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Lane Middle School

Beginning a New Year

The new school always brings many exciting new things and some challenges. This year has a few challenges due to the ongoing renovation. Several areas were renovated over the summer including the band, choir, and art classrooms, the cafeteria, the gym and boy's locker room and the main office. The office had a much-needed make over. We asked Mrs. McClain what her favorite part of the renovated offices were. She told us her favorite part was the new conference room. Instead of having to use classrooms, they have their own area. She also liked the added brail, writing for the blind, that was on the signs. Mrs. Vance said she likes the way the rooms are brighter, cleaner, and fresher than the old office.

There were many problems on the first day. Uncooperative lockers, unbearable heat, and the blistering classrooms. The school was like a sauna, it was enough to make everyone frantic on the first day. When we walked into the school, many of us were expecting a welcoming atmosphere. "New year, New me!" Besides the heat, mostly everything else is good. According to Jasmine Reese one of her favorite things about school is gym, taught by Mrs. Hooper. Lanyah Eisenbrown says her favorite thing about school is reading. Damiun Jackson really enjoys football.

The construction is going well except the fact that we still have no air conditioning. Although it's almost fall, it's still boiling in the school. Hopefully soon we'll have sweater weather.

By: Emerson Brink and Christian Fuller



Teacher Spotlight

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis is a new teacher at Lane! He said he has already fallen in love with the students, staff, and the math department. This is better than what he expected of Lane and does not want to go back to his previous school, Southside. He is here at Lane to teach 7th graders.

He was inspired to teach from the military! He was in the Army and people there told him that he would be a great teacher because he loved to help people. So, he took their advice to heart and went to school to teach. He said he had to go through many tests such as a background test. He also needed to have 3 references and do a lot of volunteer work.

He loves Fort Wayne. He has a lot of family here. He has his mom, 3 aunts, and 2 nieces. Every day he tries to go for a 3-5-mile walk. Mr. Davis stated that if students drops something in class and they allow him to pick it up, he thanks them because they just helped him burn 2 calories!

Mr. Davis is a great teacher! we are lucky to have him here at Lane teaching and being a part of The Viking Nation. He loves the staff and students and would not want to go back to his old schools. He loves to be fit and be with his family in Fort Wayne. He used to teach high school but decided to teach middle school. We are family to him!

By: Matthew Neraasen and Esynce Jimerson

Dates to Remember:

Snider Bowl	10/3
WOWO Fire Drill	10/10
Volleyball & Football Tourney begins	10/11
End of Quarter 1	10/11
No School	10/12
Parent Teacher Conferences	11/7

Viking Athletes Rock the Nation

Lane's Cross Country

The start of the Cross Country season has officially begun! Coach Ping has been coaching Cross Country for 45 years and it truly reflects on the team. So far, we have been victorious numerous times during the 2018-2019 school year! As there are many other things to indulge into about our beloved Cross Country team, we've captured it all! In this article, we've specially ascertained facts and information for you, our adored readers, to learn about Lane's cross country; so continue perusing for content you won't want to miss!

Our Cross Country team has been a long time tradition at Lane Middle School and this year's first game was on September 9th, 2018, with that, we were victorious with two wins! Along with those, we have had a total of four wins this year and are still preparing for the championships (City) and hoping to beat the highest records. Lane's utmost records were both initialized in 1994. The results concluded there to be four wins for the boys and three wins for the girls, both at City.

As we interviewed Coach Ping, he said that, "Our team is competitive and good for hard-working kids only." His words of wisdom truly apply to his experience and the students' training ability. With his guidance, the team is educated in many aspects and that shows when the team's hard work shines through on the track. Throughout the years, we have been one of the most successful schools in Fort Wayne for sports and that is no exception for cross country. The team is a trademark of Lane and we hope to see you at next tryouts-if you're up for it!

By: Iris Naing, William Shelpmann & Bryan Binion



FOOTBALL

The football team is 3-0. We are the number one seed so far. We played Northwood, Lakeside and then will face Blackhawk in the Snider Bowl on October 3rd. Against Portage, in our first game, varsity won 39-0, and the 7th graders won 24-18. The 6th graders won 18-0. We beat Northwood 34-0.

We have a great tradition where the coaches pick who they think worked the hardest to wear number 1. So far Ke'drell, Marvon, and Donte' have worn the #1 jersey.

By: Damian Jackson



VOLLEYBALL

Another one of our great teams at Lane Middle School is our Volleyball team! We talked to one of the coaches, Ms. B. Ms. B is a wonderful and powerful teacher who played volleyball when she was in middle school, high school, and even out of school! We asked her a couple of questions that includes the team's motivation and the worst thing a player can do. For our motivation she said that her team needs teamwork, positive attitude, and communication. She also said that it would be bad if a teammate were to get down on themselves. So far this season the volleyball team has won 4 matches out of 6.

By: Jasmine Reese

Lane's Cheerleading Team

Lane's Cheerleading Team has been going on for quite a while, and it's continuing this year! But with more kicks, flips and a bunch more cheers! They cheer for all the Fall sports, which are Football and Volleyball. And every game they've cheered for, our team won! So, I guess you can call them our good luck charm! They just recently started to do more complicated tricks, like flying. Which they must be very brave and skilled to do that. They also must be very flexible to do some of the cheers. It must be very difficult to do all of the choreography, remembering the choreography and doing it in front of a lot of people. It's difficult to get into the team, but once you get in the team, it's worth it. Not only do you make more friends, but you're able to do all these fun and creative cheers.

The day of their games they cheer for all, the Cheerleaders must wear their cheer uniforms to school. They all make sure to keep up with popular dances and merge them into their cheers. Sometimes, the crowd will even join them while they cheer and dance. It's a fun experience for everyone and gives more motivation to the team who is playing. It's a very fun and amazing experience for these girls that they're able to do these things, and they're really excited for their upcoming games they'll be able to cheer for! I bet everyone that will be watching their cheers will be cheering for them!

The first person we interviewed was Jolie, she said, "I have been a cheerleader since first grade, and I love it!" She said it's all about loud voice, good spirit and big smiles.

The last person we interviewed was Rylee. She explained that she has been cheering for Lane 3 years and she said she loves it! She also said that they all must wear white shoes to cheer and that you don't have to be flexible to cheer.

By Mira Newhouse & Aniya Veazey



Middle School Days

By: Audrey Sakowicz

Hip Hip hurray

That's what some people say

When school starts at 7:10

Hurry get in the car

Or else you won't become a superstar

Get to your class don't be late

I hope you get to roller skate

You eat lunch later in the day

But don't forget you don't have to pay

Then you go home and say YAY!

Later you go to bed

Then snuggle up with your dog Teddy



Poem of the Day

by Davida Fincher

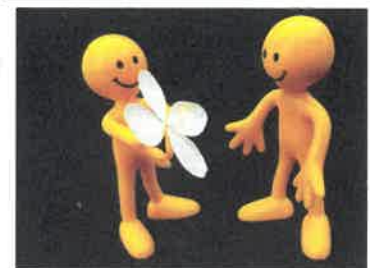
If you can dream it, then
you can do it.

You will get all you need
in life

If you help other people

Get what they need

Be kind to others.



Administrator Spotlight—Mrs. Evans



Did you know that Mrs. Evans didn't start off her career as an administrator? While being interviewed, we found out a lot of interesting things about her.

Mrs. Evans is the assistant principal at Lane Middle School. She has never felt like quitting but she has had many frustrating times with students and others, and always saying that life will get better. She says her job is easy, especially when she comes to a place that she loves, but her job can also be hard when she has to discipline and explain to parents.

Her favorite part of her job is definitely the students, especially when she has really meaningful moments. She also enjoys having fun with the staff and students.

She still remembers and loves the time when Mr. Masterson was a human sundae and Mr. Guenther was a Sumo wrestler. In Mrs. Evan's opinion, that was the funniest thing she has seen at Lane.

She hasn't had to hand out any referrals yet, thank goodness! The one memory she wishes she could take back was when Ms. Windom, a former teacher at Lane, had a heart attack. Ms. Windom was a social studies teacher at Lane, and for a while, was not well. But she retired and recovered and is doing well!

Mrs. Evans loves her job! She states that it's really fun, however, the part she does not enjoy is having to discipline students. This was actually not the job she intended to have,

but it became her goal when her boss's boss told her she would be a great administrator. So, she took their advice to heart and became an assistant principle. She has been an administrator for four years now.

Mrs. Evans is a great assistant principle for Lane and hopefully she stays for many more years. Lane is very lucky to have her!

By Matthew Neraasen, Braylin Charlton, Kellan Blaylock

Getting to Know Mr. Haren



You probably already know Mr. Haren is the principal at Lane Middle School. We sat down with him to find out some information most of us don't know about Mr. Haren.

#1 Do you like your job?

Answer : Yes of course

#2 Do you like your peers?

Answer : Yes they are the best staff in Fort Wayne.

#3 What year were you born?

Answer : 1980

#4 How old are you?

Answer : 38

#5 What are your kids names?

Answer : Logan, Adrianna, Alejandra & Noble

#6 When is your birthday?

Answer : Feb 28th

#7 What is your favorite color ?

Answer : Green

#8 What is your favorite hobby?

Answer : Construction Work

By: Maryana Hill & Caleab Johnson

New Staff in the Nation

At Lane Middle School there are many new teachers. Mr. Kohrman is the Spanish teacher. This is his first year teaching middle school. He speaks about 5 languages and teaches college classes at Ivy Tech. Miss Rudd is the 8th grade algebra teacher. She graduated from Central Michigan last spring and is excited about her first teaching job here at Lane. Mrs. Crider is the social studies teacher who worked in Curriculum at FWCS last year. She has taught before and is so happy to be back in the classroom. Mr. Davis is a 7th grade math teacher who came to Lane from South Side High School. Last, but not least, is Mr. Jackson our new 6th grade assistant principal. He taught Social Studies at Lane a couple years ago and is coming here after being an Administrative Intern at Blackhawk.

With all the renovations going on at Lane, many teachers don't have a classroom this year. Ms. Crider, along with the other social studies teachers basically have their whole entire life on a cart. Sometimes they have to teach in the gym, which makes things challenging. The other teachers who have a room usually have to leave their rooms so other teachers can use it. Sometimes teachers just stay and do their work at their desk. Several teachers had to change classrooms over the summer and others will move in the spring. With all the changes, flexibility is very important this year.

By: Lanyah Eisenbrown and Shaniya Shelton

Lane's PTA

Have you ever wondered about the inside scoop on the PTA? Well, today we interviewed Mrs. Janiszewski. She is the president of the PTA. What does the PTA stand for? She first started off saying that the PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. When we asked her what the PTA did, she said that it helped students in many ways.

We now know what the PTA is so we asked how does the PTA support staff and students at Lane? Mrs. Janiszewski stated the PTA funds a lot of programs, such as: Veterans Day, dances, and provides food. She also said sometimes they provide food for teachers that stay late hours to get things done. Overall, they help with many things people don't see. They give money for supplies that kids might not be able to afford.

Is it easy to be a part of the PTA some people wonder? It's very easy! If you like helping others, you should be involved! Is it easy to be a member and how can people join? Mrs. Janiszewski states it's easy to be a member. She told us that anyone, a student, parent or teacher can be a part of the PTA. Membership fees are only \$10.00. You can also go like and comment on the Lane PTA Facebook page and someone will reach out.

I bet you're wondering how many people are in the PTA. Mrs. Janiszewski stated that about 4 out of 5 parents are hands on. She also stated that about 50 people are on board. Now that's a lot of people helping with multiple things! The PTA does so much for Lane!

We asked Mrs. Janiszewski why are you the President of the PTA? She stated, "I became President of the PTA because they needed someone to serve, and I had the opportunity to make a difference and help out!" We also asked Mrs. Janiszewski how long she has been a part of the PTA. She explained for the last 10 years, 5 here at Lane and 5 previously at Glenwood Park. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated person to help support Lane students and teachers alike!

*By: Karmin Pelz, Gabe Khan,
and Hartley Mellinger*

Clubbing in the Viking Nation

Gamer's Club is sponsored by Mr. Alpaugh and Miss Leonard. Gamer's Club is only on Tuesday's. The club meets in the choir room, room 130. It is for any student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. Students can play Mario Cart on Nintendo Switch. There are many board games, Jenga, and dominoes. Games are different each week so be sure to come on a Tuesday and try it out.

By: *Alyssa Seale*



Chess Club

We have a new club at Lane, and it is Chess Club. Our new math teacher, Mr. Davis, has Chess Club every Wednesday in his classroom, room 206. Anyone is welcome to come and there are 3 skill levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced. If you've never played, you can learn how to.

By: *Taiwan Johnson*

Future City

Future City is a club at Lane sponsored by Miss Johnston and Miss Koto. It is a project-based learning program where students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades imagine, research, design, and build cities of the future. Future City is at schools all across the United States. Each school is given a challenge or problem and must use the engineering and design process to solve it. Lane will have two teams compete at the Regional competition January 26 at Purdue Fort Wayne where they could qualify for the National competition which is February 19, 2019, in Washington D.C.

To practice, Lane's club was given the following challenge:

- Use engineering & design process to solve problem
- Use Lane's master schedule
- Design and come up with solution to the limited class space
- Give every teacher their own room

Construction:

- Can't build
- Each space has to have power
- If solution is good enough, Mr. Haren will make it happen

Teams will present their designs by the end of September. Then they will divide into two teams and begin their designs for the Regional competition.

By: *Anazia Loyall*

