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Providing our community with a spring & summer toolkit that excites and brings us together

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ur Fall 2019 issue had a pretty big mistake. Mistakes like these are one of the hazzards of producing a magazine and just the sort of thing that keeps editors and designers up at night. Especially when it's one as dramatic as misspelling the Antioch Sequoits. To make matters worse, the spelling error was right there on our cover. We offer our sincere apologies to our community, and an especially contrite apology to current and former students from Antioch Community High School.

On a more positive note, your current issue of *Connections* is packed to the brim with exciting news about our community, including introducing Antioch School District 34 to its future Superitendent, Dr. Bradford Hubbard. Learn more about Dr. Hubbard in this issue's "From The Top" feature on page 4. Also, turn to page 10

to learn how Antioch Parks and Recreation is reinventing springtime family fun.

One more thing before you jump into the issue, we're excited to announce *Connections Magazine* will be launching its own website, full of our archives as well as real-time news from the

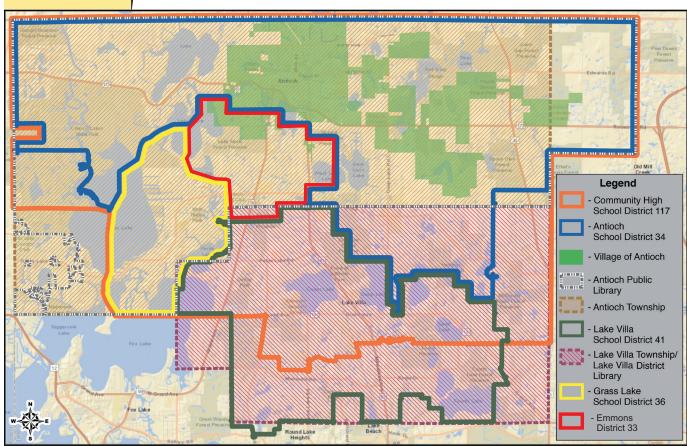


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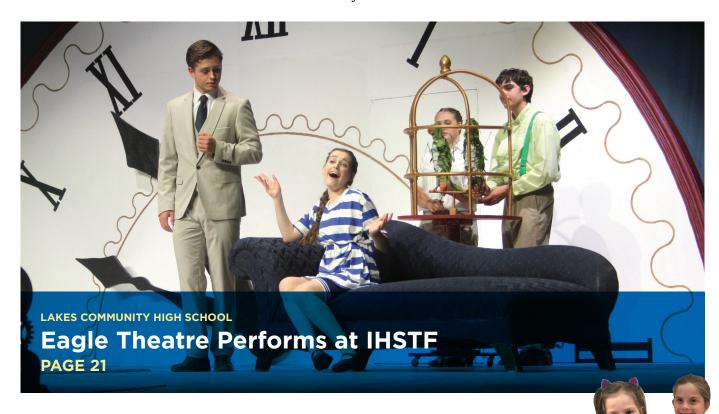
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### **Future Superintendent of D34**

Position tenure: Current - 3 years; Future - eager to make it lengthy

- → Current Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at CHSD117
  - → Former Principal of Antioch Community High School
- → Recipient of the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award (2015)
- → Proud inaugural recipient of the ACHS Sequoit Pride Booster Club's Dr. Bradford Hubbard Award (2017)

#### In your own words

These are incredibly special communities and I am both humbled and honored to serve in them. The opportunity to lead District 34 provides a unique chance to influence and impact the future of that system, in addition to, the one I am coming from in D117. I am extremely excited to get to work and believe we have the capacity to collectively do great things with, for, and on behalf of our amazing communities, people, families, students, and staff. This position brings with it an enormous amount of responsibility, but with it, too, comes enormous opportunities.

#### It might surprise you to know

I was a Surgical ICU Tech on the Cardiology Unit and in the Cardiac Cath Lab at the University of Michigan Hospital while I was an undergrad student.

#### **Favorite memory about the community**

Having ACHS and my family as the Grand Marshals of the Fourth of July Day Parade during ACHS's Centennial Celebration. The community support here is second to none.

#### **Education/occupation background**

- → University of Michigan Bachelor's in Secondary Education Biology major, Chemistry minor 2002
- → University of Cincinnati Master's in Educational Administration 2007
- → Loyola University Chicago Educational Doctorate in Administration and Supervision 2016
- → Educator with 17 years of experience serving multiple communities.

#### **Favorite sports teams**

- → University of Michigan Wolverines All Sports
- → Detroit Red Wings
- → Liverpool Football Club

#### **Favorite food**

Anything off a grill



#### **Favorite free-time activity**

My family (wife and two daughters) has season football tickets to University of Michigan Football and spend our Saturdays in the Fall in Ann Arbor, MI. We love our road and bowl games, too.

#### **Favorite movie**

Movie - "Good Will Hunting" TV Show – "West Wing"

#### Favorite quote/inspirational message:

"Make it Matter" – that will mean something different to everyone, but I challenge myself to make moments, opportunities, interactions, relationships, and my personal and professional work matter, every day. The greatest example I have experienced is the unending support, love, and permission my wife and two daughters, Calla (10) and Bryn (8), give me to "Make It Matter" on behalf of other people's kids in my work as an educator.

#### **Greatest lesson you've learned:**

Relationships are the foundation of everything we do and leading with confident vulnerability has afforded me inroads to deep, genuine, and authentic relationships with those I serve.



Wizard Village (all ages, free)
Wizard Pub Crawl (21+, \$)
Mini Magical Craft Faire (all ages, free)

Wizard After Party (ages 5-642, \$)

Wizard Scavenger Hunt (all ages, free)

Visit AntiochChamber.org for information and tickets.



# Welcome Dr. Hubbard

t is with great excitement that the District 34 Board of Education announces that Dr. Bradford Hubbard will be joining our learning community as the new Superintendent of Schools. He will officially be starting this July, to begin the 2020-2021 school year. So, in the coming months, if you happen to see a new (or perhaps familiar) face on one of our school campuses as he familiarizes himself with the district, please join us in welcoming him to District 34!

Dr. Hubbard was chosen from a very talented, knowledgeable, and impressive group of Superintendent candidates. In the final stages of the process, the finalists met with the Board of Education to present a School Improvement Plan (SIP) based on our District's individualized data. Within days, the candidates then met with school administrators and select staff to present their SIP once more, in addition to a Q & A session. The process then capped off with a Community Forum that took place on January 11th, at W.C. Petty.

Currently, Dr. Hubbard serves as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for District 117. Before that, he was principal at Antioch Community High School where he was beloved by students, staff, and parents alike for his exceptional leadership style and ability to build relationships through his "ALL students" approach. In his earliest years of education, Dr. Hubbard was a science teacher, then Dean of Students at Highland Park High School.



Dr. Hubbard received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan where he majored in Biology, and minored in Chemistry. He then went on to earn his Masters in Educational Administration from the University of Cincinnati. Soon afterward, Dr. Hubbard received his Educational Doctorate in Administration and Supervision from Loyola University in Chicago. He is also the recipient of the Young Presidents' Organiza-

tion Impactful Educator Award (2006) and the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award (2015).

I appreciate your joining me in providing a warm welcome for Dr. Hubbard. He is extremely honored to be chosen to lead our district and is looking forward to "getting started". In a letter he wrote to the Board, he concluded with "I have been preparing my entire professional life to lead a school district and do it in a way that will value, embrace, love, and serve ALL students and families. I look forward to the opportunity that exists in District 34 and am eager to start this critical work together."

Dr. Hubbard looks forward to meeting each and every one of you. Therefore, the Board is looking to schedule a Community Welcome Reception in the coming months. Please look for upcoming information regarding that event.

Welcome aboard, Dr. Hubbard!

#### **Mary Beth Hulting**

Board President

#### **Antioch D34 Wellness Challenge**

etting in shape and staying healthy are very important to a happy life but do not require you spending endless hours in the gym every week. In fact, the time you spend away from the gym is just as important, if not more so, than the hour or two you devote to working out each day. Given this, the Antioch D34 Wellness Committee has organized a 30 day 10,000 Step Wellness Challenge to encourage staff to be more active and get healthier in 2020.

The steps challenge is a fun way for Antioch D34 staff to get up and get moving on improving their health in the New Year. The Steps Challenge began on January 13, 2020 and will continue through February 11, 2020. The purpose of the challenge is to get D34 staff thinking about their health and to encourage them to get up and take steps everyday toward improving their health. Every day

is about being as active as possible, with a goal of walking at least 10,000 steps per day. The district had 120 staff members sign-up for the challenge and each are using an activity tracker that will record their daily activi-



ty including the number of steps each staff member takes.

The District is tracking all of this activity and has created milestone awards at 100,000 steps, 200,000 steps, and 300,000 steps. In addition, there will be raffle prizes given out throughout the challenge that staff can win. If you are participating in this challenge, we thank you for thinking about your health and getting active. If you did not participate but wish you had, we encourage you start your own steps challenge and get moving.

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# Summer Learning Returns to D34

Antioch District 34 is happy to bring back Summer Learning 2020 to W.C. Petty School from June 15-July 16, 2020. This year's theme will be Summer Olympics, which will allow staff to plan activities and lessons around the 2020 Summer Olympics Games. Spirit Days are planned during the weeks of Summer Learning.

Summer School is open to all families. Families will have an opportunity to register their student(s) for Math, Literacy, Sports and Games, and Reader's Theater. Antioch District 34 will once again seek financial assistance from local organizations and community groups to provide scholarships to families that meet specific criteria.

Extended School Year (ESY) is offered to qualifying D34 students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The student's school year IEP team qualify students to the ESY program during individual annual review meetings. ESY staff work on specific goal areas for each student. Students are eligible to attend for math and/or literacy instruction as well as Early Childhood Services. Some of our students in ESY also receive related services, such as Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Counseling Services. Students that were recommended and qualify for the ESY program are able to attend without any cost to the family.

August 3-6, 2020 will bring Antioch Upper Grade School (AUGS) Transition Camp for incoming 6th graders along with Band Camp and Orchestra Camp from August 3-7, 2020. Transition Camp is open to all Antioch Upper Grade School incoming 6th graders. The goal of the four day camp is for students to familiarize themselves with AUGS, walk their 2020/2021 school schedule and practice their locker combination. Students also work on organizational strategies and team building. During the camp, students will work with AUGS teachers that they will have as instructors throughout their career at AUGS.

Registration for Summer Learning will begin after Spring Break on the district webpage.

# District 34 Partners with Apple Professional Learning Services

ver the past three years, Antioch School District 34 has partnered with Apple Professional Learning services to help our educators get the most from Apple technology. The Apple Professional Learning offerings have included comprehensive resources and services to help build foundational skills with Apple products and integrate them into learning, so our staff can create innovative instruction that engages students more deeply.

When Apple technology is deeply integrated into learning, students can find new ways to work together, to communicate and create, and to develop personalized paths for understanding and applying their knowledge to the world around them. The Apple Professional Learning resources are designed to support and enhance the instructional practice in our classrooms.

Antioch School District 34 teachers have been working with Hovan Zadourian, and Apple Professional Learning Specialist. This year, teachers have been engaging a three day coaching session with Hovan, consisting of the following:

**Day 1:** Meet with individual teachers during their planning period to enhance a lesson with technology that they are going to teach the next day. We can also design a new tech infused lesson if necessary and if it meets the learning goals for the unit.

**Day 2:** In-class support for the tech infused lesson planned on day 1. **Day 3:** Reflection, learning journal and continuation of in-class support (if needed.)

#### Testimonials from Antioch District 34 Teachers

"I had the pleasure of working with Hovan this fall. My students were given 3 paper bats of varying lengths and asked to put them in order from smallest to largest or largest to smallest. Once the bats were in order, the next task was to take a photo of their bat order. My students were guided through the process of uploading their photos to Keynote and then recording themselves explaining how their bats were sorted. Finally, my students uploaded their finished products to Seesaw to share with family members. Working with Hovan opened my eyes to the endless possibilities of planning digital math lessons. Hovan came back the following day to take the lesson even further...to animate the bats! " - Kerry Ellis, 1st Grade, W.C. Petty Elementary School

"The landscape of the classroom is changing and technology is on the fore-front. One of the challenges I have is how to add technology into a lesson, not just for the sake of adding technology, but to add value to the lesson. As a culminating activity on the topic of Early Explorers, Hovan helped me transform a paper/pencil lesson into a Keynote. Students researched an explorer, charted the explorers journey on a digital map, added transitions and builds, and incorporated audio about the explorer or their journey. The students loved the integration of technology into this activity and were excited to present their Keynotes to the classroom and share with their parents." - April Bryan, 5th Grade, Hillcrest Elementary School

"Working with Hovan over the past two years has increased my comfort with using the iPad as a tool in my teaching. Hovan has also worked directly with my students, which is helpful in showing me how to problem solve as I continue to use the app or program on my own. Being a part of the Apple training program has enhanced the engagement of my students both with the technology and with the content of Language Arts. I can't wait to learn more!" - Megan Jankiewicz, 8th Grade, Antioch Upper Grade School



# Celebrating Our

#### **All About Lindsay**

indsay is an 8-years-old second-grader at Oakland Elementary School. She is involved in many sports and hobbies, including soccer, softball, iceless hockey, dance, cheer, and orchestra. Her cheer team won first place at state this year and they are the youngest squad to do that for the Lake Villa Timberwolves. Lindsay has participated in ballet and tap dance and will soon be taking on learning how to dance to hip hop.

What makes Lindsay a Super-HEAR-o

Most people would be surprised to know that Lindsay has a hearing loss in both ears. She wears hearing aids in both of her ears all day. While at school, she uses a Phonak Roger Touchscreen system to hear her teacher better. Her teachers wear a microphone around their neck and Lindsay wears 2 receivers that attach to her hearing aids. Even though Lindsay can hear with her hearing aids, speech clarity can sometimes be difficult, especially in the presence of classroom background noise. Using her Phonak Roger Touchscreen system allows Lindsay to clearly hear her teacher and reduce her auditory fatigue throughout the day.

#### Being a Super-HEAR-o at School

Lindsay says that the hardest thing about having a hearing loss is that it can be hard to understand what people are saying during lunch or recess when it's loud. Lindsay says, "It's especially hard to hear at places like Culver's because they get so busy and it's really loud!"

The best thing about using her Roger Touchscreen Mic at

school though is that it helps her develop good relationships with all her teachers. Because she needs to give her Touchscreen Microphone to her teachers before a lesson begins and after it ends, she has the opportunity to get to know her teachers better. Lindsay also likes how her Phonak Roger Touchscreen Mic can be placed on the table in the middle of her group for group work. She says that being able to hear everyone in her group equally makes her a super listener allowing her to keep up with the conversations easily.

Lindsay has been a great role model to other students with hearing loss at her school. This school year, Lindsay has worked with another student who uses assistive technology every morning in her classroom to make sure that they are both connected to the same Touchscreen Microphone that their teacher wears.

> Lindsay has also made sure that she connects other students with hearing loss to her microphone for assemblies. Lindsay then hands the microphone off to her school principal so that she and the others connected can clearly hear what's being announced.

#### **Lindsay's Fun Facts About Hearing Loss**

→ "I am very responsible because of my hearing loss. Every day, I need to clean my hearing aids, change batteries when they are not

working, grab my microphone [Roger Touchscreen Mic], hand it off to my teachers throughout the day, return the microphone before I go home, and report any issues I have [with her Hearing Assistive Technology] to an adult. Other kids my age do not need to take care of equipment like me."

→ "I can enjoy peace and quiet when I take my hearing aids out to sleep at night."  $\rightarrow$  "I can sometimes hear the teacher better than my friends because of my Roger Touchscreen Mic."

Lindsay is pictured with her Phonak Roger Touchscreen Mic that she gives to her teachers to wear





# Super-HEAR-os

#### All About Molly

olly is an 8-year-old second-grader at Hillcrest Elementary School. She is involved in many sports and hobbies, including karate, basketball, running 5k races, Girl Scouts, hiking, drawing, and reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid. She also enjoys playing outside with her siblings and neighborhood friends. They enjoy tree climbing, biking, sledding, snowball fights, and more. She also enjoys helping her mother cook or bake at home. Last October, Molly won 3rd place in a NAKA karate tournament. She also competed in three 5k races and completed all of them in under 30 minutes. She has placed 2nd and 3rd in her age range for 5k races. One of the things Molly is most proud of is being a role model to other kids in her school.

#### What makes Molly a Super-HEAR-o

Most people would be surprised to learn that Molly was born with a profound hearing loss in her right ear. While at school, she uses a Phonak Roger Touchscreen system to hear her teacher better. Her teachers wear a microphone around their neck and Molly wears a receiver in her left ear, which she has normal hearing in. It can be exhausting for Molly to hear the teacher with only one good ear. She needs to filter out a lot of classroom background noises, such as heater/fan types of noises, kids moving their chairs or desks, rustling paper, side conversations, noises from the hallway, and so on. It can be exhausting for her to both filter out this background noise and focus on the teacher's voice with only one normal hearing ear. Therefore, wearing a receiver that is transmitting the teacher's voice directly to her ear enables her to hear all of her teachers without becoming auditorily fatigued.

#### Being a Super-HEAR-o at School

Molly says that the hardest thing about using her Phonak Roger Touchscreen at school is having to get used to the sound again on Monday after not having the system over the weekend at home. The best thing about using her Touchscreen is that it gives her super hearing. She likes hearing her teacher at varying long distances in the classroom.

Molly has been a great role model to other students with hearing loss at her school. This school year, two students at her school have been diagnosed with hearing loss. Molly was very eager to help her hearing itinerant teacher introduce Hearing Assistive Technology to the students and show them how to use their devices at school.

> Recently, Molly's class learned what a compliment is and how it is a kind gesture to say something nice to others that make them feel good. Students were given an opportunity to write a compliment down on a mitten to be hung around the school. Molly chose to write a compliment to the Deaf community of students at her school. She wrote, "It's okay to be Deaf. You can still do the same things [as everybody else] and more." Molly says that this is her advice to everyone who has a hearing loss and that they shouldn't let their hearing loss keep them from following their dreams.

#### **Molly's Fun Facts about Hearing Loss**

→ "I get to make friends with others with hearing loss because I get to go to camps and other special events for kids with hearing loss. It's fun meeting other kids who have a hearing loss too."

→ "Having a hearing loss helps me sleep better at night. If it rains, I can sleep with my deaf side up and do not hear the rain as much."

→ "My hearing loss has taught me to speak up so that everyone can hear me better in our classroom discussions."

> Molly is pictured with her 3rd place trophy from the NAKA karate tournament she participated in

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he Antioch Parks and Recreation Department has been working hard, bringing several exciting changes and additions for the warmer seasons ahead. Inspired by the words of William H. "Holly" Whyte, journalist and expert who helped identify the elements that create vibrant public spaces, "What attracts people most, would appear to be other people," it's important to provide our community with a summer toolkit that excites and brings us together—full of tradition, fun, learning and safety, too.

Springtime activities will get an eggs-citing update this April, with the popular **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** being offered FREE for participants (ages 1 to 9). The event, along with its traditional parade, will be held Saturday,

April 11, with the youngest age group beginning egg hunting at 11 a.m. The event brings together toddler and school-aged children for a chance to grab 10 candy-filled eggs, as fast as they can, with special prize eggs, too. Families come along for the activity (with parents on the sidelines for older age groups), with photo-taking with the Easter Bunny available. "The kids have smiles on their faces the entire time. It's so much fun to watch," said Director of Parks and Recreation Lauren Kabrick. The event also has a new location at the Antioch Bandshell (Skidmore Drive).

Children (ages 10 to 15) are invited to participate in the traditional **Flashlight Egg Hunt** on the evening of Thursday, April 9, at Centennial Park (Anita Avenue). This is a feebased program and registration is required (available online or in-person at the Parks and Rec office on Holbek Drive).

### Outdoors, fresh and new

There will be a NEW type of market in town this year with fresh produce, meats, breads, flowers, plants, jewelry, textiles, local artists and more.

The Antioch Street Market, in the bandshell area on Skidmore

Drive, will be held the last Sunday of each month (June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market will serve to cater to the tastes, interests and mix of products seen at the former in-town farmer's market which concluded last summer. Research suggests advantages of creating a public space such as this can bring transformative benefits to a community¹. "This type of forum—a public market—has the possibility to bring together diverse people, provide economic opportunity, and create an active and creative public space," added Community Development Director Michael Garrigan. The street market comes on the heels of an effort to reinvigorate the traditional farmer's market, offering something for everyone with an environment





and style similar to a family outing. Opportunities to try food and beverages by local establishments, as well as performances hosted by local dancers, gymnasts, musicians, and magicians, will round out the experience-making. Those interested in participating as a vendor, should contact Special Event Coordinator Toni Galster, 847-395-2160 or tgalster@antioch.il.gov. Details for upcoming programs and special events can also be found at antioch.il.gov under the pull-down "Parks & Rec/Aqua Center."

Keep a look out for the stars and more

This summer, be on the lookout for Camping under the Stars in July, a Back-to-School Bash (and school-supply fundraiser) and Roaring 20s Outdoor Dinner Dance in August, and the first Touch-a-Truck event in September. The possibilities for family time, date night, and fun are endless.

#### Get energized at Antioch Aqua Center

Discover more energizing changes this summer at the Antioch Aqua Center (on Main Street) with Wednesday Evening Family Swim, monthly Flick-N-Float events, and a private parent-tot and lap-swim hour

exclusively for season passholders weekday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. Swim lessons will also take place in the evenings, far-removed from the chilly morning air. Season passes are available now. Visit online at **antioch.il.gov** for details.

#### **Priority one: safety**

Safety is top priority at the Antioch Aqua Center. The team, from lifeguards, swim instructors, customer service attendants, to managers, have the goal of delivering guests the best summer experience, and creating a feeling of "home," whether for a drop-in visit, a morning lap swim, or an after-hours rental. "We want everyone

to feel like family, and we look forward to providing a clean, safe, and enjoyable experience at every visit. We took a hard look at what we could do to enhance the experience for all guests," said Kabrick. Changes were made to pool operations including opening to the public earlier, moving swim lessons to the evening, and programming the pool for family swim and special events to enhance usability for all. With safety in mind, new policies and procedures for communicating with parents and guardians (with new wristband policy), have been put in place. Details are outlined in the special box at left. C

#### **Guests/swimmers age 12 and older**

Guests/swimmers age 12 and older are permitted at the Antioch Aqua Center (AAC) unaccompanied, but MUST obtain a 12 and Older Admission Wristband and have an emergency form on file (if under age 18). PARENTS or authorized caregivers: If you plan to send your child unaccompanied to AAC, you must complete an emergency form. A form can be completed by stopping by the ACC's walk-up window, during operating hours, or at the Parks and Recreation office (Holbek Drive). A wristband for your child will then be issued, free of charge. Replacement wristbands cost \$1. Forms can also be downloaded online and sent with your swimmer.

#### **Guests/Swimmers age 11 and younger**

Children age 11 and younger are not permitted in ACC unless accompanied by an individual 16 years-old or older. They must be accompanied during their ENTIRE stay. Those who violate this rule will be asked to leave.

#### **Questions/more info**

Your safety and enjoyment are our priority. For questions or more information, contact Director of Parks and Recreation Lauren Kabrick, 847-395-2160 or Ikabrick@antioch.il.gov.

# Our Pride, New Year, New Decade



s we enter this new year and new decade, I'd like to again share a thank-you. The Village of Antioch is a highly desirable area to live, work and play in. So many factors make us a great place; our charming downtown and economic diversity throughout our business landscape, great neighborhoods,

schools and dedicated professionals, outreach and volunteers. What continues to resonate with me as a resident and in my civic and leadership roles, is the strong sense of community. I want to express my gratitude for what we all put forth and bring to the mix, even with our busy lifestyles. We have so much to be proud of.

We are proud to be a community that hosts more than 21 community parks, along with program locations, with amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, an aqua center, sports and playfields for the fan and athlete, playgrounds, and connections to open space, trails and forest preserves. We remain committed to the important balance between growth and preservation. This year, we will be working on the "Parkway"

Bank Beautification Plan," on the corner of Main and Orchard Streets, across from Village Hall. Plans include the removal of concrete and adding of black dirt, planting/seeding of grass, the installation of ornamental trees, and dogwood shrub placement around the perimeter. The goal is to create a community green space with trees and natural hedge. Along with beauty and a natural setting, the area will continue to be available for event parking during peak downtown activities.

For a healthy and vibrant decade and future, we must also look to the past. We are proud to have a newly formed advisory body, the **Historic Preservation Commission**, approved by the Village Board of Trustees. A valuable resource, the group will serve as a guide, promoting the protection, enhancement, preservation and use of improvements of special character and historical interest within the Village of Antioch. They will help

identify and preserve historic and architectural characteristics representing cultural, social, economic, and architectural history. They will also work with agencies and organizations for idea-sharing and collaboration, and encourage through outreach and messaging, the voluntary preservation and restoration of structures, areas and



neighborhoods. Meetings are held monthly at Village Hall (874 Main Street). The public is welcome to attend.

Again, thank you residents, our community, and Village Board of Trustees. I look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead. Springtime has a full lineup. Be sure to check out the free "Eco Fair" sponsored by the Parks and Rec Department (Saturday, April 25, Antioch Township Hall) as well as fun programs to share, Mother-Son Bowling and Mother-Daughter Bingo Luncheon. Visit online at antioch.il.gov or see our colorful ad in this issue for details and how to register.

#### Mayor Lawrence "Larry" Hanson

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# Sidewalk Delight: Pops of Color, Growing Benefits

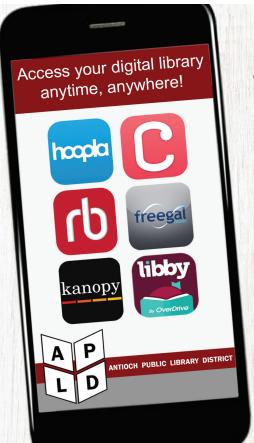
Spring and summer bring delight with blooming displays to yards and gardens. But, how about those pops of color in town? The "green thumbs" of the Village of Antioch Public Works Department are on it, providing hues of pizzazz to downtown that are inviting to residents and visitors alike.

From May through the fall, October or November depending upon weather, colorful hanging (and bountiful) floral baskets adorn Main and Lake Streets. Besides the beauty to the eye and landscape, these bundles of Mother Nature's own can have healthy benefits. Studies show that people surrounded by quality landscapes are often less stressed. And, an area's physical beauty can help connect people to it.<sup>1</sup>

In downtown, where storefronts make for great window shopping, browsing, and bargains, hanging baskets are placed on every other street lamppost, alternating with community banner displays. In addition to the color choice, flowers are chosen based on their hardiness. "We love the way they look and the positive impact they have," said Public Works Administrative Assistant Sherry Hoban. "We start early, in winter, working with suppliers and picking a mix of annuals so things get growing and we're ready." Be sure to look for those inviting colors from above. Snap a picture on your cellphone and share the Village beauty with us (email images to: shoban@antioch.il.gov).



1. Online source. americainbloom.org



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# Unique Learning Opportunities for 5th Grade Students

Fifth graders at Emmons have been very busy participating in unique science and social studies learning experiences. In social studies class, they have been learning about the Jamestown colony. The students participated in an 'Escape Room' activity by

taking on the role of English colonists. Their goal was to unlock a box containing valuable beads to trade for food and medicine that was necessary for their survival. In order to obtain the correct combination to unlock the box. the students solved several clues by decoding various ciphers. The





experience really put their knowledge of Jamestown to the test!

In science, the 5th grade students concluded their ecosystems unit with a Mobile Museum research project. The project included pamphlets, murals, slideshows, and animals about each ecosystem. Students also created a 3D version of an organism that lived in their ecosystem. The 5th grade then hosted an open house for other students and families to view the museum. The students explained to the visitors interesting facts about the ecosystem and how their chosen organism is affected by environmental issues.



# **Emmons Kindergarten Round-Up is in Full Swing!**

mmons is currently conducting Kindergarten Round-Up.
This is an opportunity for children living in the district to register for the 2020-2021 Kindergarten program. Emmons offers a full day kindergarten experience that addresses the whole child. By providing a full day program, the students are given a well-rounded, rigorous academic program which includes exposure to the arts through library, music, visual art, and STEM classes. Students receive valuable gross and fine motor instruction from daily PE classes and pencil positioning instruction from a licensed occupational therapist.

The Emmons Board of Education supports a full day kindergarten program because they believe that students should be exposed to the humanities and arts as well as developing their social emotional health. The program has been carefully designed to fully engage each child. Weekly, students participate in regularly scheduled library science, general music, and visual arts curriculum. They also learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics integration) curriculum through project-based activities which allows the students to explore and test scenarios, just like a scientist. In addition, students learn foundational skills important for sports development and everyday functioning by participating in daily physical education classes.

In addition to the exploratory classes, we also instruct students in their emotional health by delivering direct lessons taught by teachers and a social worker. A research based social emotional curriculum is used to teach students the necessary classroom behaviors and appropriate peer interactions. Students also have a chance to apply what they learn in a weekly play-based experience. The playroom is supplied with carefully selected equipment which encourages students to engage their imagination and ingenuity while also learning to collaborate with others.

Emmons's comprehensive kindergarten program equips students with the academic, social, and classroom habits needed for continued success in the later grades. As research has proven, a positive school experience in the early school years is important to set students on the right path. If you currently live in Emmons School boundaries and want to register your child for kindergarten, please contact Mrs. Trischan at 847-395-1105.



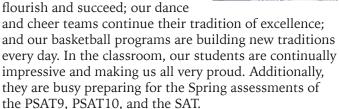


# Planting Seeds for Success

fond childhood memory around this time was watching my father prepare for the garden plot he would rent. He would reserve a spot of land a few blocks from home and plant his very own garden. Our family would reap the benefits of his efforts with snap peas, green beans, tomatoes, and corn. Regularly, we would be called by him to head to the garden to weed, tend, and care for the plants. As I grew older, I realized the attention to detail and care given to the garden directly impacted the results we would experience. Putting forth care and love for the plants is similar to what we do every day at Antioch Community High School.

Teaching is like gardening. Our students are the crops for which we care. We are constantly watering them with knowledge and providing the sunlight of wisdom as learning penetrates their soil and we watch them grow. Your efforts are working! This "garden" of learners at ACHS is growing every day, performing at high levels, and flourishing. This is due to providing attention to our "crops", our efforts at providing "water and sun", and our care in talking to them and building

lasting relationships. The evidence of this growth is both in and out of the classroom. Our wrestling team continues to flourish and succeed: our dance



A garden does not succeed without loving care and attention. As we progress towards the end of the school year, make sure you are taking care of yourself and those around you. Soon, we will be preparing for graduation and the end-of-school-year "harvest" of the fruits of our labors: student learning!

#### **Eric Hamilton**

Principal
Antioch Community High School

## **Sequoit Theater Performs Twice**

he Sequoit Theatre family had two wonderful performances so far. In November, they performed Romeo and Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending. They shared an amazing meal with 130 seniors from the Antioch Senior center, through ACHS' annual Sharing is Caring event. The cast met with their guests before, as well as afterwards, and were congratulated on a wonderful performance. In January they performed Rexes' Exes. which took the audience on a journey to Sweet Gum, Texas where the Verdeen cousins were trying to win the Yellow Rose of Texas Award, and rid themselves of Rex's ghost. Eli Ruano, the student director took some risks with this production and they paid off. The auditorium was full of laughter, twang, and red velvet cake. There were 25 students involved with the production.







# ILC Hosts 10th Annual Final Exam Breakfast

The Information and Learning Center's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) hosted the 10th annual Final Exam Breakfast for all students. The ILC was decked out with holiday cheer and a warm ambiance for students to eat, relax, and study. The breakfast is designed to meet students' nutritional needs prior to taking their finals. Barb Mason, Kathleen Stewart, Jan Heckinger, and TAB members served an estimated over 300 students daily.

### Alison Weiser Nominated for Carson Scholar Award

The Social Studies department nominated Junior Alison Weiser for the Carson Scholar Award. This award recognizes academic excellence and humanitarian efforts of students throughout the country. Results of the award are presented in March.



BRIEFLY NOTED

# ACHS Madrigal Choir goes "On The Air"

The ACHS Madrigal Choir was once again invited to sing on the Steve Cochran Morning Show on WGN 720 AM. The choir sang several songs for the hundreds of thousands of people who listen to this station every morning.

# Jazz Choir Selected to Perform for State

ACHS is extremely proud to announce that the Jazz Choir was selected to perform for the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) State Conference, at the end of January. Only four jazz groups were selected from the entire state. Mackenzie Mann was selected for the ILMEA All-State Band on Saxophone. She performed in Peoria, IL with the All-State Jazz Band at the ILMEA State Conference held in February.

#### Students Bring Holiday Cheer

Antioch students and staff helped make the holiday season a little brighter for children and families in the Antioch area, through Open Arms Mission, as well as Toys for Tots, led by Donna Corcoran.

### **300 Middle Schoolers Attend Open House**

On January 15, almost 300 8th grade students and families came to Open House. The evening helped showcase academics, athletics, and activities! This was a wonderful first experience for the Class of 2024. Emcee's for this years event were; Joy Crawford, Jamie Blau, Elijah Ruano





# **Chess Team Brings Home Victory**

The Chess Team traveled to Grant to win the NLCC Chess Championship. The team went 5-0 winning 38 out of the 40 total games played. This was the 3rd consecutive year of ACHS Chess Dominance! Congratulations on their victory!

### Hot Cocoa Crammin' for Final Exams

Teachers stayed after school in December to help students prepare for Final Exams with Crammin' with Cocoa. Hot chocolate was provided to all as they studied in the Commons.



## Illinois State Scholars Recognized at Antioch

Antioch Community High School is proud to have thirty seniors recognized by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission as 2019-2020 State Scholars. Students will be awarded a certificate recognizing their achievement later this spring.

The recognized students are Anthony Annunzio, Jack Bay, Daniel Bemis, Jerianne Bonaguidi, Brice Cart, Nina Deckert, Gavin Eldridge,



Merrick Foote, Zaina Hussain, Alexandra Johnson, Marja Lalley, Matthew Lawrence, Joshua Linck, Zachary MacMillan, Madison McBride, Mirandi McCormick, Morgan Meisinger, Grace Nance, Elliana Nordhaus, Christopher Penn, Brandon Pinto, Marcella Rivera, Ivan Senechyn, Evan Slater, Charles Smith, Nicole Stewart, Sierra Ward, Jillian Watkinson, Kathryn Weber and Hui Ting Zhao.

Sequoits Athletics



CHSD 117: Antioch Community Hi



The following Antioch student/athletes made commitments to continue their athletic careers for 2020 at the following University/Colleges.

#### **Charlie Smith**

Cross Country & Track, Georgia Tech University

#### **Treshawn Watson**

Football, Illinois State University

#### **Austin Runyard**

Volleyball, Cumberland College

#### **Kaylee Griffith**

Field Hockey, Earlham College

#### Jerianne Bonaguidi

Softball, Ripon College

#### **Natalie Svarc**

Cross Country and track, University of Lacrosse

#### Mikayla Holway

Soccer at Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa

#### Logan Delgado

Baseball, Bradley University

ALSO NOTED



Sarah Bemis: State Qualifier, Cross Country

Ryan Shaputis: 2019 IHSFCA All-State Football

The Dance Team: IHSA State Qualifiers

**Football** had it's 4th NLCC Championship and advanced to

the 2nd round of playoffs.

**Girls bowling team:** Off to a great season winning several bowling matches including the Wauconda Invite in January.





# Here to help

s the needs of our students increase each year, so do our responses. As technology has evolved it has also added a new level of stress on us. The ability or inability to consume all the information that is at our fingertips has caused many challenges within our society. Sorting out what is true or false along with the intensity of all that information and social media pressures can be, at times, overwhelming for all of us. These pressures have left many students and adults in our community in need of extra support. These are often challenges that fall upon the school and to be successful we need a wide variety of supports.

A preventative strategy for us is to make sure that all of our students have a strong sense of belonging in the community and that they feel like they are an integral part of our school community. The feeling of being part of the community helps all of our students and staff be comfortable and safe. This also allows the members of our school community to ask for help when it is needed.

When help is needed, our skilled student services department responds quickly. This department is made up of counselors, special education teachers, school social workers, deans of students, and school psychologists. The mission of this group is to have all of our students appropriately challenged academically and to assist our students in developing their social-emotional skills. This group



of professionals provides our students with College and Career Planning; Individual Counseling and Group Counseling; Academic Student Support; Mental Health and Behavior Supports; Crisis Response; and IEP/504 Evaluation and Assessment.

We are extremely fortunate that our community provides us the financing to provide these supports. This support allows us to meet our goal to have a safe environment where students feel like they belong and that we continue to support their development of academic and emotional skills so each student can be successful in our society.

#### **David B. Newberry**

Proud Principal
Lakes Community High School

### Illinois State Scholars Recognized at Lakes

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is pleased to recognize these Illinois high school students who have been named 2020-21 State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement. The criteria for State Scholars is a combination of the ACT/SAT test scores, class rank or the unweighted GPA (if the school does not

rank), and class size.

Congratulations to 36 LCHS seniors who will be recognized as State Scholars at Honors Night in May!

These students include Daniel Altmeyer, Allisyn Bake, Madison Baker, Meagan Blanchard, Jacob Brooks, Leah Cousineau, Ashton Craven, Maya Dewey, Jack Falcus, Isabella Frank, Laszl Horvath, Olivia Huber, Sean Humpa, Ariya Jahromi, Kaily Kao, Talon Knauf, Madison Kranz, Reagan Kuriger, Juoleanne Ladao, Brady Lucas, Jennifer McMahon, Julia McMahon, Alexis Nuxoll, Sean O'Connor, Kaylee Paxton, Molly Rial, Joshua Richards, Olivia Schmitt, Ashley Smith, Broderick Solbrig, Amanda Stargardt, Lucas Swidler, Josephine Synovic, Jacob Tebben, Michael Variny and Isabella Vrapciu.

# Jazz Choir Performs at State Conference

The Lakes Community High School Jazz Choir was selected to perform for the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) State Conference on January 30, 2020. This was the first time a LCHS vocal group has been invited to perform at the State Conference. The following Eagles were one of only four jazz groups selected from the entire state.

Vocals included Hannah Allie, Evelyn Blasius, Alexandra Bryant, Samantha Drake, Aidan Kline, Jonah Newsom, Lydia Osborne, Matthew Torkilsen, Ben Welch and Bri Zahn. Instrumentals included Josiah Jackson on piano, Mr. Michael Riggs on bass and Micah Lind on drums. All brought together by director, Mr. Daniel Ermel.





agle Theatre was selected to perform their fall play, Failure: A Love Story, at the 45th annual Illinois
High School Theatre Festival in January. The Illinois
High School Theatre Festival is the oldest and largest non-competitive high school festival in the world. Over 4,000 students, teachers, university representatives, exhibitors, and volunteers come together to put on various high school productions and workshops. The Festival's ultimate goal is to showcase different theatre

programs from around the state in a celebratory fashion, not a competitive one. With this philosophy, attending students are exposed to a wide range of shows at IHSTE.

Eagle Theatre is directed by Mr. Daniel Esquivel and Mr. Ariel Mozes. Their next production will be *Little Shop of Horrors*, February 28 - March 1 and March 6-7 at Lakes Community High School. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit eagletheatre.com.

### Save the Date: LEBC Booster Bash is Coming!

Save the Date for our Lakes Eagles
Booster Club's annual Booster Bash on
April 25, 2020. Join us for dinner, band,
and auctions at Maravela's in Fox Lake.
This is a fantastic way to give back directly
to our school's programs as 80% of your
ticket cost can be directed to a specific club,
sport or activity. This fun night out includes
dinner, a local band performance, and silent
and live auctions.

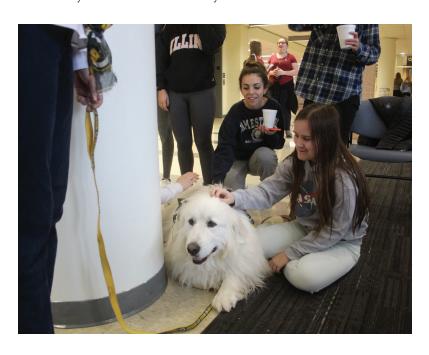






# Lakes Hosts D117 Day

n Friday, January 17, 2020 we hosted our first D117 Day across the District. Students at Lakes enjoyed a carnival atmosphere for the first ninety minutes of the day. Student Council arranged many activities that were held throughout the building for students and staff to enjoy. This is in an effort to build culture as a District and have fun outside of the classroom as school communities. The staff enjoyed a day of decadence as each department hosted the staff with treats throughout the day. A fun time was had by all.



### Winter Art Show Highlights Student Artwork

The Winter Art Show is an opportunity to highlight the work of first semester art students in our community. It is a collaboration between District 117 and our sender schools. joining together as a community to feature the artwork of middle school students alongside that of high schoolers. The show featured work of students from Lakes Community High School, Antioch Community High School, Emmons School, Grass Lake School, Millburn Middle School, and Palombi Middle School. The Show's opening night was December 5th and stayed up on display through December 9th at Lakes Community High School.



#### Winterfest 2020 Brings Community Together

On Friday, January 31st, Antioch Community High School hosted a district wide event to bring our student communities together. The event included a dance with DJs, lights, a silent disco, blow up bouncies, large games, a drawing wall, video games, a photo booth and much more!

Lakes Community High School extended the Winterfest celebration with a school-wide spirit week, January 27-31. Students and staff were encouraged to dress each day in attire that celebrated Unity, Music, Party, Love and Spirit.



# **Lakes Eagles Athletics**



#### Lakes Cheer Pushing New Heights

The Lakes cheer team has been very impressive this competition season. The team has earned a trophy in every competition this season. The program won the Crystal Lake Central Invite and placed 2nd in the NLCC conference meet. The program qualified for the IHSA State Championships, following a 2nd place sectional finish.



### Lakes Host to Two Major Events

Lakes hosted the NLCC Dance Championships (1/17) and it's inaugural MLK Basketball Tournament on 1/18 and 1/20. Both events were highly competitive and showcased the great student athletes, coaches and event workers at Lakes High School. The administration received overwhelming positive feedback from schools and officials in attendance. Lakes looks forward to continuing to host major events as the District 117 field house is developed over the coming years.

# Lakes Alumni Impress on Track and Field

A number of Lakes Alumni began their 2020 track and field seasons in January. Cooper Jazo (Illinois) started his season by tying his all time personal best. Kortney Schardt (Belmont) started with a the season 3rd place finish in the 5K at the Vanderbilt invite. Robert Kuhlmann (Missouri) won the 600 and anchored the winning 4 x 400 relay team at the Mizzu Invite.

# Lakes Alumni Win DIII National Football Championship.

North Central College in Naperville won it's first ever football national title in December. The Cardinals have 5 former Lakes Eagles on the team. Ethan Greenfield, DeAngelo Hardy, Jake Johnson, Jack Grupka and Ethan Kiley are all members of the team. Ethan Greenfield was named the games MVP and he also earned first team All-American honors for his historic season.





# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Fox Lake SD 114's Zero Rate Change March 17, 2020 Ballot Proposal

#### district needs

#### **Facility Improvement Priorities**

Building Security, Safety & Maintenance Issues

#### QUESTION

What issues will be addressed through this funding?

#### ANSWER

Based on recommendations from a recently completed facilities study, the following top priorities will be addressed:

- → Safety and security upgrades at Lotus and Stanton including secured entrances
- → New roofs at Lotus and Stanton
- → Replace electrical service at Stanton
- → Install fire sprinkler system at Stanton
- → Install safe exits for all Stanton students, including those who may be wheelchair-bound
- → Install up to date, energy efficient mechanical controls
- → Replace Lotus air condition unit that is at its end of useful life

Approximate funding level to address these concerns within 5 years=\$9 million.

#### **Staffing Priorities**

Locally Competitive Salaries and Benefits to Attract and Retain Teachers

#### QUESTION

What were the starting new teacher salaries for Fox Lake and other local school district for the 2019-2020 school year?

#### ANSWER

→ Fox Lake Elementary District 114	<b>\$32,431</b>
→ Gavin Elementary District 37	\$35,041
→ Lake Villa Elementary District 41	\$35,041
→ Emmons Elementary District 33	\$36,720
→ Antioch Elementary District 34	\$39,098
→ Big Hollow Elementary District 38	\$41,449

#### QUESTION

How do Fox Lake teacher salaries compare to other school districts in Lake County?

#### ANSWER

Fox Lake School District had the lowest starting teacher salary of all 96 school districts in Lake County in the 2019-2020 school year.

#### QUESTION

What are Illinois' minimum salary expectations for beginning teachers?

#### ANSWER

Illinois state law now requires the minimum beginning teacher salary for all school districts be at least \$40,000 by the 2023-2024 school year.

#### **QUESTION**

How many teachers left Fox Lake after the 2018-2019 school year?

#### ANSWER

Teachers leaving our district for better compensation in other close-by districts is a significant challenge. Retaining excellent teachers is a characteristic of all strong school districts — that requires competitive salaries and benefits. Thirteen (13) teachers, or 23% of the certified staff, resigned at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **Student Improvement**

Purchase Updated & Rigorous Instructional Materials

#### QUESTION

How will funding be used to improve student learning?

#### ANSWER

In all other content areas but mathematics, student materials are out of date or not consistently used in all classrooms. With this funding, the District will, over time, purchase research-based, updated materials in all content areas so students have access to up-to-date learning experiences. While our teachers make do the best they can with old materials, it is essential for our district to have up-to-date curricular material so District 114 students are as well prepared for high school as are students from other area grade school districts.



#### impact on our community

#### QUESTION

### How will this referendum impact our families and community?

#### **ANSWER**

If successful, this referendum will allow District 114 to:

- → Improve and protect taxpayers' investment in their homes
- → Maintain our school facilities for our children and community.
- → Provide students with opportunities equal to neighboring schools
- → Recruit and retain high quality, experienced teachers
- → Maintain best practices in keeping our schools safe and secure



#### cost information

#### QUESTION

### How is a ZERO RATE CHANGE going to create funds to address the needs?

#### ANSWER

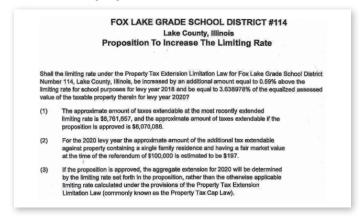
The bonds taken out to build Lotus Elementary are soon to be paid in full. The portion of our total rate that goes for debt retirement will be eliminated. That gives our District the opportunity to repurpose, or reuse, that portion of our overall tax rate to pay for improvements to our buildings, provide more competitive salaries and benefits for our teachers, and provide up-to-date instruction and curriculum material for our students — all with zero change in the overall tax rate. This will also create long term financial stability for the District's operating funds.

#### QUESTION

### What exactly will voters see on the March 17, 2020 ballot?

#### **ANSWER**

The ballot language is:



#### **OUESTION**

#### What does this ballot language mean?

#### ANSWER

The ballot language is confusing! Put simply, by paying off our debt on Lotus, our rate in the Debt Fund drops by 59 cents/\$100 of assessed home value. The ballot asks taxpayers to repurpose this drop to increase the rate in our operating funds by 59 cents/\$100 of assessed home value. This creates a **zero rate change**, and generates approximately \$1.3 million annually to address the identified needs.



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# Our First Mathletes Squad

ifth Graders at Grass Lake
School are participating in
monthly Math Olympiad
competitions. Math Olympiads is a program designed to
strengthen problem solving and
promote enthusiasm and a love of
Mathematics. The students have
practice sessions each week. Upon
completion of a competition, they
receive feedback from students all
over the globe. We're very proud of
our first team of Mathletes!





### NEHS Open Arms Mission

Fourth and Fifth grade NEHS students made gingerbread houses and treat boxes to use as table decorations at the Antioch Senior Center in December. Each Tuesday Open Arms Mission partners with a local charitable organization to provide a free dinner to those who would like a hot meal or others who would just enjoy some companionship. The table decor made by the students really helped to make the meal special!







### Eighth Grade Leadership Conference

The following prestigious eighth grade students, Winter, Vera, Guido, Haley and Brooklyn represented Grass Lake School at the ACHS Leadership conference this year. Students had an opportunity to further develop their leadership skills by working with eighth grade students from other feeder school districts.



# **NEHS Holiday Cards** for the Troops

National Elementary Honor Society students at Grass Lake School honed their writing skills while writing holiday cards to our troops overseas.

# **Lunches for Lake County Haven**

In January, some of Grass Lake's National Honor Society students made lunches for women and children who reside at Lake County Haven. The Haven is a transitional, residential home that helps these families by providing structure, education, counseling, and a safe place to live while getting back on their feet.







#### **Antioch Township**



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# **Connecting With Community**

t's 2020 and Antioch Township rounded out the year by connecting with our community in meaningful and fun ways. As the year progresses, we will have a number of programs, events and outreach activities that will serve our residents and community throughout 2020 and beyond. Look out for our FREE Monday Movies Series for seniors, with complimentary valet parking every first Monday of the month at the Antioch Movie Theater.

### A Season of Giving & New Beginnings

Four-year old Antioch resident, Thomas Devine, took up a collection of candy for our seniors. He and his classmates from Nature Walk Collaborative donated more than 40 pounds of candy. How sweet is that? Pictured



left is Shelia Dvorak, Administrative Clerk, alongside Thomas Devine and his mother, Heather.

We ended the year on a high note, sung by the Warren Alumni Choir. Our inaugural Jolly Holiday Lunch was fun for all. Santa made an appearance and gave a special rock to Thomas Devine for his generous and kind contribution



to our seniors. Guests enjoyed a warm meal, desserts and even a "Merry-achi" trumpet band that serenaded the tables. Pictured left is Jolly Holiday Lunch participants had a special performance and sing-a-long with the Warren Alumni Choir.

We also appointed a new Township Clerk, Meghan Dyer Dawe, not only is she qualified for the position, she is the daughter of our late Clerk,



Anita Merkel Dyer. Meghan was sworn in at our Township Board meeting on January 8th with her family and friends in attendance. Pictured is Meghan Dyer Dawe with her family shortly after being sworn in.

The Holidays were about giving back to our community, creating Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for our neighbors in need with the Lions Club, Fire Department Cadets, First Fire Protection Board, Pageant Queens and Township staff.



A local branch of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, headed up by Madelyn Anderson, honored local Veterans with a ceremony presenting them Quilts. The quilts were sewn in our Township Hall



by local quilters, to commend our Veterans for their service and commitment to our country. God Bless America! Veterans pictured left to right, Jerry Haley, Michael Haley, Dennis Sheehan, Bernie Smith, Dennis Murphy, Clem Haley.



### **ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS**

February-May 2020



Friday, February 28 & April 24

#### Cards, Cuts & Coffee

Time: 9am-11am (doors open at 9am)

Location: Antioch Township, 1625 Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa Cost: \$12.00/haircut (refreshments and snacks are FREE. Signup for haircut on-site. first come. first serve basis)

Come get cozy and get a haircut while you're at it! Antioch hairstylist, Rebecca Calendine, will be on-site for male and female haircuts. Enjoy music, snacks, refreshments and a game of cards with friends. Other 2020 dates for Cards, Cuts & Coffee: April 24, June 26, August 28, October 30, December 18.

The First Monday of The Month

#### **Monthly Monday Movie Series**

March 2: "Waking Ned Devine" (1hr 32min) April 6: "Singin' in the Rain" (1hr 43min) May 4: "On Golden Pond" (2hr 49min)

Time: 10am-end of film (doors open at 9:30am)

Location: The Antioch Movie Theatre, 378 Main St., Antioch

Cost: FREE (movie, complimentary valet service, and FREE small pop-

corn. No signup. Come and enjoy!)

Antioch Township is proud to partner with The Antioch Movie Theater to bring FREE monthly movies to our seniors (55+). Complimentary valet is provided as well as FREE small popcorn. Other concessions will be available for purchase and a special \$10 lunch menu will be offered by Oliveri North (384 Lake St. Antioch).

Thursday, March 19

#### March Madness: Bingo & Snacks

Time: 10am-12pm (doors open at 10am)

Location: Antioch Township, 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa Cost: FREE (complimentary refreshments and snacks will be provided/please signup)

Come get your Bingo on! It's March Madness, what better time of year to compete for prizes and bragging rights? Bring your "b"-game and some friends to enjoy this FREE event hosted by Antioch Township.

Friday, April 17

#### **Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

Time: 6pm-8pm (Banquet room doors will open at 5:30pm) Location: Anastasia's, Antioch, 950 Hillside Ave., Antioch, IL Cost: \$17.00/Person (includes show, unlimited pizza buffet, with salad, assorted dressings, coffee, tea, and soda. Alcohol will be available for purchase)

"Three Strikes and You're Dead!" This interactive theatre experience will have you wondering "Who done it?" Who took the life of the prominent President of the Little League Board, Tim O'Bannon? Was it the philandering law partner? The wannabe coach? The high-strung, single-mother neighbor whose boy Tim was stopped from playing baseball? Regardless, we need a new leader. All parents, grandparents, and coaches will be at Anastasia's in Antioch on April 17...maybe even the murderer!

Thursday, May 21

#### The Dancing Horses & Exotic Birds

Time: Bus departs at 10:15am from The Antioch Bandshell (Skidmore Drive)

- 12pm Lunch (chicken, pasta, veggies, salad, roll, ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and dessert. \*Beer, soda and wine are available for purchase)
- 1-2:30pm Dancing Horses show
- 3-3:30pm Exotic bird show

Location: Delavan, Wisconsin

Cost: \$45.00/Person (includes 2 shows, lunch and transportation)

Wisconsin's #1 must see LIVE attraction. Enjoy performers who have worked for All The King's Horses, Arabian Nights, Ringling Brothers, Universal Orlando, and Walt Disney World. Then step into the world of exotic birds and meet and sing with Echo from America's Got Talent.

Cut out below & sign up now!

Antioch To	wnship Event Registration	
Mark your selections		
March Madness March 19th Free	Murder Mystery April 17th \$17	Dancing Horses May 21st \$45
Total amount of payment	Registrant	Details
\$ All payments must be received 10 days before event	Name:	
Please make checks payable to:	Address:	
Antioch Township 1625 Deep Lake Road Lake Villa, IL 60046	Phone:	
Attn: Courtney Kotloski	Email:	

(Please note: Antioch Township Residents will have first availability)











# Referendum on the March 17th Ballot

n December 2019, the board of education unanimously passed a resolution to place a \$30.7 million referendum for much-needed facility improvements on the March 17, 2020 ballot.

Last April, voters soundly rejected a \$50 million referendum causing the board to go back to the drawing board and return to the community with a revised and greatly reduced proposal.

The board and administration carefully reviewed the needs at each school, project by project. As board member Kurt Hansen said, "We really spent a lot of time to get consensus, not only from the board, but from some of our more outspoken critics."

This time, extensive cafeteria renovations were scaled back, updates and repairs for Pleviak School were removed along with 21st Century learning initiatives. Since the failure at the polls in April, nearly two dozen public meetings have been held to solicit input and discuss building and maintenance needs in order to revise the request. Two more community meetings are planned to inform the community about the needs of the district.

Both will be held at the district board room at Palombi Middle School. One will be held at 4 p.m. on February 24th and the other will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 7 p.m.

District facilities are aging and major repairs are necessary to address the failing infrastructure. Palombi Middle School and Hooper Elementary School are fifty-two and sixty-three years old respectively. Even the district's newer schools Martin Elementary and Thompson Elementary are twenty years old.

On a positive note for the taxpayer, the district's outstanding debt will drop off as money borrowed in 1997 and 2000 to build Thompson and Martin Elementary Schools is paid off. If the referendum fails, the tax bill for the owner of a \$250,000 house would decrease by \$773 annually. If the referendum passes and we borrow the money for 15 years, we will be able to make the necessary repairs and updates and that same homeowner will still see an approximate decrease of \$368 annually.

Residents can learn more about the referendum by visiting the district's website at district41.org.

# AARP Smart Driving Course

ake Villa Township is pleased to host another smart driving course in April. The AARP Smart Driver Course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's largest classroom and online driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older.

Take the AARP Smart Driver classroom course and you could save money on your car insurance!

- → Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road.
- → Learn techniques for handling left turns, right-of-way and roundabouts.
- → Discover proven driving methods to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road.
- → Be eligible to receive a discount on the liability portion of your auto insurance for three years

#### DATE

April 16th and 17th, 2020 9am to 1pm

#### REQUIREMENT

Must attend both dates

#### LOCATION

Lake Villa Township 37908 N. Fairfield Road Lake Villa, IL 60046

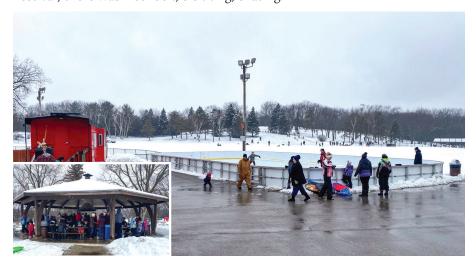


#### REGISTER

To Register call Lake Villa Township at 847-356-2116

### **Scenes from Winterfest**

On Saturday January 25 hundreds enjoyed the Lake Villa Township Winter Festival, there was free food, sledding, skating.





Daniel Venturi Supervisor

Jean Smuda

Jeffery Lee Assessor

**Jim Jorgensen** *Highway Commissioner* 

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Paul Berker Joy Johnson Glenn McCollum Barbara Stout

#### January Senior Lunch

Our Seniors braved the predicted snow storm January 11th to play games, have fun and win prizes.







#### community events

#### **ACHS**

03/02 No School-Casimir Pulaski

03/05 Board of Education Meeting, Lakes

03/12 Progress Report 6

03/14 Sequoit Pride Main Event, March Madness

03/18, 7pm D117 Jazz Night, Lakes

03/19, 6:45-2:30pm Blood Drive

03/19 Board of Education Meeting, ACHS

03/23-27 Spring Break

04/05, 2pm NHS Induction

04/10 No School

04/14 PSAT Testing Day

04/16 Board of Education Meeting Lakes

04/16-18, 7pm Musical

**04/19, 2pm** Musical

04/23 Progress Report 7

**04/25** PROM

04/29, 9am Recognition Assembly-All School

**05/04-15** AP Testing

05/05, 7pm Instrumental Concert

05/06, 7pm Choir Concert

05/11, 7pm Honors Night

05/12-13 Senior Finals

05/15 Graduation Practice & Senior Picnic

**05/17, 1pm** Graduation - Class of 2020

05/18 NO LATE START

05-22 Final Exams-Tentative

05/21 Board of Education Meeting, Tentative

05/25 Memorial Day-No School

#### Antioch Township

02/28. 9am Cards. Cuts & Coffee

03/02, 10am Monthly Monday Movie Series

03/19, 10am March Madness: Bingo & Snacks

04/03, 12pm Book Club, Township

04/06, 10am Monthly Monday Movie Series

04/17, 6pm Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

04/20, 9am AARP Safe Driving Class

**04/21, 9am** AARP Safer Driving Class

04/24, 9am Cards, Cuts & Coffee

04/30, 10am Super Senior Event

Secretary of State Mobile Driver's Services

05/04, 10am Monthly Monday Movie Series

05/08, 12pm Book Club, Township

05/21 The Dancing Horses & Exotic Birds Trip

06/06, 9am-5pm Potawatomi Trails **Fund Raiser** 

#### **Antioch Public Library**

04/19-25 National Library Week 05/02, 9am-2pm Free Comic Book Day

**05/30** Summer Reading Program Launch Event March-May Growing Spaces - Programs

& Mini-Con

#### **Antioch School District 34**

03/02 NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service Day

03/17 Regular Board Meeting

03/23-27 NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

04/10 NO SCHOOL, Board Holiday

04/21 Regular Board Meeting

04/22, 7pm 4th/5th Grade Band Concert at AUGS

**04/28, 6:30pm** 2nd/3rd & 4th/5th Orchestra Concert at AUGS

04/30, 7pm AUGS Choir Concert at AUGS

05/13, 6:30pm AUGS Band & Jazz Band Concert at AUGS

05/14, 6:30pm AUGS Orchestra Concert at AUGS

**05/19** Regular Board Meeting

05/25 NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

#### Fox Lake District 114

02/11, 6:30pm PTA, Stanton

02/18, 7pm Board of Education Meeting,

Lotus Cafeteria

03/03, 6pm Bilingual Parent Advisory

Committee Learning Night, Ferney Ramirez Presentation, Lotus Gym

03/07 Robert D. Savles Foundation Fundraiser

03/10, 6:30pm PTA, Stanton

03/17, 7pm Board of Education Meeting,

Lotus Library

#### **LCHS**

**02/28, 7pm** Musical Little Shop of Horrors 02/29, 7pm Musical Little Shop of Horrors

**03/01, 2pm** Musical: Little Shop of Horrors

03/06, 7pm Musical: Little Shop of Horrors 03/07, 7pm Musical: Little Shop of Horrors

03/08, 7pm Musical: Little Shop of Horrors

03/13, 7pm Band, Choir & Orchestra Masterworks

03/18 D117 Jazz Night

03/23-27 No School - Spring Break

04/02, 6:30pm Spring College Planning

04/04 Easter Bunny Breakfast

04/14 SAT School Test

**04/24, 6pm** D117 Art Show, LCHS

**04/25** Lakes Eagles Booster Bash

04/28 Art Show 6:00 pm

04/29, 7pm Spring Choir Concert

**05/02, 7pm** Prom

**05/04-15** AP Testing

05/06, 7pm Spring/Band Orchestra Concert

05/17, 5pm Graduation Class of 2020

05-22 Final Exams

#### **Grass Lake School**

02/17 Presidents Day No School

02/18, 4pm Girls Basketball Home Game vs North Prairie

02/18, 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting

02/23 PTO Meat Raffle

**02/24** 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament

02/28 End of Trimester

03/06, 7-9pm 5th-8th Grade Spring Dance

03/08 PTO Family Bowling Night

03/10, 6-8pm Superintendent Forum

03/17, 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting

03/18, 1pm Early Release

03/23 Spring Break

03/30 School Resumes from Spring Break

04/01, 1pm Early Release

04/05 PTO EGG HUNT

04/06 IAR Testing Begins

04/10 No School

05/04 Spring Map Testing

05/29 End of Trimester

05/29 Proposed Last Day of School

#### **Emmons District 33**

02/17 No School:Presidents Day

02/19, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

02/28 End of Trimester 2

03/02 No School: Casimir Pulaski Day

03/10 PTO Meeting @6pm

03/18, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

03, 1:30pm Early Dismissal

03/23-27 No School: Spring Break

04/10 No School Good Friday

**04/13** No School

04/14, 6pm PTO Meeting

04/15, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

#### **Lindenhurst Park District**

03/27, 11am \$1-Spring Break Show-Circus Boy **04/04, 10am** Free-Egg Hunt, Ages-2-8, 9-11

at Millenium Park in Lindenhurst 04/19 Wedding Garage Sale Sunday at the Lindenhurst Park District

05/02, 8-10am Cinco De Miles 5K Run/Walk at the Lindenhurst Park District, Ages 13 and under & 14+

05/16, 7-9am Free-Carp Fishing Derby, All Ages

06/08, 8pm Glow Walk at Forest View Park **07/10. 9:30-10:30am** Pop-Up in the Park at Millenium Park in Lindenhurst

07/21, 5pm Fitness Fun Course Walk at Mallard Ridge Park

More details at www.lindenhurstparks.org

#### Lake Villa Township

03/13, 12pm St. Pat's Senior Lunch, Lake Villa Township Community Center 04/16 & 04/17/20, 9am-1pm AARP Smart Driving Course, Lake Villa Township Office

#### **Antioch Chamber of Commerce**

Derby Hat Day w/After Party & Derby Race Visit AntiochChamber.org for info & tickets

#### March-April-May

Wizards Weekend Day - Tickets are now on sale Kids School of Magic, Wizard Pub Crawl, Wizard After Party, visit AntiochChamber.org

#### Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce

03/29. 9-4pm Spring Fest at Palombi Middle School

#### Lake Villa School District 41

02/10, 7:00pm Board Meeting 02/14 No School (Teacher's Institute)

02/17 No School (President's Day)

02/24, 4:00pm Community Meeting to share D41 Referendum Information

02/24, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

03/02, 7pm Community Meeting to share D41 Referendum Information

03/16, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

03/17, 6am-7pm Election Day

03/23-27 Spring Break

04/06, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

04/10 No School - Non-Attendance Day

04/20, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

05/18, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

05/25 Memorial Day - No School

06/01 Last Day of School (if no Emergency Davs are used)

06/15, 7pm Board of Education Meeting

#### **Village of Antioch**

02/10, 6:00pm Camp Crayon Registration residents only

03/02, 9:00am Camp Crayon Registration Open to non-residents

03/01, 11:30am Mother-Son Bowling

03/01, 1:30pm Mother-Son Bowling

03/01, 3:30pm Mother-Son Bowling

03/09, 9:00am Spring Wine Walk tickets on Sale

03/01 Summer Day Camp Registration, online

04/09, 8-8:30pm Flashlight Egg Hunt

04/11, 10:30am-1pm Eggcellent Easter Adventure Parade & Hunt

4/16, 4-7pm Bike Resale Drop-Off Day

04/17, 12-6pm Bike Resale Drop-Off Day

04/18, 8-11am Bike Resale

04/25, 10am-2pm Eco Fair

04/26, 12-2pm Mother Daughter Bingo

04/26, 2:30pm-4:30pm Mother Daughter Bingo

04/26, 5-7pm Mother Daughter Bingo

05/09, 12:45-4:15pm Spring Wine Walk

05/23, 12-6:30pm Pool Opens (Tentative Date)

06/11. 7:30-9pm It's Thursday Concert

06/18, 7:30-9pm It's Thursday Concert

06/20, 4-7pm Antioch Pageant

06/25. 7-9pm It's Thursday Concert

06/28, 8am-2pm Antioch Street Market

### community contacts

#### **Chamber of Commerce**

847-395-2233

**ANTIOCH** 

antiochchamber.org

#### **Fire Department**

(non-emergency)

847-395-5511

#### **Police Department**

(non-emergency) 847-395-8585

**Post Office** 

847-395-3482

**Public Works** 

847-395-1881

**Economic Development** 

847-395-1000

**Parks and Recreation** 

847-395-2160

**Senior Center** 

847-395-0139

Village Hall

847-395-1000 antioch.il.gov

**Permits Coordinator** 

Ext. 302

**Building Inspector** 

Ext. 309

Village Clerk

Ext. 304

**Antioch Township** 

847-395-3378

antiochtownshipil.gov

**Township Assessor's Office** 847-395-1545

**Township Highway Department** 

847-395-2070

**Antioch Public Library District** 

847-395-0874

apld.info

#### LINDENHURST

#### Village

847-356-8252

lindenhurstil.org

#### **Police Department**

(non-emergency) 847-356-5400

**Public Works** 

847-356-8252

#### **Park District**

847-356-6011

lindenhurstparks.org

Chamber of Commerce

847-356-8446

Ilvchamber.com

#### LAKE VILLA

#### Village Hall

847-356-6100

lake-villa.org

#### **Police Department**

(non-emergency) 847-356-6106

**Public Works** 

847-356-6100

Lake Villa District Library

847-356-7711

**Rescue Squad** 

847-356-2992

**Fire Department** 

847-356-2525 **Township Supervisor** 

847-356-2116

lakevillatownship.org

**Township Assessor** 

847-356-2383

lvassessor.org

**Township Highway Department** 

847-356-5831

lakevillatownship.org

#### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

#### Lake Villa School District 41

847-356-2385

district41.org

Palombi Middle School

847-356-2118

**Hooper Elementary School** 

847-356-2151

Thompson Elementary School 847-265-2488

Martin Elementary School

#### 847-245-3400 **Community HS District 117**

847-395-9001

chsd117.org Antioch Community HS

847-395-1421

Lakes Community HS

847-838-7100

#### **Antioch School District 34**

847-838-8400

antioch34.com Antioch Elementary

847-838-8901

W.C. Petty Elementary

847-838-8101

Hillcrest Elementary School

847-838-8001

Oakland Elementary School

847-838-8601

Antioch Upper Grade 847-838-8301

**Emmons School District 33** 847-395-1105

emmons33.org

**Grass Lake School District 36** 847-395-1550

als36.ora

Fox Lake Grade School District 114 847-973-4028

d114.org

#### our community



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# SPRING ANTIOCH PARKS AND REC



# MOTHER-SON BOWLING

ANTIOCH LANES 750 IL Route 173, Antioch

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1 • \$15/PERSON** 

Select a time: 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

INCLUDES: TWO GAMES, SHOE RENTAL, PIZZA, PHOTOS, RAFFLES, & MORE

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ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP HALL

ANTIOCH SENIOR CENTER 817 Holbek Drive, Antioch

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26 • \$15**/PERSON

Select a seating time: Noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m

A UNIQUE LADIES' EVENT
WITH ENTERTAINMENT, BINGO
& BUFFET-STYLE LUNCH
PROVIDED BY ANTIOCH ROSATI'S PIZZA



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# Lake Villa Township's Senior Event St. Patrick's Day





Lake Villa Township West Campus Community Center 37850 N. Rt. 59 Lake Villa, IL

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, bingo with Corned beef and cabbage



Wear your lucky Irish charm



Please K.S.V.P
Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Lake Villa Township Food pantry

#### For more information contact Lake Villa Township