



# BULLDOG BUZZ



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to our first issue of the Bulldog Buzz! After an unprecedented year full of virtual meetings, quarantines, and mask mandates, we wanted to connect with our Lakeview community and share some of the great things happening in our schools. While a lot of our school traditions have been put aside due to COVID restrictions, our students and staff have found ways to fill some of the gaps. We've watched events and performances that have been recorded or live streamed when audiences were out of the question or reduced, and we've even enjoyed a parade or two when we just needed to see each other. Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to learn about the programs and technology required to provide our students with the best online instruction. We continue to seek innovative ways to safely provide opportunities to connect with our families in particular and with our greater community in general. Our district is excited to be back in the "Green" phase of our school reopening plan. We, like you, look forward to the day when we can say we are living in a post-pandemic world. In the meantime, we will remember the words of Joshua J. Marine, "Challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." Here's to celebrating every hurdle we face for the meaning it adds to our lives. Be well and stay safe!



## MARGIE PETRUNIA EXTENDS HELPING HAND TO SCHOOL FAMILIES

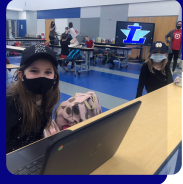
Margie Petrunia is a familiar face around Lakeview Local Schools. You may know her as an aide at the K-8 building, however, some of her greatest work is through giving back to school families and the Lakeview community. Each school year, Mrs. Petrunia spends time organizing and setting up events to make sure Lakeview families have food or gifts for the holidays. This school year, Mrs. Petrunia organized a food distribution for Christmas and Easter. Mrs. Petrunia and our entire school district are appreciative of the Lakeview community members, businesses and churches who have stepped up to offer donations that make the distributions possible. Our staff members always pull together to assist Mrs. Petrunia in organizing these impactful events. Mrs. Petrunia works hard to provide a positive light in what has been a challenging year.



## APOSTOLAKIS HONDA PAYS OFF STUDENT LUNCH DEBT

Recently, Apostolakis Honda donated nearly \$1,500 to Lakeview Local Schools to pay for all overdrawn student lunch accounts. As we all know, the last year has been a trying time for all of our students, families, staff and community members. Our district sends its deepest gratitude to Mr. John Apostolakis (pictured left) and staff for the generosity and lending a helping hand to our school district. These acts of kindness make an immense difference for our students and school families. Mr. Apostolakis' daughter Arielle Russell is a teacher at Lakeview Middle School, she is proud of her father's contributions to the district. "One of my favorite qualities about my Dad is his generosity. He has taught me to be giving to those who need it and always be thankful for what I have. I am so proud that he has been such a support for the district that I work in" said Russell.

## Lakeview Elementary School



### ***Bulldog Blast Kicks off at Lakeview Elementary School***

Bulldog Blast kicked off at Lakeview Elementary School on March 1, 2021. The program provided all families with the opportunity to have their children stay for the entire school day and participate in a rotation of specials, science and social studies, and recess. Students participating in Bulldog Blast are also provided with a school lunch. The school district allocated funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund to compensate additional staff members for Bulldog Blast. Five long-term substitute teachers joined the LES staff to make this program possible. When the district transitions to the "Green" schedule these long-term substitutes will begin supporting our online learning program. We want to thank all of the staff members who assisted with the planning and implementation of Bulldog Blast. We are excited to offer this opportunity for our students as an intermediate step between our "Yellow" half-day schedule and the "Green" full-time schedule which we will transition to in the coming weeks.

## Lakeview Middle School



### ***8th Grade Student Jacinta Sutliff Qualifies for Regionals in Power of the Pen Program***

7th and 8th graders at Lakeview Middle School participated in the Power of the Pen program for the first time in many years. 7th and 8th grade ELA teacher, Mrs. Sydney Stein advised the club and took initiative to get students involved and writing. The building had two members that qualified for the district tournament, 7th grader Cheyenne Pistilli, and 8th grader Jacinta Sutliff. Sutliff went on from districts to qualify for the regional competition, results are pending at this time. Sutliff reported that her favorite prompt of the year was one in which she had to write about a character that was leading a double life. Her essay detailed the life of a young girl that had widespread popularity and many friends, but was struggling in other ways. The Power of the Pen aims to empower young people to find and develop a creative voice that is uniquely their own. The district wishes Sutliff luck in the regional round, may her ideas, dreams, and beliefs form the foundation of our community in the coming years.

## Lakeview High School



### ***National Honor Society Induction and Bowling Team Qualifies for State***

**NHS:** An historic group of Lakeview junior and senior students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Parents and administrators were in attendance to watch 44 students earn their NHS pins. Students were chosen based upon the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The NHS inductees show a great commitment to school and community.

**Bowling Team:** Lakeview High School's Bowling Team qualified for the OHSAA Tournament. The Bulldogs were dynamic as they advanced into the final rounds of the state tournament. They were narrowly defeated by the eventual state champions. Two bowlers, Connor and Charles Pawlosky, placed 11th and 15th as individuals. Congratulations on a great season!

**Activities:** The LHS Speech and Debate team is currently taking part in competitions, utilizing their invaluable skills. Recently, the team participated in the Rotary Four Way Speech Contest. Also, the LHS CCP Film and Literature students adapted short stories to film by producing movie trailers. Their films will premiere on the school's YouTube channel in the near future. Additionally, the LHS Entrepreneurship Club is working hard on their annual food drive contest. Classrooms compete in a contest style food drive that is both beneficial to the community and students.