

# The Valley View

## Swords and Spaceships

### Did You Know?

- Licking Valley buses travel 2,322 miles per day, and 401,800 miles per year.
- The Licking Valley School District covers 139 sq. mi.
- An average of 1,850 students are transported each day.
- The oldest schools bus is a 1994 and the newest bus is a 2009.

It's not just Shakespeare anymore!

Licking Valley High School offers students a semester-long sci-fi and fantasy literature class titled Swords and Spaceships as one of many literature electives offered at the school that also includes Gothic Literature and Sports literature. The classes

were designed as a way to "get kids to be doing more in-depth reading and writing."

English teacher Josh Caton energetically



parlays his own interest in science fiction and fantasy literature to the students. This semester students are collaborating to create their own planet and writing stories about the world's inhabitants and struggles. The students have a Web site where they can post their work and comment on each others' work.

### "You Made a Difference Award"



Middle School 7th grade math and science teacher Debbie Fehrman was named a winner of the Coughlin Automotive Group "You Made a Difference" award. She will be recognized on March 12th at a dinner. Seventh grade student Cierra Moore will present Debbie and tell the audience why she thinks Debbie is deserving of this honor.



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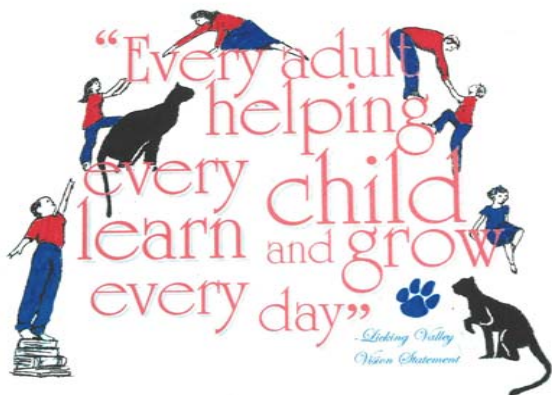
The Licking Valley FFA along with the Licking Valley FFA Alumni, Inc. will be challenging the Utica FFA to a side splitting donkey basketball game.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 6, 2009  
7:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Licking Valley HS Gym

**Tickets:** \$8.00 at the door  
Advance Tickets: \$6:00

Contact Jeff Ellis at 763-3721 for information.



### PENNY WAR

The Middle School Leo Club sponsored a penny war to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The students and staff raised over \$1800.00 to benefit this great cause! Mary Stafford, 7th grade language arts teacher is the Leo Club advisor.

## LV Contingency Plan for Calamity Days and Early Dismissal

“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 make-up of lost school



days that cannot be waived according to State provisions.

Licking Valley currently has three days to make up for the 08-09 school year. They are as follows:

**Monday, February 16  
President's Day**

**Monday, March 30  
Tuesday, March 31  
These are the first two days  
of Spring Break.**

The district also missed a two hour Early Dismissal Day that was scheduled for January 30. **This has been rescheduled for Friday, March 13.**

## All Star Reader Rally

by Erin Fee, 4th Grade Teacher

For the second year in a row, Licking Valley Intermediate students participated in the Columbus Blue Jackets Book Jackets reading incentive. The GOAL of

who read independently. During a 4-week period, students, parents and teachers log the number of minutes students read independently. There are four different

levels of prizes that include things like a free ticket to a game, a free t-shirt, an autographed Blue Jacket pennant, and more. The students who achieve the highest level of prizes and read over 1000 minutes receive a special invitation to an All-Star reader Rally held at Nationwide Arena.



the program is to support, encourage, and reward students

## Licking Valley Pre-Kindergarten Clinic Wed., April 15, 2009 Thur., April 16, 2009

The clinic is instrumental in assuring that potential problems, which might interfere with a successful school experience for kindergarten students, will be identified and remediated as soon as possible.

This is the 35th year the clinic has been held in the district.

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

## Panther Wrestlers Win MSL-Ohio

The Licking Valley High School wrestling team defeated Newark Catholic the two-time defending MSL-Ohio champs 36 to 28 last Thursday, February 12 at Newark Catholic.

With lots of talent, but only one senior on the team, the Panthers were not expected to be a driving force in the MSL. Under the leadership of coach Jeremy Tate, the Panthers finished 6-0 in the league.



Last week, 45 intermediate students took advantage of the opportunity, traveled to Nationwide Arena, and celebrated their reading efforts. These students were able to skate on the main ice, collect autographs from various Blue Jacket players (Stinger the mascot too), and win other prizes as well. It was a great night and we are very proud of all of the students who participated this year.

**Keep reading!**



**Athletic Boosters  
Annual Sports  
Dinner and Auction  
MARCH 21, 2009  
LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
Doors Open At 4:00 P.M.  
Dinner 4:30 P.M.  
Live Auction 6:00 P.M.  
Tickets: \$15.00 each or 2/\$25.00**

Call: 763-2542, 763-4966, 763-4446 or 345-0891 to purchase tickets or to make a donation.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Athletic Director's office during school hours.

This is the 10th dinner and auction sponsored by the Athletic Boosters. Come join us for a great meal, entertainment, quality auction items, and lots of fun!

*All proceeds benefit the new Athletic Complex which includes a wrestling, weight and football locker room and additional locker rooms for track and soccer and public restrooms.*

**Auction conducted by Ric Lahmers, Realtor/Auctioneer, CENTURY 21 Frank Frye Real Estate.**

**High School to Adjust  
3rd Nine Weeks**

Ohio Graduation Test week is March 16 through March 20. Because of this full week of testing and other reasons, Licking Valley High School is extending the end of the 3rd nine weeks to March 27, instead of March 20. Quality Assessment week will officially be March 23 through March 27.

Monday, March 30 will be the first day of the 4th nine weeks and change in eligibility will occur on April 8th (This is when students come off of or go onto the eligibility list).

These adjustments should give all high school students a chance to prepare academically for the 4th nine weeks.

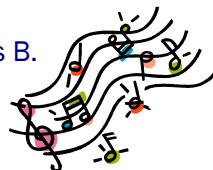
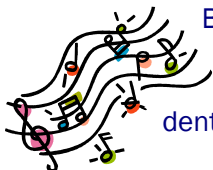
**STUDENT  
ATHLETES  
Board Policy #2431**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LVHS Concert Band Students Earn Honors**

Congratulations to the members of the Licking Valley Concert Band, as they participated in the OMEA District 10 Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event on Saturday, February 14 at Granville High School. Students perform as soloists and in small ensembles for a judge, and receive a rating and comments regarding their performance. The ratings are given on a scale of 1 to 5, with a "1" being the highest, or "superior" rating. Receiving a "superior" rating as a soloist in class B (medium difficulty) were Zack McKee, Alan Keith and Hannah Stanbery. Receiving a rating of "I" in class A (advanced difficulty) was Nathan Vaughn. Other students performing a solo included Logan Hardbarger, Payton Teter, Chris Nester, Kerry Shannon, Kirstie Harman, Aundrea Partin, John Barrett, and David Myers. The LVHS Clarinet Choir, consisting of Hannah Stanbery, Kirstie Harman, Kourtney Cline, Kindle Crossley, Michael Bowden, Abby Ackers, Jessica Stephens, Jackie

Brown and Ashlee Ricket also received a superior rating in Class B. Congratulations to these students on their accomplishments!!



**ANNUAL DINNER  
THEATER**

Licking Valley Middle School students will once again present their annual dinner theater for the community. The production, "Death And Taxes", will be presented at Marne United Methodist Church on Friday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m. and at Christ Lutheran Church in Heath on Saturday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m. Seating is by reservation only; you must call the respective church to make your reservations. It fills up fast, so don't delay! Come join in the fun provided by this murder mystery and try to guess "Whodunit!"

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## March 2009

We're are on the web:  
[www.edline.net/pages/licking\\_valley\\_local\\_sd](http://www.edline.net/pages/licking_valley_local_sd)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."</b> -Sir Richard Steele		3	4 LV Educational Aides Day	5	6	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	9 BOARD OF EDUCATION 6:00	10 LV FFA 7:00 Music In Our Schools Concert 7:00	11	12 Junior College Planning Night 8th Gr. to C-TEC	13 Band Contest @ Newark <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>	14 SAT Choir Contest @ Granville
15	16 HS Student Council Blood Drive	17 LV Music Boosters 7:00 LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:30	18	19 FFA Banquet	20 End 3rd Nine Weeks <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b>	21 <b>Athletic Boosters Dinner/Auction</b>
March 16-20 Ohio Graduation Tests, Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies - Grades 10 and Above						
22	23 LV Athletic Boosters 7:00	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <b>Calamity Make-up Days</b> School is in session.	31	<b>SPRING BREAK</b> <b>APRIL 1, 2, 3</b>			<b>LLV FFA ALUMNI, INC. ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT SALE</b>