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Bulletin

LCS Staff News



LCS Food Service Among State's Best

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What we already knew was confirmed last month when a representative from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) visited the Administration & Services Center: **Our food service staff is incredible!**

We are honored to be among five school districts in the state to be recognized by MDE and the United States Department of Agriculture for our fabulous summer food program.

The Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) *Turnip the Beet Award*, recognizes outstanding SFSP sponsors across Michigan who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months.

Our staff has worked incredibly hard to make our food service programs top notch, and it shows.

Congratulations to our food service staff under the direction of Joanne VanHouten!



Preliminary Timeline

LCS 2022 SCHOOL BOND

PROJECTS	2023				2024				2025				2026			
	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Safety + Security (Includ. Schickler Reno)	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN											
CFI Demo + Renovations	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN											
Elementary Multi-Purpose Additions	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN											
Elementary HVAC Renovations		DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN											
High School Classroom Additions		DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN											
High School Auditorium Renovations					DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN							
High School + Middle School Renovations					DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN							
Asphalt + Concrete Paving										DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN
Bus Garage Renovations										DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN
District Wide Roof Replace										DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN	DESIGN

DESIGN

PROCUREMENT

CONSTRUCTION



Bond Update: July 2023

One of the first major bond projects that you will notice is at the Center for Innovation - West Campus. As most of you know, this is a very old, large and inefficient facility that requires far more TLC than we have funds to provide. With that in mind, we created a plan to demolish approximately half of the current facility (north and northeast sections). This will save the District operational dollars now and into the future, while focusing resources on the areas of the building which remain viable to our academic and athletic programming.

Thus far, district staff, in cooperation with Barton Malow and its partner organizations, have been preparing the site for demolition. It may seem counter-intuitive, but most of the time, energy and resources involved in a demolition are spent long before the first wall comes down.

“This is a process that requires a lot of time on the front end,” said Brian Badder, LCS Director of Operations. “There’s site work related to utilities, asbestos abatement and a lot of heavy lifting from room to room.”

If all goes well, demolition of the site will be completed in early fall. There are additional bond dollars earmarked for facade improvements on the west-facing portion of the facility.

Questions? Contact Jared Field, Director of Communications, at Jared.Field@Lapeerschools.org.



Kellie Johnson

“Kellie is an absolute superstar. Any teacher that can get my son to love reading and writing during his first year at RW, when he has hated these subjects most of his elementary career, is AMAZING. Kellie is one the most caring and compassionate middle school teachers you’ll ever meet. She goes out of her way to provide support for all of her students. Kellie always has her student’s best interest in mind as she goes above and beyond to ensure that they receive the best education that she can provide.

Kellie will be greatly missed by my family, as my son is moving onto Zemmer next year. However, the positive impact she has on him the past two years will stay with him forever. Kellie has been nothing short of an amazing teacher. Just thought you should know!”



Operations Department

Last month, the District’s Operations Department got together for an end-of-year luncheon at the Skinner Lake Outdoor Education Campus. This is a great group of people who keep our buildings clean, safe and open to more than 4,000 young people every school day. Thank you so much for all your hard work!

Do you know someone on our staff deserving of recognition?

Recognition isn't just about noticing the big events, it is about recognizing the small things along the way that have a big impact. When you send a submission, please name the employee, share specific info about what they did and why it was important to you. If possible, please send a photo.

Please submit your own staff shoutout to [Jared Field](#) prior to the 20th of each month.

Notes from Central Office



Do you know someone looking for a new gig? LCS has numerous openings for coaches, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, paraprofessionals, teachers, support staff and more!

If you know someone who is interested, please send them to Applitrack via this link: [LCS Job Openings](#)

Green Themes

with Outdoor Ed Coordinator Beth Rupprecht

Did you know about our environmentally-friendly logging program at Skinner Lake? Over the last several months, we have been thinning out the pine and aspen trees on the property. This is part of a comprehensive forest stewardship plan that will ultimately result in a much healthier forest.



We are so fortunate to have found someone who can do the work necessary in the most discrete manner possible —our logger actually uses a team of horses! Stop on out and see the results!

For more info, contact Beth Rupprecht @Beth.Rupprecht@Lapeerschools.org

Welcome Kim Brown!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Operations Secretary Kim Brown! You might recognize Kim, as she was most recently an instructional paraprofessional at Lapeer High School. She has been employed by the District since 2016.

Kim will replace Patti Sills, who is moving to a new position outside the District this month. Best of luck to Patti and welcome to ASC, Kim!



LESP Member of the Month

Congratulations to the LESP Members of the Month for the 2022-23 School Year!

Members of the Month

- **May:** Carmen Brown - Rolland-Warner
- **April:** Holly Peralta - Maple Grove
- **March:** Michelle Alvis - A&SC
- **February:** Shayna Raymond - Turrill
- **January:** Tammy Creason - A&SC
- **December:** Kandace Barry - Lynch
- **November:** Crystal Wilson - Lynch
- **October:** Sanya Johnson - Turrill

Thank You!!

Reminder: Email Notices

If you will not be checking your email over summer, please set up an out-of-office notice on Gmail using these steps:

1. While Gmail is open, click the settings icon (on top right side of page).
2. Select "See All Settings" at top of page.
3. Scroll to bottom of page to "Vacation Responder" and turn on.
4. Follow instructions under Vacation Responder to set message and length of time for message. Provide an alternate to contact in your absence.

LAPEER COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

WELCOME TO MURPHY ELEMENTARY

Stacey R. Webber

Stacey Webber, the new head principal at Murphy Elementary, has many years of experience as a teacher, assistant principal and, most recently, head principal at G.T. Norman Elementary in Reed City (MI). She has earned multiple degrees in education including an Ed Specialist degree from Oakland University.

She will begin in her new position on July 3. Welcome to Lapeer, Stacey!



LHS Dean and head football coach Mike Smith, left, pictured with his wife, Lila, Senator Kevin Daley and Karen Rowden at the MHSFCA Reception at ASC on June 25.

Congrats on Hall of Fame, Coach!

Class of 2023 Commencement!



Recipe of the Month

Greek Pasta Salad

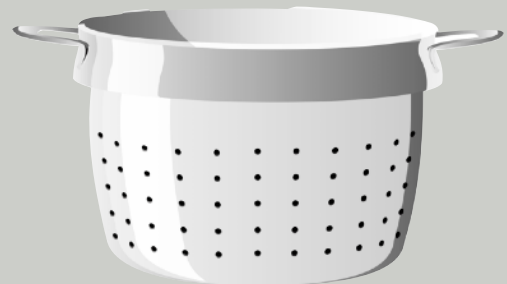
Compliments of Kristen Jeans, Payroll & Benefits

Ingredients

- 1 pound bowtie pasta (farfalle) OR Tortellini (any pasta works!)
- 1/2 English cucumber, thinly sliced into half moons (2 cups)
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 large shallot, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Greek dressing
- 3/4 cup Kalamata olives, sliced in half (optional)
- 1 cup feta cheese crumbles
- Fresh ground black pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. Start a large pot of well-salted water to boil. Boil the pasta until al dente according to the package instructions. Drain the pasta, then let cool.
2. Meanwhile, slice the cucumber and tomatoes, dice the bell pepper and thinly slice the shallot.
3. Once the pasta is done, add dressing and toss with the chopped vegetables. Add the olives, feta cheese and fresh ground black pepper and stir to combine. Taste and add more salt to taste if necessary. Serve immediately. Stores up to 5 days refrigerated.



Attention Foodies!

If you would like to submit your favorite recipe for submission in this space, please send it to Jared at Jared.Field@Lapeerschools.org. Make sure you send it before the 20th of the month for submission.

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At MESSA, your health and well-being are our top priority. That's why we're reaching out to encourage you to take full advantage of your preventive care benefits, especially when it comes to cancer screenings. MESSA offers 100% coverage for cancer screenings when you visit an in-network provider – so you can get the care you need without worrying about the cost.

We want to stress the importance of making routine cancer screenings a part of your preventive care. So, don't hesitate to schedule your colonoscopy, mammogram or prostate exam today.

MESSA is here for you

In addition to cancer screenings, MESSA covers preventive care free of charge for members and covered dependents when you go to an in-network provider, **including:**

- One annual physical per calendar year.
- Up to two gynecological exams.
- A long list of immunizations and vaccinations including COVID-19; flu; pneumonia; tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap); tetanus and diphtheria (Td); measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); and zoster (shingles).

Some age restrictions may apply. We have the resources. Please put them to work for you.

Questions about MESSA Benefits?

If you have questions about your MESSA benefits, you can call MESSA's East Lansing-based Member Service Center at 800-336-0013. MESSA also offers online chat for members and dependents; learn more at messa.org/

Member service representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ask Emma!

Sometimes employees need a little help figuring out which MESSA plan is right for them. Ask Emma, an animated virtual assistant, can help and recommend a medical plan that fits the employee best, right now.

Ask Emma:

- Analyzes the employee's medical claims and demographic data.
- Calculates an out-of-pocket estimate based on plan deductible, copayments, coinsurance, etc.
- Provides a final plan recommendation based on which plan features the lowest estimated out-of-pocket costs while meeting the health needs of the employee and their family.

Ask Emma works in conjunction with your online benefits website. Contact MESSA's benefits administration team to get started; email or call 888-888-4167, ext. 5517.



Make sure to check out the [District's Flickr Page](#) for photos from the Employee Awards Program.



LAPEER WRESTLING ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$80
INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF
GOLF, CART, HOT DOG AT
THE TURN AND LUNCHEON



AUGUST 5
@ 9 A.M.
CASTLE CREEK
5191 LUM RD.,
ATTICA

Sponsorships

- ✦ **GOLD SPONSOR: \$750**
INCLUDES LARGE BANNER AT REGISTRATION
TABLE + FOURSOME
- ✦ **GOLF CART SPONSOR: \$300**
INCLUDES PRINTED NAME/LOGO ON ALL CARTS
- ✦ **BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR: \$200**
INCLUDES LARGE SIGN WITH NAME/LOGO ON
BEVERAGE CART
- ✦ **HOLE SPONSOR: \$100**
INCLUDES LOGO ON A SIGN AT A HOLE

Contests

- ✦ LOWEST SCORE - 4-PERSON TEAMS
- ✦ LONGEST DRIVE
- ✦ CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- ✦ LONGEST PUTT

CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO LAPEER WRESTLING.
FOR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT JOE WOOD AT
JOSEPH.WOOD@LAPEERSCHOOLS.ORG
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LAPEER WRESTLING

SUMMER IDEAS ~ Lapeer County & Surrounding Areas

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ALMONT

- **Almont Community Park**
290 Water St.

ATTICA

- **Attica Township Park**
4350 Peppermill Rd.

CLIFFORD

- **Clifford Community Park**
9530 Main St.

DRYDEN

- **General Squier Memorial Park**
4725 S. Mill Rd.
Hours: 9am-8pm

NORTH BRANCH

- **North Branch Memorial Park**
4295 Huron St.

IMLAY CITY

- **Imlay City Township Park**
Sprinkler Park - FREE
682 N. Fairgrounds Rd.
Hours: 9am-8pm

- **Lamb Steele Park**
Behind City Hall
Dusk to Dawn

- **Lion's Park**
Blacks Corner Rd.
Dusk to Dawn

- **Old School Park**
Fifth St. & Bancroft
Dusk to Dawn

- **Rotary Park**
East First St.
Dusk to Dawn

LAPEER

- **Annrook Park**
Saginaw & Court Streets
- **Audubon Park**
398 Dove Lane
- **Crampton Park**
E. Genesee St. & M-24
- **Lapeer Township Park**
1500 Morris Rd.
- **Perkins Park**
Oregon & Lincoln Streets
- **Rotary Park**
101 E. Nepeessing St.
- **Rowden Park**
M-24 - across from McLaren
- **Torzewski County Park**
2051 Pero Lake Rd.
Hours: 9am-8pm

LOCAL PARKS

NATURE WALKS & TRAILS

DRYDEN

- **Seven Ponds Nature Center**
3854 Crawford Rd.
(810) 796-3200
Hours: 9am-5pm
Cost: \$3 - ages 12 & up

IMLAY CITY

- **Butterfly Garden**
W. 3rd St.
- **Polly Ann Trail**
W. Fourth St.
- **Veterans Park**
Between Cheney & Titus Streets

LAPEER

- **Oakdale Trails**
Behind Mott/Chatfield
Demille & M-21
- **Rowden Park**
M-24 - across from McLaren

METAMORA

- **Metamora/Hadley Recreation Area**
3871 Herd Rd., Metamora
(810) 797-4439
Hours: 8am-10pm
Cost: Recreation Pass Required
(May purchase there for \$18)

DAVISON

- **Lake Callis Recreation Area**
1152 N. Gale Rd.
(810) 214-1810
Hours: 9am-9pm
Cost: Varies. Call for rates.

DRYDEN

- **General Squier Memorial Park (Waterpark)**
4725 S. Mill Rd.
(810) 245-4794
Hours: 9am-8pm
Cost: \$10 - 46" and over
\$8 - under 46" and spectators
\$70 - 10 visit pass

IMLAY CITY

- **Alvin Norlin Memorial Pool & Splash Pad**
387 E. 3rd St.
(810) 724-7665
Cost: \$4 per person - mornings & evenings
\$5 per person - afternoons
\$1 - children 3 & under
- **Imlay City Township Park (Splash Pad)**
682 N. Fairgrounds Rd.
Hours: 9am-8pm
Cost: FREE

LAPEER

- **Lapeer Recreation Center (Indoor pool & outdoor splash pad)**
880 S. Saginaw St.
(810) 664-4431
Call for times & cost.
- **Torzewski County Park (Waterpark)**
2051 Pero Lake Rd.
(810) 245-4794
Hours: 9am-8pm
Cost: \$10 - 46" and over
\$8 - under 46" and spectators
\$70 - 10 visit pass

METAMORA

- **Metamora/Hadley Recreation Area (Beach)**
3871 Herd Rd., Metamora
(810) 797-4439
Hours: 8am-10pm
Cost: Recreation Pass Required
(May purchase there for \$18)

BEACHES, POOLS, SPLASH PADS & WATERPARKS

ANIMALS

ALMONT

- **VC Farm & Fiber (Alpaca)**
4444 Kidder Rd.
(586) 531-3308
April-June: T & TH 4:30-7pm
Sat 12-3pm
July-August: T 4-8pm
Sat 12-4pm
Farm Visit Friday Events: 11am-1pm

BIRCH RUN

- **Wilderness Trails Zoo**
11721 Gera Rd.
(989) 624-6177
Seasonal Hours: 10am-6pm daily
Cost: \$14 kids, \$16 adults

OXFORD

- **Upland Hills**
481 Lake George Rd.
(248) 628-1611
Summer Sundays - 5/28, 6/25,
7/30 & 8/27 12-5pm
Cost: \$9 per person, under 2 free
Pony Rides - \$2 per person



Would you like to receive a monthly email with family-friendly events happening in Lapeer County and the surrounding areas? Call, email or scan the QR Code.

Anita Kaeding ~ (810) 245-3994 ~ akaeding@lapeerisd.org

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