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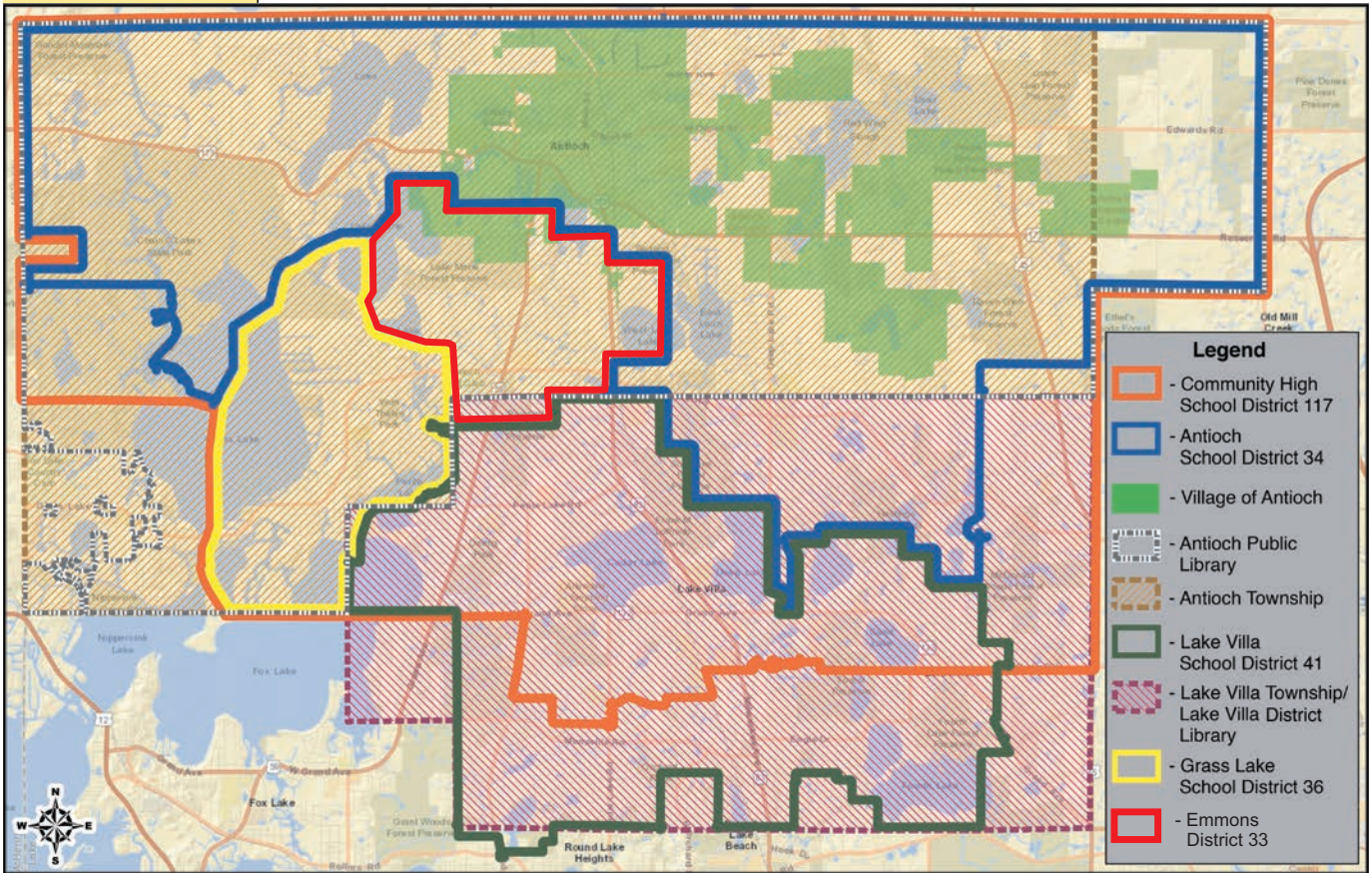


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Barbie's Birthday Bash March 9th

Saturday, March 9th Ladies - come dressed in your Barbie Best and join our Kickoff Party at (11:00 am) to celebrate Barbie's Birthday along with a Fashion Show (you are the Model), a Keepsake Barbie Bag, Games and a chance to win a Prize! Then enjoy an afternoon (Noon till 3 pm) filled with Barbie activities throughout downtown Antioch with your Barbie map! Must be 21+.

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Ears to You (GNO) April 18th

Thursday, April 18th, Ladies - are you a fan of the world's most famous Mouse? If so, grab your ears, if you like-dress the part and join us for Antioch's "Ears to You" Event. From 5:00-7:30 pm enjoy fun among participating shops and sign up to win raffles. Then come to the After Party which boasts pasta, salad, games and prizes! Must be 21+. Title Sponsor:

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Wizards Weekend Day Saturday, June 15th

All Ages: 4 Fun Magical Events in One Day!

- Kids School of Magic, Morning, Kids ages 7-13
- Magic Bands & Magical Moments, 10-4 pm, All Ages
- Wizard Pop Up Magical Crafters, 10-3 pm
- Wizard Grand Final at the Great Hall, 3-5 pm

• Wizard VIP Experiences - Your VIP Band unlocks Secret Magical Experiences

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From the desk of Superintendent Borowiak



Hillcrest Elementary School Spelling Bee winner Charlie Anglada and runner-up Aiden Nelson.



W.C. Petty Elementary School Spelling Bee winner Troy Schopf and runner-up Abby Lukas.



Oakland Elementary School Spelling Bee winner Callie Rout and runner-up Evie Osborne



Antioch Upper Grade School Spelling Bee winner Jonathan Becker

Showcasing Students' Talent

As the proud Superintendent of District 34, I get the privilege of witnessing the remarkable talents and achievements of our students across the district. Our young learners not only excel academically, but shine brightly in extracurricular activities, showcasing the diverse talents that make our schools vibrant and dynamic.

Recently, we celebrated the successes of our students in the spelling bees held at Antioch Upper Grade School, W.C. Petty Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School, and Oakland Elementary School. These events showcased our students' dedication, hard work, and academic excellence. Witnessing their confidence and determination was truly inspiring for everyone involved.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share our lineup of upcoming spring events that serve as a testament to our students' hard work throughout the year. This April, each of our buildings will host a Spring Showcase, an event that will highlight student work, projects, and activities from the school year. These showcases will offer a window into the creative and intellectual journey of our students, providing them with the platform to display their achievements.

It's concert season! We have a fantastic lineup of band, music, choir, and orchestra concerts scheduled. These performances are the culmination of our students' dedication to their musical crafts, and they promise to be enchanting evenings filled with captivating melodies and harmonies.

Last but certainly not least, we are thrilled to announce the annual D34 Art Crawl, set to take place on Saturday, May 4th throughout downtown Antioch. This event is a celebration of our arts and music programs, showcasing the incredible creativity and talents of our students that come to life in downtown Antioch. From stunning visual artworks featured in our local business windows to mesmerizing musical performances at the Bandshell, the D34 Art Crawl is an opportunity for our students to shine and for the community to witness the breadth and depth of talent within our schools.

We are incredibly proud of our school district and the achievements of our students. Their successes inside and outside the classroom are a reflection of their hard work, our dedicated staff's support, and the unwavering support of our community. We look forward to celebrating these talents together at our upcoming events and thank you for your continued support and involvement in our schools.

Sincerely,
Aron Borowiak
Superintendent





SERVICE WITH A SMILE AUGS Warrior Brew Bunch

During a typical morning at Antioch Upper Grade School, as the first bell rings, the students in Ms. Stetkus' and Mr. Dabrowski's classes are starting to settle in for the day. But this isn't a typical morning, it's Friday and that means it's Coffee Cart Day and the room is abuzz with excitement and preparation! On Fridays, the students in Ms. Stetkus' and Mr. Dabrowski's class transform into the Warrior Brew Bunch, brewing and delivering coffee, tea, and hot chocolate to the hardworking staff at AUGS.

Developed in coordination with D34 administration, the Warrior Brew Bunch coffee cart was created as an opportunity for students who have various learning differences to participate in a hands-on experience that will provide them with some of the skills necessary to enter the working world after graduation. These skills include safe food handling, sanitation, and customer service. This type of real-world working experience will not only teach students valuable skills, but it will also provide them a great sense of accomplishment, independence, and pride

in a job well done!

While helping to run the coffee cart, the students are involved in all aspects of the program: order preparation, brewing coffee, and cleaning up after all orders have been completed. Their favorite part is making deliveries and interacting with the staff who have ordered morning beverages. Once all the deliveries are complete, students help count the money that has been collected and calculate the day's profit. All money earned goes back into the program. Any tips collected will go towards a party at the end of the year in recognition of the students' hard work.

The Warrior Brew Bunch would like to thank The Latte Café & Bakery, Antioch Dunkin Donuts, Antioch Piggly Wiggly, the Burke Family, and all those who donated to our Donors Choose for their generous donations making it possible to get the coffee cart up and running. The Warrior Brew Crew continues to provide the hard-working staff at Antioch Upper Grade School with a cup of cheer at the end of the week!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Maryrose Dadvivas Shines in Lake County Art Contest

Maryrose Dadvivas, a talented student from Antioch Upper Grade School, has achieved remarkable success by placing second in the Lake County Treasurer's annual 6th-8th Grade Art Contest. This year's theme, "Now is the Time," inspired a myriad of creative entries from young artists across the county. Maryrose's exceptional artwork stood out for its creativity and artistic execution, showcasing not only her incredible talent but also the vibrant spirit of our school community. We are incredibly proud of Maryrose's accomplishment and congratulate her on this outstanding achievement.





HILLCREST ELEMENTARY'S STUDENT COUNCIL Leaders in Action

At Hillcrest Elementary School, leadership and community service are not just taught—they are lived experiences. Thanks to the dedication of our 4th and 5th grade Student Council members, co-sponsored by Mrs. Leitza and Mrs. Coulter, our school community thrives on the spirit of improvement and support. Selected through a thoughtful application process, these young leaders embody the virtues of service and represent the best of Hillcrest.

Our Student Council members are more than just representatives; they are role models who embody the spirit of community. Through bi-monthly meetings, they channel their creativity and commitment into tangible projects that enhance our school and extend our reach into the local community. From promoting the Character Word of the Month to organizing spirited weeks and celebrating special occasions, their efforts foster a vibrant, inclusive environment.

But their impact doesn't stop at the school gates. Driven by a desire to serve broader needs, they've successfully organized donation drives for local organizations like the Antioch Traveling Closet, Penny's Purpose, and Open Arms Mission. Their initiative to craft toys for pets in local shelters not only provided comfort to animals, but also underscored the importance of compassion and empathy.

A highlight of their journey this year was the volunteering event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). In December, Student Council members, along with their families, embraced the spirit of giving by dedicating their time over winter break to help combat child starvation. Their collective effort resulted in 119 packed boxes, translating to 25,704 meals and promis-

ing a brighter future for 70 children across the globe. This experience was not only fulfilling, but also fun, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose among all participants.

The reflections from our students post-volunteering reflect the profound impact of this experience. Andrew R. found joy in the act of saving lives with friends, while Lyla C. and Ellie K. relished the friendly competition and quality



time spent with peers. Kenzie O. valued the time with her family as much as the help they provided, and Taryn O. took pride in directly assisting those in need.

Through initiatives like these, the Hillcrest Elementary Student Council exemplifies the power of young people to make a difference. Their actions remind us of the ripple effect of kindness and the transformative power of community service. As we celebrate their achievements, we also look forward to the continued positive impact they will undoubtedly have on both our school and the wider community.

A Musical Journey with Joe George

Antioch Upper Grade School had the honor of hosting Joe George, a distinguished figure in the music industry, on Friday, December 8th. Joe George, renowned for his work as a songwriter, Emmy-nominated film composer, and engaging video host of the music YouTube channel REVERB, brought his expertise and passion for music directly to students. With a following of over two million views on YouTube, George's influence in the realm of music education and entertainment is undeniable, making this visit a highly anticipated event for our school community.

During his visit, Joe George conducted an interactive guitar workshop for the American Music History, Music Technology, and Acoustics classes, where he not only performed, but also shared his vast knowledge of music composition and technology. The highlight of the session was his demonstration of various guitar effect pedals, showcasing the incredible range of sounds and atmospheres that can be achieved with the right equipment. This hands-on demon-

stration allowed students to see firsthand the intersection of technology and creativity in music production.

More than just a technical showcase, Joe George opened a dialogue about the power music has to evoke emotions and feelings. Students engaged in thoughtful discussions on the emotional impact of music while gaining a deeper understanding of the role of music in expressing human experiences.

The visit from Joe George was not only a memorable experience for our students, but also an invaluable opportunity to gain insight into the professional world of music. As we strive to provide our students with diverse educational experiences, we are grateful for community members like Joe George, who are willing to share their time and talents. His visit has undoubtedly inspired our students to further explore their own musical interests and has greatly enriched our school's cultural environment, while fostering a greater appreciation for the power of music amongst students.



Oakland Celebrates Creativity at 4th Annual STEM Night

At Oakland Elementary School's 4th Annual STEM Night, students and families embarked on a creative journey filled with paper plate-themed engineering challenges. The gym buzzed with excitement and curiosity as teams worked together to conquer challenges such as airborne paper plates, creating dynamic paper plate baskets, engineering thrilling paper plate roller coasters, constructing towering paper plate towers, and creating plate transformations. The air was filled with laughter, collaboration, and the rustle of paper plates being transformed into engineering marvels.

STEM Night is a celebration of learning that encourages our students to think critically, solve problems creatively, and work collaboratively. It's an opportunity for families to engage with their children's education in a fun and hands-on environment, building memories that we hope will inspire our students for years to come.

Oakland's STEM Night was made possible by the incredible support from our Oakland community. The majority of supplies for these engaging projects were generously donated by our wonderful parents and the Oakland Eagles Boosters. Their contributions made the night possible and showcased the strong community spirit that supports our students' education and growth.



BUILDING CHARACTER & COMMUNITY

Family Meetings at W.C. Petty Elementary

Excitement fills the air each month as students from W.C. Petty eagerly gather with their designated families for a unique and heartwarming experience - Family Meetings. W.C. Petty has embraced a novel approach to fostering camaraderie and character development within the student body, and this enriching initiative is now being shared with the community.

The school is divided into three families. Each family consists of students from different grade levels, creating a melting pot of learning and shared experiences. During the monthly Family Meetings, students engage in small group discussions centered around a chosen character trait of the month.

These character traits, ranging from kindness and perseverance to respect and responsibility, provide an opportunity for students to explore values in depth. The meetings allow younger students to learn from their older peers and vice versa.



Spring Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 4 D34 Day
- 6 Antioch Upper Grade School and ACHS Orchestra Pops Concert
- 12 1st Grade Music Concert: W.C. Petty Elementary School
- 12 1st Grade Music Concert: Hillcrest
- 19 Regular Board Meeting
- 20 Jazz Night (Jazz Bands only)
- 21 Kindergarten Music Concert: Hillcrest, Oakland, & W.C. Petty Elementary Schools
- 25-29 No School: Spring Break

APRIL

- 1 School Resumes
- 4 Antioch Upper Grade School Spring Showcase
- 8 K-2 Spring Showcase: Hillcrest, Oakland, & W.C. Petty Elementary Schools
- 9 Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center Spring Showcase
- 11 3-5 Spring Showcase: Hillcrest, Oakland, & W.C. Petty Elementary Schools
- 16 Regular Board Meeting
- 18 4th & 5th Grade Orchestra/Band Concert
- 23 Kindergarten Registration at Hillcrest
- 24 Kindergarten Registration at Oakland
- 25 Kindergarten Registration at W.C. Petty
- 30 Hillcrest Elementary School Beginning Orchestra Concert

MAY

- 1 W.C. Petty Elementary School Beginning Orchestra Concert
- 2 Oakland Elementary School Beginning Orchestra Concert
- 4 D34 Art Crawl
- 8 Antioch Upper Grade School Orchestra Concert
- 9 Antioch Upper Grade School Bands & Jazz Bands Concert
- 15 Intermediate/Advanced Elementary Orchestra Concert
- 16 Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center Preschool Music Concert
- 21 Regular Board Meeting
- 27 No School: Memorial Day
- 31 Tentative Last Day of School

A highlight of each Family Meeting is the recognition of outstanding students who exemplify the previous month's character trait. The joy on their faces is palpable as parents, sworn to secrecy, surprise them by attending the meeting to celebrate their achievements. Adding an element of fun to these celebrations is the beloved mascot, Bobby the Bobcat. Award recipients get the chance to snap a photo with Bobby and receive an enthusiastic high-five, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

The spotlight shines not only on individual students, but also on entire classes. W.C. Petty acknowledges and applauds classes for demonstrating exceptional character during Specials classes and for maintaining tidy classrooms and showing respect for the school environment and custodial staff.

Beyond the recognition and awards, the creation of these school families has successfully fostered a stronger sense of community. The sight of students from different grades waving to each other in the hallways, sharing smiles, and forging connections is a testament to the success of this initiative. Students have a new sense of belonging and learn valuable life lessons from one another.



Emmons Celebrates 100 Days of School in Style

On February 1st, first grade teachers and students dressed in white wigs, pearl necklaces, and carried canes as they hobbled around the school. A sign that it must be the 100th day of school! Emmons School traditionally celebrates the fact that students are 100 days smarter with activities, decorations, and festive dress. The first grade theme of the day was “100 Years Old”. The students came dressed as their elderly selves. Kindergarten students had a 100 Day Fashion Show. Students came with 100 items glued to their clothing. In 5th grade, students dressed and participated in an 80s celebration in reference to the days left in the school year.

A wide variety of activities occurred such as creating computer generated age progression photos of each student and building a cookie structure made up of 100 cookies. The

one hundred day celebration activities were incorporated in academic areas such as counting to 100 using Fruit Loops grouped by tens. The 5th graders engaged in an 80s themed math escape room. Students also wrote about what they think they will do and eat when they are 100 years old. Even in art class, students mixed 100 different color variations.

The 100th day is a wonderful, made-up holiday that allows the students and teachers to acknowledge their hard work thus far in the school year. Throughout the celebration, students are reminded of how much they have learned since the beginning of the school year. Thus, it provides motivation for the rest of the school year and the upcoming IAR state testing days. Emmons students’ hard work shines through as Emmons earns an exemplary or commendable rating from the state each year.

Kindergarten Round-up: Paging All 5 Year Olds

Emmons is currently enrolling future Raiders! We are looking for all students who will turn 5 years old before September 1st, 2024 and reside within the district’s boundaries. If you have a child to enroll or questions, please call Jill at Emmons office, 847-395-1105. Kindergarten registration will take place from February 15-March 4th.





Highlighting Positive Character Builds Exceptional Culture

If you, or someone you know, has had the privilege of having a family member attend ACHS or LCHS, you are likely aware that what truly distinguishes our schools isn't the buildings, paperwork, or technology. It is the incredible staff and students that make our schools outstanding.

We are profoundly grateful for our positive and dedicated staff and students who consistently go above and beyond. They play a crucial role in making our schools not just places of learning, but nurturing environments where positivity and exceptional character are in constant focus. This dedication helps to foster a culture where positive behavior and achievements are celebrated, encouraging others to follow suit.

One way we keep exceptional character in focus is through regular, public recognitions of students and staff. You can stay updated on these remarkable stories of students and staff through our website, social media channels, and YouTube feeds, where we showcase these exceptional individuals monthly using the QR codes at the bottom of this page.

In addition to the individual recognitions, both schools conduct "spirit competitions" between student grade levels

and staff departments that culminate in tasty treats and obnoxious-ly large traveling trophies that are awarded to the graduating class or staff department that exhibits the most positive school spirit.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the leaders within our schools who plan and facilitate these intentional recognitions. Their efforts are instrumental in upholding the extraordinarily positive culture that characterizes both ACHS & LCHS! We think this positive spirit pervades in the culture of our two schools and hope that you feel it the next time we welcome you on campus for a school event, activity, or athletic competition!



Jeff Feucht, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Community High School District 117



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"You Make a Difference"
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Staff & Student of the
Month YouTube Feature

LCHS



"Eagle Pride" Student
Recognition Breakfast



Staff MVP & Travelling
Trophy



CAPITAL PROJECTS | CHSD117

Building Improvements Are On the Way

By Aryan Haren

Assistant Superintendent of School Business, CSBO

The time is fast approaching when you will start to see major projects starting around the D117 campuses. The various projects are part of a continued plan to provide safe and current facilities to our students, staff, and entire learning community. The Board of Education and D117 Administration work collaboratively to plan for continuous maintenance of our existing structures, as well as to provide excellent facilities.

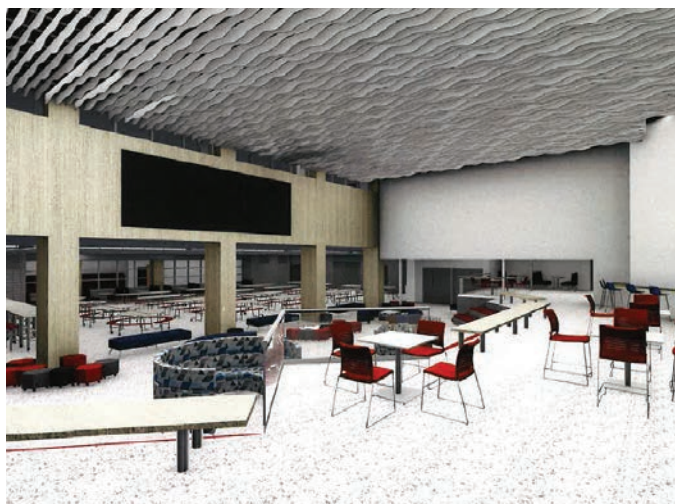
At Lakes Community High School, there will be an addition to the bleachers at Polley Field stadium. The bleachers will be added to the north end of the already existing seating. The new bleachers will provide 320 additional seats to the stadium capacity. In addition to the new seating, the Polley Field parking lot will undergo a complete renovation.

Antioch Community High School will also undergo some renovations this summer. The ACHS cafeteria will be expanded to the east to allow for all students to eat in one location. Currently, 9th and 10th grade students eat in the cafeteria and 11th and 12th grade students have lunch in the commons area. This expansion will reduce the food service areas, assist with security coverage and safety, allow for the commons area to be used for instructional purposes, and to

provide a space for both D117 and external organizations to host presentations and performances.

The community will also see ACHS roof work happening this summer. We will replace two roof top units (RTUs) that are at the end of their life cycle, as well as install a new RTU above the new cafeteria expansion. Other roof work includes the replacement of a large chiller that provides cooling to the entire north side of ACHS. Along with the cafeteria expansion, four bathrooms will be renovated. They include the bathrooms in the math and Social Studies/World Language hallways.

While you will see the start of the aforementioned work in the next few months, D117 has also established a 5-year facilities plan that includes the following categories: 1) learning environments, 2) supportive learning environments (offices, cafeteria), 3) athletics and activities, 4) technology, and 5) building envelope (roof work, concrete). Some of the capital projects encompassed in the 5-year plan include the replacement of all twelve RTUs and roof work at Lakes Community High School, the turf replacement and track resurfacing at the ACHS stadium, and baseball and softball improvements at both campuses' fields. These are just a few of the future capital projects in D117 and we will continue to work to improve our facilities while being financially responsible to our learning community.



DRIVING FOR EDUCATION | CHSD117

A Student Will Win a Car Every Year from Raymond Chevrolet Kia



Community High School District 117, in collaboration with Raymond Chevrolet Kia is thrilled to announce the launch of the “Driving for Education” initiative—a new program aimed at motivating students to excel academically and contribute positively to their community. With the generous support of Raymond Chevrolet Kia, this groundbreaking partnership will award a brand-new car to a deserving graduate who achieves cum laude recognition, beginning this spring.

The “Driving for Education” program is designed to inspire students to reach their highest potential in various facets of their high school journey as we pursue our new ‘D117 Portrait of a Graduate’. To be considered for the cum laude distinction and the car giveaway, students are required to:

- Exhibit academic dedication by earning 26 credits.
- Maintain a strong character with zero suspensions.
- Engage with their community through at least 40 hours of volunteer work.
- Achieve a high standard of excellence by securing 3 capstone credits.
- Demonstrate school spirit by participating in at least four extracurricular activities.

The much-anticipated car giveaway will take place this spring

at Raymond Chevrolet Kia where one exceptional student’s commitment to excellence will be celebrated with the keys to a new vehicle.

“We are beyond excited to partner with Raymond Chevrolet Kia for the ‘Driving for Education’ program. As part of our pursuit of our new ‘D117 Portrait of a Graduate’, this is an opportunity to honor our students’ accomplishments and support them as they ‘steer’ towards a bright future!” said Dr. Jeff Feucht, superintendent of Community High School District 117.

Mark Scarpelli from Raymond Chevrolet Kia, added, “We have been a strong supporter of District 117 for years as we believe in giving back to the community that has supported us. Rewarding a hardworking, deserving student with a new car is our way of driving home the message that education truly matters.”

A huge thank you is owed to Raymond Chevrolet Kia for their generosity and commitment to empowering the youth of our community. Together, we are fueling the journey of education!

For more information on the “Driving for Education” program and cum laude eligibility criteria, please contact Dr. Jeff Feucht, Superintendent of CHSD117.

STRATEGIC PLAN | CHSD117

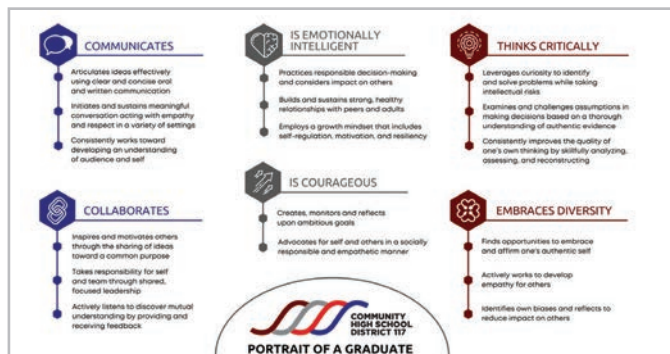
D117 Departments Focus on Portrait of a Graduate

By Karen Ritter

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

This year, D117 created a new Strategic Plan with goals to raise student achievement levels, but also to be intentional about making sure our graduates leave high school with six key traits that will help them navigate the world around them.

Some departments naturally teach these skills, but have committed to scaling up and expanding their curriculum to include more. For example, the Fine Arts and English Departments already teach high level “Communication” skills, but they are exploring where they can incorporate more skills, such as “Embraces Diversity” in the novels they read or the plays they rehearse to further allow students to examine diverse perspectives and develop empathy. World Languages explores different cultures and relates them back to students and their own identities, but a way they can scale up “Embraces Diversity” is to encourage students to identify their biases as they learn about things that are often stranger or foreign to them, and teach them ways to build bridges toward other cultures.



The Physical Education and Math Departments allow plenty of opportunity for students to “Be Courageous” by learning new activities that are outside of their comfort zone, but a way to improve upon that is to allow students to stand up for themselves and understand that mistakes are a natural part of learning.

We are helping students become adults who can live, work, and communicate in a global society.



Humans of Antioch Interviewees

STRATEGIC PLAN | CHSD117

Humans of Antioch Project Captures Stories from Our Community

By Karen Ritter

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

You may be familiar with *Humans of New York*, a series of interviews and photographs of the common people of New York and their remarkable stories. ACHS's Ms. Soberano's Intro to Journalism students took the idea of *Humans of New York*, and wrote vibrant and creative stories of a variety of inhabitants of Antioch in the *Humans of Antioch* project.

A couple of the students from the Intro to Journalism class, **Ashlyn Olson** and **Shawn Shaputis**, created projects titled *Humans in Love* and *Struggles of Athletics*, respectively. According to these Antioch students, this project was all about sharing people's stories and getting to know the town and school environment around us. It is about connecting people through what makes us all human.

Ashlyn and Shawn chose to interview a variety of people within the Antioch community, and the interviews were impromptu, rather than planned out. Ashlyn walked the school community in search of friendly faces. The most surprising part of the stories that Ashlyn wrote for *Humans in Love* was the way people spoke about their loved ones. When Ashlyn asked them about their first loves, they remembered them with such detail. Ashlyn said it was so amazing to hear stories from people about who they are in love with.

Shawn wrote about how athletics shapes the Antioch community. He chose people by finding athletes or coaches to interview, and asked them to dig deeper into the culture of a

variety of sports. Shawn himself is an athlete, but he learned about sports that he does not play, simply by talking to others who share a passion for athletics like himself. He learned that athletics and extracurricular activities in general shape the way people live and think in the future.

Ashlyn chose this theme, *Humans in Love*, because she thinks being in love is such a beautiful part of life. Exploring people's stories of their first loves and current loves was very appealing to Ashlyn.

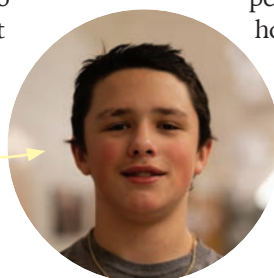
Ashlyn's project captures the spirit of Antioch, "because there is so much love here. Some people see our town as mundane and small, but it holds so much more value than that because of the people inside of it," says Ashlyn.

"It is so important to hear someone's story, because that is how people connect. Without telling our stories, nobody knows each other. We stay strangers until we share our stories. It brings a sense of connection and community to people who are bold enough to share their stories."

Shawn's reflection was that hearing people's stories "shows you how much you're missing everyday when you walk by a crowd of people. I think more people should be open to new people and experiences in their everyday life."

We are so glad that the people of Antioch shared their stories with Ashlyn and Shawn, and that they chose these themes for their projects.

Some of the other themes in the *Humans of Antioch* project include: *Dreams of Antioch*, *Worries of Antioch*, *Humans of Potential*, *Motivation*, and *Finding Humanity*.



Investing in Future Education

As we dive deeper into the spring semester and warmer temperatures, it brings us immense joy to highlight the outstanding achievements of our students and extend a warm invitation to an event that not only embodies our school spirit but also supports educational endeavors for our students and staff.

First and foremost, congratulations are in order to our talented students who have been making waves in post-season tournaments! As of this writing, our cheer (4th in state) and dance team (13th in the state) have showcased incredible dedication, skill and sportsmanship by representing ACHS in the IHSA State Competitions. Our ACHS Chess team competes amongst the best this weekend. All of our athletes and club members' hard work and passion have not gone unnoticed, and we applaud them for their outstanding performances! Sequoits are also members of the ILMEA All-State Choir and NLCC Honor Band. Be sure to check out details on the pages that highlight Sequoit sports and fine arts.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that 30 of our exceptional students have earned the prestigious title of Illinois State Scholar. This accomplishment is a testament to their academic excellence and places them among our state's top 10% of students. We are immensely proud of their dedication to their studies and commend them for their re-

markable achievements. There is a highlight article in this issue with more detail.

Furthermore, we invite the entire community to join us for a night of fun, camaraderie, and philanthropy at our Booster Club, Sequoit Pride's annual fundraiser, "The Main Event." This event, held on March 2nd, 2024, at the Lehmann Mansion, promises to be an evening to remember. You will have the opportunity to mingle with fellow community members, support our students, and contribute to raising thousands of dollars that directly benefit educational initiatives at Antioch Community High School. So mark your calendars for March 2nd at 6:00 pm, and join us as we come together to celebrate our students' achievements and invest in the future of education at ACHS.



Once a Sequoit, always a Sequoit,

Mike Berrie

Principal

Antioch Community High School



FINE ARTS | ACHS

ACHS Fine Arts Winter Update

The ACHS Fine Arts Program had a very busy Winter season. The music program combined for two huge events in December starting with our first annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast. The Antioch Performing Arts Boosters hosted the event which featured over 30 performances from ACHS students and special performances from Antioch Upper Grade students and staff. The event raised over \$7000 for the Fine Arts Programs at ACHS. The very next week the music department combined for their annual Winter Concerts. The Band, Choir, and Orchestra programs combined to put on an amazing show for two packed houses! In addition, ACHS had two students selected for the All-State Honors Choir: Marshall Gehrke and Reddy Heilig. This is an enormous accomplishment and represents the first time ACHS has had two members in this choir in the same year. ACHS Fine Arts has a busy 2nd semester preparing the D117 Art Show, the D117 Music Festival, the Spring Musical, and Spring Concerts.





Cheer Team



Girls Wrestling's
Londyn Lloyd

ATHLETICS | ACHS

Sequoits' Winter Athletic Powers Forward

Our Sequoits continue to carry on a tradition of excellence and resilience. As the calendar flipped from 2023 to 2024 the majority of our competitive winter teams are in mid-season.

Dance

At the end of January, our Sequoit Dance team set an amazing bar for the rest of our student-athletes to reach or exceed. These amazing young women led by Coach Sarah Owen and Coach Maggie Quirke mustered a top 5 sectional performance at Jacobs High School qualifying for state. On the heels of that performance, they dazzled the judges and earned a final rank of 13 in the IHSA Medium Division.

Cheerleading

Not a group that is often out-performed, our Cheerleaders personified their warrior spirit earning a Sectional Championship, also at Dundee-Crown. Coached by Amber and Tim Babin and led by two newly minted IHSCCO All-State athletes, Caile Painter and Zamora Rodriguez Caballero, the Sequoits continue to climb the challenging ladder toward perfection as they attacked the mat at the State Finals on Friday February 2nd earning a Day 2 opportunity. We're very proud of the Cheer squad who finished 4th in the IHSA Medium Division.

Wrestling

History was made on the wrestling mat this season! Freshman Londyn Lloyd became the very first female wrestler to qualify for the Illinois High School Association Sectional tournament. She had a tremendous showing at the Lake County Tournament, winning the county championship in her weight class. Joining Londyn as county champs are Edgar Albino Jr. and Gavin Hanrahan who took care of business on the boys side of the tournament. Antioch Community High School hosted the IHSA Boys Wrestling Class 2A Regional Tournament on Saturday February 3rd. Gavin Hanrahan (120), Edgar Albino Jr. (132), Ben Vasquez (165), and Owen Shea (215) all earned Regional Championships. Joining them as Sectional Qualifiers are Jacob Smith (106) Chase Nobiling (138) Colin Arquilla (190). Grayslake

Central is the site of the IHSA 2A Sectionals on Friday February 9th and Saturday February 10th.

Boys Basketball

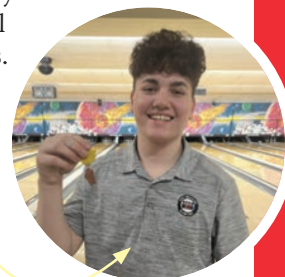
Boys Basketball has enjoyed an infusion of wins and excitement into the program. Our hoopers are vying for a top three NLCC placement (7-3) and look to build momentum heading into the IHSA Regionals on February 19th. Jr. Teddi Wetu recently broke the single-season steals record for ACHS with 53 with plenty of basketball left.

Girls Basketball

Sophomore Heidi Rathmann has been a scoring pacesetter for the Sequoits Girls Basketball team. They are currently in a heated conference race. Standout performers include Enza Nawrocki and Hailey Caya. The IHSA Girls Regional games begin February 12th.

Boys Bowling

Antioch Lanes became a little more crowded this winter with the addition of the District 117 Seagles Coop Boys Bowling. In their inaugural season, the Seagles led by Coach Kyle Baker competed against several opponents with long and storied programs. The learning experience will prove to be an excellent foundation for the future success of the program. Brayden Thornton stood out as the team's best bowler and qualified for sectionals, another historic first for the athletic department.



Girls Bowling

Girls Bowling at Antioch has been well established. This season the Sequoits enjoyed several terrific tournament finishes. Senior Ugne Aleksaite consistently earns top 5 finishes with her outstanding effort on the lanes. The girls hosted the IHSA Bowling Regional at Antioch Lanes on Saturday February 3rd. Ugne and teammate Lucy Eifer are advancing to Sectionals at Arlington Lanes on February 10th!

A Season of Honor, Success & Accolades

The groundhog in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania said spring is coming early, and the sun is finally starting to poke out again. I hope your midwinter is going as well as it is for our Lakes Community. While some retreat and hibernate during the cold months, it has been a season of honor, success, and accolades for our Eagles. With the culmination of Fall sports, I am proud to share that all eight of our competitive teams earned IHSA Team Academic Achievement Awards. Our Varsity athletes greatly surpassed the needed 3.0 unweighted GPA to secure a 3.45 GPA this past season. This is no small feat, as we had almost 400 student-athletes involved in Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Football, Girls Tennis, and Girls Volleyball. Field Hockey also met the GPA minimum, but is considered an emerging IHSA sport, so we were actually nine for nine! This tremendous success incorporates many of the components from our new District 117 Portrait of a Graduate.

One way we show "Respect + Courtesy = Pride" is by celebrating our students' state-level capstone accomplishments through the tradition of a State Walk. With our Color Guard and Drumline leading their peers down the main hallway, the entire school population cheers for our Eagles...this is truly a sight to behold! Since January, Lakes has reached state distinctions for All State Theatre, All State Band, All State Choir, Cheer (who achieved 7th place in State!), and Chess. We are anxiously awaiting the culminating compe-

titions for the rest of our Winter extracurriculars and hope there are more State Walks on the horizon.

Meeting our incoming freshman at Open House is one of my favorite events of the school year - right behind graduation and the first day of school. In January, we welcomed over 300 members of the Class of 2028 to the Nest. Current students and staff members hosted booths to share information and generate interest in classes, clubs, activities, athletics, and all extracurricular experiences. The energy was indescribable. I loved seeing the smiles on the faces of the Class of 2028 (as well as the relief on the faces of the parents/guardians), as they all departed at the end of the night.

Please check out the calendar on our school website to find an opportunity to cheer for our Eagles. You won't want to miss our musical, Sister Act, with opening night on Thursday, February 29th. May we all enjoy an early spring; I know our outdoor spring athletes would sure appreciate it!

Fly, Eagles Fly!

Jori Bowen

Principal

Lakes Community High School



THEATRE | LCHS

All State Musicians & Thespians Perform at State

The Eagle Theatre program and Music Department not only puts on great shows here at home, but students from each community have been selected to All-State events due to their level of accomplishment and dedication to their craft. Theatre students Charli Blasius, Luke Johnson, Kennedy McCarten, Milo Bak, and Emma Madsen participated in the Illinois Theatre Festival all state show, *She Kills Monsters*, in January at Illinois State University. Music students Patrik Dortch and Jayvon Smith traveled to Peoria for the Illinois Music Education Conference All-State ensembles. Patrik played bassoon and contrabassoon in the All State Orchestra and Honor Band, while Jayvon was part of the Bass II section in the All State Choir.



WINTER ART SHOW | LCHS

Lakes Hosts Winter Show

On December 6 art work from D117 and the surrounding grade school districts was featured in the annual Winter Art Show. The next art show is the D117 Music and Art Festival held at LCHS on April 24.



Girls Bowling



Girls Wrestling



D117 Gymnastics

ATHLETICS | LCHS

LCBS Winter Athletics Going Strong

District 117 Girls Gymnastics

The District 117 girls gymnastics team has continued their steady improvement from season's past. The Eagles and Sequoits have worked very well together in creating a cohesive, successful team. At the New Trier regional on 2/1, the team had an excellent showing, with multiple student-athletes advancing to sectionals. Sectional qualifiers were Josie Gates (all-around, bars, floor exercise, balance beam), Julia Blasinski (vault, all-around, floor exercise) and Ellie Nampel (balance beam). Blasinski's regional championship in the floor exercise was a first for District 117 gymnastics!

Boys Basketball

Boys basketball have won 9 of their last 10 games and are peaking at just the right time. They defeated Grant to win the conference title, for the 2nd year in row. They begin their playoff run with a game vs. Fenton on 2/21 in the Fenton regional.

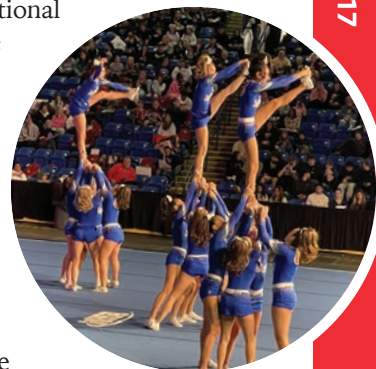


Girls Basketball

Girls basketball has had another very successful campaign, both team-wise and individually. As a team, the Eagles are playing very well at press time and will host the IHSA 2A regional in mid-February. Inclarity Turney broke her own single-season steals record vs. Grayslake Central on January 31st. Turney set three school records this year-single season steals, single season assists, and career blocks. Kaylee Anderson set the single season rebounding record as well.

Cheerleading

The cheerleading team continues to fly high during halftime performances, as well as competitions. The ladies placed 3rd at the Dundee-Crown sectional on January 27th and qualified for the state competition yet again. After a great routine in the state preliminaries, they advanced to the final, placing 7th overall. For the second year in a row, Ava Bullock received All-State honors, as voted on by the membership of the IHSCCO.



Dance

The Lakes dancers continue to improve and impress with their performances. They placed first in their division at the Sycamore Spartanette Invitational on December 10th, and saw steady improvement as the season went on. They narrowly missed out on a state finals bid, placing 7th at the Jacobs sectional on January 20th. The sectional finish was the highest in recent memory for the Lakes dancers! The future continues to look bright for Lakes dance.

Girls Bowling

The girls bowling team has continued their team and individual successes. As a team, they have placed in the top three in every invitational this season. Led by all conference bowlers Peyton Mezo, Ava Lewis, and Isabelle Leone, the Eagles took 2nd at the NLCC Invitational and, for the 2nd straight year, were regional champions! The girls bowling team placed 6th at sectionals. Peyton Mezo qualified for state as an individual and will bowl in the state finals in Rockford on 2/16 and 2/17.

Wrestling

The Eagle wrestlers have continued to see improvement, both on the boys and girls side. The boys, while not seeing great success in terms of wins and losses, continue to steadily improve. With the IHSA's recent addition of girls wrestling, Lakes has quickly made a name for themselves throughout the state. After winning the Lake County tournament, the girls team carried that momentum to the Round Lake regional, where they placed 2nd out of 42 teams. Girls wrestling has five state qualifiers-Ava Babbs, Olivia Heft, Zaryia Mouzon, Haven Sylves, and Josie Larson. They will wrestle in the state finals in Bloomington on 2/23 and 2/24.



ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS | CHSD117

CHSD117 Recognizes 2024-25 Illinois State Scholars

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) congratulates **39 LCHS students** and **29 ACHS students** for their academic excellence.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the state's college access and financial aid agency, presents this prestigious recognition of academic achievement to exceptional Illinois high school students annually.

Congratulations to all of the outstanding students se-

lected as 2024-25 Illinois State Scholars. The Illinois State Scholar designation is a non-monetary award. Each State Scholar will receive a congratulatory letter and a Certificate of Achievement from ISAC. Additionally, awardees can download an official Illinois State Scholar Program badge to display on their online profiles, social media platforms, and share with their high school counselors, colleges, employers, family members and others.

Lakes Community High School State Scholars

April Ash	Julia Fuller	Kathryn Lage	Lucas Miller	Lainey Russo
Stephanie Beley	Eric Hampton	Esme Laskaris	Madelyn Miller	Mia Silber
John Bowen	Kyle Hartzer	Isabella Leone	Braden Mount	Katelyn Slobodian
Aine Boyd	Olivia Heft	Juliana Lopez	Saniya Patel	Georgina Stianos
Andrew Chamernik	Christian Hernandez	Emma Madsen	Iulia Pintescu	Erik Stover
Nell Cichon	Josephine Hoy	Liam Makela	Caitlin Pron	Cody Summerson
Cameron Crowley	Justin Kao	Mary McCarten	Amy Redfern	Andrei Vacaru
Avery Flood	Matthew Klann	Katherine Mercure	Benjamin Rodriguez	

Antioch Community High School State Scholars

Kingsley Akalaonu	Redmond Heilig	Sophia Mann	Jack Schwisow
Guido Arquilla	Albanie Highberg	Tyler Miller	Aubrey Ultsch
Angelina Borowiak	Isabelle Hughes	Rakan Mohammad	Aiden Van Alstine
Joel Bulka	Michelle Jackson	Jack Olson	Carter Webb
Hailey Caya	Nicole Kutcher	Jacob Pankau	Aydin Zakroczymski
Matthew Hall	Addison Lane	Addison Pyburn	
Jacob Hasik	Christine Liu	Winter Rizzo	
James Healy	Connor Lotz	Zamora Rodriguez Caballero	

MARCHING BAND | LCHS

Marching Band Earns Crowd Appeal Award at State

On October 21, The Sound of Lakes Marching Band traveled to Illinois State University for the 2023 State of Illinois Marching Band Championships. While performing their show *Rock with You*, in Class 2A, the band earned the Crowd Appeal Award for the class! This is based on the energy and excitement that the band performed with and how the crowd responded during that performance.



ILMEA DISTRICT 7 | LCHS

Students Selected for ILMEA District 7 Ensemble

Lakes students Patrik Dortch, Jayvon Smith and Benito Padilla were selected to represent the school at the 2023 ILMEA District 7 Honor Ensemble Festivals on Nov 4 and Nov 18. This is an accomplishment to celebrate and we are proud of their work as individuals and within our ensembles at Lakes.



District 41 Releases Multi-Year Teaching & Learning Plan

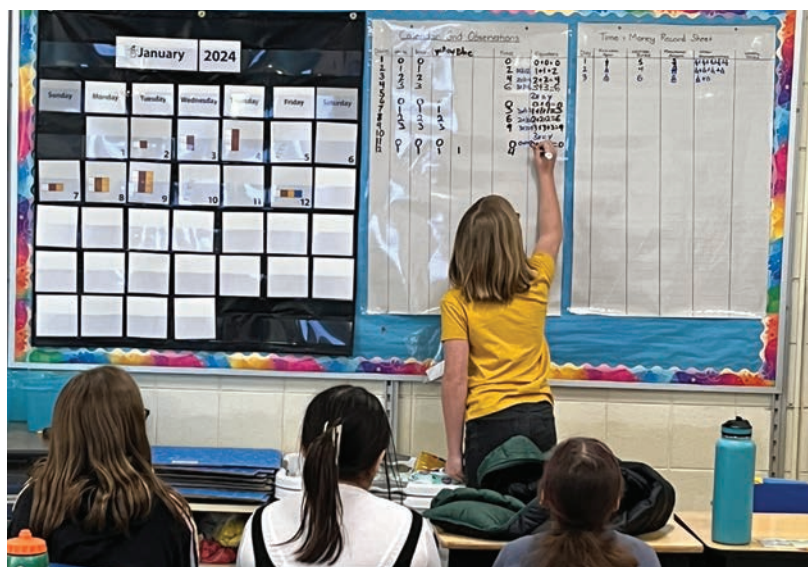
Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District 41 is dedicated to offering enriching learning opportunities and fostering academic skills that will propel students into the future. In August 2023, we initiated a planning process involving students, staff, parents, and community members to enhance this endeavor further.

We are excited to share the results of our efforts by presenting the District's Portrait of a Graduate and Strategic Plan in the realm of teaching and learning. Moreover, District 41 is allocating additional staff and resources to enhance our programs, ensuring they effectively meet the needs of our students. The areas of focus include Special Education,



English Learners, Response to Intervention, Physical Education, Enrichment Services, and improved Professional Development Opportunities for Staff tailored to the district's needs and preferences. Additionally, District 41 is actively integrating updated instructional practices into our existing resources and is currently in the process of piloting and selecting a math resource and curriculum that is not only engaging but also hands-on, fostering higher-level thinking for all students. Exciting developments are underway in District 41!

Together with our community, District 41 is committed to providing an environment that encourages every student to reach their highest potential.



from the mayor's office



Gearing Up for Summertime

It looks like we're in for an early spring! At the beginning of February, both Punxsutawney Phil and Woodstock Willie called for an early spring this year. I don't really believe much in groundhog weather forecasting, however, having summertime in Antioch arriving a bit early this year has me wanting to believe they're right!

The relatively mild winter has been great news for the open space redevelopment project at Main and Orchard. The weather has had a minimal impact on the project, which has allowed construction to continue during more of the winter. This means, as of now, we're still on schedule for a mid-summer completion! (All of this is of course weather permitting). I wanted to share some pictures of the progress that we've been making. (see above). Later this spring, we'll announce details of a park naming contest along with more information about a ribbon-cutting/grand opening celebration for the park!

home to various events throughout the year. Plus, the land will be redeveloped in a way to address flooding and waterway issues with Sequoit Creek.

Speaking of summer, our Special Events team and Parks and Recreation Department have been busier than ever planning summertime events and programming. This summer, we'll bring back the Farmer's Market to the corner of Orchard and Main, from June 20th through the end of September. Right now, our staff is busy working to secure vendors for the markets.



It seems that each summer brings more exciting events to the bandshell! This year, we're working hard to top last year's exciting It's Thursday concert series line-up. As of the publication of this newsletter, we're still in the final stages of booking the bands for this summer. A final list of performers will be made available on our village website and social media, soon!

Finally, I wanted to encourage you to follow the Village of Antioch on social media. There, you will find our most up-to-date information on village news and events. Also, as always, I value your feedback. Feel free to email me at sgartner@antioch.il.gov or call 847-395-1000.

I look forward to seeing you around town this fall! Remember, shop local!

Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Gartner

847-395-1000

antioch.il.gov



When completed, this project will be a beautiful and fun destination that will be an attraction for both residents and visitors to the community. All within a short walk to the downtown shops and restaurants, we'll have a splash pad, inclusive playground, cafe, and entertainment space that will be

Antioch Aqua Center

Open Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day

Last weekday open will be determined by staff availability.

General Admission Hours

Mon.-Sat. - 12:00-7:00pm,
Sun. - 12:00-6:30pm
Holidays - 12:00-5:00pm

Special Hours for Passholders

Mon.-Fri. 11:00-12:00pm
No diving board use during 11-12pm & 6-7pm, open for deep water swimming.

Daily Admission Fees

Children under 2 are free
Ages 3-54 - \$8
Ages 55 & up - \$5
After 5:00pm - \$5

Season Pass Fees

Resident/Non-Resident

Children Under 2 Are Free

Individual

\$78/\$88

Couple

\$137/\$158

Family of 3

\$198/\$237

Family of 4

\$242/\$302

Additional

\$61/\$73

Seniors

\$65/\$75

Swim Lesson Registration & Fees

Registration for Residents (60002)

March 1, 2024

Non-resident Registration

April 1, 2024

Register online or in-person. You must have an account to be able to register online. Please call 847-395-2160 to create an account.

Resident/Non-Resident

Parent/Tot

\$61/\$71

Preschool

\$61/\$71

Levels 1-5

\$84/\$94

Lifeguarding

\$300/\$350

Swim Lesson Level Descriptions

PRESCHOOL

Ages 3-4 years

The class is a water acclimation class where children will learn to separate from their parents, blow bubbles, become comfortable in the water and much more.

LEVEL 1

Ages 4 and up

This class is for children who have already mastered the skills learned in preschool and are ready to progress to underwater exploration, floating, kicking and forward movement in the water.

LEVEL 2

Ages 5 and up

Level 2 is for children who already can float on their front and back, understand movement in the water using various methods and are ready to begin rhythmic breathing.

LEVEL 2

Ages 6 and up

In this class your child will perfect the front and back crawl. They will learn the elementary backstroke, whip kick and dolphin kicks along with treading.

LEVEL 4

Ages 6 and up

The concentration in this level will be on refinement of the above strokes, learning the butterfly, breast stroke and sidestroke, along with dives and turns.

LEVEL 5

Ages 6 and up

Level 5 refines all strokes, works on endurance, building, surface dives and lifesaving skills.



Get more
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Antioch Gears Up for Inaugural Shamrock Shuffle 5K Run/Walk

Registration is underway for the Village of Antioch's inaugural Shamrock Shuffle Family Fun 5K Run/Walk! The newest family-friendly village event is set to take place on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex (38 Depot St, Antioch, IL 60002). This exciting community event will kick off the unofficial start of Spring, St. Patrick's Day weekend!

The 5K route will accommodate both seasoned runners and those looking for a leisurely walk with friends and family. The racecourse offers an inclusive and enjoyable experience for participants of all ages. Additionally, the event will feature post-race festivities, including relay races and other fun events for kids, live music from the School of Rock, plus a race day Irish pub with food and beverage options including smoked corned beef sandwiches and cold beer!

The Tim Osmond Sports Complex, known for its picturesque surroundings, will serve as the backdrop for this fun family activity. Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner says the Shamrock Shuffle will be a fun day for anyone who wants to kick off the start of the Chicagoland running season, plus anyone else who just wants to come out to watch and have fun.

"We are excited to roll out another family-friendly event showcasing the beauty of our community," said Mayor Gartner. "The Shamrock Shuffle offers a day filled with fun for residents and visitors to our town. Plus, you don't have to be a runner to participate in the festivities!"

For more information and registration details, please visit www.antioch.il.gov.



SPRING EVENTS

Mother/Son Bowling
March 10

Flashlight Egg Hunt
March 28

**Easter Parade/
Easter Egg Hunt**
March 30

Bike Resale
April 27

Touch-A-Truck
May 4

**Mother/Daughter
Bingo**
May 11

Summer Wine Walk
June 8

**It's Thursday Concert Series
Kick-off Concert**
June 13

Farmer's Market Starts!
June 20



211 Offers a Vital Resource

The United Way of Lake County's 211 service is a free, easy-to-use, three-digit information and referral hotline offering accurate, 24-hour personal help for hundreds of potential issues.

The 211 service helps Lake County residents with Housing, Utilities, Food, Crisis Help, Mental Health & Addiction, Health Care, Financial Support, Education, Personal, Child & Family Support, Employment, Transportation, Legal & Immigration, Government, Volunteering, and Disaster Information.

The 211 service is available by telephone, text, or online.

By phone, Lake County residents can simply dial the numbers, 2-1-1. By text, a resident should simply text their five-digit zip code to 89821. Online, the service is available at 211lakecounty.org



At the January 24, 2024, Antioch Village Board Meeting, Mayor Scott Gartner proclaimed February 11th as "2-1-1 Day". United Way of Lake County VP of Resource Development, Quinton Snodgrass, was on hand to provide the village board with information about the services 2-1-1 provides to Antioch residents.

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SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K

Family Run / Walk

TIM OSMOND SPORTS COMPLEX, ANTIOCH, IL

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

11 A.M. - FAMILY 5K RUN/WALK

11 A.M. - 5 P.M. FAMILY EVENTS FOLLOWING THE 5K!

RELAY RACES AND OTHER KID EVENTS AND LIVE MUSIC FROM THE SCHOOL OF ROCK.

PLUS, VISIT THE RACEDAY IRISH PUB FOR FOOD AND DRINK OPTIONS INCLUDING

SMOKED CORNED BEEF SANDWICHES AND COLD BEER!



RACE SHIRT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

****MUST REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 1ST TO RECEIVE A RACE SHIRT**

REGISTRATION:

www.antioch.il.gov/event/shamrock

\$25 - Adults 18+

\$15 - Under 18

\$75 - Family Rate

includes up to 2 adults
and 3 kids



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Thank You, Judy Davis!

For over five decades, Judy Davis has been a pillar of strength and service within the heart of Antioch Township. Her unwavering dedication to the community spans 31 years of tireless commitment as an Antioch Township Trustee. As she embarks on a well-deserved retirement, the township stands in gratitude, reflecting on the profound impact she leaves behind.

Judy Davis's journey began 51 years ago when she first called Antioch Township home. From that moment forward, her life became intricately woven with the fabric of the community, embodying the spirit of service and leadership that defines Antioch.

Throughout her tenure as a Trustee, Judy Davis exhibited remarkable devotion to the township's welfare. Her keen understanding of financial stewardship ensured fiscal responsibility, guiding Antioch Township to operate in the black even amidst economic challenges.

However, Judy's impact transcends mere numbers and budgets. Her boundless compassion for the well-being of seniors led to the creation and enhancement of numerous programs and events tailored to their needs. From joyful outings to heartfelt fundraisers, Judy's efforts brought light and joy to countless lives within the senior community, leaving an indelible mark of care and compassion.

One of Judy Davis's most notable contributions lies in her advocacy for accessibility. Her instrumental role in acquiring a handicapped-ready bus for shopping and medical visits has transformed the lives of community members with unique needs, fostering inclusivity and equal opportunity for all.

Under Judy's leadership, Osmond Park underwent significant revitalization, becoming a vibrant hub for recreation and community engagement. From the establishment of an inviting ice rink to the creation of a thrilling sledding hill, Judy's vision transformed the park into a cherished gathering place for families and friends.

Even in the face of unprecedented challenges brought



Judy Davis stands with newly appointed Trustee Bruce Goeckner [back left], Tom Shaughnessy, Supervisor [back right] and the Goeckner Family. Celebrating the Enduring Legacy of Judy Davis: A Testament to Community Service

about by the pandemic, Judy Davis remained a beacon of hope and resilience. Her instrumental contributions to initiatives such as the Antioch Mask Brigade and the creation of senior taskforces and community support networks epitomize her unwavering commitment to serving those in need, even in the most trying times.

As Judy Davis bids farewell to her role as Trustee, Antioch Township extends its deepest gratitude for her extraordinary contributions. Her legacy serves as a testament to the enduring power of community service and the profound impact one individual can have on the lives of many.

In honor of her remarkable contributions, we extend our warmest wishes to Judy Davis for a retirement filled with happiness, fulfillment, and the knowledge that her legacy will endure for generations to come.



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

April - June 2024



Antioch Township

Monday Movie Series for Seniors

FREE for Members (please show membership card) Non-Member: \$5

Location: Antioch Movie Theatre, 378 Lake Street

Time: All movies start at 10 AM (Theatre opens at 9:30 AM)

April 8: As Good As It Gets

April 22: The Birds

May 6: Steel Magnolias

May 20: The Bridge on the River Kwai

June 3: Book Club

BEGINNING IN MAY

Walking Club

Our preserves are beautiful...exercise and spend quality time outdoors with friends while walking in a peaceful and natural setting. Challenge yourself to walk 1/2, 1, 2 or 10 miles. We will meet at a different location for each walk.

May 8th - Meet @ McDonald Woods, 19611 W. Grass Lake Rd, Lindenhurst

2nd & 4th Wednesdays - May through October

Time: 9 AM

Location: Lake County Forest Preserve

Fiddler on the Roof

The Fireside in Ft Attkison, WI

A brand-new revival of one of the most popular shows in our history. Including such iconic songs as "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Matchmaker, Matchmaker."

Date: Thursday, April 11

Location: Motorcoach departs at 9:30 AM from Antioch Township, 1625

Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa and returns at approximately 5:30 PM

Cost - Resident: \$90 Non-resident: \$100

Civil War Museum & House of Gerhard Restaurant

Kenosha, WI

Our first stop will include a docent led Tour of the Midwest in the Civil War including the film "Seeing the Elephant." Next, we will enjoy an eatery serving German food. Cost includes museum admission, lunch, and transportation.

Date: Wednesday, April 17

Location: Motorcoach departs at 9:00 AM from Antioch Township, 1625

Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa and returns at approximately 3:00

Cost - Resident: \$50 Non-resident: \$60

Denim & Diamonds

Rivalry Alehouse - 2nd Floor, 945 Main Street, Antioch

Throw on your best blue denim outfit & diamonds! Choose Meatloaf or Pork Schnitzel as your entrée which includes a salad, veggie, mashed potatoes and dessert. Enjoy entertainment by the Neil Diamond Tribute Artist Eric Ebert. Prizes for best denim outfits & raffles too!

Date: Thursday, April 25

Time: 11:30 AM

Cost - Resident: \$35 Non-resident: \$40

The Golden Age of Hollywood

Martina Mathisen is Luella Parsons, Hollywood's most dynamic gossip columnist. You will be temporarily transported to old Hollywood while hearing about the triumphs and transgressions of some of the era's biggest stars. Lite snacks and coffee will be served.

Date: Tuesday, April 30

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Antioch Township, 1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa

Cost - \$5

Afternoon Par-Tea

Fine hot tea/iced tea and desserts will be served while you enjoy special entertainment. Please bring your favorite teacup. Hats, gloves, boas are encouraged. Sign up is required.

Date: Thursday, May 9

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive

Cost - FREE for Members

9 to 5: The Musical & Palm Court Restaurant

Metropolis Performing Arts Center - Arlington Heights

Enjoy fine dining at Palm Court - choose from Filet Medallions, Chicken Marsala, or Scottish Salmon. Dessert, soda, hot & iced tea included. We will then head to see 9 to 5, set in the late 1970's, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking, and even romantic.

Date: Thursday, May 16

Location: Motorcoach departs at 10:00 AM from Antioch Township, 1625

Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.

Cost - Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$95

Cut out below & sign up now!

Antioch Township Event Registration



Fiddler on the Roof

Thurs 4/11

R: \$90 / NR: \$100

___ Chicken Cordon Bleu

___ Roast Beef Tenderloin

___ Baked Almond Crusted Cod



Civil War/ Gerhard's

Wed 4/17

R: \$50 / NR: \$60

___ Bavarian Pot Roast

___ Roasted Loin of Pork

___ Rouladen



Denim & Diamonds

Thurs 4/25

R: \$35 / NR: \$40

___ Meatloaf

___ Pork Schnitzel



Golden Age of Hollywood

Tues 4/30

\$5



9 to 5: The Musical/Palm Court

Thurs 5/16

R: \$85 / NR: \$95

Total amount of payment

\$ _____

All payments must be received 10 days before event

Please make checks payable to:

Antioch Township

1625 Deep Lake Road

Lake Villa, IL 60046

Attn: Renee Mehring

Registrant Details

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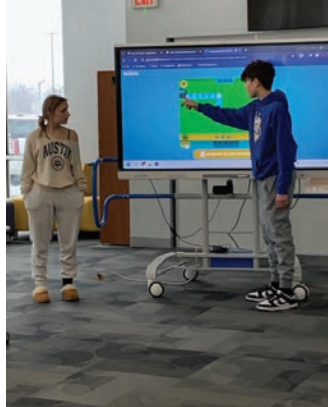
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For information and to check availability contact Renee Mehring at 847-395-3378.



'Hour of Code' Inspires Students

Hour of Code is a nationwide event where students of all ages are allowed to explore the world of coding. At Grass Lake, we wholeheartedly embrace this initiative, viewing it as a valuable opportunity to ignite our students' curiosity and inspire them to delve into the fascinating realm of coding and technology.

In today's rapidly advancing world, proficiency in technology is no longer a niche skill but a fundamental requirement for success in various fields. As educators, we recognize the importance of equipping our students with the tools and knowledge to navigate this digital landscape effectively. During Hour of Code, our students not only gain hands-on experience with coding languages and technologies but also discover the vast array of possibilities that computer science

offers. They explore the exciting worlds of programming, app development, robotics, and more, broadening their horizons and setting the stage for future academic and career pursuits.

This year at GLS, our leaders of the school (Eighth Grade Students) helped show the other grades how to complete the technological tasks. These tasks normally consist of dragging coding blocks to each other (like puzzle pieces) or even writing scripts. Students have reported that they find hours of code a lot of fun. Eighth grader, Bo Bomba has said "I think this helps students be more creative and allows them to use more of their imagination."

We look forward to continuing this important work in the coming years as Grass Lake continues to join with schools across the country in Hour of Code.

Science Educator Stacy Kingery Named as Solar Eclipse Partner



As a young girl, Stacy Kingery was immersed in exploring the world around her. She knew science was all around her. Her grandpa was a scientist and shared his love for the natural world. Digging in the dirt was her jam. It took her a while to realize that this was her gift, from grandpa and to others. She enjoyed the science world through school and envisioned a couple of career paths along the way. She gravitated towards comedy, being a scientist in a lab and then possibly as a teacher. Little did she know that these aspirations would combine and evolve into the career she holds today.

Once she began her college education she discovered she really loved the diversity of science and did not enjoy being boxed into one area. This led her to consider and pursue a wider approach and become a Middle School teacher where she could teach the range of topics. This combined her desire to excite kids to see science all around them, find wonder and joy of questioning, pondering and connecting to the world.

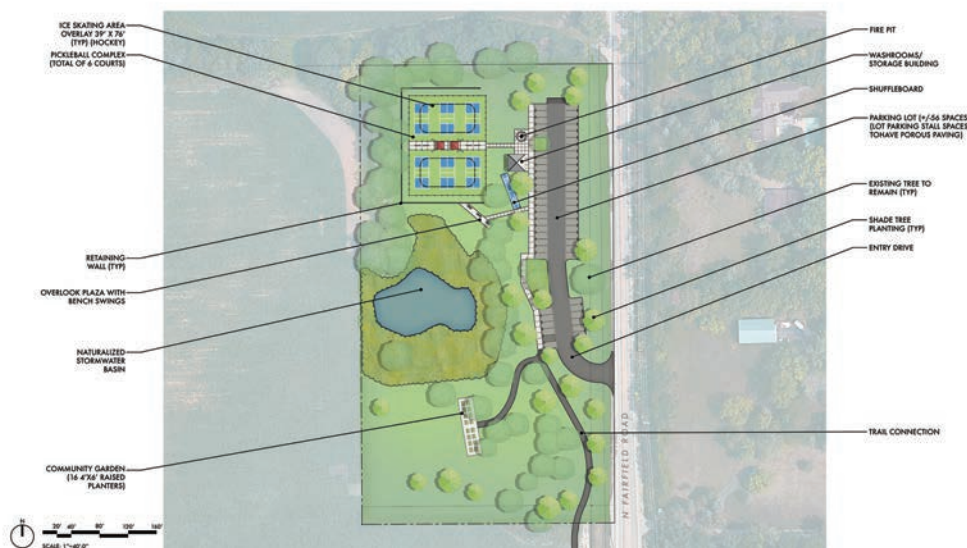
It is no surprise that Stacy has had an enormous impact as the science teacher at Grass Lake School. She has been awarded the distinction of being named one of two teachers in Illinois to participate as a NSTA/SSI Solar Eclipse Partner.



There are approximately 125 selected teachers that have access to scientists, periodicals and resources to promote the understanding and viewing of the solar eclipses in a two year window.

This award is benefiting Stacy and Grass Lake School, but it goes beyond that. She is inviting curiosity, wondering and experiencing outside the building, which also aligns with Project Based Learning, being implemented at Grass Lake School. Stacy is working with the students to connect with local libraries so that this eclipse experience can take on a deeper connective meaning in April. Her vision is that not only will her students explore and dig to learn about this natural phenomena extends into family discussions, it becomes a school and community event that helps others make a connection to their world.

At the end of the day, Stacy can know that because of her love of science, someone else will catch the spark and find their passion. Grass Lake School is proud of Stacy and knows that she is a wonderful role model that loves to learn and loves what she does. Congratulations and thank you, Stacy Kingery!



Township Receives \$600k Grant for New Park

Lake Villa Township has been awarded the \$600,000 Open Space Land and Development (OSLAD) Grant for the development of our new park. This grant will enable us to create a wonderful community space that will include 16 raised bed community gardens, 6 pickle ball courts, and a shuffleboard court. During the winter months, the pickle ball courts will be converted into a refrigerated ice skating rink, providing residents with even more opportunities for outdoor recreation. We are incredibly grateful for this funding opportunity and look forward to providing our residents with this new, exciting space. We will keep the community updated on the progress of this project as we move forward.



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Wear your lucky Irish charm!**

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The Antioch Public Library District is a gathering place for information, collaboration, creativity and entertainment, which strengthens the community by providing high demand materials in a variety of formats for all ages, and by stimulating young children's interests and appreciation for reading and learning.

The Antioch Public Library District offers a variety of rooms for studying or meetings, available for individuals or small group reservations, large group reservations and more. Our new Studio and Workshop are also available on a first come, first served basis, dependent upon programming and other Library needs.

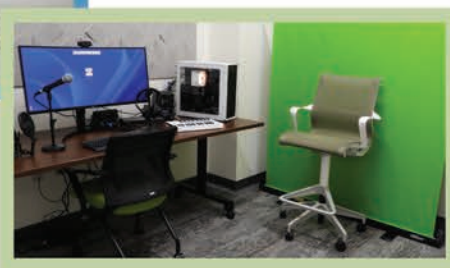
THE WORKSHOP

at the Antioch Public Library District



Looking for a space to start or complete a project? After completing a training of the use of Workshop tools and equipment, those wishing to schedule time to work on projects will be able to do so online. Availability is dependent on programs and other Library needs. Time slots will post to the online room reservation calendar on a quarterly basis.

Scan Here for additional information on room reservations.



The Studio seats a small group of people for the use of podcasting, video production work and graphics. This room contains all the basic needs for recording and videotaping production. Introductory programming is also held, for beginners who are looking to utilize the space but need some help getting started.



THE STUDIO

AT THE ANTIOCH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Be sure to browse our quarterly newsletter for upcoming programs in all of our spaces.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Announcing the APLD 2024 Summer Reading Program "Community Matters"

APLD understands the importance of community and how working together allows for a greater good. This year, our theme will focus on community - the people, organizations and businesses - that make Antioch special.

Program will run June 1 - July 31. More details coming soon!

Are you part of a business/organization interested in participating? E-Mail: hsator@apld.info to find out how.

Stop in & see all that we have to offer: Mon.-Thurs.: 9am - 9pm • Fri.-Sat.: 9am - 5pm • Sun.: 1pm - 5pm