



News & Notes

following the Board of Education Meeting of Oct. 3, 2023



Photos from Every Child Matters Day at Lake Shore

Top: J.T. Waugh Elementary

Middle: A.J. Schmidt Elementary

Bottom: Highland Elementary

COMING UP:

Oct. 9: American Heritage Day

Nov. 1-30: Native American Heritage Month

Nov. 8: Indigenous Makers Faire,
5-7 pm, High School

Nov. 24: Native American Heritage Day

At Tuesday night's Board of Education Work Session:

- **The Board of Education discussed options** that have emerged thus far from committee and parent feedback in the District's Elementary Instructional Space Study (EISS).

The Board's examination of long-range space options includes reviewing grade configurations, transportation implications, class sizes, retirement projections, and the need for PreK staff if the District opts to run that program internally. While an excellent PreK program is currently hosted by the YMCA, increased funding options give the District an opportunity to run PreK in collaboration with a community partner.

After the Parent Committees meet next week, a summary report of all committee findings will be submitted to the Board of Education. "We are following a process and seeking input and the Board will be reviewing the input we're getting," said Board of Education President Jennifer Michalec. "Our goal is to solve this issue with the least amount of disruption to students, programs, and families."

- **Transportation Supervisor Perry Oddi updated** the Board on the District's Transportation Department. We've all ridden on them and we see them rolling down the streets every day. School buses are such a common experience, it's easy to take for granted that getting children to school "just happens." But, there's a lot more to it, Mr. Oddi explained. First, he gave the stats, noting that behind the stats are people "who take great care and have great pride and spirit."

Lake Shore's total fleet numbers 84 vehicles: 30 for buildings and grounds, and 54 DOT school buses. The Transportation Department has 68 employees, including 47 bus drivers, 15 attendants, two auto mechanics (master), and three office staff. Their combined efforts transport 2063 students to 13 public, private and special needs locations throughout Western New York.

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- **Superintendent Dan Pacos reviewed** three years of Regents testing results and discussed the disruption in trends due to exams being canceled during COVID-19. He noted that Technology Director Jeffrey Barnes will be working with administrators on how to access the Data Warehouse to work with teams to improve performance moving forward.



Holly Mangus

WINNER, WINNER!!!

Holly Mangus, Speech Pathologist, was the "Cyber Expert" winner of a Tim Horton's gift card for correctly answering this week's cyber tip question.

There will be weekly chances to win throughout October as Lake Shore CSD observes Cyber Security Month. Watch for the email on Mondays!

Lake Shore PEOPLE



Seniors London Nickolai, left, and Travis Bernhard will be providing photographs and articles for Lake Shore's PR news initiatives.

NEW on the PR Team!

Seniors **Travis Bernhard** and **London Nickolai** will be working with Lake Shore's PR person, Jane Burzynski, to fulfill their community service requirements for National Honor Society, and their business and government classes.

They will cover events, sports, and classroom activities, primarily at the High School. Their work will appear on the Lake Shore web site, Facebook, Twitter, and in other venues. The bylines and photo credits on their work will be a great asset for their professional portfolios.

"Their initiative and enthusiasm are awesome and everyone's support in helping them conduct their work is most appreciated!," said Mrs. Burzynski.