SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

LISLE 202

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 2026

Lisle Elementary School

Author Visit

Our PK-2 students enjoyed a very special visit from award-winning actress, singer, and author Anika Noni Rose, best known as the voice of Princess Tiana in Disney's *The Princess and the Frog* and for her role in *Dreamgirls*!

Ms. Rose shared her new book, *A Princess is a Princess,* answered questions, and even sang "Almost There", the cornerstone song from *The Princess and the Frog*. What an incredible opportunity for our students to learn from such a talented and inspiring guest!

Math Skills Builder

Our classroom teachers dove into the new Math Skills Builder during their professional learning time. Designed to create multi-step math problems for student practice and assessment, this new tool will help deepen our students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Looking ahead, our teaching teams will collaborate to brainstorm how to best incorporate this tool into their classroom instruction.

Personal Safety & Identifying Trusted Adult Presentation

Students across all grade levels participated in Erin's Law lessons focused on personal safety and identifying trusted adults they can turn to for help. We welcomed "Be Seen and Heard" for presentations that empowered students to use their voices and understand body safety.

Lisle Junior High School

Science in Action

Our sixth grade scientists have been exploring how we perceive the world around us as part of their first middle school science unit. Over the past two weeks, students participated in hands-on experiments to apply what they've learned about light and vision, discovering that light is essential for sight. To deepen their understanding, they dissected cow eyes to observe how light interacts with the eye's structures. A big thank-you to our parent volunteers for supporting these engaging learning experiences!

Student Ambassadors Support Sixth Graders

Our seventh and eighth grade ambassadors visited sixth grade homerooms on October 22 as part of our mentoring program. These visits help build connections across grade levels and support our sixth graders as they navigate junior high.

Washington, DC Trip Moves Forward

With 43 students signed up, our spring Washington DC trip is officially moving forward! We look forward to this exciting opportunity for students to explore our nation's capital and bring their classroom learning to life.

Cross Country State Meet

Congratulations to our State Cross Country competitors on a great state championship meet on Saturday, October 17! Three of our runners, Grayson, Alex, and Logan, qualified for and competed at the state cross country meet, capping off the season with impressive performances. Grayson exceeded her personal goal, completing a remarkable season that began with a broken toe. Alex overcame a crowded start to finish the race to lower her own school record by seven seconds, while Logan delivered a strong second half to finish with a personal-best time. All three demonstrated resilience and determination, gaining valuable experience to build on next season.

Sixth Grade Band Concert

Our 6th Grade Band showcased their musical talents during a wonderful concert alongside our High School Band. A special highlight of the evening was seeing three of our 6th grade students take the podium to conduct the High School Band in the Lisle fight song! It was a memorable experience for our young musicians and a great opportunity to celebrate the connections between our junior high and high school music programs.

Lisle High School

Standardized Testing

Last month, our high school offered two standardized assessments: the PSAT/NMSQT and the PreACT. The PSAT/NMSQT was available to students who wished to participate and potentially qualify for scholarships, while the PreACT was administered to all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The PreACT served as a valuable tool for students to familiarize themselves with the ACT format, question types, and overall testing experience. Additionally, the results provided our students with valuable insights into areas of growth and to customize their learning for this using Albert.IO

Illinois Central Eight Leadership Conference:

Our school once again had the privilege of participating in our conference's annual Leadership Conference. This year's conference brought together eight exceptional student leaders from each of our member schools for a day of collaboration, learning, and personal growth. Guest speaker Ted Wiese delivered an inspiring and empowering presentation, motivating our students to believe in their ability to make a positive impact. Each of our eight student delegates expressed the profound experience and valuable insights they gained from the conference

LHS Activities & Athletics

Our programs have been quite busy this fall. While existing clubs & activities are still operating with the same participation numbers, we have still seen interest in reviving our Diversity Club. At the first meeting held on October 17th, we had 20 students attend!

We are pleased to share that Fine Arts has seen an increase in the number of students participating in the Marching Band with over 80 students. On October 21, the Marching Band entertained audiences for its final performance of the season. The concert included a special thank you from the students to Mr. Gumina as he wraps up his final Marching Band season before his retirement. In addition, our choir successfully hosted another fall picnic and concert in September, and lastly, our LHS Fall Play will cap off the fine arts fall catalog with shows in November on the 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Our Athletic Programs have seen many successes this year with football, cross country, soccer, and volleyball all making the playoffs!

Cross Country Teams Advance to Sectionals

Congratulations to our cross country teams on an exciting Regional meet! The girls' team captured the Regional championship for the first time in school history, and both the boys' and girls' teams advanced to Sectionals. Ashley R. and Dani E. finished third and fourth, respectively, becoming Lisle's first All-Regional cross country athletes since 2009 across both the boys' and girls' programs. Best of luck at Sectionals, Lions!

District

Senior Night Passing the Torch Celebration

Our youngest and oldest Lions came together for a memorable Senior Night celebration at the Lisle High School football game on October 9! More than half of our Kindergarteners joined the Class of 2027 on the field during halftime for a special "passing of the torch" recognition. Seniors presented our Kindergarteners with oversized "Class of 2039" shirts to grow into and wear for years to come. It was a fun evening celebrating our Seniors, welcoming the Class of 2039, and bringing our families together in the spirit of #OnePride!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Lisle High School held its Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 8 and 9. It was a great opportunity to connect with our families and discuss the students' progress so far this year. Lisle Junior High School will join the Elementary School in holding Conferences at the end of November.

Bilingual Parent Meeting

Our first BPAC (Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee) meeting was a great success! Families came together to learn more about the ACCESS, IAR, Pre-ACT, and ACT assessments. Parents asked thoughtful questions and engaged in meaningful conversations to better understand the assessments and how they support student learning. In addition to learning, families enjoyed playing Lotería, or Bingo, and participating in a fun raffle! The next BPAC meeting will take place on January 11th at 6:00 pm at the Junior High.