

PANTHER PAUSE

A REGULAR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOCKLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

As March is roaring in like a lion (I keep hearing the Katy Perry song play in my head)...it is time to take another **PANTHER PAUSE** and acknowledge the happenings and future events of the district.

The Elementary PTO is sponsoring a “Spring Fling” dance on Saturday, March 7th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

We are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner for all Arlington Heights and Lockland district residents on Saturday, March 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We will hand out information about the upcoming levy in May, be on hand to answer any questions, and register people to vote. Please come out and bring your friends and neighbors.

Lockland Schools has a school levy on the ballot for Tuesday, May 5th. [Click here](#) for information about the levy. Also, if you have additional questions, you can email the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Bishop matt.bishop@locklandschools.org for answers, to set up a face to face meeting, or set up a neighborhood coffee/visit. We want you to have the facts...this levy is too important to not be totally informed!

Keenan West presented his “Mean Stinks” assemblies to all three buildings on January 20th. Students learned about the importance of standing up when students are being treated unkindly. Please [click here](#) to visit his website to learn more about his program that is sponsored by Proctor and Gamble.

Lockland Local Schools has partnered with Safer Schools Ohio. Safer Schools Ohio is a multi-agency effort created to assist schools in continuously improving the safety of our students. Paramount in this effort is ensuring each school has a strong building safety plan. Schools are comparing their existing plans to a model plan developed by the Attorney General’s School Safety Task Force that outlines the best approaches to keeping kids safe. State experts, including those in the Department of Public Safety’s Ohio Homeland Security division, review the

information and provide guidance to help schools implement best practices and improve their plans. The state Emergency Management Agency and the University of Findlay will provide training to schools and local first responders at no cost. This will help local educators develop comprehensive safety initiatives in cooperation with local law enforcement. Additionally, Ohio Homeland Security will provide technical assistance at no cost to local stakeholders as they develop and implement their school safety plans. Public safety officials offer the hotline 1-844-723-3764 at no cost to schools as a way for students to report potential suicides, school shootings, bullying or other problems anonymously.

Our students did a great job at the God, Flag, and Country essay contest sponsored by the Reading Eagles...Tia Constanzo (runner-up), Jordan Darling (second place), Kaylee Green (was unable to attend due to illness), Peyton Hicks (honorable mention), and James Cooper (honorable mention) represented Lockland Schools well.

In February, Lockland High School and Middle School celebrated Black History Month. The office announced daily trivia questions with prizes for students who correctly answered. Mrs. Bailey took the lead on having students decorate the hallways. She also organized students to read a Black History moment in time every morning over the intercom system and share history with both schools. Mrs. Krause and Mrs. Bailey also organized and had play try-outs; our students will perform a small play in March for the entire student body.

Our LHS seniors went to the CitiBank in Florence, Kentucky to spend the day as part of their Future Focus Program. Our students had Real-Life experiences in the corporate world along with mock job interviews too resume writing. Lunch was provided there was no cost for our students to attend this great program. Mrs. Krause organized this event and Mr. Heintz helped chaperone.

Varsity Boys Baseball Coach Pflug had a Baseball Hat design competition. The winning student received 2 Red's tickets while the second and third place received a free hat and t-shirt. Students and staff voted during lunches and the first place winner went to Mr. Sheldon. He opted for the hat and t-shirt and gave the Reds tickets to second place winner Nate Leigh. There was a tie for third place between Mrs. Haber and Takayla Gadberry. They both received a free hat and t-shirt.

Our junior and senior girls attended a presentation on Teen Dating Violence. Presenters Jen Hall and Maria Newsad from Tri-Health. They spoke to our young ladies on the topic of Understanding Teen Dating Violence and highlighted programs available to them. Great information was distributed along with the opportunity to win gift cards.

PARCC testing started in late February and will continue through early March. Food Service Director, Mr. Kimmel kicked off the week with a hot breakfast for all students. There were door prizes and drawings for students who participated in the free breakfast.

Our middle school teachers have continued to meet as a team Tuesday mornings. They are working on identifying instructional strategies that can be used across all disciplines. They also choose vocabulary (power verbs) and examined the content standards and what students are supposed to know about power verbs.

Middle/High School Club news:

- ❖ Our Lockland Spirit Club has been busy hanging signs around school and decorating the hallways for tournament games and upcoming holidays.
- ❖ The Middle School started an Anti-Bullying club they have continued to have their meetings on Friday's after school. They have been busy making signs and hanging them around the building.
- ❖ Our LHS Mock Trial Team qualified for Regional competition.

Our tenth graders will be taking the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) during the week of March 16th. This is the last class that will need to pass all sections of the OGT to earn a diploma from Lockland High School. With the freshman class of 2018, students must now achieve a minimum points average on End of Course Exams. For more information on the new requirements for Class of 2018 graduates and later, [click here](#).

The end of our third grading period will be Friday, March 20th. Report cards will be mailed home Friday, March 27th.

Spring Break runs from March 30th through April 3rd.

Lockland Elementary is hosting a Donuts with Dads Day on Friday, March 27th from 7:30-8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Muffins with Moms is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th from 7:30-8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Mark it on your calendar. The annual Lockland PTO Mayfair is scheduled for Friday, May 1st. More details to come.

Lockland High School Junior/Senior Prom is set for Friday, May 8th.

Check out the Lockland Schools website for the latest news and information...remember, it is www.locklandschools.org. Also, visit us on Twitter @locklandschools.

A reminder to our teaching staff, everyone should be working on developing their curriculum maps...please reach out to your building administrator or the content specialist provided by the ESC for assistance...this is a crucial step to increase achievement...75% of your curriculum map should be completed by the end of the third quarter. Remember to keep your lesson plans updated and follow the format provided by your building administrator...be sure to focus on differentiation and activities that will be engaging for students.

The next Superintendent Advisory Committee meeting is March 19th. See a SAC member if you have an issue that needs addressed that has not been solved at the building level or is a broad, district-wide issue...feel free to email me as well and I will take it to the team.