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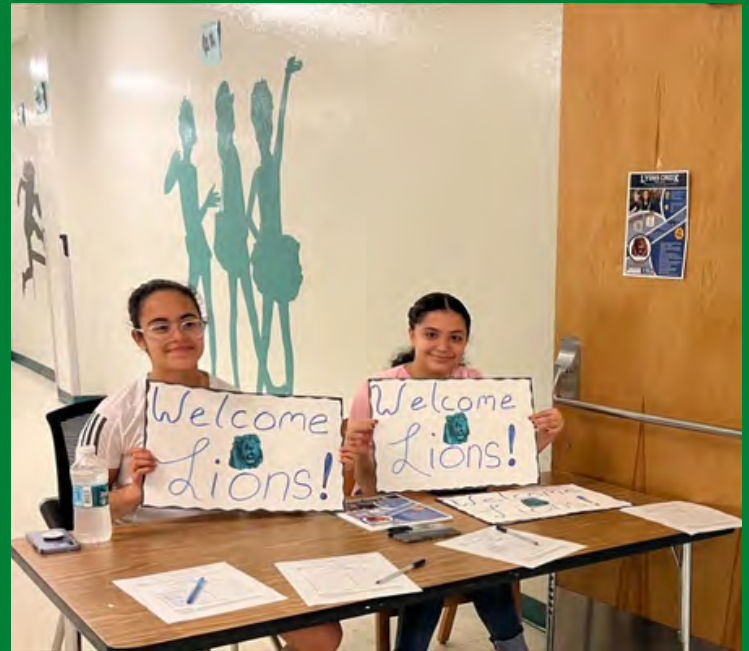
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## SATURDAY SAFARI



All incoming 6th grade families joined us on January 21st for our Saturday Safari to tour campus, learn about programs, meet staff, bring documents to complete registration, and select courses. We look forward to our next Saturday Safari on February 18!



## GRADE LEVEL QUARTER 2 BEHAVIOR REWARD DAY



Students enjoyed a movie and a snack in the MPR as a reward for their behavior during quarter 2.



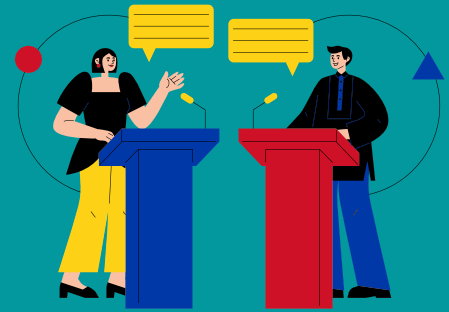


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## SPEECH AND DEBATE

Congratulations to all 34 Speech & Debate students who attended our December County Debate Tournament at Stoneman Douglas High School. All students ranked top 10% out of 850 students county-wide and 5 students ranked #1 winning gold medals! All 33 Speech & Debate students who attended the January County Debate Tournament ranked top 10% out of 800 attending students, and 4 students ranked #1 winning gold medals! Great job Dr. Feldman!



## SECME

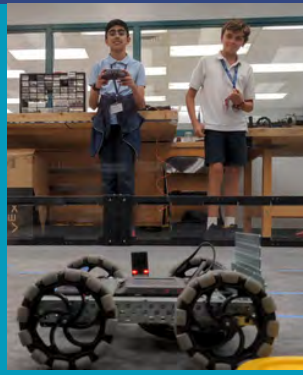
Special Thanks to our LCMS SECME Bridge Team for designing and building a beautiful truss bridge and "breaking" the competition with their one-of-a-kind design! Their bridge withstood over 131 pounds of pressure, 3x more than the closest competitor. We are so very proud of your efforts and Ms. Hughes! We cannot wait to see how they do at the National Bridge Competition!





## NATIONAL PATRIOT'S PEN CONTEST

Kudos to Ms. Steegstra and our 3 LCMS 6th Grade Students who won first, second, and third place in the National Patriot's Pen Contest! Each year more than 125,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest.

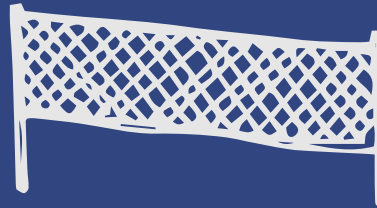


## ROBOTICS



Congratulations to our LCMS Robotics Team led by Mr. Lipsky who went to the VEX Robotics Competition at Nova High School on January 28th. Our team won the Judges Award for exemplary effort and effective communication skills!

## LCMS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



It was an amazing season for LCMS Volleyball teams! Lyons Creek Lady Lions earned another district championship, its 6th since 2015. They also finished the season as the 4th best team in the county out of 44 teams! Our LCMS Boys Volleyball Team earned another district championship, its 5th since 2015, then went back to the Final Four and finished as the 3rd best team in the county out of 42 teams!





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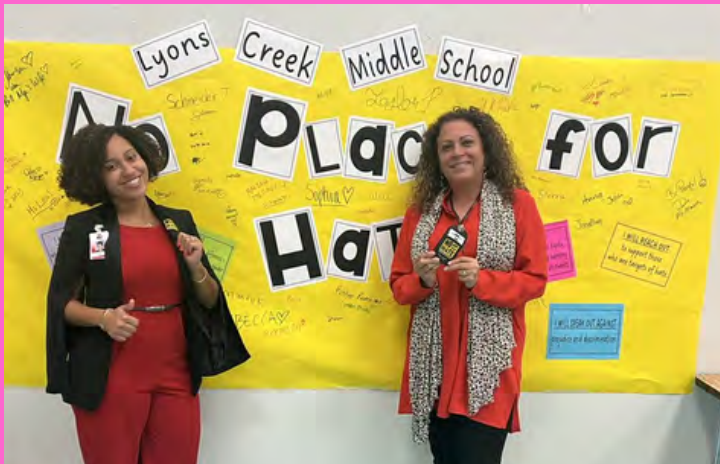
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## DAY OF SERVICE AND LOVE



To commemorate the 17 lives lost and those injured as a result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School on 2/14/18, LCMS engaged in a variety of activities on 2/14/23. This year's activities focused on kindness to yourself, peers, and school community. Students engaged in activities during every class period, as well as lunch activities featuring No Place for Hate pledges & Start With Hello photo booths to encourage students' kindness and positive peer relationships. LCMS also partnered with our local Starbucks and distributed student-decorated Day of Service & Love coffee sleeves to all community customers on February 14. Our LCMS staff greeted parents at the car line for arrival and dismissal to provide a smile, treat & notes with upcoming parent dates.







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## DEBATE TEAM

February Debate tournament at Stoneman Douglas was the largest tournament of the year hosting over 1000 students. All 35 of our Lyons who participated placed in the top 10% and one student won a gold medal for 1st place in Humorous Interpretation.

## MATH DEPARTMENT

LCMS was recognized by the School Board for LCMS being top 3 in the district for "middle schools with the largest decrease of level 1 students in math" AND "middle schools with the largest increase in level 3 and above students in math" for FAST Progress Monitoring 1 to Progress Monitoring 2!



## FEBRUARY LYON KINGS

Special Thanks to **Mr. Senghor** & **Mr. Yesner** for taking the initiative to increase our safety and security during arrival, hall changes, and dismissal by providing proactive supervision assistance, which impacts all students and staff.

Not only do they supervise, but their encouraging student conversations provide guidance and redirection in a supportive way.

We appreciate a team effort as we  
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## COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



Our amazing LCMS PTSA and Broward County PTA/PTSA hosted a free Community Health Fair at Lyons Creek MS. Families were able to visit various health vendors and resources, receive information encouraging healthy lifestyles, play games, and win prizes!



## SATURDAY SAFARI

LCMS hosted our final Spring Saturday Safari for incoming 6th grade families to tour campus, learn about programs, and the opportunity to bring documentation to complete registration/course selection. We appreciate the opportunity to engage with our families and support a smooth transition to middle school.



# SPRING CLUB FAIR



Club sponsors hosted our Spring Club Fair on Monday, February 27th at 9:00 AM to showcase the extracurricular clubs available for students to join. Students had the opportunity to visit tables and ask questions about each club to identify clubs they may be interested in joining to make peer connections with similar interests. We encourage all students to join at least 1 club every year.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## GUEST SPEAKER COACH TONY FIORENTINO

A few classes had an opportunity to meet and learn from a special guest, Retired Miami Heat Coach

Tony Fiorentino, who is now the Miami Heat Ambassador. He shared with students what it takes to be a success in school, work, and life!



## LCMS FLAG FOOTBALL

In athletics, LCMS Boys Flag Football went 6-2 this season finishing in 3rd place and LCMS Flag Football Girls came in 5th place this season!







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## SPRING S.T.E.A.M. MULTICULTURAL SHOWCASE

LCMS hosted a Spring Multi-Cultural S.T.E.A.M. Showcase where Lyons Creek welcomed parents and community members to witness how LCMS reimagines the middle grades experience through project-based learning! Students from all core content and elective programs presented projects, featured a live wax museum of current & historical figures, and gave student performances!





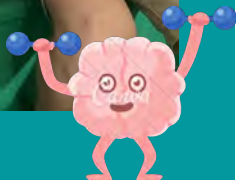


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## SECME

Kudos to Ms. Hughes & the LCMS SECME Team! The SECME Bridge Team has been selected among 96 national entries, to be among the top 6 middle schools in the nation to compete in the AASHTO National Bridge competition being held this May in Seattle Washington! What an accomplishment! Our LCMS Mousetrap Team had a great showing with their car traveling to mid-basketball court. Their challenge was to design a car that could carry a tennis ball, completely powered by the spring of a mousetrap car. They submitted a technical report and a Technical Drawing for judging. Next, we had an amazing showing by our LCMS Bionic Hand team, sponsored by the Yeager Foundation. These four students worked tirelessly on their project, designing, building and promoting their bionic hand.

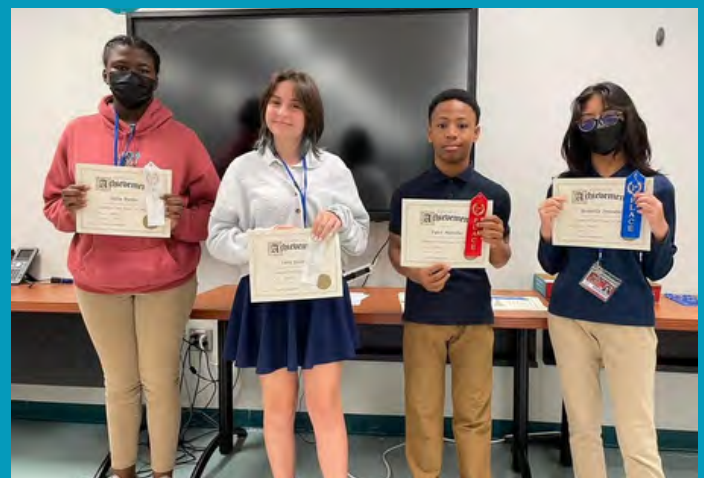
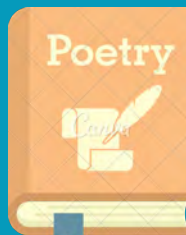




# LITERARY FAIR



Students from Lyons Creek Middle competed in 18 poetry and prose categories in the 2022-23 Literary Fair. Students were awarded first, second, and third place in each category. All first-place winners will be representing LCMS in the Broward County Literary Fair in April. Good luck to all of our amazing writers!







# BEST BUDDIES



LCMS PTSA sponsored a breakfast social event in celebration of Best Buddies Month

# LCMS BAND



Congratulations to Mr. Hammond and the LCMS Band for receiving a Superior rating at their Music Performance Assessment!



# PEP RALLY & AWARDS

Students and staff celebrated the end of quarter 3 with a pep rally and an award ceremony recognizing students who achieved personal goals and demonstrated PRIDE behavior.



## PATRIOTS PEN



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