



THE BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

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Futures Taking Flight



From The Superintendent

Jeff Manthei

Leslie Public Schools

SOCCER FIELD

As you travel on North Main Street, just outside Leslie City Limits, you will notice some heavy equipment on the east side of the road. This will soon be the new location of Leslie Public Schools' varsity soccer field. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-April and continue through the first couple weeks of July. The field was designed by Kingscott and will be constructed by Bailey Excavating.

Soccer is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States and a sport enjoyed by youth of all ages in the Leslie area. Construction of the new soccer field was a priority of the Leslie Board of Education because of the increased popularity of soccer and the condition of the present varsity field across from Woodworth.

Construction of the new soccer field was made possible by the passage of the sinking fund. Other projects paid for from the sinking fund are the drop-off and pick-up areas at Woodworth, roofs at the Middle School and Woodworth, repaving and cementing of the bus garage parking area, the new boiler at the High School (in progress), and new water pipes at the Middle School.





Jim Dell

Principal

Woodworth
Elementary
School

**School-wide
Instructional Goal**

Along with our yearly school improvement goals, Woodworth Elementary School has an instructional goal to achieve throughout the 2018-19 school year. The goal, developed by our teaching and administration staff, is to increase each grade level's percentage of low risk students by 10%, as determined by benchmark testing. Students are considered "low risk" when they are reading at or above grade level. After the winter assessments, the data showed an increase at all grade levels, some as high as 33%! Due to teacher investment in the goal-making process and specific, targeted interventions, our students and staff are able to improve achievement rates at a higher level.

Mark your
calendars!

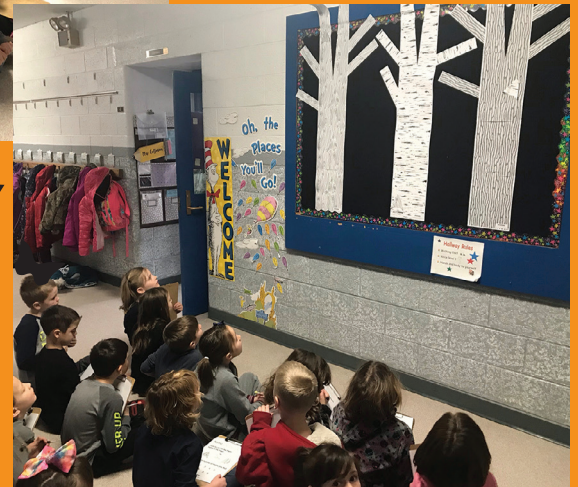


Woodworth
Elementary

April 17 - 18 Kindergarten
Roundup

1st Grade Science Lesson

These pictures come from our unit about plants and animals. Each tree on the board has three moths, two of which looked exactly like the tree. The goal of the lesson was to learn about how animals use camouflage to protect themselves. The kids had to count to see how many moths they could find on the trees. Then we went back to the classroom and students created their own moth and tried to camouflage it in the classroom.



Two New Faces at Woodworth Elementary School



Samantha Owsley
Literacy/Math Aide

Mrs. Owsley will be joining our intervention staff and working with lower elementary students to help improve their reading skills. She will work with students in and out of the classroom.



Tony Hutchins
Behavior Interventionist

Mr. Hutchins is working with students who face struggles with behavior while in class. His goal is to keep their behaviors on track so they can continue to learn.



Both positions are grant funded.



REWARDS DAY



Todd Gonser
Principal
Leslie Middle School

LMS M-Step "Maintain Highest Level" Rewards Day

On March 6, 57 middle school students were rewarded for maintaining the highest level on their M-Step tests last year. Students enjoyed pizza, cookies, and drinks for their efforts! Congratulations to all students who maintained this status, and keep up the good work!

LMS Scheduling 2019-20

Next Year LMS is excited to be moving to a new daily schedule format for students. The new schedule will be more student friendly and include:

- shorter class periods which means less time sitting in one class
- more classes offered each day
- more hands-on elective choices (including art, band, choir, computers, drama, forensics, civil war battles, and more) during the day

For more information, contact the middle school office.

LMS Students Compete in Lansing Youth Startup Challenge

Monday, March 18 was a banner day for Leslie Middle School as 25 students competed at the Lansing Youth Startup Challenge. These young entrepreneurs worked for several months creating a business. They had to prepare a business plan, a display, and a pitch for the judges. The competition was steep: 250 high school and middle school students from several counties attended. Four LMS partnerships were recognized:

Sydney Kukuk and Trinity Latoski won 3rd Place in the Business Plan category; Brooke Nowicki and Katherine Foreman won Best Woman Owned Business; Murphy Stitt and Michael Moulton won Best Food Business; and Myah Fletcher and Claire Peek won Best Business Plan and Grand Champion. In total, our students won \$2,800 in prize money.



Mark your calendars!



Leslie Middle School

- April 18 – Family Math Night
- May 1 – ACES Day
- May 9 – Choir Concert
- May 17 – Olympic Day
- May 21 – Band Concert
- June 7 – 8th Grade Graduation





Scott Powers

Principal

Leslie High School

LHS Drug, Health, and Safety Forum

Leslie High School hosted a Drug, Health, and Safety Forum in March. We had speakers from across the state come in and talk to our students and staff about opioid addiction, human trafficking, vaping, drunk and distracted driving, internet safety, healthy relationships, stress and anxiety, campus safety, and other topics relevant to students. So many of the speakers complimented our students on how receptive they were, and many students left survey feedback stating that they learned a lot. All in all, staff, students, and speakers found the forum to be a huge success.



Mark your calendars!



Leslie High School

May 2 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 11 – Prom

May 15 – Band Concert

May 16 – Choir Concert

May 24 – Last Day for Seniors

May 30 – Honors Night

May 31 – Graduation

Shaun Burgan: Digital Artist at LHS

Senior Shaun Burgan is an advanced art student here at Leslie High School. His artwork includes a digital twist as he works primarily with digital media and character development. We would like to congratulate Shaun on the \$20,000 scholarship Kendall College of Art and Design offered him for next year. If you would like to see more of his work, check him out on Instagram @the_universe_falls!



WINTER FORMAL

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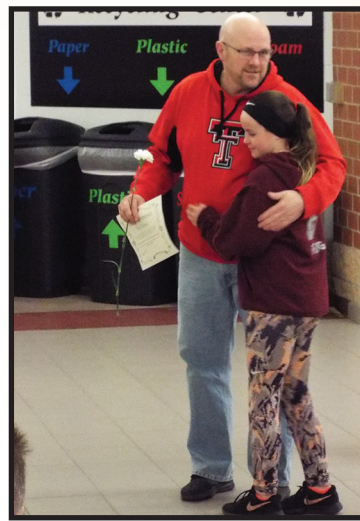




Leslie Public School's Make a Difference Dessert took place on Tuesday, March 19 in the Leslie High School commons for the fourth year in a row.

This year's ceremony honored more than 50 adults who have made a difference in the lives of Leslie Middle and High School students. The highlight of the evening was seeing students present their nominees with certificates. The adults did not know who had nominated them until they arrived at the event.

The Make a Difference Dessert committee members would like to thank Jim Hanson, who presided over the event; the Leslie Public Schools Foundation; its sponsors, Homestead Savings Bank and Leslie First Baptist Church; as well as Wild Strawberry Florist and More in Holt for providing beautiful centerpieces for the event. We would also like to thank our wonderful LPS food service staff for catering the event.



Homestead Bank presented a check to Superintendent Manthei to help sponsor the program.



5th Grade: Alexander Adams, Miles Allard*, Savannah Arnett, Serenity Baley, Khloe Bayer, Sophia Beegle, Emmie Booker, Henry Bradford*, Holly Bruce, Steven Carian*, Sophia Choat*, Aubree Clark*, Audrey Cope*, Jameson Cranmore, Hailey Creisher*, Chaelynn DeFord, Evan Dexter, Carson DuBose, Ethan Ellis*, Aubrey Farr, Anna Felice, Adrianna Fogg*, Peyton Foster*, Jacob Gallagher, Austin Gibson, Romney Goddard, Haizy Haindel*, Noah Hernandez, Dylan Hile*, Jacie Hirt*, Brady Johnson, Leyah Johnson, Lucas Killeen*, Jack Klemmer, Riley Knapp, Austin Lee*, Haley Martin, Paxton Martinez*, Wyatt McComb*, Elijah McMichael*, Leila Messner*, Seth Noble*, Natalie Novak*, Alexie Parkinson, Cameron Pasch, Nathan Peck*, Hudson Phillips*, Luke Phillips*, Alexis Pierson*, Remington Pratt*, Austin Renfrew*, Braeden Romero*, Autumn Sanford*, Evelyn Smith*, Madelynn Smolinski*, Isabel Thomas*, Jeffery Warne*, Grason Weber*, Mariah Yates

6th Grade: Kaelyn Adair, Daniel Adams*, Jaiden Baird, Catelyn Bliven, Jersey Bodell, Nicholas Boertman, Maycie Boyer, Reese Burch*, Rylie Burley*, Esmae Chamberlain*, Jayden Colby, Sophia Cowing, Thomas Crawford*, Soledad Demeuse*, Reece DeRose*, Carlee Dodson*, Joseph Domecq*, Logan Douglas*, Ayreonna Edwards*, Colin Every, Andrew Fehrenbach, Gavin Finch, Raylee Fowler*, Piper Frye*, Cameryn Hanney, Blake Hawkins, Kyan Isham*, Johnnie Johnson*, Jenna Kent*, Allison Kobus*, Sarah Krupa*, Harlie Lake, Cheyanne Lewis, Kalab Limoges, Nathaniel Lockwood, Emily Lubahn*, Erin Lubahn*, Logan Marion, Drake Mays*, Brooke Mishler, Emily Morris*, Michael Moulton*, Sophie Oxbrough*, Jacob Phillips*, Paige Quinn, Cooper Rivest, Mia Severino*, Lily Smieska*, Emma Smith, Jaidyn Smith*, Nevaeh Smith*, Rachel Sterle*, Murphy Stitt*, Jaden Suarez, Jacob Thayer*, Kate Tomlinson*, Elyse Weck*, Thomas Willard, Sean Wyrick

7th Grade: Allison Armstrong, Cassie Baker, Dana Barnett, Marysa Bolin*, Ada Bradford*, Alayna Brown*, Sahara Burley, Abbigale Clark*, Alexis Clark, Kaiden Craft, Lily Crawford*, Kayla Creisher*, Lily DeBruler, Matthew Dexter*, Brogan Dodge, Myah Fletcher*, Katherine Foreman*, Jalen Fossitt*, Kiley Friese, Nicholas Good, Kaylie Hayner*, Riley Henman*, Olivia Hernandez*, Logan Hile, Jacob Hodor*, Brayden Holmes, Ian Hultberg, Cameron Lewis, Anna Mangles, Kimberly Mathews, Brody Mays, Alaina McHaney, Cheryl Morgan, Brooke Nowicki*, Olivia Omer, Claire Peek*, Isabella Procopio*, Christian Reed, Alexiah Romero, Jalynn Schmelter, Bailey Schuen*, Jocelyn Shuster, Brookelynn Smieska, Alexis Soderberg, Miranda Swaenepoel*, Malia Tello*, Gabrielle Waldofsky*, Victoria Warren, Emily Willard, Evin Yeomans

8th Grade: Reese Armstrong, Jayde Arnett, Grace Barnett, Rebecca Boukamp, Payton Boyer, Ella Bugbee, Tyler Burley, Brianna Carlson, Benjamin Casper*, Madelyn Chamberlain*, Jaelynn Colby, Kassy Cole*, Erik Dexter, Annabelle Dieter*, Bailey Douse, Sara Fedewa, Shelby Frye*, Kelsey Garner, Ashton Gauthier, Angelina Holmback, Jayden Jensen*, Mallory Kintigh*, Harmony Latoski, Kyra Lee, Ethan Lubahn, Megan Maynard, Myah Muscott*, Lilyanne Nash, William Niblock, Jared Peck*, Cameron Pierce, Alexa Plenda*, Riley Poulisse*, Iris Robinson, Austin Shroufe, Caleb Smith, Emma Snelson*, Samantha Snider, Jayden Soles*, Rory Spencer, Sarah Sterle, Mason Tow, Malory Valdez, Matthew VanEpps, Teagahn Wheeler, Maleena Wright, Sage Wymer, Ginger Yang

*Denotes All A's

Middle School Competitive Cheer Team





9th Grade: Damyan Bayer, Adriana Blanford, Aidan Borst, Dakota Boukamp*, Jakob Bugbee, Benjamin Burgess, Jennifer Bushey*, Dana Coltrain, Christian Cope, Lauryn Demaray, Hunter Doyle, Connor DuBose*, Ashton Evans-Sperry*, Aubrey Gilman, Kadence Halsted, Grace Hardesty*, Tyler Hile*, Molly Klemmer, Isabel Krabel, Alexander Lamb*, Peyton Malady*, Taylor Mishler, Toker Mitchell, Cecilia Morrison, Conner Napier, Aaron Norton*, Samantha Orrin*, Garret Penix-Bedell, Avery Schuen*, Richard Schultz, Emma Smieska, Eric Smith, Blake Stofer*, Audrey Thrush*, Asia VanOstran*, Garrett Walker, Brittney Williams, Logan Yang, Katherine Young*

10th Grade: Abigail Ball*, Emily Bohr, Sarah Burgess, Kyelir Chalmers, Jarrett Chappell, Jahayza Choat*, Mariah Clark*, Adriana Clayton*, John Cranmore, Nathan Davis, Kalex Dodge*, Haley Ellis, Tommi Fedewa, Tristan Feighner, Paige Filice*, Nathan Foltz*, Nolan Frohriep, Kalab Gauthier, Brianna Hanes*, Shania Holmback, Alexander Hultberg*, Ashlee Isaac, Hali Kailing, Mason Krabel, Alexis Kujala, Logen Large, Jazmyne Latoski-Powers, Skyler Lee, Chase Lewis*, Emma Lyons*, Joshua Malotky, Garrett Mays*, Lucas McDaniel, Kyle Medcoff*, Carson Middaugh, Lucas Mooney, Joseph Nagel, Kenzeck Oxbrough, Weston Pangle, Paige Phelan, Andrea Piper*, Jacob Powers*, Chantel Ries, Lily Robinson*, Ayden Rutan, Ayrone Rutan*, Daniel Schmelter Jr.*, Hunter Schmelter, Benjamin Smieska, Emma Stokes, Rayne Thornsberry, Gabe Weber*, Gavin Weber*, Grant Weber*, Sarah Wilkinson*, Breanna Wucker

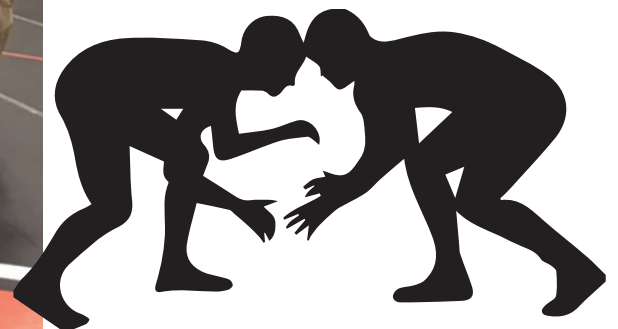
11th Grade: Jackson Arkles, Alicia Arnett*, Savanna Baughan, Nathan Beachey*, Jordan Beers, Audree Bell*, EmmaJo Binns, Lauren Boylan, Jarrett Brown*, Jaylen Burlison, Caroline Bushey*, Lukas Carlson, Jackson Casper, Brayden Cook, Nathaniel Courtney*, Sydney Cowing, Alanna Cox, John DeBruler, Sarah-Renee DeToy, Madison Dixon, Alexis Doherty, Austin Douse, Ethan Fehrenbach, Sydnee Fletcher*, Riley Fogg, Karlie Harrell, Haylie Holley, Trevor Huttenlocker, Maranda Johnson, Rielly Johnson, Cassandra Keesler, Mitchell Kintigh*, Juliana Kirchner, Michael Maynard*, Marissa Orrin, Connor Owen, Emily Rector, Abigale Rodriguez*, Hunter Ryan, Ashley Scott, Nicole Scott*, Parker Secord-Cripe, Katelynn Serrels, Samantha Shaw, Camille Shuster, Travers Shuster, Trenton Sibson, Mackenzie Stevens*, Tessa Stevens, Kiarra Theodorou, Isaiah Tobias, Kyle Weinstein, Wyatt Wiljanen, Chelsey Wiltse*

12th Grade: Hayden Adee, Shaun Burgan, Elizabeth Burgess, Luke Calvert, Emmaleigh Centeno, Ashley Ciucci, Ellen Coppernoll, Andrea Crotti, Graci Dack, Drew DeBruler, Mason DeBruler, Robert Ellis, Tyler Garner*, Christina Ghery, Logan Heinritz, Josie Heintz*, Felicite Holley, Taylor Hubbard*, Karoline Huess, Kearah Johnson, Toria Jones, Gunner Kandell, Scott Kanik, Grace Klemmer, Alexandra LaLone, Madison Lagen, Luke Lasky, Marcus Losey, Bri'Anna Lowry, William Lyons, Ashtin McCalla*, Garrett McGuirt, Britney Medcoff*, Madison Montgomery, Hunter Montroy*, Caresse O'Hearon, Cole Oliver, Alana Porto, Jacob Rector, Brooke Rice, Nicole Roback*, Jolan Robinson*, Solina Robles, Justice Rosier, Anthony Smieska, Amiah Vickers*, Grant Walker, Phoebe Walter, Katlyn Wandel, Wilhelm Warborn Johansson, Abraham Weck, Emilee Whitehead, Caleb Whittemore, Trevor Willard*, Hailey Wilson

*Denotes All A's



2019 Wrestling Team District Champions





Tom Shafer

Middle School
Athletic
Director

Leslie Middle School sponsored interscholastic athletic teams in boys and girls basketball as well as cheerleading this winter.

The seventh grade boys basketball team was coached by Mr. Todd Gonser, LMS principal. They ended their season with a 5-7 record. The team had a lot of work to do as they came into the new season, but every player made big improvements in his skills. The boys also came together as a team and improved in every game, working to play better in the second half of the season against the top teams. Each player has been given something to work on for next year. Coach Gonser said, "With hard work and dedication, I look forward to many good things happening for this group. Nice work guys!"



This year's eighth grade boys basketball team, coached by Toby Teague, ended the season with a 6 - 6 record. The .500 record does not tell the entire story, however. Three of the losses were by a combined 13 points. Two of the losses were to a very tough Olivet team who went undefeated. One highlight of the season was the team's home court win against Stockbridge. The team worked hard to play tough man-to-man defense all season and took their first step toward their varsity careers, which the players look forward to in a few years. Coach Teague commented that "This team learned how to be TOUGH on the court and in practice. I was very proud of them and look for great things out of this group in the next four seasons."



The seventh grade girls basketball team was coached by LMS teacher Andrea Smolinski. The team had a season filled with several unexpected obstacles including several snow days, missed practices and games, and a flooded gym. Through it all, however, the girls never gave up and continued to grow both as a team and as individual players. They finished the season with a record of 5-3. Coach Smolinski said, "The girls were enjoyable to coach, and I look forward to their continued success."

Our eighth grade girls team, also coached by Toby Teague, had a record of 3-5. With only eight girls for most of the season and only seven players for the last two weeks of the season, they worked hard to get better each day. They learned what it means to be TOUGH and played a couple of games with only six players. With everything they faced, these girls showed improvement in their last game, winning by 20 points against a team they lost to twice last year. Coach Teague said, "They are becoming true basketball players. I was proud of their effort and improvement. I can't wait to see how they do in high school."



The MS competitive cheer team was coached by Kelsie Fifield. They had an outstanding season this year, taking home a GLAC league championship! The team made many small victories including new stunting, individual tumbling, and improvements in scoring across the board. The team this year had nine returning athletes and four new seventh grade girls. Each cheerleader had something to bring to the mat at each and every competition.

Other than competing with the league schools, the team also participated in two larger meets, one at Northwest and an invitational in Leslie. These meets proved to be great experiences for the girls because they had the opportunity to see schools they don't normally get to compete against. The girls had an all-time high score of 318 between both rounds. This was ten points higher than their highest score last year. Coach Fifield wishes to give a very special shout out to the team's eighth graders: Audrey Allard, Sarah Sterle, Maleena Wright, Ginger Yang, Naomi Mangles, Madelyn Chamberlain, Jaelynn Colby, Grace Barnett, and Sage Wymer. These girls have put a tremendous amount of work in over their past three years on the team. Coach Fifield said, "I wish them the best of luck as they move on to high school cheerleading next year!" (see team photo on page 6)



Girls Basketball Winning 3rd League Title in School History Tops Winter Sports Season

(See team photo on page 11)

Varsity girls basketball, under the leadership of first year coach Justin Houghton, won the third league title in school history, winning the GLAC title by three games. The girls finished their stellar season at 20-3 overall, tying the school record for wins. They also had an 11-1 league mark and made it to the district championship game before losing to Laingsburg. Along with tying the school record for wins, senior Madison Montgomery set school records for season and career rebounds. Freshman Emma Smieska broke the school record for steals in a game. The girls will be receiving individual honors soon. The JV girls basketball team, coached by new coach Trevor Rutan, also had an outstanding season, finishing their season 17-3. We look forward to another outstanding girls basketball season next year.



Scott Cousineau

High School
Athletic
Director

Third-year coach Tucker Surbrook continued to move our wrestling program forward, as they won their second consecutive team district title, defeating Michigan Center in the final match. As for the league, the Hawks were a solid second, only falling behind perennial power Lakewood. Three Hawks found their way to Ford Field for the individual state meet. Senior Logan Zebarah placed sixth. Junior Ethan Fehrenbach and sophomore Ben Smieska both came within one win of placing as well. Smieska also won the 189 lb. division at regionals. The wrestling team was also very successful at the GLAC league tournament. Three young men, sophomores Lucas Mooney, Gabe Weber, and Grant Weber, were all league champions and first team all-GLAC. Senior Joe Cortis, juniors Kyle Weinstein, Nathaniel Courtney, and Fehrenbach, as well as Smieska were all second team GLAC. Junior Nick Siegert, sophomore Cannon Risner, and freshman Hunter Doyle were all-GLAC honorable mentions. The team was also chosen as an academic all-state selection for the second straight year. With most of the wrestlers back next year, we look forward to another promising wrestling season! (see team photo on page 7)

The girls competitive cheer team had another fine season under veteran coach Jean Maiville. The girls finished second in the GLAC again this year and continually improved throughout the season. Garnering first team GLAC honors were senior Graci Dack and juniors Jane Holcomb and Taylor McMahan. Christina Ghre was selected to the second team and junior Savanna Baughan was chosen honorable mention. The girls also earned honorable mention all-state academic honors for the second straight year. Additionally, our JV competitive cheer team, led by coach Katie Wixson, was successful this season, finishing a close second place in the league standings.

The young varsity boys basketball team, coached by Matt Johns, had a rollercoaster of a season. The team finished 10-10 overall, but 8-4 in the GLAC, which was good enough for a third place finish this winter. Selected first team in the GLAC was sophomore Ayden Rutan, while junior Nathan Beachey, and sophomores Nolan Frohriep and Tristan Feighner were chosen honorable mention. Chris Bondsteel's JV boys also experienced an up-and-down season, finishing at 9-10. Our freshmen boys, led by Ryan Masters, fought hard but struggled through a 2-13 season.



Coach Brett Hills' bowling team had a rebuilding year this winter, having had seasons of tremendous success the previous few years. The boys finished 1-7 in the GLAC but were able to land senior Dwight Durfee and junior Lucas Carlson on the first team all-conference team. Senior Garret McGuirt and sophomore Alex Hultberg were chosen honorable mention. Durfee also qualified for the individual state meet in Muskegon, finishing 54th overall. The girls team struggled to a 2-4 league mark, but with many bowlers returning next season, things look bright. Junior Kayla Matthews earned her way onto the GLAC first team all-conference team and also qualified for the state meet, finishing a very respectable 20th place. Sophomores Haley Ellis and Katrina Walter and freshman Alexia Hughes earned second team honors. Sophomore Mariah Clark also made the honorable mention team.

We wish to extend a big thank you to all our student athletes for their efforts. We would also like to thank all the parents, staff, and fans for supporting our student athletes throughout the winter season! Go Hawks!



MEET UP and EAT UP™

**Healthy food
to fuel your
summer.**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers **FREE** summer meals to kids across Michigan, a program similar to the lunch and breakfast program during the school year. **Woodworth Elementary at 212 Pennsylvania St. is a registered site for this program!**

Summer Meals Programs Details:

- Meals are **FREE** to children and teens ages **18 and younger** who come to a summer meals site.
- **FREE** summer meals will help families save money and stretch their already tight food budgets.
- Food served at summer meal sites follows USDA nutrition guidelines and is paid for by the USDA.
- Summer meal sites are safe places for kids and teens to go, such as schools, churches, and community centers.
- Parents don't need to apply to the program to get **FREE** summer meals for their kids. They can simply bring their children to a summer meals site in their community, and their kids can enjoy the meals without the hassle of having to fill out an application.



**Lunch will be available Tuesday thru Thursday
from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Dates of service are June 11 – July 25.
(NO service July 2-4)**

Please note that all food must be consumed on site. We are not permitted to do a takeout service. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email **Kristen Hawkins**, the Leslie Food Service Director, at (517) 589-9616 or kristen.hawkins@lesliek12.net.

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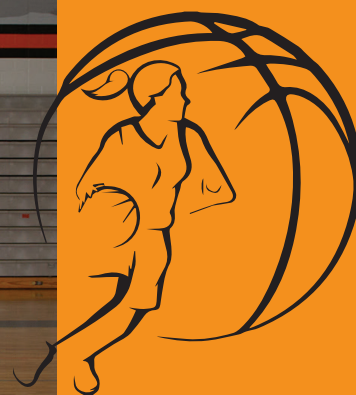
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Kindergarten students celebrated the 100th day of being in school. Students, with the help of their parents, designed and created shirts commemorating the milestone.



Varsity Girls Basketball Team GLAC League Champions



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Cancellation of School

Occasionally school may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other emergencies. The school district will notify parents of school closings or delays through the telephone and email notification system. Television stations 6 and 10 also provide closing information. School cancellations can also be found on the Leslie Public Schools website at www.lesliek12.net. Cancellation of extracurricular events is based on a case-by-case decision.

New Board Member Highlights

Shauna Howe

I have lived in Leslie all my life, born and raised. I graduated from LHS in June 2006.

I have 3 sons: Peyton, 9; Carson, 5; and Nolan, 2. Peyton is a 4th grader at Woodworth and Carson is a Kindergartener at Woodworth.

I am the secretary for the Leslie Area School Safety Advisory Committee. I am invested in our schools and volunteer as much as I can. I'm an assistant t-ball coach and spend a lot of time talking with parents. I make sure that I make informed decisions on anything brought to the board, and I make sure my decisions are based on facts, not opinions. I have so many ideas to improve our schools and I've already gotten started. I'm on the Leslie Public Schools Foundation Committee and I represent LPS on the Ingham County School Officers Association Committee.



Kevin McDaniel

I have lived in Leslie approximately 35 years and am an alumni of LPS.

I have three children and bring organizational, strategic, planning, and leadership skills to our Board of Education.

