



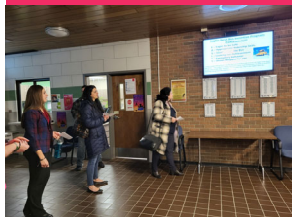
News & Notes

following the Board of Education Meeting of Feb. 7, 2023



Members of the cast, crew and pit orchestra of this week's High School musical were hard at work when Board of Education members dropped in for a peek at the "Mean Girls (High School Version)" dress rehearsal. Tickets for the show, a lesson on the power of verbal, social and cyber-bullying and the dangers of cruel behaviors, are at www.showtix4u.com. Showtimes: 7 p.m., Feb. 9-11 at Wm. G. Houston Middle School.

Also on the tour ...



Before their meeting on Tuesday night at the Middle School, Board of Education members had a tour of highlights at the school. In addition to seeing the auditorium in use for a "Mean Girls" dress rehearsal, they saw (above, from left): the Honor and Merit Roll 'Wall of Fame' in the school's lobby; the classroom of a Teacher of the Month nominee; the Native American Support room, and the student-created painted eagle on the wall leading to the school's Exploratory Wing.

Feb. 7, 2023: Board of Education Meeting

Personnel Actions:

Probationary

Appointments of ...

Jacyln Kauzala, Grounds Worker (effective 1/20/23).

William Brennan, Laborer (effective 2/7/23).

Resignation of ...

Elizabeth Casey, Senior Clerk Typist (effective 2/2/23).

Dawn Lamberti, Bus Driver (effective 1/19/23).

Jacyln Kauzala, Laborer (effective 1/19/23).

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement ...

Nancy Ells, Senior Clerk Typist (effective 6/30/23).

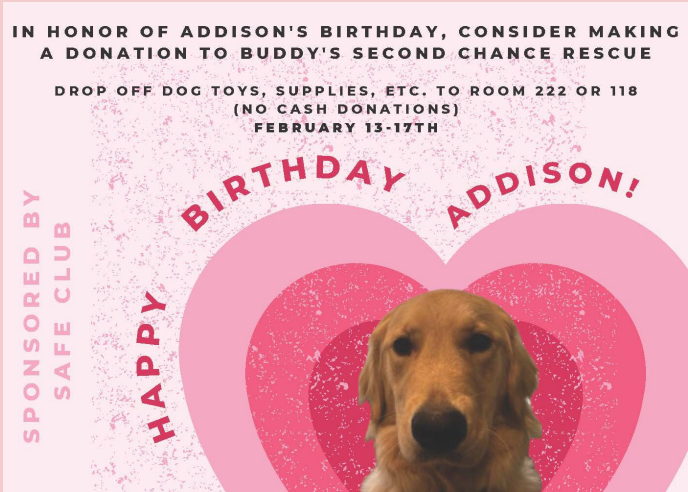


Guess who has a birthday coming up!

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The students in Lake Shore High School’s SAFE club are celebrating the first birthday of the school district’s School Resource Paw-fficer, Addison, with a doggie toy drive to benefit Buddy’s Second Chance Rescue, a nonprofit that saves dogs that have been abused, neglected and forgotten.

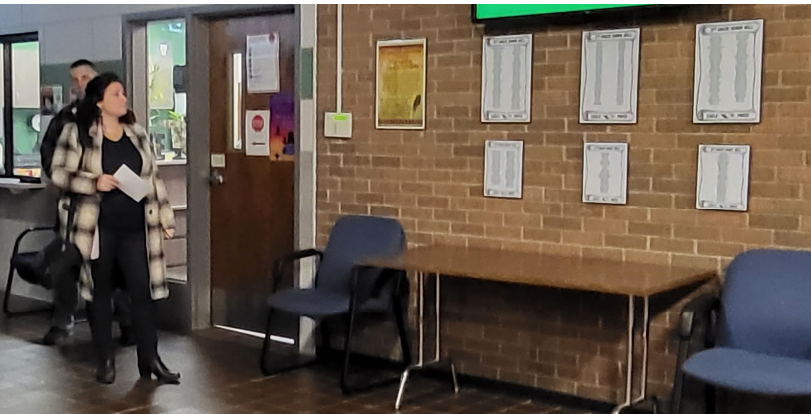
The SAFE Club just got underway this year as a “safe place to hang out, relax and de-stress after school,” says President Christina Duffy, a senior. The club is about student well-being and all agree that the presence of Addison in school has certainly contributed to that. In fact, the birthday benefit idea took off like wild fire when junior Reilly Green, who is learning about fundraising in her Spanish IV class, first mentioned it to Spanish teacher Laura Kowal and they brought the idea to SAFE Club co-advisors Sydney Sweet (physics) and Julia Reesor (global history).



Christina, above left, and Reilly suggest donations of dog toys, food, blankets, towels, crates (large and small).

Items don’t have to be brand new – as long as they are in good condition and serviceable, all will be appreciated.

Donations of dog toys and supplies (NO CASH DONATIONS PLEASE) are accepted from Feb. 13 through 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17. They can be dropped off in the collection box in the High School front lobby, or in at room 118, 218 or 222.



Board of Education member Arlene DeJoy-Meckes takes a closer look at names on the Middle School’s Honor and Merit Roll Wall.

Focusing on Success & Other Great Things!

“Great things are happening in this building every single day,” Middle School Principal Stacy Conti told the Board of Education at its meeting on Tuesday night. “We’re helping students grow and getting them ready for High School, focusing on rigorous curriculum and high quality instruction, which reflects our District goals.”

She and Assistant Principal Jeff Krause then outlined several programs that align students, staff, parents and community to help achieve those goals. Among them are the SNI, booster and community initiatives, including having a JOM teacher and a Native American Support teaching assistant on site and a home-school

liaison, and groups like Citizens for Responsible Choices and Boosters. Student Support/Culture initiatives include the Social-Emotional Learning Committee and Culture Committee, and the Teacher of the Month program. In addition, accountability measures are in place for academics, specifically the Action Plan for Failing Students for students who may need “a little push or a big lift,” as well as clear expectations for athletics and extra-curricular activities. Mr. Krause noted with pride that 64% of Middle School students are on the Honor or Merit Roll, and the goal is to raise that number. “We hope building community involvement, will help build student achievement when they see us all together as one.”