



LAKES COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Literature comes to life for Lakes Community High School sophomores

The Lakes Community High School English Department invites the media to attend “Survivor Day” on Thursday, April 28. The day’s activities revolve around two pieces of literature sophomores read in their English classes in the spring, either William Golding’s *Lord of the Flies* or Suzanne Collins’s *The Hunger Games*.

“Literature should be more than just classroom work,” said English teacher Bryan Plinske, who organized the event. “Our hope is to engage the students in a different way than we normally do so that they can connect with the literature on different levels. We want them active and interacting with each other and the community. We are hoping to tap into the higher level thinking skills in an enjoyable and new setting.”

Students first will attend a keynote address at 7:30 a.m., during which guest speakers Noel Working and Bill Granger, both war veterans, will talk about the key mental and physical aspects of survival, training they have gone through, and leadership in a survival training.

From about 8:30-10:30 a.m., students will venture outside in groups of about 20 to learn various survival skills, including fire building, signaling, geocaching, team building, first aid, and archery. These 18-minute stations will be run by community organizations, such as the Lake County Forest Preserve and the Eagle Scouts, as well as teachers from the LCHS science, math, and P.E. Departments.

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“Survivor Day” will culminate with a pig roast, during which students will be able to sample pork sandwiches – an allusion to *Lord of the Flies*. Students later will complete a multimedia project in small groups related to their experiences.

In the case of rain, all activities will be moved inside.

For more information, contact Bryan Plinske at bplinske@lake eagles.com or ext. 8520.

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