



NEWSLETTER

Winter Greetings,

Wow, just like that we are almost in 2019. I cannot believe how fast the year has gone by. As I reflect on the first half of the year we have so many great accomplishments to be proud of and truly have the best students and staff who make us a one of a kind community!

As we return from break perhaps your schedule will have you looking for a little extra something to do. We are hiring!!! We have an immediate opening for a noon supervisor. To apply, please submit a District on-line application. <http://web.lakeland272.org> The position is for 2 hours per day, five days a week during the school year. The starting wage is \$9.35 per hour.

Perhaps we will see a little more snow in the new year. As always parents, your help has been wonderful in reminding our students of appropriate and warm winter wear. Students need to be prepared to go outside each day. Thank you for your help with this!


Our second Garwood Coffee Klatch was held this week. During a Coffee Klatch we randomly select parents to come in and casually visit about Garwood. This is a time for parents to ask questions, share their likes and let us hear a parent's perspective. We appreciate everyone's time and thoughtful insight.

~Monique

Monique English, Principal

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Calendar Reminders From the Garwood Office

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- December 24-January 4 --Winter Break!!!
- January 7 School Resumes
- January 21 - No School MLK day 
- January 24 - End of 2nd Quarter
- January 25 - No School - Teacher work day

Great Things at Garwood!!

Garwood's First Honorary Fire Chief

Saturday, December 15, 2018 two Garwood Elementary 5th grade girls became the newest honorary firefighters. A special thank you to Taylor Howe and her family for presenting Abigail's dream, and to Jim Lyon, Deputy Fire Marshal, for orchestrating this event. Congratulations to Abigail for being the first Honorary Fire Chief and Taylor the first Honorary Deputy Fire Chief for the Northern Lakes Fire Department. Thank you Northern Lakes for the your amazing work in our community



For the full, and unbelievable, story click on the link below

[Garwood Honorary Firefighters](#)





National Junior Olympic

Garwood Elementary 4th grader, Parker Sterling, recently competed in the **USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships** in Reno, Nevada. He finished 49th out of 298! Well done Parker!!

PBIS

Garwood Grizzlies had an amazing first quarter of the school year. There were over 300 students who earned and turned in a bear. It was exciting to be able to announce both for Academics and for following our BEARS (Brave, Engaged, Always Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.)





Shout out!!!

It is fun having a very busy month, because that means a ton of Shout Outs!



Northern Lakes Fire Department

Thank you for your help in making a great experience for some of our Garwood students. It would not have been possible without your time and commitment to our community.

[Garwood Honorary Firefighters](#)



Rathdrum Trading Post

Thank you so much for your gracious gifts to the Garwood student community. The students came back the next day talking about the gifts they bought, excited to be able to give them to friends and family.



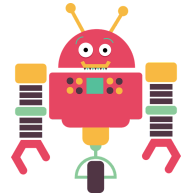
27th Annual Christmas Concert

Amazing job students, and thank you Mr. Morrison and teachers for the fabulous and beautiful sounds from our Kindergarten, 1st graders, and 2nd graders! Also thank you parents for bringing your students out to our concert. Their voices help bring the cheer of Christmas to Garwood!



Invent Idaho Invention Convention

A huge shout out to Laura Spurway, Mrs. Lawrie and Mr. Hutson for arranging and facilitating our Hour of Code and Invent Idaho Invention Convention. The ideas that students have been generating, researching, and implementing have been astounding!!



Hour of Code: 38 participants

Invent Idaho Workshop: 41 participants



Santa and a Book

It was awesome having Santa visit the school. A big thank you to all the staff who helped with the cookies, hot chocolate, and numerous crafts. Thank you to the parents who brought their children to the event and for investing in their kids.



STCU

Special Thank you to the Spokane Teachers Credit Union for their huge support of the Santa and a Book event. We passed out over 300 books, drank over 10 gallons of Hot Chocolate, and ate over 300 cookies!



Lancaster Market

Thank you Lancaster Market for gifting the Garwood staff with a delicious lunch from San Francisco Sourdough. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



From the Assistant Superintendent

Dear Parents,

If you have preschool-aged children at home (2-5), we have a program for you! The Lakeland Literacy Project is proud to present “Literacy for Little Ones” at the District Office. Come join us as we share a fun picture book and enjoy art activities that celebrate the learning we do that day. We will host “Literacy for Little Ones” every month on the following dates:

Monday, January 28th

Monday, February 25th

Monday, March 18th

Monday, April 22nd

Monday, May 20th

PTO Meetings at Garwood Elementary 2018

Date:	Time:
January 22, 2019	3:15 PM
February 19, 2019	3:15 PM
March 19, 2019	3:15 PM
April 16, 2019	3:15 PM
May 21, 2019	3:15 PM

Invent Idaho Winners

<p>CATEGORY: Non-Working Models</p> <p>CATEGORY Champion: Stale detector, Madisyn Blagden, GWE</p> <p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>1st: Robot Maid, Lucy Meredith, GWE</p> <p><u>1st & 2nd Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Bag of Wonders, Olivia Meredith, GWE</p> <p><u>3rd & 4th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Techno Bracelet, Anabella Palaniuk, GWE</p> <p>2nd: Pet-O-Rama, Aly Jessop, TLE</p> <p>3rd: Temperature Controlled Dress, Summer Loutzenhiser, GWE</p> <p><u>5th & 6th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: LDE, Jackson Hedstrom, GWE</p> <p>2nd: The Un-LED, London Peterson, GWE</p> <p>3rd: The Nature Bot, McKenzie Conley, AE</p>	<p>CATEGORY: GAMES</p> <p>CATEGORY Champion: Rocket Wreck, Alexis Hanna, GWE</p> <p><u>1st & 2nd Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Man or Beast, Connor Banks, SLE</p> <p>2nd: Dance Game, Alexis Parks, GWE</p> <p>3rd: Run Red Run, Cameron Ryan, TLE</p> <p><u>3rd & 4th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Mega Claw, Madison Hicks, JBE</p> <p>2nd: Marble Run, Connor Lee, JBE</p> <p><u>5th & 6th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Wanna Be a smartie?, Reyanna Vasquez, GWE</p> <p>2nd: Dying to win, Kaeghan Spurgeon and Kenna Ingraham, GWE</p> <p>3rd: Waste Land, Korbin Hedge and Isaac Sailas, GWE</p>
<p>CATEGORY: Working Models</p> <p>CATEGORY Champion: Capsule Delivers, Sofia Becker, GWE</p> <p><u>1st & 2nd Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Egg Washer 3000, Clementine Klein, GWE</p> <p><u>3rd & 4th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Paint Revitalizer, Ashley Gwen, GWE</p> <p>2nd: The Rocker, Nate m bevacqua, JBE</p> <p>3rd: Extendable Broom and Sweeper, Grace Klein, GWE</p> <p><u>5th & 6th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Splatter Saver, Landree Simon, GWE</p>	<p>CATEGORY: Jules Verne</p> <p>CATEGORY Champion: Lightning harvester, Cannon Parsons, GWE</p> <p><u>3rd & 4th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Re-Fill-a-bottle, Adaira Tyler, GWE</p> <p>2nd: Human Translator for dogs, Olivia Crabtree, AE</p> <p><u>5th & 6th Grade:</u></p> <p>1st: Teleportation Hat, Mathieu Beaudoin, GWE</p>

2nd: Automatic fish feeder, Lily Klein, GWE 3rd: Cafeteria Lights, Aysia Estes, Ruby McIntosh	
<p>CATEGORY: Adaptations</p> <p>CATEGORY Champion:K-9 Cleaner, Kaylea Clift and Avery Gifford, GWE</p> <p><u>1st & 2nd Grade:</u> 1st: Stampler, Imogen Sanborn, GWE</p> <p><u>3rd & 4th Grade:</u> 1st: Heated Playground, Rory Spurway, GWE 2nd: Perfect Picnic, McKenna Crouse, TLE 3rd: Glasses, Annika Chatterton, JBE</p> <p><u>5th & 6th Grade:</u> 1st: Kindly Kempt Clipper Companion, Sam Longstreet, GWE 2nd: On Board BUs Education System, Kyle Hill, GWE 3rd: Fishing Lure with a Camera, Jaxson Sanborn, GWE</p>	



Garwood Elementary X-STREAM After School Enrichment:

It is that time of the year! Garwood Elementary will begin our annual X-STREAM After School Enrichment Program. Students will be invited to sign up for numerous after school enrichment classes. Information on available classes this year will be sent home at the beginning of February. The X-STREAM program will run from Feb. 19-March 21.

Classroom Lessons:

In grades 4th-6th we have been talking about careers and post-secondary education. Students have been learning about various levels of post-secondary education, along with the careers which fall under each level. The 6th graders have researched a career which they would like to pursue and have begun presenting this info via Google Slide in their classrooms. Information about the career they will research are related to skills needed, knowledge, education, additional training, projected growth, and median salary (which of course is what every student is most interested in learning) for each career.

Grades Kindergarten-3rd have been learning about Personal Safety, which included identifying trusted adults, stranger awareness, safe and unsafe touches, weapon safety, and being safe within the community.

6TH GRADE PARENTS!

IN PREPARATION FOR THIS BIG DAY, MRS. MARTINES CREATES A VIDEO SHOWING A BABY/TODDLER PICTURE AND 6TH GRADE/CURRENT (IE: SCHOOL PIC, SPORT PIC, ETC.) PHOTOS, ALONG WITH OTHER MEMORABLE PHOTOS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. SHARING YOUR PHOTOS IS VOLUNTARY, THEREFORE IF YOU AND YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEIR PHOTOS SHOWN DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PHOTOS SUBMITTED BEFORE



SPRING BREAK, MARCH 21ST. YOU MAY EMAIL PHOTOS TO CMARTINES@LAKELAND272.ORG OR HAVE YOUR STUDENT BRING IN PHOTOS TO MRS. MARTINES.



PLEASE LOOK FOR A LETTER HOME WITH MORE DETAILS ALONG WITH THE CEREMONY DAY AND TIME.

Please feel free to email me anytime if you have questions or concerns regarding your student's success and development, cmartines@lakeland272.org (or by phone 208-687-1265).

Aloha,
Cassie Martines

Math+Science Connection

Building Excitement and Success for Young Children

January 2019

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Lakeland Joint School District #272
From the Title I Staff

TOOLS & TIDBITS

Use your head

Encourage your youngster to do simple

math problems in his head. For instance, say, "Aunt Christine and Uncle Larry are coming over. How many people will be here?" He might think, "There are 4 of us. My aunt and uncle are 2 more. $2 + 4 = 6$." Mental calculations will prepare him for math he'll do at school and home.

Powers of observation

Sharpen your child's observation skills with this idea. Secretly select a magazine photo that shows something from



nature, such as an animal, an apple, or an ocean wave. Cut out a small piece of the picture, and see if your

youngster can guess what it is. If she sees black and white stripes, she might say it's a zebra or a skunk.

Book picks

■ Your youngster can count change along with Pauline and John-John as they sell ice-cold drinks in *Lemonade in Winter: A Book About Two Kids Counting Money* (Emily Jenkins).

■ *Over and Under the Snow* (Kate Messner) reveals nature's wonders in keeping animals safe and warm all winter in a hidden world beneath the snow.

Just for fun

Q: Why are fish so smart?

A: Because they live in schools.

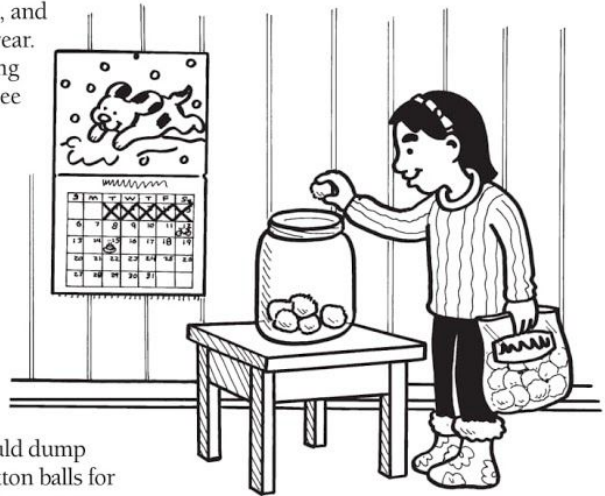


365 days of math

It has up to 31 numbers, and we use it every day of the year. What is it? A calendar! Hang one where your child can see it, and try these activities.

Calendar jar

Place a clear jar and a bag of small items (cotton balls, jelly beans) near the calendar. Each day, your youngster should fill the jar with the number of objects matching the date. For example, she would add 6 cotton balls on January 6. The next day, she would dump those out and count in 7 cotton balls for January 7. She'll build number sense as she counts and sees what different amounts look like each day.



Number of the day

Have your child look for creative ways to use each day's date. On January 20, she could set a timer and read for 20 minutes. On the 24th, you might bake 2 dozen (24) cookies together. And on the 30th, suggest that she build a Lego castle with 30 bricks.

Special countdown

Let your youngster place stickers or draw pictures on special dates like birthdays, holidays, and school events. Then, she can keep track of how many days are left until each date. Perhaps today is the 8th, and her birthday is on the 18th. She could count on from 8 to 18 or use subtraction ($18 - 8 = 10$) to discover that her birthday is in 10 days. 🐞

On the lookout for winter

"I found an icicle!" "There's frost on that leaf."

Go on a walk with your youngster to search for signs of winter. Before you head out, let him predict what he will see. He might list snow, ice, bare branches, acorns, nests, animal tracks, and even people wearing winter coats, hats, and gloves.

He can bring his list on your walk and mark off each item he notices. Along the way, he could add other winter sightings not on his list—perhaps berries, shovels, or smoke from a chimney.

Idea: As your child warms up indoors after your outing, encourage him to draw or paint a wintry scene that includes all the signs he saw. 🐞



Is it equal?

The concept of *equal* is important to kids from an early age — especially when it comes to sharing treats! Here are ideas for helping your youngster explore equal groups and equal parts.

Hot cocoa party. Let your child invite friends over for hot cocoa and snacks. He can divide up a bowl of mini-marshmallows to make equal groups. If he has 25 marshmallows and 2 guests (plus himself), how many marshmallows will he give each



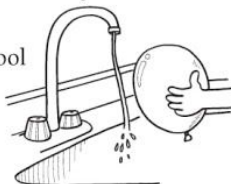
person? Suggest that he deal them out to everyone, then put away any leftovers. He'll see that each friend gets 8 mini-marshmallows and 1 is left over.

Shape puzzles. Help your youngster cut circles and squares out of construction paper. Now have him cut some shapes into 2 equal parts (halves) and others into 4 equal parts (fourths or quarters). Mix up all the parts, and use teamwork to put the shapes back together. Be sure to use fraction words! You might say, "I have *one-half* of this red circle. Do you have the other *half*?" *Tip:* Once he's comfortable with halves and fourths, he could cut shapes into thirds, too.

SCIENCE LAB Watch water bend

Energize your youngster's excitement for science with this experiment that shows how *static electricity* can bend water.

You'll need: wool hat (or other wool clothing), inflated balloon, sink



Here's how: Have your child put on the hat and rub the balloon over it quickly while she counts to 20. Run a slow, steady stream of water from the sink, and let her immediately hold the balloon as close to the water as she can without touching.

What happens? The water curves and bends toward the balloon!

Why? Rubbing the balloon over the wool hat creates static electricity. Negative particles (electrons) from the hat move to the balloon, "charging" it. Water has both electrons *and* positive particles (protons). The negatively charged balloon attracts the protons in the water, pulling them toward the balloon.

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's math and science skills.

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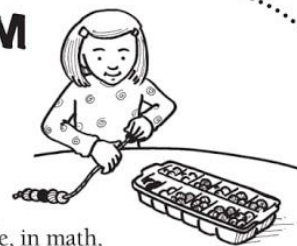
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Q & A Fine motor skills and STEM

Q: My daughter loves STEM lab at school! Her teacher mentioned that the kids are working on fine motor skills there along with STEM projects. How could my child practice those skills at home?

A: Your daughter's teacher knows that hand strength and coordination are important in STEM. For example, in math, your youngster needs to count and sort small objects and to measure accurately. She also uses fine motor skills for science and engineering activities, such as planting seeds, pouring liquids, and gluing together craft sticks to build bridges. Finally, technology tasks like typing and using a mouse require good hand control. To practice, let your daughter see how high she can stack pennies, then count the coins as she drops them one by one into a piggy bank. Or have her sort beads by color, using tweezers to place them into separate sections of an ice cube tray, and string them onto yarn in a pattern.

Also, ask her to help with household STEM-related activities like gardening, scooping and measuring ingredients for recipes, and typing emails to her grandparents. She'll build fine motor skills while discovering that STEM is important in real life.

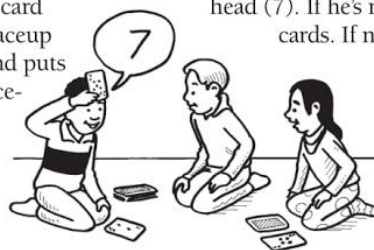


MATH CORNER What number is missing?

Let your child practice finding *addends* (a number added to another number) with this game.

Materials: deck of cards (face cards removed, ace = 1)

One person deals 1 card facedown and 1 card faceup to the other players, and puts the rest of the cards facedown in a pile. Then, each player puts his facedown card against his forehead (without looking),



number side out. The dealer tells the player the sum of his two cards. So if he sees a 7 on a player's forehead and a 2 on the table in front of him, he would call out "9" (because $7 + 2 = 9$). Now the player has to say the number on his forehead (7). If he's right, he keeps both cards. If not, he returns them to the bottom of the pile.

Switch dealers every round, and play until all the cards are gone. The player with the most cards wins.

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

January 2019

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From the Title I Staff

Book Picks

Read-aloud favorites

■ *Creepy Pair of Underwear!*

(Aaron Reynolds)

Jasper chooses a pair of neon green underwear when he goes shopping with his mom. That night, after lights-out, he decides that glow-in-the-dark underwear is scary instead of cool. But when he gets rid of it, he misses his "night-light." What will Jasper do next? (Also available in Spanish.)

■ *Hello Ruby: Journey Inside the Computer*

(Linda Liukas)

This book from the Hello Ruby series uses a fictional story to explain how computers work. Follow along with Ruby as she shrinks down and crawls inside her father's broken computer. Includes fun activities that let readers put their new knowledge to work.

■ *Mama's Saris*

(Pooja Makhijani)

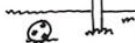
On her seventh birthday, an Indian American girl decides she's old enough to wear a sari. She feels proud and special when her mother lets her wear the traditional garment to her party. This sweet story celebrates family traditions.



■ *Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball*

(John Coy)

In 1891, James Naismith was teaching a gym class full of unruly boys. This nonfiction book tells how Naismith got control of the class by inventing a game with two peach baskets and a soccer ball. Today, we call that sport basketball!



Cozy read-alouds

What's one of the best ways to make your child a better reader? Read to him! Studies show that reading aloud builds youngsters' vocabularies and their reading and writing skills. Snuggle up with your child and a good book, and try these ideas.

Get comfortable

Let your youngster choose a quiet spot, away from distractions like TV or cell phones. Maybe he wants to cuddle under a blanket on the sofa while you read, or perhaps he'd like to pile pillows and stuffed animals on his bed for story time. **Tip:** Hold the book so he can see the words and pictures while you read.

Slow down

Find a time to read when you won't be rushed. Reading at a leisurely pace allows your youngster to absorb the story. Tell him that he's welcome to stop you if he doesn't know what a word means or if he wants more time to look at an illustration.



Asking questions and examining the pictures help him understand and enjoy the book.

Be playful

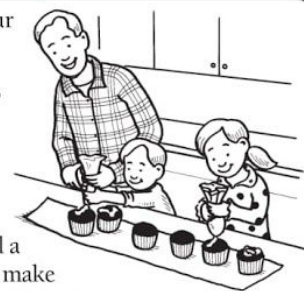
Use different voices for the characters, or read scary or exciting parts dramatically. For example, use a high, chirpy voice for a parrot or a low, booming voice for a giant. You might even assign him the part of a character. Stop and let him read the dialogue so he practices reading fluently.♥

Build "writing muscles" in the kitchen

Lots of kitchen tasks work the same muscles your child uses for writing. Offer her these jobs.

● **Boost strength.** Let your youngster mash potatoes or stir pancake batter. Or she could decorate cupcakes or cookies. Put frosting in a zipper bag, snip off a corner, and encourage her to squeeze it onto the goodies like a pastry chef!

● **Improve coordination.** Show your child how to roll a ground beef or turkey mixture between her palms to make meatballs. Let her use her fingers to tear lettuce for a salad. Have her hold her wrist steady as she uses a spatula to transfer cookies to a cooling rack.♥



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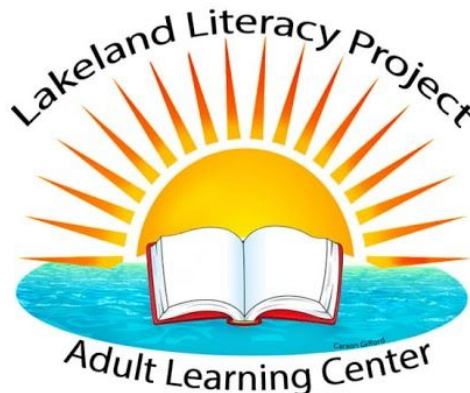
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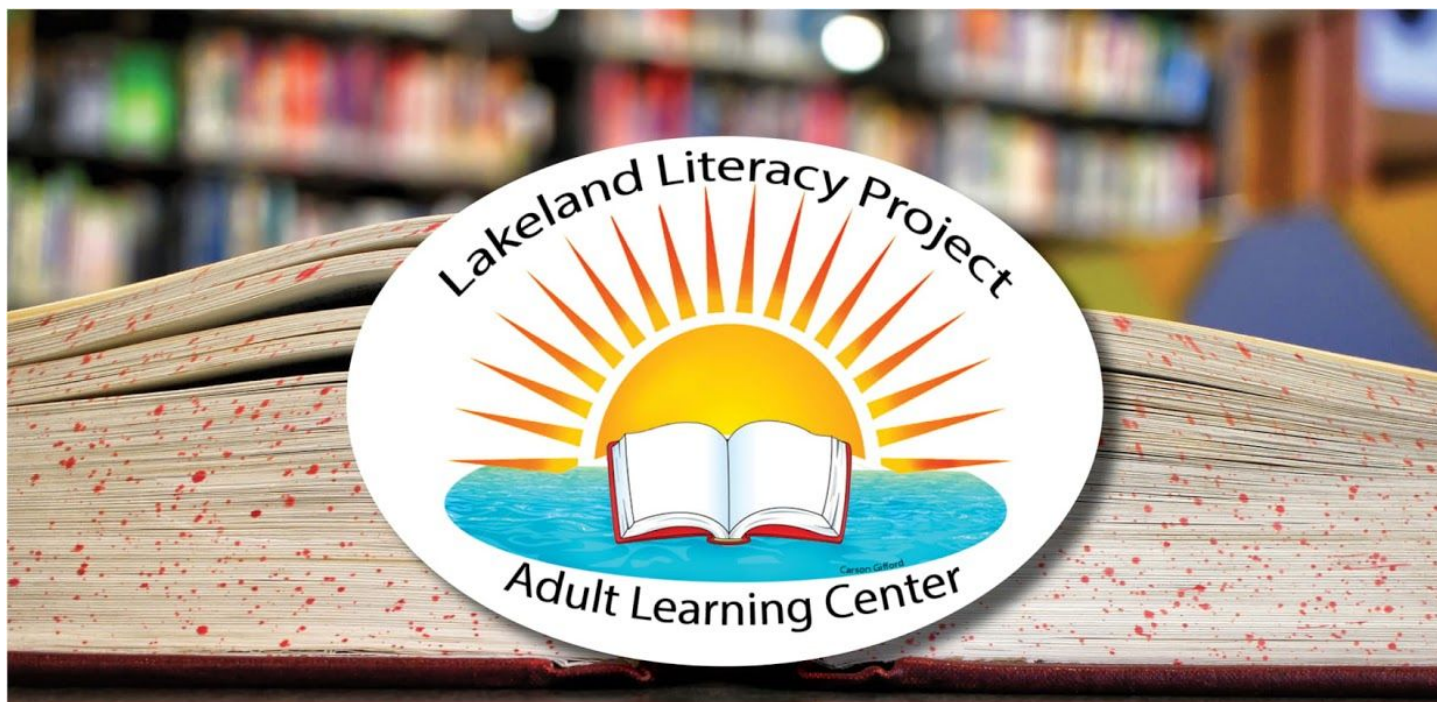
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