# The Valley View

#### LICKING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS

David Hile, Superintendent

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School boards:

#### January is School Board

#### **Recognition Month**

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decisionmaking in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community. Here are some reasons we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Recognition Month in January.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children — what they learn, who will teach them and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

These are men and women elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy — sometimes challenging — meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education; during numerous conversations about the schools; and sessions before the Ohio General Assembly.



Our school board is one of more than 700 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture and circumstances.

It's a tradition that began nearly 300 years ago. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. The staff and students of our school district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children's education."

So, hats off to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of the Licking Valley Local School District whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow.

Licking Valley Board of Education Members Mary Kay Martin, President Kim Christian, Vice President

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## 2018 8TH GRADE GETTYSBURG/ WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

The second deposit of \$150.00/person is due January 19, 2018. Please make checks payable to LVMS. If you have not turned in a deposit and plan to go it is not too late. If you are going as a chaperone, please contact Shelly Wood at the district office to verify whether you need to come in for fingerprinting. Her number is: 740-763-2911. I will be reminding students who are interested in being a wreath bearer at the Tomb of the Unknowns that their application is due in mid February. The applications can be found on my web page at: hagemanhistory.weebley.com You will also find additional information about the trip on the web page. I will need chaperones that are going on the trip to fill out and turn in an adult emergency medical form. Those can also be found on my web page.

If you have any other questions please email Mr. Hageman at <u>hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u> or call: 740-763-3396



In addition to Leader Alert, you can find out about school closings on the following radio and television stations.

Radio: WCLT - T100 WHTH - 101.7

TV: ABC 6/Fox 28 WBNS 10 NBC 4 Low Temps, Wind Chill and When We Delay and/or Close

With low temperatures and low wind-chill in the forecast, I know that some of our parents wonder how we decide whether we will delay or cancel school when there are very low wind-chill temps. When we have dangerously low wind-chill temps, meaning frostbite can occur in 30 minutes or less, we will delay school if it appears that temps will rise fairly quickly after sunrise, lessening the danger. If dangerous wind-chill temps are forecast to persist throughout the day, we may cancel school. According to the NOAA Wind-chill Chart, frostbite can occur in 30 minutes or less at around the -20 degree wind-chill mark, and for that reason this has always been my standard for delaying or closing school.

Please understand that wind-chill temperatures are specific to the location where they are calculated, so you may be watching the weather on TV as broadcast from Columbus and they are giving you a wind-chill temp; that temp will likely be different in Columbus than it is in Hanover or other parts of the Valley, so please don't assume that we are using that wind-chill temp you see on TV or hear on the radio to make our decision.

Even if the wind-chill temp is not in the dangerous range, it will still be very cold outside, so please take precautions for keeping your child safe. Don't let your child go out sooner than necessary to wait for the bus to arrive. Personally, I would make sure that my child is supervised while waiting for the bus, and even have him or her waiting in a warm vehicle if possible. Also, dress your child in layers of clothing topped off with a warm winter coat. You may be surprised at how some children arrive at school dressed on very cold days (I personally hated winter coats when I was a kid). If your child needs a winter coat, please let us know and we will see how we might assist you.

As always, you, the parent, are responsible for determining if it is safe for your child to wait for the school bus and attend school each day. If you determine that it is not safe for your child to venture out for school, you should keep him or her at home, call the school to inform the secretary and your child's absence for that day will be excused.

Also, if your child typically drives to school but the weather is bad and you don't think they have the driving skills to make it to school safely, put them on the school bus; it is an imminently safer vehicle with a professional driver.

David Hile, Superintendent

# **Lunch Charges**

Because we never want to see any child go hungry Licking Valley Local Schools allows students to charge their lunch (we do not offer an alternate). The cafeteria does allow charging, but we would prefer that a student's account be prepaid or paid on the day of purchase. You can apply money online by going to **www.spsEZPay.com**, or you can send money to school with your child (ren).

We have set the following procedures in place to try to keep charges from going into the "Excessive Charge" range.

- Calls and e-mails are made by the Food Service Director, Jan Jennings, when an account reaches \$5 in charges.
- A letter is mailed (with a free/reduced application) when an account goes into the negative \$20 and is turned over to the Principal's office for collection.
- At \$40 the account is, once again, turned over to the Principal's office for collection.
- When the account reaches \$60 in charges it is turned over to the District Office.



Please contact Jan Jennings (740) 763-2433 if you have questions. Please contact the school secretary for updated telephone numbers and address changes.

Free/Reduced application can be completed online by going to <u>www.schoollunchapp.com</u> or you can request a paper application be sent home with your child.

Intermediate Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Licking Valley Athletic schedules can be found at: http://lickingvalleyathletics.com
- The Licking Valley Board of Education meets the 2nd Monday of each month in the high school media center at 6:00 P.M.
- NO SCHOOL January 12, 2018 Teacher Professional Development Day
- NO SCHOOL January 15, 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 12, 2018
- February 13, 2018 Primary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 15, 2018
- February 16, 2018 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Exchange Day
- February 19, 2018 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day



March 26th - 30th

**Primary and Intermediate Parent/Teacher Conferences** 

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Congratulations to the high school students! They went to the Salvation Army to volunteer. As always, nothing but accolades and compliments on how well behaved they are! Students were told they could



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Before Christmas there are numerous past graduates come back to visit staff at LVHS. Why not have a "home for the holiday" event and include our past graduates. Our successful graduates came and spoke to our upperclassman and gave them advice how they became successful college bound students.



# Attention Licking Valley Parents!





Do you have a child coming to Licking Valley Kindergarten in the Fall? If so, please call the school at (740)763-2865 beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, to sign up for a time for Kindergarten Clinic. We ask that all incoming students register. We look forward to seeing you!

<u>Kindergarten Clinic Date:</u>

March 23rd from 8:30-3:30





at Licking Valley Primary School

# 5th Grade Venture Youth to Youth Conference March 3 & 4, 2018

#### Licking Valley Intermediate School



#### All 5th graders are invited



The Venture Youth to Youth Conference is a weekend full of presentations, small group discussions and fun activities led by high school students and adults focused on helping the 5th grade students see their greatness and prepare for middle school. The conference uses the International Youth to Youth model with high school students as leaders. To get a feel for the conference you can view the last two year's closing slide show on YouTube at, "Licking Valley 2016 5th Grade Venture Youth to Youth Conference," and "2016-17 LV Venture Youth To Youth."

## What kind of things will be discussed?

Making good choices Launching into your future Friendships and changes Staying drug free and having fun Celebrating you, finding strengths Reaching out and helping others

#### Specifics:

Where: Licking Valley Elementary School

**When**: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10:30am to Sunday, March 4, 2018, 2:30pm. If there are schedule conflicts we will work with the parents so the student can still participate.

Cost: \$25.00, includes T-shirt, four meals and all activities.

# THE INCREDIBLE YEARS SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

# This 14 session workshop is for the parents of children 3-8 years of age

DATES: Mondays, Jan 22- April 23 (14 sessions)

TIME: 5:30-7:30 PM

LOCATION: Pathways of Central Ohio Parent Education Center 1627 Bryn Mawr Drive, Newark, Ohio

> TO REGISTER: Call or email Linda Sandin 740 -345 -6166 x 205 <u>Isandin@pathwaysco.org</u> or use our website: pathwaysofcentralohio.com

#### No charge to attend. Weekly gas card raffle!



The Parent Education Center is funded in part by Mental Health & Recovery for Licking & Know Counties, the Ohio Department of Health, the United Way of Licking County Newark City Schools, and the Ohio Children's Trust Fund through the Licking County Children and Families First Council.

# Strengthen your child's

- Social Skills
- Emotional Regulation

 School Readiness

Problem
 Solving Skills

As you

Strengthen your Parenting Skills



### Licking Valley Local School District

The Licking Valley Local School District is currently seeking individuals for the following positions:



**Custodial:** On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the <u>www.ohreap.net</u> application **and** e-mail Jack Shinn, **Custodial Maintenance Supervisor** at: <u>shinnj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u>



**Bus Driver:** On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the <u>www.ohreap.net</u> application **and** e-mail Mickie Archer, **Transportation Supervisor** at: <u>archerm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u>

Food Service: On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should



*complete the <u>www.ohreap.net</u> application and e-mail Jan Jennings, Food Service Supervisor at: <u>jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u>* 

Paraprofessionals Educational Aide: On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the <u>www.ohreap.net</u> application and e-mail Shelly Wood, District Secretary at <u>woods@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u>

For more information, applicants can call the Licking Valley District Office at 740-763-3525 and ask for Jack Shinn, Maintenance Supervisor, Mickie Archer, Transportation Supervisor, Jan Jennings, Food Service Supervisor, or Shelly Wood, District Secretary.

# Middle School Yearbook

Yearbook orders for the middle school are due on January 26, 2018.

You can place an order online at <u>www.yearbookforever.com</u> or pick up an order form in the office. Yearbooks cost \$23. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Thompson at <u>thompsonn@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u>.



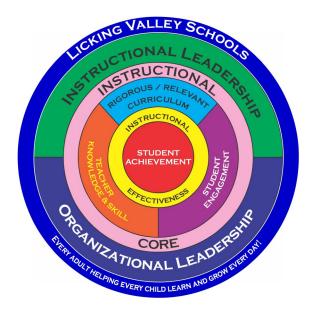
LICKING VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE 1379 Licking Valley Rd. NE Newark, OH 43055 740-763-3525 David Hile, Superintendent Jo Lynn Torbert, Treasurer Ashley Knowlton, Director Student Services

LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 100 Hainsview Dr. NE Newark, OH 43055 740-763-3721 Wes Weaver, Principal Shane Adkins, Assistant Principal

LICKING VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 1379 Licking Valley Rd. NE Newark, OH 43055 740-763-3396

LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1510 Licking Valley Rd. NE Newark, OH 43055

PRIMARY 740-763-2865 Todd Carmer, Principal Angela Harrison, Assistant Principal INTERMEDIATE 740-763-2031 Sherry Crum, Principal Angela Harrison, Assistant Principal





#### ATTENTION PARENTS!!! CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES ARE IMPORTANT!

As you know, our school secretaries keep contact information on file for all of our students, including home phone, cell phone, and email data for all emergency contacts for each student. It is critical that parents make a special effort to notify their child's school promptly when any contact information for a student changes. The contact information on file is used not only by your child's school, but also by our transportation department in the event that a bus situation requires us to contact you. It is vital that all these departments have the most current information on file so that we can contact you if the need arises. So. please make sure to call the secretary at your child's school and update them on any phone number or email address changes. Should you have students at more than one building please contact each school to make sure they have the updated information as well. We can only keep our records current based on what our parents provide, and we appreciate your help in making sure your information is up-to-date.

Licking Valley Elementary Primary - (740)763-2865

Intermediate - (740)763-2031

Licking Valley Middle School (740)763-3396

Licking Valley High School (740)763-3721



# SEE US IN ACTION AT CAMPINVENTION.ORG



FAST FORWARD to the ALL NEW 2018 Comp Invention program, where children are presented with fun, hands on activities that encourage creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship and curiosity.

Comp Invention is a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the future of innovation and STEM. Program activities are led by experienced, local educators and inspired by the world-changing inventors that have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Explore the technology behind self-driving cars and invent a vahicle of the future.



Design futuristic dream homes with smort furniture and smart energy.



Build and personalize a robotic dog and compare the inner mechanics to the biology of living animals.

# **SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY & SAVE \$25!**

EVERY CHILD TAKES HOME TWO CUSTOM ROBOTS!

Register at campinvention.org or 800.968.4332. Use promo code **IDEAS25.** Offer expires March 23rd.

Your local Camp Invention site information:

Price \$225 (before discount) | For children entering grades K-6

Licking Valley Elementary School | 1510 Licking Valley Rd, Newark, OH 43055 June 11 - 15, 2018 from 8:30am - 3:00pm Directed by Ashley Knowlton knowltona@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us | (740) 763-2897

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit complevention.org for other locations near you.

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