

Lawrence Public Schools District Update

LAE Board Meeting

April 10, 2024



Leahy Site Topped Off!

- The last piece of steel is officially in place over at the Leahy site
- Elected officials, DESE, MSBA, students and staff attended this celebration



April Acceleration Academy

- This Academy's focus is on science and mathematics
- 1,359 students will be attending
- High school students will focus on biology for grade 9 and geometry for grade 10
- A typical schedule for Acceleration Academy has academics as well as some enrichment activities
- In line with LPS' instructional vision for Acceleration Academy, students will be engaged throughout the day to accelerate learning with a sense of joy and urgency

Elementary	
7:30-8:00	Arrival and Breakfast
8:30-10:30	Morning Meeting
10:30-11:30	Math Fluency
11:30-12:00	Lunch and Recess
12:00-2:30	Math Project Based Work
2:30-3:00	Closing and Movement Break

Middle and High School	
7:30-8:00	Arrival and Breakfast
8:00-9:30	Mindfulness and Meditation
9:30-12:00	Targeted Math Practice
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:50	Math Presentation
2:50-3:00	Announcements, Awards and Dismissal



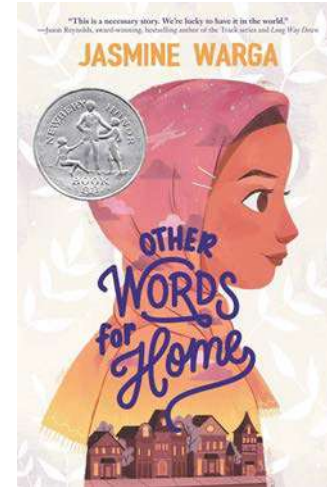
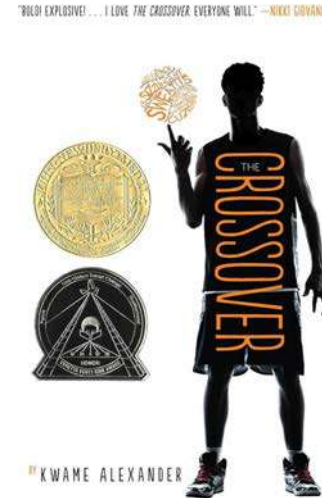
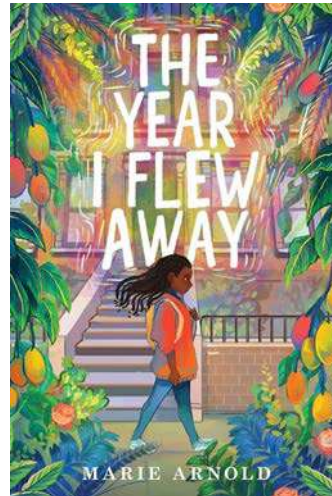
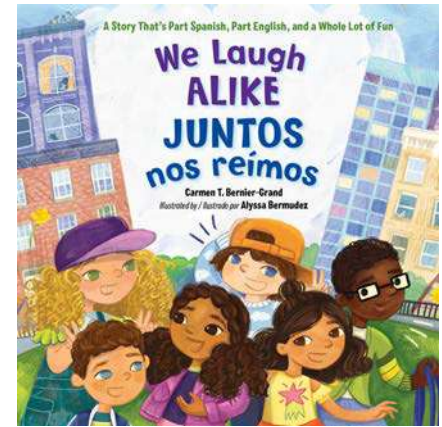
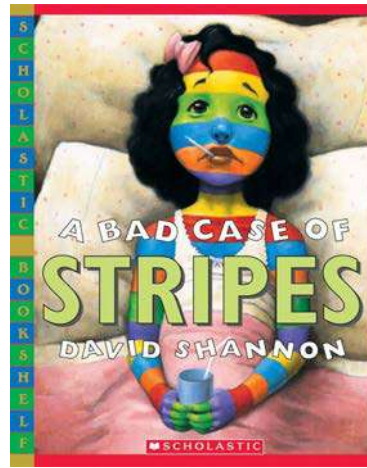
Summer Reading Lists

The 2024 LPS Summer Reading list is ready!

- The list will be posted on the LPS website and shared with Lawrence Public Library in June
- Lists are available for rising 1st-8th graders
- Lawrence Public Library will have copies of these books available for students to check out

Schools will provide additional supports such as:

- Sample reading log (rising 5-8)
- Sample four square reading activity (rising 5-8)
- Tracking the number of books (early/elementary)
- Goal setting (early/elementary)



Stressing Accountability and Having Fun

- The Guilmette School recently had a pep rally to get students prepared for MCAS while having fun
- This included students who had perfect attendance being able to pie Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Scollan, and Ms. Anderson
- Students with great attendance were celebrated and urged to do their best



District-wide Music Concert

- On March 14, the LPS Music Department held its annual District-wide Music Concert
- K-12 students from nine music programs throughout LPS performed
- Held at the PAC, it is a great opportunity, especially for younger students, to perform in such a large venue for the first time



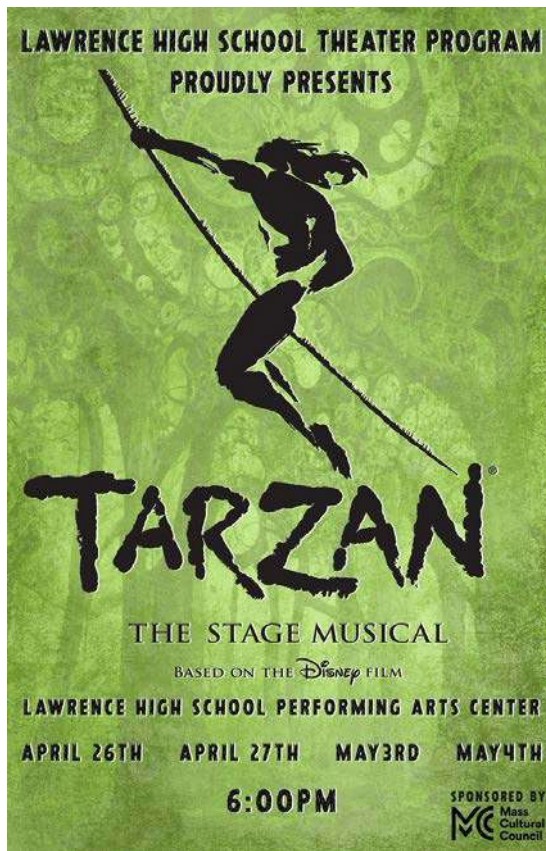
Homeland Security at LHS

- This school year Homeland Security Investigations and Lawrence High School partnered up to put together a Cadet Program
- Students had the opportunity to meet with HSI personnel and learn about the different aspects of a career in law enforcement
- To celebrate their hard work and dedication, HSI personnel, elected officials and LHS staff hosted a celebration ceremony this past week for students and families



LHS Theater

- Upcoming performance of Tarzan, starting on April 26th
- Our theater students were recently recognized by the Lawrence City Council
- They received citations for their efforts and posed for a photo with City Councilors



Spring Sports in Action

- At the high school level spring athletics have begun for volleyball, baseball, softball, tennis, and outdoor track
- Intramurals will begin on May 4th in outdoor track and volleyball



Student Voice, Student Media!

- School for Exception Studies Pride News
- Run by students and for students
- They publicize and celebrate school events
- They even do a weather forecast so students can prepare for the weekend
- All episodes can be found on the One Stop Hub for Students and Families



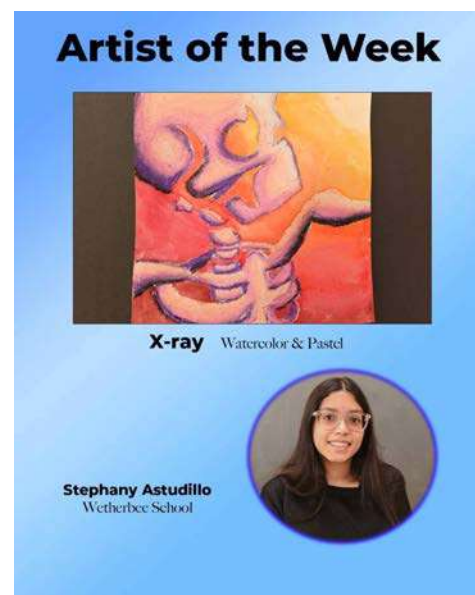
Student Voice: The Leonard Middle School Think Tank!

- The 17 Think Tank students commit to meeting weekly
- Have collaborated on school issues with Facilities and Nutrition services Departments
- They have contributed ideas to the Leahy School Project including the room colors for the middle school section of the building



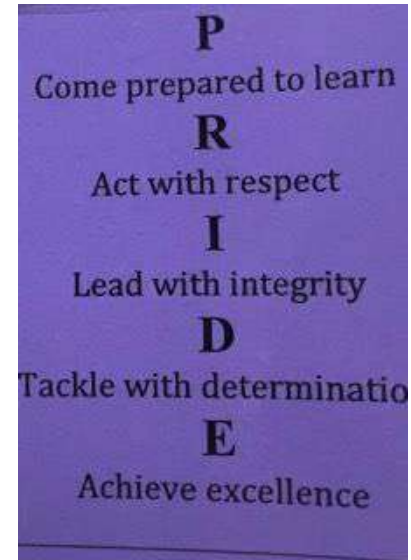
Student Voice Through Art!

- Congratulations to Stephany for being a recent artist of the week
- Her project included the use of pastels and water colors
- She is currently in 8th grade at the Wetherbee
- She will be attending Abbott Lawrence at LHS next year
- She let us know that she was able to exercise her voice by selecting additional time in an art elective at the Wetherbee



Student Voice: The Parthum Elementary Student Council!

- Student council members at the Parthum Elementary meet biweekly with their principal
- They help plan and organize school events such as open houses and pep rallies
- They focus on their PRIDE values in whatever they do for the school



Student Voice: The Superintendent Student Cabinet!

- The SSC meets monthly with district staff
- They update us with ideas for continuous improvement and celebration events that stress positivity
- Current events being planned are a wellness initiative and a Walk-a-thon for the fall



Student Voice, Student Government Day at the State House & the Governor's Youth Council!

- Brenda and Hillary represented LHS at Student Government Day recently
- Both of them were also selected by Governor Healy to serve on her Youth Advisory Council
- The Council will make recommendations to the Governor on issues the youth of the Commonwealth are uniquely positioned to address, including but not limited to civic engagement, education and youth violence.



Student Voice: Early College at the State House!

- LHS students attended Legislative Early College Day at the State House on March 21st
- Students were able to speak with 1st Essex State Senator Payano as well as 2nd Assistant Majority Leader and 17th Essex State Representative Moran about their experiences in Early College

