

**Licking Valley Local School District
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Newark, OH 43055**

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David Hile, Superintendent
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The Valley View

Sub Bus Drivers



The Licking Valley Local School District is in need of sub bus drivers. If you are interested, please contact Mickie Archer, Director of Transportation at 763-3525.

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma.
- Meets all mandated health requirements (e.g. a negative tuberculosis test, etc.).
- A record free of criminal violations that would prohibit public school employment.
- Complies with drug-free workplace rules and board policies.
- Meets qualifications defined in the current Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation & Safety Rules, and school board policy.
- Completion of the Ohio Pre-Service School Bus Driver Training Program. (Licking Valley will provide the driver training)
- Valid Commercial Drivers License (CDL) with a school bus endorsement. Meets all prerequisite and on-going qualifications to be covered by the district's insurance carrier.
- Satisfactory pre-employment and on-going random drug tests results.
- Ability to assist students with disabilities (e.g., mobility, transferring, positioning, etc.).
- Ability to cope with stressful traffic, weather conditions, and passenger distractions.
- Demonstrates maturity and the ability to work with students and their families.

Licking Valley Town Hall Meeting

Each person in the community crosses the path of young people and has the possibility to make a mark on their development.

Did You Know?

71.3% of Licking Valley Seniors reported using alcohol in the last year.

**“Let’s Start Talking,
Before They Start Drinking.”**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2008 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Licking Valley High School Library**

Discover

What the average first age of use is?

Where your child is most likely to consume alcohol?

What the school is doing to correct this problem?

What you can do as a busy parent or a concerned citizen?

Light refreshments will be served.

Brought to you by: Licking Valley Local School District, Pathways of Licking County, the Licking County Sheriff’s office, Matesich Distributing Company and Brown Distributing Company

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2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Thurs., Aug. 21, 2008	Certified Professional Dev. Day (inclusion)
Fri. Aug. 22, 2008	Local Staff Orientation Mtg.
Mon., Aug. 25, 2008	First Student Day (full day)
Mon., Sept. 1, 2008 - NO SCHOOL	Labor Day
Fri., Oct. 17, 2008 - NO SCHOOL	12 month employees only (COTA Day)
Fri., Oct. 24, 2008	<u>End 1st nine weeks</u> 43 days in session
Mon., Oct. 27, 2008	Begin 2 nd nine weeks
Fri., Nov. 7, 2008 - NO SCHOOL	Veteran's Day (Class. Employee Holiday)
Thurs., Nov. 27 and Fri., Nov. 28, 2008 - NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Recess
Mon., Dec. 1, 2008 - NO SCHOOL	Comp. Day for P/T Conferences
Fri., Dec. 19, 2008	End-of-day: Winter Break Begins
Mon., Dec. 22, 2008 through Fri., Jan. 2, 2009— NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
Mon., Jan. 5, 2009	School Resumes
Thurs., Jan. 15, 2009	<u>End 2nd nine weeks</u> <u>45 days in session</u>
Fri., Jan. 16, 2009 - NO SCHOOL	Professional Day
Mon., Jan. 19, 2009 - NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King Day - non contract day for all employees. Holiday pay for all classified
Tues., Jan. 20, 2009	Begin 3 rd nine weeks
Mon., Feb. 16, 2009 - NO SCHOOL	President's Day Recognition - Classified Employee Holiday
Fri., March 20, 2009	<u>End 3rd nine weeks</u> 43 days in session
Mon., Mar. 23, 2009	Begin 4 th nine weeks
Mon., Mar. 30 through Fri., Apr. 3, 2009 - NO SCHOOL	Spring Break
Fri., Apr. 10, 2009 - NO SCHOOL	Comp. Day for P/T Conferences
Mon., May 25, 2009 - NO SCHOOL	Memorial Day
Sun., May 31, 2009	Graduation Day
Thurs., June 4, 2009 - LAST STUDENT DAY	<u>Last day 4th nine weeks</u> 47 days in session
Fri., June 5, 2009	Teacher Work Day

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS 33rd PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLINIC



Wednesday, April 16, 2007
 Thursday, April 17, 2007
 Marne United Methodist Church
 1019 Licking Valley Rd. N.E.



The clinic is a combination of many good things and volunteers (both professional and nonprofessional) who are very generous with their time.

The clinic provides an opportunity for you and your child to meet many of the school personnel including: school nurse, physical education teacher, kindergarten teacher, speech pathologist, aides, secretary, transportation personnel, and many volunteers who live within the school district.

There will be registration forms for you to complete. A baby book or record may help you remember necessary information. You and your child will then be directed to the following areas: vision & optometric, physical examination, speech/language screening, motor development, dental, hearing, readiness screening, fingerprinting, and photo identification will also be offered.

You will also meet your child's teacher and a representative from the bus garage will let you know what bus your child will ride to school. At the conclusion of the clinic, your child's immunization record will be checked and you will be advised of any necessary updating to comply with state law.

The clinic takes approximately two hours to complete and the information obtained and the screenings given are invaluable.

Please bring the following to the clinic with you:

Child's immunization records, baby book or record for ages walking, sitting, "potty" training, etc.; birth certificate or proof of age, social security card and custody/guardianship papers if applicable. Also, please have your child wear tennis shoes or other comfortable shoes as he/she will be asked to do some physical activity.

You may register your child anytime prior to April 16th.

Please complete the following form and return it to the elementary school: 1510 Licking Valley Rd. NE, Newark, OH 43055, or call 763-2865.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the many people who are donating their time to make this clinic a success. We are all looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone the school, Diane Lacko-Pries, Speech/Language Pathologist, or Patty Pettis, District Nurse.

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD'S NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

(Home)

(Work)

(Cell)

Cafeteria News

The Food Service Department is happy to announce that the NutriKids System (Point of Sale) is now available for payment and account history review on-line. This program allows parents to set up a prepaid lunch account for their student and view the account balance and what the student has purchased. A letter explaining how to access this website has been sent to each student household. If you did not receive your letter, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Jan Jennings, Cafeteria Supervisor at 763-2433.



OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS

Applications for Open Enrollment are now available at any of the district's buildings. You can also access an application and Policy 5113 on the district's web site www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

For further information you may contact the District Office at 763-3525.

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 15 Licking Valley Athletic Boosters Dinner/Auction
- 18 Finance Task Force Meeting 7:00 @ HS
- 20 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 29 LV FFA Alumni, Inc. Consignment Sale

**Don't Forget
Calamity Day Make-up
Friday, March 21, 2008**

**Spring Break
March 24 thru 28**

APRIL

- 3 Dick Houston Relays
- 5 LV Music Boosters Yard Sale 10:00 a.m. @ HS
- 14 LV Board of Education 6:00 p.m.
- 16, 17 Pre-Kindergarten Clinic
- 18, 19 High School Spring Musical

MAY

- 3 Prom
- 12 LV Board of Education 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Graduation
- 26 NO SCHOOL**
- 29 End 4th Nine Weeks/**Last Student Day**
- 30 Memorial Day

BRYAN LEWIS

IN CONCERT

ALONG WITH SPECIAL GUEST

EMILY KINNER



Saturday, April 5, 2008
Licking Valley High School Auditorium
7:00 P.M.

Advanced ticket sales: \$10.00
 Tickets may be purchased at:
 Licking Valley High School Office
 Chris Nethers Hair Salon
 Wright Bros. Power, LLC
 Tickets sold at the door: \$12.00

Sponsored by the Licking Valley Athletic Boosters

OPEN ENROLLMENT – GOOD OR BAD?

By David L. Hile, Superintendent

I recently received a letter from one of our district residents questioning why the Licking Valley Schools accept students on open enrollment from other districts, which provides me with an excellent opportunity to share some information about this important, but sometimes misunderstood topic. The individual's concern was that our district incurs the costs of educating the open enrollment students, but the students' parents do not pay the 1% district income tax or the local property taxes because they do not reside in the Licking Valley District.

Licking Valley School Board Policy 5113 – Inter-District Open Enrollment, states, in part:

The Board of Education shall permit the enrollment of students from any Ohio district in a school or program of this District, providing each enrollment is in accordance with laws and regulations of the State concerning Inter-District Open Enrollment, the provisions of this policy, and the administrative guidelines established to implement this policy.

Currently, we have 63 students coming to LV on open enrollment from other districts, and we have 25 students leaving on open enrollment to other districts. Students who come to us on open enrollment bring with them their Ohio Foundation Funding which is the per pupil amount of money their home district would receive from the state to educate each child, and they also bring with them the per pupil share of the local tax dollars (or district tuition rate) generated in their home district.

The 63 students who are coming to LV this year on open enrollment brought a total of \$354,703.65 with them. The 25 LV student who left on open enrollment to other districts took with them \$139,158.70. That leaves LV with a net gain on open enrollment of \$215,544.95.

If the Licking Valley Local Schools did not offer open enrollment and accept open enrollment students, it is logical to assume that we would still have 25 students leaving on open enrollment, and the district would have a net loss of \$139,158.70. It disappoints us that even one of our residents would feel that LV is not the best place for their child to be educated because we believe that LV is the best school district in Licking County, and we have tried various measures in the past several years to decrease that number and retain every child in our district. We will continue to identify and monitor the circumstances which lead some of our residents to seek educational opportunities outside of the Valley, but at the same time, we believe it is a very positive statement about our district that the parents of 63 students from outside of the Valley see Licking Valley Local Schools as the best educational option for their children. It should also be noted here that another 39 students submitted applications to come to LV on open enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year and their applications were denied for various reasons, primarily because of class size restrictions. Were we in a position to accept all applicants, we would have nearly four times as many students coming in to our district on open enrollment as we have leaving.



Introducing Edline! We're happy to offer this new tool that allows parents to monitor student progress in the classroom, not just by seeing quarterly grades, but by seeing student scores on classroom assignments, quizzes, and tests updated weekly. Edline is a fully functional, internet-based product that can be accessed anywhere using an internet browser. Parents can use Edline not only to view their students' assignments and progress in the classroom, but also allows our teachers to create web pages with content specific to their classes, and also includes links to teacher email accounts so that parents can communicate directly with their child's teachers. In addition, web sites for the district and all three buildings are being redesigned using Edline, which will allow us to provide more detailed information about what's going on in the district, in a more consistent manner. If you're interested in creating an online account that will allow you access to this great new product contact your child's school for more information.



TESTING SEASON

Testing season is now upon us. The months of March, April and May bring the OGTs to the high school and the OATs to the intermediate and middle schools. Our staffuly has been working hard with all of our students since August to ensure they each acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful on these important measures of student achievement. Despite all of this preparation, testing, especially formalized testing such as these mandatory state assessments, some of which are high stakes in nature, can produce a lot of anxiety for students. Staffuly members will do some things to help reduce students' anxieties, such as making sure they have mastered the concepts that will be assessed and giving them a lot of exposure to the types of items they should see on the assessments. They will also teach them a number of useful test-taking strategies. In addition, the testing days in our schools will be structured in such a way as to produce the optimal environment for success.

There are also a number of things parents can do to reduce their student's test anxieties and ensure that they are well prepared for success on test days.



StudyIsland.com – All Licking Valley students in grades 3-12 have a username and password for StudyIsland.com. This is a web-based program that is deeply aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards for reading, math, science and social studies, and provides practice test items that are just like OAT and OGT test items that have been on previously administered assessments. Students who have access to the internet at home or at the library can do as much practice on these test items as they are willing to do, and they should, especially in areas where they may have struggled in the past. If you need your student's username and password, check with your child, or contact his/her teacher.



BREAKFAST - Research tells us that students who eat breakfast perform better on tests than students who don't eat breakfast. Our schools will offer breakfast foods of some kind during the testing weeks, but if your child is one who doesn't usually eat breakfast at school, please make sure they have breakfast before they leave home. Bananas are considered the new 'brain' and 'energy' food, so if nothing else, make'em eat a banana!



SLEEP - None of us need any research to know that we tend to perform at much higher levels when we are well rested versus times when we have not gotten enough sleep. Testing week is physically and mentally exhausting for our students, especially when they have multiple tests in the same week. Parents should make sure their students are always getting proper amounts of sleep, but during testing week we should all be a little more vigilant in making sure elementary students get at least 8 to 9 hours of sleep, and high school and middle school students get a minimum of 7 or 8 hours of sleep each night.

These may seem like little things, and they are, but it is the little things that may get your student over the proficiency hurdle on the state assessments.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

The mission of public education has changed. Demonstrated learning, not just school attendance is now demanded of all public schools. During the months of March and April students will be able to demonstrate their learning on Ohio's Achievement Tests in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Ohio Graduation Tests for grades 10 and 11 will complete test requirements for graduation. These tests are all part of Ohio's accountability system.



Achievement Tests –Required assessments that measure students on what they know and are able to do in mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing, with administration to students spread out from third to eighth grade (replace Ohio's proficiency tests).

Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)–Assessments aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards in reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing that students in high school must take to demonstrate proficiency before graduation from high school.

Alternate Assessments–A non-test method that documents access to grade-level content standards by students with significant cognitive disabilities at an alternate standard of achievement.

Diagnostic Assessments–Tools that assess student strengths and weaknesses to inform instructional decisions.

OGT

March 10 - Reading

March 12 - Writing

March 11 - Mathematics

March 13 - Science

March 14 - Social Studies

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

April 21

Grades 7, 8 - Reading

April 29

Grades 5, 6 - Mathematics

April 23

Grades 7, 8 - Mathematics

April 30

Grades 3, 4 - Mathematics

Grade 5 - Science

April 25

Grade 7 - Writing

Grade 8 - Social Studies

April 28

Grade 8 - Science

May 1

Grade 5 - Social Studies

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 - Reading

Grade 4 - Writing

May 5 - Make-up day for students

who may have missed some of the tests

Did You Know?

- “We can affect the lives of more children, more deeply, for a longer period of time, at less cost, by teaching them to read well by third grade, than by any other single thing we can do in our school systems.”
-Kathleen Daily, Kennewick School Board, Kennewick Washington where the district is ensuring that 90% of their students read on grade level by the end of third grade!
- **THE MOST IMPORTANT 20 MINUTES OF YOUR DAY IS READING WITH YOUR CHILD!!**
- The 33rd Licking Valley Pre-Kindergarten Clinic will be held April 16th and 17th at the Marne United Methodist Church.