

# The Valley View

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LOCAL SCHOOLS

David Hile, Superintendent

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## Calamity Days Make-up Schedule

*David Hile, Superintendent*

LV is now at 7 calamity days used, 2 over the 5 allowed by current law. Per our Board adopted contingency plan, we will make up those two days on Feb. 14 and 17. If we would have an 8<sup>th</sup> calamity day, the March 7 waiver day will become a regular student instructional day and the professional development activities will be canceled. If we would have calamity days 9 and 10, they will be made up the first two days of spring break, additional days will go to the end of the year.

HB 416 just passed out of the House Education Committee last evening and would give districts an additional 4 calamity days for this school year. It still has to go to the House Floor for debate and a vote, which probably isn't going to happen before Feb. 12. If it does pass, **it will not circumvent or override our contingency policy**, we will make up the days as described above, except that if we have days to be made up at the end of the year, because those are not typically productive days, we would then take advantage of the additional waiver days to eliminate making up days at the end of the year.

With our 3 waiver days at the beginning of the year combined with these 7 calamity days, our students have now lost 10 instructional days. It is important that these days be made up and be as productive as possible, and that's why I like our contingency plan, it allows us to make up the days within the regular school calendar rather than putting all of them at the end where they tend not to be productive instructional days.

## Calamity Days and School Delays 2013 - 2014

November 27 – 2 Hour Delay

**December 6 – SNOW DAY**

**December 10 – SNOW DAY**

December 16 – 2 Hour Delay

**January 6 – FRIGID TEMPS**

**January 7 – FRIGID TEMPS**

**January 21 - SNOW DAY**

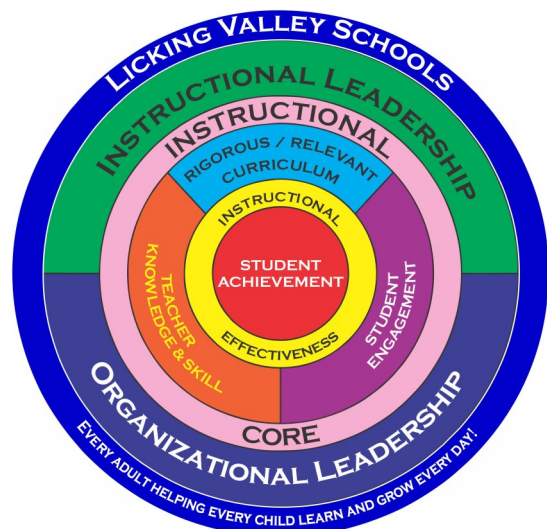
January 24 – 2 Hour Delay

January 27 – 2 Hour Delay

**January 28 - FRIGID TEMPS**

**January 29 - FRIGID TEMPS**

**February 5 - SNOW DAY**

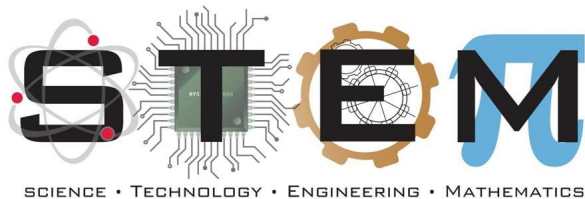


# The Know-How That Will Serve Kids Best

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services

In the most recent issue of *Edutopia*, educators from around the country were asked, "What is the most critical skill students should master to succeed?" I have summarized a top ten set of responses below:

1. Turning passion into performance. Love what you do and don't separate interests from academics.
2. Learn to creatively solve problems. Be able to brainstorm, to create new ideas, and to try new ways to solve problems.
3. The most important skill to teach is thinking. The skills needed for tomorrow don't exist today, so we must prepare students to think critically; to read, understand, and evaluate information that will help them make informed decisions and choose among possible solutions.
4. Having a positive approach to learning and understanding that when one does their best, one's best will get better.
5. Listening and interpersonal relationships need to be addressed and mastered. How individuals relate to each other is a major factor in their success.
6. The most important skill students need to master is reading. It is a necessary tool that guides education and learning.
7. Communication is a critical skill. Students need to be able to effectively communicate with others in verbal and written form.
8. Students need the ability to organize their time, their life, their responsibilities, and their studies. Everything successful in life is organized in some way.
9. Students must master the ability to work cooperatively with others. Ironically, today's communication devices - cell phones, email, and instant messaging - are interfering with our children's interpersonal skills.
10. The most critical skill is understanding community and how it works. Students should use their local community as a living laboratory, learn the history of the place, learn about the systems, politics, and how decisions are made. They should go out of the school and meet people and help them by doing service-learning projects.



by Carissa Smith, Licking Valley Local Schools,  
Gifted Intervention Specialist, Grades 4-8

The STEM Club members have been hard at work on their challenges for the upcoming STEMfest Competition in Newark on February 22 and 23. Students have chosen two different challenges to work on this year. Some students are working on a Fruit Battery where they can use materials such as fruit, nails, wire, and LED lights to create a battery that will produce the most current. The other groups have been working on an Aerodynamics challenge where they must build a glider using everyday materials such as paper, cardboard tubes, and straws. They are challenged to build a glider that will fly the farthest distance. Good luck to all teams!



**STEM education** is an acronym for the fields of study in the categories of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.<sup>[1]</sup> The term is typically used in addressing education policy and curriculum choices in schools from kindergarten through college to improve competitiveness in technology development. It has implications for workforce development, national security concerns and immigration policy.<sup>[1]</sup>

# You Are Invited to Attend Triple P!

*Laura Linden, Elementary Guidance Counselor*

Kids don't come with an instruction manual so when it comes to parenting, how do you know what's best and what works?

The Triple P - **Positive Parenting Program** is one of the world's most effective parenting programs because it's one of the few that's been scientifically proven to work. Over more than 30 years, Triple P has helped hundreds of thousands of families around the world deal with issues ranging from temper tantrums to disobedience, bedtime dramas to homework battles, schoolyard bullying to teenage rebellion.



Parents are invited to join Laura Linden, Elementary School Counselor, and AJ Hoffman, Assistant Principal, for a Triple P Breakfast the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Wednesday, February 19th**

**Wednesday, March 19th**

**Time: 9:00 am - 9:30 am**

**Place: Primary Cafeteria**

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February 19th: Behavior problems at school can interfere with children's learning and development. We will be discussing some suggestions to help you work with your child's teacher to teach your child to behave responsibly at school and follow school rules.

March 19th: When children often tell lies, it can be difficult for parents to trust them. Telling lies can also cause problems with friends and other family members. We will discuss how to tell if your child is lying and give some tips to encourage your child to tell the truth.



**A**ttention all parents of incoming Kindergarten students!

Kindergarten Clinic will be April 9th and 10th at Marne United Methodist Church. Parents may sign up for an appointment starting the first week of March by calling Licking Valley Elementary at 763-2865. We look forward to seeing you!

## **Eighth Grade Gettysburg Trip**

The second deposit for the trip was due January 24. Remember to contact the district office to make an appointment for your fingerprints if you are going as a chaperone. The dates of the trip are May 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2014. Applications are available on the school web page and Mr. Hageman's Edline page for students interested in being one of the four students to receive the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. If you have any questions, please call or email Mr. Hageman:

**[hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us)**

# Notes From the School Nurse

BONNIE GHILONI R.N. B.S.N.

## 5 Foods to Help Keep Your Child Out of the Doctor's Office This Winter

Don't spend this winter in the doctor's waiting room! You may take your child for the [flu shot](#) and wash your hands incessantly, but there's still more you can do to help prevent the flu from entering your home this year. Boosting your child's immune system from the inside out – packing them with nutrient-rich foods – may be the ticket to health. Check out the five foods your kids should be eating to help ward off illness in the midst of the cough and cold season.



### GARLIC

The same plant that is used to ward off vampires is believed to help do the same with the common cold. Packed with the chemical allicin, garlic releases a powerful antioxidant, sulfenic acid, when it decomposes, thus helping our bodies ward off illness. Children may not be willing to dip into a roasted garlic dip, but a few slices of garlic bread may work.



### CARROTS

Nutrient-dense carrots may help your child's eyes, but in the Winter, the beta-carotene rich veggies help boost the body's white blood cell count to improve the immune system's fight against colds and viruses.



### YOGURT

The good bacteria found in yogurt increases the immune system's antibodies allowing the body to better fight off illness. Aside from traditional cups of yogurt, pack in the good bacteria with a fun fruit dip that children will gobble up!



### FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

In some parts of the country, finding fresh fruit and vegetables in winter is much like finding a needle in a haystack. Before heading over to the frozen food aisle, take a look to see what's in season. Clementines, which are in season from November through March, are packed with vitamin C and are a good source of fiber and folate. Their compact size makes them perfect for school lunches – and they keep for up to a month in the refrigerator!



Packed with vitamins A and C, folic acid, folate and lutein, spinach may be a wonder food. Getting kids to eat it is another story. From [fritters](#) to [pesto](#), there's plenty of ways to incorporate it into their diet.

source: [Thinkstock](#)

### SPINACH FRITTERS (from Rachael Ray's EVERYDAY magazine)

#### Ingredients

- One 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1/4 onion finely chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper

#### Directions

These spinach fritters are a cinch to make and bring loads of nutrients to your wee one's dinner. In a large bowl, stir together the spinach, onion, 2 eggs, flour and cumin; season with salt and pepper.

In a large nonstick skillet, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat.

Spoon heaping tablespoons of the spinach batter into the oil.

Cook the fritters until crisp and browned, about 2 minutes on each side.

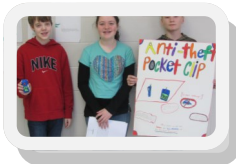
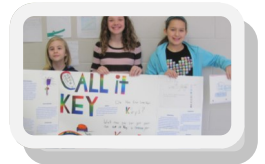


# P.A.C.E. (Program for Accelerated Curriculum Enrichment)

by Carissa Smith, Licking Valley Local Schools, Gifted Intervention Specialist, Grades 4-8

The P.A.C.E. students in grades 6-8 hosted an Invention Convention on January 31st. As part of the Toshiba Exploravision Competition, students were asked to brainstorm a new type of invention or technology for the future. Students had to imagine life 20 years from now and what technology might be like. They had to design an invention then research to be sure it had not been invented already. They also had to research the history of this type of invention. Students then had to write a brief report that included sections such as: how it is currently used, the history of this invention, how their invention would work in the future, what technology needs to be developed before this invention can be made, the positives and negatives of their invention, and the steps they went through when designing this project. These entries were sent on to the national competition where they could win national recognition in Washington D.C., savings bonds, and many more prizes if they are chosen as winners.

Locally, students displayed and presented the inventions they had created for the Toshiba Exploravision Competition to our guest judges Mr. Beery, Mr. Hile, Mrs. Bodart, Mr. Fickes, Ms. Fickes, Mr. Fitz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. Mick. The entries were judged based on originality, attention to details, practicality, and presentation. After the judging was complete, our first place winners were Emily Kinney and Lucy Morrison with the Food Allergy Scanner. Our second place winners were Logan Nethers, Ellie Nethers, and Rebekah Higgins with the Call It Key. Our third place winners were Nora Christy, Luke Snelling, and Dalton Stewart with the Anti-Theft-Pocket-Clip. All entries were very well done and very creative! Congratulations to all participants!



Food Allergy Scanner is a new type of scanner that scans your food to help alert users if the food contains ingredients you are allergic to. – by Emily Kinney and Lucy Morrison

Call It Key is a device that will help to locate lost keys or cell phones. – by Logan Nethers, Ellie Nethers, and Rebekah Higgins

Anti-Theft-Pocket-Clip is a device that will alert you if your car is being broken into or stolen and will alert the police. – by Nora Christy, Dalton Stewart, and Luke Snelling



Gatorade Drinking Fountain is a new type of drinking fountain that distributes Gatorade instead of water. - by Mackenzie Binckley and Audrey Pennington



The Printing Smart Phone is a new type of phone that has a built in printer to print coupons, To-Do lists, and more. – by Ashley Wireman, Lauryn Greer, and Danielle Fisher

Botty-Bot is a robot that will clean and vacuum your house. – by Darby Hartman and Montana Stoneburner

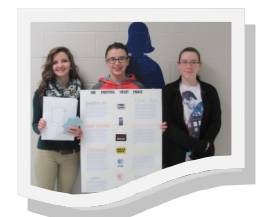
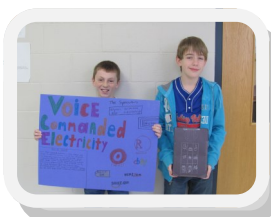
Zero Gravity Shoes are a new device that will propel you where you need to go and help you reach high places. – by Ryan Haynes, Seth Thompson, Jakob Mayabb, and Josh Self



Voice Commanded Electricity is a new device that will control electricity throughout your household with just the sound of your voice. – by Hayden Hile and Brandon Ridenbaugh

Solar Powered Lawnmower is a new type of lawnmower powered by solar panels. – by Kyle Rice, Chandler Richert, and Andy Wills

Automatic Pet Feeder is a new device that will automatically feed your pet when you are away and can be run by voice commands and remote control. – by Emily Hoover, Racheal Jungling, and Emma Joyner





**\*Parents/Caregivers - Register for Classes!**

***By attending class you will receive:***

- **TRAINING** on how children learn and grow!
- **FREE BOOKS** to help with learning!
- **FREE “TOOLS”/ TOYS** to make learning fun!
- **FREE CHILDCARE** for children 12 months or older while you attend classes

(Note: Parents/Caregivers in the 0-1 class may bring their infant to class )

**\*Eligibility:** Your child must live in the Licking Valley School District, and not be old enough to enroll in school.

**Babies and toddlers are born learning.  
Getting ready for school starts at birth!**

**Class Dates for 2013-14 School Year:**

**SPRING SESSION - April 26, 2014**

**Class Schedule:**

**9:30-10:00 Orientation for first time parents  
(Materials will be distributed)**

**10:00-11:30 READY! Classes for all parents**

**Classes will be held at: LV Primary Elementary School, 1510 Licking Valley Rd. NE, Newark**

**Register for classes by calling**

**763-3525**

**If you have any questions, email us at:**

**[ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us)**



**Read 20 minutes a day!**

**Licking Valley School District  
Families getting READY! together  
for school success!**



# **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Licking Valley Athletic Boosters Dinner & Auction**

**March 1, 2014**

Doors Open: 4:00 pm.

Dinner: 4:30 p.m.

Auction: 6:00 p.m.



**Tickets: \$15.00 each**

Tickets available from the Athletic Director during High School hours or contact any Athletic Booster Officer (Charity McFarland, Angie Staggers or Granger McLaughlin) or Auction Committee Member (Kim Christian, Rosanne Nethers, Mary Ann McLaughlin, Shanna Shumaker, Julie Goodin or Jeff Collins).

**All proceeds from this event will benefit the Athletic Boosters General Fund.**

Sponsored by  
Licking Valley Athletic Boosters

*If you have any questions, wish to purchase tickets, or wish to donate*

**Contact:**

**Rosanne Nethers (740) 763-0162**

**Angie Staggers (740) 763-3233**

**Mark McCullough (740) 763-3186**

**Charity McFarland (740) 670-2893**

**Kim Christian (740) 258-3675**

***Come join the Athletic Boosters for a fun filled evening and a chance to support the LV student athletic programs.***



## Music In Our Schools Month

March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM®), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. MIOSM began as a single statewide celebration in 1973, and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week, and then in 1985 to become a month long celebration of school music. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community and to display the benefits school music brings to students of all ages. **This year's theme is Music Makes Me \_\_\_\_\_!**

Celebrate Music at Licking Valley by attending our Music-In-Our-Schools Month Concert at the **High School on March 4 in the LVHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm.** Performing groups include LVMS "Pawsibilities" Show Choir, Indoor Drumline, Indoor Color Guard, Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Concert Band and the LVHS "Vocal Impact" Show Choir. Come find out what Music Makes You feel!

## High School Spring Musical



## PANTHER HAPPENINGS

### FEBRUARY

- 10 Board of Education 6:00 P.M.
- 14 **Calamity Day Make-up Day (School in Session)**
- 17 **Calamity Day Make-up Day (School in Session)**
- 18 Music Boosters 7:00 P.M.
- 24 Athletic Boosters 7:00 P.M.

### MARCH

- 1 **14th Annual Athletic Boosters Dinner and Auction**
- 4 High School Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 7:00
- 6 High School Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 6:30  
Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 7:00
- 7 **Calamity Day Make-up Day (School in Session)**
- 10 Board of Education 6:00 P.M.
- 18 Music Boosters 7:00 P.M.
- 31 Athletic Boosters 7:00 P.M.

**SPRING BREAK MARCH 24 - 28th**

## LVHS Media Center Fundraiser

**February 4th - 11th**

**Come to the Library and pick up something for your Valentine!**



*Simple Luxuries*