

Lansing School District News

Middle School Report Card Results

On January 3, 1997, the NYS Education Department released its comparative first "school report cards" evaluating the performance of every public elementary, middle and high school in the state.

Last week's coverage reviewed State education Commissioner Richard P. Mills' objectives in organizing and disseminating the report cards. It also carried comparative tables showing Lansing's and our neighboring elementary schools' performance.

Today's article compares our Middle School performance with that of our neighbors.

Grade 5 Writing

The grade 5 writing test measured writing effectiveness in two ways. In the first part, students wrote about actual experiences. In the second part, they wrote from their imagination.

The State Education Department cautions that there were some school-to-school

differences in scoring which make comparison problematic. In addition, Middle school Principal Mary Bente indicated that 110 students (including our special ed students) took the test, not the 96 reported in the state summaries.

All NYS Pub. Schools	91%	91%	92%
LANSING	100%	92%	98%
DRYDEN	95%	96%	99%
GROTON	96%	99%	100%
SO. CAYUGA	99%	99%	99%

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Bobcats Do Well as Garrett, Hinderliter & Richards Excel At IAC, Sect. IV Indoor Meet

Lansing's newest team proved that it's inaugural success last week at IAC indoor track competition was no fluke by turning in another solid performance last Saturday at an 18-team Sect. IV meet held at Cortland State.

"Everything ran smoothly; it was a great experience for the kids," said volunteer coach Jason Eade.

Though a lot of the girls were down with the flu this week and Lansing didn't do as well as last week's 4th place finish, Carrie Richards (8th grade) and Beth Hinderliter (11th grade) put in excellent performances, said Eade. For the second time in as many weeks, Beth won the 1500 meter fast walk to displace the long-reigning IAC champion. This week's time of 9:04 was her personal best. Carrie's time of 2:41 in the 800 meter race was Lansing's fastest time since Sarah

Newman burned up the track in 1991.

The boys' team finished in third place in the small school section of the Sect. IV meet with strong performances in the individual 200 and 400 meter and 800 meter relay races.

Senior Adam Garrett took second place in the 200 meter and third place in the 400 meter races while the Bobcat relay team of Sabal Bong, Steve Cowles, Adam Garrett and Heath Torres took sixth place in the 800 meter relay.

In past outdoor track meets, the boys have been a little intimidated by large meets, said Eade. By competing every week with 17 other schools you can almost see them building their self-confidence and poise under pressure. "We're going to see the payoff this spring," concluded a very pleased coach Eade.

J-P's Kids' Puzzle Corner will be back next week.

Yoga/Relaxation Class For Seniors

The Lansing Recreation Department is offering a FREE 4-session yoga class for seniors at Woodsedge on Monday mornings from 11:30 am - noon from February 3 to 24, inclusive.

Teacher Roslyn LoPinto has been teaching for 25 years and currently instructs at

Kendall of Ithaca. She will emphasize every aspect of the individual's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual being.

Though the course is absolutely free, it is limited to the first 25 enrollees. Registration forms are available at Town Hall or by calling Beverly French at 533-7388.

YMCA Open House Jan. 18-19

Area youth of all ages are invited to the Y's 1997 Open House for free massages, fitness testing, swim and aerobics lessons, a racketball tournament, walleyball 3-on-3 basketball and foul shooting contests.

Obviously, the idea is to give area resi-

dents a taste of the YMCA's activities and services including ski instruction, yoga and international food tasting.

For additional information, contact the YMCA at 257-0101.

PTSO Sponsors Jan. 18 Family Skate

The Lansing Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) has arranged for Auburn's Reva Rollerdrome to be closed to the general public this Saturday afternoon and early evening for a private skating party for Lansing skaters.

Almost a week before the event, more than 70 elementary and middle school students (plus friends and family members) had signed up with the PTSO for several hours of family skating and a pizza party. "We're still hoping that a bunch of high school students will get together to try this sport," said PTSO organizer JoAnn Carlson.

The \$5 fee covers transportation, skate rental, skating, a slice of pizza and a soda. Chaperones are available for third graders

and up. Younger children need to be accompanied by a parent.

Transportation is being provided by the Lansing Central School District, though some families will be following the buses in private cars. Everyone is expected to meet at the high school student parking lot at 3:00 pm. The bus and car caravan will leave at 3:20; the skating party will be from 4-6:30 pm; and everyone should be back at the Lansing high parking lot by 7:30 p.m.

The "Family Skate" is another in a continuing series of family-oriented activities organized by the PTSO.

"It's not too late to sign up," said Carlson. For further information, call JoAnn at 533-4568.



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