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Rodney Atkins was just the beginning!

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Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds

Superintendent of Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District 41

Began Superintendent Position on July 1, 2023

- Lake Villa District 41's Deputy Superintendent
- Lake Villa District 41's Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
 - Principal at William L. Thompson School
 - Assistant Principal at William L. Thompson School
- General Education Teacher at William L. Thompson School
- Special Education Teacher at B. J. Hooper School

What are you most excited about for leading District 41?

I am truly vested in Lake Villa Community Consolidated District 41. In fact, for the past 25 years, I have been a part of the Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District 41. As a member of the school community for over two decades, the students, their families, and the staff are, what I consider, an extension of my family. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve each of them.

In preparation for my transition into the superintendent role, I have engaged a variety of stakeholders in our efforts to ELEVATE District 41.

- ◆ Lake Villa District 41 is a 'Leader in Me' school district, where students and staff practice Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The Leader in Me Lighthouse teams are preparing for movement towards Lighthouse status.
- ◆ The District Math Curriculum Committee will pilot two math resources this fall. We are excited to evaluate the engaging, hands-on, and higher-level learning that students will experience through these pilots.
- ◆ Our Kindergarten through 2nd Grade English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum was re-aligned to include explicit, systematic phonemic awareness and phonics instruction by incorporating two curricular resources: Heggerty and UFLI.
- ◆ And, we will be refining our Professional Learning Community Practices to ensure that we are functioning at the highest level for the betterment of our students.

What are your goals for District 41?

I am eager to ELEVATE District 41 in 2023 and beyond! It is our mission to achieve excellence by empowering and inspiring students to learn, lead, and serve. To achieve that end, this fall stakeholders are invited to share their voice in creating a Lake Villa District 41 Portrait of a Graduate. Our Portrait of a Graduate will represent our vision for the skills and character traits students need to succeed in college, career, and life.



How will your background as an educator at the District help you in your new role as superintendent?

Serving in a variety of roles within Lake Villa District 41 has given me the benefit of multiple perspectives. I have the vantage point of being a general education teacher, special education teacher, and teacher assistant during my early years as well as the perspective of an assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent. It is my hope that having this multi-lens will serve the Lake Villa District 41 students and the community as a whole.

What are some of your favorite memories at District 41?

One of my favorite memories is one that took place this past spring. District 41 held our first Leader in Me Leadership Day within each of our school buildings. Leadership Days are an opportunity for our students to practice their leadership skills with community leaders (e.g. mayor, police chief, board members, and neighboring school districts). Students presented their leadership strategies and demonstrated how they take ownership of their own learning and school environment. We thank our community members for



participating in this great event and the opportunity for us to celebrate our amazing students with you!

I have also been a part of great events that have happened over the past twenty-five years, including the opening of Thompson and Martin Schools, creating full-day kindergarten programs, and bringing our sixth-grade students back to the middle school.

Favorite memory about the community

Our Leadership Teams have started a new tradition of walking in the annual Village of Lake Villa St. Patrick's Parade. We look forward to continuing on with this annual event.

Education/occupation

Educationally, I received a Doctorate from National Louis University. My doctoral dissertation focused on data-driven decision-making's impact on student achievement and staff collegiality. I hold a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Northeastern Illinois University. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Purdue University with a dual General and Special Education certificate.

Favorite food

My favorite food is chips and guacamole!

Favorite movie

My favorite movie is JAWS!

Favorite Quote/inspirational message

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." — Benjamin Franklin

Greatest lesson you've learned

The greatest lesson that I have learned along the way is to stay humble and kind.

Favorite free-time activity

When I have free time, I like to work out and spend time outdoors with **my family and our dogs**. I also like to travel.

Favorite sports teams

I enjoy watching Purdue basketball.

It might surprise you to know...

I love all things water — swimming, boating, and going to the beach.



community contacts

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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

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Senior Center

847-395-0139

Village Hall

847-395-1000

antioch.il.gov

Permits Coordinator

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Village Clerk

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Antioch Township

847-395-3378

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Township Assessor's Office

847-395-1545

Township Highway Department

847-395-2070

Antioch Public Library District

847-395-0874

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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

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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

lvdl.org

Rescue Squad

847-356-2992

Fire Department

847-356-2525

Township Supervisor

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lakevillatownship.org

Township Assessor

847-356-2383

lvassessor.org

Township Highway Department

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847-356-2118

Hooper Elementary School

847-356-2151

Thompson Elementary School

847-265-2488

Martin Elementary School

847-245-3400

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847-395-9001

chsd117.org

Antioch Community HS

847-395-1421

Lakes Community HS

847-838-7100

Antioch School District 34

847-838-8400

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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

from the mayor's office



Summer Events Full of Milestones

As we move from summer into fall, I am grateful for the fun we had in Antioch over the past few months. We started the summer season with a successful Summer Wine Walk and It's Thursday summer concert series kick-off concert with country music star Rodney Atkins! Our Food Truck FEASTival continued this summer, bringing large crowds downtown to Toft Avenue once a month in June, July, and August. In July, we partnered with 93XRT radio to bring three nights of music to the William Brooks Entertainment Center for three nights of music at the bandshell. We've never hosted anything quite like this event. It proved to be a fun three nights of music, providing entertainment, and bringing exposure to downtown Antioch. I had a chance to meet many people visiting Antioch for the first time during the weekend.

Our village staff worked hard to make these events more exciting for residents and visitors. This summer, we added a new position at Village Hall, which is responsible for working with existing and potential Antioch businesses, plus this person (Business Development Manager) oversees special events in our community that are designed to help spur commerce in our community. I expect the quantity and quality of our community programming to only get better with our increased staffing and focus on events.

We also hit a major milestone this summer with our groundbreaking ceremony for the redevelopment project of the village-owned property at Main Street and Orchard. When completed, this parkland will not only be a beautiful and enjoyable resource for residents of Antioch, but it will also act as an economic stimulus for downtown, attracting



visitors to the splash pad, inclusive playground, entertainment space, and various events that will be planned for the space. Plus, the land will be redeveloped in a way to address flooding and waterway issues with Sequoit Creek.

Finally, this summer, the village communications staff started publishing my weekly community updates on the Village's website and Facebook page. If you haven't started following these already, please look for them. They're published every Friday, with an archive available by using the #antioch-mayorsupdate and #antiochmayorsmessage hashtags.

I look forward to seeing you around town this fall! Remember, shop local!

Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Gartner

847-395-1000

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Downtown Antioch Welcomes Open Space Redevelopment Groundbreaking

Blighted property to be redeveloped into park space, with an exposed creek waterway, performance space, splash pad, and inclusive playground

Before a crowd of residents, community stakeholders, and current and former elected officials, Village of Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner led a groundbreaking ceremony that has been anticipated by the Antioch community for years. Earlier this morning, the ceremony marked the beginning of the construction to redevelop land near the downtown business district that had been vacant and blighted for years. When finished, the village's newest parkland will have a splash pad, an accessible playground, a beautiful public performance space featuring an elegant gazebo, and a concession area with bathrooms, all centered around a re-exposed Sequoit Creek. The updates to the creek add beautiful aesthetics, plus flood mitigation attributes.

Antioch Mayor Scott J. Gartner commemorated the day as another "giant step" forward in the transformation of downtown Antioch. The completion of the project is expected in the summer of 2024.

"This development project will provide a major boost in tourism and economic development opportunities for the Village of Antioch, while also addressing stormwater management issues and preserving natural open space in our community," said Gartner. "This blighted piece of property will soon be transformed into a beautiful community space that will be a year-round attraction for visitors to our downtown business district."



Roughly 50 years ago, this area of Sequoit Creek was fitted with a 102" metal culvert and was buried to make way for a commercial auto dealership development. Over time, the businesses left, the culvert deteriorated, and the village worked to acquire all of the parcels that make up this property. By 2019, the culvert completely failed, creating a blighted eyesore. The failed culvert also impaired the flow of the creek, presenting both a general flooding hazard for downtown and a threat of flooding for upstream properties.

In 2021, after acquiring the remainder of the property, the Village engaged the Lakota Group, a planning and landscape architecture firm, to seek the Antioch community's feedback as to the final use and redevelopment of the property. With community input, the Lakota Group and Strand Associates Engineering produced detailed construction plans for the redevelopment of the property as an open space with an exposed or daylighted Sequoit Creek.

In May of this year, the Antioch Village Board selected Boller Construction Company as the winning bidder for the \$12.5 million project. Financing for the project comes in part from American Recovery Plan Act funding (ARPA) - \$1.9 million, Stormwater Management Commission grant - \$2.75 million, with the remainder of the funds from Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds. These bonds will be repaid by Business District sales tax revenue, without creating an additional tax burden for village property owners.

This Project is supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLT 3381 awarded to the State of Illinois by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Summer of Music at the Bandshell

The “It’s Thursday” summer concert series concluded on August 10th, providing a summer of great music and fun memories. The final concert of the season was a special one. The Antioch local business community came together to raise funds for a 10-year-old local boy who was injured in a carnival ride over the summer. Watching residents and local business work together for a great cause was heartwarming. Thank you to everyone who participated!

This year’s concert series featured bigger named performers, which brought record attendance to the William Brook Entertainment Center. The summer of music would not have been possible without the support of the local business community. New this year, the Village of Antioch offered several sponsorship levels in exchange for visibility at the summer concerts.

Thank you to this year’s sponsors!

Presenting sponsor: **Raymond Chevrolet Kia**

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Antioch Fine Wine & Liquors, Fischer Paper Products, The Lakota Group, Merit Law Group, Inc., Your Boat Club & Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd.

The summer concert series kicked off with a collaboration between the Village of Antioch and US 99 Radio. Together, with the help of sponsors, the village was able to bring country music star Rodney Atkins to downtown Antioch. The rest of the summer feature an eclectic mix of country, rock, and



reggae music. Overall, the village had more people than ever attend the It’s Thursday concert series.

The “It’s Thursday” summer concert series is more than just a collection of musical performances – it encapsulates the heart and soul of

Antioch’s summer culture. It brings people together to relish in the pleasures of summer,

embrace the power of music, and celebrate the tight-knit community spirit that makes Antioch a cherished place to call home during the summer months.

Just wait until next year - Village staff is already working to make the concert series bigger and better!



FALL EVENTS

Drive-In Laser Light Show	Fall Wine Walk	Ghost Tours	Treat the Streets/ Harvest Fest	Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting	Festival of Trees
SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
8-9	24	14 & 21	28	24	3-17

Visit the Village’s events calendar for a complete listing of village events! www.antioch.il.gov/calendar

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Fall Wine Walk

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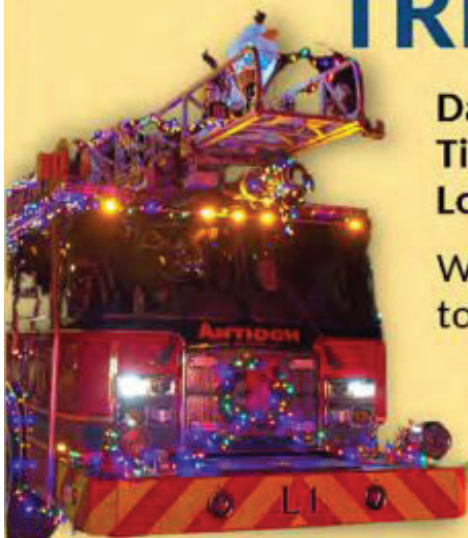
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CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING



Date: Friday, November 24, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Downtown Antioch

Welcome Santa and the Christmas season
to town at the old-fashioned Christmas Parade

PARADE ROUTE: On Main Street
from Park Avenue to Orchard Street

Immediately following the Christmas Parade,
we will hold the annual **TREE LIGHTING** ceremony
at the Antioch Bandshell



Introducing District 117 Portrait of a Graduate

In previous editions of *Connections*, I shared updates on the work of our strategic plan coalition of students, staff, families, and community members. This quarter, I am proud to share the product that this coalition created, the first ever *District 117 Portrait of a Graduate*! This powerful and unifying vision articulates six competencies we want all of our students to develop by the time they leave our high schools.

The first competency is **“Thinks Critically.”** Our graduates will leverage their curiosity to identify and solve problems, embracing intellectual risks. They will challenge assumptions, making decisions based on authentic evidence. They will consistently improve the quality of their thinking through skillful analysis and assessment.

The second competency is **“Embraces Diversity.”** Our graduates will find opportunities to embrace and affirm their authentic selves. They will actively work to develop empathy for others, appreciating and respecting diverse perspectives. They will also identify their biases and strive to reduce their impact on others.

Next, we have **“Emotionally Intelligent.”** Our graduates will practice responsible decision-making, considering the impact on others. They will build and sustain strong, healthy relationships with peers and adults. They will embrace a growth mindset, including self-regulation, motivation, and resiliency.

The fourth competency is **“Courageous.”** Our graduates will be courageous in setting ambitious goals and continually reflecting upon them. They will advocate for themselves and others in a socially responsible and empathetic manner, leading with integrity and compassion.

The fifth competency is **“Collaborates.”** Our graduates will inspire and motivate others through the sharing of ideas toward a common purpose. They will take responsibility for themselves and their teams, leading with a shared focus. They will actively listen, providing and receiving feedback to foster mutual understanding.



Last but not least, we have **“Communicates.”** Our graduates will articulate ideas effectively, using clear and concise oral and written communication. They will initiate and sustain meaningful conversations, always acting with empathy and respect. They will develop a deep understanding of their audience and themselves.

This District 117 Portrait of a Graduate embodies our collective commitment to student success. It will guide us as we design our curriculum, create meaningful learning experiences, and support our students on their unique paths of growth and achievement. We are excited to begin this journey as a school community!

Jeff Feucht, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Community High School District 117



COMPUTER SCIENCE | CHSD117

TechSmart Pilots Computer Science for Students

TechSmart is a new course we are piloting in the 2022-23 school year with a curriculum pathway that will have a seamless sequence of rigorous courses in coding and computer science. The course contributes to an overall set of standards-based outcomes in coding and computer science. Students will be introduced to computer science fundamentals towards mastery of the professional line-based

languages (including Python) and industry technologies (HTML, JavaScript, CSS) necessary to compete for jobs in the coding industry.

TechSmart’s pathway is designed from the ground up to provide not only the skills students need, but the certification and portfolio to prove it. We had staff trained this summer in the TechSmart curriculum.



Communicating with Families

Communicating effectively with our families and community is a priority for Community High School District 117. We believe that communication leads to stronger relationships and more powerful collaborations with our students and families, from the first day of school to the last.

Our district uses a variety of communication methods, and we know that families have different communication preferences. We want to keep you informed with all of the wonderful things happening in D117, and we value the important role that parents and families have on our students' education.

Our current channels to communicate regularly to students, families, and the community include:

CHSD117 Website - chsd117.org

Find up-to-date news, calendars of events, information on registration, athletics and fine arts events, Board meetings, and community resources on our website. Families may also link to Antioch HS and Lakes HS individual websites or search our Staff Directory to contact a teacher or staff member.

Superintendent's 5 Minute Update

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Feucht sends a monthly email to all families, students, and staff that also gets posted in the news section of the D117 website.

Antioch & Lakes Parent Newsletters

Both of our high schools send out regular communications to our families to let them know about recent events, upcoming items to be aware of, and celebrations of our students and school community.

ACHS: Sequoit Weekly

LCHS: News from the Nest

Connections Magazine - connectionsMag.com

This quarterly magazine shares news and events throughout the Antioch, Lake Villa, and Lindenhurst communities. In

addition to D117 updates, this magazine features updates from Antioch CCSD 34, Emmons School District 33, Lake Villa School District 41, Grass Lake District 36, Village of Antioch, Antioch Township, and Lake Villa Township.

Student Newscasts & Print Publications

Our students do a fantastic job creating regular video newscasts and print publications. You can view our video newscasts on YouTube. You can read our Tom Tom and Eagle Eye online or pick up the full color print editions at the school.

Social Media Outlets

Follow us on our district's and school's social media outlets to see the most current events, celebrations, and student and staff shout-outs.

Lakes Community High School

LCHS Facebook: Lakes Community High School

LCHS Twitter: @lakeseagles

LCHS Instagram: @lakesagles

Antioch Community High School

ACHS Facebook: Antioch Community High School

ACHS Twitter: @Sequoits

ACHS Instagram: @sequoits

Live Broadcasts of Events

All of our Board meetings and many of our athletic and fine arts events are available via live stream. You can access many of our online media sites quickly and easily with these QR codes.

We Want to Hear From You!

As part of our new strategic plan, we will be surveying all families this coming spring of 2024 regarding your preferred method of communication, so we can continue to refine these channels to make sure we are reaching you where you are!

Want To Hear Our Student's Voices?

District 117 encourages all community members to visit the various student media outlets by using the QR codes below. While many stories make their way into the weekly news broadcasts and monthly print magazines, the online sites provide countless examples of student articles, opinion pieces, photos, digital media, and videos. Enjoy the incredible talents of our students!

Antioch Live Stream



Lakes Live Stream



Antioch YouTube Channel



Lakes YouTube Channel



Antioch Sequoit Media



Lakes Student Media



Building a Home Away from Home

sometimes say that I loved high school so much that I never left, as my entire career has been spent in a high school. Some of my fondest memories come from the four years I spent at Wheeling High School. My favorite part of the school year was the start. There was a nervous excitement about the first day of school, seeing classmates you didn't see as often during the summer, and even getting an opportunity to meet new friends. As the summer breeze started to wane and the leaves prepared to paint the campus with their autumn colors, the school served as a backdrop to many memorable experiences that shaped me into who I am today.

Our aim at ACHS is to provide an environment for our students that will provide many memories they can discuss many years after crossing the stage at graduation. Students might remember their time in one of the 25 Advanced Placement classes we offer or time spent with lifelong friends in one of the 34 clubs and activities that run throughout the year. Years from now, they might reminisce with former teammates about the big wins from one of the 26 competitive athletic teams we have here.

In the future, our students might fondly look back at ACHS Homecoming, which is scheduled for the week of October 9th this year. The revered and tradition-filled ACHS Homecoming Parade and Bonfire starts down Main Street on Thursday, the 12th of October. The football game follows on the 13th, and festivities will end with the Homecoming

Dance on October 14th.

This year, we will implement a program designed to make the experience of our new ninth graders memorable as they walk through the doors of ACHS for the first time as students. Our Link Crew utilizes upper-class students to serve as mentors and valuable resources for our newest Sequoits. We are excited to bear witness as the freshmen build a connection to their "home away from home" for the next 4 years.

As we step into this new school year, we hope that ACHS students remember the lessons that are learned beyond textbooks - the friendships that taught the true meaning of camaraderie, the challenges that pushed them beyond their limits, and the moments of pure joy that reminded them of the simplicity of a smile.

Looking forward to seeing you at the many memorable events throughout the year at ACHS.



Once a Sequoit, always a Sequoit,

Mike Berrie

Principal

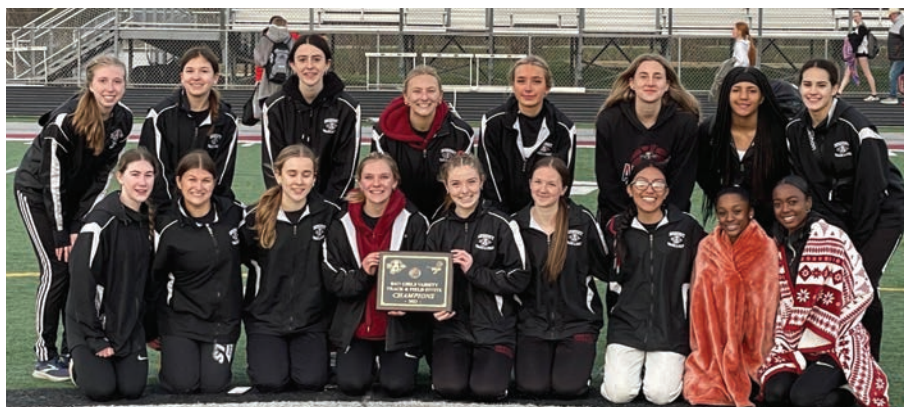
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MUSIC & ARTS | CHSD117

Spring Music & Visual Arts Festival a Success

One of the highlights of the D117 Fine Arts Department is the annual Spring D117 Music and Visual Arts Festival. This event showcases the Bands, Choirs, Orchestras, and Visual Artists from all the schools in the D117 community. The event began with an Art Show showcasing work from each school. It continued with the combined orchestra performing a concert in the McKay Center. This was followed by the combined choirs performing in the LCHS Main Gym and concluded with the combined bands performing in the McKay Center.



ATHLETICS | ACHS

Sequoits' Spring Sports Wrapup

Baseball finished with a 21-13-1 record. TJ Schuyler earned NLCC Player of the Year and NLCC All-Conference recognition. Joining him as all-conference players were Anthony Sanchetti, Mason Willis and Nate Yeager.

Girls Softball posted a stellar 34-2 school record breaking season. The Sequoits were the only team in the country to have two players selected as All-Americans, Jacey Schuler and Eden Echevarria (2nd Team). All-State selections were Schuler, Echevarria, Emily Brecht and Jadynn Ruiz. The NLCC chose those ladies along with Syerra Gilmore, Grace Green and Claire Schuyler as All-Conference with Jacey Schuler as unanimous Player of the Year.

Boys Lacrosse 16-4 set the tone for the NLCC as 2023 Conference Champs. Juniors Nick Day and Ryan Swanson earned Honorable Mention All-State accolades. The NLCC recognized the following players for All-Conference performances: Carter Gras, Jacob Pankau, Ryan Tolbert, Nick Day, Evan Wickert, and Ryan Swanson.

Girls Track and Field 6-3 overall record. An outstanding state-qualifying season by thrower Charlee Kempf. All NLCC honors went to Abigail Fuesting, Kennedi Copeland, Shyanne Hernandez, Sydney Parker, Julia Kraus, Addison Lane, Angela Ortiz, Piper Ipsen, Mora Lubkeman, Charlee Kempf, Rosie Gonzalez, Milena Ivanove, Annalise Lowrence, Mikayla Haskell, Sydney Walker, and Emily Kaluzinski.

Girls Soccer ended the 2023 campaign with a 5-9-3 record. Maddie Barrett, Cameron Pluciennik, Allie Curry, and Kaitlin Baylen. Pluciennik was selected as Conference Goalkeeper of the Year.

Boys Tennis the spring campaign ended with a 3-10 dual record. The Sequoits finished 6th at the NLCC conference tournament. These were the all-conference tennis student athletes for 2023: Cole Deutscher and Nick Olson (Doubles, 2), Jackson Honaker and Kyle Behrens (Doubles, 4).

Boys Volleyball finished the season as IHSA Regional Champions. NLCC All-Conference student-athletes included Nathan Young, Gavin Nelson, Matthew Schultz, and Charles Robison.

Boys Track and Field qualified for IHSA State Meet in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays. The following student-athletes earned All- NLCC recognition: Martin Cohen (4x100, 4x200, 4x400, 100m), Payton Holmes (4x100, 4x200, 4x400, 100m), Deven Floyd-Pickett (4x100, 4x200, 200m), Jeff Leighliter (400m) Tyler Wolfe (800m, 4x400), Carson Lanners (3200m), Marshall Gehrke (110HH, HJ, LJ) Brandon Marks (110HH, 300IH), Joey Neumann (4x100, 4x200, Discus), Ademide Adegboyega (4x400, 4x800), Carter Webb (4x800), Tyler Miller (4x800), Cole Loiacano (4x800), Robert Rohrs (SP, Discus), Antonio Rodriguez (HJ).

Eagles Celebrate Twenty Years

Do you remember what you were doing 20 years ago on August 23, 2004? Some of you were so young, you were not even in school yet or perhaps not even born. Others were in varying stages of student life: elementary school, middle school, high school, or college. A few of us were already in adulthood. For fourteen of our current LCHS staff members, we were wearing our new Lakes polos opening the doors of Lakes Community High School for the very first time! In two short decades, LCHS has established itself as a force of good for students and families while creating life-long friendships for everyone in the community. Our talented students have succeeded at elite levels in Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Extracurriculars due in part to incredible experiences, collaborative trust, and motivation provided by their families, teachers, coaches, directors, and sponsors. We also have secured a highly decorated staff that has been recognized at local, state, and national levels. A 20th Anniversary committee is being assembled to plan for a celebration in the fall of 2024. Please email jori.bowen@chsd117.org if you would like to receive further information about the committee.

This summer, Lakes was humming with summer school classes, Summer Freshman Academy, and sports camps along with a deep interior cleaning and upgrades to the auditorium, football field, and exterior of the building. It is true that Lakes is never really empty, but there is nothing

like the energy at the start of a new school year at LCHS! To kick off 2023-24, the Administrative Team visited the homes of ten students that excelled on their SAT exam as either a top score or the greatest growth from PSAT/NMSQT to SAT. Those students recognized were: Nell Cichon, James Kania, Connor Kazmierowicz, Matthew Klann, Liam Makela, Peter Mazik, Kennedy McCarten, Patrick Novotny, Lainey Russo, and Cody Summerson.

I look forward to continuing the celebrations of our students including watching our junior and senior Link Crew Leaders welcoming and mentoring the Class of 2027, sitting in classes learning alongside our students, and cheering on all the performances and competitions that are to come. I invite you to explore the many available events through our website at eagles.chsd117.org and hope to see you soon cheering for our Eagles!



In the Eagle Spirit,

Jori Bowen

Principal

Lakes Community High School



AWARDS | LCHS

Lakes Teacher Awarded Seminar Grant

Congratulations to Lakes HS teacher, Ms. Alex Jarosz, who was one of 40 educators nationwide to participate in a competitive weeklong professional development event at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda, California during the first week of August. Educators in the program studied evolving American foreign policy throughout our great nation's history. Ms. Jarosz's students and colleagues will surely benefit from this experience. More information about the program can be found here: <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/united-states-foreign-policy-1898-present>



TRANSITION SERVICES | CHSD117

Freshman Mentoring Programs Coming this Fall

District 117 knows that a strong sense of belonging and connection to your school is strongly related to a student's success in high school. We sensed an opportunity to increase the support provided to incoming freshmen and have launched a new program that is taking off at both campuses this fall. Branded as "Sequoit to Sequoit" at ACHS and "Link Crew" at LCHS, all freshmen will be assigned to a small group with upperclassmen under the supervision of four awesome staff members who oversee the program. Those upperclassmen leaders will help students learn the traditions and expectations of our buildings, find their footing and explore interests, and build relationships with other students. Mentoring sessions will take place weekly during the 25-minute study hall that every freshman is assigned. District 117 is confident that this will strengthen our school communities and help students build connections, relationships, and confidence more quickly at the start of high school!





ATHLETICS | LCHS

Eagles's Spring Sports Wrapup

Baseball had a record of 12-17. All-Conference team members were Will Hough, Jaden Jackson, Owen Klosinski, Derek Lucier.

Girls Softball had a record of 8-20. All-Conference team members were Cassidy Berchtold and Brooke Goyings.

Boys Lacrosse placed 3rd in conference and advanced to the sectional finals. All-Conference team members were Reid Kuriger, Connor Swiderski, Sean Ryan, and Dylan Behnke. Behnke was also selected to the All-State Team-he is the first lacrosse player to achieve this honor in school history!

Girls Track and Field won the conference title, as well as the Richmond-Burton sectional. All-Conference team members were: Madison Perez, Becca Runyan, Madison Twarling, Claire Zutkis, Jillian Ellenwood, Thea Lungay, Josie Gates, Joycelyn Crum, Paige-Elicia Caruth, Ava Bullock, Bri Gara, Diksha Gunganathan, Shelby Stall, Ava Hampton, Hannah Rojas, Inclarity Turney, and Makayla Williams. The team had 21 state qualifiers and the following girls earned all-state honors: Josie Gates, Joycelyn Crum, Makayla Williams, Diksha Gunganathan, Shelby Stall, Inclarity Turney, Becca Runyan, Madison Perez, Madison Twarling, Paige-Elicia Caruth, and Bri Gara.

Girls Soccer had a record of 11-8-1 and split the conference championship with Grayslake Central. All-Conference team members were Jodie Bristol, Elise Coleman, Amanda Dietz, Mia Pfeiffer, Mia Silber, and Tessa Smith.

Boys Tennis had a record of 4-7. All-Conference team members were Kevin Cellucci, Eric Bendall, Cal Bradley, Drew Chamernik, and Nathan Popov.

Boys Volleyball had a record of 19-18. All-Conference team members were David Synovic, Erik Stover, Will Haak, and Kaden Martin.

Boys Track and Field All-Conference team members were Mason Crowley, Patrik Dortch, Thomas Mercure, Will Mercure, Jackson Summy, Jordan Phelan, Quin Maloney, Micah Lind, Payton Whitehead, Blake Salbilla, Colin Shea, and Paul Migas. They were the Belvidere sectional champions and had 7 state qualifiers. The following boys earned all-state honors: Payton Whitehead and Paul Migas. Paul Migas became the 2A pole vault state champion for the 2nd straight year!

BILITERACY | CHSD117

D117 Students Recognized for Earning the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy

We believe that bilingualism is an asset in today's global society that can provide additional opportunities in students' lives and careers. The Illinois Seal of Biliteracy and the Illinois Commendation Toward Biliteracy are ways to recognize our recent Class of 2023 graduates who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and one or more other languages. Students received an official designation on their high school diploma after fulfilling all requirements to receive the Seal of Biliteracy or Commendation.

Congratulations to the following D117 Class of 2023 graduates for earning the Seal or the Commendation in several different languages. We are so proud of you!

Antioch Community High School

Student Name	Award	Language
Carley, Mackenzie Karen	Seal	Spanish
Guijosa-Gonzales, Denis Estreya	Seal	Spanish
Hasik, Caroline Maria	Seal	Polish
Leitza, Kaleigh Rose	Seal	Spanish
MacMillan, Kelsie Marie	Commendation	German
Osborne, Caitlyn Rose	Commendation	Spanish
Patel, Emma Niles	Commendation	Spanish
Runyard, Hannah Elizabeth	Seal	German
Woolard, Caroline Grace	Commendation	German

Lakes Community High School

Student Name	Award	Language
Callaway, Brighton Avery	Commendation	Spanish
Jakubiak, Julianna Wiktoria	Seal	Polish
Kingsbury, Benjamin Richard	Commendation	German
Kunkle, Bethany Rita-Denise	Seal	Spanish
McKavis, Nicole Christine	Commendation	German
Perez, Madison Rileigh	Commendation	Spanish
Primack, Cade Anthony	Commendation	Spanish
Sarver, Katherine Elizabeth	Commendation	German
Skula, Samantha Rose	Seal	Spanish
Steinke, Sienna Noel	Commendation	German
Ward, Rachel Elizabeth	Commendation	German
Wawryniuk, Emilia	Seal	Polish

From the desk of Superintendent Borowiak

Inspiring Students to Dream & Empowering Them to Achieve

I am thrilled to present to you Antioch CCSD 34's strategic plan, a collaborative effort that reflects our shared vision for the future of education and the well-being of our community. This plan was developed with the invaluable input and dedication of our esteemed team, which was comprised of Board of Education members, school administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and community partners, including our local governments, first responders, and local business owners. Together, we have crafted a plan that will serve as our guiding light for the years ahead.

Mission

Our mission is clear and powerful: We inspire our students to dream and empower them to achieve. We are committed to fostering a nurturing environment where every child can explore their potential, dream big, and work towards realizing their aspirations. By instilling a passion for lifelong learning, we aim to prepare our students for success not only in academia but also in their personal and professional lives.

Vision

As a district, our vision is ambitious and inspiring: To be the destination district that unites ALL to transform the future of our community and beyond. We recognize the importance of collaboration and inclusivity in creating a strong foundation for ALL the communities we serve: Antioch, Lake Villa, and Lindenhurst. By working together, we can propel ourselves towards positive change, enriching the lives of our students and, in turn, positively impacting our entire community.

Core Values: Building a Strong Foundation

Our core values are the bedrock upon which we build our educational community. We are committed to providing a safe and engaging environment that fosters personal growth and achievement through discovery, teamwork, and academic rigor. We value integrity, as it forms the basis for trusting relationships and meaningful collaboration, which will be evident in all our decisions and actions. Additionally, we believe deeply in equity, diversity, and inclusion, recognizing that we are stronger together when we embrace belonging, respect, and self-awareness.

Goals: Paving the Way to Excellence

To achieve our vision and uphold our core values, we have outlined a series of strategic goals that will guide our actions and initiatives over the coming years. These goals can be summarized under three key pillars:

1) Culture of High Expectations

We are dedicated to creating a culture of high expectations for student achievement through a robust



tations for student achievement through a robust instructional system. By attracting and hiring highly effective staff who value continuous improvement and have high expectations for students, we ensure that every child is empowered to thrive academically and personally.

2) Structured Systems of Accountability

We recognize the importance of continuous improvement and monitoring. By narrowing our initiatives and aligning our resources with the strategic plan, we can enhance the effectiveness of our efforts. This includes solidifying systems of accountability for staff and providing reliable, safe, and secure technology for all students and staff.

3) Supportive Environment

Embracing technology, we aim to creatively enhance teaching and learning, ultimately improving achievement levels across the district. Additionally, we are committed to cultivating stakeholder collaboration by communicating successes and achievements while being responsible stewards of our financial resources to create quality school environments.

Conclusion: A Bright Future Ahead

As we embark on this transformative journey together, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire community for their years of continued support that uplifts our students and our community. It is your unwavering support and collaboration that make this strategic plan not just a document but a living testament to our shared commitment to empowering our students and transforming our community for the better.

We have an exciting road ahead of us, and I am confident that by working together, we will achieve our goals and create a brighter future for all. Let us embrace the spirit of unity, respect, and inclusivity as we inspire our students to dream and empower them to achieve.

With utmost enthusiasm and dedication,

Aron Borowiak

Superintendent



Making Fun Accessible for All

During the 2022-2023 school year, Antioch CCSD 34 administration initiated a plan to revamp our playgrounds, aiming to provide enhanced opportunities and experiences for all our children. Our primary objective is to ensure that every student has access to play and explore stimulating environments. Our vision is to create inclusive and sensory-rich playgrounds, fostering an enjoyable leisure space for all the kids to share. This undertaking reflects our commitment to supporting the well-being and happiness of our students. For our children with special needs, we do not want them to travel outside their community to access parks that are appropriate for them. We want them to play and learn here, at their school, with their friends. It is important that all our kids have a place to learn and a place to play together.

Our first step in accomplishing this plan has been to add inclusive equipment to our elementary playgrounds. Some of the pieces we added are:

Momentum Corridor

The Momentum Corridor provides a unique rolling experience with overhead bars where kids are able to pull themselves across the full length of a roller table. They can enjoy a tactile event with gentle bumps. The Momentum Corridor is at transfer height, making it an accessible piece of equipment on our playground. The Momentum Corridor also provides students with Sensory Play experiences through Proprioceptive Input (knowing exactly where their body parts are and how to plan their movements), and Tactile Stimulation (activation of their sensory touch stimulus).

Ten Spin

The Ten Spin is designed to accommodate a group of up to 10 children simultaneously, promoting inclusivity by allowing kids of all abilities to participate in the fun, whether

they choose to sit, kneel, or stand. This freestanding product fosters a sense of togetherness and enables children of various abilities to play together. Moreover, it offers a crucial sensory experience that aids in child development by engaging the Vestibular system. This system plays a significant role in our perception of body position concerning gravity, movement, and balance.

Dynamics Lab

The Dynamics Lab lets kids experiment with motion—from the Pin Impression to the Jingle Drum, kids will love exploring movement while making new friends. Dynamics Lab is a piece of equipment that gives kids the opportunity to test out the basic laws of mechanics in an exciting play setting, with a focus on special education and STEM. The Dynamics Lab provides Sensory Play experiences through Auditory Input (detecting vibrations and changes in the pressure in the ear), Proprioceptive Input (knowing exactly where their body parts are and how to plan their movements), and Tactile Stimulation (activation of their sensory touch stimulus), and Visual Input (detecting images of visible lights and recognize varying colors, hues, and brightness).

As we continue the expansion of our playgrounds, our next step is to transition the ground from mulch to a surface that is fit for all children and adults with physical needs; wheelchair accessibility is important so that all of our children can have an inviting and enjoyable experience in their neighborhoods where they can explore their world, and develop motor skills, physical strength, and cognitive functioning. Looking ahead, we will partner with parents, students, staff, and community partners to plan for and solicit ideas regarding the possibility of expanding our playgrounds. We will intentionally select designs so children of all ages and abilities can play, be challenged, and have fun together.

MKM Early Learning Center Welcomes New Principal

Approved as the new principal of Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center at the June 20, 2023 Antioch CCSD 34 Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Gardner was warmly welcomed to D34 by teachers and administrators. Of his newest team member, D34 Superintendent Aron Borowiak shared, “Nikki Gardner’s experience leading a preschool, combined with her exceptional knowledge of the development of students from birth until 5, preschool curriculum, and instructional strategies separated her from the pack of candidates that applied for the position.”

Mrs. Gardner’s goal is to always lead with authenticity, grace and kindness, and she is looking forward to joining D34 and serving as the principal of Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center.

Prior to joining D34, Mrs. Gardner served the students and families of Harvard Community Unit School District 50 for four years as the Principal of Washington School. While in this role, Mrs. Gardner oversaw the successful implementation of a tiered social emotional support system for preschool students. The Pyramid Model, amongst other programs she implemented, were recognized as gold quality



standard for Pre-K and the school’s Birth to 3 program received recognition as a Blue Ribbon

Affiliate program. Mrs. Gardner is excited to be bringing the Pyramid Model to MKM ELC this school year, sharing, “The Pyramid Model is age-appropriate and helps students to regulate emotions and behaviors prior to entering kindergarten, which will lead to less interventions.”

Passionate about early childhood education, Mrs. Gardner is a strong advocate for the implementation of inclusionary practices as a means to improve student learning opportunities and helping the youngest learners thrive in their foundational experiences.

As she prepares for the upcoming school year, Mrs. Gardner is looking forward to building relationships with staff, students and families of MKM Early Learning Center. “I am really excited to become a part of D34. My focus as principal of MKM Early Learning Center is to build quality relationships with staff, students, and families. As a member of the ELC team, I will ensure each student and their learning needs are supported.”

Inspiring to Dream: AUGS Undergoes Renovations

The dream of an updated Antioch Upper Grade School has become a reality. Construction began in late May with an ambitious timeline that included the renovation of more than two-thirds of the original school from the 1970s, turning the dated facilities into a modern learning space that promotes collaboration, flexibility, comfort, and safety.

The renovations will provide a happier and more engaging place for students to learn and for teachers and staff to work. Updates will make it easier to take advantage of the new technology available to students and teachers and will provide a safer environment by enhancing accommodations for those with physical disabilities.

New classroom furniture includes tables and chairs that are easier for students to access comfortably and to move in order to meet the instructional needs of a lesson. Principal Joe Koeune notes, “Research tells us that students need opportunities to collaborate and work in groups of a variety of sizes and the flexible furniture will make it easier for our classes to move and adjust seating arrangements.” The new tile, paint, ceiling lights, student desks, chairs, and storage will create a comfortable learning space for both the students and staff.



The mobile furniture allows for quick transitions for grouping and class activities permitting more opportunities to collaborate. Each classroom has a standard layout that includes white boards on both sides of a newly installed Promethean board in order to provide more teaching and learning space.

Safety and accessibility were key components to the renovations. Bathrooms and locker rooms now meet the current standard in design and are ADA compliant. The main entrance redesign will provide a more secure entry into the school for visitors, while the bleachers in the gym have been replaced and are now ADA compliant for students, staff and guests. Additionally, plumbing, electrical infrastructure, fire alarm system and emergency back-up lighting all have been updated.

While funding for the renovation included work on items such as plumbing and electrical work, upgrading this work will save the district time and money in repairs over time.

In total, the full renovation included the updating of 25 classrooms, four locker rooms and seven restrooms, the installation of new bleachers, white boards and Promethean boards, the painting of nine additional classrooms, staff offices and hallways, and life safety updates throughout the building.

United in Learning

New Community Partnership for Antioch CCSD 34

United Way of Lake County's mission is to unite leadership and resources to create lasting change that will improve and save lives in Lake County, Illinois. Summer 2023 brought a new community partnership and resource to Antioch CCSD 34. United Way of Lake County joined the district to offer one of their programs called Kindergarten Countdown Camp. Antioch CCSD 34 is proud of this newly established community partnership with United Way of Lake County and looks forward to continuing and extending United Way of Lake County's resources to Antioch CCSD 34 families and community.

What is Kindergarten Countdown Camp?

Kindergarten Countdown Camp is a free learning opportunity for qualifying incoming kindergarten students. The goal is to provide students with no or very limited preschool exposure an opportunity to prepare for Kindergarten. By eliminating barriers such as transportation, hunger through free snacks, and school supplies to learn, the focus is on basic academic skills such as letters in one's name, colors, fine and gross motor, basic school routines such as sitting on the carpet as well as social emotional and peer relations skills.

What did the students experience when participating in Kindergarten Countdown Camp?

Antioch CCSD 34 Kindergarten Countdown Camp took place at W.C. Petty Elementary School from June 5th-June 29th during the annual Antioch CCSD 34 summer learning programming. Students worked with a team of three adults, which included an Antioch CCSD 34 classroom teacher and paraprofessional, as well as a United Way Kindergarten Countdown Camp Coordinator, who helped the students with their daily learning and routines. A rich learning environment conducive to the young learners from the size of the furniture to the tactile learning experiences in the classroom were provided. The students also were exposed to and learned how to load, ride and unload on a school bus which is an important skill set as well.

Why does Kindergarten Countdown Camp matter?

Kindergarten Countdown Camp makes a difference in the



lives of incoming Kindergarten students. Using the pre and post assessment data collected by the United Way Kindergarten Countdown Camp Coordinator, there is evidence that the exposure and experience made an academic difference for these students. This fall we are eagerly awaiting to see these students arrive in the classroom with a little more confidence and familiarity to school routines. The readiness skills learned in Kindergarten Countdown Camp will enable the students to adjust to their full time kindergarten day with confidence and perhaps even be a leader for others.

Fall Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

4 No School | Labor Day

OCTOBER

6 No School | Staff In-Service Day

9 No School | Indigenous Peoples' Day

25 Antioch Upper Grade School Orchestra Concert 6:30 PM

26 Antioch Upper Grade School Broadway Showcase

NOVEMBER

9 W.C. Petty Elementary School 5th Grade Music Concert 6:30 PM

Oakland Elementary School 5th Grade Music Concert 6:30 PM

15 Evening Student/Family Conferences

PreK 2:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Grades K-5 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Grades 6-8 2:15 PM - 7:15 PM

16 Evening Student/Family Conferences

PreK 2:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Grades K-5 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Grades 6-8 2:15 PM - 7:15 PM

20 No School | Fall Break Begins

27 School Resumes

30 Hillcrest Elementary School 5th Grade Music Concert 6:30 PM

W.C. Petty Elementary School 4th Grade Music Concert 6:30 PM

Oakland Elementary School 4th Grade Music Concert 6:30 PM



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Vern Thelen Park Becoming Vibrant Recreational Oasis

As the Fall season approaches, we are thrilled to unveil the exciting plans we have been diligently working on for the development of Vern Thelen Park. This expansive 30-acre property has been a cherished part of our township for two decades, and we are committed to transforming it into a vibrant recreational oasis for all to enjoy. Our comprehensive plans have been designed to cater to a diverse range of interests and age groups, ensuring that Vern Thelen Park becomes a place where every member of our community can find joy.

Features and Amenities: Thelen Park will boast a myriad of amenities to cater to various interests.

Basketball Courts: A space to enjoy friendly matches and hone your skills – Teen leagues possible.

Birdwatching Area: Immerse yourself in nature's beauty while observing local bird species — Phase II.

Disc Golf Course: Perfect for casual games and friendly competitions — Phase II.

Fitness Court Exercise Track: Area for outside exercise to be used by all ages and ability.

Naturalized Plantings: Aesthetic and ecologically friendly landscaping.

Overlook to Rookery: A serene vantage point to admire local wildlife — Phase II.

Pickleball Courts: Try out this popular sport in a welcoming setting — leagues possible.

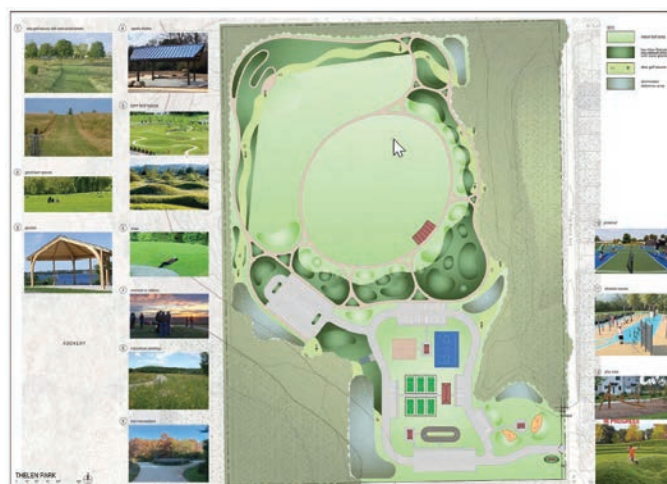
Play Area: A safe and enjoyable space for kids to explore and have fun — expanded Eagle Scout area.

Slope/Sledding Hill: Winter excitement for sledding enthusiasts — Phase II.

Volleyball Court: Unwind with a game of beach volleyball — Teen leagues possible.

Walking/Hiking Trail: Embrace nature and stay active with picturesque trails.

Antioch Township was awarded an OSLAD Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help with the funding for Phase I and are applying for additional grants to



help complete Phase II. We are thrilled to introduce a unique opportunity for community members to contribute to the development of Vern Thelen Park, by purchasing engraved personalized tiles & bricks to be used in our walkways, you can leave a lasting mark showing your financial support for this landmark project. More to come on this, keep an eye on our website for more detailed information regarding how this brick & tile donation process will be coordinated.

We are continuing to work in cooperation with the Village by renewing an intergovernmental agreement that currently calls for the creation of a 501c3 non-profit Park Co-Op. The Park Co-Op will not be a taxing body and will be funded by charitable donations and through user organizations partnerships. This collaborative creative effort underscores our commitment to connecting our community through sports and recreational activities without creating additional real estate property taxes.

God Bless Antioch and the USA,
Tom Shaughnessy
Antioch Township Supervisor



Free Monthly Monday Movies Series For Seniors

Location: Antioch Movie Theatre, 378 Lake Street

Time: All movies start at 10am. Theatre opens at 9:30am.

October 2: The Burbs

October 16: Haunted Mansion

November 6: Age of Adeline

November 20: Everest

December 4: The Holiday

December 18: Christmas in Connecticut



Daily Senior Events at Township Center & Village Center

TOWNSHIP CENTER

1625 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046

Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm Mon-Fri.

VILLAGE CENTER

817 Holbek Dr., Antioch, IL 60002

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm.

Tues 9am-1pm. Closed Fridays

MONDAYS

VILLAGE CENTER

Games/Cards/Social

8:30am-4:30pm

Spa Toe Clinic

9am-2pm

Every six weeks/sign-up
Call Terri 262.914.2776

Lunch

11:30am-12:30pm

Sign-up required

Bingo

1pm-3pm

TUESDAYS

VILLAGE CENTER

Card Tables

9:30am-12:30pm

Stitch Club

9am-1pm

TOWNSHIP CENTER

Line Dancing

9am-10:30am

Norm Rennert

WEDNESDAYS

VILLAGE CENTER

Games/Cards/Social

8:30am-4:30pm

Silver & Gold Singers

10:30am-12pm

Lunch

12pm-1:30pm

Card Tables

1pm-4pm

Walking Club

9:00 AM on 10/11 & 10/25

Bunco

1:00 PM on 10/4, 10/18, 11/1,
11/15, 12/6, 12/20

THURSDAYS

VILLAGE CENTER

Games/Cards/Social

8:30am-4:30pm

Card Tables

12:30pm-4pm

TOWNSHIP CENTER

Bingo

9:30 AM on 10/19, 11/16, 12/14

Trivia

1:00 PM on 10/5, 12/7

FRIDAYS

TOWNSHIP CENTER

Bridge

9:30 AM

Board Games

12:00pm

We also have local events, bus trips and other outings for seniors. Please call the office at 847.395.3378 or join our mailing list.

Senior Services: 847.395.3378 | rmehring@antiochtownshipil.gov



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

October - December 2023

Chili Cook-Off

Let's welcome in the colder weather with homemade chili. Looking for delicious recipes to enter this contest. Prizes will be awarded!

Date: Thursday, October 12

Location: Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive, Antioch

Time: 1:00 PM

Cost: \$5 (unless you're a contestant than it's FREE)

Jacqueline Kennedy - Historical Portrayal

Historian and actress Leslie Goddard portrays Jackie Kennedy in this unforgettable portrayal where you will meet the private woman behind the public myth. Appetizers, punch and coffee will be served prior to the show.

Date: Friday, October 13

Location: Antioch Township

Time: 12:30 PM

Cost - Resident: \$10, Non-resident: \$15

Chicago Neighborhood Tour & Lunch

A step-on motorcoach guide will start our day in Old & New Chinatown. Next, we will head to the Pilsen neighborhood with a couple of stops to explore buildings that are covered in murals. We will have lunch in a 4th generation family-owned restaurant in Little Italy. We will complete our day in the Polish neighborhood for a final stop at a Polish Deli for a little shopping. Cost includes deluxe motorcoach accommodations, guided tour and lunch.

Date: Tuesday, October 17

Location: Bus departs at 8:30 AM from Antioch Township

Bus returns approximately 4:30 PM

Cost - Resident: \$75, Non-resident: \$90

Health & Wellness Fair

Join us and learn about the great benefits of living a healthy lifestyle. Walmart will provide FREE flu and pneumonia vaccines with a Medicare card and ID. Free homemade soup served from 11 AM-12:30 PM. Lots of giveaways and raffles.

Date: Thursday, October 26

Location: Antioch Township

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Cost - FREE

Lunch & Polka at Reflections Restaurant

Situated on beautiful Deep Lake, enjoy a Polish family-style lunch and live polka music. Lunch will include soup or salad, sausage and kraut, pierogi, stuffed cabbage, pork loin roast with mushroom gravy, potatoes, coffee, tea and dessert!

Date: Thursday, November 2

Location: 38564 N. Edgewood Street, Lake Villa

Time: Noon

Cost - Resident: \$30, Non-resident: \$40

Wildfire Lunch & Beautiful

The Carole King Musical at the Marriott Theatre

Indulge in a family-style lunch at Wildfire including appetizers, chopped salad, filet mignon, chicken breast, mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Following lunch, enjoy BEAUTIFUL, the inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing solo album, BEAUTIFUL takes you back to where it all began - and takes you on the ride of a lifetime.

Date: Wednesday, November 15

Location: Bus departs at 10:15 AM from Antioch Township

Bus returns approximately 4:30 PM

Cost - Resident: \$95, Non-resident: \$110

Palm Court Fine Dining & A Bing Crosby Christmas

Metropolis in Arlington Heights

Celebrate the season with a holiday lunch at Palm Court - choose from soup or salad, Filet Medallions, Chicken Marsala or Salmon. Dessert, soda, iced tea & hot tea included. We will then head to the Metropolis Performing Arts Center to be entertained by Broadway baritone Jared Bradshaw who will celebrate America's favorite crooner Bing Crosby. Unforgettable hits include "Jingle Bells," "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," "Mele Kalikimaka," and "White Christmas."

Date: Tuesday, December 5

Time: Bus departs at 11:00 AM from Antioch Township

Bus returns approximately 6:30 PM

Cost - Resident: \$80, Non-resident: \$95

Jolly Holiday Lunch

Join us for our annual holiday luncheon including entertainment, holiday cheer and a surprise guest!

Date: Friday, December 8

Location: Antioch VFW, 75 North Avenue

Time: 11:00 AM

Cost - Resident: \$30, Non-resident: \$40

Let's Get Lit!

Christmas Lights Township Bus Tour

Buckle up and listen to your favorite Christmas music while sipping hot cocoa. Enjoy the wonders of elaborate light displays... we'll drive by Santa, candy canes, snowmen, nativity scenes, and much more! Oh, What Fun it is!

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 12 or Wednesday, Dec. 13 or Thursday, Dec. 14

Location: Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive, Antioch

Time: 6:00 PM Bus Departure

Cost - A minimum \$5 donation to the Salvation Army

Cut out below & sign up now!

Antioch Township Event Registration

☐ **Chili Cook-Off**
Mon 10/12
\$5

☐ **Jackie Kennedy**
Fri 10/13
R: \$10
NR: \$15

☐ **Chicago Neighborhood Tour**
Tues 10/17
R: \$75
NR: \$90

☐ **Lunch & Polka at Reflections**
Thurs 11/2
R: \$30
NR: \$40

☐ **Wildfire Lunch & Beautiful**
Wed 11/15
R: \$95
NR: \$110

☐ **A Bing Crosby Christmas**
Tues 12/5
R: \$80
NR: \$95

☐ **Jolly Holiday Lunch**
Fri 12/8
R: \$30
NR: \$40

☐ **Let's Get Lit!**
Choose ONE date:
___ Tues 12/12
___ Wed 12/13
___ Thurs 12/14
\$5 donation to Salvation Army

Total amount of payment

\$ _____

All payments must be received 10 days before event

Please make checks payable to:

Antioch Township

1625 Deep Lake Road

Lake Villa, IL 60046

Attn: Renee Mehring

Registrant Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

For information and to check availability contact Renee Mehring at 847-395-3378.

Senior Lunch

YOU ARE INVITED

Lake Villa Township Halloween Lunch

Join us for a “spirited” game of

Lake Villa Township BINGO



Wear your best costume!

Thursday October 26th, 2023

Lake Villa Township West Campus 37850 N. Rt. 59
Lake Villa, IL 60046
Noon

\$5.00 per person Please R.S.V.P

Please bring a non-perishable food item for
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847-356-2116



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Barbara Stout



Daily Planner Cover Contest



At the beginning of every year, Grass Lake School students get a daily planner so they can keep track of their busy school lives. This year we held a contest to see who can come up with the most creative and bright cover while staying within the theme of Kindness. The winners were **SaVonnah C.** for middle school students and **Eleanor D.** for intermediate students. Both students will have their design featured on the cover of next year's planner. They also received an art kit and yearbook as a prize for all their hard work.



State Champ Track and Field

Congratulations to Logan L. who double medaled at the IESA Class 1A/2A State Track & Field Meet of 2023. Despite having a shortened track season due to the weather and frequent meet cancellations, he qualified at Sectionals and upheld the responsibility as the single representative for Grass Lake School in the State competition made up of over 2,000 athletes. Previously ranking at 4th in State last year, Logan showed up with the determination to outbeat his previous accomplishment. He succeeded in his performance by ranking 1st in 7th Grade Boys Long Jump and set a state record coming in 2nd place in the 7th Grade Boys 100m Dash.

Eighth Grade Trip to Great America



On Wednesday, May 24, our amazing and talented eighth graders celebrated a year of accomplishment and success at Great America! Wishing them all the best as they transition into their first year of high school! You will all be missed!



New Year, New Principal

With the new school year slated to begin on August 23, 2023, for students at Grass Lake, there are some big changes, but also some familiar faces, in leadership roles when students return in the Fall. Grass Lake School is happy to announce that effective July 1, 2023, Ryan Wollberg will be the new principal at Grass Lake. Ryan takes over for Mrs. Donna Plath who was the previous principal who will now be the Director of Special Education at Grass Lake. Although Mrs. Plath has done a remarkable job in her role as principal, this move will allow the school to better serve the Grass Lake student body.



Professionally speaking, Ryan taught middle school social studies at Woodland Middle School for several years and then moved into school leadership at nearby Emmons School in 2013 as Assistant Principal. He returned to Woodland in 2017 as the Principal of Elementary West. In 2020, he was tasked with an opportunity to expand his leadership role by becoming the Principal for both Elementary West and Elementary East for the past 3 years while also consolidating the

schools into one building. Ryan stated, "Working in Elementary schools has given me such joy but when the opportunity to once again work at a Pre K-8 grade school and learn and grow under Dr. Newby's leadership, I jumped on the opportunity to join this amazing staff!"

Ryan stated that he will be focused on the importance of building strong relationships with the school community. Ryan said "Having previous experience in the Antioch area, I know and understand how important it is to learn about the Grass

Lake community and learn about the school district's rich history. I also look forward to the opportunity to see where we can take Grass Lake in the coming years and ensure we are not only meeting our communities' expectations but exceeding them at every opportunity we can." Ryan continued, "It is only through a strong community and school relationship that we can continue to grow and support our students as we prepare them to be the future leaders in our community."

Summer Work at GLS

Remember back to your first summer job. Perhaps you were a lifeguard at a neighborhood pool or served ice cream at the local ice cream parlor? For some local college students, their summer was spent in school but not attending classes. For the second year in a row, GLS has hired local college-aged students to help beautify the school and get it ready for school in the Fall. This summer we welcomed the following individuals: Hannah Pawlowski, John Petty, Trevor Reule, Katie Hertzke, Hailey Kingery (pictured below) along with Don Quinnett and James Bowen who are full-time employees at Grass Lake School.

Summer work in a school is a crucial period where maintenance, repairs, and improvements take place to ensure a conducive learning environment. The diligent efforts of the staff during the summer break play a significant role in setting the stage for a successful academic year. From cleaning classrooms and hallways to updating technology and curriculum materials, every aspect of the school is carefully attended to.

Hannah Pawlowski stated "it was great to be in the schools and get to know the staff and students. There is so much hard work that goes into schools behind the scenes that I have so much more appreciation for now." John Petty continued "what really stood out to me was not only did I get to learn new skills such as maintenance and repairs but I was also able to effectively navigate the social aspect of



schools and get to know so many different people that live in the community."

Amongst typical summer projects listed above the group also was tasked with various projects. One such project was helping organize new reading resources that will be used in kindergarten through fifth grade to make the books easier to navigate and more accessible to the students. Other tasks that they helped in completing were creating posters to signify grade level and teacher classrooms to make the navigation of the building easier for the younger aged students.

The group's efforts have certainly paid off as the school is looking amazing and when staff and students return in August, we look forward to seeing how great the school looks and will help instill a sense of pride in each one of the students that attend Grass Lake School.



ELEVATE 23



Preparing for the 2023-2024 School Year

District 41 staff participated in professional development opportunities this past summer focusing on the Science of Reading, Mathematics Progressions, Engagement Strategies, and a revised K-2nd Grade English Language Arts Scope and Sequence integrating explicit and systematic instruction in phonemic awareness and phonics. Other offerings included English Learners Strategies, Progress Monitoring, UFLI, CPI, and Information Text Strategies training sessions.

District 41 utilized the remainder of referendum bonds to supplement various summer 2023 facility improvements. To highlight noticeable changes, Hooper and Palombi School now have new flooring in common hallway areas, Hooper has fencing around the detention pond, Palombi staff parking lot and entry has been repaved, Thompson Parent Pick-Up/Drop-Off has been repaved, and the Martin School Library has new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. Less noticeable projects include fire protection system improvements at Thompson and the water main replacement at Hooper.

Portrait of a Graduate

We recognize school, family, and stakeholder partnerships make District 41 exceptional. This is an endeavor of critical importance. One where we invite staff, families, and community members to share their voices. Our collaborative efforts will allow us to set priorities, establish common goals, and allocate resources to ensure student success in a constantly changing environment.

We plan to develop a Portrait of a Graduate for Lake Villa Schools. Our Portrait of a Graduate will represent our vision for the skills and character traits students need to succeed in college, career, and life. Learn more about our journey at www.district41.org.

We are excited to welcome and partner with you as we plan for the future of this great school district.



Meet Lake Villa District 41's Incoming Administrators

Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds *Superintendent*

Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds has been a member of the District 41 school community for the past twenty-five years. She is honored to be able to serve as District 41's incoming superintendent.



Dr. Victor Wight *Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning*

As an educator of 26 years, including eight years in Lake Villa School District 41, Dr. Wight is ecstatic to work with the greater educational community in his new role. Vic believes our District can reach new heights with our dedicated teaching staff and leadership district-wide.



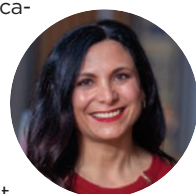
Dr. Ann Scully *Director of Student Services*

Dr. Ann Scully has served as an educator and administrator in Lake and Cook Counties since 2001. Her career started at the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) as a speech pathologist and administrator serving students with significant disabilities ages three through 22 years of age.



Mrs. Angela Sisi *Palombi School Principal*

Mrs. Angela Sisi is in her 27th year in education, and has been in administration for 22 years, eight of which were as a dean of a large high school, three were as the director of student services of that same large high school, then as a principal of a high school for four years, and a district director of language development for one of the largest high school districts in Illinois for three years.



Mrs. Melissa Rhodes *Palombi School Dean of Culture and Student Discipline*

Mrs. Melissa Rhodes has dedicated her career to Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District 41 as a third, sixth, and eighth-grade teacher. Melissa has 21 years of experience combined with Joseph J. Pleviak Elementary, William L. Thompson Elementary, and Palombi Middle School to bring to the Dean of Culture and Student Discipline role.



Miss Kaitlin Koenig *Palombi School Dean of Students*

Miss Koenig is beyond thrilled to continue making an impact at Palombi School as the Dean of Students. This year marks the start of her 6th year in the district, where she has been a part of, and started, a wide variety of opportunities for our students to grow into well-rounded citizens at Palombi School.



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INCOMING ADMINISTRATORS





Students Travel to Outer Space!

Led by Mrs. Gehring and Ms. Pietschman, students in grades 5th-8th had the opportunity to participate in a summer space camp. As part of the curriculum, students observed the sky through a portable observatory rented from the Regional Office of Education called the Starlab. The Starlab was inflated to the size of a small cave inside a gymnasium. Students entered the lab, which obscures light, and the night sky was projected on the domed walls. Students also participated and prepared for Challenger Learning Center's Expedition Mars scenario which put the students in charge of a simulated flight between Mars and a "new" planet. During the simulation, students were transformed into astronauts, scientists, and engineers with a single common purpose – the success of the mission. The students had to use teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and decision making skills. No adult assistance was allowed. Emmons's crew completed their mission successfully!

Welcoming New Students and Kindergartners

Emmons School radiated enthusiasm as it ushered in new families and kindergartners through an orientation event. With a focus on inclusivity and support, the event aimed to ease the transition for both parents and children. The orientation featured guided tours of the school, led by student House leaders. Kindergarten students also had the opportunity to ride the bus for the first time to arrive and depart from the event.

Another level of support to new families and students, is the parent welcoming committee, where experienced parents reach out to provide guidance and camaraderie to new families.

Principal Barsotti adds a personal touch by visiting each kindergartener's home and placing cheerful "Welcome to Emmons" signs in their yards, purchased by Emmons PTO. This gesture underscores the school's commitment to individualized care and dedication to ensuring a smooth transition for the new students and parents!



Joyce Lori



Jill Lueders

Emmons Office Welcomes New Faces

With the retirement of Donna Trischan, Building Secretary, and Lisa Lawler, Director of Business Services, we are excited to announce our new team members, Jill Lueders and Joyce Loris. Ms. Lueders will serve in the role of Building Secretary and comes with 17 years of exemplary customer service experience. She is looking forward to interacting with all the students, staff, and parents at Emmons. Ms. Lueders will be at the front desk ready to greet all visitors. Mrs. Loris is an experienced CPA and Chief School Business Officer who has worked in K-12 education institutions for 10 years. She has become Emmons new Director of Business Services. After auditing school districts and municipalities, Mrs. Loris left the public accounting field to join the world of dedicated education professionals. She is looking forward to greeting students on a daily basis as they arrive at school each day.



our community

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Airborne Sequoits

Antioch Community High School's Dance team take to the sky to ready up for the upcoming school year.

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*!