

Lakeview Middle School Newsletter Second Semester Edition January – March, 2008

School Report Card

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the State of Texas 2006-2007 School Report Card for Lakeview Middle School. This is a report required by the Texas Legislature and prepared by the Texas Education Agency. It is to be sent to the parent or guardian of every child enrolled in the public schools. The report provides information concerning student performance as well as information concerning expenditures, average class size, and student/teacher ratios.

State law requires that the information be provided for the state, the district, the school, and a group of schools similar to our school. Where possible, the information must be reported by ethnicity and socio-economic status of the students and must include at least two years of results. State law also requires each campus to set a time for a public meeting to discuss the contents of the School Report Card. Lakeview's meeting will take place on Monday, January 28 at 7:00 in the school library.

If you have any questions or concerns about this report, please contact the principal.

Football Team Plays for District Championship

[The football season ended just days after the last newsletter deadline in November.]

The 8th grade A team was truly that, "The A Team". While the offense had no Hannibal, Murdock or B. A. Baracus, there was Boyd (Daniel), March (Cody), and Thomas (Gerald) that all contributed to a dynamic offense. The offensive line was HUGE with DeMarcus Henderson, Kitrick Taylor, and Jonathan Gill. The first big accomplishment of the season was a victory over Griffin (22-6) that allowed the team to retain the coveted Cougar Bowl Trophy. That was just the beginning, however. The A team finished the year with an outstanding record of 7-2 with both losses coming at the hands of Arbor

Creek, the last one being 6-0 in the District Championship game at Goldsmith Stadium.

While there were some wonderful highlight reel plays on the offensive side of the ball, the defense was really turning heads with the most physical group of middle school football players in the area. Geo Chan led a defense that allowed only one team to score more than 12 points. Josh Tristan, Antoine Burrell, Nate Fox, DeMarcus Henderson, Daniel Boyd, Cody March, and Gerald Thomas all got the immediate attention, and respect, of the opposing offenses.

The 8th grade B team finished the season with a record of 2-3-2. The biggest game of the season was the 8-0 victory over Griffin. The team was led on the offensive side of the ball by Tyler Winstead, Joey Alanis, Stefan Sommer, and Josh Jacobs. Defensive standouts were Jacobs, Chris Taylor, and Omar Saavedra.

The 7th grade team had some success this year with an offense that focused on running the ball. By the end of the year the team had 9 running plays and 12 passing plays that could be run out of six different formations. On defense the biggest improvements came in the area of pursuit and overall tackling. Once the boys became familiar with the offense and defense that are employed by The Colony High School the coaches were able to really see the fruits of their hard work.

The biggest win came against cross town rival, Griffin Middle School. The White Team started things out with a hard fought 14-12 victory. Quarterback Jared Wiseman anchored the steady offense with the help of Simon Chan. The defense was led by great linebacker play from Zach Wilcox. The key to victory was the extra point kicked by Saul Huerta. The Black Team extended the winning ways over Griffin rolling to a 37-0 victory. The offense was led by Troy Chandler, Luke Waddell, and Ben Hodson. The defense shut the Griffin offense out with a huge effort from the whole team. The White Team finished with a 3-4 record and the Black Team ended up 1-6.

Mr. Bleemel named Teacher of the Year

Rick Bleemel, 8th grade American History teacher, was selected as Lakeview Teacher of the Year in a vote by his peers. Dr. Nauman characterized Mr. Bleemel as a real leader on the campus and a teacher totally dedicated to his students. To learn more about Mr. Bleemel, he was asked to share some personal information for this newsletter article. Mr. Bleemel's response follows.

"I grew up in southern Indiana. I was lucky that I had parents who loved to travel. These travels likely started me down the path of an appreciation for Social Studies. In school I seemed to do best in Geography, History, and Government. It was in high school that I first formed the idea of a possible teaching career.

I was also involved in athletics, playing basketball and tennis. After graduation I attended Ball State University in Muncie where I received my teaching degree. Soon after graduation from college I landed my very first teaching job at Lakeview back in 1995. I later received my master's degree at the University of North Texas.

With the exception of one year of teaching high school in Tennessee, I have taught my entire career at Lakeview. Before my initial interview at Lakeview years ago, I had never been to Texas. I met my wife, Kelli at Lakeview when she was teaching science. We now have a four year old son, Rhet and we have grown to love Texas.

When I am not teaching I like to be on an adventure with my family. The mountain areas in Colorado and the remote corners of Texas are favorite spots. I enjoy kayaking the canyons in the Rio Grande and just sitting around a good campfire. I enjoy working around my house in Aubrey and am proud of a successful garden harvest this year. Lakeview Middle School has been a special place for me and I appreciate the staff and students that I have worked with over the past thirteen years."

Book Fair

The Lakeview PTA is sponsoring a Book Fair from Southwest Book Company in the Lakeview Library during the week of February 18 to February 22 from 8:25 am to 4:10 pm. Please remember to send money with your students so that they may purchase books. All students will have the opportunity to visit the Fair with their reading classes during that week. Parents are always welcome to shop, to visit, and to volunteer. Parents may also wish to plan on dropping by the book fair on the evening of open house, February 19. Brenna Mettler, who is the Fair chairperson, would welcome all volunteers. You may contact Sandi Gehrke, Lakeview librarian, if you cannot get in touch with her.

Science Olympiad Winners

During the last week in December, Pre-AP science students at Lakeview competed in a Science Olympiad. Competition was held at the grade level and involved three very different science challenges.

Sixth graders were given the task of building a Kinetic Car that would travel a straight track for distance after being accelerated down a ramp. Various constructions were used and most students experienced difficulty in keeping the car going straight within the boundary lines taped on the gym floor. First place went to Mary Robbins. Rachel Morgan finished second and Nadia Ledesma third.

Seventh graders were given the challenge of building a launcher that would shoot a Hershey's chocolate kiss three meters to a target. The odd shape of the launched item created shooting accuracy problems. Even so, Dillon Seal took first place honors with Caroline King finishing second and the team of Sydney Lawrence and Alexis Wise third.

The eighth grade task was to create a marble machine within certain construction dimensions. Once the marble begins its journey at the highest point on the tracks constructed, gravity and friction did the rest. The objective was to prolong the motion of the marble for as long as possible as gravity eventually brought the marble to the lowest level. First place honors went to Lensey Smotherman. Jay Minton and Jared

Pope teamed up for a second place finish. Christopher Taylor took third place.

Winners from the Lakeview contest will now compete at the district level.

Kappa Wins with a Rockin' Holiday

The Kappa team took best overall honors in the annual Holiday Halls competition with a Have a Rockin' Holiday display. The competition between the teams and departments was once again stiff as students and staff worked together to make the halls festive.

Other Holiday Halls awards went to the ESL program which was named the Most Traditional Display. The Delta team was awarded the Most Heartwarming with their Gingerbread Dream theme.

The Omega team was recognized as the Best Entry from the North Pole with their Omega Workshop decorations. The Beta team rounded out those recognized by being named the Best Christmas Dream award for their Native American based Catch Your Christmas Dream entry.

Seventh Grades Lead Holiday Food Drive Efforts

In December, the National Junior Honor Society and the Student Leaders teamed up to sponsor a holiday food drive. Each item brought in was credited with one point. The seventh grade rose to the challenge and brought in 698 of the 1,424 total items donated. All items collected were donated to the local charity, CCA. All seventh graders were rewarded for their efforts with an ice cream and drink treat in study hall on December 17.

Three Band Students Named All Region

On November 10 band students from Region 24 competed in the annual all-region band competition. Lakeview placed three students in this prestigious band. Those honored were Justus Cann on tuba, Bryson Riley on trumpet, and Victoria Cho on bassoon.

Gold Club Ice Skating Trip

On December 12 the weather outside was dreadful, but Gold Club students from Lakeview had a grand time ice skating inside around the world's tallest indoor Christmas tree at the Galleria. After an hour on the ice the group totaled several spills along with many tired skaters. After a lunch at McDonald's, the group returned to school.

The next Gold Club trip for those students qualifying from the third six weeks of school will be to Blue Sky Sports Center in The Colony where students will have an opportunity to play some indoor soccer and touch football.

Students qualify for the Gold Club by earning no grade lower than a 90 on their six weeks report card. Additionally, students may not have any disciplinary problems during that six weeks to qualify. Each six weeks Gold Club students are treated to a special field trip or event in recognition of their accomplishments.

Jonathan Saucedo Wins the Spelling Bee

An unusually large group turned out for this year's spelling bee competition. Jonathan Saucedo edged out fellow eighth grader, Kyle Eady for first place in the competition. Seventh grader Jenny Partin took third place.

In addition to the three winners, the following students were semi-finalists who qualified for the second day of the competition: Robert LeBlanc, Jonathan Hernandez, Julian Sonnier, Joseph Ward, Jay Minton, Nate Fox, Goeff Chan, Alex Marvin, Alyssa Ledesma, Alec Beckman, Blake Goddard, Eliana Guzman, and Jake Thornhill.

The spelling bee competition was coordinated by Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Hemlinger, and Mrs. Gehrke.

Basketball Teams Set for Last Weeks of the Season

Girls

With the season winding down, the 7th grade Lady Leopards continue to show improvement. The girls have worked on skills and drills all year and have done a great job carrying those ideals into game situations. Rebounding,

dribbling, defensive positioning, shooting technique and passing continue to be the focus of practices as well as offensive and defensive philosophies. Overall, the 3 teams combined have a record of 9 wins and 6 losses. However, their performance on the court is overshadowed by their improvement in the classroom. The girls have nearly 85% participation in Silver or Gold Club. These young ladies have worked hard all year and deserve success. "From the time we started in November until now, I don't even recognize some of them. Their skills have really improved and I attribute that to their hard work off the court and the effort they put in on their own time. I am proud to say I am the coach of these fine young ladies," said Coach Bogus. The members of the '07-'08 Lady Leopard include Sarah Wiseman, Tori Hawk, Shelbi Featherston, Haley Chapa, Kylie Covington, Terra Ellison, Sylvie Morrow, Alexis Wise, Tania Shakouri, Kailee Jones, Bayley McCawley, Caellyn Barree, Lyenne Garcia, Bryndis Grissom, Sydney Lawrence, Karissa Caldwell, Halie Vallot, Lyndsee Wallentine, Rosa Bueno, Madeline Jurek, Ryan Lucca, Julie Bellisonzi, Madison Dombkowski, Cassie Wilson, Mary Gillam, Nicole Ellard, Krystal Jacobs, Kaylee Cohen, Becca Galat, Sam Mendez, Ana Agreda, Raven Hardin, Courtney Hurteau and Emily Brown.

Half way through season the 8th grade Lady leopards A team is 4-1 and B team is 1-3. These girls work hard in practice running drills and learning plays. We are continually improving in game situations and developing the skills to be good high school athletes. These girls continue to strive to have equal success on the court as well as in the classroom. These Lady Leopards are A team: Megan Francisco, Taylor Waite, Melissa Gonzales, Stacey Koch, Rachel Neel, Dre Robinson, Dalia Fraire, Hannah Salmon and Aaliyah Hackshaw. B team: Jasmine Moore, Amanda Colegrove, Katie Piekarsky, Sam Shelton, Sam Stewart, Kelice Sanders, Lauren Hull, Jessica Hannah, Nicole Flores, Brittany Broumley, Natasha Hymes, Daniela Ruelas, Carolyn LeBlanc, Alyssa Ledesma. Managers are: Leticia Aguilar, MiMi Martin and Adrienne Curry.

Boys

The basketball season is young and the Boys Leopard Basketball program is transforming game by game. The 8th grade A has a record of 2-2 and is on a two game winning streak with big

wins against Delay and Killian. Lakeview has outscored its last two opponents by a total of 67 points. Antoine Burrell has played magnificently averaging 17.5 points a game and providing a dominant post presence. Yuhui Pang has also been a big contributor averaging 10 points a game. Daniel Boyd and Kendall Jones have done an excellent job defending and leading the offensive charge.

The 8th B team has a record of 2-2 after collecting wins against Huffines and Killian. Taylor Smalley is averaging 20 points a game in the last three contests while leading the team in steals. Josh Jacobs, Julian Sonnier, and Aaron Forrest have provided great post play. Bryson Riley is providing great ball handling skills and is averaging 7 points a game. The 8th grade plays on Thursday nights and have a home game January 24th at 5:30 and 6:30.

The 7th grade program is working to become a better force on the court. The A team has had great play from Alex Patti, Luke Waddell, and Jared Wiseman. Wiseman is averaging 11 points a game and providing solid rebounding performances. The B team has also had great guard play from Sailor Lowen who leads the offensive attack with 7 points a game. The team has also had brave post play by Reid Martin, Jacob Lewis, and Jessie Flores. The C team has played magnificently with big wins over Delay and Huffines outscoring the two teams 44 to 21. Josh Alvarez, Wyatt Johnson, Corey Gonzales, and Hayden Williams have performed well. Zach Peak, Brandon Luna, and Zach Wellman have performed great down low grabbing many rebounds. The 7th grade has three games left in the season with their last home game against Creek Valley on February 4. Come out and support Leopard Boys Basketball.

Cross Country Set to Begin

If it is the middle of winter, it must be time for middle school cross country. This year's teams have begun practice and are preparing for their first meet. The boys' team will be coached by Mr. Harter and the girls' team by Ms. Quintanilla.

The following is this year's cross country schedule:

January 22 at Five Star in The Colony

January 30 at Rosemeade in Carrollton
February 6 at Five Star in The Colony
February 13 at Rosemeade in Carrollton
February 20 – District championships at Lake Park in Lewisville



Valentine Dance Details

The Student Leaders will sponsor the annual Valentine Dance on February 23. This year's date is a week after Valentine's Day in order to avoid any conflicts with season ending basketball tournaments. The Valentine Dance, like all Lakeview social events is open to qualifying Lakeview students only. Admission is \$5.00 and the dance will be held from 7:30 to 10:00. This year's theme is "Once Upon a Dream".

The recommended attire for the Valentine Dance is "Sunday Best"; however all students must meet the school's dress code standards in order to attend. While the nicer Sunday Best attire is encouraged, students need to understand that many dressy or formal styles do not meet the school dress code standards. This means that any dress or top must meet the school's regular three inch wide shoulder strap requirement. Dresses or skirts must meet the thumb length standard as well and all tops must be long enough so that no stomach shows.

Students may choose to wear regular school clothes to the dance or they may choose to dress up to meet the Sunday Best recommendation. Lakeview is on record as opposed to the more elaborate outfits that are better left for high school formal events; however, students may exceed the Sunday Best recommendation provided the regular school dress code standards are met. Students will not be turned away in more formal attire provided these outfits meet the dress code standards.

In summary, students may wear regular school clothes to the dance provided they meet all regular dress code standards. Students may wear Sunday Best attire provided they meet all regular dress code standards. Students may wear formal evening outfits provided they meet the school's regular dress code standards. Students will not be admitted to the dance if their outfit does not meet the regular school dress code standards.

A photographer will be on hand to take pictures for those interested. Picture packet price information will be available in the office during the week of the dance. The royalty of the dance, as voted on by the student body, will be announced at approximately 9:00. As always, parents are welcome to attend any Lakeview dance or social.

LEF Grants Received

Stephanie Hall and Catherine Hampton were recent recipients of teacher grants from the Lewisville Education Foundation. Ms. Hall's grant of \$300 was awarded to meet expenses in the LEEP Outreach program that is coordinated through Texas Women's University. TWU staff members meet regularly with the eighth grade girl athletes in a program designed to enhance communication skills and improve on team building. This grant was provided by the Mertis Wright Lowry Grant and the LISD Employee Giving Campaign.

Mrs. Hampton's grant proposal was for the purchase of a basic skills program entitled, Versa Tiles. This multi-level program is designed for implementation in selected special education classes. The grant total of \$646.48 was funded by the Barrie Madole Madison Grant, CoServ, and the LISD Employee Giving Campaign.

This year the Foundation received 168 applications for grants and were able to fund 50 projects for a total of \$35,970.36. If you would like to find out more about the Lewisville Education Foundation, please call 972-353-4967.

NJHS Induction Scheduled

The Lakeview chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will induct new 7th and 8th graders on February 28. The ceremony will take place in the school's cafeteria and will begin at 7:00. The NJHS is sponsored by Mrs. Reilly and Mrs. Real.

UIL Teams Practicing for East Zone Competition

Lakeview's UIL academic teams are ready to defend their winning records in the upcoming competition on March 8 here at Lakeview. Returning coaches include Chris Nichols, Maps, Graphs and Charts, whose team members claimed seven medals, including first places for the sixth and eighth grade teams. In fact, Mr. Nichols' eighth grade team swept first, second and third places. This year, Coach Nichols' teams plan to garner top honors for all three of the teams. Coach Shain Clark, Oral Reading, will also return to add to a winning tradition resulting in seven medals last year, including two first places. Coach Linda Cheatwood's Science teams claimed first place in all three grades, and she is in the process of building another strong group of competitors. At this point, however, she is still recruiting for the sixth grade team, and as she says, "The students that I'm looking for just have to really love science." Kathleen Linch returns to coordinate the competition and to coach the Spelling, Dictionary Skills, and Impromptu Speaking teams. These teams were so successful last year that the seventh and eighth grade slots filled up quickly with returning students, who have the experience to be strong competition for the other schools this year.

New coaches this year are Julie Coskey, Calculator Skills, who competed herself in the event as a student and who knew that she would need the type of calculator that the event specifies for her teams to be successful. Thanks to Lakeview's Student Leaders, she has new calculators for her team, with which the students began practicing over the Winter Break. Other newcomers include Katie Anker, who will coach both the Mathematics and Number Sense teams, and DeeAnn Woolison, who will coach the Ready Writing team.

The UIL competition begins at 9 A.M. and ends with an awards ceremony in the gym around 4 P.M. Although parents may not be in the room where the competition takes place, our parents can enjoy spending time with their kids and the rest of the team as all of us here at Lakeview continue to take pride in our students and in our school.

State Testing Dates Coming Up

The second semester is filled with many formal testing dates. The following calendar is designed to help keep parents and students informed of these important dates.

February 12 – 8th grade practice TAKS reading test (campus decision)
March 5 – 7th grade TAKS writing test and 8th grade TAKS reading test (state required)
March 6 – 8th grade practice math test (campus decision)
March 26 – TELPAS on-line test for limited English proficient students (state required)
March 27 – 6th and 7th grade practice reading test (campus decision)
March 31 – 6th and 7th grade practice math test (campus decision)
April 7 – 8th grade LAT (linguistically accommodated test) math test (state required)
April 8 – 8th grade math test (state required)
April 10 – 8th grade practice science test (campus decision)
April 28 – 6th and 7th grade LAT math test (state required)
April 29 – 6th, 7th, and 8th LAT reading test (state required); and 6th and 7th grade TAKS math (state required)
April 30 – 6th and 7th grade TAKS reading (state required); and 8th grade TAKS reading retest for students who failed on March 4 (state required)
May 1 – 8th TAKS science (state required)
May 2 – 8th LAT science (state required); and 8th TAKS social studies (state required)
May 13 – 8th grade TAKS math retest for students who failed on April 8 (state required)
July 1 – 8th grade TAKS math retest for students who failed on May 13 (state required)
July 2 – 8th grade TAKS reading test for students who failed on April 30 (state required).

Texas Public Schools Week and Open House Date

Texas public schools week is scheduled for the week of March 3 – 7. Middle schools in LISD traditionally will host an open house on Tuesday of that week. This year the State has two middle school TAKS tests scheduled for the following day, March 5. Lakeview has made the decision to avoid scheduling a school event on the evening prior to a TAKS test so a new open house date has been selected. The spring open house will be held on Tuesday, February 19 from

7:00 to 8:30. The open house will be a come and go on your own schedule as opposed to the bell schedule style open house that was held in the fall.

Calendar

January

- 28 School report card meeting
- 28 7th girls basketball here
- 28 7th boys basketball at Ar. Creek
- 30 Cross country at Rosemeade
- 31 7th TAKS writing field test
- 31 8th girls basketball at Ar. Creek
- 31 8th boys basketball here

February

- 4 New gold and silver clubs
- 4 7th boys basketball here
- 6 Cross country at Five Star
- 7-9 8th girls district basketball tournament
- 7 8th boys basketball at Cr. Valley
- 8 7th-8th band dinner recital
- 9 Band solo and ensemble contest
- 11 Choir pre-UIL at Delay
- 11 LISD board meeting
- 11-12 Orchestra pre-UIL at TCHS
- 12 Progress reports
- 12 8th grade practice TAKS reading test
- 12 8th girls vs. staff basketball game
- 13 Cross country at Rosemeade
- 14-16 8th boys district basketball tournament
- 19 Gold club to Blue Sky

- 19 8th boys vs. staff basketball game
- 19 Open house, 7:00 – 8:30
- 20 District cross country championships
- 23 Valentine dance
- 28 NJHS induction
- 28 PTA Founder's Day
- 29 End of six weeks

March

- 1 TCHS band percussion concert
- 3-5 Choir UIL
- 5 8th TAKS reading test
- 5 7th TAKS writing test
- 6 8th TAKS math practice test
- 6 Track meet at TCHS
- 7 Report cards
- 7 7/8 band practice marathon
- 8 East zone UIL competition
- 10 LISD board meeting
- 11 Choir concert
- 11 Pre-UIL band at TCHS
- 12-13 Orchestra UIL
- 13 Spring school pictures
- 13 District geography bowl
- 13 Track meet at TCHS
- 17-21 Spring break