



Christmas vs. Thanksgiving

By:Sofia Renzi

We all know that Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but what about Thanksgiving? Christmas is a time for cookies and presents while Thanksgiving is a time for food and spending time with your family. At Christmas time there is Santa, trees, unlimited decorations, Christmas break, and gifts. At Thanksgiving there is turkey, mashed potatoes, limited decorations, and Thanksgiving break.

Thanksgiving is a time of gratefulness and importance. Christmas is a time of presents and fun. Every year the United States spends \$465 billion for Christmas, but only \$3.7 billion is spent at Thanksgiving. According to Google, Christmas came in 1st place for the favorite holiday followed by Thanksgiving. My poll got similar results.

Christmas-81 votes

Quote: "I picked Christmas because I like spending time with my family and ice skating!"-Hannah Thurman

Thanksgiving-9 votes

Quote: "I picked Thanksgiving because I like spending time with my family, eating, and watching football!"-Peyton See

Which do you like better?



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Hot Gift Ideas

By: Mallory Scoville

Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year and trying to find a present for your friends or deciding what you want can be stressful. But you don't have to worry because I have a solution.

Here are the top ten hottest gift ideas for 2018:

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Upcoming Events

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Winter Break

*1/21-MLK Day—

No School

*1/25— End of 2nd

Marking Period



On the Slopes

By: Jack Scully

Ski club started, and they went down to Holiday Valley on November 30th, the 7th of December and looking forward to the 14th of December. Whether you are a pro skier or a beginner, you can get lessons on how to ski, or to increase your familiarity on the subject. You can take lessons at Holiday Valley or Kissing Bridge. If you're skiing or snowboarding, just have fun! Holiday Valley has 13 lifts, 60 slopes and trails, 3 base lodges, and a mountain coaster.

Ski club goes to Holiday Valley to ski, [and/or] snowboard. A beginner will probably start on the Schoolhaus slope. It is a beginner's hill to learn standing up, going down the hill under control, and stopping. After mastering Schoolhaus, most people look for the Mardi Gras lift and also like to go down Northwind. A green circle is easy, a blue square harder, and a black diamond hardest. The double black diamond is only for experts. At Holiday Valley, they have 1 double black hill called The Wall.

If skiers and boarders are looking for a harder hill, go down a blue. If you want to try a black, go ahead! A few Black Diamond favorites are Eagle, Yodeler and Moonshadow terrain park. A terrain park is where you can try out tricks. An easy terrain park is Fiddler's Elbow. Kissing Bridge has 39 slopes spread out about 700 acres of easy hills for beginners and harder hills for more familiar to skiing and snowboarding.

Social Studies teacher, Mr. Sweeney is the advisor for ski club. He says that the club has been going since 1980. This year there are about 16-19 kids that joined ski club. Mr. Sweeney has always been a skier. As he said, "I love Northwind. It is long and I am a speed freak. I love to go fast."

Recycle :Start Today!

By Lucas Ponticelli, Azzalynn Stalvey, and Grace Pasquantino

Do you Recycle? Well, you really should. Don't believe me? Well, here are some reasons why from Mrs. Oddy:

Q: Why should we Recycle?

A: *"Because it's good for the Earth. If we don't recycle, what'll happen to all the garbage?"*

Q: Have you always recycled?

A: *"No, because when I was younger, we never really heard about recycling. But once I had children, learned the importance of it."*

Q: What are some things people shouldn't recycle?

A: *"People shouldn't recycle food. Only paper, cardboard, and clean plastic. If you have bottles, put them in the container for returnable cans and bottles."*

Q: How would the world benefit if we all recycled?

A: *"Well, there would be less garbage, stop less pollution, and so it would be a cleaner environment."*

Q: What would happen if no one recycled?

A: *"We would end up with so much garbage and so much trash; I would hate to see what would happen."*

Thanksgiving Day Contest Winners!

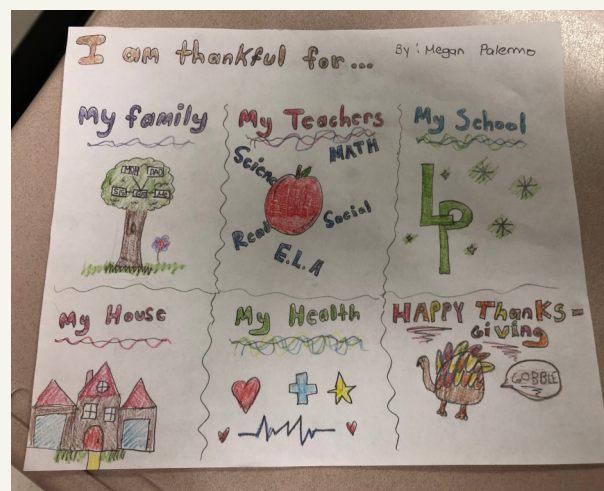
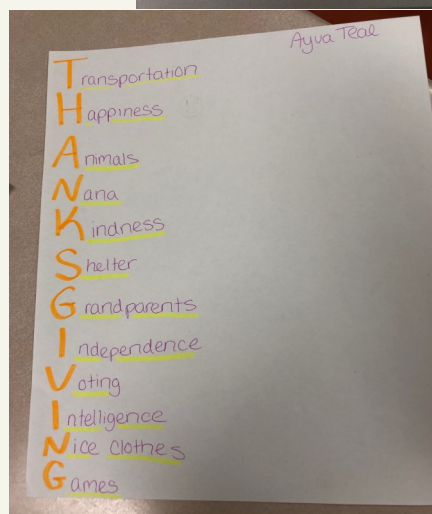
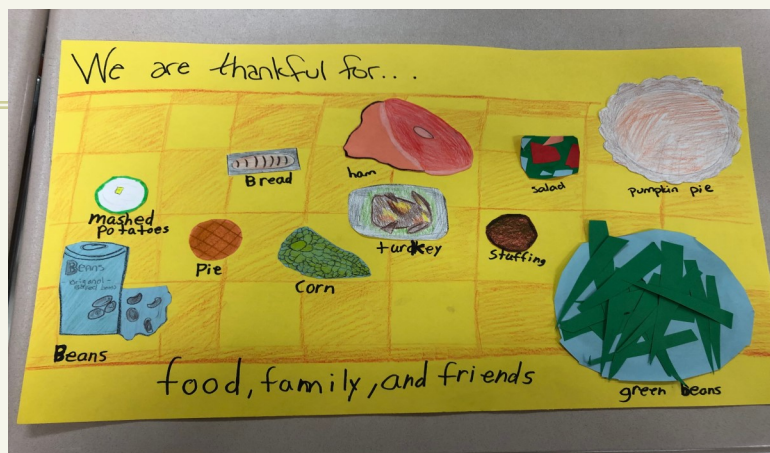
Find out who won the Turkey Day Contest: Right here!
By Catherine Beiter



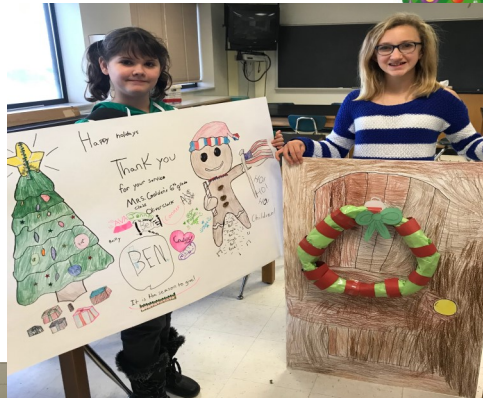
Sponsored by the Advisory Committee, there was a contest based on the theme: What are you thankful for this year? Students could submit an essay, poetry, or artwork. The winners in the following places are below:

1. Ms. Alexander's Advisory - Art (Collage)
2. Ayva Teal from Mrs. Sobinieak - Poem
3. Megan Palermo from Mrs. Golden - Art

Congrats to these students and advisories. The winning pieces of art are shown below.



Holiday Cards for Veterans



Thanks to all advisories
who participated!! :-)

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Student Council Update

By: Matti Freiermuth



Hi Lew-Port MS! I am a representative of Student Council, and I am here to let you know what is coming up for January and February. On January 25, we will be having our Snowball Dance from 7-9 PM. February 4 to February 13 we will be selling lollipops in many delicious flavors. Also, you can send a can of Crush soda in orange or grape to your "Crush", or you can send a "mint" (meant) to be together candy gram. You can customize these by putting notes on them and send them to someone. They will be delivered February 14 (Valentine's day!) during advisory.



Signing up for Sports

An Interview with Mrs. Lombardi

By: Catherine Beiter

Whenever students don't listen to announcements, the Lancer Lookout knows what to do to make students listen. On November 29th, 2018, we had a interview with Mrs. Lombardi, the school nurse. Here are some of our questions asked below and her answers.

The Lancer Lookout (TLL): Why do you encourage kids to play winter sports?

Mrs. Lombardi (ML): You don't play outside as much as you'll do in other seasons.

TLL: In your opinion, what should kids play in the winter?

ML: Whatever sport that makes them happy.

TLL: The question we've been waiting for; how do you sign up for Winter Sports?

ML: ...come to me to get...purple and yellow slips. (Make sure to return them!)

Bonus Question: TLL: What is your favorite Christmas Character?

ML: Yukon Cornelius from Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.



**Note: Modified Co-ed Swim starts January 7th in the High School Pool.*

Another Successful Food Drive at Lew-Port Middle!



“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”

— Maya Angelou



“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”
— Charles Dickens



Food Drive Results

By Sofia Renzi

On October 29, the Lew-Port District Wide Food Drive started. Every advisory was encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items. For the top 3 advisories, there was a prize of a donut and cider party. The top 3 advisories were:

1st-Mrs. Richley

2nd-Ms.Wailand

3rd-Mrs.Marshall

I asked the winning advisory teachers a few questions.

Q. How long ago did the food drive start at Lew-Port?

Mrs.Richley-At least 20 years ago.

Q. What is the strangest food you have received?

Ms .Wailand- Scooby Snacks graham crackers from Ms. Wailand's emergency snack drawer! (shaped like bones)

Mrs.Marshall- Spam.

Mrs.Richley- Dog treats.

Q. Where does all the food go?

Mrs.Oddy- It all goes to the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Q. In total how much food did you get? Number of items?

Mrs.Marshall-82 items.

Mrs.Wailand-150 items.

Mrs.Richley-200 items.

Q. What was your strategy?

Mrs.Marshall- My advisory raised money by selling treats at a concession stand and were also motivated by watching movies in advisory.

Q. What was the reaction of your class?

All Teachers- Surprised and happy.

Q. On average, how many things did you get per day?

Ms.Wailand-About 12 items per day.



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Here are the top ten hottest gift ideas for 2018:

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| 1.Hoodies | 2.Air Pods |
| 3.Jewelry | 4.Phone Cases |
| 5.Bluetooth Speaker | 6.Makeup |
| 7.Gift Cards | 8.Pop Sockets |
| 9.Rouge Hoverboard | 10.Nintendo switch |



I hope you found ideas for Christmas this year.

Happy Holidays!



Boys Modified Basketball

By Jessica Blanchard and Nezzlynn Ashely

We interviewed the modified boys basketball coach, Brian Hall, to get to know him and his take on sports.

Q: How many boys are you expecting to be on the basketball team?

A: We had 24 players tryout and kept 15. So we have 15 on our team.

Q: Are the boys always prepared for the big games?

A: I hope so. That's my goal as their coach. We haven't played yet so we'll find out soon.

Q: Do you like being a basketball coach?

A: Yes, I love it. I've been coaching for over ten years at a few different schools but it's great to be back at my alma mater. I graduated from Lew-port in 1995.

Q: How often do you meet?

A: We practice five days a week.

Q: How many games do you usually win every season?

A: It depends. My goal for modified is to prepare our players for high school basketball. I need to teach them the proper way to play the game so it makes the transition to high school easier.

Q: What are your opinions on sports being in every child's life?

A: I believe sports teach kids how to work together, overcome challenges, and learn successful habits.

Q: Are there any comments you would like to make or advice to give to the Lew-Port students?

A: Sure, play sports, get involved in clubs, participate! The more you get involved, the better experience you'll have at school. And remember, it's cool to get good grades. Always do your personal best and you'll be successful.

Lewiston Porter Middle School Drawing Contest!

Azalynn Stalvey, Lucas Ponticelli, Grace Pasquantino

The Newspaper Club held a Drawing Contest for two weeks up to December 7th. All of your entries were absolutely magnificent, and it was hard to choose who was worthy of first place. After tallying the votes, we are proud to announce the top drawings:



In fourth place is the Venom drawing by Ozzie Buccella.

In third place is the Chiefs logo by Joey Mullen.

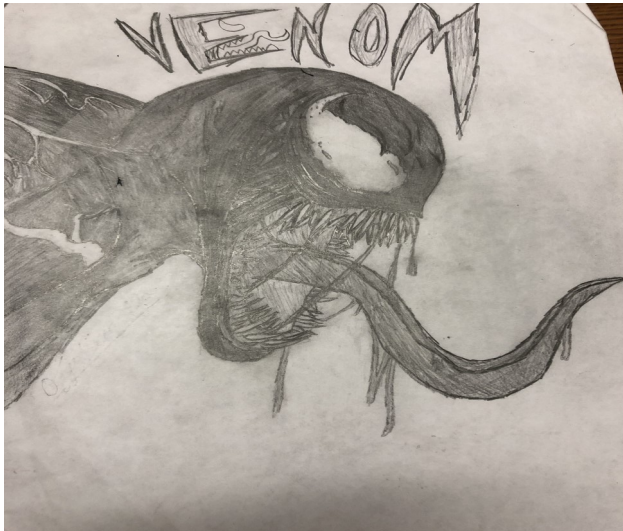
In second place is the pink dragon by Azalynn Stalvey.

And, the first place winner is the blue dragon by Sophia Daege.

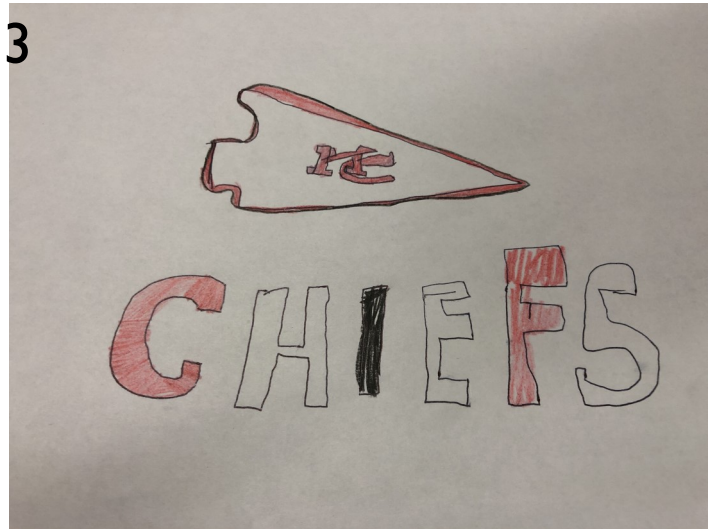
Congratulations to all of the winners! We are very thankful that you all decided to enter your beautiful drawings into our contest.

Thank you all for joining our drawing contest! Remember, stay creative!

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Winter Concert

By: Olivia Fesmire



On November 28th the 7th and 8th grade band, orchestra, and chorus performed at the high school. First, the orchestra performed Backcountry Ramble, Gargoyles, Fiddle And Stop, Pink Panther (from the original film), and Trepak from The Nutcracker. The chorus sang three songs-Seize The Day from the musical Newsies, O Sifuni Mungu (with 4 soloist), and Hine Ma Tov- All three sounded awesome. Last but not least, the band performed-two dances from the capitol suite:Basse-danse and Mattachins, The First Noel, Wild West Saga (which reminded me of a western film) , and Awe, and African Bell Carol. It was a great concert and an awesome way to start the holidays. Great job to all who performed and have a wonderful holiday.



Chocolate Chip Cookie “Brownies”

By Casey Fetzner

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Take pan out and make sure it is neither too flat nor too wide.

Next, mix butter, eggs, white sugar and brown sugar.

Mix until well blended.

Add baking soda, salt and vanilla extract.

Mix well.

Finally put in the flour and then hand mix with a spoon or spatula the chocolate chips.

Put in oven for 15-18 min before checking.

Once out of oven let cool before adding toppings.

Ingredients

2 cups flour

2 cups chocolate chips

Christmas sprinkles and 10 melted marshmallows.

2 cups chocolate chips

1 tablespoon vanilla

2 cups chocolate

chips

½ cup white sugar

1 cup brown sugar(packed)

½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

Toppings

Take marshmallows and put in microwave for 1:30 or until melted. With oven mitts take marshmallow(in bowl) and pour onto the cookie.

Enjoy!

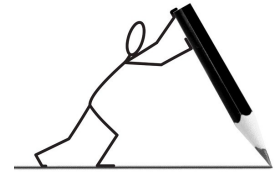


Creative Writing

An Excerpt from Infected

The first book in the BAB series by Catherine and Sarah Beiter

When a boy's game goes wrong...anything can happen!



"We should do hide and seek." Sapphire suggested.

"No way. One of my younger sisters hid in an oven and almost-" Merrick said.

"Yeah, I admit. It's critical. I like danger."

"How about Infection?" Merrick recommended.

"I agree," Stella responded. "Except it went wrong with my aunt. One of her friends went home early."

"So she ran away. We could do that, but my mom would kill me. Let's play it." Skye answered.

"Rule one," Coral announced. (All of the sudden, she started making the rules.) "Powers are allowed."

"Hold up!" A girl said. "I don't have powers."

"Well, we'll just modify the rules, I hope someone remembers a spell like: have everyone have powers for a limited time?" She waited to see no one respond. "Oh well. Rule two. One person is infected, they give the players 10 seconds to run. Rule three. Tag everyone. Rule four. If you get tagged, you get infected and vice versa. Rule five. The game ends in our case if Mrs. White comes back. If else, the game never ends. Rule six. If everyone here is affected, we go run out the school and go infect others for no darn reason. Rule seven. When Mrs. White comes back, we turn back to the state we are currently are in and teleport back without Mrs. White watching," Coral continues.

"It's on." Ocean trials.

Usually, Stella would grin at this situation; she was known to be the courageous one, but now, she was scared. She didn't want to infect strangers or even whom she loved, except Merrick, had other ideas.

"I guess it's official." He confirmed.

"I don't want to harm my family! They'll know it's me!"

"Don't worry, they'll be at work. I'll be infected." Merrick offered.

"Sure!" Sapphire smiled.

"Let's get this started!" He wanted to impress Ocean to try to earn his faith back.

Suddenly, His eyes turned a darker blue, which everyone thought was the color of someone infected.

"Um, do you need eye drops?" A boy asked.

Merrick began levitating. He closed his eyes as an orb surrounded him. He started the alteration.

"Ten," Skye announced.

Merrick was floating in the orb in the center of the school. The base covered the school uniform. He now had a life-jacket with gave powers to him, called a "power-jacket."

"Nine," Skye replied.

A glider wrapped around his waist. He was strapped on as he grew neon white wings with a luminescent pink form. Neon goggles now were put on his eyes.

"Eight," Skye cheered.

A dark gray hat with the antenna was now on his head. It strapped on his head like a helmet and started beeping.

"Seven," Skye encouraged.

His eyes washed the dark blue to a medium teal.

"Six," Skye announced.

Boots came around his feet. They had radio transmitter devices on them, which got annoying pretty fast. The transmitter devices started beeping loudly.

"Five," Skye revealed.

Gloves were now on his hands. There were clusters of buttons, which also got pretty vexatious, as they began beeping noisily as well. The glider turned on and began to color hue.

"Four," Skye verbalized.

"We all are going to die!" Coral screeched.

Inside the orb, he couldn't see where everyone was hiding. He opened his eyes, hoping time would finish soon.

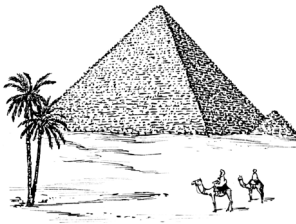
"Three, two, one." Skye applauded from her hiding position.

Infected story continued

ailment. He began to fly with the glider. He needed to do it, although he never wanted to.

Enter Bianca Brillinger, a casual girl with auburn hair, chestnut eyes, and hardly detectable freckles. She is also one of the most unpopular kids in her school. Yes, avoided. She only had one friend. Ida Marschall. Ida was a Native-American with black hair, chocolate eyes, and also unpopular. Ida was the only one who stood up for Bianca when she got bullied. They became friends ever since.

You see, Bianca, like other people, never agreed to this. She never said anything because she was just too shy. She'd always worry about how people thought of her. Physically and Mentally. When Skye began chanting down, they ran away. Now, 6 miles away, they examined the scene. There were rocky boulders, and yes- they could hide in there. Except there were huge holes inside, he'd sure to check inside and see them. The quickly hid behind a boulder. Who knows what could happen next?



6th Graders Learn About Ancient Egypt and Pyramids

By: Emma Reelee

Mrs. Harvey's 6th grade Social Studies class made pyramids. They were learning about Ancient Egypt and how they were buried in pyramids. King Tut was also buried in a pyramid and they covered everything up so that no one would find it. So in 1922 Cater and his crew uncovered what was King Tut's tomb. Tut had a lot of stuff so I assume that the pyramid was big and had a lot of room.

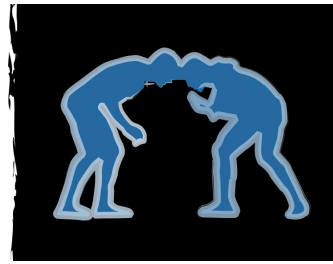
Before they put you in a coffin they would take out your insides and remove your heart and preserve it so that it would not rot your body. If you were rich enough they were filled with seasonings and gems and jewels. If you didn't have a lot of money you would be stuffed with straw.

They believed that if your heart weighs less than a feather then you were able to go to the Afterlife. If not then Ammut would eat your heart. The tradition started when Osiris's brother killed him and spread his body parts all over Egypt. Then Isis Osiris's wife decided to find him and give him a proper burial. There was no way to carry him so she wrapped him with linen. From then on they would always mummify people.



Modified Wrestling with Mr. Waple

By: Dominic Tracy



Q: What time do you hold wrestling practice?

A: Every day from 3:10 to 3:40.

Q: When did the team start their matches?

A: On November 5th.

Q: Do you like coaching?

A: I love coaching.

Q: When did you start wrestling?

A: 1986.

Q: What is your favorite part?

A: Teaching new moves.

Q: Did you do wrestling?

A: Yes for 3 years.

Q: How long is the season?

A: Throughout most of winter.

Q: Are there any students who set records?

A: Not yet but in the future maybe when they get older.

Chromebooks and the 8th Graders— An Update

Q: Are the chromebooks trouble at all?

A: No not really but some people forget to bring it. - Gracie G

Q: What do you do with them?

A: Assignments and tests in class. -Alison K

Q: Are you allowed to use them freely or do they have restrictions?

A: Restrictions are on the computer and no games in class. -Gracie G and Ashton H

Q: Do you email teachers with them or get extra help?

A: You can if you want to. -Alison K

Q: Can you get a chromebook taken away?

A: Yes.-Zane R

Q: What educational websites do you use?

A: It depends on what class. -Alison K

Q: Do you like using chromebooks ?

A: Yes, because they can be used to study and get the homework. - everyone

By: Dominic Tracy & Nezzlynn Ashley



Coat Drive Helps Those in Need

By: Casey Fetzner

An interview with Mrs. Oddy

Q 1. How did the coat drive results compare to your expectations?

A 1. Every year the students and their parents amaze me with their generosity. I'm always happy with the amount of coats and winter items donated. Everything that people bring in goes directly to local families that need warm winter clothes.

Q 2. Did we do better than last year's results?

A 2. We collected about the same amount of items this year as we did last year.

Q 3. Was it fun?

A 3. Builders Club is all about helping others. This is just one way that we are able to support our community and make a difference.

Q 4. As an estimate how many coats did you get in total?

A 4. We didn't actually count the coats, but there were 18 large bags of coats, hats, gloves, and scarves collected across the district.



Girls Modified Basketball

By: Jessica Blanchard

Kevin Jaruszewski, a consultant teacher in 7th grade, is the coach of the Modified Girls Basketball team. Here is what he said in reply to our questions.

Q: How many girls are you expecting to be on your basketball team?

A: This year we have 17 girls on the team.

Q: How often do you meet?

A: We practice Monday thru Friday for two hours.

Q: How many games does your team usually win per season?

A: We are looking to go undefeated this year. Aim Higher!!

Q: Are the girls always prepared for the big games?

A: Game day is full of excitement and the girls are prepared.

Q: How much do you like coaching the basketball team?

A: I enjoy coaching because it is an extension of the classroom. Plus I stay active!

Q: Do you think sports should be an important part of a child's life?

A: Yes if given the opportunity I think the experience of being part of a team is full of memories and life lessons.

Q: Are there any comments you would like to make or advice to give to the Lew-Port students?

A: Find something that you are interested in. It can be sports, chess club, ski club, web, anything that will keep you involved beyond the classroom. **Get off of Fortnite and get active!!**



All-County & All-State Band and Orchestra

By Oliver Clark

On December 8th, kids from band and orchestra participated in all-county and all-state auditions to try to make the all-county and all-state band and orchestra. We interviewed Mr. Duncan, the conductor of the 7th-12th grades who has been teaching for 12 years. The school has had kids make all-state for 14 years.

This year some students that went include: Lilya Teal, Ayva Teal, Bella Carr, Jocelyn Custo and Sarah Streb from orchestra and band; Sixth grade participants include Oliver Clark, Leo Clark, Hannah Thurman, JJ Lingaria, Ava Niccola, Mckenzie Kennedy, Tori Slybuttz, Rayhaan Shaike, Daphne McAuliffe, Megan Palermo, Jaren Barrientos, and Makayla Farnham. Good luck to all talented musicians!





Builders Club Fall 2018

