

The Valley View

**LICKING VALLEY
LOCAL SCHOOLS**

David Hile, Superintendent

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Thank your school board member today

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision-making in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community. Here are some reasons we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Recognition Month in January.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children — what they learn, who will teach them and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

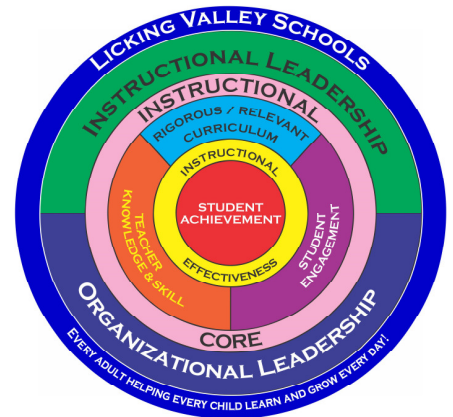
These are men and women elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy — sometimes challenging — meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education; during numerous conversations about the schools; and sessions before the Ohio General Assembly.

Our school board is one of more than 700 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture and circumstances.

It's a tradition that began nearly 300 years ago. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. The staff and students of our school district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children's education."

So, hats off to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of the Licking Valley School District whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow.



Board Members:

Kim Christian, 4 yr.

Lucinda Wills, 3 yr.

Jackie Caughenbaugh, 29 yr.

Mary Kay Martin, 6 yr.

Board President, Lydia Miller, 12 yr.

Cafeteria News

Jan Jennings, Director of Food Services



It is our goal to feed students. In an effort to see that every student has a nutritious meal, we offer a free breakfast district-wide to all students and staff.

We have changed our charge policy so that every student is offered a meal (of their choosing) whether they have money or not.

The head cooks send out negative balance notices (sent home with student) at least once a week. Jan Jennings, Director of Food Services makes courtesy calls or e-mails to the households when a child's account reaches a negative balance of \$4.00.

In an effort to keep track of your child's lunch account, we encourage you to go to the EZPay Webpage (accessed through www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us – district website under the “Parent” link) and register your child. You can set up a low balance notification that will be electronically sent to your e-mail once your child has reached their “Low Balance” amount.

If you would like a detailed printout of your child's account, you can request one from the head cook, secretary, or Jan Jennings. If you feel your child is purchasing too many extras, please notify Jan Jennings at jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us or 740.763.2433 and a pop up can be placed on your child's account notifying the register operator of your specific request (i.e.: “No Extras”).



LVHS Marching Band participated in the Disney World Main Street Electrical Parade through the Magic Kingdom over Thanksgiving weekend. The group also got a chance to go behind the scenes at Disney World.



Let us help you get
your child...

READY!



Classes for LV Parents
with Infants
(born after 7/31/13)
Toddlers
& Preschoolers

Licking Valley Parents/Caregivers Register for Classes NOW!

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)



WINTER CLASS DATE:

Saturday
January 24, 2015
January 31 (Snow Date)

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

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

Class Time Schedule:

- 9:30-10:00 - Orientation for first time parents
(Materials will be distributed)
- 10:00 - 11:30 READY! Classes for all parents



Register for Classes by Calling: 763-3525

If you have any questions, email us at:
ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us



2015 Eighth Grade Gettysburg Trip

The next deposit of \$150.00 per person is due January 23, 2015. If you are an adult going as a chaperon you need to be sure to contact the district office about getting fingerprinted.

The application for the eighth graders wishing to be one of the wreath bearers are on my web page at hagemanhistory.weebly.com The due date for the application is February 6, 2015.

If you have any questions you can email Mr. Hageman at: hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us or call the middle school at 763-3396

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

The first annual Daddy/Daughter Dance held December 7, 2014 was a tremendous success. The event was sponsored by the LVHS Quiz Team and Yearbook.



Volley for the Cure

The 8th Annual Volley for the Cure event was held September 18th at LVHS.

The volleyball teams raised the second highest amount of money for Volley for the Cure in the state with \$6,722.39 . The teams were awarded with a pizza party from the Susan G. Komen foundation.

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:

Melissa Flanigan, School Psychologist, 763-3105 or

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services, 763-2897.

How Was Your Day?

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services



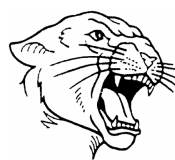
Did you ever ask that question to your child when they get home from school only to get limited, common responses such as “fine,” “good,” “it was ok,” or maybe just a grunt? Getting information out of your child about

school can be difficult, but you most likely need to change the questions you ask. Asking more specific questions is simple and the answer could be packed with valuable information.

Here are a few questions you might ask to break the awkward silence and give you the information you are really looking for:

1. What did you learn in science class today?
2. What did your teacher assign for English class today?
3. Do you think math is too easy or too hard this year? Why?
4. Tell me about the book you are reading. What's happened so far?
5. What was your favorite part of the day? Why?
6. What do you like (or don't like) about your teacher?
7. What have you done to prepare for your social studies test tomorrow?
8. What can you do differently to get a better grade?

When the information you want doesn't come easily, don't give up! Continue to ask more specific and open-ended questions and then listen to the answers. Even if your child doesn't talk much, they want to know you are interested and listening.



PANTHER CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 12 BOARD OF EDUCATION 6:00 P.M.
- 16 NO SCHOOL
- 19 NO SCHOOL
- 24 READY FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASS

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

MAY

- 31 GRADUATION

JUNE

- 2 LAST STUDENT DAY

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



Market Day

Order forms due to Elementary School - **Wednesday, January 14th**
Tuesday, January 20th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. pick-up

January Freebie: Carry Along Salad container with any \$40 purchase...comes with recipes and coupons!

www.marketday.com



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

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