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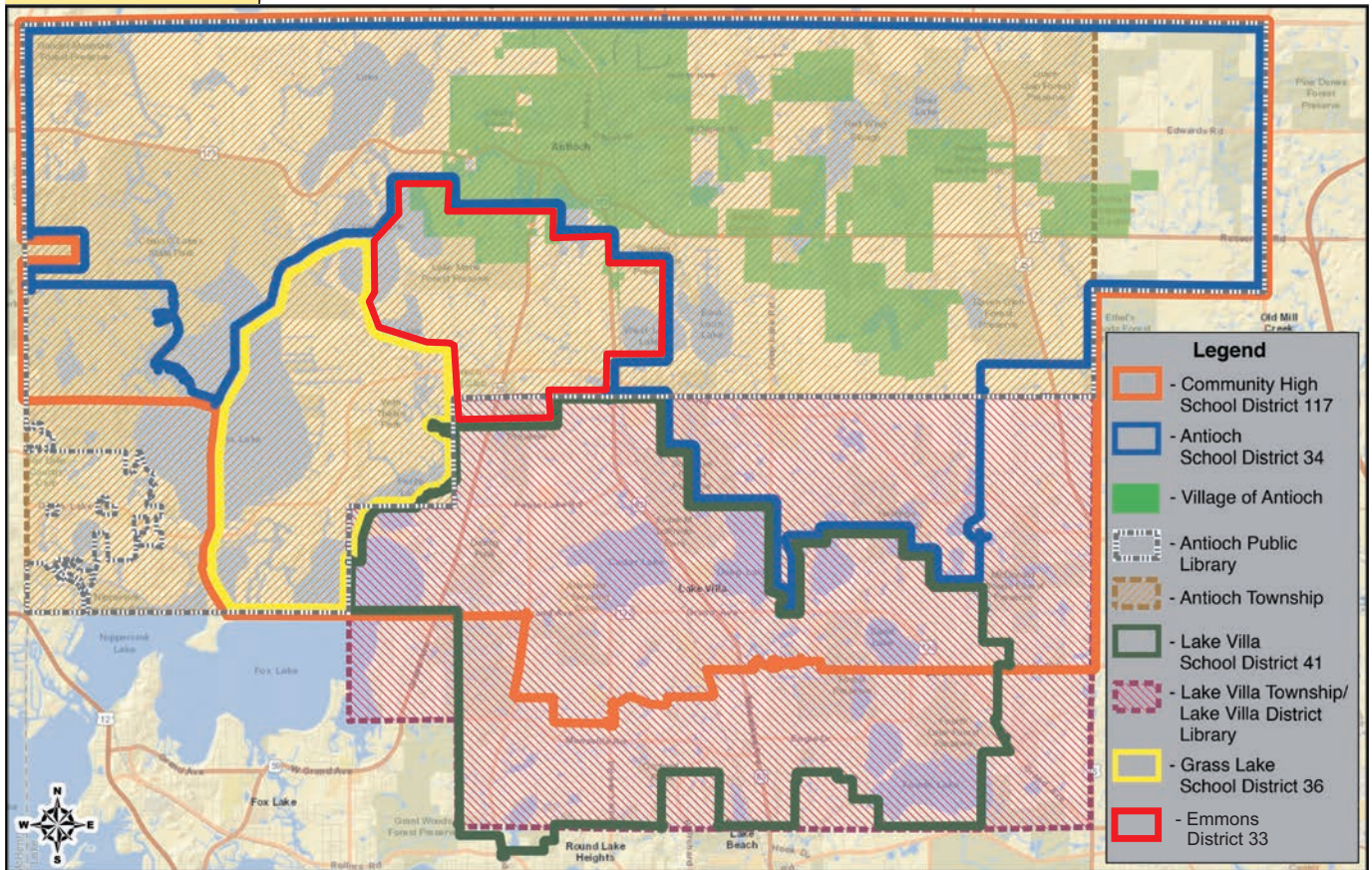
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Derby Hat Day with After Party & Watch The Derby Live
Saturday, May 1st, 2 pm till 6 pm, (21+)

Urban Fair at Vintage Market
Saturday, April 24th, 9 am till 4 pm

Margarita Partyville with After Party
Saturday, June 19th, 12 pm-5 pm. (21+)

Taste Of Summer Festival With Patriotic Musical Light Show & Sales
July 15-18

Patriotic Musical Light Show
July 15-17, Evenings During the Taste

Witches Night Out with After Party at Rivalry Alehouse
Thursday, October 7th, 5:30-9:30 pm. A (21+)

Wizards Weekend Day
Saturday, October 9th, Day long magical fun in downtown Antioch
1. Kids School of Magic,
2. Adults School of Magic
3. Wizard Magical Town,
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Favorite free-time activity

Listening in on programs. I don't know that the staff realizes it, but I am a very fun, love learning new things and meeting new people kind of library. Oh! And reading of course...

Favorite Quote

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." –Albert Einstein

Tell me about your childhood

I had a very modest childhood and moved a lot before I was an adult. I spent my early years housed in various locations up and down the Main St. Business District. First of course Walter Chinns newsstand to the East of the Antioch Flower Shop, then I also lived in the JJ Blinkers building, David's Bistro and the Antioch Limo/old Village Hall/jail. All this before moving north to the Antioch Grade School. All the while, I provided books for learning and enjoyment to the Adults and Children of Antioch. While I moved a lot, I was loved and often had the local children and adults personally carry my books from one location to the next for me. I spent a good part of my mid adult years to age 50 in the old white farmhouse on the location of my current building.

What are some of your happiest memories?

I have so many happy memories! Getting a home that was mine and only mine in 1970 was a great one. Every memory of a child that found the perfect book does make me very happy too. Of course I do enjoy reminiscing about children that have grown up to now bring their GRANDCHILDREN here or that grandchild that is now bringing their children! Now that makes me feel kind of old. But happy nonetheless.

Who have been some of your dearest friends?

There have been many over the years for sure. The first ladies of the Antioch Woman's Club for sure, then each and every Library Director has taken such care of me. Every patron though that has come in weekly to study for exams, read the weekly paper, access their emails or pick up their holds becomes a dear friend. I am secretly a little partial to the children who stop to sit for a while in my aisles, searching for and enjoying the perfect book.



Why do so many people think libraries are irrelevant and out-of-date now?

The age of electronics I think has led people to believe this. But it is so very not true. Many feel that if they can access it from home they have everything they need. Not everyone can access things from home and those that can could also utilize online services from the Library just as they do others that they often have to pay extra for. Also, in bygone days the Library was only a source of books and information. Today the Library is that and more. I am a meeting space, a place for entertainment and live informational programming. I provide community for those that do not have it and a safe space for all that enter. Libraries evolve as all things do and I am no exception. Once updated I will be even more for my community.

What ways has the Library evolved services over the last 100 years to address the growing needs of the community?

Oh my, let's see. In the early days I was just a small bookshelf with a few books to browse. As time went by card catalogs were added to assist in finding items in the growing collection required to meet the growing wants of a growing community. Since the 1970's computers were added and updated as technology changed. This allowed for community members without one the ability to utilize one and for those without internet to access that as well. Classes in technology were added to help with the basics in not only buying



but using a computer. We added to our collection to include VHS, then DVD's and Blu-ray. As time progressed and the community got busier we added a vast online catalog of downloadable content and databases. While Antioch is still a small community compared to many there is still as always a want and desire to maintain a community feel. My next focus is to provide more space for teens, children and small businesses as well as the wider community. This will help me offer that ability for more of our community to meet, interact, and be inspired.

How has the library adapted its services to the community in view of the pandemic?

I still remember the scarlet fever epidemic that hit Antioch back in the 1920's, and how although it dampened my spirits, I didn't let that get me down for long. I am strong and am quite proud of my staff and how quickly they adapted to the COVID pandemic. We had already years earlier formed a Safety and Behavior Committee. This group set into action researching and determining what needed to be done while we were closed, when we opened, and how to address further issues with the pandemic. From the start staff switched in person programs to online, eventually they began curbside pick-up and then opened for basic services. During closure they managed to connect through social

media, returned phone and email communications and got virtual library cards into the hands of people that needed them. We also made sure that our Wi-Fi access remained open so that anyone could access the internet via the parking lot during our closure.

What do you imagine would create the greatest impression on our own founders if they could experience our current library?

I think our founders would first see how large the community has grown in general. I think they then might be in amazement at just how successful a community member this little ole Library has become since its humble start in Walter Chinn's Newsstand.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Right here on Main St. where I have always been of course! Five years seems like such a small amount of time but with technology I can bet that there will be new offerings to the public as-well-as an even more robust programming schedule both in person and online. I am confident that in the coming years, as in the past, I will still be turning the lights down at the end of each day with left over sounds of the community's daily activity still lightly humming in my aisles.

community contacts

ANTIOCH

Chamber of Commerce
847-395-2233

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. 1302
Village Clerk
Ext. 1304

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
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lvchamber.com

LAKE VILLA

Village Hall
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lake-villa.org

Police Department
(non-emergency)
847-356-6106

Public Works
847-356-6100

Lake Villa District Library
847-356-7711

lvdl.org

Rescue Squad
847-356-2992

Fire Department
847-356-2525

Township Supervisor
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Township Assessor
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Township Highway Department
847-356-5831

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847-356-2385

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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

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Antioch Community HS
847-395-1421

Lakes Community HS
847-838-7100

Antioch School District 34
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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

gls36.org

Fox Lake Grade School District 114
847-973-4028

d114.org

One Community

My favorite part of the Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34 name is the word “community.” Since being hired as the Principal of ACHS in 2013, I have been humbled and honored to be serving this community. I have developed a deep respect for and connection to it, our schools, our students, our staff, and our residents. Whether in the role of Principal, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, or President of the Rotary Club, I have worked to embrace my opportunity to serve, understand the awesome responsibility, and execute my duties.

Since I first arrived here, me and my family have been unconditionally welcomed and accepted. The four of us have considered ourselves incredibly fortunate to be part of the CHSD 117 and Antioch CCSD 34 families. My daughters, Calla (11) and Bryn (9), have grown up on the playgrounds, parks, courts, stages, bleachers, and schools in this community. Through their connection to everyone and everything here, they have continued to support, encourage, and inspire my work. This community has become our second home and I remain motivated by a passion for and desire to continue to improve the access, opportunities, experiences, and outcomes of all of our students. None of this happens however, without the support, grace, and trust of the entire community.

As Spring blooms into Summer, our collective work blooms into accomplishments and successes. Our entire

community has been through so much for so long. As we have banded together to assist, care for, and love one another, our community has grown stronger. Being part of this, being part of you, and being part of us has been, is, and will continue to be one of the greatest honors of my life. I thank each and every one of you for my chance to be a part of this special community and for your individual contributions to it.

This month, the Antioch CCSD 34 content theme for the Connections Magazine is “community.” Without the amazing community that surrounds us, our learning community would not be the same. It is you and our partnership with you that creates the conditions necessary for us to teach, learn, and lead. We are grateful for you and profoundly appreciative of this remarkable community.

With hope, gratitude, and grace,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard

Superintendent
Antioch CCSD 34



Oakland Food Drive a Success

At our December Materials Pick-up for students, Oakland Elementary partnered with our Oakland Boosters to run a food drive in support of Open Arms Mission. Our Oakland families brought in 850 pounds of food! We are so grateful to be a part of a community that takes care of one another. Our Eagles have huge hearts and loved supporting our community!





W.C. Petty Weathers Pandemic Challenges

For almost a year, schools have greatly been affected by a worldwide pandemic. Everything teachers knew about teaching before has been completely turned upside down. While learning moved to an online format, and now a hybrid version, the importance of building community within the classrooms has soared. All students should feel welcomed, comfortable and have a sense of belonging amongst their classmates. Teachers have, once again, found new ways to build community in their classrooms.

At W.C. Petty Elementary, teachers have found new ways to build relationships as well as revising previous strategies. Mrs. Niemi, a second grade teacher, has been implementing community (or check-in) circles online. When students are in person, this practice would necessitate students sitting in a circle and using a “talking piece” to pass to the classmate sitting next to them for their turn. In our virtual world, the students verbally say who they are passing the “virtual talking piece” to and the respondent thanks them for the pass. The check-in session allows the students to share how they are feeling and what is going on in their life. The teacher and classmates are then able to provide support and understanding to students who may need it.

Mrs. Jasinski, a fourth grade teacher, has continued many of her previous community building practices. The exercise students love most is giving “props.” When a student does something that the class wants to praise and acknowledge, the student gets to choose which prop everyone will perform. Some of the class favorites are the Hulk, the Chili Pepper, the Trucker, the Firework, and the Oreo. The students

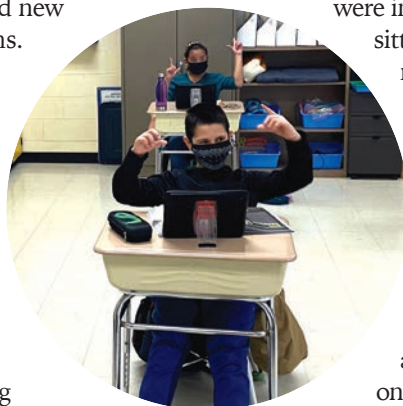
have begun to invent their own props to share with the class, so the students’ innate creativity skills are showcased in a unique way.

Holding morning meetings has been a common practice for Mrs. Halterman’s class for years. Everyday, the students begin their morning meeting with a greeting. Every student is greeted everyday by someone in their class. When the students

were in-person, they always greeted the student sitting next to them. The virtual format is less restrictive; the students are choosing different students to greet each day because they aren’t actually sitting next to anyone. After the greeting, the students have an opportunity to share and hear any messages. Lastly, they end the morning meeting with a game. Some games needed to be modified for the virtual setting, but it is still the students’ favorite part of their day. The game activity allows the students to have fun with one another, let their personalities come out and learn how to work with one another. Mrs. Halterman has seen the positive outcomes of morning meetings

throughout other parts of the school day. The students work very well together in small groups and are more open to having assigned partners. The students become more respectful, helpful, and want to help one another as the year progresses.

Although we are not all back in person full time, teachers are working hard to keep their communities strong. Students and teachers are constantly finding new ways to engage one another in positive ways to better the classroom environment, whether we are in-person or remote. We are all in this together, and together we can weather this storm.



AUGS Students Join NJHS

By Katelyn Swansen and Kaylee Hibbeln

The National Junior Honors Society (NJHS) at Antioch Upper Grade School is a club for seventh and eighth graders who show excellent scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Being in the NJHS is a huge honor to everyone who is accepted; as students must go through an application process, be community minded, and have high academic grades. NJHS has meetings bi-weekly where we discuss plans for donations, holidays, fundraisers, future events, meetings, and the NJHS Induction Ceremony.

This year has been unlike any other, and the club has had to find ways to adjust to a virtual environment. This has meant online meetings and remote activities for the NJHS. This was an obstacle for the annual induction ceremony's planning. Luckily, with the help of our advisor, Ms. Guanci, the eighth graders of the club, along with Antioch Upper Grade School's principal, Mr. Joe Koeune, District 34's Superintendent, Dr. Bradford Hubbard, and the president of the club, Sydney Vega, the NJHS has been able to plan a fully online induction ceremony for the new members of the club.

Each member of the NJHS has accomplished a great deal this year despite all the challenges of being virtual. These accomplishments include planning the induction ceremony, participating in donations, volunteering, and so



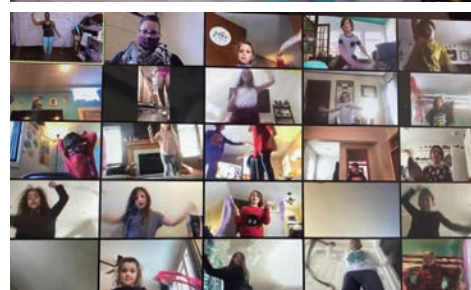
much more. Each student in our club needs to earn a certain amount of volunteer points per trimester. This is difficult, especially considering that most things currently need to be done virtually. Volunteering requires lots of work and time, and every member of the NJHS is willing to put in lots of it. We have participated in food and clothing drives, raked and shoveled yards, written cards to students, teachers, seniors and special needs kids, as well as made blankets and videos, and read stories to younger students. NJHS strives to help our school and community through the many skills all of the amazing people in the club have, despite being virtual. Each person in this club works very hard and is very caring of their community. We are hoping to have a fundraiser soon and also are planning activities for World Cancer day, History Months, Read across America, 5th Grade Night, Autism and Down's Syndrome Awareness Day, Teacher Appreciation, and Earth Day. NJHS is looking for ways to support the Antioch Community. Please reach out with creative ideas to Ms.

Guanci at Antioch Upper Grade School. Finding ways to help teachers and students is one of the amazing things that NJHS gets to do, but being a part of this amazing club is full of kindness, compassion, leadership, helping people, but most importantly, team work.

RHYTHM Plus Coming to Hillcrest Elementary School

Hillcrest Hurricanes were invited to participate in the RHYTHM Plus Zoom demonstration on February 1st. The RHYTHM Plus program (Reaching Hearts of Youth through Health and Movement) is run by a husband and wife team, Natoia and Tyrone Franklin, who are the owners of Serenity Life Fitness. With a mission to, "use dance and other activities to build confidence, self-awareness, social emotional skills, and boldness in the lives of young adolescent and teenage children," RHYTHM Plus is a great resource to help boost our students' self-esteem and strengthen the health and wellness of our school community.

Set to occur this spring, over the course of six weeks, students in RHYTHM Plus will be able to choose between two physical activities each session, including dance, fitness/sports drills, and yoga, and then participate in the heart-to-heart lesson of the day. The lesson for the demo class was "good friends versus toxic friends," and students were asked to assist the coaches in a "culinary" project by identifying the ingredients of a good friend. With over seventy Hillcrest student participants in the demo, Coaches Franklin and Franklin are sure to be busy this spring. As Natoia states on the RHYTHM Plus flyer: "Empower children and tell them they are special. If they don't believe you, prove them wrong!"





Remote Art Connects Community

District 34 art teachers, Cheryl Jerik and Amy Pieniazkiewicz-Grude, continue to work on community involvement during Remote Learning with their art students. This December, they offered students a Senior Service project that they dropped off at our December Materials Pick-up. Students

demonstrated kindness as they created holiday cards for the Antioch Senior Center and The Village at Victory Lakes Nursing Home. The over 700 cards, decorations, and ornaments that filled the collection boxes were amazing. The staff and residents were very appreciative of the items created by our students.

Mary Kay McNeill Seeks Community Collaboration

The Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center has been expanding our school community by building partnerships with local businesses and organizations.

To enhance our curriculum and provide our students with real world experiences, we partnered with Best Pets, the local Antioch pet store. Through this partnership, we were able to take our students on a virtual field trip to the pet store as a culminating activity for our unit of study on Pets. Steve, the store owner, showed the animals available at the store and shared key characteristics about the animals such as what they eat, where they live, and how to care for them. Steve also answered questions that students submitted about the pet store and the animals that are available at the store.

The Early Learning Center has also partnered with Illinois STAR NET. Illinois STAR NET provides a variety of opportunities for personal and professional growth for those who engage with children ages birth through eight. In addition, STAR NET supports family-centered, researched, and effective practices in early childhood education and care.

Through our partnership with STAR NET, professional

development opportunities have been provided for our staff to expand their knowledge of strategies and resources to utilize during remote and hybrid learning. STAR NET has also provided educational opportunities for parents including Strategies For Better Behavior, where parents were provided with strategies to support positive behavior at home with their child. For more information and additional resources, parents and families can visit their website at <https://www.starnetregionii.org/parents>.

Additionally, the Early Learning Center has partnered with the Northern Illinois Foodbank to provide food for our students and their families through their Backpack program. The Backpack Program provides food to supplement week-end meals and is provided to families once a week.

Through these community collaborations, the Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center has been provided the opportunity to expand the educational opportunities for the students, families, and staff. These partnerships help coordinate community resources to assist children achieve high standards as well as provide opportunities to develop and maintain relationships that expand our school community.

Career Pathways Offers Opportunities For Students

The COVID pandemic has caused all of us to realize the essential need in our society for those who do the day-to-day work to keep our country productive and moving. The need for manufacturing, tradespeople, technicians, and all the others is more important than ever.

For the past several years the Rotary Club of Antioch has partnered with High School District #117, Lake County Tech Campus, and local businesses to offer career opportunities for students pursuing a non-typical 4-year college path. In the past we have conducted Career Expos with the Lake County Tech Campus that have offered connections between students and those in the field to provide information and opportunities. The COVID virus has limited the ability to offer direct contact activities. The Career Pathways Committee is still moving forward in spite of pandemic limitations to assist our students.

A series of Panel Discussions for students and parents are being conducted monthly beginning in January. The first will feature experts in the area of first responders, police, and fire service to offer ideas and advise on what the field has to offer, training opportunities, and how to get connected and started. These evening programs invite parents and students together to get information on a field of their interest and make informed decisions about their future. Future topics will focus on electrical, plumbing, construction, manufacturing, technology, and other areas. These sessions will be recorded

by the High School and be saved for future reference for students in years to come. If a student in a year or two indicates to a counselor that he/she is interested in a particular field, this will be a tool available for the student and his/her family to review. Information about dates, topics, and log access is available through Antioch High School (Scott Leverentz 847-838-7767) or Lakes High School (Rebecca Holtz 847-838-7318) and on the Rotary Club web-site (antiochrotary.org).

The Rotary Club additionally has financial support available through the Vocational Scholarship Program. Scholarships or other financial support for students are considered through an application process. Funding may be for a school program, apprenticeship or other training program, application process, required tools or equipment or other needs to support a student in their career goals. This assistance is available to not only students but others in the community perhaps already in the work force who may need support. The application is available through the High School

Guidance Department or by contacting Matt Tabar (847-445-3897 or m.tabar@sbcglobal.net). Please call or e-mail if you would like further information. Applicants must live within the School District #117 geographical boundaries. Application deadline is March 1, 2021.

If you are a local business and would like further information or become a participant in the Career Pathways Program, please contact Matt Tabar (information above).

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Rotary District 6440's 2021 Vocational Scholarship Program Call for Applications

The Vocational Scholarship seeks to provide educational opportunities for men and women in District 6440 who are preparing for careers that do not require a baccalaureate degree. Aid is given to defray costs associated with programs that prepare for immediate entry into a career field (e.g., Associate of Applied Science Degree, Trade School Diploma, Certificate, License).

Approximately ten scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each will be awarded to full-time students enrolled in a vocational program at an accredited school. This award will be used for tuition only. Each club may submit two applicants. Half of the scholarships will be awarded to students attending non-profit educational institutions like Community Colleges.

The duration of the scholarship will be one year. Students must claim funds within 12 months of the award date. Students are to submit enrollment notification and tuition bill immediately after registration. All funds from the scholarship will only be paid

directly to the institution they attend. Awards not claimed within 12 months of the award date will be forfeited.

The scholarship eligibility includes:

1. High School Graduate, GED, or non-traditional student entering a vocational program
2. Be sponsored by a Rotary District 6440 Club
3. Be accepted at a school of designation
4. Permanent residence (domiciled) or employed in District 6440 (Residing outside District 6440 for educational purposes is not a disqualification.)

Applications must be sent to the Rotary District 6440 Vocational Scholarship Committee by April 9, 2021. Selections will be announced no later than April 30, 2021.

Please contact Margaret Resnick via email at vocscholar@rotary6440.org for more information.

The Importance of Belonging

Throughout the history of mankind, people have the need to belong in the community in which they live. The importance of belonging is vital in a school community and is especially important for learning. Our goal is to educate students so they can leave high school and pursue their passions and dreams. Students should leave high school with a well-rounded education that includes an understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our country trusts educational institutions to develop a sense of belonging for all our students by providing a well-rounded high school experience. At Lakes Community High School and in Community High School District 117, we have invested time and resources to develop a sense of belonging in our students. To develop that sense of belonging, we need to ensure that all students are treated fairly, feel respected for who they are, have an opportunity to express themselves, and have equitable access to challenging curriculum. Below are ways in which we provide students equitable opportunities, forums to express their views, and opportunities to share their life experiences.

Diversity Dialogue Group

This is the third year that this group helps to provide a voice to all students who want to get involved.

The group shared with faculty some of their positive and negative experiences in school. They also met with the full faculty twice and ended up producing a video that we eventually shared with the entire student body. The teachers were provided with PD on how to handle diversity-based conversations in their classrooms. The teachers were also given information with helpful hints on responding to tension. The group will be moving their focus from providing a voice for students to providing education for staff and students on diversity.

Student Diversity Ambassadors

This group of students meets once a week to increase awareness in diversity, equity, and inclusion. The goal of this group is to, "Facilitate and increase the presence of inclusion and acceptance at Lakes High School." This group brings diversity, equity, and inclusion to the forefront of Lakes through student-centered activities.

Throughout the year, students have been designing diversity-focused videos that either provide an individual perspective or ask questions about the history of diversity in the United States. The most recent production was included in our Eagle Eye News and a question posed to teachers and students on Dr. Martin Luther King's MountainTop Speech from 1963.

The Student Diversity Ambassadors on February 1st streamed a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Panel Discussion with a group of community members, teachers, and students. We are fortunate to have Marvin Bemby, a member of the Lake Villa Community, on our panel; Mr. Bemby brings a vast amount of personal experience and knowledge to our work in District 117.



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Deep Equity Institute

This is an outside agency that is working with the district. The focus is to train around 30 staff members to be trainers on culturally competent and culturally responsive classrooms. We have completed three full days of professional development with one more day scheduled for February 26th, 2021. Before Covid-19 changed our educators' lives so much, we conducted several school-wide activities that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the classroom. These staff trainings on culturally competent and culturally responsive classrooms will continue to be incorporated until they become a part of our daily practice.

Equal Opportunity to High Level Curriculum

For the last four years, we have worked hard to provide equitable access to our upper level and AP classes. We promote our upper level curriculum to all students and look for ways to personally invite students who have traditionally been under-represented in these classes to enroll in these classes.

David B. Newberry

Proud Principal
Lakes Community High School



Those Who Excel

Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education sponsors the Those Who Excel program to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to the state's elementary and secondary schools.

Nomination materials are evaluated by a selection committee comprised of individuals who represent a variety of educational organizations. Lakes Community High School and Community High School District 117 are honored to have 2 staff members recognized for their excellence this year.

Kyle Bush

Technology Department

Nominated by Mrs. Jori Bowen

Mrs. Bowen writes about how in less than a year, Mr. Bush has been transformational for our district and our school.

"Then, March 13th hit, and everyone had to pivot. While we are a 1:1 school (only in our second year), our teachers were not ready to take on remote learning. Mr. Bush jumped to action providing tools we did not even know we needed. He created a Google Site to communicate with all of our stakeholders and organized it in a readable, usable format and established a tech helpline for our students and staff to get quick answers almost around the clock. One night in March, I was sitting on my couch banging my head on a technology hang-up. I emailed the tech helpline expecting to get support the next day. A few minutes later, at 9 pm, Mr. Bush was G-chatting me to help walk me through the issue. He is an irreplaceable presence in our building.

In one year, Mr. Bush has made a tremendous impact on teaching and learning at Lakes Community High School. He is one of the best and deserves the highest recognition for his selfless contributions."



Haley Garrison

Special Education Teacher

Nominated by Mrs. Randee Kallison

Mrs. Kallison writes about how deserving Ms. Garrison is of this recognition with so many initiatives in just her first year in our district.

"Ms. Garrison worked with students on functional and academic skills within the core and life skill classroom. Ms. Garrison started and supervised the "Lakes Lattes"; A student-run business within our building. Students utilized visual menus and assistive technology components to take and make custom orders. Students learned the value of job skills such as interviewing, talking with guests, proper workplace behavior, money skills, workplace wardrobe and safety. Ms. Garrison also weaved in transition planning for students that met their Individual Education Plan goals and services.

Ms. Garrison also worked strategically with the district transition specialist to coordinate field trips and with our in-building Career Tech Education Department to supervise weekly grocery shopping trips for our students. This provided a way for students to learn necessary budgeting and communication skills and help another department carry out plans for the Intro to Foods, Creative and Specialty Foods classes that are offered to all students at Lakes. This tremendous undertaking provided opportunities for students to be a part of their community while helping their fellow classmates behind the scenes.

I could not be more proud of the work that Ms. Garrison has done on behalf of her students and for Lakes Community High School. Her positive energy and willingness to go over and above truly make her an Outstanding Early Educator worthy of this award and recognition."



Eagles Taking Care of Our Community

2020 didn't allow for many activities, but that didn't stop LCHS Eagles from finding ways to support our community. From the early days of the pandemic shutdown, Lakes Community High School has been an extension of Open Arms Mission for food distributions. Once a week, LCHS staff has volunteered to deliver boxes of food from Open Arms to families in need. In addition, sack lunches have been available to pick-up three days a week from the Lakes main office.

December brought out the best in our Eagles with several organizations hosting donation collections for various non-profits. The LCHS Cheer Team collected donations for the Antioch Traveling Closet. Paws For Change collected donations for Save-A-Pet. A collection for the Marine Toys for Tots program was coordinated by Lakes sophomore, Stacy Behnke. Thank you to everyone who coordinated a collection or made a donation. Your efforts add up to make a big impact on our Community. Eagle Pride!



Students Leave Their Mark

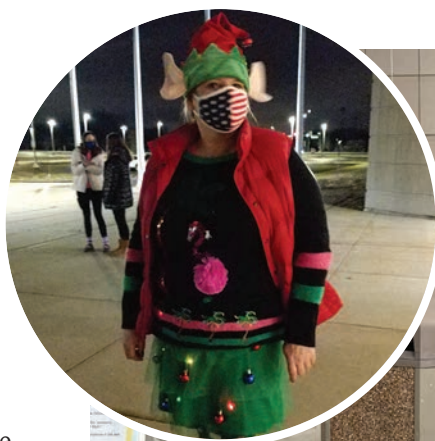
In the past year, it has sometimes been difficult to continue long held traditions due to school closures and social distancing. We are fortunate to be able to continue a long standing LCHS tradition in which members of the graduating class leave their painted handprints on the walls in a locker bay. This anticipated event is something students look forward to from their first days as an Eagle. In No-

vember, the first round of LCHS Seniors were invited to participate in the annual ritual of physically leaving their mark on the building and community. Another opportunity for seniors to leave a colorful handprint will be offered in February, with the hopes that all members of the Class of 2021 will be able to participate in the ritual by the end of the school year.

Student Council Provides Fun Activities for Eagles

The Lakes Student Council continued to provide fun opportunities for students, even while most continued with remote learning and limited time in the building. On December 16, the Student Council hosted a free drive-up hot chocolate event in front of LCHS. Representatives from the freshman and sophomore classes, and a few holiday elves, delivered hot chocolate and holiday cheer for about an hour to more than 60 cars.

To celebrate the end of first semester, Student Council held a Holiday Goosechase challenge. Students and staff completed tasks to earn points. With over 30 activities, individuals had plenty to choose from. Everything from cooking for the holidays or picking up a holiday drink, to saying a joke or reflecting on 2020. The top point winners received prizes. Congratulations to all of the winners!





Scan this Code to Watch the Show



Lakes Has Talent

Jasmine and Xavian Buday

The LCHS annual talent show, Lakes Has Talent, premiered on January 10 to a virtual audience for the first time. The 2020 show had 7 acts with 11 participants and two emcees, Lucas Miller and Jack Klein. This year's judges, performers in their own right, were Mr. Newberry, Mrs. Bowen, and Mrs. Hebson. Our tech department, led by Kyle Bush and Ryan Miles, operated 6 cameras and a soundboard from the new District 117 recording studio. They invested a significant amount of time and effort to successfully produce the show and implement our first ever online voting. Recording the show started as a response to COVID mitigations, allowing us to minimize the number of people in the auditorium and social distance. However, like so many experiences over the past year, we will keep the best of what we've learned. In this case, the team will likely continue to record future productions for the flexibility of sharing with friends and families near and far, as well as having a keepsake of the event.

Congratulations to all of the performers, especially the 2020 Lakes Has Talent winners Jasmine and Xavian Buday! Eagles, you make us proud!

- ▶ The Balding Eagles — "Rockin' in the Free World" by Neil Young
- ▶ Jasmine and Xavian Buday — "Double Trouble"
- ▶ Maggie Hirtle — Original Choreography ("Feeling Good" by Michael Bublé)
- ▶ Jasmin Gray — "My Future" by Billie Eilish
- ▶ Amaya Trink — "Stay" by Rihanna, Mikky Ekko
- ▶ Tess Schumow — "Monster" from Adventure Time: Distant Lands
- ▶ Stacy Behnke — Original Choreography ("Stitches" by Shawn Mendes)
- ▶ Kylie Simon — Original Song (untitled)

*Amaya Trink**Kylie Simon*



Eagle Theatre Presents...

The 2020 Advanced Production, *Down the Rabbit Hole* was a collection of short plays and performances written, developed, and performed by the Studio Theatre Advanced and Stagecraft Advanced classes. The students wrote plays, monologues, and letters about their experiences during the COVID-19 lock down and Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonder-*

land. The students collaborated to transform the production into the virtual format it is now. The students curated each part, having a personalized touch to each scene. We're extremely proud of director Daniel Esquivel and all of the performers and crew for their effort to transform Eagle Theatre into shows many can still experience during the pandemic.

New Outdoor Amphitheater Seating

Lakes Community High School would like to thank senior, Collin Kao and Boy Scout Pack 314 for the amazing work they have done as part of Collin's Eagle Scout project. The group completed 280 hours of work to create a seating area in our outdoor amphitheater area. The project was funded by donations that Collin received. This will make the space much more conducive for classes to use during the school year. We congratulate and thank Collin and Pack 314 for the work they have done.





letter from Principal Eric Hamilton

Change is Our Constant

As a child, my family and I would head to the sledding hill at Adler Park in Libertyville, with our sleds and family toboggan. It would be especially fun if my cousins or friends would join us as we tried to all climb on and ride together. What we would discover every time is that the order of who sat where would have to constantly be adjusted. We would be at the top of the hills, loading in people, and realizing that we did not have enough space. Someone would say, “Eric, switch with Mike,” or they would have another solution. We would readjust and everyone would then get comfortable and away we would go! After our exciting ride down the hill, we would trek up and repeat the process. We would always change the order of who was sitting where to try to go the farthest. We would add those that did not ride previously or some would sit out after an exhausting climb up the hill.

The only constant was constant change. Our goal was to create the most exciting, fast, and lengthy ride in the history

of toboggan riding. Sometimes we achieved, and other times we did not. But what we always did was make adjustments and try again. Even on the way home, we would discuss the changes we would make the next time there. This school year has been a lot like those rides. We continue to adjust and make changes in a phased approach, acting on feedback and research, so that we can provide the best education possible. Thank you for going on this “ride” with us and being a critical piece to the puzzle of our success.

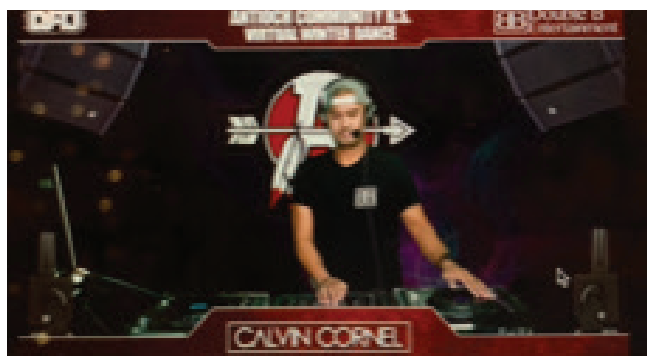


Eric Hamilton

Principal
Antioch Community High School

ACHS Spirit Week Inspires

PE Department Chair, and Activities Director, Teri Klobnak, along with the Digital Citizenship Committee, Sequoia Senate, Diversity Group, Cardinal Crazies, and others, came together to host Spirit Week. All the events were great! They wanted to inspire students with a week of spirit-driven events before the home stretch to second semester. Some events offered that week included; dress up days, game night, social distancing parade of cars, and a virtual dance.



BRIEFLY NOTED

Sequoit Scavenger Hunt

GooseChase was a fun way for Sequoits to get back into the school year. The GooseChase app blends together the tried-and-true fun of scavenger hunts with mobile technology and create a learning experience like no other. Students were able to do an at-home scavenger hunt and complete a series of missions, all at home! This was a great way to celebrate the previous and new year, while celebrating "A Town" pride the Sequoit way!



ACHS Storytellers Series is Back

The English department will be hosting its 6th Annual Storytellers Series events from April 5 - 30. With the closing of schools last March, we had to cancel this exciting event, but we are coming back this spring in spite of the continued challenges. Our Storytellers Series will look a little different than in the past, but we feel it will be successful and a fabulous opportunity for students to learn about storytelling, writing, performing, and creating from professionals in the field.

This year, instead of a full line up everyday for a week, we will be spreading out the performances over the month of April. English classes will be able to choose the events they want to watch as performers will have sent pre-recorded videos of themselves talking about their craft. CNN reporter Sarah Mucha and local storyteller Jim May are examples of recorded artists. We will also have some live-streamed performances from artists like Kevin Burt, a blues singer-songwriter. Live workshops where students work with artists will be hosted by the likes of Young Chicago Authors (slam poetry) and Idiot Chimney (comedy and improv).

Sharon McAllister is All-State

The Fine Arts department would like to congratulate senior Sharon McAllister, who was selected for the ILMEA All-State Orchestra. Through auditions or nominations, students at participating schools can take part in local and state-level ensembles with other Illinois music students. Opportunities for elementary through high school students include band, chorus, general music, jazz and orchestra.



Joint Holiday Concert

The D117 Combined Holiday/Winter Concert went live on December 16, 2020, on YouTube. This concert included all of the musicians in District 117. A huge congratulations on a job well done, by presenters and staff to pull off such an event. Antioch High School's Fine Arts department also had their first-ever Virtual Winter Concert.

Peaceful Home Relaxes Students

Stress management and relaxation sessions, with Peaceful Home, were held for staff in November, and then for students in December. This company is owned by Amy Mikal, who volunteered to give back to our community. Amy is the daughter of Dan Mikal, retired Science Teacher at ACHS.

Math Team Champs

Congratulations to the ACHS Math Team - NLCC Math Team Competition Conference Champions! Head coach, Chris Stanich states, "it's the first time they've won the conference since I've been head coach (10 years), and ACHS has had some incredible teams over the years!" It just goes to show how competitive it is!

Virtual Open House

Antioch welcomed the Class of 2025 for a VIRTUAL Open House, in January. The evening was filled with pertinent information that gave the student a glimpse into what it means to be a Sequoit. They had the opportunity to visit with Department Chairs and Counselors, with questions related to academics and course selection. After that, they could visit the Athletics and Activities pages which had pre-recorded videos. We are looking forward to starting a meaningful partnership with each family.

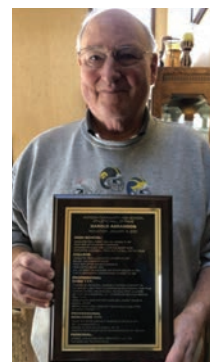


Junior Nordhaus Takes Second Place at NIU

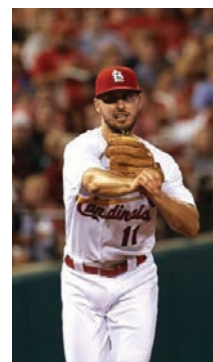
Junior Izana Nordhaus had her artwork displayed in the Northern Illinois University High School Art Invitational, where she won 2nd place! Way to go Izana!

Talent 2021 Competition Streamed Live

In January, anyone interested in auditioning, could participate in the Talent Show in February. Acts could be individual or in groups. Acts were able to be performed in 5 minutes or less, including; Music, Dance, Comedy, Magic, or other. Prizes ranged from Sequoit Swag to a Flat Screen TV. Everyone who participated got something. Chosen acts worked with coaches to put finishing touches to their act. These acts came into the auditorium for a pro level recording session of their performance. The compiled performance recordings premiered in early February for live viewing and public voting for the best act.



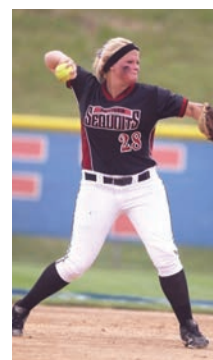
Harold Abramson



Paul DeJong



Olivia Duehr



Lauren Moore



Samie Seamon



Lester Zitkus

ACHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Six

Congratulations to the six new ACHS Athletic Hall of Fame members, who were inducted on Saturday, January 9. The inductees include: Harold Abramson, Paul DeJong, Olivia Duehr, Lauren Moore, Samie Seamon and Lester Zitkus.

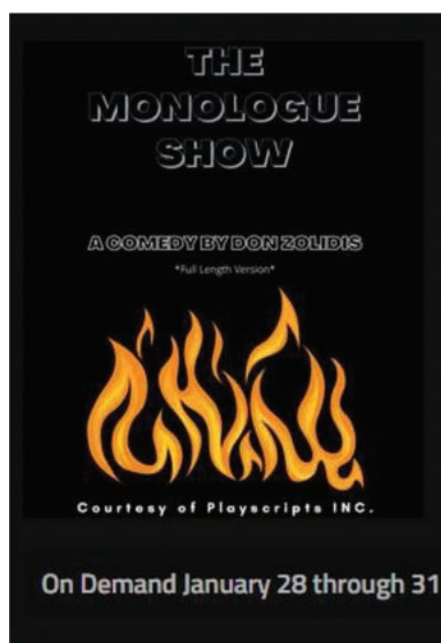


PE/Drivers Education Students Get a Workout

100% of the students had their cameras on and all were completing a workout together in our virtual world for PE. Drivers Education teachers are still driving with our 1st semester students in the evenings and on the weekends.

Winter Play: The Monologue Show

ACHS theatre brought us, The Monologue Show, a completely relaxed and exciting performance opportunity that was open to students and faculty. The community was able to stay at home and turn on their TV by using Broadway On Demand.



Labs at Home

The ACHS Science Department has strived to continue creating high quality learning experiences for our students regardless of the setting. To do this, the ACHS Science Department has provided hands-on learning opportunities for our students by creating laboratory kits that are safely done at home. The teachers organized the materials for students to pick up on various days via the Main Office. Additionally, some teachers went as far as delivering materials to students who were not able to pick up their materials. The courses represented thus far have been AP Physics 1 and C, AP Biology, Physics, Earth Science, and Environmental Science. The department looks to not only continue this practice but expand it to other courses during Semester 2.

from the mayor's office

2021: Hope and Excitement For the Village of Antioch

As we head into spring and leave behind a year filled with hardship, I am grateful for our resilient residents and community, and to be able to lend help and support as your mayor through these tumultuous times.

There are many signs of hope and excitement ahead. The reopening of the economy with reduced restrictions with safety and responsibility in mind, is underway. Many across America, and here in our local communities, including our heroic healthcare workers and first responders, are receiving vaccinations for COVID-19. Like you, I welcome the near future when we can share in community-wide celebrations and gatherings with family, friends and neighbors. Our actions over these weeks and months will help shape and affect the course of 2021. I encourage you to shop, eat and source local, particularly restaurants that have been limited in operations and the ability to earn. Teachers, students as well, are working extraordinarily hard in academics and a return to sports; they deserve our support to do their best.

With the necessary protocols, we are looking ahead with projects and plans. In December, the **Village of Antioch** closed on the purchase of a two-acre parcel known as the **Pittman Property**. Through careful and focused negotiations, the Village was able to secure the parcel below asking price. Located at the intersection of Main, Depot and Orchard Streets, the area is zoned as "Village Core," allowing it to accommodate commercial, residential or mixed-use application. Options include having the creek remain underground, opening it up, or a combination/mix of each. The Village is working with its engineering and environmental consultants to help formulate solutions that are in the best interests of the community. The Village will work with the Economic Development Committee and the Antioch Chamber, and gather citizen input to determine the highest and best use for the property. Decisions for final use require action by the Village Board of Trustees. Progress updates can be found online at **antioch.il.gov**.

While the Pittman Property project is being managed, the Village will be working on a long-term plan for a series of beautification improvements in the downtown. Known as the **Downtown Beautification Project**, plans call

for hardscape and landscape features, arcades, parking lots, as well as the creation of additional green space within the areas of Main, Lake, Orchard and Toft Streets. The plan would also include improvements to the Pittman Property. Seven applicants submitted proposals for consideration, with Village staff deciding on three finalists, and the recommendation of the **Lakota Group**, which specializes in urban design, planning, landscape architecture and historic preservation, for approval. This work is actively underway now.

The Village of Antioch's downtown has the opportunity to grow and thrive again (creating jobs, too) with the addition of new businesses like **Station 51**, a firehouse-style eatery planned for the former David's Bistro location on Main Street. The 80- to 90-seat restaurant will offer a "new brand, new concept" brought together by local restaurateur, Kris Schoenberger, where diners select dishes, cooked to order, from six different virtual food trucks. The firehouse features will be a nod to a building just north on Main Street, built in 1907 as the village hall and police and fire departments, with room

for one fire truck. Exterior work will create enlarged bays with overhead doors that can be opened in summer, emulating a "firehouse look." A late spring opening is planned.

More great things are on the horizon, too, with a bit of "normalcy" and routine weaved in. Village Hall is now open with Tier 4 **Restore Illinois** guidelines in place. Special in-person hours provide for early entry for seniors and at-risk individuals. Parks and recreation programming is on the uptick, so be sure to learn more online or by calling 847-395-2160. You can also download a copy of the spring/summer offerings online.

Before we know it, we'll be seeing more daylight and thinking parades and get-togethers. Stay positive and keep the hope and excitement going.

As always, it's an honor to serve as your mayor.

Mayor Lawrence "Larry" Hanson

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Like you, I welcome the near future when we can share in community-wide celebrations and gatherings with family, friends and neighbors

Are You Looking to Become a More Informed Resident?

Here are some of the many tools you can use.

Village of Antioch Website: www.antioch.il.gov

Our Village website contains a wealth of information. Located under the Residents tab at the top of our main page is the Briefing Room. The Briefing Room was launched in 2015, and contains information on upcoming Village Board Meetings, Recent Village Board Action, Press Releases & News Updates, Events, Village Reports and Correspondence, Online Documents, and Recently Approved Resolutions and Ordinances.

You can also look up Current and past Village Board Agendas, Approved Village Board Meeting Minutes, and Commission agendas and minutes.

Our Village Code is linked on our homepage under "Government". If you have questions about parking, the liquor code, curfew, animals, or any other regulations within the Village, you can find the answer in our Village Code.

Would you like to know more about the History of Antioch? Looking for information on a project happening in town? The answers are on the Village Website. If you have trouble finding what you're looking for, you can always call Village Hall at (847)395-1000.

We receive many calls at Village Hall looking for information on how to request service or report a violation. Located under the "I Want To..." Tab on the top menu to the right, there is a Request for Service. Once you fill out the online form, and submit your request, it will be forwarded to the correct department. Once submitted, you will receive a tracking number and if an email address was included, you will receive email updates on your request. An app is also available for residents to report service requests or request information which allows for location detection and photo uploads. To get the app, search "E-Gov Link" in your app store and set your location as "Antioch, IL"

Village Board Meetings

Want to attend a Village Board meeting? They are open to the public. During Covid-19 Mitigations we are required to limit capacity but have made the meetings available via Zoom for everyone to watch. We have also launched a new YouTube channel that has past meeting recordings available for viewing. Just go to our Elected Officials webpage and find the YouTube link on the left.

Phone

You can call Village Hall Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to have your call answered by our Village Staff.



Parents, Worry Not: The Pool is Expected to Be Open this Summer!

The Antioch Aqua Center is expected to open this summer. We will follow guidelines to keep everyone safe, while giving patrons a chance to cool off and relax. The Aqua Center was built in 2013 and features a 20' waterslide, vortex whirlpool, zero-depth entry, play structure, 6 lane 25-meter pool, diving board, bathhouse and concession stand. The pool is open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Pool passes are on sale now at the Antioch Park and Recreation office.

There will be special admission days like Military Monday, Wacky Wednesday and the traditional \$1 swim on 4th of July, along with other special events at the pool. Parents can rent the pool out on evenings and weekends for birthday parties, private family gatherings or just for fun! We will be bringing back mom/tot hours, and offering swim lessons for children in the mornings or evenings with our certified instructors. Children that like to swim competitively can join the Antioch Waves swim team; the Aqua Center has hosted their conference meets in the past. At the Antioch Aqua Center, there is something for everyone to enjoy!



Where Do the Drains Go?

Have you ever wondered about where the drains, or storm water inlets, lead? You see the grates all over the Village in the streets, curb lines, and ditch lines. They all lead to the wetlands, creeks, and lakes in our community. These aquatic resources are part of what make up Antioch's quality of life and have been identified in our Community Vision as something to be valued and protected.

The Village of Antioch is fortunate to be surrounded with abundant and diverse ecological wetland environments. Many of these environments are sensitive and protected by law against harmful contaminants. The Red Wing Slough, Des Plaines River, Sequoit Creek, and Chain-O-Lakes are all recipients of the storm water runoff that flows from our properties and into the storm drains when it rains.

Due to all of these sensitive environments, the Village of Antioch takes storm water management seriously. The Village participates in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, Phase 2 (NPDES II) and enforces the Lake County Watershed Management Ordinance. These programs provide guidelines for communities, the construction industry, and residents on how to protect the watershed and the environment. This protection includes construction site erosion control measures, operational

hygiene of industry and Village operations, and regulating what can enter the storm sewer system. The Village has nearly 70 miles of storm sewer and more than 3,700 storm water inlets, and it monitors dozens of discharge points where the storm system releases to the wetlands, creeks, and lakes.

Antioch has been a leader in storm water management and watershed protection. Antioch was the first in the state to ban fertilizers containing phosphorus in 2007. Many of the private developments in the Village have state-of-the-art storm water management systems that not only clean the water prior to discharge into the environment, but also provide naturalistic habitats to augment opportunities for our aquatic species. The Village's waste water pollution control facility is also an example of the commitment to the environment. The wastewater facility utilizes a biological removal process that uses very few chemicals and almost no chlorine to further protect the waters that surround us.

Please do your part to help us in the protection of the watershed. Never dump anything into the storm drains. Use only phosphorus-free products on your lawn and garden. Remember that our wetlands, creeks, rivers, and lakes are sensitive resources for all to enjoy and part of what makes Antioch a great place.

It's Permit Season!

Looking to make some changes to your home this spring or summer? Here are some answers to commonly asked questions.



Building Permits are required for the following:

- ✓ Basement Remodeling
- ✓ Building Demolition
- ✓ Commercial new construction or remodeling
- ✓ Deck
- ✓ Driveway
- ✓ Fence
- ✓ Garage
- ✓ Gazebo or Pergola
- ✓ HVAC – Furnace or AC
- ✓ Patio
- ✓ Retaining walls
- ✓ Roofs
- ✓ Room Addition
- ✓ New Single Family homes
- ✓ Sheds
- ✓ Signs
- ✓ Swimming Pools

Why is a building permit required?

A building permit is required to ensure that the project you are constructing conforms to the minimum standards of the Village's adopted code. The adopted code exists to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare.

How do I obtain a building permit application?

A permit application can be obtained by visiting the Village Hall at 874 Main Street or by going to our website at <https://www.antioch.il.gov/building-code-enforcement/#permitapps>. Permit applications may be submitted in person or via email to nsazes@antioch.il.gov. Permit applications MUST be fully completed and include a proposal of the work to be done. Most permit submittals require a copy of the plat of survey for the property. Additional information or copies of professional licensing may be required as well depending on the type of permit. Please refer to the supplements on our website for submittal requirements.

How much does a building permit cost?

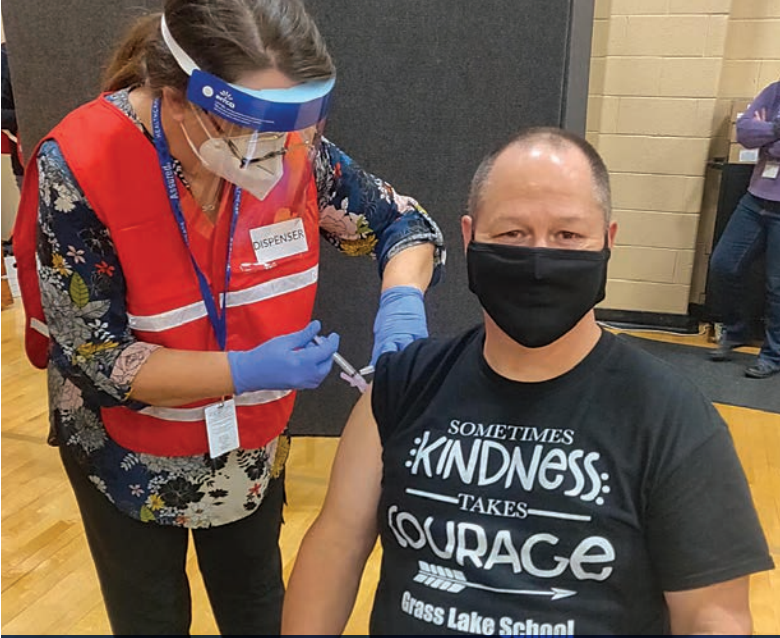
The Cost of a permit is generally 2% of the project cost, with a minimum permit fee of \$62.00, however there are other costs that may be included depending on the type of project. If you have questions regarding fees, please call the building department at (847)395-1000.

What are construction hours?

Construction is allowed Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. On Sundays and holidays construction is allowed from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

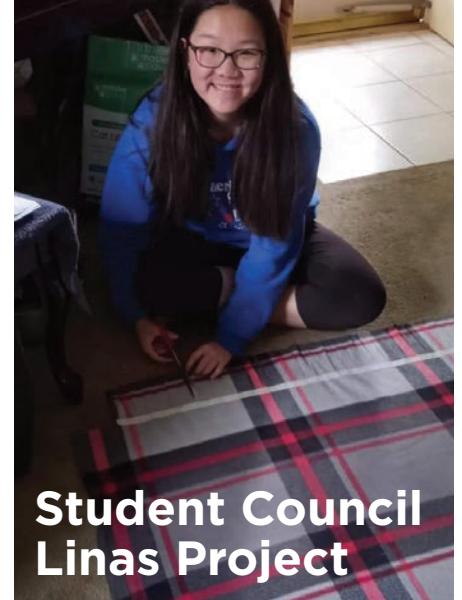
How can I obtain a copy of my properties plat of survey or past permits?

The building department keeps files on addresses within the Village limits according to the retention schedule set by the Secretary of State. We have plats of survey for some properties, but not all of them. If you are the property owner, you may call the building department and ask for a staff member to look for the property file. If we have a plat of survey on file, the property owner/homeowner may have a copy at no charge. We do not release copies of permit files or plats of survey to a real estate agent, potential buyer, contractor, or anyone other than the property owner without a completed Freedom of Information Act Request.



Dr. Newby Receives First Vaccination

Grass Lake Superintendent, Dr. Newby, receives his first COVID-19 vaccination at Round Lake D116 educator vaccination POD.



Student Council Linus Project

Grass Lake Student Council participated in making knotted fleece blankets for the Linus project. Students were able to make the blankets at home for hospitalized children in need. Overall, the Student Council was able to make and donate over twenty blankets to the Linus Project.



NJHS Ceremony Goes Virtual

In our first-ever "virtual" ceremony, eighth grade National Junior Honor Society members were able to show off their new NJHS t-shirts to the rest of the group. Many eighth grade students have been members for multiple years, and although this is certainly not the same as a traditional year, we are definitely trying to do what we can for the community and school while remaining safe.





Acts of Kindness and Encouragement

Grass Lake School loves our students and we always look for special ways to let the students know that we care about them! We are grateful for Colin Chamberlin and Adam Pankau, from the Antioch National Honor Society who volunteered their time to bring a smile to our GLS students during the holiday season! Our students greatly appreciated the “Thankful for You” surprise before Thanksgiving created by Colin and Adam and the “Hot Chocolate Warm Hug” project in December created by Colin. Gifts were shared with students via their remote student supply pick-up bag!



Grass Lake School is grateful for our helpful and friendly relationship with the local Antioch Fire Department. Due to the COVID Pandemic, we were unable to conduct an in-person assembly on fire safety. Knowing the importance of this topic, we coordinated with Lt. John Worklan and Captain Diana Horton from the Public Education/Fire and Life Safety Program at Antioch Fire Department to create a video that could be shared with all students. We appreciate their time and effort to support our GLS Students!



Jingle All The Way Thru

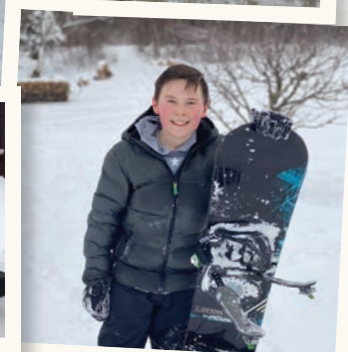
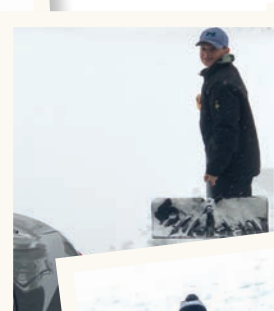
On Sunday, December 13, Grass Lake School’s amazing PTO conducted a special winter event called, “Jingle All The Way Thru” for all GLS Families to participate in! GLS Families could participate in a socially distanced picture with Santa and an opportunity to send a special letter to the North Pole!





Snow Day Fun!

Teachers and students embraced the snow this month by incorporating activities into their lessons. While students were playing in the snow and building snow people, they were also measuring, computing heights, and making comparisons. One class even examined the snow density and other attributes. All the students benefit from exercise, so the Middle Schoolers were challenged to shovel snow for PE extra credit!





Tri-Township Transit

Senior transportation has resumed for residents of Lake Villa, Antioch and Grant Townships on our Tri-Township Transit Pace Bus as resumed to regularly scheduled grocery trips to the Antioch Walmart on Tuesdays. Service is door to door pick-ups begin at 9am on the scheduled day.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling the Lake Villa Township Office at 847-356-2116 by 12 Noon the day prior to each trip. A minimum of four registered riders is required to make the trip.

The fee for each rider is \$2 round trip.

In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 all riders and drivers must wear a mask and the maximum number of riders has been reduced to allow for social distancing. The bus is disinfected regularly.



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Lake Villa Township Community Center

Activities have begun to resume at our West Campus Community Center for Lake Villa Township based scout, athletic and community organizations. Groups are advised to follow all Illinois Department of Health Guidelines applicable to them during each phase of restoration. Please call the Lake Villa Township Office at 847-356-2116 with any questions. We look forward to the day where we can give all local kids and community groups a safe space to convene.

Peacock Summer Adventure Day Camp

We are looking forward to opening our 8th season at Peacock Summer Adventure Day Camp this June! In 2020 we successfully ran 5 weeks of camp at a reduced capacity with new policies and procedures to help keep our campers and staff safe. With guidance from the Illinois and Lake County Health Departments we will continue implementing safety mitigations while ensuring campers experience a summer of adventure at Peacock Camp!





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Spring is Around the Corner

Spring is almost here and as we move into longer days and warmer weather, Antioch Township will continue to serve and protect our community following recommendations from the Lake County Health Department.

Throughout the past few months, we have stayed connected to surrounding communities and have joined the Community Healthcare Ambassador program with the Lake County Health Department. We were proud to host a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic in February, and as the vaccine continues to rollout out, our office will remain a place to sign-up/

register and receive information and updates regarding the vaccine and other COVID-19 information.

As numbers decline and the warmer weather approaches, we will slowly bring senior programs and activities back, but as always, we will keep safety at the forefront of our decision making.

Stay Safe and Healthy!

Tom Shaughnessy
Antioch Township Supervisor

Voting April 6th

Did you know that sometimes candidates win or lose and referendums pass or fail by only a handful of votes? Your vote truly matters, and especially in local elections. Your voice makes a difference, so let it be heard in the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election. The following Antioch Township Offices will be on the ballot for election:

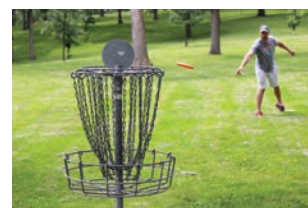
- **1 Assessor for a 4-year term of office**
- **1 Clerk for a 4-year term of office**
- **1 Highway Commissioner for a 4-year term of office**
- **1 Supervisor for a 4-year term of office**
- **4 Township Trustees each for a 4-year term of office**

If you're not registered to vote, Antioch Township is available to accept your voter registration application up to 27 days preceding an election, and again the second day following an election. In addition, you can register online, by mail, during Early Voting, or on Election Day. Grace period registration is also offered during Early and Election Day Voting, and you will be required to vote at the time of your registration. Visit <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/361/Voter-Registration> for additional information on how, when, and where to register.

Antioch Township is pleased to once again be partnering with the Lake County Clerk's Office as an Early Voting site for the April 6, 2021 election. Visit <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/343/Voting-Options> to explore all voting options and sites, including voting by mail, Early Voting, and Election Day Voting. Watch for website updates on Early and Election Day schedules as we near closer to the dates.

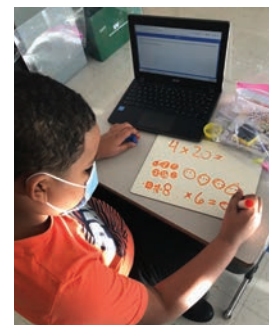
Osmond Park Improvements

Throughout the past several months, we have made tremendous improvements to Osmond Park. We started creation of a sledding hill, developed an ice rink, and have improved the disc golf course. In the spring, we will continue our focus on the Osmond Interpretive trail project working with our committee that includes The Antioch Garden Club, The Audubon Society and select Antioch community master gardeners. Please visit our website: www.antiochtownshipil.gov and join our mailing list to receive updates and information on progress and events that are happening with the Osmond Interpretive Trail project and our other services and offerings.



COVID-19 Vaccine

As the vaccine continues to roll out, our office remains on the Lake County Community Ambassador team. Please call to register for the COVID-19 vaccine: 847-395-3378, or to receive up-to-date information and resources. You can also visit our website: www.antiochtownshipil.gov



Moving Forward In 114!

District 114 is proud to celebrate the successes of our students, staff, families, and community as we continue to partner together to make sure all students learn at high levels. While none of us could have anticipated the challenges the last year has brought us, we certainly have continued to make progress.

Starting in February, we were thrilled to welcome back all students who wanted to return for in person learning. Over 50% of our students come on site, some for two days, some for three days, and some for four days. Our staff has done an incredible job implementing mitigation strategies to keep everyone safe AND learning together. When students work remotely, our staff continues to provide amazing learning opportunities through the use of technology. We are so proud of our students for pushing through these times and staying focused on learning. We look SO forward to the day that we can all be back together learning in person again.

Our staff has also worked diligently to make sure all our students have had meals without any breaks in service since we closed in March. We've had Grab and Go open at all times, and, when we were in full remote learning, we ran meals and materials to our students using our buses each day. Now that we are fully open PreK-8, our buses are busy transporting our students, but Grab and Go remains open daily at both Lotus and Stanton to ensure that all our

students have access to meals.

We also are proud of the ways we continue to improve.

As a result of the community's support of our referendum last spring, we have replaced the roof at Stanton Middle School, which has been needed for a very long time. Next, we will be planning for the replacement of Stanton's HVAC systems and adding air conditioning for the school. We also will make capital upgrades at Lotus to update systems and mechanicals, as well as replace Lotus' roof in the not too distant future.

We also remain committed to staying connected with our entire school community. Our Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee continues to grow with more members joining at each meeting. Our focus is providing learning opportunities for all our families as well as finding ways to connect to celebrate all cultures even when we have to be very creative to do so!

As always, Fox Lake 114 remains one team...all in! We are proud of all our efforts and look forward to a positive and productive spring!

With commitment to our students, families, and community,

Heather Friziellie

*Superintendent of Schools
Fox Lake School District 114*





6th Grade Comes to Palombi

At the start of the 2021 - 2022 school year, Palombi Middle School will house Lake Villa School District 41's sixth graders for the first time in twenty years. There is a palpable excitement with our staff and students alike. The district has worked on the transition plan since the Lake Villa School District 41 Board of Education voted to bring sixth grade students back to the middle school building.

A master schedule with innovative music, art, STEM, and fitness opportunities has been created with the middle school student in mind. They focus on sparking the interest in our sixth graders as well as our seventh and eighth graders. The departmentalized middle school model was shared with parents at the Curriculum Advisory Council on November 16th, as well as options for the location of the new grade level, how Palombi integrates the Leader in Me into the school, athletic opportunities, and so much more. Along with the curriculum additions, this summer Palombi is renovating the band and art rooms, as well as several bathrooms.



Welcome Back!

Staff eagerly welcomed students back onsite in January in a Hybrid Learning Model. In this model, students work both at school and at home virtually. Students were smiling with their eyes as they entered the classroom for the first time since March 2020.

While at school students and staff follow the guidelines from the Illinois Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control and the Illinois State Board of Education. These mitigation strategies include wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. Intensive cleaning and disinfecting protocols are also followed in order to create a safe learning environment.

Partnering Up with the Lake Villa District Library

The Lake Villa District Library's mission is to connect people with resources and services. They are doing exactly that for District 41's youngest learners. The Lake Villa District Library is organizing a preschool deposit collection for each of the district's three elementary schools. Approximately 770 books will be available for our three to five year olds and their teachers. The collection will be refreshed monthly. Lake Villa District 41 sincerely appreciates the generosity of the Lake Villa District Library and their on-going effort to provide our families with the necessary resources to cultivate a life-long passion for reading.





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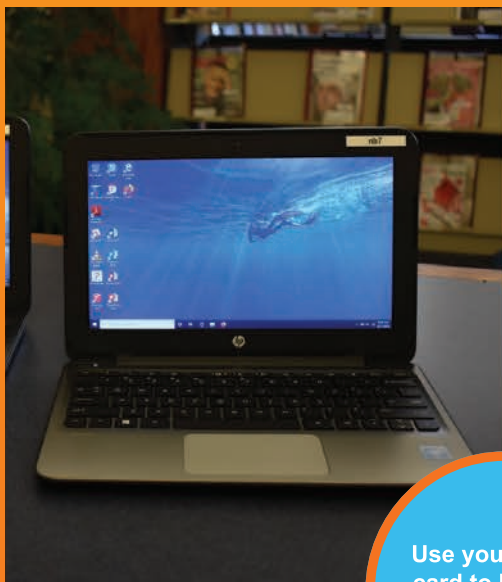
Winter Wonderland

A perfect winter sunset from Frank Loffredo Park in Lake Villa

Have a great photo from our community?

Send us your high-res image to connections@chsd117.org and we will select the best image to be featured here on *Community Capture*!

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