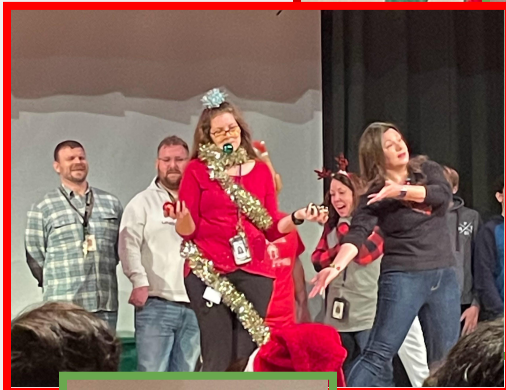
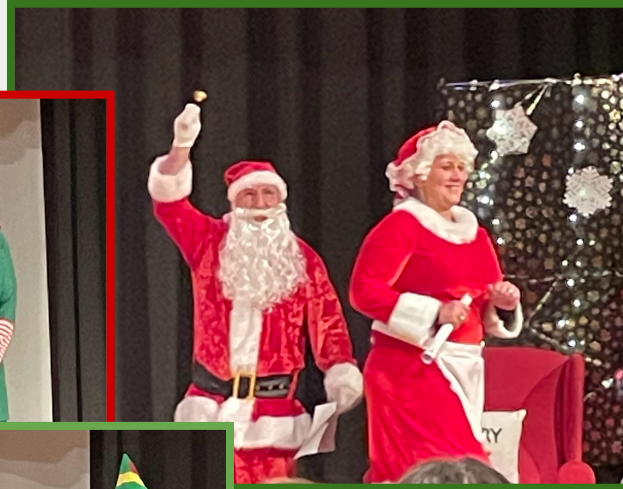
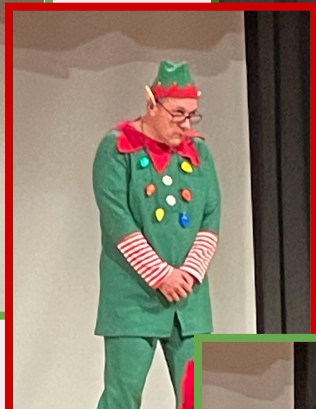
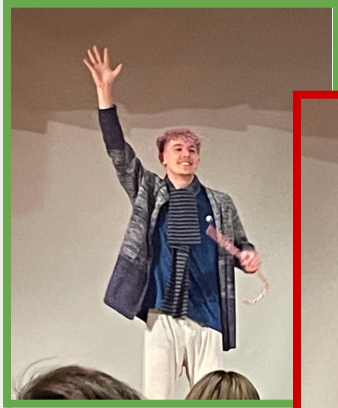
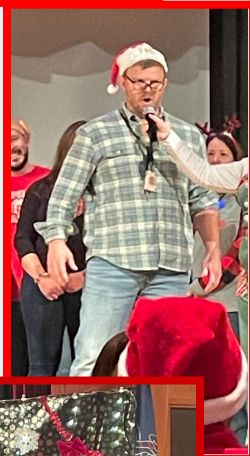
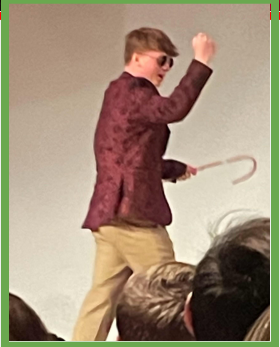


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Holidays at LL

Bah Humbug - Why Does Christmas Spirit Start So Early And Last So Long?

Emma Salko, 7th Grade

I get that everyone gets caught up in the joy of the Christmas season, but do the decorations and the songs have to be such a prominent part of our lives? Christmas decorations go up in stores before Thanksgiving, and the radio starts playing Christmas music on November 1st. Many people also decorate their homes that early, but why? I enjoy the holiday, but after so long it just gets tiring, and by the time Christmas actually rolls around, I'm worn out. I don't want to see holiday spirit while I'm still trying to enjoy the last few days of fall, and I also don't want to see candy canes when it's almost February. Decorations should not go up until at least the first week of December, and they come down in the first few weeks of January. By then, we've moved on into the new year, and I'm ready to wait for the winter holidays to come around again. So for the Grinch's sake, don't force Christmas onto Thanksgiving. Give the fall lovers two more weeks to enjoy the end of their favorite season, and we'll all be ready to spread a little more Christmas cheer.



Children's Christmas Party



Re-Gifting

Julie Conte, Senior

It's a challenge for many to come up with the perfect gift to give to friends and family during the holiday season. In a last-ditch effort, many find themselves re-gifting items that were gifted to them. Have you been guilty of this? It is my belief that there are limits to what you can get away with. For example, if it's a gift card or small items like a mug or socks, then it would be acceptable. I think it's a bad idea to re-gift something that was thoughtfully given to you as a present. In the end, the thought is what counts.

Bah! Humbug! Not! Mrs. Honeywell, Advisor

Students in 7th grade were treated to the production of *A Christmas Carol* at the F.M. Kirby Center on December 19th. Sets, costumes and music accompanied this timeless classic which is a part of the seventh grade curriculum. Although only sixty minutes, the dramatization captured Dickens' intent. The production featured a group of talented actors and actresses that portrayed multiple roles in the telling of the tale. It was a rewarding experience that captured Dickens' world and brought to life Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas and the Cratchits.

The Tone of 2024

Julie Conte, Senior
This year, embrace the warmth with Pantone 13-1023 Peach Fuzz. Peach Fuzz is the color chosen by Pantone for 2024. The velvety peach tone of Peach Fuzz is believed to 'enrich mid, body, and soul'. It is claimed that Peach Fuzz color captures people's desire to care for themselves and others.



12 Days of Lake-Lehman a Holiday Hit

Mrs. Honeywell, Advisor

The Student Council sponsored the 12 days of Lake-Lehman before the break. With hosts Lucy Honeywell and Jace Hynick behind the microphones, it was sure to be a success. The assembly features minute-to-win-it games, holiday songs, and talents from our cheerleaders, band, and chorus. An epic lip sync battle won by our own softball team and their rendition of "All I Want for Christmas is You". Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their elves were the stars of the show. They distributed gifts to the seniors that were befitting of their personalities. Overall the mood was jovial and merry, mission accomplished Student Council.

Lake-Lehman Community

To Tip or Not to Tip

Faith Cadwalader, Freshman

Every time we go out, we will usually leave an average tip of 20%, but when is the time to tip more or less? Most teenagers in our school are making most of their cash off of tips, and sometimes that cannot be enough to do things they want, pay for gas, and go shopping. A tip usually defines how well the service was but it couldn't hurt to add a dollar or two more depending on the working environment. The minimum wage for tipped jobs, such as waiters, waitresses, and baristas is \$2.83 in Pennsylvania. Most students are working from around 15-20 hours per week, so in one week anyone making tipped minimum wage would have \$42.45-56.60 without any tips. With gas at such high prices, it can be around \$40-\$60 per week in gas just to get to and from work every day, leaving employees with not a lot of money, making it harder to save. Nowadays, \$50 does not really get you far. The average tip is around \$7-10 assuming an average \$50 tab. The tipped employees' tips will fluctuate depending on the amount of tables and/or customers the tipped employee waits on. Assuming on average 3 customers waited on per hour and \$10 in tips per bill it would be around \$30 in tips per hour, making \$600 a week in tips. This much money in tips is much more sustainable than \$50, altogether this will leave employees with over \$600 per week, with some savings this could get most students and young adults on their feet to live a comfortable life with a good source of income. So the question is, would you consider leaving a few more cents on the table?

“Interact Snack Attacks”

Lucy Honeywell, Senior

The Lake-Lehman Interact Club recently conducted “Interact Snack Attacks” at seven community first responder stations on December 21. The purpose was to thank these departments for their response to our threats this past October, and acknowledge their everyday efforts to keep us safe. Members contributed snacks, signed thank you cards and delivered the items with a heartfelt gratitude for ensuring our safety.



Be the Change ... Voices in the Hall

Mrs. Honeywell, Advisor

Students in 7th grade commented on what they think can be improved since coming to junior high. The overwhelming suggestions were to reform lunch,

One student wrote, "One thing I want to change is that when people go to lunch and get there before a lot of people, they always get pushed to the back, or farther back because of people who got there a long time after, cutting them in line on purpose to get their lunch first. This happens to me every day, and it gets annoying. Then I'm left with less time to eat. When the people that got there after me already have their food and I'm still left in the line, it bothers me."

Another student wrote, "I would make lunch longer because some people get served like 10 minutes before we leave and they have no time to eat their food and for some people, it is their most important meal and they are just throwing it all away. I think if we extend the time of lunch by 15 minutes the student body would be much happier and they wouldn't be hungry.

For me, if I'm not hungry I get my work done better and faster".

Lastly, a student wrote, "One thing that I would like to change would be how long lunch is. I would like to change how long it is because not only am I hungry but I would also like to get a little longer break and get to talk to my friends. Some kids are only getting a little bit of time to eat and have a break because the line is very long. I also think if some kids want to get a snack or seconds, we don't have that much time to do that sometimes".



7th Grade Theater Trip

Athletics

Lucy Honeywell, Senior Wrestling

The team had a big win against Wyoming Area on Wednesday. Wrestlers that won their matches included Reilley Kirkutis, Tristan Wilhelm, Fionn Ellis, Anthony Magnotta, Dom Rikoskie, and Connor Higgins. LJ Morgan took first place at the Frank Wadas Memorial Tournament in the 127lb weight class. Stop by their next home meet on Wednesday against league competitor Hanover Area at 7 pm for some grappling action!

Girls Basketball

The girls have some big conference games, including a game at Nanticoke on Monday at 7:15 pm. Congratulations to Ella Wilson who was selected as the Citizens Voice Athlete of the Week after she scored a combined 58 points in games against Valley View and Dallas.

Boys Basketball

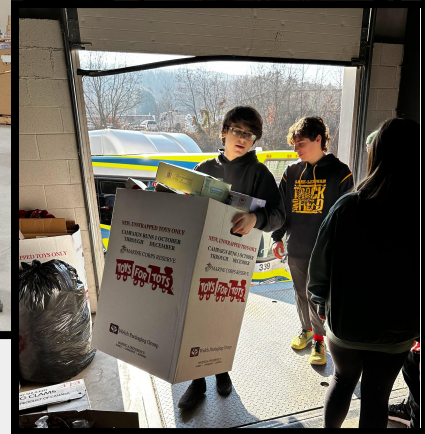
The team is young and led by sophomores, freshmen, and a new coach. The next home game is Tuesday against Nanticoke at 7:15 pm.

Swimming

The swim team has a record of 2-1 Led by swim captains Allison Vitanovec, Mollie Kuhar, and Connor Runquist. Karissa Legaspi recently broke the school record in the 100 fly at the Keep the Beat Invitational. The next meet is Thursday, January 11 against Pittston at 4:30 pm.



Key Club, Builders Club, and Mission Academy volunteer at Toys for Tots




Student of the Month:
December
 Samantha Toll
 Joseph Guastella
 Madisyn Cox
 Curt Gronski

Midterms Schedule

Day 86 (1/19) - Language Arts/Foreign Language

Day 87 (1/22) - Science/ Industrial Arts/Graphic Arts

Day 88 (1/23) - Math/FCS

Day 89 (1/24) - Social Studies/Art/Music/Band



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