



THE BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

APRIL 2017

Futures Taking Flight

Sinking Fund Update



From The Superintendent

Jeff Manthei

Leslie Public Schools

When school starts August 28, 2017, parents will notice an entirely new student drop-off and pick-up procedure at Woodworth Elementary School. Thanks to the passage of the sinking fund, a new student drop-off and pick-up area will be located in front of Woodworth off of Pennsylvania Street. This drop-off area is designed for parents who choose to drive their children to and from school. Students whose parents drop-off/pick-up will enter the school through the front door of Woodworth.

A separate bus drop-off and pick-up area will be created behind the school using the open lot on Race Street. Students who ride a bus to Woodworth will enter into the building through the gym.

By creating the two drop-off/pick-up areas, bus and parent traffic should stay separated which will limit traffic congestion at Woodworth in the morning and afternoon. It should also help alleviate traffic backups at the four-way stop at the corner of Pennsylvania and Race streets. The new design of the drop-off and pick-up areas will also create more parking spaces at Woodworth.

If you would like to see a design concept of the new drop-off/pick-up area at Woodworth, please visit the Leslie Schools website and click on the SINKING FUND INFO tab at the top of the page. Scroll through the timeline and you will find a concept drawing of the new design.

Construction of the project is planned to begin on Monday, June 12, 2017. Because of this, we ask for your patience and understanding that Woodworth will not be available this summer for activities.

Meet Gail Deschaine and Danielle Ziehmer



Gail Deschaine, also known affectionately as “Ms. Val,” says “High school is about opening doors to a range of possibilities for your child after graduation. I want your child to have choices about his or

her future.” Gail and Danielle help students plan for their futures by working on their current circumstances through guidance in scheduling, post-secondary educational paths, and individual advising/counseling. Whenever possible, they try to tailor each student’s education to individual needs, but they also understand that students’ academic achievements are dependent on their emotional well-being. Therefore, our counselors work with the whole child. Your child can see one of our counselors by signing up in Student Services. Students can also be referred to the counseling office by their parent/guardian, teachers or administrator.



Danielle Ziehmer starts each school year at Woodworth Elementary by reminding the children that her biggest goal is for them to feel happy and safe at school. Elementary counseling helps

support the healthy growth and development of the whole child (social, emotional, and academic). The process of growth is encouraged through classroom lessons, small group counseling, individual interventions and problem solving, as well as collaboration with parents and staff. There is a calendar with smiley faces to show the days she is in the building, as well as a “Request to see Mrs. Ziehmer, School Counselor” box outside of her office. Children can ask their teacher for an appointment request sheet as needed, and place it in that box. Children may also be referred to Mrs. Ziehmer by a parent/guardian, teacher, or administrator.

Student Support

Two of the excellent benefits Leslie Public School District offers students are the district’s counseling services and Leslie Middle School’s Dean of Students. Those providing these services promote academic, career, and personal/social development.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Jay Vandercook, Dean of Students at Leslie Middle School; Gail Deschaine, guidance counselor at Leslie High School; and Danielle Ziehmer, guidance counselor at Woodworth Elementary and Leslie High School.

You can learn more about these three staff members in this issue of The Blackhawk Bulletin.



Jim Dell

Principal

Woodworth
Elementary
School

**Mark your
calendars!**



Woodworth
Elementary

April 21 – PTO Carnival

April 26 & 27 – Kindergarten Round-up

Early Childhood Programs

You're ready to send your child to school! This is an exciting time but can also cause families a bit of anxiety. Let us help! We have a variety of programs and serve our families proudly with free and tuition-based programs which include transportation. We offer wrap around care so if your family needs before or after school care, we can help.

Who can attend our early childhood programs? All children above two and half years of age can participate in our programs, but not everyone is eligible for the same program. Qualifying factors depend on the age of your child, family income and individual family experiences. Children who are age two and a half to age three on or before September 1 of the calendar year often only qualify for our tuition-based program although there are a limited number of Federal Head Start half-day program slots that may be available to children who are three but only if all qualifying four year old children are being served. Children who are four on or before September 1 of the calendar year may qualify for the Great Start Readiness Program, Head Start or our tuition preschool program.

How do I enroll a child in a program?

We have multiple program options, but we use one enrollment form to determine eligibility and best fit for each family. You can fill out an application at inghampreschool.org.

What happens next? We begin the enrollment process after March 1 each year for students to enter the program the following September. The enrollment process begins with an interview and exchange of information.

If you have questions or need further information, please send them to lesliepreschool@lesliek12.net.

April is the Month of the Young Child!

At Woodworth Elementary, we believe that the early years are learning years! Education is often thought of in terms of reading, writing and arithmetic, but there is so much more to the development of our young children's minds and bodies. In the month of April, each week is designated to highlight an area of development that people often forget is part of education.

• **April 1-9 Physical Development**

Physical development is important for students so their minds and bodies are conditioned for work and play.

• **April 10 – 16 Social Development**

Social development strongly influences interpersonal relations, behavior and learning.

• **April 17 – 23 Emotional Development**

Emotional development is essential for children to develop a healthy sense of self-esteem.

• **April 24 – 30 Cognitive Development**

All experiences contribute significantly to the structure of the brain and cognitive function.

At Woodworth, every month is the month of the young child! We work to encourage, contribute and partner with families to raise our children as a community of learners.



SUCCESS STARTS HERE!

Kindergarten Round-Up
Is Coming To Woodworth Elementary

Wednesday, April 26 / 9:30 or 12:45
Thursday, April 27 / 9:30 or 12:45

To register, children must turn 5 by September 1, 2017. If your child turns 5 after September 1, but before December 1, and you would like him/her to enter Kindergarten, you must complete a waiver request form and return it during registration.

Registration information can be found at www.lesliek12.net or 517-589-5151 ext. 320.

Leslie Public Schools also offers before and after school childcare. For more information, contact 517-589-8205.

FUTURES TAKING FLIGHT





Prime Time Classes Support Student Success

By Kyla Kralapp, Leslie Middle School Student

From 8:00-8:35 daily, all of our middle school students are enrolled in a Prime Time Class. Students are enrolled in either an intervention class (reading or math) or an enrichment class. Enrichment classes consist of art, gym, current events, projects class and GATE (Gifted and Talented Education).

Prime Time gym gives students a chance to be active and get some exercise. One student in gym said he liked it for this very reason.

Art Prime Time gives kids a chance to be creative. Creativity is vital to students' learning success. Students paint, use clay, and draw. One student, Logan,

said "I get to take my ideas and put them on paper."

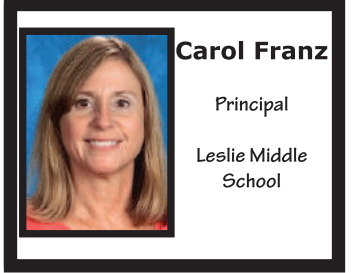
Mr. Doane's Current Events class gives kids a fun way to learn social studies. They look at maps, do geography games on the computer, and color to learn. This helps students with core social studies learning, but also to be aware of the events going on around them.

Our Projects class allows students the opportunity to investigate ideas and projects that they are interested in, but that don't always fall into our traditional classes. They learn about all kinds of interesting topics.

Finally, our GATE class gives students free range on learning

about a number of trades and talents. They are currently working on businesses for the Lansing Youth Startup Challenge. One student I talked to has competed in the business expo, put together the yearbook, run lights for drama club, and researched cancer.

Students' moods are positive about their Prime Time classes. They say they enjoy them and the freedom and extra learning it gives them. Even though it's early in the morning, they seem to have a lot of energy. For these reasons and more, Prime Time classes are leading to student success at Leslie Middle School.

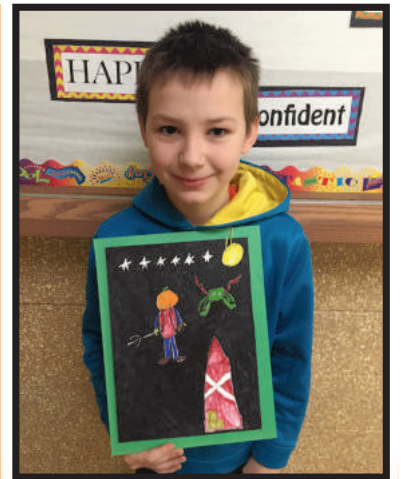
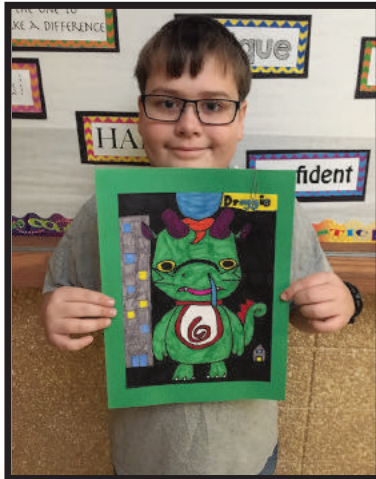


Carol Franz
Principal
Leslie Middle School

Mark your calendars! 

Leslie Middle School

- May 3 – Blackhawk Fun Run (ACES – All Children Exercise Simultaneously)
- May 11 – Choir Concert
- May 18 – Band Concert
- May 26 – Activity Night
- May 26 – Olympic Day
- June 9 – Blackhawk Recognition Program and 8th Grade Graduation



Meet Jay Vandercook



As Dean of Students, I serve all the students and teachers at Leslie Middle School. My work is focused on Positive Behavioral Supports

and Interventions (PBIS) as well as helping to create a positive, healthy climate where both students and teachers thrive in education on a daily basis.

I feel strongly that children cannot learn and teachers cannot teach under compromised conditions. My goal is to ensure every child and teacher in our building feels safe, confident, and ready and able to learn or teach.

Often I meet one on one with students or small groups. My philosophy as a Dean is based on consequences, not punishment. I am always looking for innovative ways to work with students and provide them with consequences to help them learn and understand how to be productive members of Leslie Middle School as well as our Leslie community.

My job is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the students, teachers, and families of the Leslie community. Part of my job has become facilitating two awesome student clubs during the school year. I have the pleasure of advising Peer Assisted Leaders (PALs), a student-led club where the students come up with ideas and service learning projects to help improve our middle school. I also act as adviser for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), a club in which students raise awareness and support their peers in regards to making good life decisions.

My hope as Dean of Students is to have a lasting, positive influence and to help all Leslie Middle School students become responsible, educated citizens.



Scott Powers

Principal
Leslie High School

Multi-Activity Students

As I observed play practice, I noticed so many students thriving, showcasing their talents while they were on stage acting, creating impressive scenery, and working up in the booth to fine-tune the sound and lights. I also noticed—as I do every year—that so many of our cast and crew members participate in numerous other activities. I saw football players, cross-country runners, forensics participants, band students, and many others all working side-by-side. In other schools, students seem to be encouraged to specialize in one activity, and sadly, they aren't exposed to new opportunities. I applaud our student body, staff, and community for embracing and supporting student participation in multiple extra-curricular activities.

What Is Forensics? By Quinn McCrum



Forensics, one of the many extra-curricular activities that students at Leslie High School can participate in, is ironically not about crime-scene investigation, but instead is competitive speech. Competitive speech is a broad term encompassing many different events, or types of speech. In Forensics, there is truly something for anyone and everyone who enjoys speaking, acting, or reading poetry and other works of literature as those events are among many that students can choose to participate in. Forensics offers a wide

variety of activities for students with all sorts of skill sets, ensuring that no one will have trouble finding something they are good at and that they can enjoy and improve on.

Most of all, the Forensics group is a group of friends. Members of the team place an emphasis on having fun, supporting each other, and doing their best to represent themselves and Leslie High School. There are no prerequisites to join; all that is needed for one to join is a shared interest in speech/literature, and a desire to compete to better themselves and help their fellow teammates.

The Forensics program offers students an opportunity to express themselves and expand their horizons, as well as make new friends, meet new people, and experience something truly unique. As an added bonus, participation in Forensics looks great on college applications, especially if you are seeking to enter a program that encompasses elements of speech and/or English. Mrs. Hart, Mr. Weinstein, or any of the friendly, devoted members of the Forensics team are likely to say the same thing: Forensics is a unique challenge but is as rewarding as any activity one could partake in.

Cheaper by the Dozen

Mark your calendars!



Leslie High School

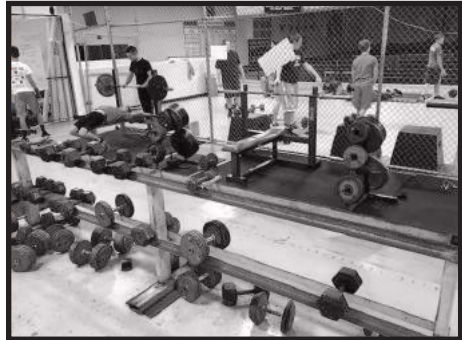
- April 26 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- May 13 – Prom
- May 16 – Choir Concert
- May 17 – Band Concert
- May 26 – Last Day for Seniors
- June 1 – Honors Night
- June 2 – Graduation
- June 6 – Underclassman Awards





Independent Bank: Investing in our Youth Grant

In the fall, Leslie High School received a \$5,000 grant to improve our weight room. The improvements that we were able to make have been significant. We were able to add new bench presses, squat racks, rubber flooring, dumbbells, and other pieces of auxiliary equipment. We would like to thank everyone who voted, shared, and promoted this Facebook competition to help us win the grant. The support we received in our endeavor to win this grant really shows what a great community we are! Go Blackhawks!



BEFORE



AFTER



Meet Brie Hensley

A service that is very beneficial to our students is the partnership we have with Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists, P.C. that provides us with an athletic trainer for the benefit of our student athletes.

Brie Hensley, AT, ATC graduated from the University of Maine in 2002 with a degree in Kinesiology and Physical Education and a concentration in Athletic Training. She is certified as a Concussion

Management Specialist. Additionally, she is certified in CPR/First Aid and "In 2 Minutes or Less". Her clinical interests include manual therapy and rehabilitation. Brie has been the athletic trainer at Leslie High School since 2005 and started working for ORS in 2009. In her spare time, Brie enjoys spending time with her husband, Kyle, and her two daughters, Ava and Acelynn. She also enjoys playing golf, scrapbooking, reading, and camping.



5th Grade Allison Armstrong, Cassie Baker*, Drakeinstine Baley, Mason Barbour, Dana Barnett, Harley Bliss*, Marysa Bolin*, Ada Bradford*, Alayna Brown*, Meanah Burke, Sahara Burley*, McKalee Churchill, Abbigale Clark*, Alexis Clark*, Hunter Coltrain*, Kaiden Craft, Lily Crawford*, Kayla Creisher*, Lily DeBruler, Logan Demaray, Nola Dexter, Brogan Dodge*, Harmony Ellis, Caleb Feilert, Alyssa Fisher, Myah Fletcher*, Katherine Foreman*, Jalen Fossitt*, Brooklyn Friese, Nicholas Good*, Alyvia Graham, Aliviah Gresh, Kaylie Hayner, Riley Henman*, Logan Hile*, Jacob Hodor*, Brayden Holmes, Audrianna Horton*, Ian Hultberg*, Jerry Jones, Heaven Karn, Hunter Knight*, Savannah Leach, Cameron Lewis*, Anna Mangles*, Kimberly Mathews*, Brody Mays*, Alaina McHaney*, Elexus Meredith, Jordyn Messner*, Adam Moore, Alexander Moore, Layna Moore*, Cheryl Morgan, Zackary Mossolle, Jerzey Muzzin, Keilah Neal, Brooke Nowicki*, Olivia Omer*, Georgia Palmer*, Claire Peek*, Isabella Procopio*, Alexandra Ream*, Christian Reed*, David Ryan, Noah Satterlee, Jalynn Schmelter*, Bailey Schuen*, Jocelyn Shuster*, Brookelynn Smieska, Joshua Smith, Alexis Soderberg*, Serenity St. John*, Kirsten Stone*, Tyler Strong*, Miranda Swaenepoel, Malia Tello*, Olivia Thompkins*, Gabrielle Waldofsky*, Victoria Warren, Emily Willard*, Evin Yeomans*

6th Grade Reese Armstrong, Jayde Arnett, Grace Barnett*, Madelyn Beller*, Alayna Berry*, Savanna Bliven*, Payton Boyer*, Ella Bugbee*, Tyler Burley*, Benjamin Casper, Logan Caudill, Madelyn Chamberlain*, Jaelynn Colby, Kassy Cole*, Maddox D’Lamater, Marilyn Driksna, Sara Fedewa*, Max Fourman*, Shelby Frye, Kelsey Garner*, Aidan Hills, Jayden Jensen, Sarissa Jones*, Mallory Kintigh*, Kathryn LaFevé, Jordyn LaGoe, Harmony Latoski, Kyra Lee, Rylee Lennemann*, Ethan Lubahn*, Andrea Manchester, Naomi Mangles*, Megan Maynard*, Chandler Morrison*, Myah Muscott, Lilyanne Nash, William Niblock, Noah Oxbrough, Annabelle Packer*, Jared Peck*, Alexa Plenda*, Briana Quinn*, Aaliyah Reynolds, Iris Robinson*, Derrick Ryan*, Domyunik Skaggs, Caleb Smith*, Samantha Smith, Emma Snelson, Samantha Snider*, Rory Spencer, Sarah Sterle*, Malory Valdez*, Masen Valdez, Devin Waltz, Sage Wymer, Ginger Yang

7th Grade Adriana Blanford, James Brininstool, Jakob Bugbee, Jennifer Bushey*, Dana Coltrain, Benjamin Conner, Christian Cope, Hunter Doyle, Connor DuBose, Carlee Evans, Ashton Evans-Sperry, Aubrey Gilman, Grace Hardesty, Kaidyn Harris, Tyler Hile, Molly Klemmer, Isabel Krabel, Alexander Lamb, Peyton Malady, Lilly May, Taylor Mishler, Cecilia Morrison, Aaron Norton, Tristan Oberlin, Garret Penix-Bedell, Avery Schuen*, Richard Schultz, Steed Scutt, Desirae Skaggs*, Emma Smieska, Evan Smith, Alexia Sparks, Blake Stofer, Madison Sumpter, Paige Thompkins*, Brittney Williams, Aubrie Yager, Logan Yang, Katherine Young*

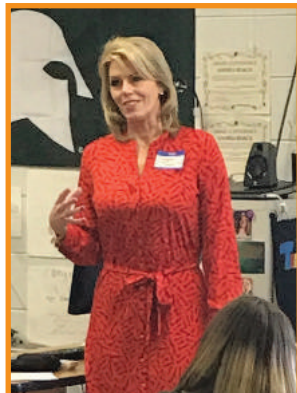
8th Grade Sarah Burgess, Oliver Bush-Corr, Delaney Cardwell, Hunter Carte, Jahayza Choat, Mariah Clark*, Brandon Clesse, John Cranmore, Nathan Davis, Kalex Dodge*, Tommi Fedewa, Tristan Feighner, Paige Filice*, Nathan Foltz*, Kalab Gauthier, Brianna Hanes, Alexander Hultberg*, Ashlee Isaac, Kyla Kralapp, Alexis Kujala, Chase Lewis*, Emma Lyons*, Garrett Mays*, Lucas McDaniel, Kyle Medcoff, Lucas Mooney, Joseph Nagel, Andrea Piper*, Jacob Powers, Lily Robinson*, Ayden Rutan, Ayron Rutan, Katrina Walter, Gabe Weber*, Gavin Weber*, Grant Weber*, Sarah Wilkinson*

*Denotes all A's

Leslie Middle School Career Day

What do you want to be when you grow up?

On March 21, Leslie Middle School students had the opportunity to learn about some interesting careers from our wonderful guest speakers.





9th Grade Jackson Arkles, Alicia Arnett*, Nathan Beachey*, Audree Bell, Lorelei Berry, Zachary Borst, Lauren Boylan, Jarrett Brown*, Jaylen Burlison, Caroline Bushey*, Lukas Carlson*, Jackson Casper*, Brayden Cook, Mikayla Cooper, Nathaniel Courtney, Sydney Cowing, Madison Craddock, John DeBruler, Sarah-Renee DeToy, Alexis Doherty, Austin Douse, Kyleigh Durfee, Savannah Ellison, Nicolas Estrada, Logan Faust, Ethan Fehrenbach*, Griffin Finch, Sydnee Fletcher, Riley Fogg*, William Fulmerhouser*, Megan Greene, Karlie Harrell*, Haylie Holley, Savannah Huss, Trevor Huttenlocker, Rielly Johnson, Kassandra Keesler, Mitchell Kintigh*, Ashley LaFeve, Michael Maynard*, MacGyver Nichols, Marissa Orrin*, Connor Owen, Madalynn Quinn, Emily Rector, Abigale Rodriguez, Ashley Scott, Nicole Scott*, Dakota Scutt, Parker Secord-Cripe*, Katelynn Serrels, Elizabeth Sherfinski, Camille Shuster*, Travers Shuster, Trenton Sibson, Jakob Sime*, Gabrielle Sixberry, Mackenzie Stevens*, Tessa Stevens, Dallas Torres*, Wyatt Wiljanen*, Chelsey Wiltse*

10th Grade Hayden Adee, Shaun Burgan*, Elizabeth Burgess*, Thomas Coltrain, Shaylee Connelly, Ellen Coppernoll, Graci Dack, Drew DeBruler*, Mason DeBruler*, Robert Ellis, Amaya Fox, Tyler Garner*, Christina Ghery, Josie Heintz*, Felicite Holley, Kearah Johnson, Toria Jones*, Simon Kailing, Gunner Kandell, Scott Kanik, Grace Klemmer*, Madison Largen, Luke Lasky, Bri'Anna Lowry, William Lyons, Ashtin McCalla, Garrett McGuirt, Britney Medcoff, Madison Montgomery, Hunter Montroy, Caresse O'Hearon, Cole Oliver, Jacob Rector*, Nicole Roback, Jolan Robinson*, Solina Robles*, Justice Rosier, Cheyann Scutt*, Anthony Smieska, Jarrett Sweezy, Amiah Vickers*, James Vollmer, Grant Walker, Phoebe Walter, Abraham Weck, Caleb Whittemore, Dominic Wils, Hailey Wilson

11th Grade Carter Arnett, Hunter Arnett*, Julia Benavides, Jade Brown-Santana, Stefan Carlson*, Jaycee Chappell, Jacob Chmiel, Zachary Coltrain, Shane Connelly, Emily Corts, Brian Cox, Jessica Dunsmore, Michael Eaton, Gunner Fogg, Lyza Foltz, Alexander Garman*, Devin Gibbs, Zachary Hanson-Chesney*, Tyler Harkness, Dalton Harrison, Daniel Haught, Haeden Heibel, Nicklaus Henman, Chase Hensley, Keely Herrick*, Taylor Hetherington, Brooke James, Megan Kelley, Elaina Kimbrell*, Lindsey Kincaid, Jeffery Lamb, Brooke Leinbaugh*, Ethan Loch*, Hailee Loch*, Cheyenne Maier, Danielle McMullen, Joseph Millikin, Justin Monroe, Daniel Moulton, Ryan Nagel*, Ajay Oliver, Annousack Phraxayavong, Cassey Place, Aurora Rangler, Francis Ratliff, Trevor Rodriguez, Parker Schiller, Mitchell Seavolt, Hannah Sheathelm, Britney Sibson, Shauna Smith, Madison Snow, Devrik Sonnenberg, Cassandra Upton, Azlynn Warner, Sarah Williams, Rachel Wiltse*

12th Grade Azatai Abylbekkyzy, Bailey Akers, Mia Arkles*, Camden Austin, Kyonna Bacon, Tyler Ball, Kyle Beachey*, Majel Berry, Breanna Blackford, Raelyn Boylan, Donald Carr, Jeremy Cavender, Kyler Corts, Jonathan Courtney, Samantha Courtright, Andrew Cowan, Brooke Cowing, Jenny Davis, Kyle Dennis, Dayna Dishman, Matthew Dolbee, Mackenzie Drumheller, Ankhtur Enkhbayar*, Libby Filice, Amanda Fitts, Rachel Gilliland, Eric Gorman, Samantha Hampton, Chloe Hanson*, Aubrie Harrison, Katie Haydo, Jordan Hill, Ryan Howland, Brandon Huttenlocker, Madison Jacob*, Justin Kaimon, Chase Kakaley, David Latter*, Sydney Leatherberry*, Taylor Losey*, Autumn Martin*, Quinn McCrum, Sierra McDiarmid, Paige Melvin, Alvaro Morcillo, Spencer Napier, James Nichols, Holly Olfier, Brandon Penix-Bedell, Thomas Peterson, Austin Pier, Brittany Pierce*, Cameron Pohl, Jacqueline Rhein*, Zachary Robinson, Molly Robles*, Rachel Scott, Alyssa Sebesky*, Tristan Streeter*, Austin Talbot, Abigail Tiffany, Emily Tiffany, Victoria Tobin*, Alexandria VanValkenburg, Trey Waldofsky, Emma Wilkinson*, Nathan Wilkinson, Bryan Willett, Emily Wilson, Kaelan Zalewski

*Denotes all A's

Winter Ball 2017



State Honors Choir





WINTER SPORTS ROUNDUP

APRIL 2017



Tom Shafer

Athletic Director

Leslie Middle School

Our middle school athletic calendar is split into four seasons. In the fall season, we offer football, cross country, and volleyball. In November and December, a season we call Winter 1, we offer boys basketball and we begin competitive cheer. In January and February, otherwise known as Winter 2, we finish the competitive cheer season and sponsor girls basketball. In the spring, we offer track which has meets in April and May. We just completed our Winter 2 season. Highlights from the season and comments from the coaches can be found below.

Competitive cheer had a very successful season this year. With only one returning athlete, the team consisted of 15 new girls, and they all performed well and made great improvements. At the first home invitational of the season, the lady Hawks took home a first place trophy. This year was the first year that our middle school team traveled to the Northwest Invitational, where they brought home a fifth place finish. This was a much larger competition, and the girls increased their

score by almost 20 points compared to the first competition of the season. The middle school team is also a part of the GLAC league. They competed in three different league meets this year and ended up third in the league. This season was filled

with many improvements and new skills developed by each girl. Coach Fifield and Coach Neuland are very proud of the ambitious and determined cheerleaders the team transformed into! Way to go, lady Hawks!



Our 7th grade girls basketball team had a very successful season, not only on the scoreboard but also in their personal development. Their record was 8-2. They lost both games to a very talented Stockbridge team. Five of the wins were by 30 points or more, and three were close contests that ultimately resulted in victories. The leading scorers were Emma Smieska and Dana Coltrain. However, throughout the season, every girl on the team grew in her ability to play together on the court to become a united team. We are looking forward to seeing what the future holds for these girls as they advance next year and into high school. Thanks for a great year, Jennifer, Zoe, Lauryn, Rachelle, Isabel, Emma, Sammy, Ariana, Dana, Grace, Taylor, Adriana, and Avery.

The 8th grade girls basketball team fought their way to a record of 7-5 this season. This team was a shining example of how hard work and determination can often lead to good things. They were quite often not the most technically skilled team on the floor. However, rarely were they ever out-worked by their opponents. That says a lot about the character of the players on the team. The future is bright for this group. If the girls work on their individual skill sets in the offseason, the sky is the limit!





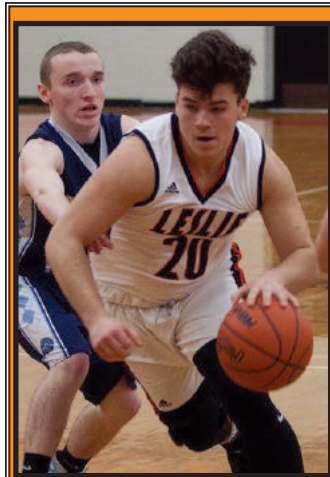
The winter sports season has come and gone, and Leslie had its share of success stories to celebrate. The girls bowling team coached by Brett Hills, was the top story of the winter, as they won their second consecutive league title. The girls were undefeated in league matches and finished fourth at regionals, just missing moving on to the state tournament. Individually, they were led by junior Kerstin Hills, who qualified for the individual state tournament, and Ashley Hoskins and Cassie Upton who both earned 1st team all-conference honors. The boys bowling team was also successful, coming within one tied match of a third consecutive GLAC title. Davey Latter, who is headed to Spring Arbor to bowl next year, and Austin Pier were named 1st team all-conference while leading the Hawks bowlers.



Scott Cousineau
Athletic Director
Leslie High School



Our girls competitive cheer team fought through an array of injuries but continued to improve throughout the season, earning a well-deserved 2nd place in the GLAC. Leading Jean Maiville's team were Samantha Courtright, Miriah Miller, and Cheyenne Maier who all earned 1st team league honors. The JV cheer team, led by 1st year coach Katie Wixson, also showed improvement throughout the season, finishing 2nd in their division.



The boys basketball program completed another successful campaign, finishing with a 14-9 overall record. The varsity Hawks, coached by Matt Johns, finished 3rd in a tough GLAC and got to the district final championship game. The team was led by senior Trey Waldofsky, who was voted to the 1st team all-league team. The JV team, led by Chris Bondsteel, finished 8-12. The freshman team, under the mentoring of Justin Houghton, finished 11-7.



Collin Smith led a very young girls basketball team this winter. With only two seniors on the team, the Hawks concluded the season with a 7-14 mark. Sophomore Madison Montgomery was selected 1st team by the league coaches. The JV squad, under 1st year coach Dan Langeland, ended the season with a 3-16 record.



Finally, the very young Blackhawk wrestling team, under new coach Tucker Surbrook, showed a lot of improvement as the season moved forward. The team finished 2nd during the dual meet season and finished 3rd overall. Heavyweights Parker Schiller and Josh Ries both qualified for individual regionals as did Zach Hanson-Chesney at 189 pounds. Schiller also qualified for the individual state meet at the Palace.

Overall, we had a very successful winter sports season here at Leslie, with many fine team and individual performances. A big thank you to all the Blackhawk fans who came out and supported our teams this winter.





MEET UP and EAT UP™

Healthy food
to fuel your
summer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers FREE summer meals to kids across Michigan similar to School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. **LESLIE MIDDLE SCHOOL** is a registered site (400 Kimball St.)!!!



Summer Meals Programs Details:

- Meals are FREE to children and teens ages *18 and younger* who come to a summer meals site.
- FREE summer meals will help families save money and stretch their already tight food budgets.
- Food served at summer meal sites follows USDA nutrition guidelines and is paid for by the USDA.
- Summer meal sites are safe places for kids and teens to go, such as schools, churches, and community centers.
- Parents don't need to apply to the program to get a FREE summer meal for their kids. They can simply bring their child to a summer meals site in their community, and their kids can enjoy it without the hassle of having to fill out an application.

Lunch will be available Tuesday thru Thursday.

Lunch is from 11:15a.m.-12:15p.m.

Dates of service are June 13 – July 27.



Just a quick note about the program...all food must be consumed on site! We are not permitted to do a takeout service. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email **Kristen Hawkins**, the Leslie Food Service Director, at (517)589-9616 or kristen.hawkins@lesliek12.net.

Pesticide/Herbicide Use Notification

Leslie Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

Parents will receive advanced notice of the application at their child's school of any pesticide other than a bait or gel formulation. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to provide notification by using two methods. The second method we are going to use is posting

a notice in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Facility Department at 517-589-8413. Leave your name, mailing address and which school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but parents will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records by calling the Facility Director at 517-589-8413 or by emailing troy.james@lesliek12.net. This number or email may also be used when school is not in regular session.



Leslie Public Schools 2017-2018 School Calendar*

August '17						
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- School Closed/Holidays
- Teacher In-service Day (no school for Students)
- Half Day for students
- Late Start 2 hour Teacher PD
- First Day of School

11/20/17 3 hour PD for teachers
 3/8/18 3 hour PD for teachers
 6/7/18 2 hour PD for teachers

Trimester 1 Ends November 21, 2017
 Trimester 2 Ends March 9, 2018
 Trimester 3 Ends June 8, 2018

*If changes to the calendar are necessary, parents will be contacted as soon as possible.

Full day 8:00 a.m. - 3:01 p.m.
 Half day 8:00 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.
 2 hour late start 10:00 a.m. - 3:01 p.m.

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Cancellation of School

Occasionally school may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other emergencies. The school district will notify parents of school closings or delays through the telephone and email notification system. Television stations 6 and 10 also provide closing information. School cancellations can also be found on the Leslie Public Schools website at www.lesliek12.net. Cancellation of extracurricular events is based on a case-by-case decision.

IMPORTANT DATES!

April 3-7 – Spring Break
April 14 – Good Friday (1/2 day of school)
May 29 – Memorial Day
June 2 – High School Graduation
June 9 – Last day of School
August 28 – First day of School
September 1, 4 – No School/Labor Day

Contact Information

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Leslie High School	517.589.9500
Family Learning Center	517.589.8205
Bus Garage	517.589.8413
Food Service	517.589.9616

Aim High and Aim True

by Carson Middaugh, Leslie Middle School Student



I go to practice every Saturday as well as participate in a weekly night league in the program called JOAD, Junior Olympic Archery Development. It is an ongoing program of U.S.A. Archery that is designed to teach archery to young people. I feel like I really connect with archery. It's a great sport for people who really don't want to be a part of a team sport. It pushes me to keep doing my best and to always keep trying to get better. I have competed in many tournaments over the past four years including the U.S.

National Indoor Championships, the NFAA (National Field Archery Association), the Meijer Summer and Winter Games, the SAM (Society for Archery in Michigan State) tournaments both indoor and outdoor, the Fall Classic which is hosted by the Demmer Center, and multiple other smaller shoots mixed in there too. I have won quite a few medals over the years but also walked away without any. But most importantly, being involved in archery has really taught me to always believe in myself, to never give up, and to just have fun.