

THE VALLEY VIEW

Reading Foundation

By David Hile, Superintendent

In the January Valley View, I wrote an article describing the vision of creating a Reading Foundation as a joint effort between the Lakewood Local Schools and the Licking Valley Local Schools. On January 22, 2009, the Reading Foundation Steering Committee, a committee consisting of members from both Licking Valley and Lakewood Local Schools, hosted a meeting at the Licking County Library to which we invited a number of stakeholders from around Licking County who we believe share our passion for helping all children learn to read. We presented the Reading Foundation concept as described in the book, The 90% Reading Goal and asked the stakeholders who truly have a passion for spreading the message that parents are their children's first and best teachers, and that they must read with their children 20 minutes a day from birth through elementary school to sign up to serve as Reading Foundation board members. Seventeen of our guests signed up that night! Two Licking Valley School Board Members, Lydia Miller and Brianna Nethers, have signed on to serve as Reading Foundation board members. Since that first meeting in January, we have had an additional 16 people join our ranks!

The first official meeting of the Reading Foundation was on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Reese Center on the campus of OSU-N. This was primarily an organizational meeting at which we elected board officers, the executive director and established the executive committee and other standing committees.

Board officers:

Board President - Ashley Wade (Director of The Works)
Board Vice-President - Bill Weaver (former LV teacher, administrator and board member)
Secretary - Marilyn Fox (Principal of Hebron Elem.)
Treasurer - Jan Clayton (our very own Director of Student Services)
Executive Director - Tom Slater (retired North Fork Superintendent)

Executive Committee:

Jay Gault (Lakewood Superintendent)
Lewis Mollica, Ph.D. (former Licking County Superintendent, current PAXIS Director)
Terry Higgins, Ph. D. (former SWL Superintendent, current professor of education, OSU-N)
Lydia Miller (LV Board Member)
Judy White (Lakewood Board Member)
Dave Hile (Superintendent, LVLS)

In addition to electing officers and establishing committees, the board resolved to pursue affiliation with the National Children's Reading Foundation and utilize their incorporation services to become established as an affiliate. The board also established its official name, the Reading Foundation of Licking County and adopted its mission and guiding principals. The mission is twofold:

1. to ensure that every child is read to for 20 minutes a day from birth through elementary school;
2. to ensure that each child reads at grade level upon completion of 3rd grade and at every grade level thereafter.

The board also established its regular meeting as the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 pm at The Works.

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Since that first meeting, the board of directors has continued to work through the process of establishing the bylaws and functions of the new organization, and seeking to gain affiliation with the National Children’s Reading Foundation. In all regards, I have been deeply impressed with the group of people who have committed to this vision and expressed mission. I can tell you without hesitation, this group will get things done and you will be hearing their message very soon across Licking County encouraging parents and care-givers to read with their children every day! Remember, the most important 20 minutes of the day . . . reading with a child!



STRIKE OUT AGAINST BREAST CANCER



The Licking Valley Softball Team will hold a “STRIKE OUT AGAINST BREAST CANCER” game against Whitehall on April 27 at the Licking Valley Softball Field. Game time is at 5:00 P.M. The team will raise money for Breast Cancer by holding a raffle and a 50/50 drawing at the game. They are also selling T-shirts by pre-order.

Anyone interested in purchasing a T-shirt should call 763-2542 or contact any Varsity Softball parent.



Unpaid Student Fees

Unpaid student fees carry over year to year. Seniors must have all fees paid upon graduation. Please contact your respective building to make arrangements to pay your student’s fees.

- High School** 763-3721
- Middle School** 763-3396
- Primary ES** 763-2865
- Intermediate ES** 763-2031

STUDENT ATHLETES

Board Policy #2431

The district would like to remind parents and student athletes that according to Board Policy #2431 students need to achieve a 1.66 GPA in the 4th academic quarter of each school year in order to be eligible for fall sports the following school year. High School students must also have completed 2.5 credits in addition to the 1.66 GPA.

The Will Smith Foundation

www.thewillsmithfoundation.com

Presents

BRYAN LEWIS

In Concert

With Special Guest Tall Grass

Come Enjoy An Evening Of Country Music And Entertainment For The Whole Family

Licking Valley High School Auditorium

Saturday, April 25, 2009

7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10.00 at the following locations:

- Licking Valley High School Office 763-3721
 - Chris Nethers Hair Salon 342 Everett Ave., Newark
 - Glenn’s Market SR 79 North, Newark
 - Wright Brothers Power LLC 625 W. Church St. Newark
- Tickets will be sold at the door for \$12.00

Proceeds to Benefit Licking Valley Athletic Boosters

2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

HS/MS 12:30 PM

ELEMENTARY 1:30 PM

Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking

Parents play a major role in their children's choices about alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. In a recent national survey of parents and teens by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, one-third of teen partygoers have been to parties where teens were drinking alcohol, smoking pot, or using cocaine, Ecstasy or prescription drugs while a parent was present. By age 17, nearly half (46 percent) of teens have been at such parties where parents were present.

Drug-Free Action Alliance has developed the Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking public awareness campaign to provide parents with an accurate information about the health risks of underage drinking and the legal consequences of providing alcohol to youth. The campaign encourages parents and the community to send a unified message at prom and graduation time that teen alcohol consumption is not acceptable. It is illegal, unsafe, and unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink alcohol.

Here are the facts:

- There are many health-related consequences of youth consuming alcohol including negative effects on brain development, deviant behavior including stealing and skipping school and a greater risk of becoming alcohol-dependant later in life.
- Parents who give alcohol to their teen's friends under any circumstances, even in their own homes, are breaking the law.
- Parents who knowingly allow a person under 21 to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages can be prosecuted and everything associated with such a violation can be confiscated, including personal property.
- Parents can be sued if they give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they in turn hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.

Underage use of alcohol is a serious problem that too often leads to harmful consequences for youth and their families. Parents can protect themselves and their teens by following these guidelines when hosting parties for their children:

- Host safe, alcohol-free activities and events for youth during prom and graduation season
- Refuse to supply alcohol to children or allow drinking in your home or on your property
- Be at home when your teenager has a party
- Make sure your teenager's friends do not bring alcohol into your home
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at youth events
- Report underage drinking

Our youth deserve to live and grow to adulthood in an environment where alcohol is not misused. Let's be unified in our message, and host alcohol-free parties with plenty of fun activities to show our youth that we care about their future.

UNDERAGE DRINKING FACTS

- ◆ 29% of parents and teens know of parents who host teen alcohol parties.
- ◆ 25% of teens attended a party where alcohol was served to underage youth in the past two months, while parents thought the number was closer to 15%.
- ◆ Every day, 7,970 children ages 12 to 17 take their first drink of alcohol.
- ◆ Studies reveal that alcohol consumption by adolescents results in brain damage-possibly permanent-and impairs intellectual development.
- ◆ Children who are drinking alcohol by 7th grade are more likely to report academic problems, substance abuse, and delinquent behavior in both middle and high school. By young adulthood, early alcohol use was associated with employment problems.

Board Members

President
Lydia Miller

Vice President
Angie Stagers

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Jackie Caughenbaugh
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	AP Exams May 4-15				1	2 SAT PROM
3	4	5 NATIONAL TEACHER DAY Cinco de Mayo	6 NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY	7	8	9 MS Large Group Band/ Choir Contest
← 8th Gr. Gettysburg Trip →		← 5th Grade Camp →				
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11 LV Board of Education	12 LV FFA	13 LV Transportation Day	14 HS Spring Concert	15 2 Hr. Early Dismissal	16 LV Jazz Fest ARMED FORCES DAY
17 300 Club Banquet	18 LV Athletic Boosters	19 MS Spring Concert LV FFA Alumni, Inc. Music Boosters	20 Sr. Awards Night	21	22 Music Banquet 6:00	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY- Observed	26 8th Gr. Guitar Recital	27 HS Academic Awards	28	29	30
31  GRADUATION	June 1	2	3	4 LAST STUDENT DAY	*Schedule of events are as of date of publication and are subject to change.	