Open House from 3 – 6 PM. We will see all the children for the first day of school on September 1st.

JOIN LAKOTA RAIDERS ESPORTS!

Students in grades 7–12 can learn more about the Lakota Raiders Esports program and sign up during Open House! This includes students entering grades 7–8 and all high school students.

Stop by the Esports Lab, located directly across from the high school entrance, to meet the coaches, explore the games we offer, and ask questions about practices and competitions. All experience levels are welcome!

Returning players should also stop by the Esports Lab during Open House to complete their registration paperwork for the upcoming season.



2ND GRADE NEWS

Welcome parents to second grade - Class of 2037! Your second grade teachers this year are: Mrs. Blachuta, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Seif. Please make sure to check your weekly newsletters to find out when all the fun is taking place. Our reading series is Wonders. Our math series is Into Math. Remember you can check Progress Book daily to find out how your child is doing in class, as well as your weekly data folder. We are excited about this school year and all the fun (and learning) that is planned! We cannot wait to see everyone at Open House. If you have already bought your supplies, you may bring them. If not, bring them on the first day of school.

LAKOTA PTO

The Lakota Elementary PTO is excited to welcome everyone back for another amazing school year! We are looking forward to a year full of fun events, school spirit, and supporting our students and staff. We are also always looking for new volunteers to help make our events successful. Whether you can help at one event or want to become more involved throughout the year, we would love to have you join our PTO team!

PTO Meeting Dates:
 August 20 • September 21 • October 19 • November 16 • December 14 • January 11 • February 8 • March 15 • April 19 • May 17

Upcoming Events:
 Trunk or Treat — October 20
 Santa Shop — December 14–18

We can’t wait to kick off another great year at Lakota. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

3RD GRADE NEWS

Welcome back Third Graders! We are excited and ready to start the new school year with you! Each of your teachers has been planning fun and exciting things to do this year. Third grade is full of new transitions and challenges. Students begin to work more independently, take on more responsibility, and many new concepts are introduced, including multiplication and division. It is also a big year for state testing. Students are required to pass The Third Grade Guarantee to successfully pass onto fourth grade. Teachers and students work with parents to ensure strides are being made in reading, and all subjects, to pass this test. Reading daily helps build the comprehension and vocabulary skills needed to succeed on this test. It is a fact that students at this age are reading to understand, which is different from years past where they are learning to read. We look forward to seeing you soon!

4TH GRADE NEWS

Welcome back to school! Fourth graders have a lot of new experiences and responsibilities. We begin our year with a field trip to the fairgrounds to participate in “Exploring your Backyard” sponsored by Sandusky County Soil and Water Conservation District. 4th grade teachers work as a team and switch for Math, Science, Social Studies and Vocabulary. Since we switch classes, they are expected to be more responsible and reliable as you have work from all the teachers. Reading instruction is done in the homeroom. These switches make our day go so much faster. Fourth graders will have the responsibility of being a part of the Safety Patrol. Their job is to make sure students act appropriately and walk safely in the hallways. We conclude our year with a Spelling Bee. This year our winners were 1st place Tate Kaser, 2nd place Yuri Swett and 3rd place Bailey Harmon. If you have not read this summer or practiced multiplication facts, please start working on that so you can have a great start to the school year. We are anxious to see you at Open House, August 20. Enjoy the last days of Summer.

MISSING CHILDREN
PREVENTION AND REPORTING

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS
 What to do if your child is missing?
 If you believe your child is missing,
DO NOT WAIT TO REPORT
you must ACT IMMEDIATELY

1. Immediately call your local law enforcement agency.
2. Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-the-lost

(1-800-843-5678)

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a substitute teacher, but you don’t have a bachelor’s degree, the Ohio Department of Education has been granted the authority to issue a one-time non-renewable one-year temporary non-bachelor’s substitute teaching license for the remainder of this school year. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Training and support will be provided to help you succeed. If you are interested, please call Kayla Balderson in the Board Office at 419-986-6650, extension 4301.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

- August**
20 Open House
21-31 No School
- September**
1 First Day of School
7 Labor Day - No School
18 Early Release
- October**
30 End of 1st Quarter – Early Release
- November**
23 Professional Day – No School and P/T Evening Conferences
24 P/T Conferences – No School and P/T Evening Conferences
25 Conference Comp Day – No School
26-27 Fall Break – No School
- December**
21-31 Winter Break
- January**
1 Winter Break
4 Classes Resume
18 Martin Luther King Day – No School
22 End of 2nd Quarter/Professional Day – No School
- February**
15 President's Day – No School
18 HS P/T Evening Conferences
19 Early Release
- March**
25-29 Spring Break – No School
- April**
2 Early Release
- May**
31 Memorial Day
- June**
4 Last Day of School – Early Release
6 Graduation Day @ 2 p.m.
7 Teacher In-Service
8-11 Possible Make Up Days

PUBLIC NOTICE

Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the Board to disclose any or all of "directory information" upon written notification to the Board within 15 days after receipt of this annual public notice.



LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS and Clothes Bin® have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles!
So, please do not throw them away!

Just place the items in the green recycling bin in our parking lot behind the school.

Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

Below is a list of items that can be placed in our bin:

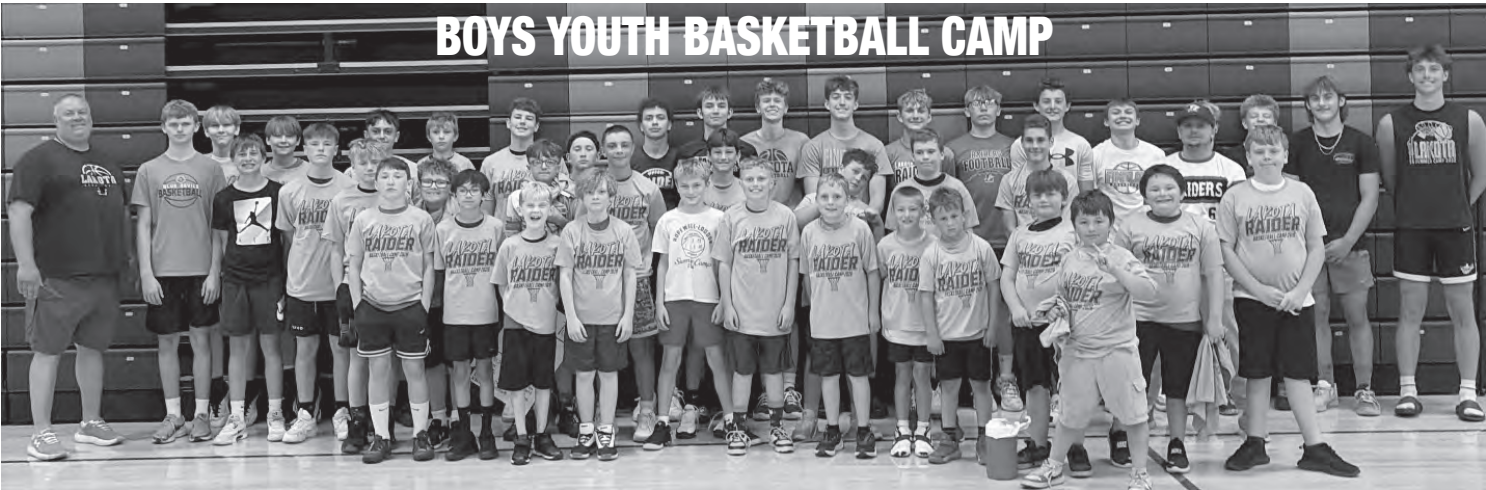
- Clothing:** pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, suits, shorts, shirts, tees, tanks
Footwear: shoes, boots, heels, sneakers, sandals, socks, tights
Undergarments: bras, underwear, slips, camisoles
Accessories: hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands
Handbags: wallets, totes, luggage, backpacks, briefcases
Linens: towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, tablecloths



As you clean out the old and bring in the new,
you can help the environment
and **Lakota Local Schools** too!



BOYS YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP



Having Fun and learning skills. Head coach Adam Gnepper along with Staff of Coaches and High School players put on a successful boys' youth basketball camp for over 30 youngsters.

BOYS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP



Participants of the Raiders Youth Football Camp are shown here. These young boys took part in the 3-day camp to improve their skills while having fun with Head Coach Ryan Lozier, along with his staff as well as with the assistance of the high school football players.

GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP



Participants of the Lady Raiders Youth Basketball Camp are shown here. These young ladies took part in the 2-day camp to improve their skills while having fun with Head Coach Roger Geyman and his staff along with the assistance of the high school girls' team.

BUS DRIVERS WANTED

The Lakota Local Schools seek individuals to serve as substitute bus drivers. The district will pay for certification and training. A **\$500 bonus** will be paid once a driver has worked 90 days. Summer is a great time to complete the coursework and the driving requirements. Please stop into the bus garage or call 419-986-6658 for more information.

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Lakota Local School District offers career and technical education programs at Vanguard. Admission to these programs is based on admission standards. It is the policy of Lakota not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. It is the policy of Lakota not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Lakota will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator at pbibler@lakotaschools.org.

The Title IX Coordinator for Lakota Local Schools is:

Pam Bibler, Special Education Director
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Staff Certifications
All of the Lakota staff members have the appropriate licenses and certifications. Parents may request staff licensure and certification information.

JOB OPENINGS AT LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Lakota Local Schools are now taking applications for **substitutes** for the 2026-2027 school year. The positions that are available are: **substitute teachers, cooks, custodians, aides, secretaries and bus operators.** Part time opportunities are available which may not impact unemployment benefits, (please check with the Department of Job & Family Services regarding your specific situation). Training and support will be provided to help you succeed. If you are interested, please call Kayla Balderson in the Board Office at 419-986-6650, extension 4301.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please remember to notify the school of any updates/changes to your child's emergency medical information (i.e. home/work phone numbers, physician name/phone number, student's medical condition, etc.) It is vital for your child's safety that there is current information on file when needed.