Safety

By Jim Witt, Superintendent

One of the most frequently asked questions that I have received since I became the superintendent of schools is, “How do you determine whether we delay school or close it in bad weather?” With that in mind, I would like to outline the process that we follow in determining whether or not we should bring our kids to school on those days.

First, and foremost in our minds, is the safety of our students and our employees. In addition to our fleet of nineteen buses and two vans, we have approximately 200 high school students who drive to school. When you combine those numbers with another 140 some employees, you can see why we take this decision very seriously.

When the forecast calls for inclement weather, our transportation department usually begins traveling the roads at approximately 4:30 a.m. While on the road, the transportation director is in regular contact with the local police departments and other area school districts as well as tuned in to local weather forecasts for any updates. Since some of our buses hit the road as early as 6:00 a.m., our transportation director confers with me and we make our initial decision before 6:00 a.m. We then have a telephone list of official calls made by our administrative team members so area television and radio stations can be alerted to quickly put the information over the airwaves. When we initially call for a two hour delay, we begin driving the roads again around 7:00 a.m. and by this time, we usually have anywhere from six to eight people checking on the conditions.

Our final decision is generally made before 8:00 a.m. on whether to close or not. Again, our decision is made based on information that we have gathered from the weather forecast, local law enforcement agencies, other school districts, and the conditions within our own driving area.

We realize that there are times when delaying school or closing altogether can become a difficult situation for some folks and their everyday arrangements. We are empathetic to those people and take those situations into account as well, but in the end, we make what we feel is the safest decision for our students and staff. If you have any further questions about our calamity day policy and process, feel free to call me during normal hours at 661-6677 or email me at lwitt@nwoea.org.

Additional Info For Parents/Care-takers

You will now be notified of delays and/or closings via the Honeywell Instant Alert System that you received.

Students Show Off Talents at Open House

Pettis and Plants, a flower and gift shop operated by high school students in the Floral Design/Greenhouse Production program at Penta Career Center, hosted a Holiday Open House on Thursday, November 13 and Friday, November 14. The event took place inside Pettis and Plants located on the new Penta campus in Perrysburg Township.

Autum Brown from the Floral Design Greenhouse Production program designed and decorated a Christmas Tree with a wedding theme.

Kari Pawluski, a senior in the Floral Design/Greenhouse Production program designed and decorated a Christmas tree in a gingerbread theme for the Holiday Open House.

Saying Thanks

The Lake Local School District has recently started using Honeywell Instant Alert System to more efficiently notify parents of non-scheduled delays and closings, early dismissals, lockdowns, and emergencies. “High Importance” alerts will be used for attendance calls and urgent, non-emergency messages. “Transportation” alerts will be used to notify parents about late buses and transportation changes. “Activities” alerts will be used to notify parents of changes, cancellations or notices associated with athletics, music, and academic clubs. “General” alerts will be used to issue reminders of scheduled events or other miscellaneous information.

If you have not registered, please go to http://instantalert.honeywell.com. The instructions for registration are on the school website at www.lakelocal.k12.oh.us. If you need further assistance please contact Donna Zalar at 419-661-6686.
Lake District 1st Quarter Honor Rolls

Congratulations to all the students for the hard work and effort they put into achieving special honor roll execution. The next time you see

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Second Grade

- Tim Recker
- Joseph Moore
- Rhett Rawley
- Jared Adams
- Garrett Ray
- Alex Foreman

Third Grade

- Maria Adams
- Ben Allen
- Kyle Morning
- Sydney Hoffmann
- William Martin
- Alex Kelly

Fourth Grade

- Maria Adams
- Ben Allen
- Kyle Morning
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Fifth Grade

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Sixth Grade

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Honor Roll

- Maria Adams
- Ben Allen
- Kyle Morning
- Sydney Hoffmann
- William Martin
- Alex Kelly

Super Honor Roll

- Maria Adams
- Ben Allen
- Kyle Morning
- Sydney Hoffmann
- William Martin
- Alex Kelly

8th Grade Merit Roll

- Maria Adams
- Ben Allen
- Kyle Morning
- Sydney Hoffmann
- William Martin
- Alex Kelly

Lake Focus

All A’s

- Nikolas Encalado
- Tyler Eikost
- Nicholas Delauter
- Michael Ciccone
- Trenton Besgrove
- Grant Baldwin
- Jared Adkins
- All A’s & B’s

5th Grade

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- Tyler Eikost
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- Michael Ciccone
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- Grant Baldwin
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Super Honor Roll
Lake District 1st Quarter Honor Rolls

Congratulations to all the students for the hard work and effort they put into achieving such important honor roll recognition. The next time you see one of these students, congratulate them for a job well done.

Mitchell Mauder
Lauren Momany
Kylie Mullins
Thomas Nichols
Kaney Richards
Nathan Scanlan
Amber Studynin
Kayleigh Tomanski

4.0 Plus
Casey Comine
Hannah Cox
Tarah Harding
Hunter Johnson
Nicholas Byrd
Natalia Butalova
Joseph Brown
Alexandra Brackett

11th Grade
Jenna Workman
Casey Witt
Hillary West
Adrienne Lowe
Lauren Densic
Kaysie Brittenham
Emily Whitmore
Morgan Spitler
Benjamin Sample
Carrie Phillips
Benjamin Sample
Kasey Bouton
Morgan Spiteri
Allison Stickler
Carly Swope
Dana Villegas
Emily Whitmore

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Paige Davies
Rachel Duncan
Rachel Fabian
Dustin Fincher
Gregory Grove

Lake Focus

Sophomores Begin Penta Process

Lake sophomores visited Penta on December 3rd for the annual Explore Penta Day. The visit is part of the process by which students decide if a program at Penta fits with their career goals. In November sophomores attended an assembly and viewed presentations given by Penta personnel and Lake students presently attending Penta.

In January, interested students may return to Penta, on Technical Tuesdays, to visit a morning and afternoon program in which they will actually take part in lab activities.

The process is concluded with students completing an application with their parents and having Mr. Pixler submit it to the Penta Application Committee for review.

Christopher Pennington and Adrienne Love make sure they have a pulse while visiting Medical Technologies.

Sports Calendar

LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Day  Date  Opponent  Place   Time
Mon.  01/12  Gibsonburg  Gibsonburg HS  4:15pm
Sat.  01/10  8th SLL Tourn  Gibsonburg HS  TBA
Wed.  01/07  8th SLL Tourn  Gibsonburg HS  TBA
Fri.  01/09  7th SLL Final  Gibsonburg HS  TBA

LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Day  Date  Opponent  Place   Time
Thur.  01/08  Eastwood  Eastwood HS  6:00pm
Sat.  01/10  7th SLL Tourn  Eastwood HS  TBA
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Wed.  01/14  8th SLL Tourn  Eastwood HS  TBA

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Mon.  01/12  Gibsonburg  Gibsonburg HS  4:15pm
Thur.  01/15  Eastwood  Eastwood HS  4:15pm

LAKE VARSITY WRESTLING

Day  Date  Team  Opponent  Place   Time
Wed.  01/07  V  Fort Loramie  Fort Loramie HS  6:00pm
Fri.  01/09  V  Woodmore Inv.  Woodmore OH  5:00pm
Sat.  01/10  V  Woodmore Inv.  Woodmore OH  10:00am
Wed.  01/14  V  Port Clinton  Port Clinton OH  6:00pm
Sat.  01/17  V  SLL Duals  SLL Duals  6:00pm
Sat.  01/24  JV  Lake Invitational  Lake Invitational  9:30am
Wed.  01/28  V  Waite  Waite HS  6:00pm

GIRLS JV/VARSITY BASKETBALL - 2008

Last Updated: 12/28/08
Day  Date  Opponent  Place   Time
Sat.  01/03  Gibsonburg  Gibsonburg HS  6:00pm
Tues.  01/06  Eastwood  Eastwood HS  6:00pm
Sat.  01/10  Genoa  Genoa HS  6:00pm
Fri.  01/16  Woodmore  Woodmore HS  6:00pm
Thur.  01/22  Lakota  Lakota HS  6:00pm
Tues.  01/20  Swanton  Swanton HS  6:00pm
Sat.  01/24  Otsego  Otsego HS  6:00pm
Thur.  01/29  Elwood  Elwood HS  6:00pm

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Carly Huston gets some attention to a leg injury in Exercise Science/Sports Health Care.

Athletic Boosters Brings Back 200 Club and Reverse Raffle

The Lake Athletic Booster’s 200 Club tickets are now on sale for $20. Four tickets are drawn for $50 each, at each home boys basketball game. After each drawing, the winning tickets are put back in the drum for the next drawing. That’s 40 chances to win $50. Please contact Bev Matthes, 1407 17th Clayston, Walbridge, Ohio 43465 or at 419-666-6504 for available tickets. The Lake Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle is March 28, 2009, at Sunrise Banquet Hall. Watch for more information on this great event in the January Focus.

December’s Best Writers! Above are the winners from the Ohio Read’s Creative Writing Contest in the elementary grades for December. From left to right - Allison Yearly-3rd grade, Baiie Meadons-2nd grade, Kaylee Enck-4th grade.
Officer Wins Red Ribbon Week Award

Officer Poiry was nominated to receive an award for the Red Ribbon Week kickoff at the Wood County Educational Service Center for being an “asset builder.” Asset builders help young people grow up to make healthy lifestyle choices. Congratulations Officer Poiry for receiving this honor, and THANK YOU for all that you do for the students and staff here at Lake.

Red Ribbon Week (October 20 – 24) was established as a national awareness campaign in 1988 after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration Agent and former Marine, Enrique Camarena in making a difference that cost him his life while he was working undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel. His memory stays alive each year during the Red Ribbon Week Celebration, which was created in memory of Officer Camarena by parents seeking to take a collective stand against underage use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Students at the Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week by creating door decorations with a “BE DRUG FREE” message and dressing up with a different theme each day to celebrate being Drug Free! At the Middle School, students created door decorations, the English classes wrote persuasive essays on why they should make healthy lifestyle choices such as being drug-free. Students won t-shirts for well written essays. At the HS level, students signed pledges to be drug-free during their lunches. Teen Institute and Junior Teen Institute students had a Halloween Dance to raise money for TI as well as Rusty’s House, a teen/young adult support facility for those suffering from a drug addiction. (www.RustysHouse.org)

Winning Classrooms at Middle School During Red Ribbon Week

Lake Middle School recognized Red Ribbon Week the week of October 20 - 24. During Red Ribbon Week a concentrated effort is made by both students and adults to encourage students to stay drug free. Students were given candy for wearing red “drug free” ribbons. Students that wore ribbons were also entered in a raffle to win free tee shirts. Fourth period classes decorated their classroom doors with “Drug Free” messages. Mrs. Bookenberger’s fourth period Art class won a pizza party for their door. Five additional classrooms, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Bazzoli, Miss. Jacobs, Miss Ringholz, and Mrs. Swartz, won runners up honors.

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Student of the Month for:

September - Marissa Frisby (right) w/ Mr. & Mrs. Frisby
October - Alaura Drahosh (not pictured)
November - Emily St. Clair (left) w/ Mr. & Mrs. St. Clair (Mr. Schrogl, Lake Principal, middle)

WSOS Preschool Now Enrolling

The WSOS Family Development Preschool is now accepting applications for our new center located at 135 E. Front St., Pemberville, Ohio. Some of the services our program provides include four-day-a-week morning or afternoon sessions as well as a nutritious snack and lunch. For more information, please call 419-287-4057.

Good Citizen Awards

Lake Elementary continues the “Good Citizen” program this year. It is wonderful way to recognize good things that our students have been doing. Any student “caught” doing something good gets to pick a prize out of the Treasure Chest and their name is entered into a monthly drawing for a FREE Whopper Jr. at Burger King.

The October winners were Brian Haygood and Owen Johnson. Both boys were nominated because they were ball monitors at recess. Kennedy Jakey and Brianne Reed were our winners for November. Kennedy was nominated for helping to pick up stuff on the floor and Brianne was nominated because she was a ball monitor.

Take a minute to tell a child or young student when they do something good for you.

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