# VIKING VOYAGER 

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# From the Desk of the Superintendent 

By Dr. Aaron Plas

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you enjoying a beautiful fall day. The school year is already flying by as we near the end of the first quarter. We are shifting into a new part of the year as fall activities inch towards the post-season, coats are being worn at elementary recess, and kids are already talking about when the first snow day will be announced! The first month of school can often be rough for some as new procedures and routines must be established. We hope you are settling in and feeling confident as the school year moves forward.

## Shell Creek Elementary Addition

The Shell Creek Elementary addition continues pressing forward and is nearing completion. We are excited for this addition to our school district, which will help ease some of the overcrowding at that attendance site. Back in 2012, when the Shell Creek bond was passed, the student enrollment was 189 students. Shell Creek now has a staggering enrollment of 347 students. This 83.6\% increase helped facilitate the changes necessary to add space and teachers.

As of the time of print for this newsletter (9/15/22), the construction is scheduled for completion by October 17th. We are hopeful teachers will be moved into their permanent locations by that date and we can resume school with very limited educational disruption.

I want to conclude by saying, THANK YOU! Construction is messy, inconvenient, and often quite annoying. But our parents, students, and community members have been so understanding throughout the entire process. We know this facility addition will benefit the education of students for the next several decades, and it could not have happened without your assistance. I am extremely hopeful and optimistic by the time you receive the Viking Voyager newsletter next month, we will be utilizing these new classrooms!

## School Spending

The end of August marks the final days of the school fiscal year. Lakeview is always trying to offer students the best educational opportunities possible while also being fiscally responsible for the taxpayers. I thought it would be a good time to share some school spending data on the district.

Over the last fiscal year, Lakeview had a spending increase of $2.67 \%$. While the $10-y e a r ~ a v e r a g e ~$ increase for the district has been $2.65 \%$. This $2.65 \%$ increase was also during a time period when the student population increased an incredible $31 \%$. For comparison, during that same period the state of Nebraska increased spending by $3.26 \%$, and the average Nebraska school spending increase was 3.09\%.

Lakeview is a quickly growing district and we are constantly improving our practices to ensure our education is current, quality, and robust. I can't begin to express how much we appreciate all of the support our community provides to the education of our youngest patrons.

## In \& Around Lakeview Jr/Sr High



## Hunter Liss First National Champion World Championship 5th Place Finish in Microsoft Word Competition

In the 2022 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) U.S. National Championship, 85 finalists competed in Dallas, Texas, and the first-place winners earned themselves a trip to the MOS World Championship in Anaheim, California in late July.

Across the U.S., more than 44,000 students ages 13 to 22 entered one of six competition tracks by submitting a qualified, passing score on the two latest versions of any of the following certification exams: Microsoft Office Specialist Word®, Microsoft Office Specialist Excel ${ }^{\circledR}$, and Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint®. First place winners received a \$3,000 cash prize,
second place $\$ 1,500$ and third place \$750.

Hunter Liss, now a junior at LHS, was named both the Nebraska state champion in Microsoft Word 2016, and Microsoft Excel 2016 during the 20212022 school year. He chose to compete in the Microsoft Word division and was named the National Champion on June 22 at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas, Texas. Liss was accompanied by Jan Went, Information Technology Applications Instructor and Certiport Organization Administrator at LHS, and her husband Ryan. Liss received \$3,000, a gold medal, a trophy, and a Microsoft Surface computer.

Liss went on to compete at the World Championship held in Anaheim, California. While there, competitors enjoyed an 80's themed fun night, international food tastings, and a day at Disneyland. A two-part competition was conducted consisting of an online test and a production test creating a fact sheet for N-Power, a non-profit organization providing technology education for underserved communities. Students competing were from over 25 different countries. Cash and other prizes were awarded to the top three finishers. Hunter placed fifth overall!

His journey won't end here, however, as he plans to continue to test and hopefully qualify in PowerPoint or Excel this year. Congratulations and good luck Hunter!

## In \& Around Lakeview Jr/Sr High

## Senior Pictures Due Soon!

It's time to submit senior pictures for this year's yearbook! Please submit headshots to Mrs. Schatz at kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org. Specifications for submission are below. If we do not receive a picture for your senior student by January 31, we will use the headshot taken for school pictures. These pictures will be used for the yearbook, for the senior slide show, and for the Columbus Telegram.

Senior Photo Submission Requirements:

- .CD or email the image to be used (kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org)
- .JPG Format
- .Minimum 200 DPI
- .Cropped vertically
- No special effects (soft focus, b/w, sepia, etc...)
- Submission due by January 31
${ }^{* *}$ Note**Headshots are required for the Telegram. If you wish to use a different photo for the yearbook, you may, but the above requirements still apply. If you are sending 2 different pictures, please specify where each picture is to be used.

If you can't afford senior pictures, we have a professional photographer who will do a brief session for FREE! Contact Mrs. Schatz at kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org for more information.



## Senior Ads for your Special Senior - Get yours NOW!

Attention Parents of Seniors!! Graduating from high school is such a wonderful milestone in your child's life. We would like to offer the opportunity for you to mark this occasion by ordering a senior advertisement in the yearbook. These "ads" will contain your child's senior picture already submitted and a baby picture if that was also submitted. You can then personalize the ad by writing a note to your child. Past notes have been ones of encouragement and love. The limit is 150 words. You can submit these ads to kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org. The cost is \$50 per ad. Please make payment to Lakeview High School with senior ad marked in the memo. All ads and payment must be submitted by January 31 . We have VERY limited spots available, so get your senior ad today! These ads will be first come, first served. Once our space is filled, we will not be able to take any more ads.

## Viking Way Student of the Month



## Ali Mueller

Congratulations to Ali Mueller for being selected as a Viking Way Student of the Month for August! Ali is a very kind and caring person who is willing to go out of her way to encourage others and help them when she sees a need. That's awesome, nice job Ali!

## Calli Helms

Congratulations to Calli Helms for being selected as the Junior High Viking Way Student of the Month for August! Calli demonstrated leadership, by stepping up and helping others feel welcome at Lakeview. Great job Calli!

## FBLA News



## Meet Your Officer Team

President - Jimena Riojas
Vice President - Isaac Stromberg
Historian - Molly Frenzen
Reporter - Jesus Riojas
Public Relations - Alicia Mueller
Parliamentarian - Jonathan Flores
Secretary - Sidney Jaixen
Treasurer - Ava Tessendorf

## Jump Into FBLA Social

On August 30th, Lakeview FBLA hosted a chapter recruitment activity. The officer team bought bubble balls to engage with fellow members. We ended the meeting by introducing the new officer team, discussing the benefits of FBLA, and handing out yummy cookies.

## Food Feud vs Scotus

Come and help support the Lakeview FBLA Chapter and local food banks! Bring a canned food item or cash donation to the Lakeview vs Scotus football game on October 21st. All donations will support Columbus area food banks.

## Become a Member Today!

- Meet new people
- Travel opportunities
- Looks good on a resume/scholarships
- Gain new skills
- Leadership opportunities
- Only \$12 to join
- It's fun!


## Blue Pride Cards

If you have your dues turned in, please pick up your blue pride cards and sell them for $\$ 10$ each. Once you sell the minimum of 5 blue pride cards you may collect more cards to use towards trips. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the office or find a FBLA member.

## Upcoming Dates

October 1: Blue Pride Cards For Sale
October 14: Membership Forms Due
October 21: Food Feud vs Scotus
November 10: National Fall
Leadership Conference

- Denver, CO


## In \& Around Shell Creek

## Number Sense

By: Brittany Niedbalski

What is number sense? Why is it important? Number sense is a group of skills that help a person work with numbers and math terms. Having an understanding of numbers is important because it helps a person have flexibility and think fluently about numbers.


Some of the important skills of number sense are understanding quantities, grasping concepts of more or less, greater and smaller amounts, understanding order and symbols..


A person with strong number sense is able to visualize and talk about numbers, take numbers apart and put them back together in a different way, compute mentally, and is able to relate math to the real world. As a parent, we can help students build a strong sense by practicing and grouping quantities, work on estimating, talk about the relationships between quantities, and take time to talk about numbers like how long does it take to drive to school or the store.

## In \& Around Platte Center



On Friday, August 26th, the 5th and 6th graders at Platte Center went to the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island.


6th graders had fun climbing on the rope jungle gym at Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island on August 26th.


On Thursday, August 25th, Platte Center Elementary celebrated our students that had a birthday in June, July, and August.


Mrs. Jarecki's Kindergarten class.


Mrs. Wemhoff's 3rd Grade class.

## Platte Center Awards



## Viking Way Students of the Month

Congratulations to Harper Liebig (2nd Grade) and Oliver Soto Jacinto (3rd Grade) for being selected as the Viking Way Students of the Month for August!

## Mission Challenge Winner

Congratulations to Wyatt Harris (6th Grade) for winning the School Mission Challenge for the Month for August!


## In \& Around Christ Lutheran School

The 2022-2023 school year began with Chapel led by Mrs. Petersen using our FRED bag. What is a FRED bag you ask? FRED stands for Friendly Reminders Every Day. We can see Jesus in simple objects that are around us each and every day. Each school family will have a week where they will put in the FRED bag an object of their choice that helps them see and learn more about Jesus. The students will then ask questions to try to figure out what the object is. A rock was in FRED when Mrs. Petersen led Chapel. It was to help us to better understand our theme this year. Our theme is Isaiah 26:4 Trust in the Lord, for the Lord, Himself is our Rock eternally. Just as a rock is solid and strong and mighty, Jesus is that for us so we can put our trust in Him. Each student and teacher received a rock to decorate to remember that Jesus is our Rock!The Hetzel family put a geod in the FRED bag the next week to help us remember that when Jesus is in our heart, we will shine for Him. The Michael Frese family put a mirror in when they had the FRED bag to let us see our sins
and that we need to ask for forgiveness so we can reflect Jesus. We look forward to seeing and learning how everyday objects can help learn more about Jesus!

The Preschoolers started school on Aug 22. Upon entering their classroom, you will be greeted with hugs and eleven students holding up fingers and telling you how old they are. How fun it is to have them in our school!


The First and Second Graders are enjoying learning about Jesus while sitting around the beautiful altar that was designed and built by Dale VonSeggern. We are so thankful God blessed you with this amazing talent and that you shared that talent with us!

## In \& Around Christ Lutheran School

Third and fourth graders made dodecahedrons with facts about themselves. A dodecahedron is a 12 -sided figure each side made with a pentagonal circle. Stop in their room and see these fantastic projects hanging from their ceiling. They are also enjoying making their own Kahoots, an interactive app, to teach the other students about their favorite animal.


The 5th, 6th, and 7th Graders test their skills in a fitness test in PE.They tested their arm strength and abdominal strength by doing push-ups and sit-ups. They are looking forward to getting matched up with a congregation member for the Congregational Prayer Partner Program. They will not only pray for their partner, but will learn about their life in our congregation.

What a history lesson that will be! At the end of the year, the students will write a biography of the congregational prayer partner.


Education Sunday was held on Sept. 71. The whole school sang in church and Preschoolers and 2nd Graders received Bibles and the 3rd Graders received Catechisms.
The elementary and Sunday School teachers were also dedicated. We pray God bless them all this school year!

## In \& Around St. John's School



St. John's students hosted Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 9th. After a pizza lunch, they enjoyed spending time with their grandparents doing Bingo, a photo booth, a special interview, Grandparent Battleship, and a fingerprint project. The afternoon ended with a special chapel service
 led by Pastor Paul.

## In \& Around St. John's School

We enjoyed a Burger Bash on Sunday, September 18th where the students received their theme Tshirts and sang with all the children of our church - a wonderfully large choir!

The students in Grades K-5 went to Concordia University in Seward for the Plum Creek Literacy Festival September 23rd. This is always an excellent event where the children get to meet some of their favorite authors. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students did a service event that day at Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk.

We are looking forward to our Oktoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 16th. We hope that many in our community will join us from 11:00-1:30 for a delicious, one-of-akind German meal (and those amazing desserts!)

St. John's would like to thank the America's Farmers Grow Communities, a Bayer Fund program, and our sponsors Bob and Adriene (Jo) Shemek, for their \$5000 donation to St. John's Lutheran School. We are so grateful for this generous gift! We will be improving the playground and purchasing hands-on materials and experiences for our students learning.


## Lakeview Education Foundation

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Mission Statement: Inspire investment in scholarships, innovative programs and facilities that enhance the educational experience and opportunities for students \& faculty of Lakeview Community Schools

The 6th Annual Richard "Dick" Kamm Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by Lakeview Education Foundation; was held on Sunday, August 21st at the Elks Country Club. A total of 36 teams with roughly 144 golfers participated in the event. Once again, we were blessed with a beautiful day for golf. Winning teams of the event were broken down into 3 flights and are as follows:

## 1st Flight

1st Place -Winning Score of 57

2nd Place-Score of 61
Kevin Jaixen
Logan Jaixen
Dan Determan
Ted Gdowski

2nd Place -Score of 66

Dusty Jura
Trevor Osten
Matt Schaecher
Beau Klug

2nd Place-Score of 72

Deb Saalfeld
Stacy Smith
Diane Opplinger
Cindy Melliger

3rd Place-Score of 61

Rick Soulliere
Emerson Sliva
Kaine Muhle
Andy Ernesti

3rd Place-Score of 67

Jacob Jarecki
Ahren Uhling
Doug Kerkman
Mark Jarecki

## 3rd Flight

| 1st Place-Winning Score of 72 | 2nd Place-Score of 72 | 3rd Place-Score of 73 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jeff Lusche | Deb Saalfeld | Bill Klug |
| Keaton Lusche | Stacy Smith | Susan Klug |
| Kaleb Lusche | Diane Opplinger | Jim Morris |
| Ed Mathine | Cindy Melliger | Kathy Morris |

Congratulations to our Flight winners, as well as our Pin Prize and Contest Winners. The LEF is very appreciative of your support.

Thank you to all Flag Hole sponsors, Pin Prize contributors, Elks Country Club Staff, and all Board Members for their efforts to make this event a success.

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

## Community Resources

## Columbus Area Mental Health and Counseling Services

Community Response: to assist children, youth and families to be healthy and resilient through a prevention network of community resources.

Community Response contact information:
Email: rmiksch@columbusunitedway.com
Office: 402-564-5661
Locations:

| 1119 B Street | 321425 th St, Ste 2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Schuyler, NE | Columbus, NE |

Columbus Area Service Directory.

## Lakeview Resources

- Need to talk to someone? Does your family have any basic needs that are not being met?
$\rightarrow$ Mrs. Mollie Rambour, Junior High \& Platte Center School Counselor
$\rightarrow$ Mrs. Hellbusch, Shell Creek School Counselor
$\rightarrow$ Mrs. Paige Rambour, High School Counselor

99 Coping Skills

## Mindfulness Practice Cards

101 Positive Things to Say to Myself
Your Life Your Voice Website

## Hotlines/ Helplines

Your Life Your Voice- Boystown National Hotline:
(1-800-448-3000

Text "Voice" to 20121

Crisis Response- use in case of an emergency or mental health crisis:
(402) 564-3264

National Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 988
( 800-273-8255 (TALK)

DHHS Child Abuse and Neglect: 800-652-1999

211 Helpline:
2-1-1 or 402-444-6666
-• Text your zip code (68601) to 898211

# LAKEVIEW AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM 

The simplest way to stay connected!

## Lakeview Community Schools wants to ensure everyone is connected!

Text "YES" to 87569 to receive important updates regarding school closings, schedule changes, school events, lunch account information, and more.

## LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 

- After-School Program Coordinator (Platte Center \& Shell Creek)
- Elementary Special Education Para Educator (Shell Creek)
- ESL Para Educator (7th - 12th)
- Bilingual Para Educator (7th - 12th)
- Activities Bus Driver
- Night Time Custodian


## EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE TODAY!

For more information about these opportunities, please visit our website at www.lakeview.esu7.org



## Support Lakeview Viking History...

## BUY A BRICK!

Lakeview Foundation is offering a unique opportunity for our fans to become a permanent part of Lakeview High School's history. Be a part of the most distinctive feature of the Lakeview Athletic Complex...the "VIKING WALK OF PRIDE". The entrance to the newly renovated stadium will consist of personalized bricks, forming a walkway for our fans. The walkway, to be named the "VIKING WALK OF PRIDE", will capture the LHS tradition of excellence. Order your brick today!

| Purchaser's Name |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| Address |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone |  |

Send acknowledgment letter to the above address
This brick is a surprise, no need to send an acknowledgment letter
Bricks are a Standard 4"x8" Size and cost \$100.
Print information exactly as you would like it to appear, noting there are a maximum of 14 characters per line (including spaces). If you wish to order more than one brick or would like your bricks placed with a group of bricks, your orders MUST BE PLACED TOGETHER! All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. All profits from this sale will be used for the construction and maintenance of a new track.
All-State players there will be a spot reserved for you along the main entrance.

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Enclose your check or money order along with this form in an envelope and mail it to:

