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Lakeview Junior High School

March '26 Board Report

**Goal One – Education**

Students in Mrs. Burrow’s 7th grade ELA class recently showcased their creativity and understanding through an engaging independent reading project. After completing their novels, students designed and created their own board games that allowed classmates to experience and learn about the key events, characters, and themes from their books.

This project provided students with the opportunity to truly be leaders of their own learning while tapping into many of the learner characteristics we strive to build each day. Through the design process, students demonstrated critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration as they planned game mechanics, developed questions or challenges, and connected them to important moments from their stories.

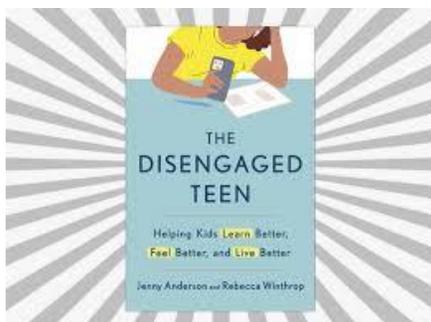
Once completed, students shared their games with their peers, working together to play and learn from one another. As classmates moved through the games, students were able to put their understanding of their novels on full display while also engaging in meaningful discussion and collaboration.

It was exciting to see this level of engagement in the classroom with students fully in “explorer mode,” applying their knowledge in creative ways while proudly sharing their work. A job well done by both Mrs. Burrows and her students for creating such a dynamic and memorable learning experience.



**Goal Two – Essentials**

We recently had the incredible opportunity to welcome Rebecca Winthrop to our school community. During her visit, she met with staff, parents, and students to share important insights about helping students move into “explorer mode,” encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and a willingness to ask questions in a rapidly changing world.



Rebecca spoke about the growing presence of artificial intelligence and the ways it is already shaping our educational environment. She emphasized the importance of guiding students to use AI thoughtfully while also supporting their social and emotional development. Her message reinforced the idea that

while technology is evolving quickly, our focus must remain on helping students develop the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to navigate these changes.

One of the most powerful parts of the visit was the opportunity for our students to engage directly in conversation. They asked thoughtful questions, shared their perspectives, and voiced both excitement and concerns about the role AI may play in their future. We could not have been more proud of the way our students represented our school through their well-formed ideas and willingness to participate in meaningful dialogue.

A sincere thank you to our Board of Education for making this opportunity possible. Experiences like this enrich our school community and allow our students to learn directly from leading voices in education while ensuring their own voices are heard.

### **Goal Three – Environment**

Our recent Pack the Place event served as a powerful reminder of the strength and compassion within our school community. Students, families, staff, and community members came together in an incredible show of support for alumni Ben Julkowski and his family as he bravely continues his battle with leukemia.

The evening was more than just a school event, it was a meaningful demonstration of what it looks like when a community shows up for one of its own. The gym was filled with energy, generosity, and encouragement, as attendees participated in games, donated, volunteered, and simply showed their support for the Julkowski family.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening. Thank you to those who attended, donated snacks, volunteered their time, participated in the fun activities, and offered donations and messages of encouragement. Your kindness made a significant impact and reflected the caring spirit that defines our school community.

Moments like this highlight what makes our school community so special. The outpouring of support for Ben and his family truly exemplified the power of community and the importance of standing together during difficult times. We are incredibly proud of the way our students, families, and staff rallied together to support one of our own.

