



Lakeview ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

April 2026

*All students will learn well, become lifelong learners,
and contribute positively to society.*



CECC Spring Conferences

We want to thank our families for attending Spring Conferences in March. We hope parents and teachers were able to team together to look at your child's growth, achievement, and goals for the remainder of the school year.

Lakeview Elementary PTO Carnival

Thank you to those who attended the PTO sponsored carnival at Lakeview Elementary. We had an amazing turnout and all of the kids had a lot of fun! Thank you to our PTO for volunteering and putting in the major effort to make it such a success!



#BigRedsLEAD

**Big Reds are: Learning,
Engaged, Active, Dependable**



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every year, Child Abuse Awareness Month is observed in April to recognize the efforts made by our communities and families in bringing up this issue in front of the world.



April is Autism Awareness Month

We will be recognizing Autism Awareness Month during the month of April. Autism is defined by the Autism Society (www.autism-society.org) as "a complex developmental disability affecting a person's ability to communicate, and interact with others." Autism is a "spectrum disorder" which means that each individual is affected differently and to varying degrees.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Break

March 30th - April 3rd

ISASP State Testing 3rd-5th Grade

Tuesday, April 14th-

Thursday, April 16th

Tuesday, April 21st (5th Science Only)

No School /

Teacher Professional Development Day

Thursday, April 17th

Big Reds LEAD Day / Community Service Project at School

Wednesday, April 29th

PBIS Movie Day at Majestic

Wednesday, April 29th

Spring is here!



Welcome Spring!

Spring is a great time to reset our internal clocks! Developing a healthy bedtime schedule and sleep routine helps children perform their best during the day. Experts say that typical 6-12 year old children require 9-12 hours of sleep per night. One way to help them get a good sleep is to unplug. Taking the cell phones and electronics out of the bedroom is helpful; the light from electronics, television and caffeine can disturb sleep. For more information please go to www.sleepforkids.org

Why does good attendance and punctuality matter?

Every child has a right to high quality education. By attending school daily and on time, they learn the importance of being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens.

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

ISASP Testing 3rd - 5th Grade

Tuesday, April 14th - Thursday, April 16th
Tuesday, April 21st - 5th Grade Only

Track and Field Day 5th & 4th Grade

Monday, May 11th

Track and Field Day 2nd&3rd Grade

Tuesday, May 12th

Awards Day at Lakeview Elementary

Wednesday, May 27th*
*Schedule TBD

Last Day of School

Thursday, May 28th

CASE Notes : School Counseling

Mrs. Kirkland and Mrs. Swenson are planning a **Career Day on Wheels** at Lakeview for our students on May 1, 2026. This is a student only event!

Local business members will be bringing their "vehicle" to the school parking lot and be stationed to visit with the students as they come through each station to learn about different careers to involve a variety of vehicles (police, fire, race car, real estate, farmers, construction, utility work, etc.)



CASE classes will present career information for the month of April. Students will learn about skills and abilities they possess and what career options are available for their interest.

Consider talking with your student this month about jobs and careers you have held in your life!



Coach's Corner: Jenny Durham

During April, our teachers will focus on **Unit 7: Text-Driven Comprehension Instruction** as part of our ongoing LETRS training during professional development time. This unit strengthens how teachers balance foundational reading skills with language comprehension so students not only read accurately, but also understand what they read.

Teachers are learning research-based strategies to help students:

- Use effective comprehension strategies during and after reading
- Ask meaningful questions before, during, and after reading
- Reread texts to deepen understanding
- Build comprehension of both stories and informational text
- Receive instruction that supports all learners

How families can support at home

- Ask your child to tell you about what they are reading
- Encourage them to ask questions about the story or topic
- Talk about new vocabulary words
- Reread favorite books together and discuss what you notice each time

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's learning. We are excited to keep growing together as readers and thinkers!

Remember to Check Your Students' Backpack

Spring is a very busy time. We will be sending home notes about things happening in class, events coming up, field trips, etc. Please remember to check your students' backpack frequently to not miss out on this communication.

