

THE VALLEY VIEW

Licking Valley Local Schools

David Hile, Superintendent

School Boards Make a Difference

LICKING VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION



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School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make.

Too often we forget about the important role

school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know ... people who are our neighbors.

Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed.

Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.

Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

We can begin to correct these oversights this January, which is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students.

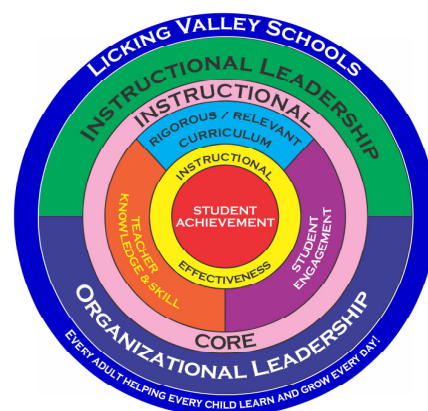
The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff and programs.

The school board also is a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools.

Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

Our school board members do make a difference in our community, for every child, every day.



Santa's Cocoa House 2012



HS Music students visit
Capital University



HS Physical Education class
goes rock climbing.

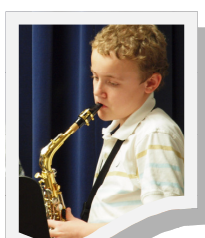


LVHS National Honor Society
Families Helping Families
LVHS NHS helped 60 children have a very Merry Christmas!

LICKING VALLEY INTERMEDIATE MUSIC PROGRAM

Licking Valley Intermediate showed its finest talent on Tuesday, December 18 when the Fifth Grade Band gave their first performance followed by the Fourth Grade Music Program. This year's group of 75 band members have only been playing their instruments for three months and were able to show off their abilities by playing some simple songs like Jingle Bells and Hot Cross Buns.

Next, the Fourth Grade show entitled "Christmas With the Classics" featured the students 'practicing' for their Christmas Show in order to explain what Christmas was about to the alien (named Tannenbaum) who had visited one of the students. The speaking parts were written by 5th grade teacher Kate Anderson while Tannenbaum was played by Cody Kramer and the student was played by Zach Hersey. Students were featured in many songs, some songs about famous composers like Johann Strauss (The Waltz King) and John Phillip Sousa (The March King). Other well known songs such as Jingle Bell Rock and Jolly Old St. Nicholas were also performed.





Licking Valley High School Journalism Prowler Staff

Licking Valley students will be writing a weekly column for

The Advocate's community page on their district.

With the departure of Lois Whyde, a member of the Valley community for 18 years and reporter for The Advocate, the Prowler high school newspaper staff of Licking Valley is filling the shoes of Whyde and taking over the Valley community page.

Although the journalism world is familiar to those on the Prowler staff, taking on the community page is a whole new challenge. In the realm of high school, the paper is composed of only that: high school events.

"I find it slightly frightening and exciting at the same time knowing that the Licking Valley journalism class will be participating in a paper that anybody can read," said Valley sophomore Samantha Shinn. "I think it is a big task, and our class should be proud that we will be represented in such a way as the Advocate."

With the community page, the horizon has broadened and the students have to now venture out into the community as well as maintain their duties at the Prowler.

"It is very nerve racking to know that the whole community will be reading our stories," senior Courtney Mayes said. "We, the students, are putting our all into these stories."

Some students are nervous about taking over the community page, but this is an opportunity welcomed by the students and teacher Nicole Vandersommers.

"I'm excited to give my students real-life experience in the world of journalism," Vandersommers said. "They will be required to step outside of their comfort zone and tackle issues they might not usually encounter in the classroom."

Many in the class are looking to pursue a journalism career after high school, and the Advocate experience will prove to be beneficial in those respects.

SPRING BREAK

MARCH 25-29, 2013

Triple P

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 families around the world deal with issues ranging from temper tantrums to disobedience, bedtime dramas to homework battles, schoolyard bullying to teenage rebellion.

So you can be sure that whatever your parenting needs - no matter how simple or how complex - Triple P can help.

Please join us for Triple P sessions being offered at Licking Valley Elementary in the Intermediate Cafeteria from 5:30-7:30 on the following dates:

January 29, 2013- The Power of Positive Parenting

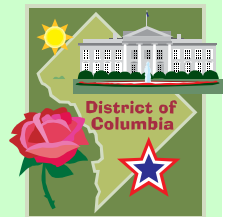
February 26, 2013- Raising Confident, Competent Children

March 20, 2013- Raising Resilient Children

Please call (740)763-2031 or email lindenl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us to RSVP

Fifth Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

For many Licking Valley students, the fifth grade trip to Washington D.C. has been a fantastic learning experience that they will always remember. The date for the trip is May 15-17, 2013. We are looking for local businesses who can help us continue to make this trip possible with an annual financial donation. For the past three years, we have been able to offer the trip to all of our students due to the generosity of the late Lou Mitchell, local philanthropist. His donations assured that students who were on free and reduced lunches were able to go on the trip free of charge and provisions were made for hardship cases and special circumstances. Without Lou's generous donation, we fear that these students will not be able to go on the trip. Our vision is that we will be able to continue to provide students with this valuable learning opportunity, and we are respectfully asking local businesses to consider helping us make that possible with an annual financial donation. If you are able to assist us in keeping this dream alive, please contact Sherry Crum, Intermediate School Principal at 763-2031. Donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated!





INFLUENZA (FLU) INFORMATION

Nurse's Notes:

We have been advised by the Licking County Health Department that the flu season has started earlier this year in Licking County. Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness. Parents, please know that we are monitoring the influenza situation closely, staying in contact with the Licking County Health Department. Should we have a major outbreak of the flu, we will act accordingly through consultation with the health department just as we have in past years with other strains of flu. Our maintenance staff continues to clean and disinfect our buildings very well. As we see ill children at school, especially those with fever, we are sending them back home. When you come to pick up your child you may find that they have been asked to sit in a separate area or put a mask on, as we are trying to protect others around them.

You can help us monitor the flu situation by letting us know your child's symptoms when calling your child off school. Other ways you can be helpful include:

- Teaching children to **wash hands 20 seconds** (about the time it takes to sing the ABC's) with warm water and soap, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- **Covering a cough and sneeze, using your sleeve, elbow, or shoulder.** This is how flu germs are spread, airborne from nasal and throat discharge.
- **Keep them home when sick, especially with a fever of 100 degree. It is important to note that not everyone with the flu will have a fever.**
- **Watch for other symptoms including:**, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle/body aches, cough, headache and fatigue (very tired) and in some cases, vomiting and diarrhea, although this is more common in children than adults.
- **Have them drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest.**
- **Contact your healthcare provider**, antiviral medication may be necessary and can be effective if taken within the first 72 hours of symptoms. **Contact them especially if your child has other conditions such as asthma, diabetes, weakened immune systems, etc.**
- **Children need to be fever free at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to school.**
- **Make a backup plan for childcare.** It is best to have two people you can count on to be your backups.
- **Have your child vaccinated against seasonal flu as it becomes available to you.**
- **Use non aspirin products to reduce fevers due to Reyes Syndrome**, a rare condition that can lead to liver problems. Go to www.reyessyndrome.org to help identify aspirin containing products.

* Websites that can be helpful to you: www.lickingcohealth.org or www.cdc.gov; www.odh.ohio.gov

Bonnie Ghiloni R.N.,B.S.N
Nurse / Licking Valley School District

Did You Know.....?

- ♦ The Transportation Department received 10 new buses in December through a lease/purchase program.
- ♦ The new Field House will be ready to use by spring thanks to numerous donations, efforts by the community and the Licking Valley Athletic Boosters.
- ♦ It's been 20 years since Licking Valley has asked for operating dollars
- ♦ In May 1993, voters approved a 1% income tax and the District gave back 5 mills of property taxes to taxpayers. Taxpayers are only paying 4.84 mill of the 8.9 mill High School Bond issue (4.06 mill reduction), per home owner. A total reduction in property taxes of 9.06 of voted millage.

Ohio Department of Health

The Use of Alcohol-based Hand Sanitizers in Ohio Schools

Summary

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be effective when used for hand hygiene. They may be safely and effectively used in the school setting if guidelines are followed.

Background

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend hand washing to reduce infection transmission. Effective hand washing can be done with either soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Because of the widely recognized benefits of hand hygiene, Jarod's Law (Ohio Administrative Code [OAC] 3701-54-09) requires all schools to develop and implement a written protocol for hand washing in each school. Such a protocol may require the use of soap and water and/or alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

Purpose

In general, if hands are visibly soiled, soap and water should be used for hand hygiene. In other circumstances, the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be as effective as soap and water. In the case of younger students who may not thoroughly wash, rinse and dry hands, the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers may be more effective than and preferable to the use of soap and water when hands are not visibly soiled. In addition, the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers can allow a large number of students and staff to cleanse their hands in a time-efficient manner. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers must be at least 60 percent alcohol to be effective; the use of other types of cleansers is not recommended. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not effective in removing nut allergens from surfaces. It is recommended that unscented products be used in the school setting, as scented products may trigger asthma or allergy symptoms.

Guidelines for Use

Hand hygiene with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be done frequently, and especially at the following times:

Before

- Preparing food or eating
- Inserting or removing contact lenses
- Rendering first aid or treating a person who is ill
- Administering medication or completing a medical procedure

After

- Any contact with blood, body fluids or soiled objects
- Using the toilet
- Assisting with personal hygiene, such as changing diapers
- Touching animals or animal waste
- Food preparation, especially after handling raw meat, poultry or fish
- Blowing your nose, using a tissue or coughing or sneezing into your hands
- Treating or touching open wounds or a person who is sick or injured
- After handling trash or garbage
- After playing outdoors

Eighth Grade Gettysburg News

The second deposit is due January 25, 2013. The trip date is May 5 thru May 8. If you are going as an adult chaperone, please make an appointment with the district office to get your background check (fingerprints) done. The applications for students wishing to be a wreath bearer at the Tomb of the Unknowns will be available as soon as we return from Christmas break. If you have any questions please call Mr. Hageman at 763-3396 or email: hagemanm@lickingvaley.k12.oh.us



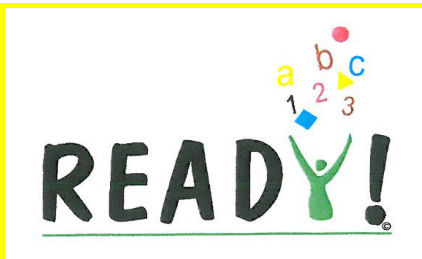
JANUARY 2013

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6	7 7/8 GBK @ St. Francis 7/8 BBK St. Francis H	8 Tri BBK @ Lakewood Tri GBK Bishop Hartley H	9 LV Transportation Day	10 7/8 BBK Bexley V WR @ Tri Valley	11 Tri GBK Watkins Memorial H	12 V WR @ Philo JV WR @ Marysville Tri BBK Newark Catholic H
13	14 7/8 BBK Cols Academy H Fr GBK @ Hamilton Twp LV Board of Education 6:00 PM	15 Tri BBK @ Centerburg 7/8 BBK Willis C Adams H V GBK @ Cols Academy	16	17 V WR @ Tri-Valley 7/8 GBK Rosemore H End 2nd Nine Weeks	18 Tri BBK @ Bexley NO SCHOOL	19 V WR @ Hamilton Twp JV WR @ Newark V/JV GBK Whitehall H FR GBK Newark H
20	21 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 Tri BBK Cols Academy H	23 JV/V GBK Licking Heights H	24 7/8 GBK Granville H	25 JV/V GBK Granville H	26 VWR @ Utica Fr GBK @ Bishop Watterson BBK @ Whitehall Ready for Kindergarten 10:00 AM
27	28 7/8 BBK Heath H Fr GBK @ Bishop Hartley Finance Task Force 7:00 PM	29 Tri BBK Utica H JV/V GBK @ Heath	30	31 7/8 BBK Lakewood H Fr GBK @ Pickerington N		

DISTRICT-WIDE PARENT MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013 7:00 P.M. LVHS AUDITORIUM

The Licking Valley School District will be hosting a district-wide parent meeting featuring Dr. Amy Klinger of the Educators' School Safety Network. Dr. Klinger will present some of the research from past school shootings and lessons learned, explain our vulnerability and intruder assessments, our new lockdown enhancements, and other school security improvements. School administrators will also be there to answer parent questions.

This meeting follows two days of staff training by Dr. Klinger and company on September 28, 2012 and February 8, 2013. Student training will follow these sessions.



Winter Class
Sat., January 26, 2013
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Please be on the watch for a mailing to all LV community members with information about this amazing and vitally important program that Licking Valley Schools implemented three years ago called **READY!** It is a research-and evidence-based program in which LV teachers train LV parents of preschool children from birth to age 5 how to help their children acquire literacy skills in preparation for a successful start to kindergarten and their school careers. The program is provided **free of charge** to resident parents of the LV School District three times per year: fall, winter and spring. Parents who begin the program with their newborn and attend each session through age 5, will complete 15 one and a half hour training sessions and acquire a great variety of learning toys for their child.

Before we launched the **READY!** program less than half of our incoming kindergarten students (45%), based on a nationally norm referenced assessment, possessed the literacy skills necessary to begin school successfully. Since we implemented **READY!** in 2010, 80% of incoming kindergartners have demonstrated that they have the requisite skills to be successful starting school. Kindergarten readiness is critically important to a child's future success in schools because what we know from past experience and research is that when students start ahead they stay ahead and when they start behind they typically stay behind.

Please take this opportunity to share this information about the **READY!** program with your family members, your friends and neighbors, your co-workers, your fellow church members and everyone you know in the Valley who has a preschool age child.

Students who start school ahead, tend to stay ahead. Help your child be the best that they can be! Call today!!!

For questions, please contact: ready4K@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us
To register, please call: 763-3525

Did you know?????

- If you started attending our **READY!** classes and then missed one or more sessions, you are always welcome to start back up anytime.
- Grandparents, aunts, uncles, caregivers can attend **READY!** for parents if they are unable to participate.
- Child care is provided if needed by the high school Family and Consumer Science classes under the direction of teacher Cindy Kelly.

Search for Children with Disabilities

School districts throughout Ohio actively participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities birth through age 21. By disability, we mean conditions such as multiple disabilities, hearing impairment, visual impairment, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, cognitive disability, specific learning disability, speech and/or language disability, autism and traumatic brain injury. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the main stream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware that programs and services are available. If you know of a child with a disability, please contact: **Kelly Roudabush, School Psychologist, 763-3105 or Jan Clayton, Coordinator of Student Services, 763-2897.**