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Lakeview Middle School Newsletter March-April, 2008

NJHS Inducts New Members

On February 28, the Lakeview chapter of the National Junior Honor Society met for the purpose of inducting 43 new members. Students in 7th or 8th grade must meet Society standards in academics and citizenship to be considered for induction.

Current NJHS President, Adela Silva called the meeting to order and introduced special guest speaker, Luke Schornick. Luke is the Freshman Class President at The Colony High School and a former Lakeview student and NJHS member. Mr. Schornick spoke about his middle school experiences, the transition to high school and the importance of sustained academic achievement. Dr. Nauman followed Mr. Schornick's speech with a presentation on future challenges that will face the new inductees.

The following students joined in a group pledge at the end of the ceremony and became the newest members of the Lakeview National Junior Honor Society.

8th graders

Dillion Blackshare, Matthew Brown, Anne Ferrell, Jonathan Gill, Melissa Gonzales, Brittany Kellaway, and Nicholas Walker.

7th graders

Amanda Beatty, Emily Brown, Giancarlo Byrne, Karissa Caldwell, Christina Carlsen, Joanna Chen, Soohyun Cho, Austin Cooper, Kentaro Desper, Rebecca Galat, Mary Gillam, Zahra Haider, Alain Haldeman, Jasmyne Henry, Nicole Hoag, Saul Huerta, Kristal Jacobs, Shawn Johnson, Sydney Lawrence, Royce Mathews, Michael Neubert, Beining Niu, Chioma Nkwonta, Angeli Norng, Jennifer Partin, Michael Paul, Andrew Rote, Michele Salazar, Tania Shakouri, Serena Singh, Alaina Spurr,

Brittney Waisner, Joseph Ward, Georgia Whitley, Alexis Wise, and Jared Wiseman.

The Lakeview chapter of NJHS is sponsored by Mrs. Jeannie Reilly and Mrs. Pam Real.

Cross Country Recap

Boys

This years Cross-country team filled the bus, 47 of 7th and 8th grade boys showed they wanted to improve their athletic skills and endurance by participating in the sport. The large participation of athletes showed in the first meet by scoring a second place finish in the Rosemeade Park meet by both the 7th and 8th grade. The next week each team again scored a second place at the T.C.H.S. meet. Our district meet came early this year and we placed many individuals in each race, 7th, Martin Merzaie 43, Saul Huerta 67, Jared Wiseman 86, Brandon Rojo 91, Saylor Lowen 92, Chance Thompson 97, and Jonathan Rodriguez, 98. The 8th places were, David Salazar 42, Alvaro Saavedra 58, Sebastian Alvarez 78, Nate Fox 79, Tim DeLaRosa 85, Chris Turton 88, Jesse Graciano 90. In the last meet of the year vs Griffin the 8th team scored first place and we had a individual winner by Cody Norris.

Girls

The girls cross country team had a great season and won three out of the four meets. At the district meet the 7th grade finished in 8th place (out of 15 district schools), and the 8th grade team finished in 6th place. The following girls represented Lakeview at the district meet. 7th Grade – Sydney Lawrence (23), Caellyn Barree (24), Shelly Reeves (55), Nicole Ellard (57), Georgia Whitley (69), Jennifer Labrada (76). 8th graders were Katy Pierkarsky (17), Taylor Waite (27), Adela Silva (37), Brittney Broumely (43), Melissa Gonzales (44), Carolyn LeBlanc (45), and Stacey Koch (48).

Basketball Seasons End with Staff Games

The 2007-2008 basketball seasons ended with the 8th grade teams facing off with a team made up of Lakeview staff members. On February 12 the women staff members got ahead early and held on to a close 12-8 victory over the 8th grade girls' team. Women staff members participating in the game were Mrs. Bedell, Mrs. Coskey,

Mrs. Foltermann, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Hemlinger, Mrs. Lammert, Ms. Morris, Mrs. Orr, and Ms. Quintanilla.

The 8th grade boys had their moments against the Lakeview staff team on February 19 before falling to the adults 36-26. The staff team was composed of Dr. Nauman, Mr. Bleemel, Mr. Burke, Mr. Cross, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harter, Mr. Mennsfield, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Skelton, and student teacher Mr. Murdock.

The games were held during study hall as part of a PTA fundraiser.

Expanding Horizons Conference

Bright and early on Saturday, February 16, a group of 14 girls and 1 teacher boarded a bus for Texas Women's University in Denton. The event that brought them together was the Expanding Your Horizons Conference. The conference consisted of a morning with 3 different sessions intending to introduce middle school girls to different kinds of careers that are based on science and math.

Lakeview students who attended the conference were Emily Casper, Andrea Duarte, Corina Duarte, Coral Escobar, Anne Ferrell, Leslie Ferrell, Lindsey Harding, Taylor Hepburn, Shelby Koenig, Shelby Low, Jessica Mansell, Darcy Nestman, Roo Yi, and Denise Zheng. The students were accompanied by 6th grade math teacher, Mrs. Ferrell.

Through the different sessions presenters from the various fields were represented: Mary Kay Cosmetics, Frito Lay, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Zoology, Archaeology, Engineering, Veterinary Medicine, Pediatric Medicine, Chiropractic Medicine, and others. Each girl learned a lot and had a great time even though they had to dodge a series of down pours in a day filled with thunderstorms.

Gold Club Events

The Gold Club members engaged in a series of indoor soccer and touch football games at Blue Sky Sports Center on February 19. Each six weeks students are named to the Gold Club by earning no grade lower than a 90 on their report card. Gold Club students are treated to a special

field trip or event during the next six weeks in recognition of their special achievement.

The next Gold Club event is scheduled for April 11 when the Gold Club students from the 4th six weeks will be invited to a picnic at Bill Allen Park in The Colony.

National Library Week

National Library Week is scheduled for April 14 – 18; however, the Lakeview Middle School Library is going to celebrate it during the week of April 21 – 25. (The Lakeview librarian will be attending the Texas Library Conference from April 16 – 18.) This year's theme is "JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE." This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of National Library Week. Theme-related bookmarks are available for all patrons.

Students and faculty may participate in several activities during the week. Drawings for FREE books will be held on a couple days. In addition, there will be special drawings for book bags. On Thursday patrons are encouraged to guess the number of candies in a jar.

During the entire week students who have overdue books can return them and pay NO fine. Students who have already accrued a fine can pay HALF of the fine and clear their records. Students who return their books on time during the week receive a Hershey kiss as a thank you.

Tuesday, April 15 is National Library Workers Day. Special thanks to library works Beth Doan, Cheryl Bjarke, Amy Thomas, Jennifer Noriega, Haven Rea, Tara Malay, Daniel Wilkinson, and Christian Cuartas for their volunteer service to the Lakeview Library.

Mrs. Gehrke encourages everyone—students, faculty, and parents—to participate in the week's activities.

Book Fair, a Huge Success

The PTA-sponsored Book Fair from Southwest Books was a very successful venture. The Fair ran from February 18 to February 22 during school hours and was also open from 7 – 8:30 pm during Open House on Tuesday evening.

Book Fair chairperson Brenna Mettler said that we did very well considering that we could not hold the Fair during Texas Public Schools Week.

Thank you to Mrs. Mettler and all the volunteers who “manned” the Book Fair. Thank you also to all the parents, teachers, and students who supported the Fair with their purchases.

Nurse’s Notes



Springtime in Texas brings itchy watery eyes and stuffy noses! We encourage our middle school students to learn life management skills. This includes taking care of allergy symptoms, head aches, menstrual pain and muscle aches from sports. LISD does not provide medications but the district does allow secondary students to carry their over the counter medications as long as they are in the ORIGINAL CONTAINER AND ARE ACCOMPANIED BY AN APPROPRIATE PARENT NOTE. Put your child’s name on the ORIGINAL container. Place container and a note, which includes your signature, child’s name, date, name of medication, how much and reason for taking medication, in a baggie to be kept in backpack or locker. Students are NOT allowed to share medication and may lose the privilege of carrying medication if they inappropriately use them or need supervision.



Teens Health .org recommends these tips to enjoy the great outdoors while protecting your skin and eyes from sun damage.

- Wear sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 every day, even on cloudy days and when you don't plan on spending much time outdoors. Wearing sunscreen every

day is essential because as much as 80% of sun exposure is incidental — the type you get from walking your dog or eating lunch outside. If you don't want to wear a pure sunscreen, try a moisturizer with sunscreen in it, but make sure you put on enough.

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays. Ideally, it should also be hypoallergenic and noncomedogenic so it doesn't cause a rash or clog your pores and give you acne.
- Apply sunscreen thickly and frequently. If you're not sure you're putting on enough, switch to one with a higher SPF. Regardless of the SPF, always reapply sunscreen after a couple of hours. Most broad-spectrum sunscreens are more effective at blocking UVB rays than UVA rays. So even if you don't get a sunburn, UVA rays could still be doing unseen damage to your skin.
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 to 3 hours and after swimming or sweating. In the direct sun, wear a sunscreen with a higher SPF, like SPF 30. While playing sports, use sunscreen that's waterproof and sweatproof.
- Take frequent breaks. The sun's rays are strongest between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. During those hours, take breaks to cool off indoors or in the shade for a while before heading out again.
- Wear a hat with a brim and sunglasses that provide almost 100% protection against ultraviolet radiation.
- You probably know that water is a major reflector of UV radiation — but so is snow. Snow skiing and other winter activities carry significant risk of sunburn, so always apply sunblock before hitting the slopes.



WEST NILE VIRUS ALERT

- Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Change the water in your pet's bowls and bird baths daily. Monitor your yards for standing water.

The CDC recommends the following to AVOID MOSQUITO BITES:

Apply insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin whenever you are outdoors.

- When possible, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors.
- Treating clothes with repellents containing permethrin or DEET will give extra protection, since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. DO NOT apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin.
- DO NOT spray repellent containing DEET on the skin under your clothing.
- The hours from dusk to dawn are peak mosquito biting times. Consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times—or take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing during evening and early morning.

For further information go to <http://www.cdc.gov>

Sherrie Breaux, RN

Valentine Royalty Crowned

The Student Leaders sponsored the annual Valentine Dance on February 23. This year's theme was Once Upon a Dream. Approximately 320 students were in attendance.

The King of the dance was Gerald Thomas and the Queen was Hannah Salmon. The other 8th

grade king candidates were Nick Ellingson and Nate Fox. Joining Queen Hannah in the 8th grade Royal Court were queen candidates Brittney Broumley and Amelia Martin.

The 7th grade Prince finalists were Troy Chandler, Steven Hedrington, and Luke Waddell. The 7th grade Princess candidates were Lyenne Garcia, Kailee Jones, and Georgia Whitley. Student voting earlier in the week chose Steven Hedrington and Kailee Jones as Prince and Princess of the dance.

The 6th grade Duke was Phillip Albracht. Phillip was joined by Quinn Holmes and Matthew Vander Velde as duke candidates. Taylor Pierce was selected as the 6th grade Duchess. The other duchess candidates were Guiliana Dimarco and Bonnie Utter.

Testing Schedule

State testing dominates the second semester schedule. Here are the testing dates still to come this spring:

March 26 – TELPAS reading (all LEP students)
March 27 – 6 and 7 practice reading test.
March 31 – 6 and 7 practice math test.
April 7 – 8 LAT math test.
April 8 – 8 TAKS math test.
April 28 – 6th and 7th LAT math test.
April 29 – 6-7-8 LAT reading test.
April 29 – 6 and 7 TAKS math test.
April 30 – 6 and 7 TAKS reading test.
April 30 – 8 TAKS reading retest (2nd try)
May 1 – 8 TAKS science test.
May 2 – 8 LAT science test.
May 2 – 8 TAKS social studies test.
May 13 – 8 TAKS math retest (2nd try)
July 1 – 8 TAKS math retest (3rd try)
July 2 – 8 TAKS reading retest (3rd try)

Track Schedule Set

The boys and girls track and field schedule has been set.

March 12 – at TCHS
March 27 – at TCHS
April 3 – at Marcus
April 10 – East Zone field events at HHS
April 11 – East Zone running events at TCHS
April 16 – Non-qualifier meet at TCHS
April 17 – District meet at FMHS

TCHS to Coordinate Transition to High School

On March 25, counselors from The Colony High School will be on campus to visit with Lakeview 8th graders in their science classes. Information about block scheduling and course selections will be covered. Later that evening at 6:30 TCHS will host an 8th grade parent night in the PAC. 8th grade parents are invited to attend to learn more about the transition to high school and to receive assistance on the registration process.

TCHS counselors will return to Lakeview on April 1st to pick up student course registration forms.

8th Grade Class Picture

The annual 8th grade group picture is scheduled for Friday, March 28. The Goldbeck Company from San Antonio will be on campus to take a special "panoramic" photo of this year's group. Price and ordering information will be provided at the time of the shoot and representatives from Goldbeck will return to campus during lunches on Monday, March 31 to deliver pictures to students who place orders.

Registrations for 2008-2009 Scheduled

Sixth grade students will meet on April 7 to receive registration forms for seventh grade. Seventh graders will receive their eighth grade forms the following day, on April 8. All registrations and course selections for the 2008-2009 school year are due to counselors by Friday, April 11.

Fifth graders who will be attending Lakeview next year will be invited to a special introductory glimpse of Lakeview on Monday, May 5. A 5th grade parent orientation is scheduled for the evening of May 6. Registrations and course selection forms will be given to students on the 5th and are due back to Lakeview on Friday, May 9 so that this information can be entered on the new district master scheduling software.

Pool Party!

The Student Leaders will sponsor the last social event of the school year with a pool party at the LISD Natatorium on Saturday, April 26. The event will begin at 7:30 and last until 10:00. The Natatorium is located at the corner of South Colony and Memorial, just a few blocks east of Hawaiian Falls.

As with any school sponsored social event, the pool party is for qualifying Lakeview students only. Admission is \$5.00 and a bag check area will be in operation. A DJ will be on hand with music and refreshments will be available for purchase. Students can enjoy the swimming and many are sure to want to participate in the limbo contest and the cannonball splash contest. As always, parents are welcome to attend any Lakeview social activity.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is just around the corner. May 5-9 is the time of year set aside to recognize the educators that make a difference daily in the lives of their students. The PTA has a variety of activities planned to show the Lakeview staff their appreciation. Parents are invited to join in the PTA activities, or consider their own method of letting the staff know that their hard work is valued.

Calendar

March

- 17 – 21 Spring break
- 24 No school, holiday
- 25 New Gold and Silver Clubs
- 25 TCHS counselors to visit 8th graders
- 25 8th parent night at TCHS, 6:30
- 26 TELPAS on-line test for LEP students
- 27 6-7 practice reading test
- 27 Track meet at TCHS
- 28 8th group picture
- 31 6-7 practice math test

April

- 1 Progress reports
- 1 9th grade registrations collected
- 1-4 Band UIL contests
- 3 Boys choir concert
- 3 Track meet at MHS

5 Choir solo and ensemble contest
7 8 LAT math test
7 6th grade registration meeting
8 8 TAKS math test
8 7th grade registration meeting
9 Free to Be assembly
10 East zone field events, HHS
11 Gold club picnic
11 East zone running events, TCHS
11 All 7th and 8th registrations due
12 LISD Super Teacher Job Fair
12 Wind ensemble to Peak Music Festival
12 Orchestra fundraiser Coke delivery
14-18 National library week
14 LISD board meeting
16 Non-qualifier track at TCHS
17 District track at FMHS
18 End of 6 weeks

18 Beginning band practice marathon
19 Orchestra solo and ensemble contest
19 LISD PTA Council vendor fair
26 Pool party, 7:30 – 10:00
28 6,7 LAT math test
29 6-7-8 LAT reading test
29 6-7 TAKS math test
30 6-7 TAKS reading test
30 8 TAKS reading retest

May

1 8 TAKS science test
2 8 LAT science test
2 8 TAKS social studies test
5-9 Teacher appreciation week

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