



THE BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

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Futures Taking Flight



From The
Superintendent

**Jeff
Manthei**

Leslie Public
Schools

As the 2018-19 school year draws to a close, the Blackhawk Family will be saying goodbye to several retiring long-time employees: teachers, Kathy Freeman and Kathy Wright; food service worker, Peggy Howe; bus driver, Lester Morton; transportation secretary, Sharon Clark; and Woodworth principal, Jim Dell.

Kathy Freeman has served the district for 42 years, having started her career at Leslie in 1977. She taught at Woodworth Elementary from 1977 until the spring of 2010. In the fall of 2010, Kathy moved to LMS to teach fifth grade.

Kathy Wright has worked her entire career, which began in 1993, at Woodworth elementary. During her time at Woodworth, she served as an elementary classroom teacher and most recently as a Title 1 interventionist.

Peggy Howe started working for Leslie Schools in 1989. Peggy has worked in several different positions during her 30 years at Leslie Schools: kitchen assistant, Hugs/Preschool aide, noon hour worker, and head cook at Woodworth Elementary.

Lester Morton started working in 2009 in the transportation department. Lester spent his 9 years at Leslie Schools as a bus driver.

Sharon Clark started working for the school district 29 years ago. When she first started here in 1990, she was a clerk-typist. She has held other positions as well, including LHS counseling/special education secretary and most recently transportation secretary.

Jim Dell, the principal of Woodworth Elementary, is also retiring from education. He has served as principal at Woodworth since June 2011. During his time with Leslie Schools, Mr. Dell also served on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Elementary and Middle Schools Principals Association.

Leslie Public Schools wishes all of our retirees the best in the future. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to the district, our community, and most of all, our students.

If you see any of these former employees, please thank them for all they have done and wish them the best!

Leslie Public Schools Bus Drivers Needed

Do you have a good driving record? Enjoy working with children? Looking for excitement and adventure in your daily life?

Need part-time employment?

How about considering becoming a bus driver? Competitive wages starting at \$15.75/hr. with a \$750 signing bonus paid over the course of a year of driving.

Hours are approximately 6:15 – 7:45 am and 2:25 – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

A CDL with B, P and S endorsements, a DOT physical, and satisfactory completion of Bus School are needed.

Training is available.

For further information contact Troy James,
Leslie Transportation Supervisor, at 517-589-8413.





Jim Dell

Principal

Woodworth
Elementary
School

Dear Woodworth students and families,

I am sending this note to notify you that I will be retiring from education at the end of the school year. After over 30 years of service to public education, I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life. It has been a rewarding career and I have enjoyed getting to know all of your children. They are truly special to me, and I will miss them. Thank you for your support over the years.

Have a good summer!

Sincerely,
Jim Dell

The Woodworth Parent/Teacher Organization in partnership with the school's Title I service held a block party at Russell Park for Woodworth students and families. Many teacher volunteers helped to set up and facilitate the event, including Mr. Dell and Mr. Hutchins who cooked hot dogs. Students and families were treated to bounce houses, yard games, the park playground, dinner, and cupcakes.



4th Grade
Graduation



Every Wednesday of third trimester, eighth grade students in the LMS Creative Expressions class visited Woodworth Elementary first grade students to work with them on literacy.





LMS Hawks Reward Day

On Thursday, June 6, we held our LMS Hawks Reward Day. Our celebration was complete with games and ice cream in Russell Park. Students qualified for this day by maintaining a grade of A, B or C in all their classes and receiving no HMOs. Over 250 students qualified for the day this year! We wish to congratulate these students on a great year at LMS!



**Todd
Gonser**
Principal

Leslie Middle
School

LMS Blackhawk Recognition Day

The annual LMS Blackhawk recognition program was held on Friday, June 7 at the LHS auditorium. The event recognized students who have done an outstanding job this year in the following activities, classes, or programs:

- Eight conditions that make a difference
- Scrips National Spelling Bee Winners
- Student council grades 5-8
- Peer to Peer
- LMS Flag Crew
- Physical Education Awards
- SADD/PALS grades 7/8
- Technology Award
- Lansing Youth Entrepreneurship Business Expo Awards
- Soaring Blackhawk - Volunteer of the year award
- Outstanding Choir Awards
- Zero hour Select Choir awards
- Forensics Team
- Outstanding Band Awards
- America and Me Essay winner
- Scholar Athlete Awards
- Presidential Award - Educational Excellence
- Presidential Award - Educational Achievement
- Perfect Attendance Awards

Congratulations to all our award winners!

LMS Eighth Grade Graduation

On Friday, June 7, we held our eighth grade graduation ceremony at the Leslie High School auditorium. In attendance at this ceremony were our 102 eighth graders who completed their LMS requirements and will be moving on to high school to begin their freshman year next year. Congratulations to all our eighth graders who had a very successful year!

Student Schedules 2019-20

LMS student schedules for the 2019-2020 school year will be mailed out sometime in August! Have a great summer!





5th Grade: Miles Allard*, Savannah Arnett, Taylor Baird, Serenity Baley*, Khloe Bayer*, Sophia Beegle*, Emmie Booker, Henry Bradford*, Kendall Brewbaker, Holly Bruce, Steven Carian*, Sophia Choat*, Aubree Clark*, Audrey Cope*, Jameson Cranmore, Hailey Creisher*, Chaelynn DeFord, Evan Dexter, Carson DuBose*, Ethan Ellis*, Adrianna Fogg*, Peyton Foster*, Austin Gibson, Romney Goddard, Haizy Haindel*, Noah Hernandez, Dylan Hile*, Jacie Hirt*, Selena Jackson, Brady Johnson*, Leyah Johnson*, Robert Kilgore, Lucas Killeen*, Riley Knapp*, Austin Lee, Jordan Linton, 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*, Gabriella Velasquez, Jeffery Warne*, Grason Weber*, Taylor Wirt, Mariah Yates

6th Grade: Kaelyn Adair*, Daniel Adams*, Kathryn Bacon, Jaiden Baird, Catelyn Bliven*, Jersey Bodell, Nicholas Boertman, Maycie Boyer, Kaiden Bradford, Reese Burch*, Rylie Burley*, Esmee Chamberlain*, Mackenzie Chesney, Jayden Colby, Sophia Cowing*, Thomas Crawford*, Lillian Demaray, Reece DeRose*, Carlee Dodson*, Joseph Domecq*, Logan Douglas*, Ayreonna Edwards*, Colin Every*, Andrew Fehrenbach, Gavin Finch, Raylee Fowler*, Piper Frye, Cameryn Hanney, Kyan Isham*, Johnnie Johnson*, Linkoln Karn, Jenna Kent*, Allison Kobus*, Sarah Krupa*, Harlie Lake*, Cheyanne Lewis, Emily Lubahn*, Erin Lubahn*, Drake Mays*, Emily Morris*, Michael Moulton*, Sophie Oxbrough*, Jacob Phillips*, Holly Poe, Paige Quinn*, Cooper Rivest, Mia Severino*, Lily Smieska*, Emma Smith, Jaidyn Smith*, Nevaeh Smith*, Rachel Sterle*, Murphy Stitt*, Mark Stone, Jaden Suarez, Jacob Thayer*, Kate Tomlinson*, Elyse Weck*, Thomas Willard

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

8th Grade: Reese Armstrong, Payton Boyer*, Ava Bruce, Ella Bugbee, Tyler Burley*, Benjamin Casper, Madelyn Chamberlain*, Bronson Clayton, Jaelynn Colby, Kassy Cole*, Erik Dexter*, Bailey Douse, Sara Fedewa*, Shelby Frye*, Kelsey Garner*, Jayden Jensen*, Ethan Kaimon, Mallory Kintigh*, Kyra Lee, Ethan Lubahn*, Megan Maynard*, Myah Muscott*, William Niblock, Jared Peck*, Alexa Plenda*, Riley Poulisse*, Iris Robinson, Austin Shroufe, Emma Snelson*, Samantha Snider, Jayden Soles*, Rory Spencer, Mason Tow, Matthew VanEpps, Teagahn Wheeler, Maleena Wright, Sage Wymer*, Ginger Yang

*Denotes All A's

Eighth Grade Creative Expressions Class and Boat Races



During the third trimester, several eighth graders enrolled in a related arts class called Creative Expressions. One exciting project required the students to design, race, and weigh down popsicle stick sailboats!





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*, Carlee Evans, Ashton Evans-Sperry*, Aubrey Gilman, Grace Hardesty, Tyler Hile*, Molly Klemmer, Isabel Krabel, Alexander Lamb*, Peyton Malady, Khaner Method, Taylor Mishler, Tuger 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*, David Whitehead, Brittney Williams, Aubrie Yager, Katherine Young*

10th Grade: Diego Alaniz, Abigail Ball*, Emily Bohr*, Sarah Burgess*, Jarrett Chappell, Jahayza Choat*, Mariah Clark, Adriana Clayton, John Cranmore, Nathan Davis, Kalex Dodge*, Kyleigh Dorer, Tommi Fedewa*, Tristan Feighner, Paige Filice*, Nathan Foltz*, Nolan Frohriep, Kalab Gauthier, Brianna Hanes*, Shania Holmback, Alexander Hultberg, Ashlee Isaac, Hali Kailing, Keegan Kalbarczyk, Sylvie Kandell, 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*, Ayrton Rutan*, Daniel Schmelter Jr.*, Hunter Schmelter, Benjamin Smieska, Emma Stokes*, Rayne Thornsberrry*, Katrina Walter, Gabe Weber*, Gavin Weber*, Grant Weber*, Sarah Wilkinson*, Breanna Wucker, Alyssa Wyman

11th Grade: Jackson Arkles, Alicia Arnett*, Savanna Baughan, Nathan Beachey, Jordan Beers, Audree Bell, Lauren Boylan, Jarrett Brown*, Jaylen Burlison, Caroline Bushey*, Lukas Carlson, Kayliana Case, Jackson Casper*, Brayden Cook, Nathaniel Courtney*, Sydney Cowing, Alanna Cox, John DeBruler, Alexis Doherty, Nicolas Estrada, Ethan Fehrenbach*, Ashley Fitts, Sydnee Fletcher, Riley Fogg, William Fulmerhouser, Delanie Harkness, Karlie Harrell*, Haylie Holley, Nyles Holmes, Maranda Johnson, Rielly Johnson, Mitchell Kintigh, Ashley LaFave, Katlynn Maier, Michael Maynard*, Marissa Orrin, Connor Owen, Madalynn Quinn, Emily Rector, Haylee Rivera, Abigale Rodriguez, Ashley Scott, Nicole Scott*, Parker Secord-Cripe*, Katelynn Serrels, Camille Shuster, Travers Shuster, Trenton Sibson, Nicholas Siegert, Gabrielle Sixberry, Katelyn Smith, Mackenzie Stevens*, Tessa Stevens, Kyle Weinstein, Wyatt Wiljanen, Chelsey Wiltse*

12th Grade: Hayden Adee, Morgan Andrews, Shaun Burgan, Elizabeth Burgess, Luke Calvert, Emmaleigh Centeno, Ashley Ciucci, Ellen Coppernoll*, Joseph Cortis, Graci Dack, Drew DeBruler, Mason DeBruler, Robert Ellis, Tyler Garner*, Logan Heinritz, Josie Heintz*, Felicite Holley, Taylor Hubbard, Karoline Huess, Kearah Johnson, Toria Jones, Gunner Kandell*, Scott Kanik, Katlynn King, Grace Klemmer, Alexandra LaLone*, Luke Lasky, 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, Abraham Weck, Emilee Whitehead, Caleb Whittemore, Trevor Willard, Hailey Wilson

*Denotes All A's

High School Track





Class of 2019

June 2019



Hayden Steven Adee - Isaac Miguel Alvarez - Morgan Rose Andrews - Ceira Lynn Angeles - Zachary Robert Balderas*
 Shaun David Burgan - Elizabeth Jean Burgess - Luke Robert Calvert - Emmaleigh Isabella Centeno - Ashley Lane Ciucci
 Kaitlin Alexandria Clear* - Thomas Michael Coltrain - Joshua Dean Conine* - Shaylee Reese Connelly - Ellen Rose Coppernoll
 Joseph Michael Corts - Graci Michelle Dack - Drew Alan DeBruler - Mason Scott DeBruler - Zachary Walter Dixon*
 Dwight Allen Durfee - Robert Everett Ellis - Kaily Mae Feilert - Emma Deedee Ford - Amaya Loring Fox - Tyler James Garner
 Christina Marie Ghere - Madisynn Rose Graham* - Skylar William Greenlee - Logan Ashley Heinritz - Josie Renee Heintz
 Felicite Sadel Holley - Taylor Nicole Hubbard - Karoline Faureholm Huess - Kearah Reonnin Johnson - Toria Marie Jones
 Simon James Kailing** - Gunner Owen Kandell - Scott Carlson Kanik - Jacob Julian Kenny - Katliyn Sierra King
 Grace Ann Klemmer - Alexandra Mary-Lucille LaLone - Madison Jai Maureen Largen - Luke Aaron Lasky - Marcus Paul Losey
 Bri'Anna Denea Lowry - William Gerard Leo Lyons - Ashtin Lois McCalla - Garrett William McGuirt - Britney Marie Medcoff
 Madison Elizabeth Montgomery - Hunter Richard Montroy - Zoey Paige Moore - Tanner James Napier
 Caresse Renee O'Hearon - Cole Lewis Oliver - Sarah Marie Parks - Cheyenne Marie Pier - Alana Freitas Porto - Jacob Alvin Rector
 Brooke Elizabeth Rice - Nicole Katherine Roback - Jolan Elise Robinson - Solina Rey Robles - Justice Eric Rosier
 Alejandro Miguel Sanchez - Cheyann Marie Scutt** - Justin James Serrels - Anthony Charles Smieska - Dalton Duane Smith
 Corey Stanley Swan - Courtney Andrew Verwey - Amiah Marie Vickers - James Douglas Vollmer - Grant Christopher Walker
 Phoebe Nicole Walter - Katlyn Elizabeth Wandel - Wilhelm Goesta Enar Warborn Johansson - Jordan Dwayne Washington*
 Abraham Charles Weck - Emilee Jo Whitehead - Caleb Steven Whittemore - Trevor Micheal Willard - Dominic Joseph Wils
 Hailey Jean Wilson - Shannon Alexis Winright - Logan Charles Zebarah

*Denotes Ingham Virtual High School

**Denotes Early College Student

GRADUATION



Photos courtesy of Tom Spooner/TS Photo Studio



HONORS NIGHT

HONORS

Valedictorian: Jan Robinson; Salutatorian: Elizabeth Burgess

HONOR STUDENTS (3.5 grade point average or higher)

List of honor students including Shaun Burgan, Shaylee Connelly, Ellen Coppennoll, Graci Dack, Drew DeBruler, Mason DeBruler, Robert Ellis, Tyler Garner, Josie Heintz, Toria Jones, Scott Kanik, Grace Klemmer, Bri'Anna Lowry, William Lyons, Ashtin McCalla, Garrett McGuirt, Britney Medcoff, Madison Montgomery, Hunter Montroy, Cole Oliver, Jacob Rector, Nicole Roback, Solina Robles, Cheyann Scutt, Anthony Smieska, Hailey Wilson, Amiah Vickers.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS (3.25 to 3.499 grade point average)

List of outstanding students including Emmaleigh Centeno, Amaya Fox, Felicite Holley, Taylor Hubbard, Kearah Johnson, Alexandra LaLone, Luke Lasky, Grant Walker, Phoebe Walter, Trevor Willard.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Girls State: Jan Robinson, Solina Robles; Boys State: Drew DeBruler, Mason DeBruler, Robert Ellis, William Lyons

BLACKHAWK MERIT AWARDS

List of Blackhawk Merit Award winners including Luke Calvert, Ellen Coppennoll, Mason DeBruler, Dwight Durfee, Amaya Fox, Christina Ghere, Kearah Johnson, Gunner Kandell, Scott Kanik, Madison Largen, Britney Medcoff, Caresse O'Hearon, Solina Robles, Jan Robinson, Amiah Vickers, Abraham Weck, Emilee Whitehead, Trevor Willard.

HUGH O'BRIEN YOUTH FOUNDATION PARTICIPANTS

Cheyann Scutt, Dominic Wils

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD

Solina Robles

STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD

Solina Robles

PEER ASSISTANCE LISTENERS

Robert Ellis, Britney Medcoff, Cheyenne Pier

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

High School Awards: Art: Phoebe Walter, English: Josie Heintz, Family & Consumer Science: Josie Heintz, Industrial Technology: Hunter Montroy, Instrumental Music: Dominic Wils, Mathematics: Amiah Vickers, Physical Education: Anthony Smieska, Science: Elizabeth Burgess, Social Science: William Lyons, Vocal Music: Shaun Burgan, World Language - German: Josie Heintz

Perfect Attendance

Graci Dack, Tanner Napier, Luke Lasky, Phoebe Walter

S.A.D.D. Members

Emmaleigh Centeno, Christina Ghere, Josie Heintz, Toria Jones

Quiz Bowl Members

Tyler Garner, Josie Heintz, Cheyann Scutt, Dominic Wils

Rolly Olney Scholarship

Ellen Coppennoll

Leslie FFA Agriculture/Science Scholarship

Madison Montgomery

Lori Fell All - Around Senior Scholarship

Ellen Coppennoll

JAFTICA Scholarship

Ellen Coppennoll, Scott Kanik, Solina Robles

Leslie Athletic Boosters Scholarships

Mason DeBruler, Toria Jones, Madison Montgomery, Anthony Smieska

Leslie Band Program & Boosters

Outstanding Musician Scholarships

Mason DeBruler, Solina Robles, Grant Walker

Leslie Firefighters Scholarships

Amiah Vickers

Music Theater Scholarship

Solina Robles

Theater Arts Scholarship

Graci Dack, Skylar Greenlee

Catholic Women's Scholarship

Solina Robles

Jean Ekins Memorial Scholarship

Brooke Rice

Jacque Lynn Adair III Memorial Scholarship

Hunter Montroy

Carl Shepherd Memorial Scholarship

Josie Heintz

Orthopedic Rehab Scholarship

Jolan Robinson

Trades Scholarship

James Vollmer

Jenks Scholarships

Felicite Holley, Brooke Rice

Norm and Helen Lantz McDonald's Scholarship

Solina Robles

WTC Shawhaven Farm Scholarship

Madison Montgomery

Leslie School Employees Scholarships

Shaun Burgan, Ellen Coppennoll, Drew DeBruler, Mason DeBruler, Josie Heintz, Toria Jones, Britney Medcoff, Solina Robles, Amiah Vickers

Leslie Educational Support Personnel Association Scholarships

Luke Lasky, Britney Medcoff, Hunter Montroy, Jolan Robinson

The Legend Memorial Scholarship

Skylar Greenlee

#73 Bill Welhusen Memorial Scholarships

Anthony Smieska



LESLIE HIGH SCHOOL TOP 10



PROM 2019
Theme: Country Nights
Location: The Northfolk Estate
Date: May 11, 2019

Photos courtesy of Lifetouch



An important note from Leslie Public Schools' Counselors:

According to a recent article in *USA Today*, the latest data analysis available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the suicide rate for children and teens between 10 and 17 was up 70% between 2006 and 2016.

Exposure to topics of suicide; self-harm challenges, such as the "Eraser" and "Momo" challenges; and other concerning content via Netflix, YouTube, YouTubeKids, and other social media outlets makes it critical that adults continue to monitor what children are viewing. Some researchers and parents have expressed particular concern over the Netflix series *13 Reasons Why*. The show currently has two seasons on Netflix with a third season due to be released sometime this year.

Because our current media landscape changes so quickly, it is paramount that educators, parents, and community members remain vigilant in what and how young people are exposed to topics such as suicide. Monitoring children's social media and television experiences is one of the best ways adults can keep their children safe. With this in mind, here are some tips about how parents can monitor what their children are watching on the Netflix platform:

1. **Set Parental Controls on Your Netflix Account:**

Go to <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264> for instructions on setting parental controls on your Netflix account, being sure your codes aren't ones that you typically use to unlock garage doors or iPad screens.

2. **Enable Guided Access on your child's Smart devices, such as computers, phones, and tablets:**

Because changes to your Netflix account may not always apply to the mobile Netflix app, you can use Guided Access to restrict use of Netflix on your child's mobile device. Go to <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT202612>.

3. **Talk to Parents of Your Child's Friends:**

While you may monitor your child's access to Netflix in your home, your child's friends may have unfettered access. Therefore, it is worth asking the families of your child's friends whether they have set parental controls on Netflix in their homes.

In response to the release of *13 Reasons Why*, the National Association of School Psychologists provided the following list of ways parents can approach their children and warning signs to look for:

1. Ask your child if they have heard or seen the series or read the book *13 Reasons Why*. If your child is going to watch the series, tell them you want to watch it with them and discuss their thoughts.
2. If they exhibit any of the following warning signs, don't be afraid to ask if they have thought about suicide or if someone is hurting them. Raising the issue of suicide does not increase the risk or plant the idea. Always take warning signs seriously; never assume the signs are just for attention.

Warning signs:

- Direct suicide threats ("I am going to kill myself." "I need life to stop.")
 - Indirect suicide threats ("I need it to stop." "I wish I could fall asleep and never wake up.")
 - Giving away prized possessions
 - Preoccupation with death in conversation, writing, drawing, and social media
 - Changes in behavior, appearance/hygiene, thoughts, and/or feelings (This includes someone who is typically sad and suddenly becomes extremely happy.)
 - Emotional distress
3. Listen to your child's comments without judgment. Doing so requires that you fully concentrate, understand, respond, and then remember what is being said. Don't assume it's just for attention.
 4. Get help from a mental health professional if you are concerned for your child's safety.



Scott Cousineau

High School
Athletic
Director

Leslie Golf Team Makes LHS History and Leads Spring Sports Season

Highlighting the Leslie spring sports season was our history-setting golf team. Repeating as GLAC champions and finishing in second place at the MHSAA regional competition, this year's team was the first in Leslie sports history to qualify for the state competition where they finished a very respectful tenth place. Sophomore Cannon Risner was the league's top golfer with a 39.3 average per nine holes. Additionally, several golfers earned conference accolades this season:

- **First team:** Cannon Risner (sophomore), Trevor Huttenlocker (junior), Wilhelm Warborn (senior)
- **Second team:** Nate Beachey (junior), John Cranmore (sophomore)



The girls soccer team, led by Mike Compton and assisted by Tamie Dodge, finished 15-6-3 overall and 5-1 in the GLAC, giving them a second place finish. The team made it to the district final game before bowing to Delton-Kellogg. Several athletes earned post-season honors this year:

- **First team:** Marissa Orrin (junior), Kalex Dodge (sophomore), Emma Smieska (freshman)
- **Second team:** Caroline Bushey (junior), Samantha Shaw (junior)
- **Honorable mention:** Alana Cox (junior)
- **All-district team selection:** Orrin, Dodge, Smieska, Bushey, Cox, Paige Phelan (sophomore), Emma Stokes (sophomore)

The girls tennis team, directed by second-year coach Dean Baker, had a great season. Overall, the girls finished 7-6 in dual meets and 5-1 in the Southern Michigan Independent Tennis League. Their record earned them a second place finish. Some of the season's highlights included:

- **Britney Medcoff** (senior) finishing second at #1 singles at regionals and qualifying for the state meet in Kalamazoo, a Leslie High School first.
- **All-league honors:** Medcoff at #1 singles, Jolan Robinson (senior) at #2 singles, Lauren Boylan (sophomore) at #4 singles, Garesse O'Hearon (senior) & Sydney Fletcher (junior) at #3 doubles.

Head Coach Lisa Lutchka led both our track teams again this season. The boys finished third in the GLAC, and the girls finished fifth. One highlight of the season was having sophomores Grant Weber (pole vault) and Hali Kailing (high jump) qualify for the state track meet at Jenison. The teams also had the following athletes earn all-conference status:

- **First team, shot put:** Joe Corts (senior), Kalex Dodge (sophomore)
- **Second team, discus:** Corts, Dodge
- **Second team, high jump:** Kailing
- **Second team, 4 X 800 meter relay:** Jackson Arkles (junior), Jackson Casper (junior), Gavin Weber (sophomore), Luke Lasky (senior)
- **Honorable mention, 4 X 100 meter relay:** Nathan Davis (sophomore), Grant Weber (sophomore), Jacob Kitchin-Banghart (freshman), Connor Dubose (freshman)
- **Honorable mention, 4 X 200 meter relay:** Davis, Kitchin-Banghart, Connor Dubose (freshman), Nolan Frohriep (sophomore)

The girls softball team, under the leadership of second-year coach Rich Bradford, improved dramatically throughout the season. They finished the season 7-20 overall and 4-11 in the GLAC. Earning accolades this year included:

- **First team:** Amiah Vickers (senior)
- **Second team:** Tommi Fedewa (sophomore)
- **Honorable mention:** Sarah Wilkinson (sophomore)

Rebuilding was the key word for this year's baseball team after graduating most of its players last year. The boys finished 5-24 overall, while posting a 3-15 GLAC league mark. Receiving all-conference honors this spring included:

- **First team:** Anthony Smieska (senior)
- **Second team:** Garrett McQuirt (senior)



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MEET UP 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.

**Lunch will be available Tuesday thru Thursday
from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Dates of service are June 11 – July 18.

(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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

LHS Snacks for Success Program

Studies have shown students learn better when they are not hungry. So, in order to focus on the whole child and to encourage an even more productive learning environment, Leslie High School has been offering snacks to our students two times per day. Our snack program is part of our partnership with the Weekday Survival Snacks program and the Greater Lansing Food Bank. This program, which evolved from the Weekend Survival Kits program, provides a box of nutritious snacks to our school on a monthly basis. While this program is reaching many of our students each day, we have found that the demand from students has been very high and we are struggling to keep our snack cart stocked.

In order to meet demand and maintain our Snacks for Success program, we are looking for community partners. If you are interested in contributing to our program, you may purchase snacks from our Amazon Wish List (Snacks for Success) using the following URL: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/344DYH3QJXCO4?ref_=wl_share. Snacks purchased from that list will be sent directly to the school. Donations of non-perishable snacks may also be dropped off in the main office at the high school. Thank you for your help and support as we strive to provide our students with the best education possible.