



February, 2010

# THE PANTHER POST

Lakeview Junior High School  
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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- February 3**  
PTO Meeting, 9:30 am
- February 8**  
Board of Education Meeting  
7 pm at Heritage  
Elementary
- February 9**  
Sr. Citizen lunch, 12:30 pm  
Wrestling awards 7 pm
- February 10**  
Boys basketball awards  
7 pm
- February 11**  
Winter band concert  
PHSN-PAC 7 pm
- February 15**  
NO SCHOOL  
PRESIDENT'S DAY
- February 16**  
Mandatory Spring Sports  
Rules Meeting, 6 pm
- February 22**  
Baseball/Softball pitchers &  
catchers start
- February 23**  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vision Screening  
during science classes
- February 25**  
NO SCHOOL  
ALL DAY PARENT/TEACHER  
CONFERENCES
- March 3**  
Interim reports available on  
P.A.M.

## *A Message from the Principal:*

Panthers:

Wow, it seems now we're on the downside of the 2009-2010 hill. I'm very pleased with the work of our students thus far. This is a crucial time for students as there are twelve weeks remaining until OAT testing, and then we are certainly in the home stretch. Take some time to address at home the importance of these tests and the importance of giving our in class interventions geared towards this high stakes testing.

High school and junior high scheduling is right around the corner. See the guidance page for an update on that all important issue. We are currently looking at our offerings and staffing district wide and will start our process shortly.

Our second Parent Teacher Conferences are on February 25th. We are beginning to schedule these with your student's teachers. See the form in this issue. Print out the page, fill it out, and send it in with your child so we can schedule a conference for you. If you missed the fall session, I strongly encourage you to consider this update with our staff.

### **MAY DANCE**

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will have the last dance of the year sponsored by the student council. This is **NOT** a formal dance or Junior High Prom. This is not new from past years, and I want you to be prepared for the event and not waste money on things that are not permitted. We try to make this dance a little different from the Teen Night dances by asking students to dress up and by having a theme for the dance. All school rules apply, especially the dress code. Please do not buy outfits that do not comply with the dress code. No type of spaghetti straps, strapless shirts or dresses are permitted without having a jacket, cover-up, or shawl worn over top. Shawls must remain on for the entire dance, not just as they enter. Also, the torso must be appropriately covered.

If a student comes to the dance not complying with the dress code, two things will happen:

1) We will give the student a shirt to wear and they may enter,

or

2) They will be asked to leave if they do not comply with wearing the shirt.

Please do not put your child or the school in a position that will end in a negative result. The dance is for Lakeview students only! No guests are permitted. I am asking for your help and support in making sure your child is dressed appropriately for the dance and all school rules are followed. It seems like a moot issue, but truthfully we are trying to have an enjoyable night with 600 kids who have a vast array of physical and emotional maturity. To do so, this must be attended to in advance.

Enjoy,

Mr. Clark

### **DRESS CODE REMINDER**

Please review the dress code standards found in the front portion of the student planner. Students can't wear jeans with holes in them and girl's skirts and dresses must be of reasonable length. Suggestive clothing shall not be permitted. Roller shoes are not permitted. To view the dress code standards in its entirety, please refer to the front part of the student planner.

### **IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDER**

Oversleeping, missing the bus, running late, etc. are considered **unexcused** tardies to school. The penalties for unexcused tardies are as follows (per nine weeks): 5 or more - Q.S.T. hours will be assigned for each tardy thereafter for the remainder of that nine weeks. (Please refer to the Student Planner). **Parents need to call, send a note or doctor note with students or sign students in at the office when they are tardy (excused or unexcused).**

### **BUNDLE UP!**

It is highly suggested that students dress in layers during the winter months. Students are not allowed to wear heavy winter coats during class. Students can wear a light jacket sweater, or sweatshirt, and these items can be stored in their locker to use if they become cold/warm in their classrooms.

### **PHYSICAL FORMS REMINDER**

If your son or daughter intends on participating in athletics at Lakeview Junior High, they need to have a completed (front and back) physical form with signatures on file PRIOR to trying out for the team. Forms are available in the athletic office or the main office.

### **STUDENT DROP OFF REMINDER**

The main entrance to the front of the building by the school sign should be treated as ONE WAY from 7 AM until 7:30 AM for the safety of our students and staff. We also have buses that drop off students during this time. Please pull into the main entrance by the school sign, and exit by the high school tennis courts. This may cause a slight back up in the morning, but the safety of our students and staff comes first.

### **REMINDER OF SCHOOL PHONE USE POLICY**

Unless it is an emergency situation, students will not be pulled from class to make a phone call. Likewise, unless it is an emergency situation, students will not be permitted to use the phone during the school day. Forgetting homework or gym clothes is not considered an emergency. If the student is accompanied by a teacher, or has one of the counselor's or principal's permission, they will be allowed to use the phone. Office staff will continue to get messages to students during the school day, and students will be permitted to use the phone after dismissal.

Although we allow students to have cell phones at school, they are to be turned off and be stored in a secured place (i.e. a locked locker) during the day. If it is observed that a cell phone is turned on during normal school hours, the cell phone will be confiscated from the student, and a parent will have to come into the office and pick up the cell phone.

### **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION**

There will be an informational meeting for any junior high girl interested in trying out for the track and field team this spring on **February 3rd, 2010 before school at 7:00 am in the main gym.**

**Tryouts will begin on March 8<sup>th</sup>**, please make sure that interested athletes have an updated physical on file. Physicals are only good for one calendar year. It can be difficult to get appointments to see family doctors for spring physicals, so please plan accordingly. Also, athletes who have not yet played a sport this school year will need to attend the Spring Rules meeting on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Lakeview cafeteria. **Both athlete and parent must attend this meeting.**



Melissa Dyer  
Girls Track & Field Head Coach

### **TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG**

Table Tennis/Ping Pong for 8th graders is Wednesdays; 7th grade students meet on Thursdays. Time is 2:00-3:00pm. Student pick up is promptly at 3 p.m., and there is no cost to participate.

### **BOXTOP COUPONS**

A Great Big Thank You!!!

Lakeview Jr. High would like to say THANKS to Mr. DeVoe's 7th grade social studies classes, as well as Mrs. Candace Smith's reading classes for collecting Boxtops for Education coupons. What a great effort on their part! We appreciate the large number collected and will be turning them in to General Mills in mid-February.

If anyone would like to contribute Boxtops, we are always collecting them. Please just send them in with your student!! Thanks again everyone!!!

### **SPELLING BEE NEWS**

On February 10th and 11<sup>th</sup> our 7th and 8th grade Spelling Bees will consecutively be held. The Spelling Bees will be held during 3rd and 7th periods.

### **NEWS FROM THE NURSE....**

February is National Children's Dental Health month. I wanted to share some tips from the American Dental Association (ADA) to keep a healthy smile.

#### **ADA Tips to Reduce Tooth Decay**

The American Dental Association (ADA) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) say that parents need to make sure they are aware of what their children are eating and how often they eat because this can have a dramatic impact on their oral and overall health. Here are their tips to reduce tooth decay:

- Sugary foods and drinks consumed as part of a meal are less harmful than a snack-- Saliva production increases during meals and helps neutralize acid production and rinse food particles from the mouth.
- Limit snacks between meals. Choose nutritious foods if snacks are eaten, and chew sugarless gum afterward, which also increases saliva flow and helps wash out food and decay that produces acid.
- Drink lots of water, especially fluoridated water, which can help prevent tooth decay.
- Brush teeth two times a day with fluoride toothpaste and floss once a day.
- Don't forget to see your dentist every 6 months for a regular check up.

(Source: [www.ada.org/public/media/releases](http://www.ada.org/public/media/releases))

#### **Vision Screenings for 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Children are routinely screened for vision and hearing at specific grade levels per the requirements from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Seventh graders are to be routinely screened for vision.

**On Tuesday, February 23, 2010, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be screened for vision.** Please be sure to remind your child to wear or bring their glasses or contacts if they use them. If a problem is found with your child's vision, a vision referral letter will be mailed to the parent. This letter would need to be filled out by optometrist or ophthalmologist after their evaluation and returned to the school nurse.

In good health,  
Tami Tackett, RN, School Nurse

# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY

*February 25, 2010*

(Please Print) STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK TELEPHONE (Mr./Mrs.): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ Team (Science, Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, Reading ) ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ Team plus the following additional subjects (list teachers by name):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Only these specific teachers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Regretfully, with the limited amount of time, it is not possible to meet with all parents on our conference days. If your student is doing well in school and if you do not have major concerns, we suggest a phone conference. If you would like a conference, please check the appropriate spaces below. **Conferences should be confirmed no later than the day before your scheduled conference.** Please remember that it is not necessary for parents to wait until parent-teacher conference days for meeting with your teachers. When you have concerns, please feel free to contact the junior high.

## ***Conferences are generally 15 – 20 minutes in length***

*Please let us know your schedule needs:*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have an open schedule;  
sign me up anytime .

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a limited schedule;  
Sign me up between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone conference requested. Please contact me at  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail communication. Please contact me at  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**PLEASE RETURN A COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF YOUR STUDENT'S TEAM TEACHERS NO LATER THAN 5 SCHOOL DAYS BEFORE THE REQUESTED CONFERENCE DATE. THIS FORM AND THE NEWSLETTER CAN BE FOUND ON-LINE: [www.pickerington.k12.oh.us](http://www.pickerington.k12.oh.us)**

# FEBRUARY PTO NEWS

In January we had our 3<sup>rd</sup> Teen Night and a food night at Max & Erma's. I am writing this article before the events take place, so I hope they are a great success! Thanks to all the parents who donate drinks and help chaperone Teen Nights. Thanks to all the teachers and staff members who stop as well. Patty Criminski and Sherry Stuart have done a great job in organizing these events. We will miss them next year!

During the months of February and March Lakeview's Yearbook Committee will be completing this year's book. Please take the time to upload any pictures you may have taken during the year. It's great to have a variety of photos and kids in each book. Pictures can be placed on CDs and given to Mrs. Mumaw.

The American Red Cross has been working with Mr. Clark to bring a Pint Size Blood Drive to Lakeview. It has been scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please look for emails for volunteers to help in the afternoon and evening on that day.

We also have a PTO meeting on Wednesday morning, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Mantia is planning to join us for our meeting. Please join us if you can.

That's it from the PTO. Have a great month!

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## SCHOOL COUNSELOR NOTES

*February, 2010*

**Nerma Cockrell**-Grade 7 **Kathy Baird**-Grade 8

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The counselors would like to congratulate our February Students of the Month.

Erin Huskey

Anthony Youmans

Nick Haghiri

Kyle Pasqualone

Kristen Frissel

Molly Davies

Myriah Gillum



### **Attention parents of current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students**

Many of you have called with questions about registration for next year. We have not set dates for a parent meeting or dates to meet with students to discuss classes for next year. Please frequently check the Lakeview website and upcoming newsletters for information and dates regarding the registration process for next year's classes. Registration will be later this year because we are waiting until we have final information on all classes being offered.



# ATHLETIC NEWS

## 2009-10

The wrestling awards program will take place on **Tuesday, February 09**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the junior high cafeteria. The athletic department will provide coffee, pop and water. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Kose, athletic director, at 830-2225. More information will be sent home with the athletes.

The boys basketball awards program will take place on **Wednesday, February 10**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the junior high cafeteria. The athletic department will provide coffee, pop and water. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Kose, athletic director, at 830-2225. More information will be sent home with the athletes.

The girls basketball and cheerleader awards program will take place with the high school teams. See your coach for more details.

**Be sure to check the school web site ([www.pickerington.k12.oh.us](http://www.pickerington.k12.oh.us)) for updates on the winter schedules and the physical form.**



### Spring Sports Notes

The spring sports season is just around the corner. Tryouts for all spring sports will begin on **March 8, 2010**. The season will conclude on or about May 21, 2010. Baseball/Softball pitchers & catchers will begin **February 22**. More information on spring sports will be announced over our public address system and given out by the coaches of each sport.

### Participation Fee Collection for Spring Sports

Fee collection will start on March 15, 2010. Participation fees can be paid anytime during school hours from 6:30am - 3:30pm. Friday, **March 19**, is the deadline for participation fees to be paid.

### Participation in a Spring Sport

A physical is required before any participation can take place. Ohio High School Athletic Association physical forms are available from Mrs. Kose in the athletic office or the school website. All physicals must be current. They are good for one calendar year. Physicals from the last school year are not valid.

Required rules meeting for athletes and their parents will be **Feb. 16 at 6:00 pm** in the cafeteria. Before any student can try out or begin participation in any spring sport offered, the parent and student athlete are both required to meet with the athletic director to go over athletic policy and receive necessary forms to permit participation. Failure to attend the meeting involving the sport of your choice will rule you ineligible to participate. Athletes that need to attend are those that have never tried out for a sport and have not attended an athlete meeting this year.

1. Your G.P.A., at the end of the 2nd nine weeks must be a 1.75 or better.
2. You must pass 75% of all courses taken in the grading period that concludes on January 22, 2010.

All potential spring athletes will receive information from the coaching staff regarding tryout dates, times, and requirements with a meeting announced later. Questions can be directed to the coaching staff as directed below at 614-830-2225.

### SPRING COACHING STAFF

Boys Tennis	Glenn Ebright
Boys Track-Head Coach	Brian Seymour
Boys Track - Asst. Coach	Jamie Leyda
Girls Track-Head Coach	Melissa Dyer
Girls Track-Asst. Coach	Michele Petraitis
7 Baseball-Head Coach	Michael Edwards
8 Baseball-Head Coach	TBA
7 Girls Softball	Ron Robertson
8 Girls Softball	Chris Lucas

### REMINDER:

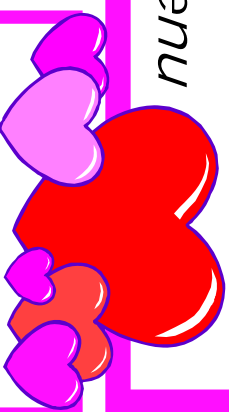
Students entering the eighth & ninth grade must have passed 75 percent of the subjects taken in the last grading period in order to be eligible for sports.

The G.P.A. earned on high school credit classes will be used for Fall, Winter & Spring activities starting your freshman year in high school. Courses over the summer can also be included. A student who fails to earn the minimum required G.P.A. of 1.75% or above shall be granted one period of probation during their high school career, provided you are passing the 5 classes set by OHSAA.



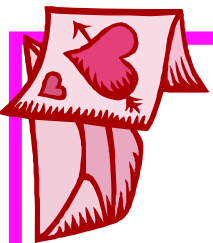
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## Pickerington Junior High & High School Menu



News  
No School  
February 15 and  
February 25.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Philly beef & Cheese Sandwich w/ grilled peppers & onions Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes Fruit Cup	<b>2</b> General TSO's Chicken Steamed Rice Mixed Veggies Fruit Cup Fortune Cookie	<b>3</b> Pizza Crisp Tossed Salad Fruit Cup Yogurt Cup	<b>4</b> Soft Beef Taco Beans Nacho Chips & Cheese Fruit Cup	<b>5</b> Footlong Hot Dog With Chili Baked Beans Fruit Cup
<b>8</b> Chicken Rings & Roll Crispy French Fries Fruit Cup	<b>9</b> <b>\$2.25 Meal</b> Mashed Potato Bowl Popcorn Chicken & roll Mashed Potatoes & gravy Steamed Corn Fruit Cup	<b>10</b> Cheese Boat pizza Crisp Tossed Salad Fruit Cup Yogurt Cup	<b>11</b> <b>\$2.25 Meal</b> Chicken Pollo Guisado Over chips Queso Blanco Sauce Beans Churros Stick Fruit Cup	<b>NEW ITEM 12</b> Vegetable Lo mein with Diced Chicken Steamed Mixed Veggies Fruit Cup Fortune Cookie
<b>15</b> No School	<b>16</b> Spicy Chicken Patty Steamed Green Beans Fruit Cup	<b>17</b> Breaded Mozzarella Cheese sticks w/ side of marinara Mixed Veggies Fruit Cup	<b>18</b> Turkey Pot Pie & Buttermilk Biscuit Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Cup	<b>19</b> Fish Seafood Sliders (2) Tator Tots Warm Cinnamon Apples w/ Ice Cream Cup
<b>22</b> <b>\$2.25 Meal</b> Bacon Burger w/ cheese, lettuce, & tomato Baked Chips Steamed Broccoli with cheese Fruit Cup	<b>23</b> Crispy Chicken Tenders & Roll Baked Potato Green Beans Strawberry Cup	<b>24</b> <b>\$2.25 Meal</b> Big Daddy's Pizza Crisp Tossed Salad Fruit Cup Yogurt Cup	<b>25</b> No School	<b>26</b> Stuffed Pizza Dippers & marinara sauce Seasoned Corn Fruit Cup



***LAKEVIEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
STAFF RECOGNITION***

If your son or daughter has been helped in a special way by an adult at Pickerington Lakeview Junior High, please take a moment to let us know by filling out the form below. We want to recognize our staff for their efforts in working with your child. You can return the form to the office with your child or you can mail it. We will make certain that it is delivered to that staff member in a timely manner and that they will be appropriately recognized. Feel free to make additional copies of this form. Thank you for being part of our staff recognition process.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THIS EMPLOYEE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO RESPOND**