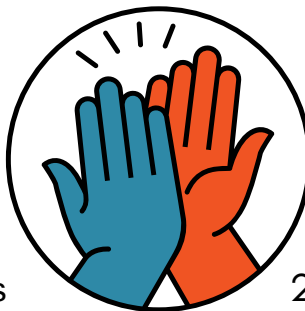


THE HIGH

Lakes PTO Top Five Highlights



FIVE

2024-25 Trimester 3



01

Put Your Hands Together for Hand 2 Hand!

For March is Reading Month, our Lakes families sent in hundreds of breakfast bars, fruit cups and oatmeal packs to benefit **Hand 2 Hand**. On April 2nd, students worked alongside PTO parent volunteers to assemble over *1,200 breakfast packs* for students across West Michigan who experience weekend hunger. We could not have done this without your generous donations of food items and volunteer time- a huge **high five** to everyone who participated!

02

T-Shirt Design Contest Winner and Finalists!

We had dozens of students participate in the second annual PTO t-shirt design contest! We were SO impressed with the unique way each student approached what school spirit meant to them. A big shout-out to our four finalists: Adelyn Boras, Gwendolen Franklin, Reid Miller and Cora Twyman. And a huge **CONGRATS** to ✨Hazel Wills ✨ who was selected as this year's winner by her student peers. We are excited to see this design brought to life on next year's school spirit t-shirts.



03

Showing our gratitude: Staff appreciation

Every month, the PTO **celebrates the hard work** of our Lakes teachers and staff. In March, everyone enjoyed a "spud-tacular" baked potato bar, salad and treats. In April and May, our crew ramped up their gratitude with a *Favorite Things* gift bag and later, a full five days of teacher appreciation week. **Thank you!** To all the families who helped make these monthly treats available to the hardworking team at Lakes Elementary, and the SA PTO team whose creativity knows no bounds!



04

Hip Hip Hooray for Lakes-a-Palooza!

We could not have asked for a more beautiful evening on May 15th to bring so many Lakes families together for lots of food, fun and friends! We are so grateful to the LaP committee for organizing this event over the past several months, as well as the many volunteers, businesses and local community entities (such as the Cannon Township Fire Department and Kent County Mounted Unit) for helping make this event a success!



05

Extra Extra! Field Trips and Special Events

Students across grade levels experienced lots of fun extra-curriculars during the last few months of the year. First graders had the chance to visit the GR Public Museum, while third graders headed to Lansing. Fifth graders wrapped up the year with an amazing service project that benefitted the school, as well as their amazing end-of-year celebration to send them onto new adventures at Middle School next year.



WHAT'S NEXT?

VISIT THE ROCKFORD BOOK BUS @ LAKES June 16 (11AM) • July 7 (11AM)
July 21 (11AM) • July 30 (5:30PM with Food Truck!) • August 4 (11AM)

FINANCIALS

As of Jun 5, 2025, PTO has spent \$42,920 in support of our efforts, of which:

- 51%** Field trips, other grade-spec.
- 26%** Staff appreciation & support
- 13%** School-wide activities
- 8%** Large family events
- 2%** Miscellaneous

THANK YOU!

We couldn't do it without our volunteers

A huge **thank you** from the PTO Board to everyone who participated with us this year. Your involvement directly & positively impacts the learning experience for all at Lakes.

We wish you a wonderful summer and we will see you next year!



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