

# Home of the Warriors

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## School News



### OH CHRISTMAS TREE



By : Freedom Saunders, Madison Shrader, Tristen Snyder

It's that time of the year again. Lakeview Middle School tries to help in every way. The Angel tree is an opportunity for people to get things for the students to help them out with Christmas. Teachers put students' names in Office B and from there Mrs. Lastoria, Mr. Hullander, and Mr. Travillian put those students' names on a list, and parents are notified with a letter home. Teachers or people from our community bring in different items such as board games, stuffed animals, and electronics in for those kids, and any day of the week before Christmas break parents have to come and get their child's gifts after they get a call home. However, it's only for students who seriously need help with Christmas! For instance, parents either can't afford their child's Christmas, or maybe they just need a little help. That's perfectly fine here at Lakeview Middle School. The Angel Tree happens throughout December to Christmas break. Any teacher or parent volunteer can bring stuff into Office B and tell them what it's for. The gifts will stay there until parents arrive at Lakeview to pick them up. So, if you want your child to be a part of this, and your child didn't get a letter then come to Lakeview Middle School and talk to the teachers.

### Lakeview Middle School Clean Up Day by FCA

By Estrella Pacheco & Makayla Busie .

Do you like cleaning? If so, join the FCA clean up day. It is Wednesday, December 21. The purpose of this day is for students to help the school by cleaning teacher's rooms. Any of the students in the school that want to join the FCA clean up day can do it. If you don't have exams that day, then go to

room 601, Mrs. Edgeman's class, at 12:30. If you are not exempt from finals, you will hear the announcement and that will call for FCA to go to 601 Mrs. Edgeman's at 12:30. FCA will be providing snacks and drinks for the students that help. The clean up day will start at 12:30 and end at 3:20. It is like a christmas present for the teachers. I hope this inspires you to do FCA clean up day.



## **Final Exams**

By: Ian Cannon and Zack Foster

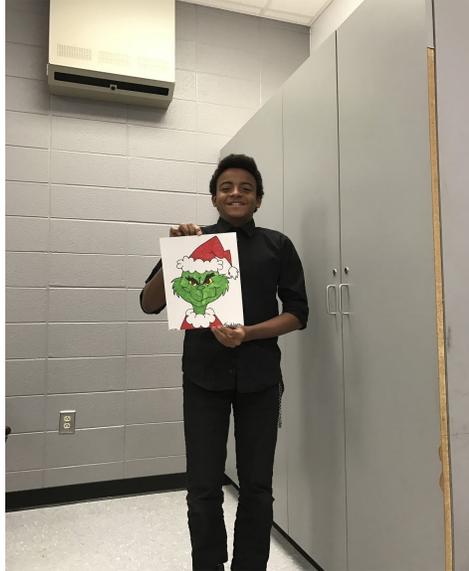
We interviewed our principal to see how the exams will work; he said the exams will last from Wednesday, December 21 through Thursday, December 22. Next, Mr. Phillips said you can get exempt from exams through grades and attendance. You at least have to get an A with no more than three absences, a B with no more than two absences, and a C with no more than one absence to be exempt. If you have any D's or F's, you have to come. Even if you have a passing grade, you still have to take exams if you have more than three absences. Mr. Phillips said 300 to 500 students will be exempt a year.

Next, he said there are four exams in all, two a day. The first exam lasts from 8:40 to 9:55, and the second exam lasts from 10:30 to 11:45. After testing if students do not go home, they will eat lunch around noon. After that they will be assigned to a connection teacher. There are exams for gateway and ISS students, but they have to go back to gateway or ISS after all testing periods are over. Students can only use the chromebooks if the teachers say so. During final exams, students will only be able to talk if the teacher lets them.

## Arts and Entertainment

### Trey Ware: A Feature on a LMS Artist

Have you ever thought if Lakeview Middle had any good artist? Well, the answer is yes. His name is Trey Ware, and he has been drawing for three years. Trey likes to draw cartoon and movie characters. He likes to draw in his room so he doesn't get distracted. Trey was inspired to draw by his dad. He first started to like drawing when his mom bought him paper and pencils. When he started, he said it made him feel proud of himself. Trey likes to draw when he has free time. However, he doesn't like to paint because it's too messy.



By: Logan.M.Young and Peyton.M.Tipton

Merry Christmas to you

### A Featured Dancer

By: Jayna Carver, Emagen Reed

Jenna Driggers has been a dancer since she was 10 years old. At the age of 10 she liked to battle, when a dancer dances against someone. When she was mad, she battled hard. Her dance team was called Teens; Jenna also did cheer when she

*was on the dance team. Jenna loved to dance with the teens. She likes dancing because it makes her day calmer when she is angry.*

*When Jenna first started as a dancer, she was afraid to dance in front of the crowd. It was over 3,000 people watching her. Also, Jenna got upset one time because she had a solo and was scared. A solo is a dance done alone. Sometimes a solo can be very frightening. Jenna said that there are all types of dances such as acrow, jazz, lyrical, tap, clog, baton, pom, hip-hop, and ballet. In dance, she has to use poms and her feet.*

*Today, Jenna is not a dancer for the Teens anymore. Jenna does dance through cheer at Lakeview Middle School, and she loves it..*

## **Top 3 Funniest Christmas Movies of all Time**

**By Hunter Blevins And Josh Brumbaugh**

1. Home Alone
2. Elf
3. Polar Express

*What makes a movie great? What makes you like a movie? Well, some people think it is the actors, humor, and plot. We have made a list of the funniest Christmas movies of all time.*

*Chris Columbus made a movie called "Home Alone." It is a funny action movie, and it contains really funny scenes that can get viewers quoting the film. Kevin McCallister is played by Macaulay Culkin, and one of the robbers, Marv, is played by David Stern. The other robbers name is Harry Lime, and he is played by Joe Pesci. A really well known line in*

*Home Alone is "I made my family disappear," or, "Keep the change you filthy animal." Those funny quotes are one reason why we put this movie on the list!*

*Elf is a great movie. It has very funny parts. For example, when Buddy the elf finds his father, he acts like he just saw the craziest thing in the entire world. His father was not an elf, so he was amazed. Secondly, the actor Will ferrell is very funny and humorous. For example, he does not know how America is and all the people aren't elves, so he does funny stuff because he does not know anything about America.*

*The Polar Express is number 3 on our Christmas list because their are funny parts in it, but it is really a good way to explain Christmas to smaller kids that want to learn more about Santa, his Elves, and the North Pole. Actors can be really make the movie funny Tom Hanks is one actor in the movie. Hanks plays 3 people in the movie, and they are one of the hero boys. He also plays the Scrooge, and finally he plays Santa Clause. This film is also on the list because it is really an adventure. The reason it is #3 is because it has some funny scenes, but the full movie is not funny.*

## Sports

### Basketball at LMS

By: JerMtria gladden Jaylen Morris

Basketball at Lakeview Middle School has been very successful in the 2016 season. We interviewed one of the coaches and two basketball players because we wanted to know more about our players and their passion for basketball.

First, we interviewed a varsity 8th grade player name Jacob Brown. Jacob has been playing basketball for 3 years. His favorite thing about basketball is that he stays active. He is not a starter. His position is a shooting guard. Coming to Middle school lead him to playing basketball. He feels that basketball is fun but challenging because he has to practice 5 days a week .

Next, we interviewed 7th grader Cameron Lay. Cameron has been playing basketball for 6 years. His favorite thing about playing basketball is scoring; he's also a starter for the jv team. His positions are point guard, small forward, and power forward. Cameron's brother lead him into playing basketball. Basketball is Cameron's favorite sport, but he also thinks it's hard because he has to practice 5 days a week.

Lastly, we interviewed Coach McAfee. He's been coaching for 20 years. His favorite thing about coaching basketball is the challenge in competing with different coaches. This year at LMS he is coaching varsity. Coaching basketball was his first job that he liked.

Maybe you can try basketball at LMs one day.

## Coach Gardner's Life of Football

By Jevonnie Womble and Gage Kelley

We wanted to interview Coach Gardner to get to know him better as a coach. Coach Gardener has been coaching for almost 20 years because he likes football. Coach Gardner played football in school; he played defensive tackle and center. He wanted to teach a life lesson for children not only for wins and losses but how to work with each other and how to depend on the man beside you. Coach Gardner's favorite thing about football is the comradery. Football is a fun sport to play but it teaches you a life lesson, and it might help you in the future.



## ~ CHEERLEADING ~

By: Juleigha Boynton, Raven Hobbs, and Megan Oliver

"Keep your head high, your bow higher, and keep your confidence the highest!"- The cheer Truth.



Cheerleading at Lakeview has been around for many years. Our cheerleaders at Lakeview take competitions seriously. We interviewed some

of our cheerleaders and the cheerleading coach to learn more about how it works here at Lakeview.

We interviewed a 6th grade cheerleader named Maddy Thomas. Maddy says that she has been cheering for 2 years. She says she enjoys cheering because she likes to tumble. She likes her cheerleading coach because she is nice, and when she grows up she would like to do cheerleading because it is a fun thing to do.

We interviewed our 7th grade twins Trula and Frankie Robinette. They said that they've both been cheering for 3 years. Trula said she enjoys cheerleading because she likes to compete, and Frankie said she enjoys cheerleading because she likes to tumble. They both like their cheer coach because she is kind, and she pushes them to do their best. Trula wants to be a cheerleader when she grows up because she likes it, and she wants to be on an all star team when she grows up. Frankie wants to cheer when she grows up because her coach inspires her.

We also interviewed our Lakeview cheerleading coach Ms. Elkins. She said she has been coaching cheerleading in all for 6 years. We asked her if she enjoys coaching cheerleading. She said she enjoys her cheerleader's most days because she likes working with the youth of America. She likes to motivate her cheerleaders with spreading enthusiasm and school spirit among the cheerleaders.

Stunts and tumbling are also important in cheerleading. Here are some of the stunts we do at Lakeview. For starters, we do a simple squish; that is when the bases are holding the flyers feet, and the back spot is holding her butt. The flyer has one hand on each of the bases shoulders, and she has to be able to hold herself up. Then, when you have that down you will start to do a prep; first, you start in a squish. Then, the back spot pushes her butt up and grabs her ankles as the bases are lifting the flyer's feet up to their shoulders. Then, the cheerleaders will go from a prep to an extension. That is when the bases extend their arms up above their heads as the backspot pushes her ankles up. These are some of the stunts that we do here at Lakeview. Also, the cheerleaders do a lot of tumbling. Some examples of tumbling are:

round-offs, cartwheels, standing back handsprings,  
round-off-backhandspring, round-off-back  
tuck, and round-off-backhandspring-back tuck.

## LMS Wrestling

Created by: Logan Dunwoody and Tres Brown

Did you know there are 16 people on the Lakeview Warriors wrestling team. Practice is from 3:45 to 5:15. Also, the wrestling matches are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and sometimes Saturdays. The coaches are Coach Gardner and Coach Kehir. Most of the wrestlers are wrestling because they think it's fun.

I bet you have wondered why the coaches want to teach wrestling? Well, they want to teach wrestling because it is one of the best individual team sports. Also, it gives them a chance to mentor and build relationships with an athlete. Coach Gardner and Coach Kehir want the wrestlers to understand the meaning of perseverance. They try to teach the wrestlers that they should come back and try again if they fail.

The wrestlers practice referee position, move takedowns such as pin technique, offensive and defensive positions, as well as certain pinning moves like half, bow and arrow, cow catcher, spiral ride, outside singles, double leg and how to lock up.

We interviewed Julian Waters, an 8th grade varsity wrestler. We learned that he likes to wrestle. In college he wants to be a neurosurgeon, and he wants to continue wrestling throughout college. Another wrestler we interviewed was 6th grade varsity wrestler Micah Tisdale. He said his goal is that he wants to try to win all of his matches. He also wants to wrestle in college.

# ***All About Girls Basketball***



**Abigail Bray**

***By Brianna Brownfield and***

***Madison Stroud***



**April Castleberry**

Have you ever thought about Lakeview Middle girls basketball? There are twelve sixth graders, three seventh graders, and eight eighth graders in girls basketball. We interviewed Coach Bray, the coach of the Lakeview Middle School girls basketball team, to get information about the sport.

The girls basketball season started in early October. The JV girls basketball will end on December 20th. When they are playing the game, a scoreboard keeps track of what team is winning and what team is not. It is hanging up where everyone can see it; they use an official score book also. A team needs eight to nine members. The girls practice basketball inside the second gym. If the second gym is being used, then they will go and practice in the regular P.E room or outside. The girls play with a smaller basketball than the boys, but it is not much different.

## Current Events

### The Gatlinburg Fire



By: George Krich, Alex Zeigler, Jevonnie Womble, David Hart

Are you going to Gatlinburg, TN for Christmas? If you are, then you should check and make sure that you still have a vacation home to go to because of the Gatlinburg fire that happened on November 29, 2016. The forest fires in Gatlinburg were caused by arson, which is when people do acts of criminal activity.

Forest fires always can start two different ways: naturally caused or human caused. Natural fires are generally started by lightning. On the other hand, human-caused fires can be due to any number of reasons. The Gatlinburg fire started by two teenagers. One was 17 and the other was 15. They were throwing matches on the ground around the trail they were on to find their way back.

The Gatlinburg forest fire killed 14 people; it also damaged or destroyed 2,400 homes and businesses. More than 190 people have been treated for fire-related injuries and illnesses. The Gatlinburg fires caused \$500,000,000 in damage.

The flames swept through Gatlinburg, about 10 miles up the mountain from Sevierville TN, in about 15 minutes, and winds fanned at

speeds that approached 90 mph. Heavy rains a few days later helped the firefighters extinguish much of the fire.

Dolly Parton pledged that she would give \$1000 to each family that lost everything in the fire for six months. Dolly Parton also started a donation that has raised about \$9,000,000 so far. Also, The Red Cross and The National Guard are helping with the relief efforts.

## *Presidential Election*

*By: Grace Wright & Mataeya Nintirat*

*Donald Trump won the 2016 presidential election. The presidential election was tough because many wanted Trump to win and many wanted Hillary. Trump won with 306 electoral college votes. However, Hillary had the most popular votes. Hillary almost had 66 million popular votes, but Trump had almost 63 million popular votes. The Presidential Election was on Tuesday, November 8. On that presidential election day, it was the 58th time that Americans have chosen a president.*

*The Americans who voted for Trump were very happy that he won. Hillary's fans were crying and very shocked that she didn't win. Some of the voters were saying mean things about the winner of the election. Some colleges were letting students not come to classes because some of the students were so emotional about the election.*

*Whenever Trump becomes president, he said that he might change the school's lunches to some unhealthy food. Donald Trump is thinking to remake school lunches into his favorite fast food items such as burgers and fried chicken. He wants to work with congress to lower taxes and make taxes simpler. He wants to grow the economy 4% per year. He hopes to open up 25 million jobs. He wants to lower business rates from 7 to 3. He also wants to give middle class families with 2 children a 35% tax cut.*

# BLACK FRIDAY

By Joshua McCracken and Grant Pitts

Have you ever been trampled? If you try to get the best deals on Black Friday, you might find yourself on the ground trampled. Black Friday started in 1924 on November 24th. According to what we read about Black Friday, it started when retailers were losing money before Thanksgiving. This was known as being in the red. So almost all of the retailers lost all of their money, but on Black Friday the retailers “being in the black” (gain of money) so they gained almost all of their money back JUST IN ONE DAY. Since then, Black Friday usually starts at 6:00 pm at night and that is when it gets crazy. Everyone pushes and shoves and someone might get an elbow in their gut just to get a TV FOR \$250. There is a lot of security guards in different stores like Walmart, K mart, Big lots, and Target. 75% of the world went Black Friday shopping in 2016.

*Today Christmas brings joy to every kid  
By Amaya Smith and Kalea Barr*

*It is that time of the year when all kids can't wait for Christmas. Christmas was started because some people celebrated the birth of Jesus, but some people don't even do Christmas because they don't believe in it. Christmas is meant for the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25 as a religion and celebrated among millions of people all around the world. Pope Julius officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the December 25th. You give gifts on Christmas to remind you of the presents given to Jesus by the Wise Men. Also, Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Santa Claus became part of Christmas because St. Nicholas, a real person, gave presents to children, but they just changed his name to Santa Claus over the years. St. Nicholas' stories went across the world, and they traveled to America. Today, Christmas is celebrated by a tree, lights, family, friends, food, and presents. We hope you enjoy your 2016 Christmas.*



*This is Christmas tree now in 2016.*



*This is the first christmas tree in the U.S.*

*Merry Christmas from the LMS News Crew*