

LHS Students Build Ball Cage

Submitted by Athletic Director Jeff Thomas

Ryley Blank and Dale Frye, students at LHS volunteered their time in assembling a ball cage to be used for middle school basketball. Thank you for a job well done, and your help is much appreciated.



Seniors Ryley Blank and Dale Frye assemble basketball cages for use at the middle school.

December Spartan Spirit Week - FBLA

Submitted by FBLA Advisor Beth Kwakkel

On December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd Laconia High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) sponsored dress-up theme days for students and staff to participate in. The dress up days served to provide a fun pick me up to the end of the calendar year. Students also received a small item from the FBLA each day including mini candy bars, candy canes, and Laconia's famous a la carte cookies. Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope it brightened your day!



LHS FBLA club member Madison Lemke (middle) provides cookies to Principal Raue (left) and Mrs. Towne (right).



FBLA Seniors Brianna Pflum, Nora Alsum, and Sophia Walters smile as they hand out mini candy bars from their holiday bags.



LHS FBLA club member Madison Lemke stops Mr. Zar to share a cookie.

January Lunch Menu

Fri, Jan 15	Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Smiley Fries, Broccoli, Dessert, Applesauce
Mon, Jan 18	NO SCHOOL
Tues, Jan 19	Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Sliced Cucumbers, Dessert, Pears
Wed, Jan 20	Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert, Mandarin Oranges
Thurs, Jan 21	Diced Chicken and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Corn, Dessert, Peaches
Fri, Jan 22	Cheese Quesadilla, Brown Rice Bowl, Fresh Broccoli, Dessert, Pineapple
Mon, Jan 25	Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Diced Potatoes, Fruit Juice, Donut
Tues, Jan 26	Pizza Dipper, Mariana Sauce, Green Beans, Dessert, Applesauce
Wed, Jan 27	Sliced Turkey Wrap, Romaine & Cheese Mix, Pasta Salad, Baby Carrots, Sun Chips, Dessert, Pears
Thurs, Jan 28	Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll, Corn, Dessert, Mandarin Oranges
Fri, Jan 29	Asian Chicken, Rice Bowl, Stir Fry Vegetables, Dessert, Peaches

Virtual Caroling with Mrs. VandeBerg and our Elementary Schools!

Submitted by RI 5th Grade Teacher Nate Vandenberg

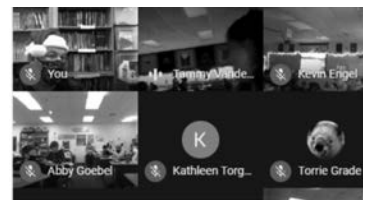
Despite the COVID-19 pandemic cooling many parts of the school year's winter holiday so far, my heart was warmed at the end of the school day on Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020. One of my favorite parts of being an elementary school teacher is that music is integrated easily, highly encouraged, and highly engaging with this age group. Therefore, I was saddened to hear that caroling at Tower View Villa with our students may not be in the "Christmas" cards this year, due to the pandemic.

However, my mood was quickly turned around when my students and I tuned into Mrs. VandeBerg's Virtual Caroling! Since COVID-19 has limited the use of the student's vocals, students across the elementary grade level were still able to participate in various caroling songs in the video shown. Through the use of plastic cups as percussion instruments, ribbons with mirror dances, and the awesome sounds from a band of RBSD Teachers, we were still able to hear some music! In my opinion, it is not the holidays without holiday tunes.

In my short time in this district, it has always been my fellow teaching staff that has inspired and encouraged me as an educator. Mrs. VandeBerg is another inspiring example of what it looks like to work hard in this profession. Her dedication to fostering students' appreciation of music is apparent in her lessons and performances she builds. I am happy to share students with her.

This school year has asked many teachers to be adaptable during a time when rules and regulations have the ability to change frequently. Our regular classroom, art, music, physical education, and special education teachers have demonstrated their above and beyond abilities during this time and Mrs. VandeBerg is no exception to that standard, in my mind.

Mrs. VandeBerg's positive attitude has been contagious with our students and has infected their hearts here at RBSD. In a time when being contagious is at the forefront of everyone's mind, Mrs. VandeBerg's positive attitude might be just the thing we should focus on spreading. Thank you to Mrs. VandeBerg and everyone who helped her create Wednesday's virtual caroling experience!



A screenshot from the Virtual Caroling 2020. All Brandon and Rosendale Primary Classes attended virtually with Mrs. VandeBerg.

Laconia Animators

Submitted by Laconia Art Teacher Betsy Anderson

Laconia's Digital Imagery I class recently learned how to create and animate a character turnaround. The pictures show Aden Boeck, Melissa Waggener, and Anna Craft with the character they animated. For their projects, each artist sketched their character in at least 3 different poses then animated it using digital editing software.



Melissa Waggener



Anna Craft



Aden Boeck

Holiday Book Giveaway

Submitted by Laconia Library Media Specialist Cindy Bailey

On the last day of school before the holiday break, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Wiese, and George Wager wrapped up new books for students to take. The students, with smiles on their faces, took them to read with great joy and anticipation. You see, books make great gifts because the stories let you go wherever your mind permits. The magic of Christmas never ends, especially in a book, because you can always open it up and read it again.



Emma Lefebber-Crook and Lailah Schuld grab two of the mystery/suspense books from the “gift” table outside the library.



(front) Molly Johannes and Jaden Jaeger and (back) Makayla Brewington and Ryan Bailey each grab one of the book from their favorite genre off the “gift” table at Laconia before break.

Laconia Locker Partners with Bluemkes

Submitted by LHS Business Instructor Beth Kwakkel

The Laconia Locker Team would like to thank Bluemkes for allowing us a space to sell Spartan merchandise. It is very exciting to have a physical space to showcase the products students are producing in Introduction to Business class. Keep an eye out for new merchandise, and while you're there make sure to get an ice cream cone or some cookies! Thank you, Bluemkes, for all your help and support!



If we don't have your size or style stocked at Bluemkes, you can also shop from the Laconia Locker link under Spartan Apparel Sale on the RBSD website home page.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

A free monthly subscription service that will deliver a FREE book once a month to your child.

Who can register to Participate?

- Children under 5-years-old
- Children that live within the RBSD boundaries

How do I register?

- Register online at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability>
 - Online registration is only available for the RBSD residents living within zip codes 54974, 53919, and 54932.
- If you do not live in one of the above zip codes, paper registration forms are available at all RBSD school offices.

For more information or to request a paper registration form, contact:

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Stories

Submitted by RI and RP Principal John Hokenson

One of the great joys of working with younger children is their lack of filtering. Little kids say whatever is on their minds and this usually leaves a smile on the face of the adult listening to their story, unless that adult is the parent and the child is sharing something personally embarrassing. I thought I would share a recent fun story and an oldie that I love to tell, since everyone can use a laugh.

Just before break I was walking down the hallway at the Primary School and I heard a loud conversation going on in the boys bathroom. Needing to remind the boys about their voice levels, I stopped in and found two first graders with their pants around their ankles discussing the superheroes on their respective underwear. I told them they needed to use a quieter voice when in the bathroom and added, “Aren't you two a little old to be discussing your underwear in the bathroom?” They just looked at me, not quite certain what an appropriate response to the principal would be in this instance, so I left. As I walked out, one of the boys said to the other, “We're not too old.”

Many years ago, when we were still collecting pop tops to fund various school purchases a little girl came in Santa Claus like with a trash bag full. My secretary Jean thanked her for her efforts and commented that her family must drink a lot of soda. The young lady said that they weren't from her family, but from Grampa and Grandma. Jean said, “Well, they must really like their soda.” The little girl replied, “No, grandma really likes her beer.”

I'll end with a joke a first grader told me years ago that I still use. What do you call a camel with three humps?
Pregnant.

Listen to your kids. They have some fun things to share!

Community Section

Post Prom Thank You

Submitted by Brenda Towne

On behalf of last years' junior class and the 2020 Post Prom Committee, we would like to thank Rosendale, Brandon and surrounding communities for their generous support towards the Post Prom event that was cancelled due to Covid. We are planning on using those generous contributions (approximately \$3,000) toward the 2021 prom event. Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you to the following people who made donations:

Alsum Plumbing & Heating	Headstart Hairstyling	Preferred Properties
Badger Mining	Hillside Dental	Ripon Electric
Bluemkes	Holiday Automotive	Rosendale Dairy/Milk Source
Brandon BP	J&J Trucking	Rosendale Fire Dept
Bright Orthodontics	J&V Roberts Investments	Rosendale Lions Club
Cave of the Mounds	Jennifer Janeczko	St Bernard's Animal Medical Center
Country Touch Landscaping	Jim & Grace Otto	Starbucks
Culvers	Kathy Towne	Tabbert's Restaurant
Dennis Kinyon	Keith & Sharon Krohn	The Radisson
Domino's Pizza	Laconia L-Club	Tower View Villa
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Gilles	Nolan Insurance	YMCA
Golden Rule Community Credit Union	Pionke Construction	
Green Bay Packers Comm Outreach	Pizza Ranch Donations	

Little League Season is fast approaching!

Submitted by Jessica Merkel

On-line registration will soon begin for the 2021 Laconia Little League season.

Sign up begins in mid-February. Please watch your email for the sign up information. League fees will be collected on-line at time of registration.

We are in need of some new committee members. This is a way to ensure future seasons for our youth. Board meetings are usually held once a month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19th at 6:00 pm (location TBD).

If you are interested, please email laconialittleleague2018@gmail.com or attend the meeting. Without volunteers we would not exist!