

# The Valley View



## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**AUGUST 22, 2007**

### **Bell Times**

High School 7:25 A.M.-2:25 P.M.  
Middle School 7:28 A.M.-2:18 P.M.  
Elementary 8:40 A.M.-3:25 P.M.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

#### Kindergarten

Wed., August 15 6:30 P.M. @  
Madison Elementary-Parents Only  
Meeting  
Mon., August 20 10:00 A.M. @  
Madison Elementary-Parents & Students

#### First Grade

Wed., August 15 6:00 P.M. @  
Madison Elementary

#### Second Grade

Mon., August 20 6:00 P.M. @  
Perry Elementary

#### Third Grade

Mon., August 20 7:00 P.M. @  
Perry Elementary

#### Fourth Grade

Tues., August 21 6:30 P.M. @  
Toboso Elementary

#### Fifth Grade

Thurs., August 16 6:30 P.M. @  
Toboso Elementary

### **ORIENTATION**

#### Sixth Grade

Sunday, August 19 1:30 P.M. @  
Middle School

#### Seventh Grade

Sunday, August 19 3:30 P.M. @  
Middle School

#### Eighth Grade

Mon., August 20 6:30 P.M. @  
Middle School

## Elementary Transition Plan for Fall of 2007

By Sherry Crum, Intermediate Principal

This fall we will begin school in grade level buildings as we await completion of our new elementary facility. Our grade level buildings are identified as follows: Madison Elementary will house all Licking Valley kindergarten and first grade students; Perry Elementary will house all L.V. second and third grade students; Toboso Elementary will house all L.V. fourth and fifth grade students. Be sure to check out the dates for each Open House so that students and parents have the opportunity to visit buildings and meet teachers prior to school opening on August 22.

Each building will be served with a principal until we move on October 22 into the new facility. Mr. Todd Carmer will serve as the Madison principal and will be the principal of grades K-2 in the new facility. Mr. Jim Hoover will serve as interim principal at Perry Elementary and Mrs. Jan Clayton will serve as interim principal for Toboso Elementary and will also assume the role of Director of District Services which will include Director of Special Education.

The primary benefit to our students for organizing in grade level buildings is that they will be with their classmates and teacher from the first day of school so they are able to focus on high level teaching and learning. Grade level buildings will

allow our teachers to continue to build relationships with their students and deliver quality academics while we wait for the completion of our new Licking Valley Elementary Schools. When our new facility is complete the change should be very minimal to our students because their daily routines and expectations will be firmly in place. They will simply "change houses" together.

Last spring we practiced the transportation plan that will be in place this year to ensure that the best possible plan, and that all procedures are efficient and effective. Student safety and minimal disruption to academic learning time is our top priority while transporting student to grade level buildings this fall.

*It is critical that all students ride the bus to school. Each bus will be assigned a staff member who will ensure that every student on the bus goes to the proper transfer bus (if applicable) and to track attendance. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time. All families will receive a letter from the Transportation Department soon with pickup information.*

Madison Panther Parents would like to thank everyone for supporting the Madison Commemorative Cookbook. Due to the low number of requests there will not be a reorder done.



The 2006-2007 Annual Report /2007-2008 Annual Calendar has been mailed to all students/families in our current student data base. If you are a Licking Valley parent or resident and did not receive a calendar, they may be picked up at any of the schools offices.

The Licking Valley junior high cross country team's first practice will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 13 at the auxiliary gym. Runners who have not signed up may still do so. For more information, call coach Don Mealick at (740)763-2778.

### HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

August 16: High school students pick up schedules, turn in student packets, and have school picture taken.

Freshman 9:00 A.M.  
Freshman Parent Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Sophomores 10:30 A.M.  
Football Players 1:00 P.M.  
Juniors 3:00 P.M.

August 17: Seniors pick up schedules 9:00 A.M.  
Freshman Orientation 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

## Third Annual Licking Valley Elementary Festival

Saturday, September 8, 2007

@ Licking Valley Middle School

10:00 AM to ?

Large Flea Market and Craft Show

Over 200 Dealers

For Dealer Information Call: (740)763-3116

All types of crafts, collectables, glass, pottery, guns, knives, jewelry, and misc. items

**LOTS OF GOOD FOOD!**



### FOOD SERVICES

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES 2007- 008

Grades K - 5 .....	\$1.75
Grades 6 -12.....	\$2.00
Adults.....	\$2.00
Milk .....	\$ .40

#### SCHOOL BREAKFASTS 2007-2008

Grades K - 5 .....	\$1.00
Grades 6 -12.....	\$1.25
Adults.....	\$1.25
Milk .....	\$ .40

The Licking Valley Elementary Schools are on a 5-week cycle menu. A magnetic menu will be sent home with each student at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year. The Middle and High School menus will be distributed monthly and are posted on the district web site: [www.lickingvalley.K12.oh.us/District Office](http://www.lickingvalley.K12.oh.us/DistrictOffice)

Licking Valley Local School District offers lunch and breakfast daily to all students and staff. A sack lunch option is available to all elementary students who

do not wish to eat the cycle menu lunch. Sack lunches consist of : *peanut butter and jelly pocket or lunch meat sandwich (alternately), fruit, vegetable, baked snack, cookie treat, and milk.* The cost of the sack lunch is the same as the cycle menu lunch.

Free/Reduced lunch forms will be sent home and are available at each school building. A promotional drawing will be held for students who turn their applications in within the first ten (10) days of school.



The Middle and High School are currently on the NutraKids Point-of-Sale Program and the **"New" Elementary** will be on this program upon completion of the transition.

If your student is allergic to any type of food or you have any questions or concerns about the district's food service program, please contact Jan Jennings, cafeteria supervisor at 763-2433.

#### VALLEY VIEW

If you would like to receive the Valley View via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Laura Lahmers at: [lahmersl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:lahmersl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us)



## Academic Progress Update

### Dave Hile, Superintendent

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, the district and school report card data was finalized and made available to Ohio school districts. Below is a chart representing the district and report card data.

Grade Level	Subject	% Proficient	State Standard	State Indicator Met/
3rd Grade	Reading	80.3%	75.0%	MET
	Mathematics	87.9%	75.0%	MET
	Reading	87.8%	75.0%	MET
4th Grade	Writing	90.6%	75.0%	MET
	Mathematics	87.1%	75.0%	MET
	Reading	85.3%	75.0%	MET
5th Grade	Mathematics	73.5%	75.0%	NOT MET
	Social Studies	57.4%	75.0%	NOT MET
	Science	75.7%	75.0%	MET
	Reading	79.5%	75.0%	MET
	Mathematics	81.3%	75.0%	MET
6th Grade	Reading	78.5%	75.0%	MET
	Writing	84.7%	75.0%	MET
7th Grade	Mathematics	77.1%	75.0%	MET
	Reading	88.2%	75.0%	MET
8th Grade	Mathematics	72.9%	75.0%	NOT MET
	Social Studies	39.2%	75.0%	NOT MET
	Science	64.7%	75.0%	NOT MET
	Reading	93.9%	75.0%	MET
	Writing	97.0%	75.0%	MET
10th Grade	Mathematics	91.5%	75.0%	MET
	Social Studies	88.4%	75.0%	MET
	Science	88.4%	75.0%	MET
	Reading	96.4%	85.0%	MET
11th Grade	Writing	94.6%	85.0%	MET
	Mathematics	93.5%	85.0%	MET
	Social Studies	93.5%	85.0%	MET
	Science	91.7%	85.0%	MET

As the chart illustrates, we met 23/28 state indicators for testing. In addition, we achieved a 95% student attendance rate, and a graduation rate of 98.7% (which is for the Class of 2006; graduation rate is calculated a year in arrears), which means that district wide we achieved 25 of the 30 state indicators for a state district rating of Effective, one rating below the highest rating of Excellent, which is our goal.

Each of our buildings, with the exception of the high school, achieved an Effective rating; the high school met 12/12 report card indicators for an Excellent building rating for the second consecutive year. In fact, LVHS achieved some of the highest passage rates on the OGT in Licking County, and in our similar district grouping. 78% of LVHS sophomores passed all 5 parts of the OGT on the March 2007 administration, the second highest passage rate in Licking County, second only to Granville HS at 81%.

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## Licking Valley Local School District 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues., Aug. 21, 2007	Local Staff Orientation Mtg.
Wed., Aug. 22, 2007	<b>First Student Day</b> (full day)
Mon., Sept. 3, 2007 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Labor Day
Wed., Oct. 17, 2007 Thurs., Oct. 18, 2007- <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> (2 hrs.) Professional Day
Fri., Oct. 19, 2007 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Fri., Oct. 26, 2007	<u>End 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks</u> 45 days in session
Mon., Oct. 29, 2007	Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> nine weeks
Fri., Nov. 9, 2007 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Veteran's Day
Thurs., Nov. 22 and Fri., Nov. 23, 2007 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Recess</b>
Mon., Nov. 26, 2007 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Comp. Day for P/T Conferences
Mon., Dec. 24, 2007 through Wed., Jan. 2, 2008 - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
Thurs., Jan. 3, 2008	School Resumes
Fri., Jan. 11, 2008	<u>End 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks</u> 43 days in session
Mon., Jan. 14, 2008	Begin 3 <sup>rd</sup> nine weeks
Mon., Jan. 21, 2008 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Martin Luther King Day
Mon., Feb. 18, 2008 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	President's Day Recognition
Thurs., March 20, 2008	<u>End 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks</u> 47 days in session
Fri., March 21, 2008	Comp. Day for P/T Conferences
Mon., Mar. 24 through Fri. Mar. 28, 2008	<b>Spring Break</b>
Mon., Mar. 31, 2008	Begin 4 <sup>th</sup> nine weeks
Sun., May 25, 2008	<b>Graduation Day</b>
Mon., May 26, 2008 – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Memorial Day
Thurs., May 29, 2008	<u>Last day 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks</u> 43 days in session
Fri., May 30, 2008	Teacher Work Day

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### ACADEMIC PROGRESS UPDATE

Based on the data in the chart on page 3, our immediate challenges are in 5th grade math and social studies and 8th grade math, science and social studies. We will review our curriculum alignment and our assessment and instructional practices at these grade levels in the immediate future to address these deficiencies.

In addition, we failed to achieve the No Child Left Behind requirement of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading proficiency and academic achievement with our IEP/students with disabilities subgroup. Again, we must analyze our curriculum, instruction and assessment practices to ensure that all students are making adequate yearly progress and are able to demonstrate academic achievement.

Rest assured that we will both celebrate the successes and address the deficiencies illustrated in the report card data. To do so, we must continue to develop and refine our processes for analyzing the data and using that analysis to improve our curriculum alignment and assessment practices, and to inform our instruction.



## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mickie Archer, Director of District Services

Parents of incoming 6th grade students, as well as of all elementary students, should be receiving a mailing from our transportation department showing pick-up and drop-off information for students for the beginning of the school year. We ask that parents check this information carefully, and notify us immediately of any changes that need to be made so that we can get our bus routes updated. You may call our transportation office at 763-3775, or email me at [archer@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:archer@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us) with the information, or with any other questions you may have.

Remember that for the first nine weeks of the school year we'll be operating in our three grade-level school buildings. Madison will house Kindergarten and First grade students, Perry will house Second and Third graders, and Toboso will house Fourth and Fifth graders. Students will be picked up in the morning and taken to the building located in their attendance area, and then students will be transferred to the other buildings based on their current grade level. At the end of the school day students will be transferred back to their "home" buildings and then be transported home on the same bus on which they were picked up in the morning. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during this transition period, understand that our main concern is the safety of our students.

Also, remember that we are asking parents to, if at all possible, allow us to transport your students on buses. If you must transport your students to school, they must be taken to the building which they will be attending. So, if you have a Kindergarten student you must transport him/her to Madison each morning and pick him or her up at Madison in the afternoon. Students **may be dropped off between 8:15 and 8:25 each morning, and may be picked up after 3:30 each afternoon.** These times allow us to complete the morning and afternoon transfers without additional congestion caused by traffic entering the building lots.

When we move into our new elementary complex in October, elementary bus routes will change slightly to accommodate for transportation to and from the building. Elementary parents will receive another mailing as we near the opening of the new complex containing the changes in your students' pick-up and drop-off times. We thank you again for your cooperation.

### Madison Grades K-1



### Perry Grades 2-3



### Toboso Grades 4-5

