

Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

THE VALLEY VIEW

Licking Valley Local Schools

David Hile, Superintendent

NO SCHOOL

April 22, 2011

Good Friday

May 30, 2011

Memorial Day Observed

April 2

**LV FFA Alumni, Inc.
Consignment Sale**

April 7

Dick Houston Relays

April 11

LV Board of Education

April 13, 14

Pre-Kindergarten Clinic

April 15, 16

HS Spring Musical

April 30

**2nd Annual Panther
Scholarship 5K Run**

April 30

Music Boosters Golf Outing

May 12

All-District Choir Concert

May 17

All-District Band Concert

May 24

LVMS Guitar Recital

May 26

5th Gr. Recognition

May 27

**Mandatory Graduation
Practice**

**SUNDAY, MAY 29
52nd GRADUATION**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3
LAST STUDENT DAY**

4th Nine Weeks Begins April 4th (43 days)

The 2010-2011 school year is quickly coming to an end. April 4th begins the 4th nine week grading period of the year. Spring sports are a daily occurrence, there are concerts, plays, and banquets to attend. There is the Ohio Achievement Assessments, ACT, SAT, OGT and advanced placement testing to accomplish. There is the annual Pre-Kindergarten Clinic, Prom, State FFA Convention, Junior Olympics, 5th Grade trip to Washington D.C., 8th Grade trip to Gettysburg as well as numerous other end-of-the-year field trips and activities; and last but not least graduation!

Parents need to check with their students on a daily basis to make sure assignments and other special projects are complete; fees paid, scholarship and college applications, etc. are all up-to-date and completed in a timely manner.

STUDENT ATHLETES

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school.

High School	763-3721
Middle School	763-3396
Primary Elementary	763-2865
Intermediate Elementary	763-2031

CALAMITY DAYS

The number of calamity days for school districts was reduced from 5 to 3 for the 2010-2011 school year. Currently, there is a bill in the Ohio legislature, HB 36, that if passed will reverse current law and return us to 5 excused calamity days. So far the bill has passed the House of Representatives and is currently in the Ohio Senate. We now have reason to believe the bill will pass the Senate and go to Gov. Kasich for his signature within a couple of weeks, and the Governor has stated publicly that he supports 5 calamity days for schools. The bill is also tagged as "emergency", which means that rather than going through the mandatory 90 day waiting period after the Governor signs it, it will become effective immediately upon his signature. If that happens, which we expect it will, **Licking Valley will owe no make-up days because right now, after our two make-up days in February, we are at 4 calamity days used. Therefore, with our expectation that HB 36 will become law, but possibly after March 28, we are canceling the make-up day currently scheduled for March 28**, the first day of spring break. If for some reason HB 36 would not become law, we would owe one make-up day and it would occur on **Monday, June 6, 2011**.

Calamity Days Used

December 13, 2010
January 12, 2011
January 21, 2011
February 1, 2011
February 2, 2011
February 22, 2011

Make-up Days Scheduled

✓ Friday, February 18th
(P/T Conference Comp. Day)

✓ Monday, February 21st
(President's Day)

Monday, June 6th – if needed



Girl Scout Troop #550 Honored

Congratulations go out to four members of Girl Scout Troop #550 who are eighth graders at Licking Valley Middle School; Katie Mentz, Courtney Valentine, Eulisha Cullins, and Ashleigh Ode. These four young ladies were recently honored at the Red Cross Heroes Breakfast for their project supporting our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Licking Valley
37th Pre-Kindergarten Clinic
Wed., April 13, 2011
Thur., April 14, 2011**

**Kindergarten students must be 5 on
or before August 1st.**

Please call the LV Primary Elementary at 763-2865 to make an appointment for your child.

Power of the Pen



Congratulations go out to seventh grader Noah Ourant who captured first place at the regional Power of the Pen writing competition. Noah is the first Licking Valley Middle School student to achieve this honor. He will now compete at the state level in May.

Nurse's Notes Tdap VACCINATION

Licking Valley Middle School is required by state law to have on file a current shot record with an updated Tdap or Td before a student enters 7th grade. This booster shot would have been received in the last couple of years, after age 10. Now is the time to send the shot records to the school office. Your healthcare provider may fax them to 763-2612. If your student has not received his booster vaccination, make an appointment with your healthcare provider or the Licking County Health Department, 349-6535.

"You Make a Difference Award"

Congratulations to Patty Ellick, elementary computer integration teacher, who was recognized with the 2011 **Coughlin Automotive "You Make a Difference Award!"** Student Brandon Ridenbaugh and his mother Mindy nominated Patty and presented her with the award at a recognition dinner held March 9th at CTEC. Patty has created a unique and model elementary computer integration program that benefits all 835 of our Licking Valley Elementary students.



**SWING INTO SPRING WITH THE
LICKING VALLEY MUSIC BOOSTERS
AT THEIR ANNUAL GOLF OUTING on
Saturday, April 30th – shotgun start at 9 a.m.
at the Mount Vernon Country Club**



Registration forms & more details are available at
www.panthermusic.net or by contacting
Melinda Embrey at 345-8677.



SPRING MUSICAL
April, 15th & 16th 7:00 P. M.
Tickets: \$6.00 ages 5 & up

Honk! Is a musical comedy based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling."

Tickets are on sale now! Please call the Choir/Drama office at 763-2275 to reserve your seats.

LVHS Renaissance

Licking Valley High School Renaissance hosted their first annual Midnight March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on March 11th. Led by the Renaissance Fundraising Committee of Shayna Stolte and Olivia Pettet, the Renaissance class as a whole worked very hard to make the first annual basketball tournament a "why not go?" event. Students, parents and even alumni of Licking Valley High School filled the gymnasium in support of the twelve participating student teams. LVHS Renaissance was proud to crown the first ever championship team "First Period", consisting of Nathan Bauer, Chris Flanagan, and Drew McArtor. Midnight March Madness was a huge success and the event raised over \$800. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Renaissance Midnight March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament!

Food Service Department Offering Free Breakfast Program

The Licking Valley Middle School began offering FREE breakfast as a pilot program in March. Currently the LVMS cafeteria is serving breakfast to 10% of the middle school students. The cafeteria is offering a hot breakfast four out of five days. Breakfast is available at 7:05 A.M. until the tardy bell rings.



You might ask, “How can the Licking Valley Food Service department afford to do this?” for the last six years the food service program has been self-sufficient and has operated in the black. Lunch and breakfast prices have remained the same, a larger variety of fresh fruits and vegetables have been incorporated into the meals and offerings, and new options continue to be made available. “Why now?” Licking Valley recognizes the benefit of students starting their day on a positive note. We are fortunate that our district has been fiscally responsible and can present this opportunity for ALL students.

The Licking Valley High School cafeteria (as well as the Middle School) will offer the same program starting Monday, April 4, 2011. Breakfast will be served from 7:05 until the tardy bell rings every morning.

The Licking Valley Elementary cafeterias will begin offering the FREE breakfast program starting in May 2011. Offerings may vary between the individual building cafeterias.

Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day: this is the Licking Valley Local Schools vision statement; you’ve probably seen it in many places over the past three years. You might have seen it as the tag-line at the bottom of emails from staff members, on Leader Alert messages, on posters in your child’s classes, in the main office of each building, on the door to my office, on each page of this newsletter, or any one of a dozen other places throughout the district. Three years ago, the district adopted this vision statement after thoughtfully determining that it clearly states the reason the school district exists. During that period of time, we have made great efforts to ensure that it isn’t just a catchy phrase or a hollow slogan. In fact, we recognize a number of staff members each year with an award we call Pursuing the Vision for going above and beyond the call of duty to help every child learn and grow every day.

Recently, I watched a speech on TED.com by a man named Simon Sinek about WHY leadership. The point of his 18 minute speech was that leaders who focus on WHY their organizations exist, rather than how and what they do or produce, tend to achieve extraordinary results. He explains that the success is a result of people caring much more about why an organization exists rather than what it does or how it does it. This caused me to reflect on our vision statement. I then showed the video to our principals during a meeting and we reflected together on our vision statement. We concluded that the district’s staff “get it”, and that there is a lot of evidence that we are actively and concertedly pursuing the vision across the district. We also concluded that maybe we haven’t done as good a job as possible helping our parents understand, connect with and pursue our vision. In other words, do our parents understand that they are part of EVERY ADULT?

One very important way in which the district staff is pursuing the vision is through our focus on the **Instructional Core**, which consists of three pillars: a rigorous/relevant curriculum, teacher knowledge and skill and student engagement. These are the three most important factors in student achievement and they are within the control of the school district personnel. As a parent, there are a number of things you can do as your part of EVERY ADULT to help us pursue our vision that might be described as the HOME CORE. The Home Core, like the Instructional Core, if it were up to me, would also consist of three pillars: 1. a loving, nurturing, safe environment, 2. an expectation for a healthy lifestyle, and 3. a value of and expectation for learning.

The staff of the Licking Valley Local Schools is striving every day to pursue our vision; please know that we value you, the parent, and need you to be a part of **EVERY ADULT HELPING EVERY CHILD LEARN AND GROW EVERY DAY!**

Middle School Students to Participate in Arlington Cemetery Wreath Ceremony

Seventeen Middle School students submitted applications to be considered as a wreath bearer for the Tomb of the Unknowns when the 8th grade class goes to Washington D.C. in May.



Six finalists were given the task of bringing in an artifact that represented patriotism to him or her and explaining it to a panel of teachers. The six finalists making the presentations were: Michael Buchbinder, Lee Andrews, Jeff Lowery, Haley Schmoll, and Cierra Lewis.



After witnessing the wonderful presentations by each student, the panel selected the following four students to bear the wreath: Lee Andrews, Haley Schmoll, Jeff Lowery, and Mason Brehm.

Congratulations to all the students who participated.

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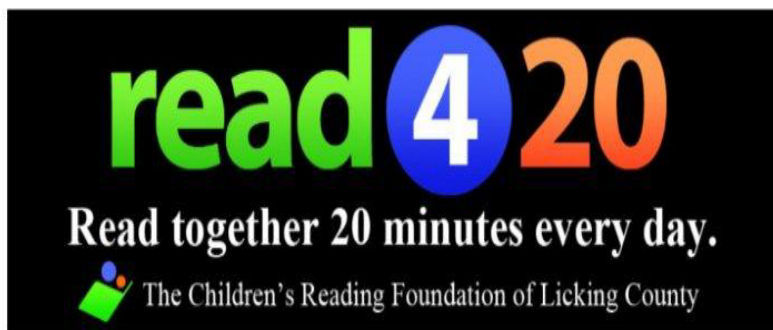
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**ELEMENTARY
BOOK FAIR**

Intermediate May 10th - 16th

Primary May 16th - 20th

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

2011-2012 Open Enrollment applications are now available on the district web site or can be picked up in any of the district's offices.
www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

"Drive One 4 UR School"

LV Athletic Department

Mark McCullough, Athletic Director

The Licking Valley Athletic Department in conjunction with Mathews Ford is conducting the "Drive One 4 UR School" event on **Thursday, April 7th** during the **Dick Houston Track Relays**. Mathews Ford will have several cars and trucks parked at the middle school waiting to be test driven. For every test drive that is taken during the event, the Athletic Department will receive a monetary donation from Ford Motor Company. This event will allow the Athletic Department to receive as much as \$6,000 if we can reach the maximum number of test drives taken. Please be sure to stop by and test drive a new Ford vehicle and at the same time help raise funds for the Licking Valley Athletic Department.



**FIRE LANE PARKING
VIOLATIONS**



A note of interest from the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. concerning fire lanes at school:

"As of May 1, 2010, the Licking County Sheriff's Office will be notified of any vehicle parked in a marked Fire Lane. Your car make, model and license plate number will be given to them for whatever legal action they deem appropriate. This can vary from a warning, having the vehicle towed at the owners expense and/or a monetary fine. "