

UPCOMING
EVENTS:

- **Red Ribbon Week** October 31st through November 4th
- **Veterans Day** November 11th
- **The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley** November 17th through 19th, 7:30 pm at Lakeview
- **No school on Wednesday, November 23rd through 25th for Thanksgiving break**
- **Cappuccino Night at Park Hill South on Monday, November 28th**
- **First basketball game vs. Platte City on Tuesday, November 29th at 4pm**



Lakeview Lately

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Trash Bag Fundraiser

by Kate N.

Everybody knew about the trash bag fundraiser, but most people probably don't know what happens after all the bags are sold and most people have gone home. I sat down with Leadership Council member Maddie Anderson at Lakeview. I started by asking, "What happens after the fundraiser?" She then replied, "We spent three hours counting and sorting the bags, delivering them, and making sure everything is in order." These fundraisers are held to raise money for the school, so that leads us to the best part! I quickly asked Maddie, "What are the teachers planning to spend the money on?" Maddie then happily revealed that, "I would like to see it be spent to get new tubas, because these instruments are worn out. Also, on cafeteria food to make it better and more healthy!" When I caught up with Mrs. Panther to see what she would like the money to be spent on she exclaimed with certainty, "The Students!" I think we all look forward to seeing the effects of the Leadership Council's efforts will have at Lakeview Middle School



Silver Cards, Get Ready to

Party! by Lena Berhane

"I think it's a great idea because it gives more students more chances to have fun," eighth grader Micayla Morris says about silver cards joining the purple card parties. The end of the first quarter was Friday the 14th of October, which means that the card party was scheduled for Friday, October 21st. The card party had a new edition—silver cards! Since Lakeview has made a change to the card status, which makes the new silver card really the old purple card, they've decided that silver cards get to have some fun, too! Many dislike how hard it is to earn and maintain a purple card, like Charlie McFarlane who says, "I would have liked if they made it a little harder...but not this hard!" Some disagree. Megan Church says, "I like it better because it makes you work harder to earn the right to the parties." Either way, this year both purple and silver cards get to have a blast!

Rumble in the Jungle

by Kallen Mazetis

Friday, October 7th from 6 to 8 pm, STUCO sponsored Lakeview Middle School's first dance of the 2011-2012 school year. This jungle-themed dance included a taxidermy lion, open gym, and a live DJ that played student requested songs. An anonymous student, when asked how they thought the dance went, said, "It was really fun, but the DJ stunk." At the dance, students in the mood for refreshments could visit the concessions student, which sold pizza, water, soda, and candy. Seventh grade Tyreke Crockett from the Aviators said the concessions were,

"totally, totally, totally, rad!" Some of the student's favorite songs they danced to were; Teach Me How to Dougie, Jump On It, Moves Like Jagger, and Party Rock Anthem. Overall, most people that went to the dance thought it was really fun, and can't wait for the next one.



The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley by Bridgette Moore



Mr. Bellof teaches the students some new moves while working at an after school practice.

Cassidy Kitchell and Miss Lacey meet with others to work on signs for the Friends of Rachel club, new to Lakeview.

On November 17th through 19th there will be an outstanding musical at Lakeview Middle School called The Adventures of Flat Stanley. It is about a young boy named Stanley and he wants to travel around the world. Just when he thought his dream would come true, he was in a horrible accident that delays his dream of traveling. Stanley was depressed for days until he thought of a plan. If you want to see what happens next, go to the play on the

17th and pay only \$5 to get in. The main role of Stanley is Bjorn Carlson who is in the eighth grade. It's not just the actors, it's the crew behind the stage. They are the ones who control lights, props, and many other things, too. I went out and talked to some of the people who go to the school and Maxwell said, "...of course I'm going to go, I a part of the play!" Another student replied saying, "I'm not going...I went to one last year...and I wasn't

happy with it." She will be sorry for not going. It takes a lot of dedication to take the time out of your day and practice for the play even if you are stage crew. If you weren't planning on going, you most definitely should because you will be entertained. Also, it's for a great cause because it goes to our school for the things we need. All you need to do to help is come down to Lakeview. Hope to see you there!



A Challenge for Students by Samantha Oathout

Rachel Scott was probably the most loving, caring, most compassionate person at Columbine High School before the 1999 shooting. Rachel's Challenge is an organization that shows that love and compassion is the way to go. Before she passed away, Rachel wrote a paper about love and compassion; "I have this theory that if one person goes out of their way to show love and compassion, it will start a chain reaction of the same." I interviewed a few eighth graders about the Rachel's Challenge Assembly; Donna, an eighth grade Jaguar, said, "[I liked it.] The assembly was touching and a wakeup call for the school." Veronica, another eighth grade Jaguar, told me that the assembly was effective, "It got the point through and wasn't boring." Students at Lakeview Middle School decided that Rachel's Challenge is accepted!

The Most Popular Pets in America by Gracie Paige

I sat down with the amazing Kate Nelson to interview her on what her favorite animal was. She said, "My favorite animal would have to be...the dog." Using that information, I found out that the number one pet in America is, of course, the dog. The Labrador Retriever to be exact. They have been voted the number one dog in America since 1991. Labradors are known for their gentle ways and loyalty to their owners. Studies show that 92.3% of labs are non-aggressive. If you're looking for a playful, happy-go-lucky dog that's always by your side, the lab is the right dog for you.

You might not be much of a dog person, though. If so, you might end up liking cats a lot more than dogs. Cats are the most popular pet in America. There are many different breeds of cats out there, but the Tonkinese cat has been voted the best out of all of them. The reason the Tonkinese cat is the best is because the Tonkinese cat has many of the same features as the dog. They greet you at the door, and are very kind and affectionate. There are many different pets from everywhere, but if you're looking for the best of the best, choose either the Labrador Retriever or the Tonkinese cat.

Sporting to Playoffs by Nick Claassen

Goooooooooo! A word heard a lot in the new Livestrong Stadium by the Sporting, Kansas City's professional soccer team. The KC Wizards change their name this season and got a whole new group of players that make up Sporting KC. Before the new stadium opened, Sporting was in last place half way through the season. After Sporting started playing at home, they have almost secured their playoff spot with just one more win. Sporting Kansas City has a 98% chance of making the playoffs, so

they almost have it. The playoffs start October 26th, and the MLS Finals are in Carson, California at the Home Depot Center. Top scorers Kei Kamara and Omar Bravo are hoping to make it far.

I asked Ryan Welty what he thought would happen to Sporting in the playoffs and who his favorite player was. Ryan said, "Sporting will make it to the finals, lose to LA Galaxy when Landon Donavon gets a hat trick, and Sydney Crosby will charge the field and steal the soccer

ball. My favorite player is Omar Bravo #99." Then I asked Charlie Mac if she had been to any games and what she thought of the team. Charlie said, "Sporting KC is doing much better this year and has a good chance of winning some games in the playoffs. Also, I have season tickets so I have been to a few games and watched them at their new stadium." Kansas City soccer has been turned around, and as they enter the playoffs they expect to go all the way!



The 2 and 3 Chiefs by Tyler Pisoni

The Chiefs' fans should start being glad, because the Chiefs are now winning some games. One of the reasons that the Chiefs are doing bad is because three of their best players are out for the rest of the season, and they already had five games! Their coach Todd Haley is trying hard for the Chiefs to win more games. Todd Haley is the Chiefs' head coach for the past few seasons. The Chiefs went to the Super Bowl in January of 1970. They played the Minnesota Vikings and they won the game 27 to 7. They are in the AFC west in the NFL. They play at the Arrowhead Stadium. Also, their hometown is Kansas City, Mis-

souri. Most of the time they play every Sunday. They have two practice games every year before the season. This is called the pre-season. Those games do not count against their record. At the beginning of this year, the Chiefs lost three games in a row. The last two games they won against the Minnesota Vikings and the Indianapolis Colts. Here are some reasons people think they're doing bad. John says, "They are doing bad because I don't think they have a good team." Also, Jake says, "They are doing bad because three of their best players are injured and out for the season." Let's hope the Chiefs at least got to the playoffs this year!

(Above) At the card party, students had the option to play soccer if they were felling inspired by Bravo or Kamara.

A Winning Team in KC by Adam Frazier

Kansas City sports fans can finally witness a winning team. At 11-9-12, Sporting KC is in second place in the MLS eastern conference with two games to go. Led by former Mexican star Omar Bravo and Leone international Kei Kamara, Sporting will most likely reach the playoffs if they tie or win their last two games: 10/15/11 vs. New York and 10/22/11 at DC. If Sporting wins these games, it will mean a lot to them, but it will also mean a lot to Kansas City who haven't seen a playoff team in a whole year. Kansas City hasn't seen a team win a playoff game since 1994. That's 17 years!

After starting 1-6-3, Sporting's play has really improved and they began to win more games, even climbing to first place in the standings multiple times. "We continue to climb the ladder...if you look back to where we were and where we are now, it's a big difference...we're going to keep going after it," Sporting KC's manager Peter Vermes said after a tie with New England. As a result of a new stadium, great fan support, and stars on offense and defense, Sporting KC is slowly becoming a soccer powerhouse in the middle of the US. Everyone in KC is happy because Sporting is making a winning tradition in a playoff droughted city.



A group of Lakeview students posing with their sodas, energy drinks, and other drinks that provide them with extra energy at the school dance.

Editor's Note:

The winners are:

The Texas
Rangers and the
St. Louis
Cardinals!

Literally, a Monster by Lewis Lundy

In 1997, a true monster was born. It was rumored to give you energy and taste great. These things are both true, but Monster energy is definitely not a healthy drink. Monster is a completely legal drink that is sold all over the United States to people of all ages. Monster, although delicious, can lead to heart disease, and has many other side effects. Some of the many side effects include vomiting, headache, blurred vision, inability to concentrate, shaking, mood swings, and twitch-

ing. So you tell me, is it worth it to drink Monster? You won't get any of these side effects by taking one sip of a Monster, but if you drink it excessively, it can cause major health issues like the ones I mentioned above. The main reason Monster is bad for you is because the high level of carbohydrates make it difficult for your body to absorb liquids and nutrients. Many students in my class drink Monster Energy drinks knowing that they are bad, but not exactly why. Kasey Sadler

said, "I do drink Monster energy drinks and I know that they are bad for me, but I didn't know the side effects were that bad." Noah Ybarra said, "I drink Monster energy drinks and I know they're bad, but they taste good." A poll taken in Ms. Panther's 7th hour publications class showed that out of 21 students, 12 drank energy drinks. After reading this article, I hope you rethink how much you drink Monster energy drinks.

World Series

by Welty

There are only four teams remaining in the playoffs. The Rangers are up 3-2 against the Detroit Tigers thanks to Nelson Cruz's five home runs in only five games, while the Milwaukee Brewers and St. Louis Cardinals are tied 2-2. Kaleb Cote says, "The World Series is only going to be good if the Brewers and Rangers make it." While Nick Claassen says, "It will be the Rangers vs. the Cardinals in seven games; in game seven Sidney Crosby will run onto the field and tackle the pitcher." I have the Rangers winning it all because the Rangers have the experience and they have a good bullpen and lineup.

The Detroit Tigers have Justin Verlander so they have a good change of winning games when he is on the mount. Verlander posted a 25-6 record during the regular season, which was the best in the majors. The Tigers have a good lineup, too. Austin Jackson leading off with Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez in the middle of the line up. The Texas Rangers have good starting pitching with C.J. Wilson and Derek Holland. Plus, their lineup was one of the best in the majors. Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz are in the middle along with Adrian Beltre and Michael Young.

The Milwaukee Brewers have a good rotation with Yovani Gallardo, Shaun Marcum, and former Royal Zack Grienke. While Prince Fielder and Ryan Braun are dominating opposing pitcher from the Brewers have a good change to win it all. Their opponents, the St. Louis Cardinals have a good rotation, also. Chris Carpenter and Jaime Garcia team while Adam Wain-Tommy John surgery. Woods student Albert liday and Lance Berkman. Cardinals make it the



wright is recovering from Plus, they have former Maple Pujols, along with Marr Hol-Don't be surprised if the World Series and win.

Behind the Counter with the Broom by Shelby Eiken

As I interviewed Pat Wigger, a custodian eager to get my attention, I could tell she question, "I heard from a teacher that is haunted, what's your opinion?" She "what kinds of things would happen?" would hear kids laugh, and balls would went in that giant cemetery, nothing was believe in ghosts before, and I've worked something happen in this school we don't



Take the time to get to know some of the people that keep us fed and keep our school clean!

at Lakeview Middle School, she was likes being in the spotlight. I asked a some custodians believe the school replied with, "it is." I also asked, She answered, "doors shutting, you bounce in the gym," yet when you there! Pat also added, "I did not here since the school opened!" Did know about?

I also interviewed a lunch lady that day, ria of Lakeview Middle School. "What is it Replying with, "very busy, and pretty fun." "And the craziest thing ever served would be?" " The lettuce wraps and hummus," she replied. I finally asked, "What are two or more foods that no one eats?" "Apricots and brussel sprouts!"

Mrs. Carol Rittenhouse in the cafete-like cooking for such a large school?"

Student of the Week by Miranda A. S.

A windy October say, I sat down with the one and only Caleb Van Tassel on the deck of a boat. I started the interview by asking, "Do you like school?" Caleb immediately responded, "Yes!" I then asked him my next question, "how important is school to you?" He quickly stated, "Very, because if I get good grades, then I will get a

good job, and make good money!" I continued the excited interview by asking Caleb what his favorite part of school and least favorite part of school were. He thought about the question for a moment then responded, "My favorite part of school is greeting my fellow peers, my least favorite part is taking tests." My last question to Caleb

was, "So Caleb, you like to greet your peers, how do you do that?" Caleb said, while doing an illustration, "With a delightful wave and joyful greeting greet!" I than told Caleb I choose him to be the student of the week because of his good grades. We concluded the interview by jumping off my boat into the icy cold water.

Toss and Twirl by Jake Springer

About 12:30 in room 129 on a nice warm Tuesday, I sat down with the lovely Miranda Ann Steczak. She seemed very flattered as I had complimented her on her nice blonde hair. She mentioned she travels many hours a week just to get to soccer practice. Other than soccer, Miranda spends her time as ballet, swim, and baton, with baton being the best of her four sports. From baton, "there's like four ginormous shelves of trophies or about 250 trophies in her practice room," quotes a friend and fellow classmate, Julie Headrick. Another friend, Laura Richey, quotes, "She is very determined and has lots and lots of trophies to show it." Miranda has performed baton at The University of Florida, Mizzou, Omaha, and The University of Notre Dame. Every year she goes to Notre Dame for nations and she has been titled the best youth batonist in the nation for the last four years.



Miranda, the baton champion, with friends at the Lakeview dance Rumble in the Jungle.

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Mrs. Pedersen, surrounded by her fellow Aviators, listens intently during a team meeting.

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—Alex Philpott

Teacher of the Month by Maysun Brady

On October 7, 2011, a Friday morning at Lakeview Middle School at 9:50 am, I got quotes from Sierra Scott and Kirsten Hoy. Sierra said, “Mrs. Pedersen [Aviators math teacher] is very fun and not boring. She stays on topic really well!” Kirsten said, “She gives you different ways to remember things. For example, on the coordinate grid all the kids had trouble remembering to go on the ‘y’ axis or the ‘x’ axis first.

She said things like, the plane must go down the runway before it can take off!” I then went to Mrs. Pedersen’s room to talk about the topic of teacher of the month and how she felt about being recognized with a fabulous title. The interview went great! She was very excited about winning this awesome award. I asked her what she felt when she helped a child succeed and she re-

plied, “It makes me feel like I’ve done my job! It’s my favorite part.” Then I immediately got down to the big question. I asked her what her most embarrassing moment was during her teaching years. She thought about it for awhile then said, “My most embarrassing moment was when I tripped in front of the whole class. I got really red!” That is how my interview went with Mrs. Pedersen!

Student Highlight by Charlie McFarlane

“Why?” I ask. She replies, “Because it’s stupid!” I interviewed Alex Philpott on October 10th around 2:00 pm at Lakeview Middle School. I asked her a couple of questions and all her answers were confident. I started with, “if there is one thing you change at this school, what would it be?” She replied while playing with her pencil, “If there is one thing I could change...well there are a lot of things I would change but one thing I would change are the school names because they are lame and no one likes them.” This made me ask, “What would you change them to?” She replied, “Umm, let’s see, well I probably change the Eagles to the Robots, the Jaguars to the Gorillas, and the Legends to the Elephants because they are more interesting, and you can laugh about them.” I asked a teacher at the school if they think that would be better. Mrs. Panther replied, “No, because I feel that they aren’t fierce enough for school names.” So I went back to Alex and asked her, “If you got to be principle for one day, would you and why?” She replied, “Yah, duh, because you get to sit around and do nothing all day. Well, I’m pretty sure that’s what our principals do.” My last question was, “Which do you like better, Lakeview or Congress?” She replied, “Lakeview because I feel like Lakeview has a safer environment and better education than Congress...” At that, I left her to her work. Looks like some people have very strong opinions at this school!

Teacher Spotlight by Julie Headrick

It was a sunny October day when I saw down with one of the best seventh grade language arts teachers ever, Mr. Elder. I started off the interview with asking him if he was having a good day. He said, “yes.” I then asked if he liked to laugh and he also responded with a, “yes.” I followed up

with, “what makes you laugh?” He said, “funny things.” Then I asked what is the funniest thing that has happened to you at Lakeview Middle School? He said, “one year a DARE officer stacked all of my chairs on top of each other, and put a refrigerator on my desk.” My final question was, “what is one of

the funniest things one of your children has done?” He said, “My youngest daughter came home one day and said, ‘that Natalie, she’s a looker!’ That’s what we say when some one is really pretty” My interview Mr. Elder went great!

Apollo 18 by Kasey Ayres

The new movie, Apollo 18, is about how NASA launched a secret mission to the moon with three men, and how they had brought back evidence of how the moon is a dangerous place for us to go to. A well-known movie critic, David Edelstein of the New York Magazine, says, "This movie is 80 minutes of dead air." While another critic, Grae Drake from Movies.com says, "This movie delivers a fun, tense experience." This movie hit the theatres all around America on September 2, 2011. The actors that star in this movie are Warren Christie, Ryan Robbins, and Andrew Airlie. So, if you are looking for a possibly exciting movie to watch on some free time, you may considered watching Apollo 18.

Abduction by L. P. Richey

Abduction is the new hit! This action packed drama will leave you on the very edge of your seat till the last second. Perhaps it is even the best film for fall of 2011. When Nathan Price finds his name and picture on a missing children's website, he's left utterly confused, but suddenly he finds himself running for his life. Maybe the key to this film's success is the Twilight actor Taylor Lautner who plays the role of Nathan Price. Cydney Weubben raves, "It was amazing! Especially 'cause Taylor took his shirt off!" This movie is just an unraveling puzzle with a side dish of romance for the ladies, but don't worry guys, this movie blows up plenty of stuff to keep you interested. "Lilly Collins is an amazing actress and she just keeps on getting better," states Julie Headrick. On a like it, love it, or leave it scale, this movie earns a like it: great movie now, but no one is going to remember it a year from now.

Thirteen Reasons Why by Anais Mckiddy

A book written by Jay Asher, Thirteen Reasons Why is about a high school student, Clay Jensen, who gets a box in the mail with tapes of his classmate Hannah Baker which give him thirteen reasons why she killed herself. Clay Jensen is one of the reasons why. As Clay comes upon his tape, he realized he should not be on the tape for what he did to Hannah, it's what he should have done.

Clay turns on the once he loves the most for being on the tapes, doing what he did to

"...not for what he did to Hannah, it's what he should have done..."

Hannah Baker, and for being one of the reasons why Hannah killed herself. You'll have to read the rest of the book to know the rest of the story.

Morgan Kaminska thinks, "This book sounds great!" Also, D'Andre Cook says, "Wow! The book sounds good! This story has star potential!" My opinion on the book is that I think it's great and I would suggest it to everyone!

Halo Reach by Colin Brockert

In 2009, Electronic Expo announced the release of Halo Reach. It was then released in North America, Australia, and Europe on September 14, 2010. Bungie Studios created Halo Reach to show the story of the fall of Reach (the planet vanquished by the Covenant, an alien-like species) taking place before the Halo Trilogy. "It's fun...I like the new armor," said Jake Springer of Lakeview Middle School. Last night

in an interview with Bridgette Moore and John Nance, I asked them each what they thought of it. "It's alright...I don't really have a favorite part," said Nance. "It's not my favorite,...I think some of the characters are weird," stated Bridgette. I would definitely give it a five star rating out of five. I personally love the game and can't wait for the release of Halo 4.



Need advice on a new video game? Look no further than our resident expert, Colin Brockert.



Teachers rejoice!
And students? Well,
they're not as
thrilled as Mrs. Olsen
and Mr. Nutt at the
citizenship cards.

*“Each student has
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Are Cit Cards Reasonable? by Ashleigh Roderick

According to my data, citizenship cards are reasonable to adults and teachers, but students say they are not. That's not just what I think, I actually interviewed some teachers and students about it. Riley Lopez says, “They're not necessary, and Jackson Carrizzo said, “They're not too enforced.” Even four eighth graders off the Eagle's team said something negative and nothing positive. As I interviewed teachers, they all said positive things. I interviewed SRO Ms. Morrow and she said, “I think it's a necessary tool for the teachers.” Then I interviewed Mrs. Panther about it and she

said, “I like how it can help students by being able to tell their struggles, and how some teams celebrate their students for no cit card marks.”

My own opinion is that I don't think cit cards are fair because if you forget something in your locker because you're in a hurry, I don't think you should get a cit card mark for that. And giving the whole entire class a cit card mark for some people talking is not fair. The question remains if they're reasonable or not. What do you think?

Should PDA be a Rule? by Aleena Tofanelli

By the time you get to 7th and 8th grade, you have probably given your friend a casual high-five or a friendly hug. But did you know by doing that you're breaking one of the school rules? That rule is called PDA, Public Displays of Affection to be exact. What is PDA exactly? PDA is where you show affection to another student at school by touching in any kind of way. Whether it means just a simple good-job or an intense “I love you”, it is still not allowed.

When I asked students at Lakeview what they thought of the rule, 92% of the student felt like the PDA rule is too strict. Only 3 students I interviewed said the PDA rule is not strict enough, but at the same time they also agree the PDA rule is also enforced strictly. “It goes both ways because you can get in trouble for high-fives, but at the same time you see people hugging all the time.” 8th grader Veronica said. Two other 8th

graders, Ben and Keegan, agree with her. On the other hand, 8th grader Chris McMurry completely disagreed. “I don't think PDA is that big of a deal.” He said when I asked him his opinion.

Each student has their own opinion about PDA, but most agree that the rule is too strict. I also agree with the majority of the students who think that the rule is too strict. My opinion is that students should be allowed to show their affection towards others because by showing affection you're showing someone that you care about them. I think that it is a little strange that the school doesn't allow PDA because the school doesn't tolerate violence, but at the same time, they don't allow the opposite of violence which is affection. Overall, I don't think it matters if there is a rule about PDA or not because there will always be students who do PDA whether the teachers like it or not.

Intramurals: Good or Bad?

by Olivia Kinsey

I talked to Mrs. Panther's 3rd hour publications class about intramurals. I asked them, “Are you in intramurals? Why or why not? And, what your suggestions for new intramurals?” I got some interesting information. For my first questions more than 90% of the class was not in intramurals. Many students in the class agreed that nothing appealed to them. Which was the answer to my second questions, as well. The class said that many of the intramurals were non-athletic, and that's the kind of intramural they were looking for. That led me to the answer to my third and final question. Erin Boucher stated, “We should have a food tasting intramural!” Noah Brizendine suggested, “We should have more athletic intramurals like dodge ball.” Kara Beldo added, “Yea, more sports, like volleyball.” The students that were in intramurals, though, both said that they joined because their friends had entered. D'andre Cook explained that he joined because he had many friends in the intramural and wanted time to talk to them. So I suggest we try to take a vote or poll and take the top five intramural ideas so more students would participate. But, until then, intramurals: good or bad?



Like Intramurals? These three
photographers enjoy Tues-
day's photography club with
Mrs. Cook! Their latest trip?
The zoo!

Sports at Lakeview? by Annika Rolstad

Do you think that we should have more sports at Lakeview? Leah Panther states that Lakeview has never had any sports other than 8th grade basketball. On October 10, 2011, I interviewed three eighth grade students about the idea of having sports at Lakeview. I interviewed Lexi Berry, Vanessa Crawford, and Donna Shabazi at 1:20 pm in the art room. I asked them if they think that we should have more sports at Lakeview, and they all replied with a confident, "Yes!" Donna Shabazi thinks that Lakeview

should have soccer, dance, football, volleyball, and track. Noah Ybarra, a student at Lakeview, thinks that we should have a swim team, football, and soccer. "I don't think that we should have any more sports at Lakeview because we should be concentrating on learning," says Barb Ballou in the Lakeview office. According to Barb Ballou, we don't have a variety of sports because of funding. I personally think that Lakeview should have more sports because it will get students to be more active and excited about

going to school. "We should have more sports because one isn't enough, we need a variety," says Donna Shabazi. So, do you think that we should have more sports at Lakeview?



Lanyards at Lakeview by K.M.B.

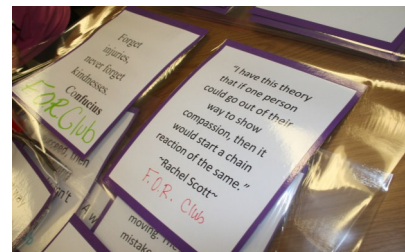
Morgan K, a 7th grader, says, "[The rules] are stupid!" Do you agree or is this outrageous? Do you like, love, or hate lanyards? Here are some other opinions on lanyards at Lakeview. Dr. Van Batavia thinks, "[lanyards] are a vital tool to maintain learning at Lakeview." He also states, "They provide a way to use the card system." The SRO officer agrees they are needed. "This system helps me know who should be on school property," she explains. Did you know only 30% of out of the 20 students polled liked lanyards? That's only six students! The other 14 students said they'd like things changed about lanyards. Some examples are teachers not being so strict about having us wear lanyards, choosing the color we want, and they should say our name on them. I agree that teachers are strict and that we should get to pick the color of our lanyards. I also think they are a good system to prepare us for high school. That is part of the reason our school has to wear lanyards. Also, they are used to tell what team you're on. Lakeview brought them into the school last year, and this year they've added consequences if you're not wearing your lanyard. I hope this has helped you understand what others think of lanyards and why we have to wear them. Watch out, don't forget your lanyard or there might be consequences in your future!

"This is part of the reason our school has to wear lanyards."

Drug Use by Jordan Smith

According to the dictionary, drugs are a medical treatment used if you have a disease. But, according to my research, I found out that people think drugs are bad because, "you can get addicted to them and they'll ruin your life," said the SRO officer, Ms. Morrow. Noah Brizendine says, "Kids should not be allowed to use drugs because they don't need to be exposed to

[them]. I think that it is all over the Park Hill School District." Mrs. Robaska, media center specialist said, "I am sure it is a problem with teenagers. I wish that they wouldn't do it because once you go down that path, it is hard to get off it." In my opinion, I think drug use is bad because it's so hard to get off them. You just end up getting hooked on them. The consequence of drug use



Chain reactions are a big part of the Friend's of Rachel Club, but could chain reactions work negatively, too?

is that you get an out of or in school suspension. Also, if it gets worse, then you get a police referral and maybe even expulsion. Are you going to let drugs ruin your life?

Five Freaky Facts

by Lexi Mickelis

Fact # 1 Hippo milk is pink. Alex Whorton, an 8th grader on the Jaguars, said, "I didn't know that."

Fact #2: You're about one centimeter taller in the morning than in the night. Alex Whorton said, "Awesome! I'm taller in the morning!" Micayala Morris, an 8th grader on the Jaguars, said, "No, I didn't know that. That's awesome!"

Fact #3: Worms reportedly taste like bacon. Nichole Cummings was in shock and said, "I didn't know that and I don't want to find out." Charlie Mac, an 8th grader on the Jaguars, said, "Yes, I did know that."

Fact #4: Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left handed people. Nichole Cummings was excited and said, "Yay!" Charlie Mac gasped and replied with, "Cool! I'm right handed."

Fact #5 Former President George W. Bush was once a cheerleader. Nichole Cummings said, "I don't know that!" Lena Berhane, an 8th grader on the Jaguars, replied with, "Really? No, he wasn't."

Pump Up the Poetry

by Riley Co J

Poetry is powerful, beautiful creation. An anonymous Lakeview student wrote an unbelievable poem called, "Shining Eyes." Payton Ireland called this remarkable poem, "good" while Mrs. Panther said, "I think it's interesting, it gets me thinking, and it captures what some middle schoolers might be feeling."

Your beautiful eyes peer through my soul

They make me lose all self control

You're the reason why I stay awake

The dawning birds call, as fate

Comes to me and states,

"Their eyes are fate,

The reason why you still await,

The answer is from inside their heart."

So as fate said that, I felt so smart

And actually, for once, I felt that everything in my heart

Was no longer dumb but smart.

So every day I see your smiling face and beautiful shining eyes

I just think to myself their shining eyes match mine.

Time Travel

by Abby Cogswell

A new Never Shout Never CD called Time Travel was released on September 21, 2011. The CD release party was held in California. Cristofer Drew, the front man for Never Should Never, wrote all the songs on the CD. Some of my favorites are, "Time Travel", "Silver Ecstasy", and "Lost at Sea". Never Shout Never is an alternative indie band that has been around since 2007. Their popularity just blew out of the water with the release of the CD Harmony in 2010. I asked a few students questions about the CD. Kasey Sadler responds, "Yea [I like it] but, it's certainly not as good as their other music." DJ Gray says, "I don't know [how I feel about it]. I never really got into [Never Shout Never]." In my opinion, the CD isn't their greatest work. Never Shout Never fans told AP (Alternative Press) Magazine that Cristofer Drew is trying too hard to be something he's not. He's losing his personality in working too hard to make music that the public eye will accept and appreciate. I think he knows he could do better. I know for a fact that this new CD is nothing like The Yippee EP, The Summer EP, or Me and My Uke. I think those CD's really came from his personality, style, and heart. Time Travel is more similar to what you hear on mainstream radio. Mainstream is not Never Should Never. I love them, always have, always will, but come on guys, show us what's really on your mind!

Taking Love to Extremes by C.G. Riddell

I can feel your strong hand in mine,

I can tell we're running out of time.

The ground is far beneath you and I,

Oh how I wish we could fly!

Your grip is slipping oh so fast.

I struggle to readjust my grasp.

I'm having trouble holding on.

You say you love me but I know you're wrong.

You're telling your lies, you're only stalling.

I wait for the feeling of falling.

It pains me to say but I can't deny it, I know.

It's you, you're the one who's letting go.

I realize what you're doing but it's too late,

I'm falling, about to land in a world of hate.

You've never loved me, no not at all.

Too bad I learned this in my free fall.