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QUARTER 1 & 2 - WINTER 2017

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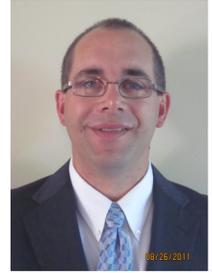
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Mr. Jay Pica  
Principal

Mrs. Amber Erickson  
Dean of Students

Mrs. Samantha Parkhurst  
Athletic Director



Dear Logan Middle School Families,

We are coming to the close of the second quarter/first semester. Thank you for your support in helping us get off to a great start this school year.

Our students are adjusting nicely to our new schedule. The primary goal in revising our schedule was to provide longer blocks of learning time. Our teachers are doing a wonderful job of taking advantage of this opportunity. The number of transitions, going from class to class, during the day have decreased. There are only two bells throughout the day. The results are a better learning environment for all.

One change for us this year is the acknowledgement of student accomplishments. As a staff, we are formally recognizing the work and efforts of our students more frequently, on a quarter basis. Each quarter, grade level teachers will establish the criteria and what they will recognize. How the recognition takes place will vary depending on the grade levels. Also, the entire student body and staff will participate together in an end of quarter celebration. Our staff is working with their homeroom students to set individual goals for each quarter. This change also means that our traditional Anything's Possible Day student recognition program in May will not occur this year. Our move to more frequent acknowledgements will recognize our students for many of the same things that we did on this day.

I encourage families to have conversations about your student's day on a regular basis. Some questions to start the discussion:

- Tell me about a moment today when you felt excited about what you were learning.*
- What's a question you have that came from your learning today?*
- Were there any moments today when you felt proud of yourself?*
- Is there anything you are worried about?*
- Is there a question you wish I'd ask you about your day?*

The achievements of our students and staff would not be possible without our family partnerships. Thank you for your continued support throughout this school year. Please feel free to contact me or any of our staff any time if you have questions or a need.

Sincerely,  
*Mr. Jay Pica*  
Mr. Jay Pica  
Principal

Please check our web site for up-to-date information, cancelations, and to see what's happening at Logan Middle School, by going to the La Crosse School District web site at: [www.lacrosseschools.org](http://www.lacrosseschools.org)

## NEWS FROM MRS. ERICKSON, DEAN OF STUDENTS

BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE RESPONSIBLE



From the Desk of the Dean:

I hope you had a fantastic Winter break! I know I enjoyed the time I spent with my family and friends. We were able to relax and spend some time playing our new favorite family games. I especially enjoyed the new Soggy Doggy board game. The intent of the game is to go around the board without getting wet. However, for some reason, my boys were always the ones getting splashed! I think their intentions were a little different than the game had intended! I hope your families were able to get to spend quality time together and many memories were able to be made.

I know how busy life can get and how fast the days can fly by. With that being said, the remainder of the school year is underway and before we know it the end will be near. I am pleased with the progress students have been making academically and behaviorally. I have been able to witness students helping one another in classrooms and during transition periods. Students, keep up the great work! We are very proud of you! We look forward to the remainder of our time together and enjoy watching them learn and mature into young adults.

As we look ahead, please remember to watch for upcoming important dates and stay tuned for possible school closings. Winter is now in full effect, and with that said, please be careful. Students, please remember to bring all of your winter gear to school. It is important to keep covered during cold temperatures.

Thank you parents and guardians for your continued support! You are greatly appreciated for all you do! Please do not hesitate to call or email with any concerns you may have going forward. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience. Again, thank you for everything!

Warmest regards,  
Amber Erickson  
Dean of Students

# Students of the Month September 2017



8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Kaylah Atkinson



7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Jordan Gallup



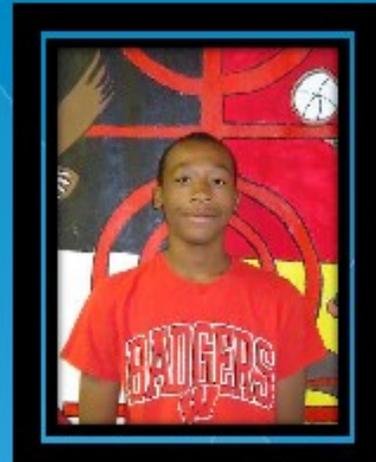
8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Tawan Lor



Allied Arts  
John Herath



6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Calvin Dever



MAPEL  
Jabari Riles

# Students of the Month

## October 2017



8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Brandon Borreson



7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Lily Engen



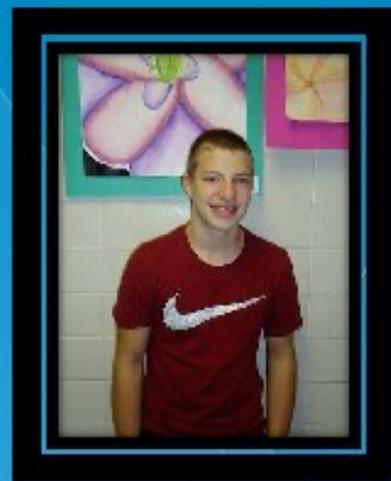
8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Jakeira Hayes



Allied Arts  
Alex Pedretti



6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Nick Joley



MAPEL  
Sam Veenstra

# Students of the Month November 2017



6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Caylan Adams



7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Alivia Carlin



6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Maurell Ghelfi



Allied Arts  
Tatyana Roberts



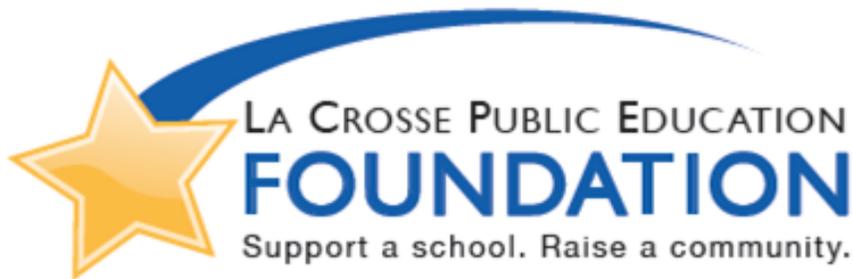
8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sofia Wallace



MAPEL  
Mia Rodriguez

# 7th Grade Health Class

7th grade health class discussed suicide prevention and how to help a person showing signs of suicide. The following parent newsletter was offered to your student in class to take home to share with parents. If you are able to look over the parent newsletter it has lots of great information for parents of teens and preteens. [Suicide Prevention document link.](#)



Logan Middle School Principal Jay Pica, left, accepted a grant on behalf of Katherine Storlie from Brad Quarberg, a member of the La Crosse Board of Education who also serves on the LPEF Board. Katherine and Teri Kendhammer of Longfellow Middle School share a \$2,000 grant to support visits by singer-songwriter Luke Callen, who helps sixth-graders in social studies classes make memorable songs about subjects they are studying. The grant is underwritten in part by Trust Point.



From left are Logan Middle School teachers Jesse Martinez, Christina Fenton, Kristi Moulton, and Heidi Jones with Brad Quarberg representing LPEF. They are holding the book, "How Dare the Sun Rise" that they will be buying for middle school students, along with other books, using a \$420 grant aimed at helping students understand the refugee experience and global refugee crises. The grant is supported by Fowler & Hammer, and is awarded in honor of retired teacher Terri Johnson.

# Things in Strings (from Mrs. Becker in the Orchestra Department)

It has been a busy fall semester in the orchestra department. In October, the 8th grade orchestra went to Logan High School to practice and tour the school. They then participated in a concert that evening in the MLT.



Dr. Karyn Quinn, retired bass and jazz music professor from UW-L, has come three times to work with Logan Middle bass players. Thanks to fine arts supervisor Steve Michaels for arranging the grant. We hope to feature the bass players at our All-City String Festival at the LaX Center



On November 17th, the combined 7th and 8th grade orchestras traveled to Holmen High School, where they worked with guest clinician Dr. Spencer Martin, viola professor from Luther College. The students represented their school well with a great performance and received excellent tips on how to fine tune their ensemble technique, artistic expression and intonation.



Our Winter Orchestra Concert was held on Monday, December 11th. Sixty-Six fifth grade strings joined us from Northside, North Woods and Summit. Featured soloists Danil and Tatyana Roberts and Shefali Ramakrishnan performed on the new piano donated to Logan Middle by the Marck family. Thanks to all who attended or helped.

Finally, the River City Strings fiddle group performed at Rotary Lights on Thursday, December 22nd, spreading some upbeat musical holiday cheer. Happy Holidays, everyone!



### **Upcoming Orchestra Events:**

- Wednesday, January 17th River City Strings-Villa St. Joseph
- Saturday, January 20th River City Strings-Concordia Ballroom Winter Dance 7 PM
- Thursday, February 22nd Sixth Grade Orchestra-Sixth Grade Orchestra Festival
- Wednesday, February 28th Sixth Grade Solo/Ensemble Sixth/Seventh/Eighth Gr. Orchestra

## CHILD AND BABYSITTING SAFETY CLASS



### **Gain the skills and confidence to be a great babysitter!**

The class features hands-on activities, interactive video and discussion to teach young adults how to:

- Care for children and infants
- Make good decisions, solve problems and stay safe
- Be good leaders and role models
- Handle emergencies such as injuries, illnesses and accidents
- Education for youth who are getting ready to safely stay at home alone

**Open to boys and girls ages 10-14 years old**  
**Cost is \$45 • Lunch will be provided**

**Pre-registration is required. Call 608-392-4172.**

#### *Upcoming Babysitting Classes*

**La Crosse**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Wed., Dec. 27, 2017**  
Employee Lounge

**Sat., Jan. 20, 2018**  
Lang Conference Room

**Sat., Feb. 10, 2018**  
Lang Conference Room

**Sat., March 10, 2018**  
Lang Conference Room

**Sat., April 21, 2018**  
Lang Conference Room

**Franciscan Healthcare**

# HELPING KIDS MANAGE ANXIETY



Anxiety disorders are the most commonly diagnosed mental health disorders in childhood. When anxiety isn't effectively managed it can negatively affect your child's everyday life.

Join Janice Schreier, child and adolescent clinical therapist, to learn skills that can help your children face their fears and manage their anxiety.

**Thursday, January 25**

6:00 p.m.

Marycrest Auditorium

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hospital Building

700 West Avenue South, La Crosse



Janice Schreier, LCSW  
Child & Adolescent Clinical Therapist

To register call 608-392-9717.

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## La Crosse 2018 Give Kids a Smile® Day



**On February 2, 2018, several La Crosse area dentists will be providing free dental care to underserved and uninsured children (up to age 17).**

**Sign Up:** To receive care for your child(ren), sign up at [bit.ly/gkaslacrosse](http://bit.ly/gkaslacrosse)  
After you submit the form, we will contact you in early January to schedule your appointment on February 2

**More information:** [www.facebook.com/gkaslacrosse/](http://www.facebook.com/gkaslacrosse/)

**About:** Each year, thousands of dentists across the country help underserved children get the oral health care they need. Give Kids A Smile® is an annual volunteer program that provides free educational, preventive and restorative services to children. Last year, we worked together to provide care to more than 350,000 kids. Give Kids A Smile® is an American Dental Association event.

Questions? [gkaslacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:gkaslacrosse@gmail.com) | 608-782-5675

## Clothes Closet



The "Clothes Closet" helps to provide **new and next to new** clothing, tennis shoes, socks, and outerwear to students who are in need. We also provide items for student family members, so adult and young children sizes are welcomed.

Donations can be brought to the main office.

If you are in need of these items, please contact Logan Middle at 789-7740.

## Logan Middle Food Pantry

Logan Middle School families are reminded that in these difficult economic times the Logan Middle School Pantry is available for families who need food. You can contact Mrs. Parkhurst, your child's teacher, or the office. All inquiries are confidential. Parents or guardians can stop at school and pick up needed items, or groceries can be delivered to your home. The school telephone number is 789-7740.



### State of Wisconsin

### Compulsory Student Attendance Law

Due to the State of Wisconsin's Compulsory Student Attendance Law (118.15), a school administrator may share your student's attendance information with the School Resource Officer and/or other appropriate school officials as warranted.

## THANK A TEACHER

**Thank a Teacher, or any staff member, with a gift to the La Crosse Public Education Foundation.**

Instead of purchasing a gift for your child's teacher, consider making a donation to the La Crosse Public Education Foundation in their honor.

The Education Foundation supports the School District of La Crosse by:

- Awarding Classroom Innovation Grants for creative classroom projects;
- Funding Essentials for Student Learning & Achievement for students who need financial support;
- Supporting Teacher Excellence through staff development training.



The foundation will send the staff member a card letting them know of your gift.

Make a gift by visiting the LPEF website at [www.lpefonline.com](http://www.lpefonline.com) or by calling 608-397-0176.

## HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS



The School District of La Crosse takes pride in hiring only highly qualified teachers. This means they all are fully trained, certified, and often experienced in the position they teach. Our faculty consistently has a high percentage of advanced degrees, and we do a good job of retaining some of the top staff in the state and the nation. Life events, such as retirement, childbirth, or illness, sometimes cause a need for a long-term substitute teacher. When this happens we always make every effort to hire a highly qualified substitute. All are certified teachers and most are licensed in the area in which they are substituting. In rare cases it may be impossible to find a teacher with a particular certification, such as special education. This may result in the district asking the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for an emergency license for such a teacher. If you ever have any questions about the certification of any of our staff, please call.



**Best Buy Stores** is offering a Reward Zone® Program for Schools. Currently, Best Buy's Reward Zone® program gives customers 2% back in rewards certificates on their purchases. **The Reward Zone® Program for Schools will allow customers to donate their points to a local school of their choice.**

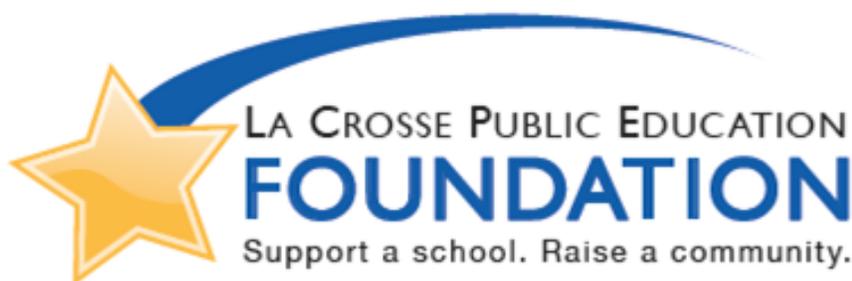
You can support the participating school of your choice by donating your Reward Zone® points at the time of purchase. Choose to donate your points today and together we can help schools provide the latest and greatest learning technologies for today's students.

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DONATIONS

Many of you have been generous with donations to our district's Random Acts of Kindness Fund. This fund covers education-related costs for students whose families are experiencing difficult financial times. In the past we have helped purchase eye glasses, cover field trip costs and college entrance exam fees, and similar expenses families need assistance with as they work with tight budgets while helping their children excel academically.

The La Crosse Public Education Foundation generously contributes approximately \$20,000 annually to this fund. Due to collaborative work between the School District and the Education Foundation, we kindly request that all future checks to the Random Acts of Kindness Fund be made payable to the "La Crosse Public Education Foundation." If you wish, your contribution can be targeted for a specific school or program, just specify your preference. Your donation will be receipted by the Foundation and will continue to be tax deductible as allowable by law.

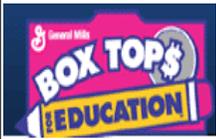
Please contact Patrica Sprang, Executive Director of Business Services with the School District of La Crosse, at [psprang@lacrosseschools.org](mailto:psprang@lacrosseschools.org) (phone 789-7652) or David Stoeffler, Executive Director of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation, at [david@lacrosseeducationfoundation.org](mailto:david@lacrosseeducationfoundation.org) (phone 787-0226) if you have questions. Donations can be made online at [www.lpefonline.org](http://www.lpefonline.org). Thank you for your past and future support.



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The Wisconsin School District Performance Report (SDPR) is an on-line report published by the Department of Public Instruction. The SDPR provides a comparison of data across schools districts in the same athletic conference, comparable districts by enrollment, as well as our district schools' data. You can reach this website directly at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/spr.action>. This link will be made available through school newsletters, school profiles, and our district web site, which honors the requirements of Wisconsin statute section 115.38 (2).

If requested, a copy of the SDPR can be printed from this website and made available to parents and/or guardians through the Associate Superintendent of Instruction's office.



## Save your Box Tops!!

Logan Middle School is participating in the General Mills Box Tops for Education Program. The Program pays schools ten cents for every Box Top collected. The funds raised will be used to offset field trip fees, pay for classroom activities, and purchase extra school supplies needed in classrooms.

Here is how Box Tops for Education works:

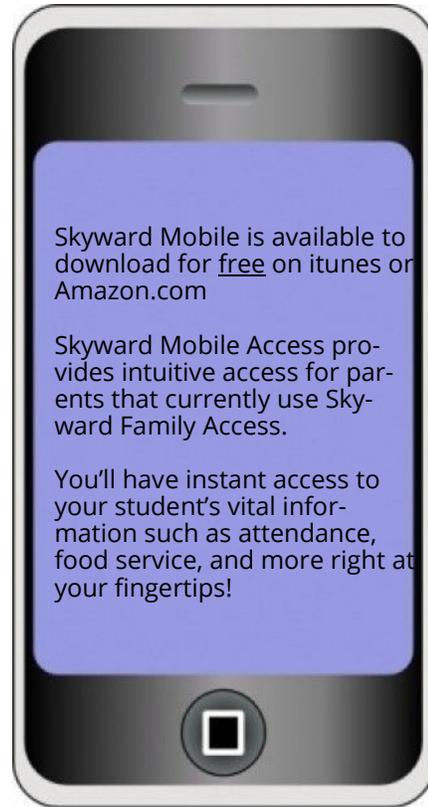
1. Purchase General Mills products for your family (cereal, Pillsbury biscuits, Hamburger & Chicken Helper, fruit snacks, & more).
2. Cut off the Box Tops for Education symbol from the product box.
3. Send the symbols to school with your student and have them place them in the box marked "Box Tops for Education" in their classroom.
4. Logan Middle will get ten cents for every box top collected.

The more box tops collected the more money Logan Middle will raise. We encourage you to ask your friends and relatives to save their box tops as well. just think, without spending any extra money you are helping Logan Middle School raise money.



## Target-Take Charge of Education Fundraising Resources

When school supporters enroll and use their REDcard™, Target will donate up to 1% of every purchase made with your REDcard to Logan Middle. As more people join the program, the funds add up—no limit to the amount a school can receive.



Skyward Mobile is available to download for free on itunes or Amazon.com

Skyward Mobile Access provides intuitive access for parents that currently use Skyward Family Access.

You'll have instant access to your student's vital information such as attendance, food service, and more right at your fingertips!



## Kwik Rewards

You can support Logan Middle School by designating us to receive a donation check from Kwik Trip, Inc. in lieu of your Kwik Rewards certificate(s).



## LABELS FOR EDUCATION - CAMPBELL® SOUP LABELS



The Labels for Education program is a **great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school**, and Campbell® makes it so easy to redeem labels. With your help, Logan Middle School can make this year the best ever.

Participating in the program is easy - **simply cut out the UPC and picture from the back of the label from Campbell® products** and send them to school. Some of the products eligible for label redemption in the program include:

Campbell's® Soups, Pace® salsa and picante sauces; Campbell's Supper Bakes® meal kits; V8® vegetable juices and V8 Splash® juice drinks; Franco-American Spaghettios® pasta; Campbell's® tomato juice; Campbell's® beans, gravies, and canned pasta; Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products; Prego® pasta sauces; Pepperidge Farm Goldfish® crackers; Pepperidge Farm Goldfish® crackers; and Campbell's® Foodservice products.

Triple your efforts by asking friends and family to collect labels on behalf of our school. Community members can pledge their support by making a Community Label Pledge at [labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com). Simply invite friends and family to visit the website, and click into the "Community Label Pledge" link. Here they can make a voluntary pledge to donate Campbell product labels to our school.