

CUB COUNTRY Newsletter

TRADITION MEETS ADVENTURE

In an era where many school activities have moved indoors or shifted to digital platforms, Lucas Local School District has worked to keep a cherished tradition alive — outdoor camp for our middle school students. While locations may have changed, and schedules have been altered, this great tradition has been in place for decades.

Not only does the outdoor camp opportunity provide an escape from the routine school day, it also offers enriching, hands-on experiences and outdoor activities full of learning, collaboration and personal growth.

Middle School Secretary, Ms. Grillo remembers going to Malabar Farm for her outdoor camp experience. "I remember making candles and the experience of being away from the school building for each day of the week. We hiked the trails, visited the cave, and made many memories with our classmates."

Currently Lucas's outdoor camp is held at Camp Nuhop, just minutes away from the school campus, spanning across four school days. The sixth graders participate in a range of activities such as hiking, compass use, geology lessons, survival through creation of shelters, making hot air balloons, and the ever favored Panther Pole, Giant Swing and High Ropes Course.



New to Lucas Middle School this year, sixth grade teacher, Ms. Hunter reflected on her first experience with taking students to outdoor camp, "Having the opportunity to send our students to outdoor camp allows them to express their personalities in a different way than what we see in the classroom. Throughout camp we saw many of our students show their bravery on the high ropes, giant swing, and panther pole. Those students then showed their leadership skills as they encouraged and supported the students that were a little more hesitant in those activities."

Regardless of the growth of technology and the ever shifting landscape of education, the tradition of outdoor camp has withstood the test of time. Lucas Local Schools continues to fund and prioritize the camp, ensuring that every student can attend and have a chance to be pushed out of their comfort zone, try new things, highlight areas where they may already excel and just enjoy being a kid.

Lucas Schools Tax Levy Renewal – May 6th

The Board of Education has placed an Emergency Levy Renewal on the May 6th ballot. This five-year tax levy was first approved by voters in May of 2010, then renewed in November of 2014 and November of 2019. This levy generates \$961,000 each year and is used for general operations of the District. This is not an additional levy, but a continuation of an existing levy.

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High School News



The FCCLA attended Cavs Day to learn about careers at Rocket Mortgage Field House!

Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Honor

On March 12, 2025, the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center (MOESC) honored 14 outstanding senior students from its client school districts at the annual Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Award Program. This prestigious award recognizes students for their academic excellence, leadership, and dedication to community service. Among this year's honorees was our very own Lucas Local Schools senior, Rebekah Case, who was selected as a recipient of the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship, a \$500 award given to students who demonstrate exceptional academic and personal achievements.

This award is based on academic performance, standardized test scores, extracurricular involvement, and a personal essay highlighting the profound impact of an adult on the student's life. Established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents, the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award celebrates student achievement while paying tribute to Dr. Franklin B. Walter, Ohio's State Superintendent from 1977 to 1991. His leadership profoundly impacted public education, and the scholarship continues his legacy by recognizing students who exemplify academic dedication and community involvement.

Rebekah was one of only four students selected for this distinguished honor, alongside recipients from Crestview, Bucyrus, and Plymouth-Shiloh. As part of the award tradition, each honoree se-



lects a teacher or mentor who has played a significant role in their academic journey. For Rebekah, this person was her mother, the principal of Lucas Local Schools Elementary. During the award ceremony, Rebekah expressed her gratitude for her mother's unwavering guidance and support, acknowledging the profound influence she has had on her education and personal growth.

Her selection for this scholarship reflects not only her exceptional academic achievements but also her commitment to her school and community. Lucas Local Schools is incredibly proud of Rebekah and her accomplishments, and we celebrate her well-deserved recognition as she continues to inspire those around her.



HONORS BAND

Lucas High School had several students' audition and were chosen to perform in the Ashland University High School Honors Band the weekend of March 29 and 30, 2025; **Lily Hamilton, flute, Eleanore Hecker, trumpet and David Buttermann, percussion.** The ensemble was comprised of other select members of high schools from the surrounding counties. The band met for a rehearsal on Monday, March 24 and rehearsed all day on Saturday, March 29 and part of Sunday, March 30, prior to the final concert. The final concert was in conjunction with the AU Concert Band. *Congratulations to our student musicians and their Director Ms. Katie Johnson.*



LUCAS FFA

First off, the Lucas FFA would like to congratulate our 4 Ohio FFA State Degree Recipients. Allyson Arnold is a Junior this year and her projects included Beef and Dairy Seers, Market Pigs, Breeding Goats, Market Goats, as well as a work placement at Culler's Dairy Farm. Leah Burly is also a Junior this year with her project consisting of a Food Safety SAE at Ida's Dairy in Loudonville. Kailyn Griffey, another Junior, earned her degree through her Market Steer and Breeding Goats projects. And our fourth Junior, Jordan Tedrow met the degree requirements through her Market goats and Market Rabbit projects. In order to earn a State Degree, applicants must have earned or invested a minimum of \$2,500, worked at least 25 hours of community service, and participated in 10 activities through FFA above the chapter level. We are very proud of the work these students have put into their education in Ag. And are happy for Allyson, Leah, Kaitlyn, and Jordan to have that work recognized by the State FFA by awarding them their State FFA Degree. These 4 students will accept their award at the Ohio FFA State Convention on Friday May 2nd with the ceremony beginning at 5:00 PM.

We have also participated in a few contests this spring to good success. Our Ag Mechanics Engineering Team placed 18th in the state. In this contest students are put in the situation of owing a Fabrication shop. They are given a project by a customer with specific requirements, then must develop a plan for how to create that project. First students must create a blueprint to scale using welding symbols to help explain their proposal to the customer. They must also include a bill of materials, tool list, and a quote for the cost of the project (including labor). The top 12 teams in the state will fabricate their proposed project at state convention on May 1st in the morning. It is our hope to make that cut off next year. However, we still want to congratulate the team of Collin Ammons, Wyatt Kinstle, and Kyler Ray on placing in the top 20 in the state!

Joey Culler, Brady Guegold, and Kylen Matson participated in the Ag Mechanics Skills District contest at Wynford on March 18th. Lucas placed 7th in the district with Joey Culler leading the team placing 11th in the contest as an individual. In this contest stu-

dents had to assess oils, test diesel exhaust fluid for traces of water, weld a lap joint, measure parts for accuracy using micrometers and calipers, parts ID, bold grading and fastener ID, welding knowledge, and more.

Last year we raised chickens at the school with the intention of doing a teacher appre-



ciation meal and an FFA Alumni appreciation meal. When we had the chickens butchered last year they had been left whole so the Plant and Animal Science class got to learn how to quarter a chicken. Thanks to Devyn McGugin, Shiloh Walter, Dallas Smith, and Colton Stull for helping to quarter the 22 whole chickens that we used in our meals. On March 6th, Joey Culler, Brady Guegold, Colton Stull, Carter Thomas, Stuart Smith, Keagan Riddle, Leah Burley, Jordan Tedrow and Grace Metcalf all helped to prepare and cook meals for the teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences. They had to cut potatoes and broccoli, butter and season the chicken, as well as clean/ wash up the cooking items after the teachers were done eating. Then again on March 18th after school Allyson Arnold, Leah Burley, Payton Rice, and Keagan Riddle also helped prepare the same meal for the Lucas FFA Alumni's 6:30 meeting. These students did a great job cooking and it was fun to finish the project all the way through from last years chicks that we raised at the school. This years birds will be in on April 3rd! We are really looking forward to some baby chicks again!

One of the more fun things we did this year was FFA Week. This year the officers decided

they wanted to try something different. They settled on trying to do a lock in and see how that went. FFA members gathered at the High School around 9:00 PM and then we traveled to the YMCA to stay there until 2:00 AM. Students were able to climb the rock wall, swim in the pool, everything that's available at the YMCA was open and it was a blast! At 2:00 AM the Lucas FFA rode back to school and cooked some frozen pizzas, watched a movie, played games, and just had a great time over all. We had 24 students participate in this and more wanted to go but were unfortunately sick. The Lucas FFA would like to give a special thanks to Kelly Mongold, Michelle Guegold, and Rhonda Tedrow for staying with us ALL NIGHT and helping to chaperone as well as make the evening fun.

We also have just wrapped up our strawberry sale this year. We sold 191 flats of strawberries! Deliveries went smooth and the product was exceptional this year. Thank you to everyone to supported us and purchased strawberries. Our top student sellers were Colton Stull, Allyson Arnold, and Kale Tedrow. Also, while not a student Mr. Bob Seiving also deserves some recognition for also being a top seller as well. If you see him around, make sure to congratulate him for his accomplishment!

Finally, the Lucas FFA Banquet is Saturday May 10th at 6:00 PM. We believe this is a community event as much as a recognition of student's achievements through the year. If you would like to come and support you are more than welcome to. Call the High School and ask for Mr. Dotson to RSVP and to get pricing on the meal.

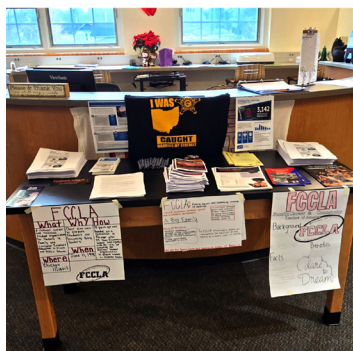
On behalf of the Lucas Officers team and the Lucas FFA, thank you and the whole Lucas Community for supporting us this year and taking an interest in our program. We could not do everything we do without the support we have. If you are reading this and would like to do more, consider joining our Lucas FFA Alumni. The next meeting is at the Community Center on May 20th.





FCCLA conducted a safe driving program for all students grades 8-12. Students got to hear from a panel of experts and visit stations to learn more about safe driving!

SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM



Honor/Merit Roll – 3rd Quarter

12th Grade

4.0 GPA

Landen Granson
Daniel Hockensmith

All A's

Kaydence Payne*
Erika Reece

Honor Roll

Brandy Bond*
Olivia Brown*

Merit Roll

Gavin Bichsel*

11th Grade

4.0 GPA

Allyson Arnold
Reuel Lewis

All A's

Tanner Green*
Emma Hamm*
Baylee Mullins*

Honor Roll

Lane Adkins*
Jersee Brightbill*
Nicholas Diehl*
Madilynn Krupa

Merit Roll

Jack Dibartolomeo*
Adison Estep*
Noah Kinnard*
Jalana Lawhun*
Jordan Tedrow

10th Grade

4.0 GPA

Emma Brown
Leah Case
Anthony Fanello
Xavier Hall
Lily Hamilton

All A's

Joseph Desterhaft
Caroline Secrist
Alissa Smith
Amyah Youngblood

Honor Roll

Braydon Francis
Kylen Matson

Merit Roll

Truvy Conn
Arianna Ohm
Kayla Shay
Lillian Tackett

9th Grade

4.0 GPA

David Butterman
Carter Cox
Jocelyne Doss
Mikayla Felix
Kennedy Fulk
Eleanore Hecker
Zoe Norris
Autumn Rigney
Riley Trumpower
Shiloh Walter

All A's

Karen Byus
Daisy Nolen

Honor Roll

Jaxon Crist
Jaelyne Ramsey
Kayden Rose-Kline

Merit Roll

Brady Anschutz
Kaeden Carroll
Parker King
Leland Koppert-Smith
Avigayle Miller
Jocelyn Ramey
Brooklyn Williams

8th Grade

4.0 GPA

Kenzie Dech
Danica Gayheart
Benjamin
Hockensmith
Graham Maglott
Olivia Strassell
Chelsea Sweet
Ava Williams

All A's

Desiree McCune

Honor Roll

Avah Carroll

Merit Roll

Brooklynn Francis
Stuart Smith

Pioneer*

AWHCC**

College Now & College Credit Plus (grades are not included)



Middle School News

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

During the week of March 24, 2025, Mr. Adams and Ms. Hunter took their sixth grade students to Camp Nuhop for their annual outdoor school field trip days. Students were able to experience a variety of team bonding experiences including hiking, compass use, geology lessons, survival through creation of shelters, making hot air balloons, and the ever favored Panther Pile, Giant Swing and High Ropes Course.



Honor/Merit Roll – 3rd Quarter

7th Grade

4.0 GPA

Kate Trumpower
Aliya Walter

All A's

Hunter Foss
Piper Reining

Honor Roll

Baron Anschutz
Eelyn Crist
Leland Hitchman
Aleah Kochert
Mylah McKenna
Joseph Miller
Emily Morris
Owen Ramsey
Landen Youngblood

Merit Roll

Grayson Flenner
Jamarii Hobbs
Tinley Kochert
Elias Mauk
Ella Strassell
Halle Williams

6th Grade

4.0 GPA

Branson Kimble
Griffin Maglott
Natalie Phelps
Delaney Williams

All A's

Bentley Cox
Cheyenne Craft
Aubree Flenner
Griffin Jones
Kimberly Partin
Mason Santmyer
Kamryn Smith
Weston Swanger

Honor Roll

Brady Blackburn
Sophia Brown
Owen Culler
Rayna Moore
Charlotte Mudra
Gunner Norris
Jackson Stacy
Autumn Wallace
Maverik Warner

Merit Roll

Jacob Banks
Alaina Copeland
Alizae Thompson



STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

3RD QUARTER – 6TH GRADE



Jacob Banks & Alizae Thompson

3RD QUARTER – 7TH GRADE



Elias Mauk & Piper Reining

Elementary School News

LITERACY NIGHT

Lucas Elementary and Middle School opened the gym to this year's March Madness themed Literacy Night. Students and their family filled the gym as they visited booths where they were lead through various athletic themed literacy activities, including math literacy as they practiced ordering menu items and counting money for payment, financial literacy activities with US Bank, music literacy practicing rhythms, and many stations where they practiced working with letters, word sounds, and other reading skills. Lucas K-7 PTO provided free hotdogs, chips and water through their concession stand booth. It was a fun night for all. Thank you to all of the dedicated staff who put in time planning and bringing this night to our school community.



Honor/Merit Roll – 3rd Quarter

5th Grade

All A's

Kannon Dech
Tucker Iceman
Avalynn Keck
Brantley Kochert
Asher Lybarger
Jaceda Partin
Cheznie Reece
Kailyn Robinson
Charlie Smith
Westyn Stewart
Cali Sweet

Honor Roll

Layne Blackburn
Garrett Carroll
Evan Easterday
Adriana Fanello
Gauge Hamilton
Cruz Hensel
Scott Jefferson
Charleigh Payne
Lucy Shade
Carter Ringer

Merit Roll

Bennett Ackerman
Melanie Adkins
Jozey Baker
Kensley Cole
Hope Foss
Chase Hensel
Weston Kopp
Mason Lantz
Alexander Massey
Bryson Metcalf

4th Grade

All A's

Harper Blanton-White
Owen Brown
Bowen Burnett
Cole Cox
Lincoln Davis
Kallie Deschner
Makenna Fowler
Landon Hammond
Marlee Hewett
Everett Hitchman
Cooper Iceman
Nolan Phelps
Scarlett Ramey
Maddilinn Rice
Cooper Ringer
Joey Riddle
Abigail Stacy
Zuri Steward
Isabella Wojciechowski

Honor Roll

Gracey Baker
Scarlett Coffman
Colton Crose
Ava Galco
Alaina Strassell
Novah'lyn Westerfiled

Merit Roll

Audrey Gerhart
Kylie Gwilliam
Kenliegh Harvey
Jaxson Wolford



GOOD AWARD

THIRD QUARTER

Mason Lantz
(from Mrs. Conley's homeroom)

Charlie Smith
(from Miss Guild's homeroom)



ATHLETIC NEWS

8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Our 8th grade Lady Cubs finished out their MS basketball careers with another Mid Buckeye Conference Tournament Championship. The Lady Cubs also won the tournament last year as 7th graders and we would like to congratulate all of the 8th grade Lady Cubs and Coach Ryan Culler for yet another great season. The 8th grade Lady Cubs will now move onto HS and hope to contribute to the HS program next year.

Good work Lady Cubs!



HIGH SCHOOL

HS WRESTLING

Finished another successful season this year sending a senior wrestler to the District meet. The team was small in numbers again but saw plenty of success this year. Senior Rayden Caudill finishes out one of the most successful careers of any Lucas Wrestler in school history. Ray finished his career with 127 wins (school record) and 44 this year. These are just 2 of the 9 school records that Rayden was able to set in his career while wrestling at Lucas. We would like to thank Senior Rayden Caudill for all of his hard work and dedication of the years. Lucas is so proud of all of your accomplishments and we wish you nothing but success in your future.

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

The HS girls had quite a turnaround this season, just a year ago they went 0-20 and didn't win a game. This year the Lady Cubs ended the season with 14 wins, a share of the Mid Buckeye Conference title, and a Sectional title. It was a great season for the Lady Cubs under 1st year head coach Jamie Grover. The Lady Cubs are excited about the future as they bring a lot of the team back again next year. They will however miss Seniors Olivia Brown and Chloe Sturts who both had a great season and congratulate to them both on great careers.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

The Boys Basketball team had a tough season this year and will look to bounce back in the 2025-26 campaign. The Cubs finished the season with only 4 wins and fell to St. Pete's in OT in the opening round of the tournament. A highlight of this season was when the Cubs were able to knock off Mt. Gilead on senior night in the final home game of the season. The Cubs rallied from being behind and were able to pick up the victory which was also Coach Corbin Tom's first varsity win. The Cubs were led by 3 Seniors this season Jaden Shaulis, Zac Winters and Bobby Grover. The basketball program would like to thank these seniors for their hard work over the years and wish them good luck in their futures.



Community News



Astra Club of Lucas

The ASTRA Club of Lucas initiated 9 new members on Monday evening, March 17th. The new members include Wilson Amert - 8th grade, Eden Burnett - 8th grade, Landon Cook - 7th grade, Hunter Foss - 7th grade, Zoey Foss - 6th grade, Leland Hitchman - 7th grade, Jace Knepper - 7th grade, Halle Williams - 7th grade, and Landen Youngblood - 7th grade. Members were presented with framed certificates, ASTRA t-shirts, gift cards, and a special cup decorated for them by their Preschool Pals. After our Business Meeting, the Initiation Ceremony, the appointing of new Officers, and the completion of a Community Service project, the 50 guests enjoyed cake and refreshments.

The ASTRA Club has been busy with many projects. In February we became Preschool Pals, reading to the Lucas Preschoolers, giving

them a book, making a bookmark, and taking a photo together. In March, we gifted them a decorated frame containing their Pal photo. We have a sweet treat to deliver to the Preschoolers in April. And before the school year ends in May, we will visit our Preschool Pals once more, reading to them, and presenting them with a bookbag filled with a book and several fun items for summer.

Our Club is excited to have the opportunity to speak to the Senior Citizen's Breakfast attendees, in the Lucas Elementary Cafeteria, on April 15th. We look forward to sharing who we are and how active our Community Club has been since we first began in August of 2024.

We are hoping to continue to increase our membership, so that by the Fall of 2025, we will have reached our charter strength goal, of 15 members in grades 6-8 (expanding to grade 9 next school year). We welcome potential new members year round. For more information, please check out our Facebook page: ASTRA Club of Lucas.

Interested in joining or have questions? **Contact Marilyn!**

Marilyn McFarland (Lucas Resident)

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Lucas LION'S CLUB

Thank you for another successful BINGO!

Money raised from this annual event goes back into the community to support various causes.

This year we are proud to:

- Sponsor a Lucas Youth League team
- Award 3- \$1,000 scholarships
- Award 2- \$500 workforce development scholarships
- Hosted graduation breakfast
- Donate new custom trash can in Lucas
- Lucas Food Pantry
- VBS meal
- Halloween Parade
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Letters to Santa
- Richland County Children's Services- Valentine Cards
- Support FFA and Lucas Buyers Club
- and SO MUCH MORE!

Lucas Lions meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Lucas Community Center.

All are welcome to join us for a meeting to see what we are about. [WE SERVE!](#)



Lucas Food Pantry

 252 West Main Street Lucas Ohio

We are still a drive thru pantry. Our numbers have gradually moved up, this past week we served 133 families. The minimum amount of food that is given out is enough for 3 meals a day for 3 days. We have enough financial support that we can give out more groceries than the minimum. Our financial support is donations and some grants from the Cleveland Food Bank. Also we participate in the Meijer "Simply Give" program, they match donations and at the end of the program give us gift cards which are used to purchase food. They are a very generous company. We appreciate their help. Thank you to the volunteers that help each pantry, it makes everything run smoothly. Thank you to the several local businesses that have containers to collect donations. **If you would like to donate it can be sent to the Lucas Area Pantry!**



**Mansfield/Richland County
Public Library**

JUNE 2 – JULY 26, 2025

The Lucas Branch Library is excited for another fun Summer Reading Program! We have great programs and prizes available for everyone, infant to adult!



Important program notes:

Beginning Monday, June 9th, from 1-6 p.m. – we will have children & teen program stations in the Lucas Branch Library on Mondays.

Beginning Tuesday, June 10th at 2:30 p.m. – we will host performers at the Lucas Community Center on Tuesdays.

Beginning Thursday, June 12th at 10:30 a.m. – we will have family Story Time on Thursdays.

Please check our website, mrcpl.org, or our monthly newsletters for additional program information, including adult programs. We look forward to an amazing summer!



LifeWise Academy Lucas is having a great year! LifeWise Academy is a Release Time Religious Instruction program that allows students to attend off-site, non-denominational, Bible-based classes with an emphasis on character education during their school day. In April, students celebrated Easter with the character words LOVE and COMMITMENT. We will finish

out the year with stories from the Old Testament (Kindergarten and first grade) and stories from the New Testament (Second – 7th grade) GENEROSITY, KINDNESS, WISDOM, and COMPASSION are character qualities that are highlighted in these lessons.

LifeWise Academy Lucas would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers! Thank you to Nancy Banks, Sallie Barley, Audrey Cook, Kathy Culler, Terri DeWitt, Tiffany Foss, Tami Griffey, Sharyn Hoffman, Pastor Eric Steward, and Linda Sweval for giving your time to the children of Lucas. Thank you also to our substitute volunteers – Alivia Goettl, Margaret Martin, Bill and Marilyn McFarland, Ann Perrin, Joy Stone, Robin Thompson, Brenda Welsh, and Kathy Wilkinson.

With the encouragement from our 7th grade class, LifeWise Academy will be planning to expand to the high school next year. Student will come from their study hall once a week to attend classes. Stay tuned for more information!



POSTAL CUSTOMER



National Day of Prayer at Hanley Hall, May 1st

Aging Lightly: Preparing For The Fourth Stage of Life – Presented by **Dr. Kathryn McGrew (Dr. David C. McGrew's widow)** May 8th at 1:00 PM – Community Welcome – **FREE**

5K Donut Dash – May 10 | 9:00am
Starting at the LCC - run 1.5 miles through scenic Lucas, eat as many donuts as you dare, then run 1.5 miles back to LCC. Your finish time is reduced by 2 minutes for each donut you eat. What Could Go Wrong? Registration – ohioraceday.com

Country Music Jam – 2nd & 4th Tuesday every month in Hanley Hall 1-3 pm – **FREE Event**

YMCA – Exercise FREE with Amy Moore from the YMCA. Strength & Endurance on Tuesday & Thursday 9:30–10:30am • Core Floor Exercises on Friday 9:30 – 10:15am | Bring a mat on Friday! **ALL EQUIPMENT IS WASHED AFTER EVERY CLASS!**

Lions Club – 1st & 3rd Thursday | 6pm

LAMA – 1st Wednesday 8am
(Jan, Mar, May, Sept, Nov)

Community Chapel – 4th Thursday | 7pm

Cards – every Monday 6:30 – 8:30pm in Gathering Room

Food Pantry – Mar. 8, 22 • Apr. 12, 26 May 10, 24.

Line Dancing – Tuesday 7 - 9pm.
Donations accepted.

Astra – Community Service Organization for 6 - 8th graders | **3rd Monday at 6:15 pm**

Remember to use **AmazonSmile** for your online purchases and mark the Lucas Community Center for your charity donation!
Thank you!! We appreciate all the ways you support us.



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Visit lucascubs.org to get the latest information on Lucas Local Schools.

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