

# THE KAHLER CONNECTION

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## EVENTS FOR MARCH

**Feb. 28- Mar. 2**

*ISTEP+ Testing - Part 1*  
No Tutoring

**10**

*ISSMA Preview Concert*  
Main Gym

**15**

*3rd Grading Period Ends*

**17-18**

*ISSMA Contest*

**20**

*NJHS Meeting*  
8 a.m.

**27-31**

*Spring Break*  
No School

## FROM THE AUTHOR



It is crazy to think that there are only three newsletters left until the end of the school year! I had so much fun gathering content, meeting new people, and learning more about the school I originally came from.

If there is anything you think would be cool or interesting to be featured in the newsletter, please let me know at [jenc.4379@yahoo.com](mailto:jenc.4379@yahoo.com).

-Jen

## AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD FIELD TRIP



Photos submitted by: Mrs. Melissa Gonnella, Science

Students traveled to the Challenger Learning Center to get hands-on experience on what it is like to work on a space mission. Mrs. Melissa Gonnella's Science class went Feb. 13-17.

"I think students were well prepared and it showed. Students successfully completed a moon mission which included rescuing a disabled probe, repairing the probe and landing on the moon all while keeping the crew safe and healthy. My favorite part of Challenger is seeing my students applying and utilizing those skills and concepts we have been practicing and discussing during our preparation for the trip. It is really neat to see students making a connection to what we have done in class to an actual space-simulated mission," Mrs. Gonnella said.

The students spent time before the trip prepar-

ing for the missions.

"We completed various individual and group activities prior to the trip," Mrs. Gonnella said. "They did group activities, such as evaluating and choosing a space crew based on their qualifications, discussing the Challenger disaster and the resulting Challenger Learning Center, [and] following directions and a training day using equipment and skills similar to what they would see. Students also studied the moon, its gravity [and] space travel."

The students left the trip feeling accomplished. Many were willing to make a second trip back.

"Student really love Challenger. When I asked them how they enjoyed the trip, they would tell me that it was really cool and that they'd like to do the mission again," Mrs. Gonnella said.

## LAKE CENTRAL COLOR RUN

Come join us at Lake Central's Second Annual Color Run hosted by the Student Council. The event will be at Lake Central on May 13 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Check-In time is from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be a 5K run and a 1-mile children's fun run. During the race, participants are doused with color at various stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line. There is also a kid fun zone available consisting of a coloring station, a water splash zone, music and more.

"I think people should make an effort to join the Color Run because it is a great way to exercise with friends while also raising money for a great cause. Student council does an outstanding job organizing the event, so not only should students come out, but also people living in the community," Stefan Krajisnik (12) said.

Early Registration ends April 15th. For LCHS Students and Staff, the price is \$25. Public registration is \$30. The price for the 1-Mile Kid Fun Run is \$20. Late Registration ends May 5th,

and after that date, the cost for LCHS Students and Staff is \$30 and Public registration is \$40. Full payment is due by May 5th in order to guarantee a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt.

To register online, go to <https://lcschs.revtrak.net/High-School/LCHS-Special-Events/LCHS-Color-Run/#/list>.

All proceeds will be donated to The Riley's Children's Hospital, The Munster Cancer Resource Centre, and LC Student Scholarships. Come out and support a few awesome charities, and have fun doing it.



# CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

## UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION



If your child is interested in completing a project either alone or with a partner, please have them see their science teacher for information. Registration for individual projects must be completed online between by March 17th. If they are in a group project, each member needs to fill out a paper form and turn in to

their science teacher no later than March 17th. Kahler cash will be given to those in attendance at the fair. If you have any questions please contact their science teacher or Ms. Gravely.

This year's science fair will be held on Saturday,

April 8th at Lake Central High School. Set up for projects will take place Friday, April 7 in the high school cafeteria from 5 p.m- 6 p.m.

Some things to keep in mind:

- All projects must stand up by themselves. Do not ask for tape or tacks.
- If you need an extension cord, you must bring your own.
- Be sure to check guidelines for items allowed at the fair

On the day of the science fair, arrival begins at 8:30 a.m for students ONLY. Public Exhibition will be at 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

For a detailed itinerary, tips for science projects, and more information about projects and planning, go to <http://lake-central.lcsc.us/academics/science-fair/>

## THEATER: NIGHT AT THE WAX MUSEUM



On April 7 and April 8, the Theater program will be performing a play called the "Night at the Wax Museum" by Craig Sodaro.

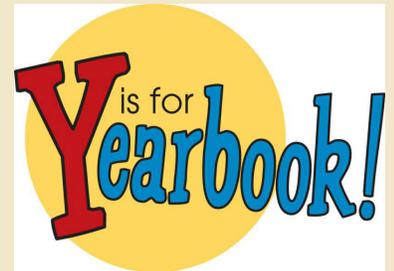
Sodaro's description of the play is "The hysterical meets the historical in this comic romp through the wackiest wax museum in history! School's out for summer, but not for six unlucky students who don't know much about history — they have to re-take the class in summer school. First year teacher Heather Fairchild has arranged for them to help her two aunts set up a new wax museum as a class project. Though the students' eyes glaze over with boredom, there's a twinkle in the wax figures' eyes when a mysterious incantation from the back of Cleopatra's bracelet brings them to life! King Henry VIII finds himself smitten with Cleopatra, making his queen, Anne Boleyn, furious. If she can just not lose her head, John Adams is there to serve as her divorce attorney! When Butch Cassidy,

the Sundance Kid, Blackbeard and a bevy of lady pirates show up, everybody's out for one thing — treasure! Supposedly, there's a mighty valuable one hidden in the museum! It's a wild goose chase to find it, with a greedy museum landlord and her bumbling son joining in the mad search. And why is Lizzie Borden lurking in the shadows, since the aunts say they never had a wax figure of her?! Join the hilarious fun as treasure-hungry outlaws, pirates and royalty mount the greatest siege since Vicksburg! Wax historical in this mad-cap comedy adventure where the magic of history comes alive... literally!"

"If you enjoy pirates, cowboys, crazy sword fights, history, laughter... and a mystery, you will definitely enjoy Kahler's production of Night at the Wax Museum," Elizabeth Bukur, Art, said.

Performances will be Fri. April 7, 2017 at 6 p.m and Sat. April 8, 2017 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$2 for Students and Seniors and \$5 for adults.

## SPOTLIGHT ON: YEARBOOKS



It is not too late to get your 2017 Kahler yearbook at a discounted price. Yearbooks are available for \$35 through March 26th.

To order online, visit [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and search by school or enter school code 10032. Order forms are available in the office if you prefer to order by check.

You also have the option to order a one line name stamp for \$6.

Books will be delivered in May before school lets out for the year. Students will be notified of the distribution procedure at that time.

## SPOTLIGHT ON: BASKETBALL SEASON WRAP UP- FROM THE OFFICE



“We would like to thank first and foremost all of our supportive fans (students and staff) for some great home basketball seasons. Your support has been wonderful. Thank you to those of you who realize that watching an event is not all about you, it is about your support of the people who are performing, competing and/or participating. For those of you who represent yourself and Kahler well, you should be proud. Too often you go unnoticed, and unthanked for continually doing things the right way without being asked. Too often you are scolded and reprimanded as a group for the poor decisions and lack of maturity of the (few) others around you. Incidentally, I am sure you ALL know who you are. Students who participate in extra-curricular activities have courage to put themselves in tough situations in front of their family and peers. When your peers are as supportive as your family, it can be a truly rewarding experience. Those of you who know you represented Kahler well last night, come by Mr. Decker’s room sometime for your reward. Those of you who did not, own up to your behavior, make it right, but don’t bother stopping by.”

# THINGS TO CHECK OUT

## DYER PARKS AND RECREATION



If you are looking to get your student involved in activities, dances, or other events outside the corporation, the Dyer Parks and Recreation has an assortment of upcoming events.

- March 12: Royal Princess Ball
- March 22: Floppy Ears Painting Class
- April 8: Easter Egg Hunt

• And many, many more  
Registration for these events can take place in person, online or through their mail.

For more detailed information, go to <https://www.slideshare.net/AndreaDaliege/2017-winter-spring-leisuregram>

## SKYHAWKS SPORTS CAMPS



Since 1979, Skyhawks is the country’s leader in providing a safe, fun and skill-based sports experience for kids between the ages of 3 and 12.

Volleyball, basketball, tennis, lacrosse, softball and soccer are upcoming camps. To search for camps in your area, or to look at future camps, go to <https://www.skyhawks.com/search/>.

Go to <https://www.skyhawks.com/page/company/how-to-register/> for

registration information and options to register either online, fax or by mail. Registrations are accepted first come, first-served until a program is full, or up to seven days before the program starts. A \$10 late registration fee will be added to all camps one week prior to the start date.

You may also call (219) 865-2505 if you have any additional questions regarding the Skyhawks Sports Camps.

# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

## NEW VENUES, NEW EXPERIENCES



Mrs. Leta Sena-Lopez, Band, has given the Jazz band the opportunity to travel to different venues outside of Kahler to perform for audiences of all ages. Mrs. Sena-Lopez sees this as an impactful learning experience for the young musicians.

“The Jazz band is an auditioned group that meets before school twice a week. The students are highly motivated to practice and are excited to learn new music. It is enjoyable for me to work with students who are passionate about music. My favorite part about working with the jazz students is that I can be a little more personable since it is a smaller group of students and sometimes I get a chance to play my saxophone along with the band. The students are generally more timid as they first encounter new venues; it tends to sound different than our usual performance area in the gym, [however] they are also excited and sometimes a little terrified of the large crowds. The point is to do as many performances as possible so that they become comfortable, more confident and get to a point where they enjoy the experience. It is wonderful to see the kids grow and mature through music,” Mrs. Sena-Lopez said.

The Jazz band has performed at a variety of places over the years, anywhere from elementary schools to bookstores. Mrs. Sena-Lopez has also made a few memorable trips along the way.

“The Jazz Band has played at Bibich, Protsman, St. Maria Goretti Church, Borders Book Store, Hartsford Village, South Suburban College Jazz Festival, Indiana State University Jazz Festival, All State Arena and Zhou Art Center in Chicago. This year, we played at All State Arena for a Chicago Wolves game and at [the] South Suburban College Jazz Festival.

Last years trip to [the] Zhou Art Center has been my favorite so far. Many of the jazz band members and their families met up for dinner in Chicago prior to the art show and we happened to see Jason Alexander from the show Seinfeld. His wife is an artist who was showing a painting at the gallery. We played at the art gallery for about an hour and had a large appreciative audience. The students had an opportunity to view artwork at the gallery and some students had their picture taken with Jason Alexander. Looking for venues to play at is always in the back of my mind. Many times friends or parents will contact me with ideas for places we can perform,” Mrs. Sena-Lopez said.

Since taking this position, Mrs. Sena-Lopez has always made an attempt to expose her musicians to people and places outside of the school. She views this as a bonding time for her students and her family.

“I can remember the impact my own experiences had on me as a student. I enjoyed seeing how music could enrich everyday lives. Mainly, I’m just open to possibilities and [I am] generous with my personal time on the weekends. This has been easy since my own children have been a part of the band over the years and it has been fun for me to have my family and “musical family” together,” Mrs. Sena-Lopez said.

This spring, the annual Lake Central Jazz Showcase will take place.

“Come out to hear the Jazz band and the other Lake Central Jazz Bands on Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m for the Lake Central Jazz Showcase in the Lake Central Auditorium. Our guest artist this year is Chicagoland jazz trumpet player, Chuck Parish,” Mrs. Sena-Lopez said.

## SPOTLIGHT ON: TRIP TO THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM



Eighth grade students were taken to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Ill. on Feb. 13 and 22. Half of the eighth grade attended the first date, and the other half attended the second date. This is one of the three Holocaust Museums in the United States.

Dr. Linda Zolt was one of the docents who toured one of the groups through the museum. Holocaust survivor Gdalina Novitsky from Kiev, Ukraine shared her story with the group. The students found her story and her interesting.

The students were also given the opportunity to step foot into a cattle car that once took prisoners to the camps. It was gifted to the museum from Germany.

There is also history behind the building of a Holocaust Museum in Skokie. According to their website, when neo-Nazis threatened to march in Skokie in the late 1970s, Holocaust survivors around the world were shocked. They realized that, despite their desire to leave the past behind, they could no longer remain silent. In the wake of these attempted marches, Chicago-area survivors joined together to form the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois. They purchased a small Skokie storefront and made it available to the public, especially to schoolchildren, focusing on combating hate with education. The 65,000-square-foot Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center that opened April 19, 2009 is a culmination of 30 years of hard work by the local Holocaust survivor community. The museum not only honors the memory of the millions who were murdered during the Holocaust, but it also salutes the courage and resilience of the survivors. It is for them that we carry out our founding principle: Remember the Past, Transform the Future.

# IN THE CLASSROOM

## PREPARING FOR TAKE-OFF



Mrs. Cindy Schuldt, Science, spends class time preparing for the upcoming Challenger trips.

The Challenger Center transports students to a cutting edge Mission Control room and a high-tech Space Station. Whether

their mission is flying to the Moon, intercepting a comet, visiting Mars, or studying the Earth from the International Space Station, students see classroom lessons brought to life in the engaging, dynamic, simulated learning environment.

## SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE LAKE CENTRAL WISE CLUB



On Feb. 17, the WISE Club at Lake Central High School visited Kahler Middle School for a day full of fun science experiments. There were eight different experiments all performed by the WISE members and some were interactive while others simply awed their audience.

“This is our Kahler Science Day. We have stations set up and little experiments for the seventh graders. It’s a fun day but it also encourages the kids about science and they get really excited about it so it’s really fun for them [too],” Nicole Geer (12), WISE President, said.

The Lake Central Chapter of WISE exists for young girls in Lake Central to learn more about the STEM Fields. It started back in 2012.

“It stands for Women in Science and Engineering. It’s a club where girls who are interested in science or math fields come [together] to do cool stuff,” Katelyn Macknyk (10) said.

The students each got a chance to see the experiments during their science classes. The middle schoolers took home with them a new outlook on science, and a message about women.

“[It’s cool because] not only men can do this, but also women. This program just really inspires me to get a goal met in life,” Gloria Fonseca (7) said.

If you are curious about potentially getting your child involved in the WISE club, or just want to know more about it, go to <http://lcwise.weebly.com/>