

# LCTA

## News April Showers



Almost there! Spring break is right around the corner (although the weather is doing it's best to keep spring under wraps.) As we start planning for spring and summer, please mark June 18th on your calendars for the LCTA picnic. Apologies in advance to those impacted by graduation, but the shelter was booked far in advance of the graduation announcement and is non-refundable :( There are a few things that have happened here in the district over the last few days that have been both heartwarming and inspiring. Our high school faculty and staff came together to raise enough money to send one of our juniors on an academy trip to New York (and more) after a tragic house fire claimed her mom, home and most of her belongings. Faculty and

staff around the district have come together to support the Counihan family after their son Lincoln was in a devastating car accident. Last night, "Dancing with the Staff" was held by the Leadership Academy that paired students and teachers strutting their stuff to support our Unified Athletes and Special Olympics. This is the spirit and community that we've been missing lately, all of us rallying together both in good times and bad to support those in our school family. We need to keep this spirit alive and continue to build the momentum!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

4/10 Rep. Council at Court St.

4/14-4/21 Spring Break - No School!

4/9 Spring Break  
Destination Dress Down

4/22 Board of Ed. Meeting

### Please Join Us at the Pan Can Walk

Chances are you know someone who has been effected by pancreatic cancer. Several of us here have lost loved ones due to this most deadly of cancers. Because it is so hard to detect, pancreatic cancer is usually not found until later stages, giving those afflicted a 13% chance at a 5 year survival rate. The PanCan is a wonderful organization that supports patients and their families, diagnosing and recommending tumor treatments, doing cutting edge research and patients and their families through the The PanCan Purple Strides Walk will be held at Riverworks and we invite you to join us by in the walk or making a donation to support

specific supporting process. on April 26th participating our \$2500 goal.



Click the link below to join or donate to Team Legends! [Team Legends](#)

## **FSA Information**

Would you like to not pay both federal and state taxes on a portion of your paycheck? If so, you can save two ways using a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) to put money aside for out-of-pocket medical or dependent care expenses. This selection will be made in June with the annual health insurance enrollment. Any money you choose to put aside will be deducted from your paycheck incrementally throughout the following school year. To access the funds, simply use the debit card which will be provided to you through the P&A group. Please see the attached links for more information.

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<https://padmin.com/blog/p-and-a-benefits-card/>

## **Health Insurance Highlights**

### **The LCTA Represents of the Youth Foundation's Trivia Night**

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the



March 27th, three teams representing the LCTA participated in Lancaster Youth Foundation's Trivia Night. The theme for the night was "Around the World" and questions were based on various topics from around the world, such as world food and languages. While the Depew teachers once again took the crown, the LCTA owned the basket raffle! Thanks so much to all who participated!





### **LCTA and LASP Team Up at NYSUT Conference**

Members from both the LCTA and LASP attended the WNY NYSUT Winter Leadership Conference in Niagara Falls on March 7-8. Members attended seminars on negotiations, FMLA, Member Benefits and other various topics. Members also participated in a contract exchange seminar which allowed members to compare LCTA and LASP contracts with the contracts of other locals. As always, the conference was a worthwhile event in educating our leadership to do the best we can to represent our members.



### **LCTA Members Attend CLUW Dinner**



LCTA Officers Beth Farrar and Kelly Eckler were recently invited by NYSUT to attend the CLUW Leadership Dinner in March at Shea's. CLUW is the Coalition of Labor Union Women and fights for the rights of women in the workforce. The

night highlighted several local women in WNY politics and their support for the women's labor movement. The overall message for the evening was that "when women rise, we all rise."

## Meet Your Negotiations Team

After many conversations and deliberations, our negotiation team has been chosen. The following people have stepped up to represent us in the next round of negotiations beginning next year:

Mike Shaw - Financial Advisor -

LHS Beth Farrar - WSS

Ami Cole – WSS

Jen Niescier - LHS

Wendy Chapman - JAS

Scott Santora - LHS

Team shadows:

Pat Farrar - WSS

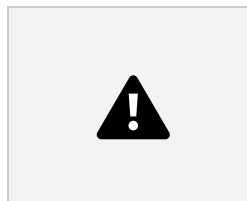


Aaron Kern - LHS

Dan Vogl - LMS

Did you want to help, but weren't ready to be on the team? Keep your eyes open for opportunities to help! The team will be starting to organize soon and will be looking for research committee members to work behind the scenes to support the team!

## Dress Down Winner!



Congratulations to our



April Dress Down Winner!



Alexis McTigue

LMS

## LCTA Sponsors Team Dinner

The LCTA recently sponsored a team dinner for the Girls' Basketball team while at the State Tournament in Albany. Ladies and Coach Jaskier, congratulations on another amazing season!



## **March Madness Comes to John A. Sciole**

Miss Beuth's PE classes at JAS participated in a March Madness basketball shooting challenge. They shot a set number of baskets each class, and at the end Ms. Chapman's 3rd graders were crowned the champions with 99 baskets made! Congrats to Ms. Chapman's class and all the



Sciole hoopsters!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**



6/18 LCTA Picnic at Bowen Grove