

THE GRIMMER NEWS

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EVENTS FOR MARCH

- 4**
Jazz Band Contest
Laporte High School
- 15**
Choir Classics Concert
Gym
- 15**
3rd Grading Period Ends
- 21**
Percussion Concert
Lake Central High School
- 22**
5th Grade Band Registration
Cafeteria 4-8 p.m
- 27-31**
Spring Break
No School

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

If you're interested in ordering a yearbook online, please visit <https://www.yearbookorder-center.com/>. Use order number 12294.

To share your photos with our yearbook staff, please go to hjeshare.com and enter the access code 7036880. It is greatly appreciated from our Yearbook committee and advisors.

LAKE CENTRAL COLOR RUN



Come join us at Lake Central's Second Annual Color Run hosted by the Student Council. The event takes place at Lake Central on May 13 from 7 a.m to 12 p.m. Check-In time is from 7:00 a.m to 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9:00 a.m. The main event is the 5K run, and there will also be a 1-mile children's fun run. During the race, participants are doused with color at various color stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line. There is also a kid fun zone available consisting of a coloring station, a water splash zone, music, and more.

"I think people should make an effort to come out and join the Color Run because it is a great way to exercise with friends while also raising money for a great cause. Student council does an outstanding job organizing the event and spends countless hours on it, so not only should students come out, but also people living in the community," Stefan Krajisnik (12) said.

Early Registration ends April 15th. For LCHS Students and Staff, the price is \$25. Public registration is \$30. The price for the 1-Mile Kid Fun Run is \$20. Late Registration ends May 5th, and after that date, the cost for LCHS Students and Staff is \$30 and the cost to the public is \$40. Full payment is due by May 5th in order to guarantee a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt.

"In order to register for the color run you can get a sign up sheet from room C317 or go to <https://lcschs.revtrak.net/High-School/LCHS-Special-Events/LCHS-Color-Run/#/> list, signing up early can save you up to \$10," Rachel Frieling (12), Student Council President, said.

All proceeds will be donated to The Riley's Children's Hospital, The Munster Cancer Resource Centre, and LC Student Scholarships. Come out and support a few awesome charities, and have fun doing it.

ISSMA PARTICIPANTS AT SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

On Feb. 2, 13 students competed in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble, Vocal and Piano competition.

Out of the 13 students 11 received Gold.

On Feb. 11, 33 events were entered for

ISSMA Solo and Ensemble for Wind/Percussion/Strings.

Out of the 33 entries, 31 earned gold. Congratulations to all participating students!

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION



If your child is interested in completing a project either alone or with a partner, please have them see their science teacher for information. Registration for individual projects must be completed online between

by March 17th. If they are in a group project, each member needs to fill out a paper form and turn in to their science teacher no later than March 17th. Kahler cash will be given to those in attendance at the fair. If you have any questions please contact their science teacher or Ms. Gravely.

This year's science fair will be held on Saturday, April 8th at Lake Central High School. Set up for

projects will take place Friday, April 7 in the high school cafeteria from 5 p.m- 6 p.m.

Some things to keep in mind:

- All projects must stand up by themselves. Do not ask for tape or tacks.
- If you need an extension cord, you must bring your own.
- Be sure to check guidelines for items allowed at the fair

On the day of the science fair, arrival begins at 8:30 a.m for students ONLY. Public Exhibition will be at 11 a.m. - 11: 45 a.m.

For a detailed itinerary, tips for science projects, and more information about projects and planning, go to <http://lake-central.lcsc.us/academics/science-fair/>

YOGA CLUB SPONSORED BY SARAH JOHNSON



Yoga club is a place for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to learn about and practice yoga. Yoga is a noncompetitive activity where all participants are encouraged to challenge themselves in a safe, comfortable, supportive environment.

In order to accommdate with Ms. Sarah Johnson's, Computer, sports schedules, Yoga Club takes place during when time is available.

"I coach volleyball in the fall and track in the spring, [so] Yoga Club takes place in the months between these sports. This school year, Yoga Club ran from early October, 2016 until the end of February, 2017. There will be a similar schedule for Yoga Club next school year as well," Ms. Johnson said.

Ms. Johnson enjoys working the children in the club. She views it as a time to take a mental break from their surroundings.

"Practicing yoga with these amazing kids feels exactly like what I should be doing. When they learn the power of the mind-body connection, the value of presence and acceptance on and off the mat and the importance of taking this time for themselves, they grow wise and strong beyond their years. It's really one of the coolest things I've ever seen," Ms. Johnson said.

Even though the Yoga Club is over for this school year, Ms. Johnson is already thinking ahead for next year.

"I hope that the Grimmer Yoga Club continues to grow each year because all kids and adolescents can benefit from this amazing practice. At that same time, it's more about the quality of the practice than how many students are present. Whether there are five students or twenty-five students at Yoga Club on a particular day, the goal is always the same. Yoga Club is a place for all participants to learn about themselves and challenge their own expectations, but it's also a place of mindful acceptance and connection," Ms. Johnson said.

Interested students can be on the look out for next year for the Yoga Club schedule.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 BASKETBALL (GIRLS) - (LMSAC TOURNEY ROUND 1) (H)	3	4 BASKETBALL (GIRLS) - (LMSAC TOURNEY FINALS) (A) MS WINTER GUARD - LAKE PARK CONTEST
5	6	7 GIRLS ON THE RUN (5-6 GRADE) GIRLS ON THE RUN, HEART AND SOUL (7-8 GRADE)	8	9 GIRLS ON THE RUN (5-6 GRADE) GIRLS ON THE RUN, HEART AND SOUL (7-8 GRADE)	10	11
TRACK TRY OUTS						
12	13	14 GIRLS ON THE RUN (5-6 GRADE) GIRLS ON THE RUN, HEART AND SOUL (7-8 GRADE)	15	16 GIRLS ON THE RUN (5-6 GRADE) GIRLS ON THE RUN, HEART AND SOUL (7-8 GRADE)	17	18
TRACK PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL						
19 MS WINTER GUARD LINCOLN- WAY EAST CONTEST	20	21 GIRLS ON THE RUN (5-6 GRADE) GIRLS ON THE RUN, HEART AND SOUL (7-8 GRADE)	22	23 GIRLS ON THE RUN (5-6 GRADE) GIRLS ON THE RUN, HEART AND SOUL (7-8 GRADE)	24	25 MS WINTER GUARD - MINOOKA CONTEST
TRACK PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL						

UPCOMING TRACK INFORMATION

March 6th - March 8

After school until 5:30 p.m are try-outs

March 10th

Team list posted

Practices begin March 13 after school until 5 p.m

(Mon -Thurs)

March 14th 5- 5:45 p.m

Mandatory Parent Meeting on Tuesday

For coaching contact information, physical packet forms and more, go

to <http://grimmer.lcsc.us/athletics/>.

A detailed calendar of sports events and times can be found

at <https://trypinwheel.com/>

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

GMS ALUM: DOODLE 4 GOOGLE FINALIST



For nearly two decades the Google logo located on the search engine's homepage has been one of the most recognizable objects on the planet. The homepage now features new doodles and animations that bring the logo to life and give the average web-surfer something new to look at nearly each time they "Google" something.

The new doodles have become almost just as popular as the word "Google" itself, and the company decided it was time to let the world help with these designs. That's when the "Doodle 4 Google" contest came to life. The contest allows for students across the United States and its territories to submit their artistic pieces for this year's theme-- "What I see for the future."

"We have the doodle on our Google homepage and we have real artists that create those, but this project in particular we wanted to embrace and take advantage of the really creative students that are out there in the U.S. We started this project more as an opportunity to showcase student work. It's been going on for nine years and it has been pretty incredible to see the hundreds of thousands of submissions that we've gotten," Google employee Blaire Bender said.

Bender, along with her co-worker and close friend Kelly Weiss, currently travels the nation recognizing students for winning their respective states contests and getting set to move on to the national vote. On Thursday, Feb. 23, they made their next stop-- St. John, IN.

"[Winning] was a distant thought. I had no idea that I was going to win. I was just so shocked and excited, I couldn't believe it. I feel important, special and happy," Freshman Veronica Gonzalez said.

The news of a Lake Central student winning the Indiana contest quickly spread and the announcement of the award soon became an event attended by about half the school.

"[All those involved] are really nice to me. I'm so grateful for all they've done. Even though [Google] is such an important and huge company, it also has the goal of working with many diverse people offering the same opportunities to all," Gonzalez said.

One guest that stood out was Sen. Todd Young who decided to stop by for the event during his visit to Northwest Indiana. Young met with the Gonzalez family beforehand and during his speech encouraged students to get out and vote, not for him but instead for Gonzalez's doodle.



"[Having Google come to local high schools] makes me think of two things," Young said. "One, it makes me think it's great that they're reaching out to students and getting them more comfortable with technology and lifting their imaginations, catalyzing their interests in technology and doing unique things with their professional lives. Number two, it impresses me that they're such an intelligent company and that they'd be connecting with young people knowing that the young people are going to want to work for a company like Google and use their technology more after being exposed to some of the unique features that they showed us today."

The ladder building up to working for Google is one that can start right at a school like LC.

"I would say school is number one and then experience. You can learn a lot more in the real world than you can from a book. I think it's really important. [Weiss and I] have both had a lot of internships, and been able to have relatable experiences to bring forth to the table at Google," Bender said.

Working for Google is a job that fits the interests of almost everyone, and for a large high school like Lake Central diversity in interests is one thing that is not overlooked.

"Google is such a large company, we have 60,000 employees right now so there's kind of a space for everyone no matter what you enjoy doing each day. I think really if you find something that you love really don't be afraid to apply or pursue Google because there are opportunities for everyone no matter what your skill set really is." Weiss said.

Young himself grew up in a small town in Indiana and uses his own experiences to encourage students that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

"I'd say study really hard, work very hard [and] don't let anyone tell you that either you don't come from the right circumstances or you didn't grow up in the right area to work for one of these companies. Really, anybody can realize the dream of working for a world class organization like [Google] if you put your mind to it. That would be my message," Young said.

The national vote is now open through the Doodle 4 Google website. Gonzalez's piece is titled "The Sky's Not the Limit" and is under the 8-9 grade group. Votes can be submitted once a day through March 6. Go to <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/vote.html> to vote now.