



## News from the Logan Elm Local School District

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### History of the Two Renewal Levies on March 2020 Ballot

The Logan Elm Board of Education is asking voters to renew an emergency levy and 1% income tax on March 17th. We want to take this opportunity to provide some history on the two levies.

The emergency levy originally passed in February 1990. Agendas from meetings held at each elementary school in January 1990 shed light on those times. The school district was literally broke, borrowing money from the bank to cover payroll and other operating costs. Teachers and other employees had endured a two-year wage freeze. The kindergarten schedule had changed to every other day. Field trips and athletic busing had been eliminated. If the levy failed in February 1990, the District was going to reduce personnel across the board and notify the Mid-State League of non-participation in sports for the 1990-91 season.

The 1% income tax originally passed in November 2005. It took four tries over two years to pass this levy. Previous failures forced the District to make budget cuts, including the elimination of 18 teaching positions and Board funding of extracurricular activities (a reduced slate of activities was offered during the 2005-06 school year thanks to athletic and music boosters' donations). The Ohio Department of Education placed the District in "Fiscal Caution" and was monitoring its finances monthly. If the levy failed in November 2005, the District was going to eliminate elementary art, music and physical education among other cuts.

As you can see, Logan Elm Schools were facing dire financial circumstances when the emergency levy and 1% income tax originally passed. The two levies are still necessary today. They currently provide 16% of our operating revenue and generate over \$3.4 million per year. We do not want to return to the circumstances faced in 1990 or 2005. That is why voters will be asked to renew the emergency levy and 1% income tax on March 17th.

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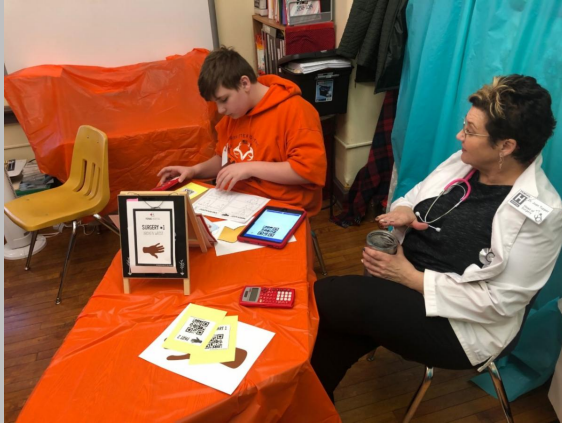
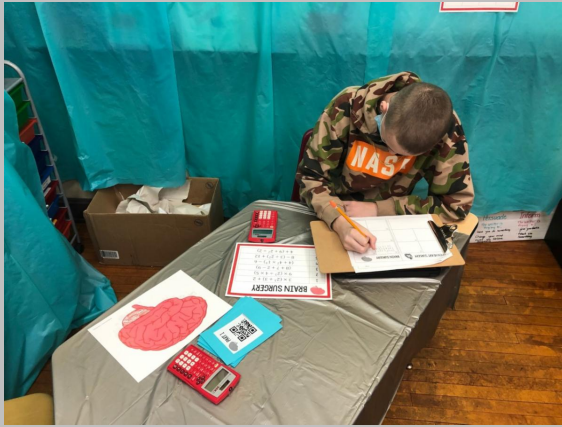
### Salt Creek Students Perform "Surgery" to Practice Math Skills

Recently, Mrs. Tupper's 6th Grade Mathematics class was given the chance to perform "mathematical surgeries". Students in Mrs. Tupper's class have been working on proficiency within the "Order of Operations" standard. Most students relate the term "operation" to having surgery. Given this connection, at the end of the unit, students were tasked with simulating Wrist, Knee, Heart, and Brain surgeries, with a mathematical twist.

Students would begin with Wrist surgery, which required completing all 5 "order of operation" exercises. As students would finish an exercise, they would then scan a QR code with a technology device to determine the accuracy of their response. Completing all 5 math exercises would finish the surgery.

Once a surgery was completed, the students would proceed to another surgery that offered new challenges and exercises. The goal of the activity was to complete all four surgeries by demonstrating proficiency with Order of Operations.

Students were dressed for the occasion by wearing hair nets and masks. The students did a great job and showed terrific work while completing the activity.



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## McDowell Middle School Students Recognized

Several of our talented artists at McDowell recently had artwork chosen for display and won awards.

Carson Summers, pictured below on the right, won 1st place in the grades 6-8 category in the Graphic Design Contest for Ohio. Carson's design was also selected as the OVERALL WINNER in the Graphic Design for the state of Ohio. His design will be made into a postcard to advocate for the art in Ohio.

Kimber Waddell, pictured below on the left, won 1st place in the grades 6-8 category in the Flag Design Contest for Ohio and was chosen as an honored artist for the 40th Annual Young People's Art Exhibition.

Kirsten Dulaney, Zailyn Harmon and Jude Palmer had artwork accepted into the 2020 Central Ohio Art Education Association K-8 Art Exhibition. Their art work will be on display in the lower lobby of the Rhodes State office Tower. Clara Wilson will have art work in the 40th Annual Youth Art Month Exhibition. Her art work will be on display in the STRS building. These pieces will be on display from February 22 through March 18.



## LEHS Construction Technologies Class Builds Pole Barn



Under the instruction of Gary Mitchel, a Pickaway-Ross Career & Technical Center satellite teacher, the Logan Elm High School Construction Technologies class is once again building a pole barn for a community resident.

The current project is a 16' x 24' pole barn with a 1' overhang, a 9' x 7' garage door and a 36" entry door. The class has approximately 90 minutes per day to travel to the site, complete construction tasks and then return to school.



## Thank You!

Thank you for reading the Logan Elm Schools e-Newsletter! We appreciate your interest in the students and activities of all Logan Elm schools!

Our e-newsletter is distributed on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

*Pictured: Some LEHS students attended the February 2020 Board of Education meeting. Attending a Board of Education meeting is one of the requirements of their American Government & Economics course.*



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