

# **LAKE VILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT #41 *NEWSLETTER***

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# LAKE VILLA

## School District Newsletter

*District 41 serves the communities of Lake Villa, Venetian Village, West Miltmore and parts of Ingleside, Lindenhurst, Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Heights.*

**Our Mission** is to instill in all students the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive as life-long learners and responsible citizens who are confident, cooperative and prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

### Reading Curriculum Staff Development Update

In 2009-2010 Lake Villa School District #41 has implemented a new reading curriculum for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. With this change, teachers have been working to improve their instructional skills through participation in a variety of professional development experiences.

Professional development began for staff this past summer. A summer literacy institute was hosted by the District. The District literacy coaches, along with additional facilitators, provided staff with two weeks of professional development specific to the new reading curriculum. Components of the curriculum included: word study, comprehension, guided and

independent practice strategies, literature circles, reading in the content areas, genre mini lessons, assessment, and various interventions. Each of these components have and will continue to be a focus of the District.

The primary focus of professional learning teams is student literacy. In addition to learning teams, the District is conducting ongoing after school training for staff. Throughout the year all staff will have an opportunity to further enhance their instruction in the area of literacy. The District literacy coaches will also meet with individual learning teams on a regular basis. In these meetings, our literacy coaches will discuss specific strategies,

model these strategies to staff with students in their own classrooms, and follow-up with a discussion after modeling. Each of these professional development experiences will further enhance each teacher's ability to provide students the best possible learning experience.

One of the District's long range strategic goals is to improve the academic achievement of all students. To accomplish this goal, the District is committed to providing students and staff the support needed to be successful. Incorporating best-practices in literacy instruction and a high level of professional development for staff will allow the District to take strides in meeting this goal.

### District #41 Presentation at the IASB (Board)/IASA/(Administrator)/IASBO (Business Official) Joint Conference November 21, 2009

We are proud to announce that District #41 staff and Board of Education representatives have been selected to present the District

Dashboard to the annual state-wide conference in Chicago. Nearly 12,000 Board of Education members, District Administrators, and School Business Officials attend this annual conference.

**Congratulations to Dr. John Van Pelt, Alex Barbour, Darla Vanderwall, Joanne Osmond, Kurt Hansen, and Peggy Kuzmanovich.**



**Next newsletter is scheduled for March/April 2010**

# Financial Update

**D**uring their September meeting the Board of Education authorized District Administration to begin working on tentative budgets for the upcoming 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 fiscal years.

Normally, the District only prepares tentative budgets one year out. However, due to the economic difficulties, flat

enrollment and the questionable state and federal funding, the Board of Education and District Administration felt it prudent to begin forecasting two years out instead of one. Preparing two years of tentative budgets will give the Board of Education and District Administration valuable financial information in order to make appropriate financial decisions over the coming year.

District Administration normally prepares a five year projection with PMA Financial Services that is updated two times during the fiscal year. However, the five year projection provides much less detail in its documentation than a tentative budget would provide. The District will continue to prepare the five year projection utilizing the financial documentation prepared for the tentative budgets.

# Community Engagement

**P**arents, community members, and staff will be invited to participate in a process to share their perspectives and ideas regarding District #41.

This engagement process will include focus groups and most likely a District survey. The process will include review of the District vision and mission and the identification of educational values and priorities deemed important to our stakeholders. Community engagement information will be available and distributed in the next few months.

# Influenza-Like Illness Update

**L**ake Villa District #41, and many surrounding districts, have experienced an increase of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) beginning in the month of October. Student absences were being closely monitored and reported to the Lake County Health Department when they exceeded 5% of a building's population due to flu like illness. During the last week of October, the Lake County Health Department opened several clinics to begin the distribution of the H1N1 vaccine. Those clinics were successful in administering all the vaccines they had available to them. It is promised that more of the vaccine will be made available and eventually everyone that wants to be vaccinated against H1N1 will be able to.

As Lake Villa District #41 entered the first week of November, student absences slowly begin to

decrease. Attendance was up and absences began to return to a more normal rate for this time of year. The Lake County Health Department continues to require districts to monitor student attendance and report when absences are excessive. It appears that this procedure will continue throughout the course of the school year.

Lake Villa District #41 would like to thank all of its parents/guardians for their support during this time in

keeping their children home when they were ill. We know this keeps the spread of the illness from becoming more severe. Please remember that children must be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medicine, before returning to school. Once fever has subsided, children should return to school. No doctor's note will be required for the time they were out or for their return.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Honoring District #41 Students Of The Month, Staff Member Of The Month And Volunteer Of The Month

Once a month the Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of students from each school, a staff member and a volunteer. This meets one district-wide criteria of the Comprehensive Accountability Plan to recognize as many District #41 stake holders as possible.

Following are those recognized each month:

#### **September, 2009**

**Students of the Month** recognized were:

Ireland Dunne – Palombi School  
Lucas Lazzarotto – Hooper School  
Teaghan Callaway – Martin School  
Nicholas LeCoure – Pleviak School  
Morgan Moran – Thompson School

**Staff Member of the Month**

Kathie Morman – Hooper School

**Volunteer of the Month**

Debbie Dunne – Palombi School

#### **October, 2009**

**Students of the Month** recognized were:

Janelle Barcellano – Palombi School  
Sabrina Hiton – Hooper School  
Jack Segal – Martin School  
Aerin Hanks – Pleviak School  
Christian Soeder – Thompson School

**Staff Member of the Month**

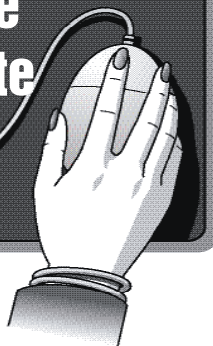
Jenna Glader – Martin School

**Volunteers of the Month**

Betsy Perhacs – Thompson School

**Find More School Resources On The District's Web Site**

[www.district41.org](http://www.district41.org)



# District Dashboard November 2009

The District is in the third year of implementation for the Comprehensive Accountability Plan. Monitoring and reporting progress to staff, parents, community and Board of Education is an essential component of the accountability process. Progress on long-range strategic goals is reported over time through the use of Indicators. Here's a summary of the District Dashboard Indicators.

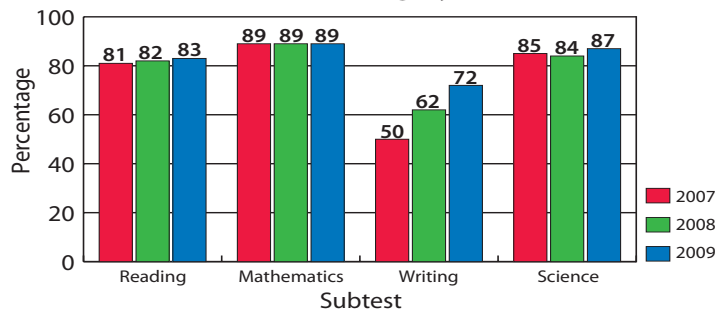
Here's a summary of the District Dashboard Indicators.

**Changes** since August 2009 are noted **in bold**:

- Students meeting or exceeding state achievement standards is **87%** (an increase of 1%)
- Students meeting growth targets on (NWEA) Measure of Academic Progress is 62%
- Students in Grades 5-8 participating in extra-curricular activities is 54%
- On time bus stop arrivals is **47%** (new data)
- Student attendance is 95%
- Staff attendance is 96%
- Staff retention is 97%
- Parent volunteers numbered 2,386
- Per pupil cost is **\$7,802** (second lowest cost of the 29 elementary school districts in Lake County)
- Actual to budgeted revenue fiscal year 2008-2009 was **100%**
- Actual to budgeted expenditures fiscal year 2008-2009 was 91%
- Fund balance to Prior's Years Expenditures was **41%**

If you have not visited the District #41 web site lately, please do so. Once on the web site, locate the Dashboard under the District Information tab. When at the Dashboard, longitudinal data is available for each long-range goal.

**Percentage of Students in the Meets/Exceeds Category on ISAT**



## ISAT Results And Annual Yearly Progress (AYP)

District #41 continues to earn strong achievement gains. Reading, writing, and science ISAT results show improvements the past two years. However, the District did not meet AYP this year due to issues with economically disadvantaged student data in the Student Information System (SIS). Economically disadvantaged students were underrepresented in student numbers sent to the State. When AYP status was reported to the District, immediate steps were taken to correct the discrepancies in student data. The correct data shows economically disadvantaged students in the meet or exceed category at 20-25% higher than the initial calculation used to determine AYP. By the time confirmation could be forwarded to the State, the appeal process had expired. For this year at least, we'll have to live with the outcome. The District's #1 Goal is to increase achievement for all students. The District's expectation is that all students make progress each year.

### Lake Villa School District #41 Dashboard 2009-2010

November 2009

Green indicates target met or exceeded. Yellow indicates below target. Red indicates significantly below target.

#### Strategic Goal #1: Improve the Academic Achievement of All Students

		<b>87%</b>
Percentage of Students Meeting/Exceeding State Standards on ISAT		
(Target: 87% ) Reported Annually		

		<b>62%</b>
Percentage of Students Meeting Growth Target on Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)		
(Target: 62% ) Reported Annually		

#### Strategic Goal #2: Provide a Safe, Nurturing, and Inviting Learning Environment

		<b>54%</b>
Percentage of 5th-8th Grade Students Participating in Extra-Curricular Activities		
(Target: 54%) Reported by Trimester		

	<b>47%</b>	
Percentage of On-Time AM/PM Bus Arrivals		
(Target: 90%) Reported Monthly		

		<b>96%</b>
Percentage of Students Without Level Two or Three Disciplinary Actions		
(Target: 96%) Reported by Trimester		

		<b>95%</b>
Percentage of Students in Attendance (Only Students Attending District #41 Schools)		
(Target: 95% ) Reported Monthly		

#### Strategic Goal #3: Enhance and Retain a Competent and Caring Staff

		<b>97%</b>
Percentage of Staff Retention (Excluding Retirements, Terminations, and Spouse Relocations)		
(Target: 97%) Reported Annually		

		<b>96%</b>
Percentage of Staff in Attendance (Excluding Maternity Leaves and Professional Development)		
(Target: 96%) Reported Monthly		

#### Strategic Goal #4: Actively Engage our Community in the Life of the School District

		<b>2386</b>
Number of Community Volunteers in Schools		
(Target: 2386)		

#### Strategic Goal #5: Maintain Fiscal Stability

		<b>\$7802</b>
Per Pupil Cost		
(Target: Lowest 25% of Lake County Elementary School Districts)		

	<b>100%</b>	
Percentage of Revenues to Budget		
(Target: 1st Quarter Revenue 34%) Dec. 46%; Mar. 57%; Jun. >100%) Reported Quarterly		

		<b>91%</b>
Percentage of Expenditures to Budget		
(Target: Sept. 21%; Dec. 48%; Mar. 71%; Jun. <100%) Reported Quarterly		

		<b>41%</b>
Fund Balance to Prior Year's Expenditures (Excluding Early Taxes)		
(Target: 40%) Reported Annually June 2009 Balance 40%		

# Lake Villa School District Directory

## ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

131 McKinley Avenue  
Lake Villa, Illinois 60046-8986  
Tel: 847/356-2385 Fax: 847/356-2670  
www.district41.org  
Dr. John Van Pelt, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Alex Barbour, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning  
Mrs. Mary Conkling, Director of Special Education  
Mrs. Patricia Volling, Director of Business  
Mr. Keith Depperschmidt, Facilities Manager

## B.J. HOOPER SCHOOL - Grades EC - 6

2400 Sand Lake Road  
Lindenhurst, Illinois 60046  
Tel: 847/356-2151 Fax: 847/356-0934  
Mrs. Patricia Planic, Principal  
Ms. Katie Bertram, Lead Teacher

## OLIVE C. MARTIN SCHOOL - Grades K - 6

24750 West Dering Lane  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
Tel: 847/245-3400 Fax: 847/245-4521  
Mr. Paul Santopadre, Principal  
Mrs. Wendy Loveless, Lead Teacher

## J.J. PLEVIAK SCHOOL - Grades K - 6

304 East Grand Avenue  
Lake Villa, Illinois 60046  
Tel: 847/356-2381 Fax: 847/356-0923  
Mr. Scott Klene, Principal  
Mrs. Kit Dickson, Lead Teacher

## WILLIAM L. THOMPSON SCHOOL - K - 6

515 Thompson Lane  
Lake Villa, Illinois 60046  
Tel: 847/265-2488 Fax: 847/265-2667  
Mrs. Sandra Keim, Principal  
Ms. Kathie Blasius, Lead Teacher

## PETER J. PALOMBI MIDDLE SCHOOL - Grades 7 - 8

133 McKinley Avenue  
Lake Villa, Illinois 60046  
Tel: 847/356-2118 Fax: 847/356-0833  
Dr. Mary Pat Jordan, Principal  
Mr. Dan McCuiston, Dean of Students  
Dr. Marguerite VanScoyoc, Middle School Coordinator of Instructional Services

## DURHAM TRANSPORTATION

Tel: 847/356-6990

## Schedule Of Regular Board Meetings For FY2009/2010

**B**oard of Education meetings are held in the Board Room at the Palombi Middle School, 131 McKinley Avenue, Lake Villa, Illinois, starting at 7:00 p.m., following are the dates of the meetings for 2009/2010:

December 14, 2009	April 19, 2010
January 11, 2010	May 10, 2010
January 25, 2010	May 24, 2010
February 8, 2010	June 14, 2010
February 22, 2010	June 28, 2010
March 22, 2010	

## NOVEMBER 15, 2009 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS DAY

November 15, 2009 was School Board Members Day in Illinois. School Board Members in Lake Villa School District #41, all residents in our local communities, serve countless hours to make the education in District #41 the best it can be for every child. As elected officials they are charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the education of their children.

The men and women serving District #41 are:

Darla Vanderwall, President  
Michael Conway, Vice-President  
Julie Sheehan, Secretary  
Kurt Hansen, Member  
Peggy Kuzmanovich, Member  
Joanne Osmond, Member  
Nancy Schell, Member

School Board members adopt public policies which provide a guide to the District leadership. They regularly monitor the District's performance and compliance with District policy as well as State policy. Additionally, they bear the responsibility and oversight in District #41 for an annual budget of nearly \$30,000,000 for close to 3,300 students from Early Childhood to Eighth Grade, at five buildings, with more than 330 employees. Their service ensures that decisions they make about academic programs, achievement, funding and facilities provide for the continuing success of our students now and in the future.

Please join the staff, students and community of Lake Villa School District #41 in thanking and saluting these District #41 education advocates for all that they do for our children.

# 2009/2010 School Calendar

*The following calendar has been adopted on March 23, 2009 by the Board of Education for the 2009/2010 school year.*

## NOVEMBER

Friday - 13th	First Trimester Grading Period Ends
Friday - 20th	Report Cards Sent Home
Monday - 23rd	Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School
Tuesday - 24th	Teachers' Institute/Conferences - No School
Wednesday - 25th	No School - Non Attendance Day
Thursday - 26th	Thanksgiving Day - No School
Friday - 27th	No School - Non Attendance Day

## WINTER BREAK - December 21 to January 1

## JANUARY

Monday - 4th	School Resumes
Monday - 18th	Martin Luther King's Birthday - No School
Friday - 22nd	Second Trimester Mid-Term
Friday - 29th	Second Trimester Mid-Term Notices Sent Home

## FEBRUARY

Friday - 12th	Teachers' Institute - No School
Monday - 15th	Presidents' Day - No School

## MARCH

Friday - 5th	Second Trimester Grading Period Ends
Friday - 12th	Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday - 18th	Early Release/Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday - 19th	No School - Non Attendance Day

## SPRING BREAK - March 29 to April 2

## APRIL

Monday - 5th	School Resumes
Friday - 23rd	Third Trimester Mid-Term
Friday - 30th	Third Trimester Mid-Term Notices Sent Home

## MAY

Friday - 21st	Half Day Teachers' Institute - Half Day of School -No Early Childhood or Kindergarten
Monday - 31st	Memorial Day - No School

## JUNE

Tuesday - 1st	8th Grade Graduation - 7:00 p.m. - College of Lake County
Friday - 4th	Last Day of School if we do not take any snow days - Half Day of School - No Early Childhood or Kindergarten Classes
	Third Trimester Grading Period Ends
	Report Cards Sent Home

Starting and dismissal times for the school year can be found on the District Website

*The calendar will include an early release day every Friday throughout the school year.*