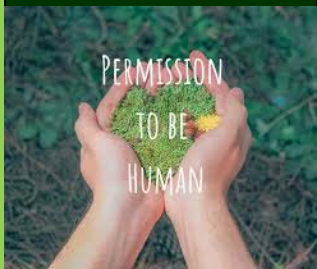




News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of March 2, 2021



Permission to Be Human

Stress Management & Mindfulness Practices
In collaboration with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Horizon Health

APRIL 15
3:30-4:30 pm

Open to
ALL LSCSD Staff

- Take a greater look into normalizing being in distress
- Gain skills and practical applications on how to address distress through understanding, compassion, intention and balance

Register on the WinCap Web PD Calendar or email
Teresa.Maiorana@lscsd.org.

Zoom link will be provided upon receipt of RSVP via registration in WinCap Web or email.



Hello Everyone,

Our Public Employee Health Emergency Plan is complete. Crisis planning has long been in the playbook of school districts, and there are plenty of potential crises to plan for. But living through COVID-19 pushed pandemic planning to the top of the list.

So it was that the New York State legislature required school districts to develop Public Employee Health Emergency Plans specific to their district.

Lake Shore's PEHEP was developed with input from our administrative/supervisor, teacher and teamster groups, and was approved by the Board of Education on Feb. 23rd. The intent of the plan is to ensure both safety and continuity of operations in our District in the event of a public health emergency.

The plan identifies essential positions, facilitation of remote work for non-essential positions, provision of personal protective equipment and protocols to support contact tracing. Protocols for communication, risk reduction, cleaning and disinfecting, remote work and other factors also are outlined in the plan.

We have all lived it, so the plan's components won't come as earth-breaking news ... but it does provide a blueprint, etched from experience, for ensuring health and safety while maintaining mission essential operations should infectious disease outbreaks occur in the future.

For a look at the full plan, click [HERE](#).

Many thanks to all who contributed to this effort.

Stay safe, everyone!

Sincerely,
Dr. Charles Galluzzo,
Superintendent



At Tuesday night's Board of Education Meeting ...

AJ Schmidt Tour ...

The Board of Education toured A.J. Schmidt Elementary School and heard an update from Principal Jill Clark on lessons learned during the pandemic. Mrs. Clark shared highlights from a discussion with teachers and specialists about what has resonated most positively during COVID-19. Responses included:

- The resilience of students
- Appreciation for parents
- The people of AJS itself being pretty awesome
- Communication with parents improving 100-fold
- Small groups allowing more 1:1 or 1:2 instruction
- Learning so much and how adaptable we are and how happy students are to be in school

Remote education brought home and school closer together, said Mrs. Clark. "We have been in homes, met Grandma and Grandad, and the goldfish, and we know their names. We've celebrated birthdays with the children, we've met newborns. It made our bonds even stronger. I'm very proud of the work we do and very proud of our students."

Budget Development ...

Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance Dan Pacos provided an update on budget development, noting that the District is in a holding pattern while waiting for final State Aid figures and to see if federal aid is forthcoming, and how much.

There has been a decrease in final workers' comp numbers and some additional revenues and savings, he said, bringing the current projected budget figure to just under \$63 million.

There still is a \$1.8 million gap to fill, he said, pointing out that the District is highly State Aid dependent. He also said the District expects to present a proposition on the ballot to establish a Capital Reserve Fund which would be funded by unspent debt reserve funds, with zero impact on the local tax rate.



At A.J. Schmidt:

Top: Note Shel Silverstein's book, *The Giving Tree*, on the rocker? That's in the A.J. Schmidt foyer, along with an invitation to "take a brain break, read a great book, and relax!" The Giving Tree beside the chair shows how awesome everyone at AJS is at giving!

Above Left: Kindergartener Kayden Voss enjoys lunch behind an unobtrusive protective barrier.

Above right: 2nd grader Jenna Litzinger wears her puppy mask!

Remote #'s:

The number of students on full remote instruction at A.J. Schmidt is declining, Principal Jill Clark reported:

1st Trimester: 37 students

2nd Trimester: 33 students

3rd Trimester: 15 students



MIGHT

We See Them

MORE?

Are we likely to see our Lake Shore students in school more often this year?

Many factors could impact actual feasibility, but on March 1st and 3rd, a District committee met to discuss ways to bring students back for more days of instruction.

“We are expecting guidance from the New York State Education Department and/or the New York State Department of Health that may guide us a bit more in our decision-making,” said Melissa Bergler, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. “However, we have determined that the current Monday format would remain intact, serving students remotely and allowing us to prepare materials for students who are working remotely at home.”

Mrs. Bergler said teachers will be soon be asked to complete an inventory of items that may be needed in the event of a larger class size, such as desks instead of tables, or needing help configuring their classroom for more students.

“The projected timeline varies. While we have considered bringing students back before Spring Break, we must consider bussing implications, the possible need for barriers, and having remote students stay remote for the remainder of the year unless there is an extenuating circumstance,” she said. “There are many factors involved and discussions are continuing.”

If you have questions, please reach out to committee members:

Charles Galluzzo, Melissa Bergler, Chris D'Anna, Katy Berner-Wallen, Colleen Politowski, Jill Clark, Paula Eastman, Kevin Schamberger, Shannon Muldowney, Kellie Rooth, Megan Smaldino, Todd Creech, Jennifer Knauer, John Renzo, Joe Migliaccio and Heidi Kaminski.

File Photo: Reading Specialist Kellie Rooth working with students at J.T. Waugh when school reopened this Fall.

Variety Club Telethon

Thank You!

\$1356 Collected!



- Photo by Bill Mayer

Lake Shore Transportation employees, including Carrie Preston, mom of this year's Variety Club Celebrity Child Evan Liddick, proudly presented a check for \$1356 to Variety Club during the telethon on Sunday. Collected on behalf of Teamsters 264, the effort included contributions from transportation staff, friends, families, retirees and administrators, says Denise Mecca. The contribution was lauded by veteran Variety Club staff and volunteers, she reports. "One who has been working for Variety Club for many years said that was great for a workplace contribution," she says. "Another saw the check and said, 'Wow, you guys did great!'" Yes, we did do great! Go Eagles! Thanks to all who contributed, and all good wishes to Evan, who serves as Celebrity Child throughout the year.

Pictured with Evan, from left, are: bus drivers Patty Austin and Terri Bergum, payroll clerk Denise Mecca, and bus driver Carrie Preston.

GOIN' BALD



FOR BUCK\$.

March 8-18th!

**DONATE to
Lake Shore B4B [HERE!](#)**

How to Participate

Virtual event

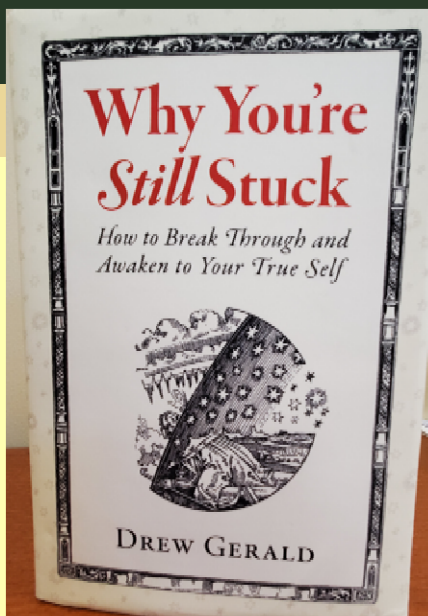
March 8-18th:

1. Choose a date.
2. Video the shaving or cutting.
3. Post to social media with the hashtag **#baldforbucks**.
4. Email the video to kathleen.kreinheder@lscsd.org

Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code
to create an account with Lake
Shore B4B.



If you would like
Benny the Barber
to shave your head, please email
kathleen.kreinheder@lscsd.org
for an appointment.
He is donating his time from
4-5 pm on Mon., 3/8 -
Fri., 3/13.



'Why You're Still Stuck: How to Break Through and Awaken to Your True Self'

By Drew Gerald
(Andrew Fitzgerald, LSHS Class of '05)



If you feel you're trapped repeating the same cycles and stories over and over again, maybe it's time to learn the truth about who you really are.

So posits Drew Gerald (more familiarly known to us as Andrew Fitzgerald, LSHS Class of 2005), whose book, "Why You're Still Stuck: How to Break Through and Awaken to Your True Self," was published by MetaHeal in 2020.

In the book, he presents five tenets for getting unstuck: Stopping, Feeling, Truth, Responsibility and Choice. Stopping is a critical beginning, he notes: stopping of stories, of overthinking, of addiction, of avoiding, of dramatizing. He writes that, "... much of what will help you is not found in doing more, being more, adding more – but from stopping. Stopping is the most important step in change because without stopping what's not working, you will end up sabotaging whatever new actions you take."

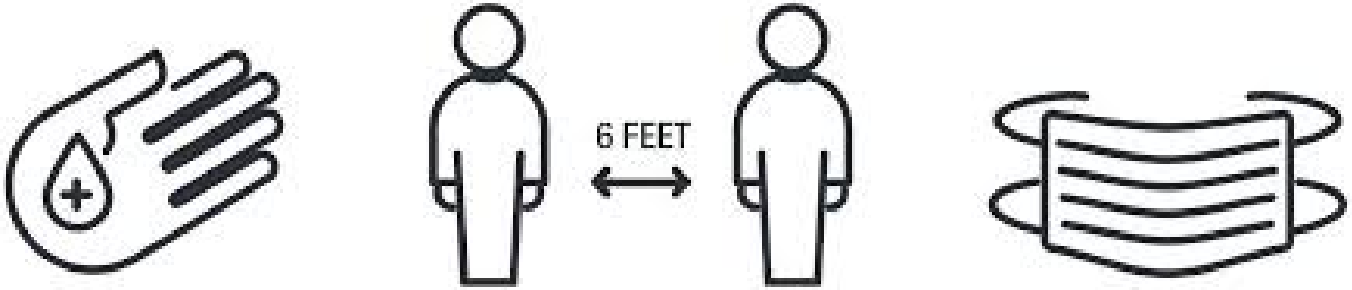
Drew is currently director at the Center for Cinesomatic Development, and holds workshops internationally from New York to London, Tuscany to Switzerland, and virtually. The workshops are designed to help professionals worldwide see the patterns that keep them from realizing true fulfillment and self-actualization.

Drew is brother to Aryn, Class of 2017, and Aiden, Class of 2020. You can learn more about his work at drewgerald.com.

COVID-19 Protocols

Reminders!

Keeping Us Safe & Our Buildings Open



Although the positivity rate is dropping, to keep our buildings open and staff, students and colleagues safe from COVID-19, we must continue to follow all protocols:

- Masks should be worn at all times.
- Social Distancing for 6 feet or more at all times. (The ECDOH considers someone a "close contact" if they are less than 6 feet for 10 consecutive minutes or more.)
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and running water are not immediately available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rub hands together until they are dry.
- Stay home if sick.
- Faculty & Staff should take breaks in separate locations to help minimize the spread of any potential COVID-19 that may affect your building.
- Avoid gatherings with people you don't live with.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been advised by a healthcare provider to get tested,
you should be utilizing rapid testing.
Appointments are made at the county's COVID-19 hotline: 858-2929.

If you test positive
OR are in contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 contact
kristine.demartino@lscsd.org
or
926-2202.

Please use 545-0626 after hours and weekends.

Results and quarantine/isolation orders need to be provided to Kristine DeMartino upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent's Office. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in keeping our District safe and our buildings open.