

'In the Loop': L-P student art show opens in new LEVEL gallery



Shown are photos from Tuesday's opening of Lew-Port's annual student Art Show at the LEVEL art gallery in the high school. Student artwork will remain on display until early May. (Submitted photos by Julie Donnelley).

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This past week, the Lewiston-Porter School District held its annual student art show – opening for the first time in the new LEVEL art gallery in the high school. Previously, district art shows have been held at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center.

It was exciting to have this celebration of art in this new space right on the Lew-Port campus. The art show opening ceremony for elementary students took place on March 22 and the opening ceremony for secondary students was on March 23. The selected artwork will be on display until early May.

If you were unable to attend the opening, please feel free to check out the gallery while visiting the high school for a concert, play or sporting event. The LEVEL gallery is located on the second floor, right off the atrium of the high school, and will be open during these and other events. It is a beautiful space that will continue to be used to highlight some of the talented artists we have right here in our schools.

•The New York State ELA test will be taking place next week for students in grades 3-8. This assessment will be administered on Wednesday, March 30, and Thursday, March 31. Parents have already received a letter from their child's school regarding this year's tests.

You may recall that NYS grade 3-8 assessments were canceled in 2020 and they were given in a very abbreviated form last year, which only included multiple-choice questions. Outlined in the



letter sent home to families were reasons outlining why these assessments are so valuable to the district in evaluating the learning that is taking place in school.

The NYS standardized assessments allow the district to see how Lew-Port's instructional programs are working compared to other school districts across the state. They also allow the district to gauge and react to any learning loss that might have happened due to the pandemic's effect on schools. All tests that Lew-Port students take provide the teachers and schools with information that allows student learning to be tailored to individual needs and helps our students be free as suc-

cessful as possible.

•NYS math exams will be administered on Wednesday, April 27, and Thursday, April 28.

•A community town hall will be taking place at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in the high school auditorium to directly address issues that recent events have brought to light regarding bullying and racism in our schools. The Lewiston Porter Board of Education stands behind Superintendent Paul Casseri's community message from March 18.

Racism and bullying are issues we take very seriously. The board of education is working in conjunction with Casseri to ensure that appropriate action is taken



and to send a strong message that these behaviors will not be tolerated. We value every member of our community and their insight into how this is affecting our schools.

If you have information you would like to share, please consider attending the town hall and/or using the confidential tip line available on our district website, www.lew-port.com.

Upcoming

√ Friday, April 8 – End of third marking period for secondary students

√ Monday, April 11-Friday, April 22 – Spring recess, no student/teacher attendance.

•Look for more from "In the Loop" in two weeks!



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