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The Valley View

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BREAK



Dec. 24 thru Jan. 2

JANUARY

- 3 School Resumes
- 10 Financial Aid Night 7:00 p.m.
- 11 End of 2nd Nine Weeks
- 14 LV Board of Education
6:00 p.m. @ HS Library
- 15 Music Boosters 7:00 p.m.
LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:00 p.m.
- 21 **NO SCHOOL**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 28 Athletic Boosters 7:00 p.m.

Sports schedules can be found on www.highschoolsports.net

School Closings

When a decision is made to close school, it is made known to the radio/TV stations listed below. We ask that parents and students NOT contact the schools but listen to these stations. We need to keep the school lines open to make contact with the radio and TV stations, employees, etc.

It is impossible for us to know the condition of all roads or turn-arounds even when a road check is conducted. The decision to delay or close school will generally be made by 5:45 a.m.

If you think your particular situation is too dangerous for your children, please keep them at home. If you call the school and inform them of your situation, your child will be

counted as an excused absence and will be allowed to make up any work missed. If the buses do not travel your road, students will not be counted absent.

- WCLT T100
- Sunny 95/Oldies 107.9
- Smooth Jazz 104.3/103.5
- WMNI 920 AM
- WBZX..... 99.7 FM
- WEGE 103.9 FM
- WTVN 610 AM
- ABC 6 Fox 28
- WBNS 10 ONN
- NBC 4 WHIZ
- NewarkAdvocate.com

District Plans for Make-Up Day

POLICY 8210 SCHOOL CALENDAR

“The Board of Education recognizes that the preparation of a calendar for the instructional program of the schools is necessary for orderly educational planning and for the efficient operation of the District. The Board shall determine annually the total number of days when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. These days are based on the number of days required by the State to receive school aid.

Prior to each school year, the Board shall approve the contingency plan the Superintendent prepares for makeup of lost school days that cannot be waived according to State provisions.”

The Licking Valley Local School District will be in session on Monday, February 18, 2008, Presidents’ Day. This is the make-up day for Friday, November 30, 2007 that school was not in session to allow staff and students to support the Licking Valley Football team in the State Playoff game held in Canton.

Ohio Achievement Testing

The Ohio Achievement Tests for grades 3-8 measure students on what they know and are able to do in various subjects. The 3rd Grade Reading Achievement Test was given to all Ohio public school students during the first week of October. We have received the test results and our staff has begun the process of analyzing our third-grade fall OAT scores. Teachers are using the data in their classrooms to plan curriculum and provide instruction that meets the needs of the students. Students will have the opportunity to take the reading portion of the OAT again at the end of April.

What the Performance Levels mean.....

- ◆ **Advanced**-Students go beyond understanding what they read to explain what they like or do not like about a story.
- ◆ **Accelerated**-Students understand what they read (e.g., fairy tales, folk tales, poetry) and compare stories with other stories.
- ◆ **Proficient** -Students understand what they read. They try to list important ideas in the texts they read.
- ◆ **Basic**-Students understand some of what they read. They use strategies (e.g., clues in sentences and paragraphs, knowledge of word parts) to learn new words.
- ◆ **Limited**-Students may struggle with simple reading tasks (e.g. fairy tales, folk tales, poetry).

(See chart on page 3)



GOVERNOR SIGNS HOUSE BILL 190

What does it mean for our schools and you?

Ohio House Bill (HB) 190 was originally introduced in April 2007 to add an additional week for mandated elementary testing; however, several significant amendments were added to the bill in the Senate Education Committee that will affect all of us in the education community. Governor Ted Strickland signed HB 190 on November 14, and since it included an emergency clause, it went into effect immediately upon his signature.

ELEMENTARY ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

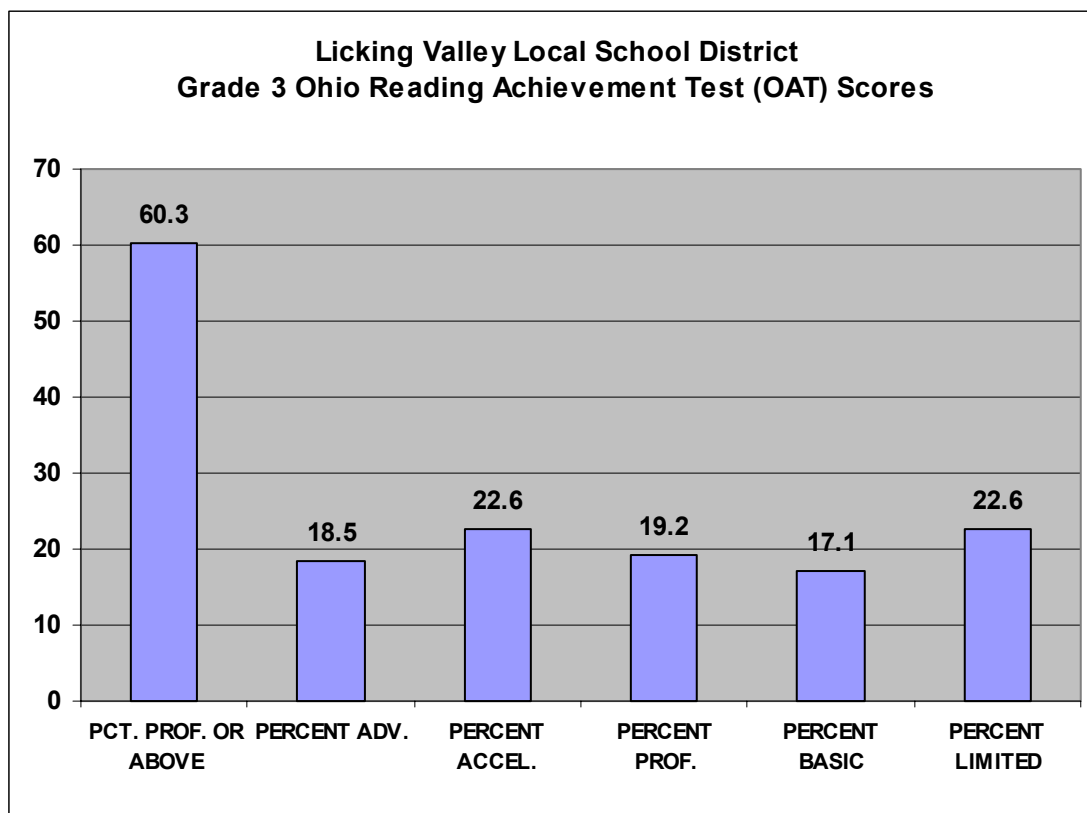
This new law allows the spring administration of the elementary achievement tests to begin with the week containing April 24, and allows the tests to be administered over a two-week period, instead of on five consecutive days.

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS

In addition to the testing provision, several amendments were added to address issues raised out of the Columbus Dispatch's recent investigation into educator misconduct, and subsequent legislative hearings into that issue held in the House Education Committee. As a result, school districts, educational service centers and community schools are required to conduct both Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background checks on all job applicants and for all current school employees every 5 years. Schools must initiate the 5-year cycle by requesting the checks by a deadline the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) will set in the near future.

Locally, Licking Valley School Board Policies 3120.09 and 3121 requires a criminal history record check for every employee or volunteer applicant prior to their employment. Moreover, **Policy Guideline 3121** states, "Prior to making any offer of employment to a new applicant, whether it be for full-time employment, part-time employment or as a regular volunteer who will be in the care, control, and/or custody of students. . . The applicant must be informed either by direct communication or by information on the application form that a criminal history record check must be obtained . . ." Therefore, from this point forward, the Licking Valley Local Schools will be requiring that all individuals wishing to serve as a "regular volunteer" in our schools submit to both the Ohio BCII and FBI criminal background checks prior to serving as a volunteer. Board policy provides that the board will bear the cost of these records checks for volunteers. Current volunteers in the district will need to complete a background check by January 11, 2008. New volunteers will need to complete both the BCII and FBI before being hired by the Board.

In order to make it more convenient for our employees and volunteers to comply with this requirement, the district will purchase the equipment that will allow us to do both the BCII and FBI background checks here in the district office. The equipment we currently have is only capable of conducting the Ohio BCII checks. We have ordered the equipment, but it will take approximately four to six weeks to arrive and be installed. As soon as it is ready, we will let you know the service is available to you. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter. We know that each of you wants the safest possible educational environment for all of our students all of the time!



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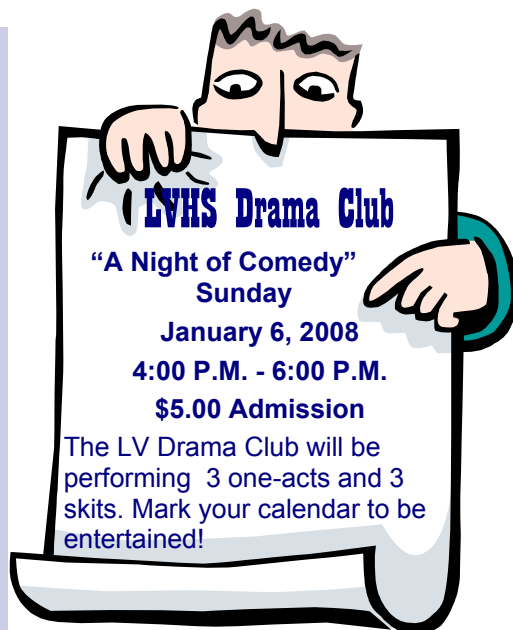
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SCHOOL ZONE

LICKING VALLEY ROAD
7:00 A.M.-9:00A.M.
&
2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.



MUSIC BOOSTERS 5TH ANNUAL YARD SALE

Well, it's that time of year again! We are looking for gently used items for the March 8th, 2008 yard sale. The monies raised support all the music programs for both the middle and high school. Please keep in mind we receive very limited funding and all competition expenses and transportation costs come from fundraisers! We also need many volunteers to make this event a success. Let's show Licking Valley what kind of generous folks are involved with the music program!

The Music Boosters humbly request that no clothes, shoes, luggage or sports equipment be donated. For more information please contact Libby Teter, LV Music Booster at 740-763-3061 or 740-349-8529 or e-mail elizabeth.rtreadway@farmersagency.com.

Did You Know

- 60% of this years Kindergarten Class attended pre-school for an average of 1.66 years.
- The KRA-L assessment data indicated that the students who attended pre-school scored an average of .5 points higher on the assessment.
- All the surplus contents from the four elementary buildings have been disposed of by auction or sale to the new owners.
- Monies raised from the auction/sales will be used to pay for items not covered in the construction of the new elementary such as backboards for the playground and some additional trees for landscaping.

Flying Colors Public School Preschool

Flying Colors Public School Preschool offers early learning experiences to give children an academic advantage toward their elementary education.

Licensed by the Ohio Department of Education, Flying Colors offers pre-school and kindergarten-based programs for children 3 to 5 years old. Classes are located at the Career & Technical Education Center, Licking Heights West Elementary School, Jackson Elementary School in the Lakewood District, and the main campus is in Newark at 119 Union Street.

Children attending Flying Colors come from districts in Licking County, as well as Heath City School District and Granville Village School District. Half-day or full-day programs are offered. Fees are on a sliding scale, based on the number of family members and their income and if the child has special needs.

Staff members include a school psychologist, speech therapists, occupational therapists and physical therapists. Adaptive physical education services also are offered.

To register for Flying Colors Public School Preschool or to request an appointment to visit the school, call (740) 349-1629.

