

# LAKE SHORE LIGHT

February 2012

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## YOU ARE INVITED

Event: Special Board Meeting  
 Topic: 2011 Facility Study Results  
 Presenters: Representatives from Granger Construction and Kingscott  
 Date: February 20, 2012  
 Time: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
 Place: Lakeshore High School Media Center

## Happy Belated New Year!



Cindy Vujea  
Superintendent

2011 was a year of tremendous change and challenge for public education institutions in Michigan. From reductions in funding, changes in the Teacher Tenure Law, new parameters for teacher evaluation and lay-off, and new cut scores for the MEAP tests, to new curricular expectations from the National Common Core Standards. The challenge before every Michigan public school district is to educate EVERY child so that they are ready for the rigors of post-secondary education or the world of work.

In Lakeshore, we have responded to those challenges and will continue to do everything we can to comply with the new state expectations. We take great pride in making sure we focus on supporting every child, every day in

their educational journey. Over the past year, we have done the following things in response to the changes:

### Area One: Staff Development

- ✓ Provided K-2 teachers with monthly literacy training
- ✓ Provided Gr. 3-5 teachers with science training on how to teach science through exploration and inquiry
- ✓ Provided K-12 teachers with technology training focused on the SMART boards, projectors, and document cameras in their classrooms
- ✓ Provided Common Core Curriculum Training for all K-12 teachers of English, Reading, and Mathematics
- ✓ Sent a team of teachers and administrators to Holland's New Tech High School, as part of their research on "project-based learning" environments
- ✓ Sent several teachers and administrators to Lincolnshire, Illinois to learn more about Professional Learning Communities

### Area Two: Budget and Financial Management

- ✓ Received \$480,000 in Federal ARRA funding (purchased technology hardware and software to support Special Education)
- ✓ Reduced the annual budget by \$1.4 million in response to the decrease in funding, without eliminating any programs
- ✓ Maintained a fund balance that enabled the district to operate without having to borrow funds for cash-flow purposes
- ✓ Received \$650,874 in Federal EduJobs Funding (used to offset staff reductions that would have been necessary, due to the reduction in funding)

### Area Three: Curriculum

- ✓ Completed the K-12 Science instructional materials adoption process with teachers of Science
- ✓ Began the implementation of the Battle Creek Science Curriculum in grades 3-5
- ✓ Implemented a new Student Leadership class at Lakeshore High School
- ✓ Launched the First Robotics

Program at Lakeshore High School

- ✓ Began implementation of Calhoun Literacy Curriculum in Gr. K-2
- ✓ Initiated a new partnership with Andrew's University to focus on bullying and harassment curriculum

The Lakeshore School District is committed to adjusting to the changes before us while continuing to provide outstanding educational programs to our students. While 2012 will bring its challenges, we will:

- ✓ Continue to focus our time, energy and efforts on what is truly best for children
- ✓ Continue to work with our legislators for adequate school funding and laws that support our schools in our mission to educate ALL children
- ✓ Continue to revamp our curricula to reflect the local, state, national, and international expectations for student achievement
- ✓ Provide training to our staff
- ✓ Remain committed to providing a world-class educational program that focuses on every child every day

Very sincerely,  
Cindy Vujea

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## Lakeshore Public Schools

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 Website Address: <http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us>

**2012 Calendar****February 10**

Stewart Variety Show, 7:00 P.M., LHS

**February 17**

Mid Winter Break - 1/2 day for students and teachers

**February 18**

High School District Vocal Solo & Ensemble, all day, Southwest Michigan College

**February 20**

President's Day No School

**February 22**

Pre-Festival Choir Concert (Gr. 6-12), 7:00 P.M., LHS

**February 24**

Hollywood Variety Show, 7:00 P.M., LHS

**March 6 - Updated**

Freshman will report to take the EXPLORE test, Sophomores will report to take the PLAN, and Juniors will report to take the ACT. **Seniors do not report to school.**

**March 19-24**

Hubbard Street Master Classes  
www.BerrienCountyDancers.com

**March 9**

Roosevelt Variety Show, 7 P.M., LHS

**March 13**

Lakeshore Choirs Scoopie Night, 5-8 P.M., Culver's Restaurant

**March 24**

Hubbard Street Dance Performance, 7:00 P.M., LHS

**March 26**

5th Grade Concert, 7:00 P.M., LHS

**March 29**

End of 3rd Marking Period ½ day for Grades K-5

**March 30**

P/T Conference Comp Day No School

**April 2-6**

Spring Recess No School

**April 9** Professional Development Day  
K-12 Students not in attendance

**Preschool Registration NOTICE**

The March 6 preschool registration date has been **POSTPONED**. See the information below and check the Lakeshore website for further updates: [www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us](http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us)

**LAKESHORE PRESCHOOL CHANGES FOR 2012-2013**

Lakeshore Preschool was established in 2001 with funding support from the State of Michigan Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) grant, an early childhood initiative. We were able to offer "scholarships" to students who met State qualifying factors, as well as a tuition option so that Lakeshore Preschool was available to our entire school community. Unfortunately, the guidelines for programming have now been changed by the State of Michigan. The Berrien County RESA (Regional Education Service Agency) will now oversee all county GSRP preschool programs. Thus, for the 2012-2013 school year, the RESA will only offer preschool options to students/families that meet some of the GSRP eligibility requirements, which may include income, disability or delay, challenging behavior(s), primary home language other than English, family education history, and other environmental risks.

We want Lakeshore parents to be informed of this change so they can have every opportunity to secure quality preschool programming for their child. A tuition component will not be available. When the Berrien RESA application is available for GSRP preschool, we will publicize application dates and sites. At this time, we anticipate a Lakeshore site at Hollywood School. However, confirmation of preschool placement in the GSRP preschool program will not be made until August. As soon as more details are available, we will publicize them. It has been our privilege to serve our Lakeshore community preschoolers over the years. We will continue to advocate for early childhood options for all our families with our legislators and the Michigan Department of Education.

**Kindergarten Registration****Stewart Elementary**

*Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 P.M.*

**Hollywood Elementary**

*Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 P.M.*

**Roosevelt Elementary**

*Monday, March 19 at 6:30 P.M.*

- Children who live in the Lakeshore School District
- School of Choice students if openings are available
- Children who are five years old by December 1, 2012
- Students who are participating in a two-year program

**District 5th Grade Concert**

The district's fifth grade general music students will perform, "The Future Begins with Us," on Monday, March 26 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lakeshore Community Auditorium. The Elementary Choir will also perform. Admission is free. For more information, call 428-1414.

**Board of Education****Regular Meetings****2011-2012 School Year**

Regular Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M. in the High School Media Center

February 13, 2012  
March 12, 2012  
April 16, 2012 3rd Monday  
May 14, 2012  
June 11, 2012

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Lakeshore Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

*Ellen Rudy, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning  
Lakeshore Public Schools  
5771 Cleveland Avenue,  
Stevensville, MI 49127  
269.428.1400 ext. 2911*

Superintendent's Letter Continued...

**Facility Planning Update**

**Phase One: Understanding the Past**

In phase one, there were two significant goals: 1) listen to our community in order to learn about its concerns relative to the past facility proposals and 2) complete an evaluation of the physical condition of our school buildings

Thank you to everyone who attended one of the community's Listen and Learn sessions. Your open and honest feedback has provided the Board of Education with information that will be helpful as they continue to work on the facility study.

After reviewing the feedback from the Listen and Learn sessions, the Lakeshore Board of Education has adopted the following Guiding Principles for the long-range facility planning process:

- ✓ The solution should be a part of the district's long term plan
- ✓ The solution should enhance the safety and security of the facilities to benefit student's and staff safety
- ✓ The solution should provide flexibility for the district to enhance curriculum delivery for the betterment of student achievement
- ✓ The solution should promote the "community usage" of the district's facilities

- ✓ The solution should provide flexibility for the future
- ✓ The solution should maintain and remodel existing facilities where possible

Granger Construction and Kingscott Architectural Services, along with Lakeshore Schools representatives, have completed a comprehensive study of the physical condition of all Lakeshore school buildings. **The results of this study will be shared with the Board of Education on February 20, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at a Board Workshop in the High School Media Center.** All community members are invited to join the Board for this informational session.

The district has now concluded Phase One, *Understand the Past*, of the Facility Master Planning Process and have a much better understanding and appreciation for the community's thoughts and recommendations.

**Phase Two: Look to the Future**

In phase two, *Look to the Future*, we will be using the information from the facility study and the major issues identified in the Listen and Learn sessions to create a shared vision and begin the development of options for future facility improvements. The Board welcomes your involvement as we continue the facility study process.

**Lakeshore Education Association Announces Scholarship**

**Elementary:** Each elementary school has one \$50.00 scholarship to award to students interested in attending any summer learning opportunity or camp. Interested students need to complete an application and return it to the guidance office at their school before May 1, 2012. The applications are available in each elementary school guidance office.

**Middle School:** Scholarships of \$75.00 each are awarded to three middle school students interested in attending a summer learning opportunity involving fine arts, creative arts, academics or athletics. Interested students need to complete an application and return it to the middle school guidance office by May 1, 2012. Applications are available in the middle school guidance office.

**High School:** One \$500.00 scholarship is awarded to a Lakeshore High School senior to assist with college expenses. There are selection criteria involving grades, community service, activities, and an essay describing college plans. The applications are due to the high school guidance office by May 1, 2012. Applications are available in the high school guidance office.

The school guidance counselor or Sandra Blough, LEA Vice President, may answer any questions concerning these scholarship opportunities. Sandra Blough may be reached at 428-1408.

**Distinguished Alumni Award Application**

**Application Due: March 1 of each year.**

The Distinguished Alumni Award will recognize Lakeshore, Baroda, or Stevensville High School graduates for their achievements and contributions and provide our students with role models for exceptional accomplishments.

Lakeshore Public Schools would like to honor alumni who have excelled in their professions and or made significant contributions to their community. Their achievements, strength of character, and citizenship serve as models to inspire and challenge today's students.

Visit the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation website for a nomination form: [LEFonline.org](http://LEFonline.org)

**MEAP 2011 Update**

One of the many changes that took place in the realm of Michigan public education this past year was a change in the cut-scores for the MEAP tests in grades 3-9. While the scores are not yet available for the public, the State Department of Education has released “5 Things Parents Need to Know” once the scores come in.

**5 Things Parents Need to Know  
A New Definition of Proficient on State Required Tests**

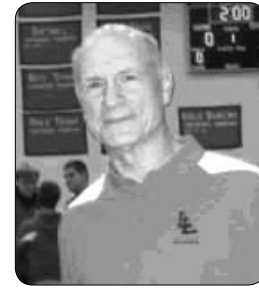
1. Each year, public school students in grades 3-9 take the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test and 11th graders take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME).
2. The Michigan State Board of Education recently approved new MEAP and MME “cut scores” for Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Social Studies. A cut score is the score that separates test takers into various categories, such as advanced, proficient, partially proficient, and not proficient.
3. The new cut scores are higher and “raise the bar” for our students. They are intended to be a better measure of student progress toward being career and college ready.

4. While we anticipate an initial decline in the number of students reported as “proficient,” we are confident this change will be temporary due to ongoing school improvement efforts and student support.
5. If your student is reported as “not proficient,” it does not mean that your student isn’t gaining academic skills or is falling behind. It means that on the day of the test, your student was not yet proficient on the material being tested. Several other measures are used in our district throughout the year to insure that your student is making academic progress.

We maintain high standards for our students and their test scores are consistently among the highest in the state. We anticipate this trend will continue even with the new cut scores.

If you would like additional information about changes to the MEAP or MME, please contact your building principal or visit <http://1.usa.gov/statetests>

**Congratulations  
Coach Bruce Bittenbender**



On Saturday, January 14, 2011, Coach Bittenbender reached the incredible milestone of 800 team wins! Wow!!! We are

very proud of Coach Bittenbender and of the athletes he has taught about setting goals, working hard, learning about the importance of working as a team, and relishing the times they could say, “That was my new personal best!” Thank you!

**Growing Together at Hollywood Elementary...**

A new after-school program has just begun at Hollywood Elementary! The Superstars Reading Club is a class designed for our K-5 English Language Learners. This one-hour class provides students an opportunity to practice reading skills and to develop understanding of vocabulary with a focus on study skills. Using a variety of technologies has made this class very FUN!

**First Graders are Learning to LOVE Reading...**



If you give first graders a Laura Numeroff book, they’ll want to read another, and another... and another! That’s just what happened in Mrs. Deloria’s first grade classroom! It all started with *If You Take a Mouse to School*, which was in the first grade reading anthology. Soon the students were reading all the books by author Laura Numeroff and illustrator Felicia Bond. These action-packed silly stories are perfect for the

fun-loving reading appetite of first graders! After reading these books many times, the students created Brown Bag Book Projects. They retold important events in the correct sequence on the front of the brown bag, and then filled the bag with “artifacts” from the story. Projects such as this provide opportunities for retelling and building comprehension.



**Video Conferencing**

Hollywood 4th graders got a chance to video-conference with Michigan author Janie Lynn Panagopoulous. She has written several books, *Train to Midnight*, *A Faraway Home: An Orphan Train Story*, and *Traders in Time* to name just a few. Her books are an amazing look at Michigan’s history.

The 4th graders learned some ‘rules’ from Janie. Here are some comments from the 4th graders about what they learned.

“Make sure you know your characters and what you are going to write about before you start writing your story.” -- Tony L.

“We should use facts in our stories and we should always use proper punctuation.” -- Cheney D.

“Pre-writing is non-negotiable. You have to do pre-writing or your writing won’t make sense.” -- Nathan T.

“That you have to have at least three people in a story under 25 pages, if you have more than that, it just gets crazy.” -- Paige D.

“I never knew there was a 3-3-3 rule. You should only write about three characters if it is under 25 pages. In your setting, you can only have three locations and your story should take place within three days or less.” -- Rex W.

The students learned many strategies from Janie, which they are applying in their writing. Fourth graders at Hollywood are using her “rules” to write a historical piece in which they have to do research, and use technology to complete this interesting piece of writing.



**Science - A New Adventure**

This year 5th graders are learning Science in a new way. Each day is filled with adventure and scientific discovery through hands-on investigation.

We learned about Simple Machines by actually building and using them instead of just reading about it. -David

We get the chance to work together and try things, sometimes they work and sometimes they don’t... -Jake

Science is fun, and I feel like the tests are easier because I’ve actually experienced everything they’re asking. -Veda

Studying for science is actually fun! -Tyler

There is no chance for anyone to not get involved, because everyone has a job to do. -Mason

You don’t have to memorize as much for the tests because you really know it! -Alanna

I’m much more excited about going to Science class. -Cookie

**Hollywood Variety Show**

The community is invited to join the fun on Friday, February 24 as Hollywood Elementary students present their annual Variety Show. The performance begins at 7:00 P.M. in the Lakeshore Community Auditorium. A donation of \$1 per person is requested for admission. Proceeds from concession sales will be donated to Relay for Life. For more information, call 428-1414.

**Marshmallow Multiplication!**

**What do you get when you mix multiplication with a fun winter treat?**

*Marshmallow Multiplication* of course! The 2nd graders at Hollywood



used marshmallows to show how repeated addition can help to solve multiplication problems. For each problem, the students used “pretend” hot chocolate cups to show the number of groups. Marshmallows were used to show the number of objects within each group. The students proudly displayed their posters in the hallway for everyone to enjoy!

**Roosevelt Elementary** [www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us/roosevelt](http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us/roosevelt)  
2000 El Dorado Drive, Stevensville, MI 49127

**Roosevelt Variety Show** Friday, March 9, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lakeshore Community Auditorium. A donation of \$1 per person is requested for admission. Proceeds from concession sales will be donated to Relay for Life.



### Thoughts from Mrs. Bowman Martin Luther King Jr. Day, “A Day On not Off”

Each year on the 3rd Monday of January we pause to recognize the efforts, accomplishments, and the “Dream” of Martin Luther King Jr. This school year we determined to remain in school for this very important day of remembrance. During our day each classroom spent time learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, the Civil Rights Movement, and what it means to honor and hold tight our beliefs in tolerance, equality, and freedom for all people. As I walked from classroom to classroom, students were engaged in meaningful learning about our country’s history and the very important people who can change and shape our future. I would venture to say that if Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were here today, he would advocate that his birthday be honored by serving others and educating our young people about the importance of respecting and caring for our fellow man.



### Study Mates

The Lakeshore High School Leadership class has partnered with students in 1st-5th grades in a peer mentoring and academic support program called Study Mates.

Each week high school students came to Roosevelt to work with their “mate.” These sessions were an opportunity for students to mentor their younger mates as well as assist them in reading, writing, and math. The students looked forward to the time they were able to spend with their partner. It was a great learning experience for both levels of students.



### First Grade Mathematicians

First graders have been doing measurement with nonstandard units (popsicle sticks and Unifix cubes). Students enjoy learning about math in their everyday world by exploring a variety of ways to solve problems and even measuring.

### Autism Awareness Training



Students in grades 3-5 participated in autism awareness/sensitivity training at Roosevelt. This training is in preparation for the Peer-to- Peer Link program that is offered at Roosevelt in partnership with the Berrien RESA ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) program. Roosevelt currently houses two ASD classrooms within the school. The Peer-to-Peer Program began in the spring of 2006 at Roosevelt. It is a support system for students with ASD who attend the school. The program involves third, fourth, and fifth grade students who spend time with students with ASD, modeling age appropriate socialization skills and peer behavior. Similar programs are established in districts throughout the state of Michigan and have met with great success. Not only does the program benefit the students with ASD, but parents and teachers alike have reported great benefits to the general education students as well.

### In Loving Memory...

It is with deep sadness that the Roosevelt School family says farewell to their loyal mentor, Ginger. Ginger spent many years working at Roosevelt as a therapy dog. Many of Ginger’s duties involved being an active listener to struggling readers, encouraging student writers, modifying student behaviors, and providing gentle peace and comfort. She will be missed!

**Stewart Stars Variety Show** Friday, February 10 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lakeshore Community Auditorium. A donation of \$1 per person is requested for admission. For more information, call 428-1418.



Students work individually with teachers to demonstrate new or clearer understanding of concepts throughout the school year. Teachers continually assess progress and plan lessons to extend learning. Pictured here is a kindergarten student who now knows all her shapes.



Students wrote and illustrated their "I dream of a world" posters as Stewart promoted peace, unity, acceptance of all others, and respect for our fellow man.



Second grade students use the listening center to listen to a story from their reading books. Then they are able to read more fluently individually.



Fourth graders use Netbooks, iPads, and library books as well as a variety of internet educational resources to work on a group project on Jackie Robinson so that they can produce a voice thread to post online for their parents and others to view.



First grade students use globes and the Smart board as well as activities in the classroom to help them understand and practice skills as part of the first grade curriculum.



Fifth grade is a time for deep thinking. Students use a variety of problem solving strategies to solve problems. Then they must develop a way to communicate their thoughts clearly and logically to others.



First grade students from Mrs. Knuth's class celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday by making a wordle or word cloud during computer lab. Students used words from our MLK assembly to compose their word cloud. Some of the words first grade students decided to use were: harmony, peace-makers, dream, believer, and equality. Students developed their technology skills by changing word colors, fonts, and reconfiguring their word cloud.

Friday, Feb. 17th –  
½ day Students and Teachers  
Mid-Winter Break – Dismissal at  
10:45 A.M.

Monday, Feb. 20th –  
No School President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 21st –  
6th grade Honor Roll recognition  
– 7:35 A.M. MS gym

Thursday, Feb. 23rd –  
7th grade Honor Roll recognition  
– 7:35 A.M. MS gym

Friday, Feb. 24th –  
8th grade Honor Roll recognition  
– 7:35 A.M. MS gym

## 2012 Conferences

The second round of Parent Teacher Conferences is scheduled for February 27 and March 1, 2012.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 27, 2012  
Classes: 7:35 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.  
Conferences: 4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 1, 2011  
Classes: 7:35 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.  
Conferences: 4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

## Spelling Bee

**Supercalafragalisticexpialadoshus** wasn't on the list - but challenging doesn't begin to explain the words Lakeshore Middle School students were able to spell in this competition.



Lakeshore Middle School's spelling bee was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, and 12 members of the spelling team participated in the competition. After 18 rounds, 6th grader Sakina Neemuchwala won first place after she correctly spelled harmonious to win the competition. Second place went to 6th grader Madeline Chuss, and third place went to 6th grader Renee Veldman. These three students will represent LMS at the Cloverleaf Spelling Bee at the Mendel Center on February 6. The top two alternates are 8th grader Alex Wong and 6th grader Michaela Staffin. Congratulations to all 12 participants for taking part in the LMS bee and best of luck to our top three spellers in the county-wide competition.

## Math Science Center Update

Applications for the Math and Science Center are available in the Guidance Office. Completed applications are due to Mrs. Weaver by Wednesday, February 22nd. Questions? Call Mrs. Weaver ~ 428-1408 ext. 3090.

## 8th Grade Student/Parent Night

It is highly recommended that all 8th graders and their parents attend this informative meeting at LHS Auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012. Topics to be covered: expectations in high school, scheduling, and graduation requirements.

## Career Day - March 9, 2012

We are looking forward to our sixteenth annual Career Day on Friday, March 9, 2012. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will participate in four career sessions presented by very willing and enthusiastic community members. These individuals donate their valuable time to help our middle schoolers think about their education and how it will someday translate into a career. The LMS PTO plans and facilitates this much-anticipated event, along with middle school staff. If you would like to offer your assistance for Career Day, please call Mrs. Blough at 428-1408 between 8 A.M. and 3 P.M.

## High School Credit Available for Dance Classes

8th Grade Students: Berrien County Dancers 2012-2013 registration begins soon! Classes in Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Dance are offered at Lakeshore High School. More information about the program is available on-line at [www.BerrienCountyDancers.com](http://www.BerrienCountyDancers.com).

Contact Artistic Director, Mrs. Graziano, at [grazianodance@gmail.com](mailto:grazianodance@gmail.com) or 428-1402, Ext. 2099. Beginning Dance does not require prior experience or an audition. Register through your guidance counselor.



## Lakeshore Robotics Team

Twenty-six Lakeshore High School students, with the assistance of several faculty sponsors and a host of mentors, have joined forces to form *Team Lance-A-Bot*, the area's newest entry in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition.

*Team Lance-a-Bot* can only succeed through partnerships with local businesses, companies, and the community. Sponsors and individual donors are needed to meet a fundraising goal of \$20,000. Visit the team website at: [www.lakeshorefrc.weebly.com](http://www.lakeshorefrc.weebly.com) where the community can learn more about the district's team and its robot, Sir Lance-A-Bot.

Those who wish to become sponsors, make a donation, schedule a presentation, or request additional information, may call Mr. Carr, Mr. Smith, or Mr. Woodard at 428-1402 or e-mail [lakeshoreroboticsteam@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshoreroboticsteam@gmail.com).

Sir Lance-A-Bot will compete on March 3 at Gull Lake High School in Gull Lake, MI and on March 24 at Niles High School in Niles. Competitions are open to the public.

The FIRST Robotics Competition is "the Varsity Sport for the Mind," which combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules, limited resources, and time limits, teams of 25 students or more are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It's as close to "real-world engineering" as a student can get. Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team.

FIRST redefines winning for these students by rewarding teams for excellence in design, demonstrated team spirit, gracious professionalism and maturity, and the ability to overcome obstacles. Scoring the most points is a secondary goal. Winning means building partnerships that last.

FIRST was founded in 1989. Its innovative programs are designed to motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math, while building self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills. The FIRST Robotics Program is international in scope, involving over 2,000 teams in almost 60 countries this year. More information is available online at [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org).

## March 6, 2012 High School Schedule - Testing

Freshman will report to take the EXPLORE test, Sophomores will report to take the PLAN, and Juniors will report to take the ACT. **Seniors do not report to school.**

## Lakeshore After Prom News

### Chance to win \$5000.00

Buy a 50/50 raffle ticket! Drawing will be held at the varsity boys basketball game February 28th (you need not be present to win). Contact Candace Seewood [cseewood67@gmail.com](mailto:cseewood67@gmail.com) 208-9249, Sandy Maurer [smlibuddy@comcast.net](mailto:smlibuddy@comcast.net) 465-5415, Shelley Taylor [lhsafterprom2012@gmail.com](mailto:lhsafterprom2012@gmail.com) 757-2181, or Joy Bancroft [jbbancroft@comcast.net](mailto:jbbancroft@comcast.net) 313-0178.

### Grande Mere Inn

Gift certificates available through Valentine's Day in \$25 increments. Contact Tricia Racine [tracine1210@yahoo.com](mailto:tracine1210@yahoo.com) or [lhsafterprom2012@gmail.com](mailto:lhsafterprom2012@gmail.com)

### Pop Can Drive

Saturday, February 11, 2012

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. @ Stevensville Martin's

Donated returnable cans/bottles may be dropped off to the After Prom Committee at Martin's on collection day. Volunteers can email [bronickifam@gmail.com](mailto:bronickifam@gmail.com), or leave a message at 269-930-1809. There is also a collection barrel located in the LHS concession area for use during home sporting events.

## FAFSA FREE SEMINAR - Financial Aid for College!

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) SOON. To get the most, your application needs to be turned by March 1. Come to College Goal Sunday, February 12 anytime between 2-4 P.M. to have an expert help you fill out the FAFSA - FREE - at Lake Michigan College, Richard Pappas Student Services CTR, 2755 E. Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

## Lakeshore Electric Car Club

The Lakeshore Electric Car Club was founded in 1998 when a group of Lakeshore High School students, interested in new technology, were in search of a challenge. The new team designed and built an electric automobile to compete in National Electric Car Association (NECA) races.

<https://sites.google.com/site/lhsecc/>

### Future Events:

May 4th and 5th - Berlin Raceway

May 18th and 19th - Springport Speedway



## LEF Foundation Project Grants Awarded

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation recently announced the recipients of their Foundation Project Grants. These grants are awarded twice a year to Lakeshore staff, and are generally for grants over \$2500. Monies from our fundraisers and generous donations fund this grant program as well as our Innovation Grants and Stepping Stones Grants for students. There were five Foundation Project grants awarded for a grand total of \$24,000. The recipients were:

Jeff Yauchstetter, high school Algebra teacher, for a document camera, projector, and screen for his classroom.

Jon Woodard, Math & Science Center teacher, for the VEX Robotics Competition Team, which is comprised of students from his Advanced Honors Computer Science class. The teams will compete at two events in Grand Rapids and at Michigan State.

Theresa Graziano, Berrien County Dance program teacher, for financial support of a week-long dance residency for the *Hubbard Street Dance Chicago* in March. The company will be working with her students, plus holding Master classes for other dancers from the community. The week will culminate with a performance on Saturday.

Lynda Smith, Math & Science Center teacher, for the MSC Speaker Series. Speakers will be brought in to speak on various science topics for most of the high school science class students, plus there are some speakers that the MSC students will travel to see at Andrews and Notre Dame universities.

Barb Lange and Sara Kiel, 6th grade teachers, for technology equipment for all the 6th grade classrooms. Document cameras, projectors, a laptop, speakers, and a cart for each classroom to be equipped with the same basic technology tools.

## AAC sponsors Wheelchair Basketball Game

The high school Assets Advisory Committee (AAC) is inviting the community to a fun, exciting evening of *Wheelchair Basketball Games*. The event will be held on Saturday, March 10th, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the middle school gym. The first game will be between two competitive wheelchair teams the *Turnstone Flyers* from Fort Wayne and the *Junior Pacers* from Grand Rapids. Lakeshore sophomore Caleb VanderWeide is a member of the *Junior Pacers* team. The second game of the night will be a “friendly competitive” game between members of the Grand Rapids team and the *Lakeshore Rollers*. The Rollers team will consist of Lakeshore high school staff and students. There will also be fun games for the audience during intermission and between quarters. There will be a 50/50 raffle and concessions available as well. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for high school and middle school students, and elementary students and younger are FREE. Tickets available at the door. Please join us for an entertaining evening of basketball and fun!

## SAVE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS!

Don't throw out those old, smelly, worn-out sneakers lurking in your closets or garages. The high school *Assets Advisory Committee* will be collecting old athletic shoes for the NIKE Reuse-a-Shoe program again this spring. This is a program where NIKE recycles athletic shoes into a material to make playground surfaces, running tracks, basketball courts, and more for kids who need them around the world. The group had great response to this program last year, and hope to double the number of shoes collected.

They can accept any brand and any condition of athletic type shoes ... sneakers, soccer shoes, running shoes, etc. There are just three requirements: NO metal cleats, NO dress shoes, and they should not be wet or damp, please. There will be collection boxes throughout the district from mid-April through mid-May. See the next Light for more details. In the meantime, PLEASE SAVE YOUR SNEAKERS!

## Berrien County Dancers

### Schedules Hubbard Street Residency (Full-Length Version)

The Berrien County Dancers are entering the final phase of their fundraising campaign to bring in *Hubbard Street Dance Chicago*, a contemporary dance company, for a week-long residency that will involve both students and the community.

BCD is deeply grateful to the **Lakeshore Excellence Foundation** for giving them a \$5,000 Foundation Project Grant in support of the residency. Community members who wish to donate may send a check to Lakeshore Public Schools, 5771 S. Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville MI 49127 (put “BCD Hubbard Street” on the memo line).

The residency is scheduled for March 19-24. In addition to daily instruction for BCD students, the professional dancers will conduct three community master classes that week and perform a concert in the Lakeshore Community Auditorium (March 24 at 7:00 P.M.). BCD's Advanced Dancers will also perform at the Hubbard Street concert! For information on the Master Classes or concert, go to the BCD website at [BerrienCountyDancers.com](http://BerrienCountyDancers.com) or call Mrs. Graziano at 428-1402, Ext. 2099.

Visit the Lakeshore website for up-to-date information on Lakeshore happenings.

[www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us](http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us)

## MSVMA State Honors Choir

Three LHS choir students have advanced to the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) State Honors Choir and will have an opportunity to audition for the All-State Honors Choir. Congratulations to Becca Brunner, Rachel Marquardt, and Brittany Millham!

## 74th Annual Southwest Michigan Vocal Festival

The Concert Choir will travel to Western Michigan University to take part in the Southwest Michigan Vocal Festival on March 15th, where they will combine with over 1,000 other high school singers from our region for a once-in-a-lifetime choral experience. A free public concert will be held in the Miller Auditorium. Check for the performance time on the choir website at [www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us](http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us).

## MSVMA District Choral Festival

In preparation for the festival, Lakeshore's middle and high school choirs will perform their festival pieces in concert in the Lakeshore Community Auditorium on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 P.M. A donation of \$1 per person is requested for admission. The festival will be held at The Chapel, 4250 S. Washington Ave., in St. Joseph on Monday, February 28 and Tuesday, February 29. Middle and high school choirs from all over the area will perform for ratings from a panel of adjudicators. The performances start at about 8:30 A.M. and continue throughout the day. They are open to the public at no charge. Lakeshore performance dates and times will be announced on the high school's electronic sign.

## Lakeshore Lancer Athletics

Athletic events are a great way to entertain the entire family. Individual event prices for tickets purchased at the gate are as follows: varsity, junior varsity, and freshman contests are \$5.00 per person, middle school contests are \$3.00 per person.

The Lakeshore Lancer Winter Athletic schedules can be found on the Lakeshore website. Visit the high school main page, then click the extra curricular drop down menu and athletics. A weekly schedule is posted on this page -- or you can view the entire season schedule at [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)



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This term offers an array of classes including: parenting, computers, exercise, and photography. Make sure to take a moment and look over the yellow flyer that is in this issue of the Lakeshore Light -- you might find something you would really enjoy.

You can now sign-up for classes online via the lakeshore website at: [www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us/enrichment](http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us/enrichment)

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