



# THE MUSTANG ROUND-UP

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## LITTLE CHUTE

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# ROUND-UP

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

## Message from the Administrator



On June 5, our LCASD staff and invited community members gathered to celebrate the culmination of the school year.

Our staff, from first-year teachers to veterans with over 30 years in education, provided a year full of learning experiences in our classrooms and enrichment experiences outside the classroom.

In May, 75% of our staff participated in completing a second engagement survey for the year. In the survey, 93% of staff reported they love working in LCASD and 92% of staff know they are part of something bigger. Our Leadership Team is grateful for the dedication of our staff and the partnership of the families. We are committed to ensuring data drives our decisions and resources in Little Chute.

On our website we have updated our Blueprint for Brilliance measures—please take a look at our progress on these district goals.

- Heidi Schmidt, District Administrator



## New LCASD Technology Director Has Local Ties



With the retirement of the District's Director of Information Technology, Diana Sepe, a district team went through our hiring process and selected Sadie O'Brien as our next IT Director.

Sadie O'Brien demonstrated a variety of experiences and skills to make her a clear choice for our next Director of IT. Following her graduation from LCHS, she obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in the area of Computer and User Technologies.

She has continued her training in the areas of cybersecurity and physical security as well as being an active member of Women in Technology, and the Wisconsin Cyber Response Team.

Sadie has spent 20 years dedicated to the School District of Shiocton and has a proficient understanding of implementing, managing, and maintaining systems and devices in a district setting. She will be able to collaborate with the leadership team in professional learning, classroom technology needs, and cybersecurity measures and lead the technology team.

We welcome her to our Leadership Team and know that she will continue the vision of the technology goals in LCASD.

# School Highlights



## LITTLE CHUTE HIGH SCHOOL (LCHS) & LITTLE CHUTE CAREER PATHWAYS ACADEMY (LCCPA)

Just like that...we close the book on another incredible school year. We are so proud of our LCHS/LCCPA students, who have endured so much over the last few years. Our students show up every day and work to become the best version of themselves.

As I reflect on this year's seniors, I could not be more proud of what they have achieved and how they have achieved it. We are so proud of their collective accomplishments and we wish them well in their future endeavors. **Once a Mustang, always a Mustang!**

- TONY BIRD, HIGH SCHOOL & LCCPA PRINCIPAL

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



40 graduating seniors were given scholarships exceeding \$83,000



125 students participated in AP-Testing, saving students \$89,000 in tuition



Raised school report card by 8 points

### ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Boys Basketball  
Regional Championship

State Dance  
Championships in  
Pom and Kick

National Dance  
Runners-up in  
Pom and Kick

Conference championships in  
Boys Cross Country, Football, Boys  
Basketball, and Boys and Girls Track

WIAA Award  
of Excellence

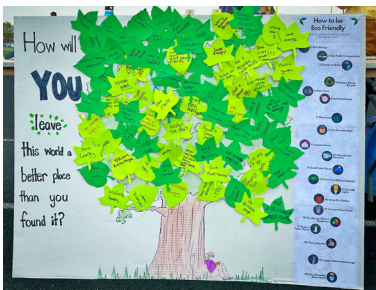
## WELLNESS DAY BOOSTS PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

LCHS/LCCPA celebrated its annual wellness day on May 12th. It was filled with a wide range of activities and sectionals to promote wellness among the students.

The morning sectionals provided diverse options, including chess club, murder mystery party, walking, coloring, dancing, and allowing students to engage in various interests and hobbies.

In the afternoon, staff and community members offered even more sectionals on different wellness topics, such as yoga, healthy relationships, sleep, social media, art therapy, and more, achieving a comprehensive approach to wellness covering both physical and mental wellbeing.

Additionally, the presence of booths with information about clubs and community programs were offered on the track to support building connections and fostering involvement within the school and local community.



# LCCPA Partnership Breakfast: A Student Perspective

The Little Chute Career Pathways Academy (LCCPA) goal has always been to provide students with the best education possible while keeping it relevant to what will make each student successful. Some of the best lessons a person learns do not come from the classroom but rather from experiences in the "real world." The LCCPA teaches professionalism, networking, and various other skills students will need to utilize in their professional lives by having them live in these environments prior to graduating from high school. One of these plentiful opportunities is the annual Partner Breakfast.



The LCCPA is a community dependent school. This means many partnerships are made with businesses such as St. Paul Elder Services, Fox Valley Tool and Die, and Heartland Business Systems. These connections allow students to explore a variety of careers in real time at the local business. It is a great learning opportunity, not only for students to learn about careers, but also to see how to dress and act appropriately while in a professional environment. Every year, the staff of LCCPA invites its community partners to breakfast and a presentation. The Partner Breakfast showcases what the students have been able to accomplish because of the continued support of LCCPA's community partners. The business associates get to directly see what their partnership has done to improve student learning while students learn the valuable lesson of networking. In fact, many of these students will go on to intern at these businesses, which is mutually beneficial for the business and the student.



As a student, the Partner Breakfast is a daunting task. We, as students, are tasked with networking and handling ourselves in a professional manner. I remember my first learning of the Partner Breakfast and feeling extremely apprehensive. I had never been put in this situation and, frankly, had no idea how to network. By the end of the experience, a new confidence had been instilled in me that has led me to create meaningful relationships with employers and helped optimize my success in the positions I have operated in. Now, the Partner Breakfast is just another task that I worry about minimally. Ultimately, the experience of the Partner Breakfast has taught me the skills I need to be successful in a business setting as a high school student. I am relieved of that stress and can build upon my experiences instead of having to cultivate them in for the first time when I am on my own. For this opportunity, I would like to thank all of the community educational partners that have helped me grow as a student and a future professional.

- LOGAN MAASS, STUDENT

## Student Art Unveiled for Board Room Display

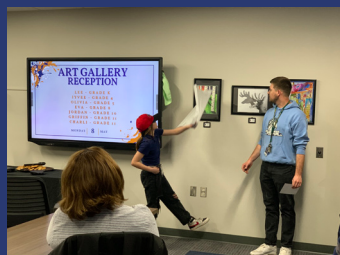


**ARTISTIC  
APPRECIATORS**



One of our Learner Goals in LCASD is Artistic Appreciator and throughout the school year, our students at all levels have been hard at work creating some wonderful works of art.

Our art teachers were given the difficult task of selecting a few of the 2D art pieces to receive some special recognition. The art selections and the student-artists were recognized during an art reception following the Board of Education meeting on May 8. Our art teachers, Mrs. Schulz, Mr. Losselyong, and Mrs. Matthies spoke about the students who they chose to recognize and the students' growth as young artists.



The students had an opportunity to share the art with their families and school community, and got to enjoy some refreshments. It was great to invite families to appreciate their student's art and there was a positive energy from all who attended. The student art that was selected will be displayed in the district board room until next spring when new artists will be selected.

We cannot think of a better way to spend a spring evening than embodying what it means to be Artistic Appreciators.

# Gratitude and Best Wishes to Our LCASD Retirees



## **JEFF GREUEL, HIGH SCHOOL MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING**

Jeff Greuel has been a staple of the Little Chute HS Technology Education Program for 35 years. He grew up in Kiel, WI and graduated from UW-Stout. He has been the inspiration for

many students to become Tech Ed teachers, as well as many other high-tech and high-demand careers like Engineers, Welders, and Designers. His dedication to his students and their craftsmanship has shown through the plethora of amazing projects his students have created. Folding stools, stackable Adirondack chairs, custom cribbage boards, kubb sets, and the like can be seen in many homes around the community as these students have shared their projects with family and friends. I know he looks forward to doing his own projects and spending time with his grandchildren. Happy retirement Jeff!

**- JON LARSON, MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING TEACHER**



## **MARK JANSEN, HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER**

Mark Janssen is a true "native son" of Little Chute. Born and raised here, he attended Little Chute High school, graduating in 1984. After a few years teaching in Belmont, Wautoma,

and DePere school districts, he returned to his hometown where he has taught science in the high school for the past 27 years. Early in his career, he was honored as a Herb Kohl award winner, and he has continually demonstrated his mastery of the teaching profession since then. Beside his extensive teaching experience, Mark also developed a "Science Show" that he has put on to the delight of youngsters for decades. He was instrumental in developing Little Chute's teacher mentorship program, along with serving on multiple committees throughout his long and illustrious career. As most of us are aware, Mark knows just about everyone in the Village of Little Chute, and everyone knows him. He is a fixture of the community, and we are proud to call him one of our own!

**- CHUCK BOLAND, SCIENCE TEACHER**



## **BRIAN RILL, HIGH SCHOOL PHY ED/ STRENGTH & CONDITIONING**

Brian Rill has been instrumental in the success of students here at LCASD. Brian truly connects with all students. There is almost never a time when I stop to ask Brian a question about

something, or double check on our weight training program when a student doesn't say hello to Brian. He is a student-focused educator who makes a difference for all students. Brian's true expertise lies in working with our athletes in the weight room. Brian and I both came into LCASD together five

years ago. In that time, Brian has changed the culture around our fitness center. Student athletes are constantly in the weight room and enrolling into his intro or advanced weight training classes. They not only go into the weight room, but strive to improve every single day. Our kids want to be in the weight room because they know that Brian will be there. He's created a culture where all students, regardless of ability, are accepted within the weight room. When you leave the weight room he asks the students to hit a sign. The sign simply says "One Day Better." I don't know exactly how many days Brian has been in the weight room, but each and every day he truly lives up to "One Day Better". He's worked with hundreds of students, for hundreds of days and I can't even imagine the thousands of days our students have been able to get better with Brian guiding them, he will truly be missed.

**- JAKE VANROY, PHY ED TEACHER**



## **DIANA SEPE, TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR**

Thank you doesn't begin to express the gratitude that the Little Chute Area School District has for you and your years of service to our school and community. Under your leadership and with your visionary planning,

you are leaving the district in a place that's set up for continued success. Much of what you do is "behind the scenes" - like leading the creation of the community area network with fiber optic connectivity with the Village of Little Chute and the Little Chute Area School District, planning and being a wise and responsible steward of several technology referendums, and bringing 1:1 technology which enables students to learn and be part of the technology-rich world we live in. We thank you for it all! Thank you for your servant leadership and sharing your gifts with the students, staff, and community of Little Chute for the past 18 years. We wish you happiness, health, sunshine, fun with your family, and lots of time crafting and gardening. You deserve it!

**- BECKY ACKERMAN, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**



## **SALLI STELLAR, NURSING AIDE**

Ms. Salli Steller will be retiring after five years at the Little Chute Area School District. Salli was the health assistant at the Intermediate, Middle and High School Complex. She has dedicated her time in our district to meeting

the health needs, assessing students not feeling well, to prepping for medication needs on field trips. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her daughter, son-in-law, three granddaughters, and going on walks with her dog, Juelz. In retirement, she will be moving somewhere warm and closer to family! Salli will be greatly missed by many students and staff.

**- SAMANTHA BUSKO, SCHOOL NURSE**

# Staff Awards – Congratulations to All!



## JON LARSON

- NEW Manufacturing Alliance, Career Pathmaker Technology Education Teacher award in the category of Career Pathway
- 3rd place MET Education Impact, Middle School Educator



## JON LARSON & JEREMY REIDER

Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship Recipients



## AMANDA VANDEYACHT

Josten Recognition for Yearbook Excellence



## STEPHANI VANROY

Fox Cities Chamber, Excellence in Education Shining Star



**DAN VANEPEREN**  
Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program Showcase Influential Theater Educator



## TED EVERS

Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Region 2 Small School Football Coach of the Year

# Board of Education



- PRESIDENT:** Joe Roehl  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Sarah Beahm  
**TREASURER:** Rob Eiting  
**CLERK:** Shannon Pomeroy  
**MEMBER:** Leon Biesterveld

Little Chute Area School District Board of Education encourages you to become involved in the district.

You are invited to attend Board of Education meetings. Meetings are held at the District Office, 1402 Freedom Rd., Little Chute, WI 54140.

Meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 4:30 PM. For agendas and past meeting minutes visit [littlechute.k12.wi.us](http://littlechute.k12.wi.us).

# Governance Council



- PRESIDENT:** Carl Rambo  
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**MEMBER:** Melanie Thiel  
**MEMBER:** Dawn Grenzer  
**MEMBER:** Josh McQuillan (not pictured)  
**MEMBER:** Katherine Freund

Council meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month at 5:00 PM. For agendas and past meeting minutes visit [littlechute.k12.wi.us](http://littlechute.k12.wi.us).

# A Year in Review



## ELEMENTARY

- First grader Bo took first place in the state of Wisconsin Firefighters Association poster contest - first grade edition.
- The first-grade performance of the musical "Wing It" was a soaring success.

## INTERMEDIATE

- Sixth grader Elianah was awarded 2nd Place at the Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association Lake Winnebago Area Contest.
- Students in grades 6-8 from Little Chute IS/MS, Flex Academy and St. John's performed Guys and Dolls Jr. in March. High school students directed the shows.
- The Battle of the Books team "The Spinkly Doinkly Skeletorns" finished 11th out of 217 teams in the state. In all, 153 students from LCIS 5th and 6th grade read a combined 20 books.

## SECONDARY

- All three district Destination Imagination teams competed in the state tournament after earning medals at sectionals. Two teams - The Magnificent Mustangs and The Indecisives - were selected to compete at the Global Finals in May in Kansas City, MO, after earning top-three placements at the state.
- The SkillsUSA team with LCHS and LCCPA students represented themselves and our schools like champions, finishing with one national qualifier and one alternate for nationals in June in Atlanta, GA.
- High school students Georgia, Kayla and Brianna attended the first Ripon College Choral Festival, learned music with members of the Ripon College Choir and performed a concert.
- DECA won 5th place in Apparel and Accessories Marketing to compete at the International Career Development Conference. Their school-based enterprise, The Mustang Locker Room, was awarded a Gold Certification, and DECA Advisor Ms. Grenlie was elected to the state DECA Center Board.
- Chess Club member Madden won fourth-place at his first chess tournament.
- Forensics had strong performances with Logan taking first in Oratory at the NEC meet at Marinette and Stephanie with 2nd place in Radio at Appleton East.
- Little Chute hosted the Northeastern Wisconsin District for Honors Band and Honors Choir. Seven area school groups participated, with almost 300 middle/high school students in attendance.
- The Little Chute Dance Team were the 2023 State Champions in D3 Kick and D5 Pom! Brynn and Adele also earned All-State with their solo performances.
- Mustang Vocal Point got to perform the National Anthem at a Wisconsin Herd basketball game in front of about 4,000 people.
- In the Little Chute American Legion Post 258 Oratorical Contest, senior Jerreth advanced to the Outagamie County level where he finished in second place and won two scholarships.





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## IMPORTANT SUMMER/BACK TO SCHOOL DATES



It's important to keep our families updated on the upcoming school year. The Little Chute Area School District website has a Back to School page in the Families section, which will continue to be updated throughout the summer.

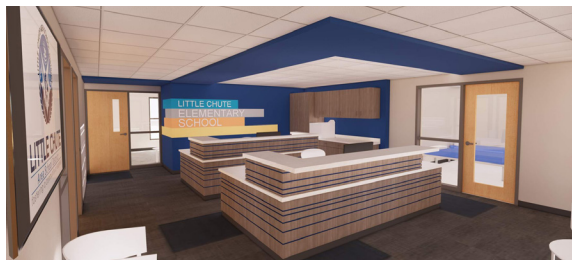


**Summer school** kicked off for some students on June 12. Our final summer school session is for 4K & Getting Ready for KG which will run from August 7-18. More information will be sent to families that registered later this summer.

This summer our Elementary School is having an **office renovation** and is closed throughout the summer. You can reach Elementary staff by calling (920) 788-7600. The reopening plan is currently set for the third week of August.

**Online registration** for the 23-24 school year will begin Monday, July 17. Information can be found under Registration & Enrollment on the Families section of our website. Current families will receive monthly summer communications from the District Office with important updates.

Do you know someone who lives in another school district who is thinking about applying for **open enrollment** into the Little Chute Area School District? Let them know the alternative open enrollment application window opens July 1. More information can be found on our Registration page at [littlechute.k12.wi.us/families/registration](http://littlechute.k12.wi.us/families/registration).



### Our Mission

The mission of the Little Chute Area School District is dedicated to fostering a community of learners where we meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students.

### Our Vision

Little Chute schools will be learning communities where students express a genuine desire to learn in a welcoming and secure environment. We will challenge all learners to become engineers of their own future by nurturing their creative and intellectual growth. We will provide the launch pad for students to excel in any field of interest by developing the whole child in a diverse and technical society.