

The Valley View

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LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (**PARCC**) represents a fundamental shift in how we think about student testing, state-to-state. The PARCC assessments are carefully crafted to give teachers, students, schools, and parents better information on how we're preparing our kids for success throughout their schooling experience and in careers and college — and life. In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, more than 20 states are working together to create an assessment of the highest quality. The result will be a product powered by states and local school systems.

PARCC Testing Update

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services

During the week of January 26-30, Ohio school districts will take part in an infrastructure trial or dress rehearsal for the upcoming PARCC assessments. The purpose for the trial is to make sure:

- * The technology side of the testing is ready and capable.
- * The participating school staff will know what to do for PARCC computer-based assessment.
- * Students are familiar with the computer-based tools and test format.

The infrastructure trial should take approximately 60 minutes to administer. This gives the district an opportunity to practice in a low-stakes environment that can help identify possible problems and avoid any delays during the actual administration of the PARCC assessments.

As with any high stakes testing requirement, it is essential for all students to be in attendance during the scheduled district testing. Each building has created a testing schedule for their students and you can contact the building your student attends if you have any particular questions.

I would also encourage you to visit the PARCC website at www.parcconline.org/for-parents and look over the resources that are provided.



**The Licking Valley Athletic Boosters invite
you to attend the...**

15TH All Sports Dinner & Auction

April 11, 2015

Tickets \$15.00 each

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Auction starts at 6:00 p.m.

**Tickets can be purchased from any Booster member or from Megan Scott,
Athletic Department Secretary at the High School Office.**

Auctioneer: Ric Lahmers, Lahmers Auction Service

Catering by: Eric Mason

Come out and enjoy a fun filled evening with your family and friends.



The Licking Valley Hall of Fame will induct four new members at the February 6th boys basketball game versus Watkins. **The Hall of Fame class of 2015 will include:**

Krystal Stoneking	2008
Rick Junkins	1983
Wade Kirk	2001
Nathan Clark	2005

There will be a reception for family and friends in the high school office conference room at 6:00 p.m. and the induction ceremony will take place between the JV and Varsity basketball games.

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame class of 2015!

Attention Licking



Valley Parents!



Do you have a child coming to Licking Valley Kindergarten in the Fall?

(child must be 5 years old by August 1st)

We will begin taking appointments for Kindergarten Clinic on March 2nd. We ask that all incoming Kindergarten students register. Please call 763-2865. Notice the new location and times below!



Kindergarten Clinic Date:

April 10th from 8:30-3:30

at Licking Valley
Primary School





News From the Middle School

8th Grade Gettysburg Trip

Attention Parents: The second deposit was due Friday, January 23, 2015. There is still time to register if you are planning to go, however; we will need to know soon.

The application for any student wanting to apply for a wreath bearer at The Tomb of the Unknowns needs to be completed and turned in by February 6, 2015. Applications can be found in Mr. Hageman's web page at: hagemanhistory.weebly.com

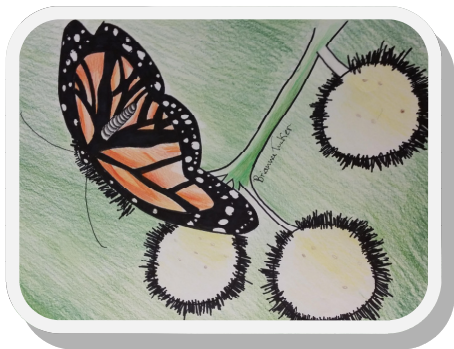
The rooming sign-up sheets will be passed out the second week of March. Any adult going on the trip needs to contact the district office at 763-3525 to make an appointment for a background check. If you have any questions contact Mr. Hageman at: 763-3396 or email at: hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

The Fairchild Challenge is an award-winning, interdisciplinary, environmental science competition designed to engage students of diverse interests, abilities, talents and backgrounds to explore the natural world. It is a competition that challenges and inspires students to become the next generation of scientists, researchers, educated voters, policy makers, and environmentally-minded citizens.

Students in middle schools and high schools around the country and the world are given 3 challenges to complete throughout the year. Recently, students in the P.A.C.E. program and the Art Club teamed up to complete Challenge 1: Plants and Their Pollinators. Students had to research and write about a local plant and pollinator and the relationship they share. They had to convey the importance of this relationship to the local environment. Art students then created artwork to illustrate this important relationship. The top 4 entries were taken to Dawes Arboretum to be judged with other schools from the area. ***Meghan Nelson took 1st place with her Blueberry Bee entry and Jesse Flowers, Brandon Bishop and Brianna Tucker took 2nd place with their Button Bush Butterfly entry. Their entries now move on to Miami, Florida to the global judging! Congratulations to our winners!***



Carissa Smith, Gifted Intervention Specialist
Grades 4-8



HOW IS THE SCHOOL YEAR GOING FOR YOUR CHILD?

Middle School PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held **Tuesday, February 10th, and Thursday, February 12th, 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Invitations with time slots were sent home to schedule your conference. If you did not receive one or if you have not scheduled yet, please call the middle school office (763-3396) and we will make sure you have a chance to meet with your child's teachers.





LVHS Spring Musical

Little Women

April 17 & 18

7:30 PM

Tickets go on sale March 15th

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

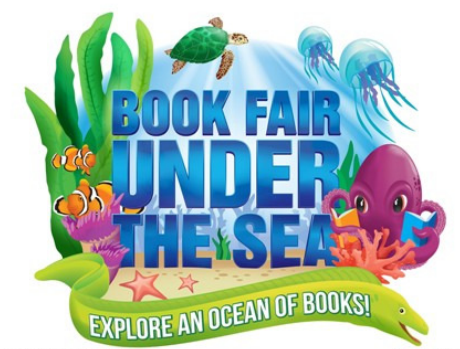


The Licking Valley Local School District is looking for sub bus drivers.

All applicants need to fill out an on-line Ohio Reap application at:

www.ohreap.net

Please contact Mickie Archer, Transportation Supervisor at 740-763-3525 for more information.



Intermediate Book Fair

February 2nd - 6th

Primary Book Fair

February 9th - 12th

The book fair will also be open from 4-7:30 on Parent/Teacher Conference nights.

February 9th, 10th and 12th



PANTHER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

9 BOARD OF EDUCATION 6:00 P.M.
13 NO SCHOOL
16 NO SCHOOL

SPRING BREAK

March 30, 31 April 1, 2, 3

APRIL

11 ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION
17, 18 SPRING MUSICAL

MAY

31 GRADUATION

JUNE

2 LAST STUDENT DAY

Sports schedules can be found at:
www.lickingvalleyathletics.com

Mom/Son Date Night

March 15th 4 - 6:30 pm

At LVHS

Pizza, Drinks, Lazer Tag, Hamster Balls, Inflatables and More!

\$30 for Mom and Son admission

For each additional child add \$10

OPEN to Kindergarten - 5th grade male students and their mother or grandmother.

Registration forms will be coming home in February.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Courtney Lichtenauer at lichtenauerc@laca.org or Deana Bennett at bennettd@laca.org

*This is a fundraiser for LVHS Yearbook and Sophomore Class





A reminder about our Leader Alert instant messaging system

Licking Valley Schools continues to use Leader Alert to communicate with parents and staff in the event of snow days and other items of importance to our school community. Here are a couple of things to remember about the Leader Alert System:

- When the decision is made to close or delay school, Mr. Hile will send a Leader Alert call to every parent and staff contact that we have in the system. If you do not receive these calls, you should contact your child's school to make sure that they have correct information on file. One of the biggest challenges we face is making sure that our parents keep all of their contact information up to date with their child's school. Email alerts will also go out to the email address we have on file for each parent.
- Because our Leader Alert system must communicate via all of the different phone service providers for both home and cell service in our area, it's normal for there to be a short period of silence after you answer your phone prior to the start of the recorded message. Once you say "hello", wait a couple of seconds to make sure that the message begins to play. If the Leader Alert system does not detect that a successful phone call took place, it will try again up to two more times, with a 5 minute delay between attempts.
- Once you have listened to the recorded Leader Alert message, we would appreciate you pressing 1 on your phone to acknowledge receipt of the recorded message. This allows us to track via Leader Alert any calls that may not have been completed.

LV SCHOOL DIRECTORY

LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRIMARY: 763-2865

Todd Carmer, Principal

Andrew Hoffman, Assistant Principal

INTERMEDIATE: 763-2031

Sherry Crum, Principal

Andrew Hoffman, Assistant Principal

LICKING VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: 763-3396

Scott Beery, Principal

Jeffrey Neiger, Assistant Principal

LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: 763-3721

Wesley Weaver, Principal

Shane Adkins, Assistant Principal

LICKING VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE: 763-3525

David Hile, Superintendent

Jo Lynn Torbert, Treasurer

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services



In addition to Leader Alert, you can find out about school closings on the following radio and television stations.

Radio: WCLT - T100
WHTH - 101.7

TV: ABC 6/Fox 28
WBNS 10
NBC 4

WSYX/WTTE
ONN

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ATTENTION JUNIORS!!!

Application deadline: Monday, March 16th at 2:30 pm.

APPLY NOW TO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY!

Application Instructions:

- 1) Make a local copy of the [Application](#), save it to your drive. Complete the application, print it off and turn it in to Mrs. Leah Myers by 2:30, on March 16th, 2015.
- 2) Complete all parts of the application including:
 - Service Learning Hours
 - Character Reference form completed by a teacher/coach.
 - Character Essay.
- 3) Turn in the completed application by March 16th, 2015 by 2:00 pm.
(**TYPED APPLICATIONS ONLY. DIGITAL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**).

<http://goo.gl/IQRbJc>

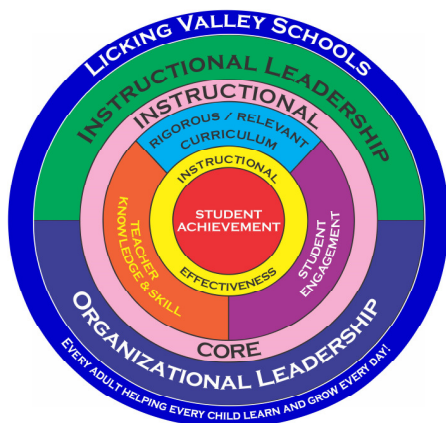
Applications, instructions and frequently asked questions can be found on the National Honor Society website:

New Educational Options Program at LVHS

We are excited to announce that under our Educational Options Policy, the Licking Valley Schools is launching a new **Educational Options program**. This program will provide new and exciting opportunities for all LVHS students. We have partnered with ACE Digital Academy, an online curriculum and education provider to offer up to 200 online courses to our high school students. This program is designed to meet two basic needs. One need is to help the roughly 7% of our students who do not graduate each year. Many of these students are, for one reason or another, unable to succeed in the traditional high school instructional program and environment. This online option will provide them with an **alternative to the traditional high school** program and give them another avenue to earn their Licking Valley High School diploma. We would like to bring back to Licking Valley our students who are currently enrolled in other online, community and charter school programs, and students who have dropped out of LVHS but who really want a diploma from Licking Valley High School. If you know a former LV student who didn't graduate, please share this information with them. Licking Valley currently loses almost \$350,000.00 annually to community and charter schools such as Newark Digital Academy when our students drop out and enroll in those schools, and the vast majority of them never acquire a diploma of any kind.



The other need is to offer **additional internet-based elective courses** to all of our students. These electives include various foreign languages such as French, German, Japanese, Latin and Mandarin Chinese. There are also electives such as art history, business and technology, Microsoft Office Software courses, career exploration and various Advanced Placement (AP) courses not currently available at the school. There is also an online ACT Preparation course available through this program. We will also be able to offer **credit recovery** and **summer school** courses through the Educational Options program!



If you are interested in Educational Options, either to complete your high school diploma or for the elective options, please contact **Mrs. Aimee Twigg**, Licking Valley High School teacher and Educational Options Coordinator, to take advantage of this exciting new educational opportunity. Mrs. Twigg's email address is twiggsa@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us. You may reach her by phone at 763-3721.



Licking Valley Local Schools Calamity Days

Although Licking Valley School District has gone to a school year based on hours, we set our hours to include 5 calamity days just as in the past, thus, just as in the past, if we utilize 6 or more calamity days we will have to make them up. The District did this to protect student instructional time.

The District has currently used four days.

Monday, November 17
Thursday, January 8
Monday, January 12
Monday, January 26

Contingency Plan For Make-Up Days

If make-up days are needed, this is our contingency plan based on Policy 8210:

1st priority - The spring Parent-Teacher Conferences Comp. Day (02/13/2015) and/or Presidents' Day (02/16/2015), if applicable.

2nd priority - the first two days of Spring Break will be utilized (3/30/2015-3/31/2015).

3rd priority - days will be added to the end of the school year (beginning 06/03/2015).



Licking Valley Ski Club

has made two trips up to Snow Trails this season and have three more to go as a group. The skiing and boarding conditions have been great and the kids have been having a blast and making many new friends from other schools. They are looking forward to a continued safe and fun season.

LICKING VALLEY INDUSTRIAL TECH



\$20



CUSTOM CUT WOOD SIGNS

SIGNS ARE CUT WITH A CNC MACHINE
10"X 20" \$20.00 MADE FROM POPLAR
WOOD CAN BE STAINED OR PAINTED
OTHER SIZES OR MATERIAL WILL HAVE
ADDITIONAL COST
** NO LOGOS THAT HAVE A COPYRIGHT

Contact Matt Sorg, LVHS Industrial Technology Teacher at:
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