

Student Achievements

- United States Department of Education Nomination as a “National Blue Ribbon School.”
- Lakeside Harry Potter Reading Club every Tuesday with 25-40 students attending weekly culminating with the district-wide Yule Ball.
- In its 9th consecutive year, Lakeside Chess Team meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school with over 80 participants from grades K-5. In mid-March, 14 Chess Club members represented Lakeside at the Michigan Chess Association Elementary and Primary Championships returning with three 1st place trophies and seven medals. At the State Tournament on March 26, 2016, Lakeside teams won two 1st place team trophies for two different age divisions, a fifth place team trophy as well as two gold and two silver medals for individual match placements.
- Arwen Crosby and Cooper Hutt represented Lakeside at the Regional Spelling Bee in February. Cooper Hutt won the Regional Spelling Bee and advanced to the Greater Grand Rapids Spelling Bee on March 22, 2016, where he placed 11th overall.
- Veteran’s Day Assembly featuring our choir honoring over 45 invited veterans and their families as well as eight large boxes of gathered donations for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
- Math Teams in the 3rd-5th Grades with 49 3rd graders, 50 4th graders and 42 5th graders participating this year. Lakeside 3rd and 4th grades each won their respective Online Math League National Championships this year. These teams have won a combined seven National Championships in the past 17 years.

Student Activities (Athletic, Drama, Music, Arts, etc.)

- In January, 1st & 2nd Grade Musical Workshop, *Disney’s Aladdin Kids* with participation of over 85 students as actors, show crew, and ushers.
- Bright Star Theatre presentations, *George Washington Carver and Friends* and *Struggle for Freedom: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* for all students.
- March Lakeside Musical, *The Little Mermaid Jr.* with participation of over 100 students as actors, show crew, ushers, and artists performing in two parent shows, one school show, and four community shows to sell-out crowds.
- Classroom celebrations at Halloween, Holiday Break, Valentine’s Day, and St. Patrick’s Day well attended by parents.
- Annual Lakeside Halloween Parade with streets lined by parents and community members.
- Teacher Workshops and Student Visits by Author/Poet Lester Laminack.
- Kindergarten Art Gala, field trips to Circle Theater to see *Henry & Mudge*, Moelker’s Apple Orchard, Frederick Meijer Gardens, and EGR Library.
- 1st Grade Dog Sled Presentation, field trips to Klackle Orchards, Circle Theatre to see *Henry & Mudge*, Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park, Manhattan Park, and EGR Library.
- 2nd Grade Wax Museum, field trips to Kids Food Basket, Caledonia Resource Center, Calvin College Ecological Center, EGR Public Safety and Mayor’s office, Grand Rapids Downtown Farmer’s Market, and Manhattan Park.
- 3rd Grade Trip to Camp Roger, John Ball Zoo, Kent County Recycling Center, Kid’s Food Basket, TerryBerry, EGR Library, and Jersey Junction.

- 4th Grade Science Fair, trips to Lansing and overnight to Mackinac Island, visits to the Michigan Historical Museum, State Capitol, Historic Charleton Park, visits from Lumberjack Sheepshank Sam, and EGR Kent District Library.
- 5th Grade Camp at Mystic Lake, Colonial Days, visit from John Ball Zoo Traveling Zoo, and trips to Henry Ford/Greenfield Village, Manhattan Park, Kid's Food Basket, and 5th Grade Auction and Graduation.
- Talent Show with over 112 participants showcasing their talents in piano, guitar, drums, violins, ukulele, mandolin, dancing, singing, gymnastics, magic, comedy acts, whistling, and harp.
- Scholastic Book Fair Bedtime Stories featuring readings by Mr. Weigel, Mr. Mitton, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Buzalski, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Merpi, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. McMahan, Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Kenward, and Mrs. Severns.
- Family Movie Night for all Lakeside families with approx. 220 in attendance.
- Family Fun Night at Woodland Skating with over 150 in attendance.
- Lakeside Night at EGR Girls Basketball Game with over 50 Lakeside families attending.
- Lakeside 5th Graders from Mr. Scheidel's classroom participated in the "Be Nice" video for EGRHS Kabookie Week.
- School News Network articles featuring Lakeside 4th grade Lansing Visit (front page), Learning Commons new space, Kindergarten Math Technology, and 5th grade Be Kind video.
- Advance Newspapers M-Live Student Spotlight articles featuring Spelling Bee Champs, 5th Grade Ambassadors as lunch room helpers, Chess Champions, and the Lakeside Musical (upcoming).
- 100% Fall Conference attendance by parents.

Partnerships/Collaborations

- Brainstormers Creative Writing Show partnership with Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and Michigan Humanities Council
- EGR Dads Foundation Group
- \$1,200 was raised for Hearts of Gold supporting Ele's Place.
- Partnership with Godfrey Lee Elementary Book Drive totaling over 1,000 books collected which through the Lakeside Used Book Sale were turned into \$1000.00 for the purchase of playground supplies.
- ROAR, Lakeside PTO's annual fundraiser, raised a total of \$43,000 which provides classroom grants to enhance teaching and learning.