

# The Valley View

**LICKING VALLEY  
LOCAL SCHOOLS**

David Hile, Superintendent

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## January is School Board Recognition Month

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision-making 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.

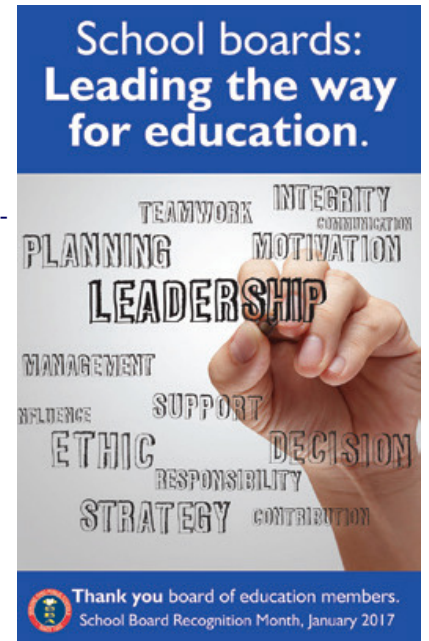
These are men and women elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy — sometimes challenging — meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education;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

*Lucinda Wills, President*

*Mary Kay Martin, Vice President*

*Jackie Caughenbaugh*

*Kim Christian*

*Shawn Shumaker*

## 2017 8TH GRADE GETTYSBURG/ WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

The second deposit of \$150.00/person is due January 20, 2017. 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 Laura Lahmers at the district office to verify whether you need to come in for fingerprinting. Her number is: 740-763-2911. After the Christmas break, 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.weebly.com](http://hagemanhistory.weebly.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 [hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us) 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



### 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. ***Also, our Leader Alert instant messaging system uses contact information for any recorded messages sent by the district, such as snow day notifications. We also use email address information for distribution of parent email messages during the school year. 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

# 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.EZPay.com](http://www.EZPay.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.

- ◆ When a child's account is in the negative \$2.00 (Primary), \$5.00 (Intermediate), or \$2.25 (Middle School) Leader Alerts are extracted from our NutriKids System and calls (e-mails) are sent once a week.
- ◆ 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.



*(Leader Alerts are continuously being sent weekly during these steps)*

When you receive a Leader Alert, please contact Jan Jennings (740) 763-2433 if you have questions. A "Call Result" report is sent following the Leader Alert. If a number is listed as "Disconnected" or "Other" the school secretary is contacted for verification of e-mail or telephone number. Please keep this information updated with your school secretary.

Free/Reduced application can be completed online by going to [www.school lunchapp.com](http://www.school lunchapp.com) or you can request a paper application be sent home with your child.



- 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 13, 2017 Teacher Professional Development Day
- NO SCHOOL January 16, 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- February 13, 2017 Intermediate Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 14, 2017 Primary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 16, 2017 Primary and Intermediate Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 17, 2017 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Exchange Day
- February 20, 2017 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day

**SPRING  
BREAK**

**March 27th - 31st**

# Grit: A Necessary Ingredient to Success

Jon Sinclair (Poet) said, "Failure is a bruise. Not a tattoo." Failure is not permanent and is something we can learn from at any age. We look at successful students and people in all walks of life and think they have achieved due to exceptional talent or skill. Our perception is that they were born to be able to succeed at a high level. This is most often not the case. Most people, young and old, have excelled and achieved due to hard work, constant effort, and determination despite some failures along their journey. Successful students, athletes, poets, musicians, parents, coaches, and educators all have something in common. That something is called "grit" (resilience, tenacity).

Grit is an attitude that embraces challenges, stepping out of our comfort zones, and never giving up but pushing through the tough times. People with grit take risks, experience failure, and learn from it. Lessons learned at school, in sports, and in life in general can help us overcome many trials and frustrations for years to come.

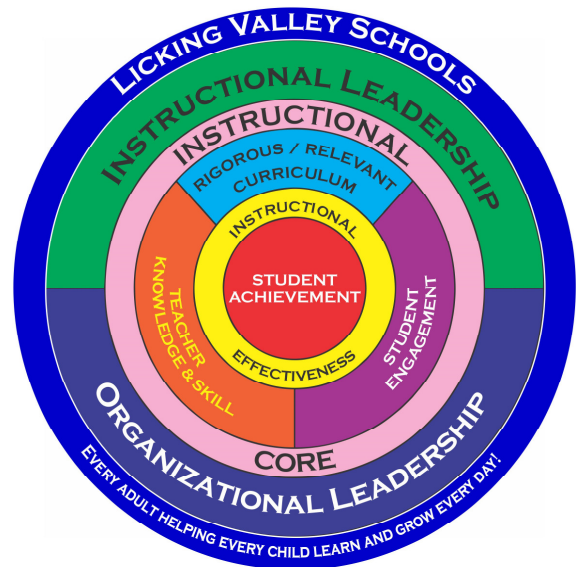
Michael Jordan (NBA Basketball Legend) describes grit in the following quote: "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." Focusing on grit is not to minimize potential or talent. What is important is for students and adults alike to remember that whatever potential we possess remains just potential unless we work very hard to improve and persevere through our frustrations and failures. It takes more than talent to succeed. It takes the right attitude and a willingness to fight the temptation to give up and quit whenever we face a struggle. Angela Duckworth (American Psychologist and Author) says, "Learning grit is like learning anything else: You learn it by doing it."

When you talk to successful people, people who've "made it", I bet many of them will tell about their ability to hang in there, their tenacity and grit, when they faced the obstacles, failures, and frustrations along the way to success. In the words of Winston Churchill (British Prime Minister), "Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm." We will never avoid all failure, but we can still experience success!

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services



**Wednesday, December 21st, 27 high school students went to the Salvation Army to volunteer. As always, nothing but accolades and compliments on how well behaved they are! The major even pointed out that none of our kids were on their cell phones during the day! Students were told they could come back and volunteer anytime!**





**Monday, December 12th, the 4th grade performed for their family and friends in a holiday program Directed by our LVIS music teachers, Mr. Grimm and Mr. Nethers, the students played recorders and sang songs for their audience.**



**3rd grade Grinch Day was a success! They read the book, watched the cartoon, had grinchy snacks, made crafts played games and learned to draw the Grinch! The students also did a "grinchy good deed"...they collected over 150 pairs of gloves and hats which they made gift tags for and bagged up to donate to the Salvation Army and the Look Up Center! "Yep our hearts grew 3x's their size today."**



Let us help you get  
your child...

Classes for LV Parents  
with Infants,  
Toddlers  
& Preschoolers

# READY!



**Licking Valley Parents/Caregivers  
Register for Classes NOW!**

*By attending class you will receive:*

- \* **TRAINING** on how children learn and grow!
- \* **FREE BOOKS** to help with learning!
- \* **FREE "TOOLS"/ TOYS** to make learning fun!
- \* **FREE CHILDCARE** for children 12 months or older while you attend classes

*(Note: Parents/Caregivers in the 0-1 class may bring their infant to class )*



**WINTER CLASS DATE:**  
**Saturday**  
**January 28, 2017**  
**February 4 (Snow Date)**

*Babies and toddlers are born learning.  
Getting ready for school starts at birth!*

Classes will be held at:  
LV Primary Elementary School,  
1510 Licking Valley Rd. NE, Newark

**Class Time Schedule:**

- 9:30-10:00 - Orientation for first time parents  
(Materials will be distributed)
- 10:00 - 11:30 **READY!** Classes for all parents



**Register for Classes by Calling: 763-3525**

If you have any questions, email us at:  
**ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us**

# 5TH GRADE VENTURE YOUTH TO YOUTH CONFERENCE MARCH 4 & 5, 2017

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 last year's closing slide show on YouTube at, "Licking Valley 2016 5th Grade Venture Youth to Youth Conference."

## 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 4, 2017, 10:30am to Sunday, March 5, 2017, 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.

**Registration Forms** will be sent home with students the third week of January.

**Questions? Contact Ruth Satterfield, School Counselor 740-763-2031**

**T**he Licking Valley Athletic Department is proud to announce that we are the recipient of the National Athletic Trainer's Association Safe Sports School Award 1<sup>st</sup> Team Honors for 2016-2019. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student athletes. The award reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment. Licking Valley received funding for this award from the Great Lakes Athletic Trainer's Association (GLATA).

"Licking Valley is honored to receive this 1<sup>st</sup> Team recognition from NATA, and we remain committed to keeping our student athletes safe during physical education classes, team practices and games so they can accomplish their own goals of great competition, winning records, fair sportsmanship and good health. Our goal is to lead our athletics program to the highest safety standards for our players," said Megan Scott, Athletic Trainer for Licking Valley.

"We remain committed to the health and welfare of young athletes in competitive sports," says NATA President Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC. "This award recognizes the contributions and commitment of schools across the country that are implementing safe sports policies and best practices to ensure athletes can do what they love best and have the appropriate care in place to prevent, manage and treat injuries should they occur."

In order to achieve Safe Sport School status, as Licking Valley did, athletic programs must do the following:

- Create a positive athletic health care administrative system
- Provide or coordinate pre-participation physical examinations
- Promote safe and appropriate practice and competition facilities
- Plan for selection, fit function and proper maintenance of athletic equipment
- Provide a permanent, appropriately equipped area to evaluate and treat injured athletes
- Develop injury and illness prevention strategies, including protocols for environmental conditions
- Provide or facilitate injury intervention
- Create and rehearse a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan
- Provide or facilitate psychosocial consultation and nutritional counseling/education
- Be sure athletes and parents are educated of the potential benefits and risks in sports as well as their responsibilities

For more information please visit: [www.athletictrainers.org](http://www.athletictrainers.org).





## 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 [www.ohreap.net](http://www.ohreap.net) application and e-mail Jack Shinn, **Custodial Maintenance Supervisor** at: [shinnj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:shinnj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us)



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

**Food Service:** On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the [www.ohreap.net](http://www.ohreap.net) application and e-mail Jan Jennings, **Food Service Supervisor** at: [jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us)



*Paraprofessionals*  
making a difference  
every day....



**Educational Aide:** On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the [www.ohreap.net](http://www.ohreap.net) application and e-mail Laura Lahmers, District Secretary at [lahmersl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:lahmersl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us)

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 Laura Lahmers, District Secretary.

## Middle School Yearbook

Yearbook orders for the middle school are due on January 20, 2017.

You can place an order online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) or pick up an order form in the office. Yearbooks cost \$23. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Thompson at [thompsonn@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:thompsonn@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us).

It's Time to Order Your.....  
**YEARBOOK!**



**LICKING VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE**

1379 Licking Valley Rd. NE  
 Newark, OH 43055  
 740-763-3525  
 David Hile, Superintendent  
 Jo Lynn Torbert, Treasurer

**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**

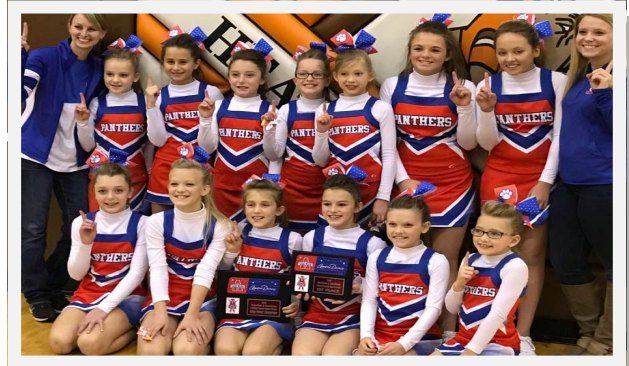
740-763-2031  
 Sherry Crum, Principal  
 Angela Harrison, Assistant Principal



Licking Valley Middle School Renaissance students share a thank you card from the Licking County Sheriff's Department thanking them for the luncheon held in November honoring first responders.

### Licking Valley Bidy League Cheerleading Competition Team

On Sunday, December 11, 2016 the Licking Valley Bidy League Cheerleading Competition Team competed in the Americheer Licking County Spirit Series competition at Heath High School. Our team had an outstanding performance and brought home a first place win! Not only did they win first place, they were also named the High Point Champs, meaning they scored higher than any other rec team in attendance! Our community should be very proud of these girls for their performance on and off the mat. Their sportsmanship and teamwork is to be commended. Please join us in congratulating this talented group of young ladies!



Pictured left to right: (front row) Joesy Kramer, Allannah McCoy, Addy Justice, Layna Gordon, Ally Conaway, Addison McLaughlin (back row) Coach Tara Gordon, Hannah Allbritain, Regan Shumaker, Rylee Romine, Hayley Ramsey, Kaleah Dales, Kaylee Workman, Shailynn Myers, Coach Abby Pettet

<b>Hours spent on Fall Testing at LVHS</b>	
<b>Administrative &amp; Guidance Personnel</b>	
Meetings, database updates, etc.	<b>38</b>
Test proctoring / administration	<b>26</b>
<b>Secretarial Personnel</b>	
Parent communication, testing portal updates, ticket & roster creation	<b>43</b>
<b>Teachers &amp; aides</b>	
Test proctoring / administration	<b>40</b>
<b>Students (158 students / 314 tests)</b>	
Testing	<b>2,016</b>
<b>Instructional and work hours lost to testing</b>	<b>2,163</b>

# Attention Licking



## Valley Parents!



Do you have a child coming to Licking Valley Kindergarten in the Fall (2017-2018 school year)?

We will begin taking appointments for Kindergarten Clinic on February 1st.

We ask that all incoming Kindergarten students register. Students must be five (5) by August 1st.



### Kindergarten Clinic

Date: March 24th from  
8:30-3:30



at Licking Valley Primary School