

Lakeland STAR News

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Lakeland STAR wraps up successful inaugural year, looks forward to 2019-20



Students and staff at Lakeland STAR School/Academy wrapped up the school's inaugural year with a variety of fun enrichment activities, including a day-long fishing trip to Chippewa County hosted by Lee Christensen and Mark Pitman. The excursion gave STAR students and staff a one-of-a-kind walleye and perch fishing experience on a private lake. The day of fishing ended with a traditional Northwoods-style "shore lunch" fish fry.

Looking ahead to the 2019-20 school year, STAR will be

doubling its student enrollment, adding a Driver's Education curriculum, and expanding the scope of its PAES® Lab at Howard Young Medical Center to include a variety of career exploration opportunities.



STAR Volunteers

Top: Lakeland STAR students pick up litter along State Hwy. 70 East in Arbor Vitae in partnership with the Lakeland Area Kiwanis Club.



Middle: STAR students Brett LaBarge and Autumn Wildcat volunteer weekly to read and play with pre-schoolers at Northwoods Creative Kids in Minocqua.



Bottom: STAR student Ethan Driver provides a tour of Lakeland STAR School/Academy to State Representative Rob Swearingen (R-34) during Lakeland STAR's annual Open House

On the Road: STAR Students visit Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau

Students enjoy museum tour, hands-on art project

Lakeland STAR School/Academy students and staff took a day-long school field trip to the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau. Those participating in the tour, including students Autumn Wildcat (below) and Hannah Semmerling (above right), were able to see



many different collections of art, including the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum's most recent exhibit, "Cut Up/Cut Out," which featured various artists from all over the world. While at the museum, STAR students were also given the opportunity to try the ancient art of cutting paper in a hands-on art activity. The museum offered different forms of media and materials for students to use, including vintage maps of the surrounding area. On the way back to STAR, students enjoyed a stop for ice cream at Kilwin's in downtown Minocqua.



SUMMER BRAT FRY FUNDRAISERS FOR LAKELAND STAR

Lakeland STAR School/Academy is hosting a series of Brat Fry fundraisers this summer at Save More Marketplace IGA, 8522 U.S. Hwy. 51 North in Minocqua, just north of The Island. Pictured from left at the first Brat Fry of the season on May 24th are STAR student Marissa Hilmer, STAR paraprofessional educator Ashleigh Pickart, and STAR student Ayden Harris. June Brat Fry fundraisers were held at Save More on June 13th-15th. Upcoming Brat Fry dates are July 26th-27th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and August 22nd-23rd, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Grilled brats can be purchased individually for \$3 each, or combo meals are offered for \$4, including a brat, chips and a soda.





Top Left: Host Lee Christensen talks fishing with STAR student Bryson RisingSun-Doug during the STAR fishing trip outing at Chippewa Falls; **Top Right:** STAR staff and students celebrate Autism Awareness Month in April; **Bottom Left:** Employment consultant Brenda Stowiak works with STAR student Ayden Harris on “Skills to Pay the Bills: Mastering Soft Skills for the Workplace,” a curriculum developed by ODEP focused on teaching workforce readiness skills to youth, including youth with disabilities. The program is comprised of modular, hands-on, engaging activities that focus on six key skill areas – communication, enthusiasm and attitude, teamwork, networking, problem solving and critical thinking, and professionalism.



LAKELAND STAR HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

On June 11th, Lakeland STAR School/Academy hosted its second annual fundraising Lakeland STAR Golf Outing in partnership with the Howard Young Foundation and the Minocqua Country Club, hosted by Doug McCoy, Gregg Walker, Greg McCoy, Trig Solberg, Aldo Madrigano and Mike McCoy. Following a continental breakfast, golfers enjoyed a boxed lunch and a day competing on the Minocqua Country Club links, followed by heavy appetizers and music in the clubhouse, speakers from Lakeland STAR, raffles and a live auction. At right, STAR student Marissa Hilmer showcases one of the items up for auction, an Open Range 26BHS Towable Camper.



Lakeland STAR students explore the Scientific Method

Class experiments are a blast - literally

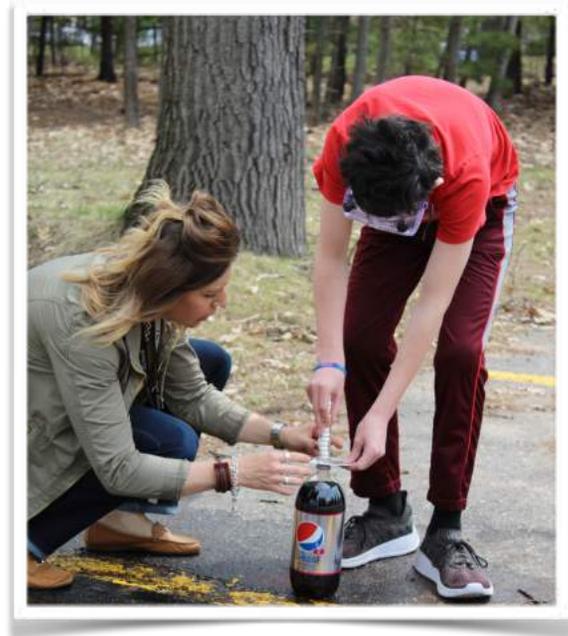
On May 14th, students in Stephanie Cull's Lakeland STAR Science classes participated in a hands-on science experiment. The students chose the "Mentos Geyser Experiment" and had a blast – literally!

"Before the experiment, students had to think like scientists and complete the



'Scientific Method' where they had to ask a question, research the topic, state their hypothesis, test their hypothesis, analyze their data, and report their results," Cull said. "After doing research, students decided to use 13 Mentos and experiment with different types of soda to see which soda produced the greatest reaction and highest geyser. The students also had to problem-solve how to get the Mentos into the soda bottles all at once and decided to use playing cards and glass test tubes as speed loaders. The experiment was a huge success and just in case you are wondering, Coke Zero produced the highest geyser – over 20 feet high!"

Above: STAR student Brett LaBarge with his 20-foot Coke Zero geyser. **Left:** Cull assists STAR student Ronnie Hilmer with his Diet Cherry Pepsi experiment.



CAN YOU DIG IT? LAKELAND STAR JOINS "FARM TO TABLE" MOVEMENT WITH COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT

"This was our first day at the garden," said Lakeland STAR occupational therapist Dawn Pieper. "We met with Tara Woolpy. She trained us on the 'rules' of the garden, She also introduced us to the plot the school would use this summer. Students (Jack LaBarge shown with STAR paraprofessionals Amanda Mortag and Ashleigh Pickart) worked hard at clearing weeds, hoeing the garden and moving compost with wheelbarrows to our plot. They helped to create tomato buckets and move wood structures to some of the gardens. Tara Woolpy was impressed with the amount of work they got done in the short time."

