

The Valley View

**LICKING VALLEY
LOCAL SCHOOLS**

David Hile, Superintendent

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School Boards Make a Difference

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 grass-roots 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.



Licking Valley Board Members

Kim Christian

Lucinda Wills

Jackie Caughenbaugh

Mary Kay Martin

Lydia Miller (Out-going)

Shawn Shumaker (In-coming)



Let us help you get
your child...

READY!



Classes for LV Parents
with Infants,
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 30, 2016
February 6 (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

January

11 Board Meeting 6:00 @
LVHS Media Center

15 NO SCHOOL

18 NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

8 Board Meeting 6:00 @
LVHS Media Center

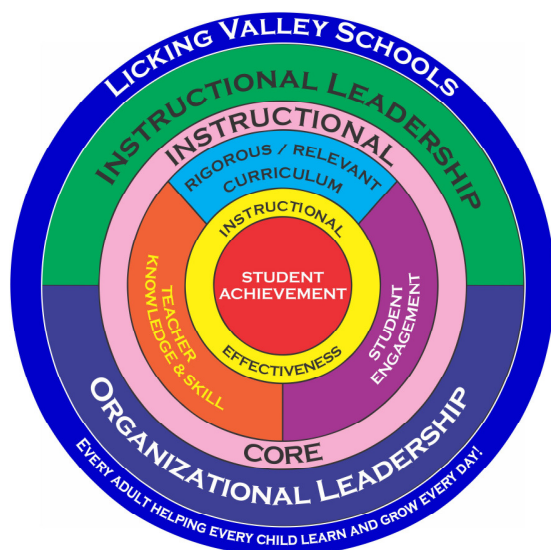
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March 28 thru
April 1, 2016

Athletic Events can be found at:
<http://lickingvalleyathletics.com>



Middle School



Eighth Grade Gettysburg Trip:

The second deposit of \$150.00 per person is due January 22, 2016. Please make checks payable to LVMS. If you have not sent in any payment, you need to soon because we have to get information to the company. If you are going as a chaperon, please contact Laura Lahmers at the district office to arrange for fingerprinting. (740-763-2911) All the information and forms for the trip can be accessed on Mr. Hageman's web page found at: hagemanhhistory.weebly.com If you have any questions be email or call Mr. Hageman at: 740-763-3396 or hagemannm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Middle School Academic Tip Sheet:

Parents, each month the teachers at the middle school publish tips that will help you help your son/daughter in their various classes. The academic tip sheet is located on the middle school web page on the left side under the "News" heading. Please take time to look at what is being taught in class and the suggestions teachers have posted for you to help your child be successful.

http://www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_Middle_School

Girls In Progress at The Middle School engaged in a community service project this Christmas. The girls made Christmas cards and created gift bags for Nursing Home Residents. They were then delivered along with gift bags of cookies from The Library Crew.

LVMS yearbook order forms are due **Thursday, January 14th**. You can place an order online at www.yearbookforever.com.

If you need an order form, they are available in the middle school office or on the LVMS Yearbook website. Order forms should be turned in to Mrs. Thompson in room 164 with the payment of \$23. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Thompson at thompsonn@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us.

The Ohio State University Women's Ice Hockey Team will visit the Licking Valley Middle School on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Licking Valley Middle School student, Erin Selfe, is a member of the ice hockey team (#18) through TeamIMPACT, a non-profit organization that matches children with life threatening illnesses with college athletic teams.

The team will be at LVMS to help bring awareness to rare and undiagnosed diseases and emphasize leadership and team-work.

Mini Cheerleading Competition Team

Congratulations to the Licking Valley Mini Cheerleading Competition Team! The LV Mini Team competed at the Americheer Blue Aces Spirit Series at Granville High School on Sunday, December 13th and brought home a first place trophy in the Mini School/Rec Division. Hard work pays off and we are very proud of each of these girls!



Photo from left to right: (front row) Reese Richardson, Brianna Bennett, Kyla Gordon, Addison McLaughlin, Ella Paul, Alli Wolford (back row) Abby Mulford, Sophia Long, Kylee Waters, Tara Gordon (coach), Addison Justice, Chloe Hunter, Chelsea Stuber (not pictured) Brooklyn Armstrong

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The students and staff at Licking Valley Elementary exceed their goal!

Last year Licking Valley Elementary raised a total of \$5,932.00 for The American Heart Association by doing Jump Rope for Heart. A goal of \$6000.00 was set for this year.

Well, this year LVES raised, drum roll please..... \$8,575.53!!!!

The top fundraiser, for the 6th year in a row, is Owen Dorogi.
He raised \$1111.00 this year.

Thank you gifts for anyone who raised at least \$5.00 will be here sometime after winter break.

Raising that amount also gives our school a gift certificate to US Games for PE equipment in the amount of \$400.00



Greetings Fellow Alumni:

September 28, 2015

At the 2015 Hanover-Toboso Alumni Banquet it was decided to establish a scholarship fund for graduates of Licking Valley High School. The goal is to be able to award \$1,000.00 annually to a Licking Valley student who wishes to further their education by attending a college or university. We plan to begin the award with the 2016 class. This is an exciting time for the association and we are looking forward to an increased interaction between all Hanover, Toboso, and Licking Valley alumni. As a kick-off to this new venture, we are in the process of establishing a scholarship endowment to be administered by the Licking County Foundation at our direction.

The Licking County Foundation, headquartered in Newark and a 501c-3 entity, will receive and administer the funds. Since 1968, the Licking County Foundation has awarded thousands of scholarships to college bound area students. In 2014, 327 scholarships were made available through the foundation, assisting local students with their college/university expenses. If you wish to learn more about the Licking County Foundation, please go to their website at www.thelcfoundation.org or contact foundation director Connie Hawk at 740-349-3863.

We are asking that you or your class alumni consider making a financial contribution towards the Hanover/Toboso/Licking Valley Alumni Scholarship Fund. Our goal is to raise and maintain a fund balance of \$25,000.00, so that it can be self-sustaining. As an incentive, an anonymous donor has offered to match any funds up to \$10,000.00. Any questions about the scholarship may be directed to Steve Price (740-319-1209) or Janet Friel (740-344-8606).

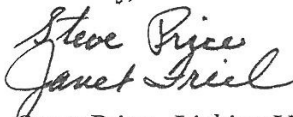
If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund, you may do so by sending a check to the following:

Licking County Foundation
PO Box 4212
Newark, Ohio 43058-4212

Please indicate that the funds are for the Hanover/Toboso/Licking Valley Alumni Scholarship.

We thank you in advance for your consideration to this worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'Steve Price' and the second signature is 'Janet Friel'. They are written in dark ink and are positioned one above the other.

Steve Price, Licking Valley Class of 1959
Janet Burkholder Friel, H-T Class of 1957

Advisory Board Members:

Jo Lynne Torbert
Ron McLeish
Bob McGaughy

Raising RESILIENT CHILDREN



**Thursday, January 14, 2016
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Hosted by Licking County Family YMCA
John and Christine Warner Family Center
470 West Church Street, Newark, OH

The Licking County Family YMCA will provide:

- Food and beverages
- Free gift card raffle
- Free childcare for ages 7 and under
(Must be registered by January 8 to take advantage of the free childcare service.)

Please register by January 8 by calling (740) 522-1234, ext. 22, or e-mail at TriplePseminar@hotmail.com. Include the number of people attending as well as the ages of the children who will require childcare.



Raising Resilient Children is a Triple P seminar that helps lower the stress of parenting by equipping parents with skills to:

- Help their children manage stressful life events
- Help their children develop life skills to manage emotions
- Help their children to cope with feelings

Triple P is a researched based, internationally recognized, multilevel parent support program funded by Licking Memorial Health Systems and supported by Mental Health and Recovery of Licking and Knox Counties and Our Futures in Licking County.

96 percent of parents who have tried some of the Triple P strategies have seen an improvement in their child's behavior!



5TH GRADE VENTURE YOUTH TO YOUTH CONFERENCE MARCH 5 & 6, 2016

Licking Valley Intermediate School

All 5th graders are invited!

What is it?

The Venture Youth to Youth Conference is a weekend full of presentations, small group discussions and fun activities led by high school students and adults focused on helping the 5th grade students see their greatness and prepare for middle school. The conference uses the International Youth to Youth model with high school students as leaders.

What kind of things will be discussed?

Some topics:

- Making good choices
- Launching into your future
- Friendships and changes
- Staying drug free and having fun
- Celebrating you, finding strengths
- Reaching out and helping others

Specifics:

Where: Licking Valley Elementary School

When: Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10:00am to Sunday, March 6, 2016, 2:30pm. If there are schedule conflicts we will work with the parents so the student can still participate.

Cost: \$20.00, includes T-shirt, four meals and all activities.

Questions? Contact Ruth Satterfield, School Counselor 740-763-2031



This has been a busy season for Licking Valley Middle School art students!

The Licking County Library is currently exhibiting over 50 of our student's work in the Teen Art Walk located at the main branch. This exhibition will be available for viewing until

after the holidays. (I've heard through the grapevine that two of our students will be receiving awards. If you get a chance stop by the library and check out the results of the hard work our growing artists have produced! (The Licking County Library is a fantastic supporter of our growing artists. Earlier in the fall one of our LVMS eighth graders, Erin Dennis, won the Battle of the Bands t-shirt design contest.

Six of our artists earned honors in the 2016 Lion's Club Peace Poster contest. The Lion's Club Peace Poster competition is an international contest. This is a quick video about the opportunity kids have to use their visual arts skills to make an impact: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRa577P4aUkhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRa577P4aU>

To see our LVMS students' artwork please go to this link: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NTHUtwaxscJXFz6CQL4w35kR_Re1SgNvvpW9piGISmo/edit?usp=sharing

Rachel Guilliams, an amazing eighth grade digital artist, has produced a design that has won at the district, regional, and state levels. Her work will now be moving on to the national level competition. Rachel says, "Kids ask me all the time how I became such a good artist. They say that they can't draw. I say they don't practice enough. It takes a lot of hours of practice to get good at anything. It's all about the work you put in." Here is a link to the website Rachel created to feature her work: <http://rachelguilliams.wix.com/rachgart>

All of the competitors mentioned above are not just fantastic artists but are a really good people who are a pleasure to work with. If you get a chance give these growing artists congratulations for their artistic achievements.

Mrs. Kristin Dennis
Licking Valley Middle School Art



Licking Valley Local School District

Is currently seeking individuals for the following positions:

Custodial: Daily subs and on-call subs with possible future full-time positions

Bus Driver: On-call subs with possible future full-time positions

Interested candidates should complete the www.ohreap.net application **and** e-mail Jack Shinn, Custodial Maintenance Supervisor at shinnj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us or Mickie Archer, Transportation Supervisor at archerm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us that they have completed the on-line application and that they are interested in a position.

Emotions Matter

There is a lot of current research and discussion in education about emotional healthiness. Emotions are the feelings we have such as joy, love, fear, hate, boredom, and anxiety to name a few. The Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence studies how emotions drive teaching and learning. Below I have listed four reasons why emotions matter a great deal in school (Brackett & Rivers, 2014).

1. **For attention, learning, and performance.** Emotions can improve or disrupt classroom performance. Interest and amusement harness attention and promote engagement. Boredom, anxiety, and fear disrupt concentration and interfere with the ability to learn.
2. **For decision making.** When people are in pleasant moods, they tend to perceive individuals, places, and events more favorable. Anger or sadness triggered by a situation may carry over into unrelated situations causing people to lash out at someone who had nothing to do with the original sadness or anger.
3. **For fostering good relationships.** Emotions that show up in our body language send signals about our approachability. A genuine smile along with joy indicates it's safe to approach and that social support is available.
4. **For health and well-being.** Emotions release neuro-transmitters that influence our physical and mental health. Stress increases the levels of cortisol which has shown to lead to weight gain. High levels of serotonin boost mood and curb the appetite. Pleasant emotions can lead to greater resilience to trauma. People who learn to manage stress and anger are likely to experience greater psychological well-being.

Emotions present us with valuable information and we need to use it wisely. We need to teach the skills of emotional intelligence, the ability to reason with and about emotions to achieve goals and success in life. Learning the necessary emotional skills will help students reach their full potential in school, at home, and in life.

Mark McDaniel
Director of Student Services

Licking Valley

Local School District is currently seeking individual for the following position.



FULL TIME TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DIESEL BUS MECHANIC

Opportunity to provide positive representation of school district and develop personal and professional relationships.

Qualifications:

- High school diploma. Post-secondary training in diesel bus maintenance or equivalent
- Commercial drivers license (CDL) with bus and passenger endorsements
- A record free of criminal violations that would prohibit public school employment
- Ability to serve as a substitute bus driver when circumstances require
- Compliance with drug-free workplace rules and board policies.
- Models professional behavior, skills, ability and attitude
- Evidences successful performance in previous job (s)

The position is effective the 2015-16 school year. Interested candidates should complete the www.ohreap.net application and e-mail Mickie Archer, Director of Transportation, at archerm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us. Please respond by Monday, January 11, 2016.