Dear Lake Shore Public Schools Community:

Lake Shore Public Schools provides an exceptional education for all 3,516 students in a safe and nurturing environment. Our students are empowered to excel in an evolving global society, supported by the collaborative effort of staff, families, and community.

Our guiding principles, Inspiration, Innovation, and Celebration, are woven into the fabric of everything we do and will be the focus of every update.

Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams

Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy is living to serve. According to Kathleen Grobbel, Pediatric Family Advisory Chair, there was an estimated 1,300 students, families, and community members, 300 from Lake Shore, that showed their support for Sweet Dreams at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak on Friday, December 14. At 8 pm, pediatric patients shined flashlights from the hospital windows and saw Lake Shore Public Schools participants standing outside the hospital to flash them back.

Free hot cocoa, courtesy of EOS Cafe, was handed out to all in attendance in custom-decorated cups by Ms. Tim’s classes at Rodgers Elementary and Ms. Bolen’s Art Club at Lake Shore High School. Glow sticks were distributed as a way to represent the district and keep track of everyone involved. United States Air Force Technical Sergeant David Lawson donated flashlights for use at the event. The National Honor Society students and Senior Leadership class created the signage, directed and greeted traffic, djed the event with holiday music selections, and served the hot cocoa. Good customer service is the lifeblood to
any event and our students know how to make everyone smile.

Emergency Medical Service vehicles, driven by Class of 2010 Graduate and EMT Scott Petricevich and Class of 2011 Graduate and Paramedic Mara Gross (Chandler) led the way as we caravanned to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Saint Clair Shores Firefighters Anthony Porta and Dan Sebastian represented the city of Saint Clair Shores and joined us at the hospital in support, too!

Parent Taylor Lockwood shared her appreciation for the event on Facebook by saying, "Thank you Lake Shore Public Schools for organizing such a meaningful experience for all involved. Not only did we put smiles on those children's faces, I believe it taught lifelong lessons as well. #ProudToBeASHorian."

Firefighter and alumnus Matt Chambers from the Saint Clair Shores Fire Department coordinated the efforts to have the local A-4 participate. He said, "This was a spectacular event where the public, and public service professionals get together to shine lights toward the pediatric units of the hospital. We wish all the families and patients have a happy holiday and speedy recovery!" There is a push from our community to repeat this event next year and the Fire Department is fully on board.

This good tidings spawned as a way to support two of our own students who have been battling illness. Class of 2017 graduate Megan Ritz joined us to share her story about her battle with Medulloblastoma. Megan is a warrior, and her story will certainly encourage others to continue displaying acts of kindness. She writes, "Thank you for having the event. It was so heartwarming to see everyone who was there to support the cause."

A single idea from the human mind can build cities. An idea can transform the world and rewrite all the rules. We would like to thank Kennedy Middle School hosting the event. We loaded 5 buses to capacity and met many others on location. It was truly an honor for the Lake Shore Family to show support for your Pediatric patients during the 2018 holiday season. Be on the look out for an article about this good deed, published by Kristyne Denske, in the Sentinel on December 26. To read or leave your own feedback about the event, visit our Facebook post. To learn more, watch this heartfelt video produced by Senior Adele Puckett.

Inspiration

During this time of year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the world seems to be a bit more generous with their words of affirmation and gift giving. Eagle Scout Zak Wollman is a perfect example of this, making a direct impact for our MOCI students during the most wonderful time of the year.
As a component of being an Eagle Scout with Boy Scouts of America Troop 1489, Zak was required to complete a project that benefited his community. When Zak was searching for a project, he wanted to do something near and dear to his heart. That “thing” is Autism, or students (of any age) with disabilities. He remembers the struggle that his 18 year old brother, with Asperger/high functioning autism, had over the years which included the medications, the IEP meetings, goals, and doctor appointments.

He wanted to bring more “awareness” to his generation, and what better way to do this than to send a message directly to his age group. Unfortunately, the high school where he currently attends, L'Anse Creuse High School Central, doesn't offer the kinds of special education programming that Lake Shore has. Lynda Woltmann, paraprofessional for our MOCI program, invited Zak into her classes to volunteer for events like Friendship Circle, and a field trip to the Detroit Zoo last year. Through these experiences, Zak got the idea for a sensory space or a “Break Space” as he calls it.

He witnessed the ever changing anxiety that each of the MOCI students would have. The different learning levels that the kiddies had, and the different sensory levels each student would have. He saw the different variances of Autism from his brother. That is when he made up his mind to do something “in honor of” his big brother Ron.

He applied for a Lake Shore Foundation grant for $1,500, received the grant, and did some fundraising at Fuddruckers to make this a reality. He purchased primer, paint, and sensory items with these funds and got to work beginning in late October and completing the project in mid November. The remaining $427.53 was donated to the MOCI program. The sensory room is located inside Ms. Johnston’s classroom at the high school.

The reaction from students has been overwhelmingly positive. Students have enjoyed everything about it, even the color blue, which had been chosen as a representation of autism. Zak said, “I feel a great sense of satisfaction by giving back to the special education kids.” Zak will now share his completed project with his Troop, based out of Saint Clair Shores. He will receive a Certificate of Completion for his work.

Thank you to the Lake Shore Foundation, for granting Zak’s request. The Foundation was established in 1986 for the purpose of using charitable contributions to benefit all Lake Shore Public Schools’ students. Find out more about Zak’s project by reading this article in the Saint Clair Shores Sentinel.

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**Innovation**

For the past 13 years, Career and Technical Education students have experienced Base Camp at the Genesee County Technical Center. Located in Flint, this field trip allows students to work together as a team, step out of their comfort zones, and bond with other classmates through a high ropes course, rock climbing wall, and other outdoor activities.
climbing, and ground challenges. Engineering, architecture, marketing, and interior design are collaborative fields which require employees to use these same skill sets on a regular basis.

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Celebration

Kennedy Middle School students raised $2,875 for Toys for Tots in 2 weeks! Sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society, they started with a lofty goal of $1,500. Obviously, this dollar figure wasn't good enough as they surpassed it by $1,375. All purchased toys will be donated to Lighthouse Outreach in Roseville where they will provide them to families in the community. Thank you for your generosity, Clippers!

National Honor Society students volunteered with Big Family, wrapping Christmas gifts for children in the foster care system. They are a non-profit organization that helps 43 different counties.

The Motor City Mitten Mission (MCM) worked with freshmen to start their newest Plarn Farm! MCM Star student volunteer Senior Katie Steeves popped in to say hello and do a little plarnning, too. Thanks to Mrs. Stuckey for coordinating this! Because of their efforts, over 40 balls of plarn (plastic yarn) were created. These will be turned into mats and pillows that will be donated to the homeless community.

Over 50 boxes of food was delivered by HOSA and MICI students to the Saint Clair Shores Goodfellow. The tradition of buying and packing canned goods continues every year just in time for Christmas. Goodfellow is a longstanding St. Clair Shores Civic Organization with a mission to provide to St. Clair Shores residents who may find themselves in need.

Our elementary students participate in Santa’s Shop, a place where students shop without their parents, for their family and friends. Even though we may not be able to fulfill every desired gift from a list, there are plenty of products to select. Thank you to the parent volunteers who keep our tables fully stocked with presents, price each item, wrap them with care, and ensure a smooth check out process.

Lake Shore Choir and Bands performances at their Holiday Concerts were fantastic! Several small ensembles and groups performed one after another, showcasing their remarkable musical talents. At the end of the two-week span of performances for the community, secondary choir students shared their musical talents with the entire district by visiting each building!
Upcoming Events

December 20
District Holiday Dinner @ 6:00 pm

December 21
Rodgers Elementary Kindergarten Holiday Party @ 1:45 pm

December 24-January 4
No School for Christmas Break

January 7
Lake Shore High School OK2Say Presentation @ 12:45 pm

January 8
Lake Shore High School OK2Say Presentation @ 12:45 pm
Strategic Planning for Lake Shore’s Future Task Force @ 6 pm

January 11
Violet Elementary Jump Show @ 2:00 pm

January 14
Powerful Parenting in the Shores @ 6:00 pm

January 15
Violet Elementary Food Demonstration
District Athletic Boosters Meeting @ 7:00 pm

January 16
Early Release Day
Lake Shore High School Food Demonstration
For more information on our District Calendar Events, please visit this webpage.

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