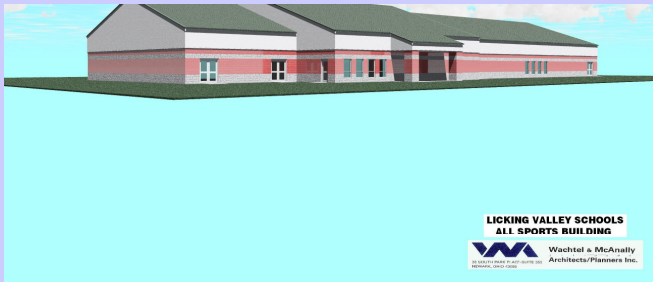


Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

The Valley View

Licking Valley Local Schools

David Hile, Superintendent



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LV Athletic Boosters Dinner Auction

The Licking Valley Athletic Boosters have changed the starting time for the 13th Annual Dinner Auction due to the Licking Valley Boys Basketball Team tournament game scheduled for the same day. The earlier time will allow community members, staff, parents, and students to participate in both

events. The LV Boys Basketball Team is scheduled to play against Centennial High School at Heath High School at 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Doors Open: 3:00

Dinner: 4:00

Auction: 5:00

Tickets are still available: 2 for \$25.00 or 1 for \$15.00

Contact 763-2542 to purchase your tickets.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the new Athletic Complex scheduled for groundbreaking this spring.



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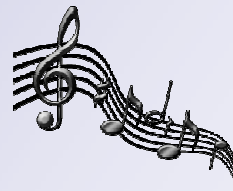
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Read together 20 minutes every day.

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B and Notes

Sean M. Bradley, Director of Bands
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- ♪ Sunday, March 4th **Ohio Indoor Performance Association (OIPA) Winterguard/ Indoor Percussion Competition, Richmond, Indiana**
- ♪ Tuesday, March 6th **“Music In Our Schools” Concert 7:00 P.M. LVHS Auditorium**
- ♪ Friday, March 9th **OMEA Large Group Contest at Granville High school 6:30 P.M.**
- ♪ Sat./Sun., March 17th, 18th **OIPA Championships Winterguard/Indoor Percussion at Wapakoneta, OH**
- ♪ Thursday, April 5th **Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting for 2012-13 Marching Band or Color Guard. (If your student is considering participation in next year’s marching band or color guard, your family must be represented at this meeting!)**
- ♪ Monday, April 16th **Dining for Dollars** The Music Boosters and City BQ are teaming up to help raise funds for music programs at Licking Valley. You must present flyer at the register. Flyers can be printed off at:
www.teacherpage.com/lvmusic
- ♪ Saturday, April 21st **Middle School Solo & Ensemble at River View High School**
- ♪ Thursday, May 3rd **All District Band Concert 7:00 P.M. LVHS Auditorium**
5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grade bands and Concert Band
- ♪ Thursday, May 17th **Jazz Band Concert 7:00 P.M. LVHS Auditorium**

The Music Boosters are now accepting nominations for 2012-2013 officers. Nominations can be made at the April 17th meeting and will be voted on at the May 15th meeting. For more info contact Phil Clay, President at 740-404-1896. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Winterguard and Indoor Percussion Performance Ensembles Off to a Great Start


New to Licking Valley this season, the Winterguard and Indoor Percussion units offer students a competitive performance experience and an opportunity to build skills during the winter months. Both groups have been competing as members of the Ohio Indoor Performance Association (OIPA) since early January and will continue their competition season through mid-March.

The 7-member Winterguard, performing their show “Cowboy Casanova,” has placed second and fourth at its first two competitions. The group is judged on their ability to spin and maneuver their flags as well as their ability to use choreography and body work to reflect the music that accompanies their performance. Judges evaluate the guard in the categories of Individual Performance and General Effect.

The 16-member Indoor Percussion ensemble, made up of students in grades 6-12, plays all of the traditional instruments in the marching band drum line, plus electric bass, guitar, and piano. Their show is entitled “Blues!” and includes the musical selections: Blue Rondo a la Turk, Blue Groove, Afro Blue, and Blue Suede Shoes. The Indoor Percussion ensemble placed fourth and third at its first two contests.

Both units will compete on Sunday, March 4th, in Richmond, Indiana, and again at OIPA Championships at Wapakoneta High School (Ohio) on Saturday, March 17 (Guard) and Sunday, March 18 (Percussion). For more information on these events, visit <http://www.ohiocircuit.com>.

MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 	5	6 Music-In-Our-Schools Month Concert 7:00	7 LV Educational Aide Day	8	9 District HS Band Competition @ Newark	10 District HS Choir Competition @ Granville
11 Right To Read Week Daylight Saving Time	12 LV Board of Education 6:00	13 LV FFA Banquet 6:30 Market Day	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 LV Athletic Boosters 7:00	20 LV Music Boosters 7:00 LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:30	21	22	23 End 3rd Nine Weeks	24
25	26 SPRING BREAK	27 SPRING BREAK	28 BB Mt. Vernon V-H/JV-A SPRING BREAK	29 BB Licking Heights V-A/JV-H SPRING BREAK	30 BB Bexley V-H/JV-A SB Bexley V-H/JV-A SPRING BREAK	31 FFA Alumni, Inc. Consignment Sale 9:30 AM

APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday	2 BB Cols. Academy V-A/ JV-H SB Cols. Academy V-A/ JV-H	3 BB River View V-A/JV- H SB River View V-A/JV- H	4 BB Whitehall V-H/JV-A SB Whitehall V-H/JV-A	5 BB Granville V-H/JV-A SB Granville V-H-JV-A DICK HOUSTON RELAYS	6 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	7
8 Easter	9 BB Heath V-A/JV-H SB Heath V-A/JV-H TR Granville Inv. LV Board of Education 6:00	10 LV FFA 7:00	11 BB Lakewood V-A/JV-H SB Lakewood V-A/JV-H LV Treasurer's Office Day KINDERGARTEN CLINIC	12 BB Philo V-A/JV-H KINDERGARTEN CLINIC	13 LVHS Spring Musical BB Newark Catholic V- H/JV-A SB Newark Catholic V- H/JV-A	14 ACT LVHS Spring Musical TR Heath Inv.
15	16 BB Bexley V-A/JV-H SB Bexley V-A/JV-H	17 LV Music Boosters 7:00 LV FFA Alumni, Inc.	18 C-TEC Shadow Day for Accepted Sophomore Students BB Cols. Academy V-H/ JV-A	19	20 BB Whitehall V-A/JV-H SB Whitehall V-A/JV-H	21 MS Solo/Ensemble @ River View READY-FOR- KINDERGARTEN 10:00 PROM
22	23 BB Granville V-A/JV-H SB Granville V-A/JV-H LV Athletic Boosters 7:00 Gr. 6,7,8 Ohio Achievement Assessments Reading	24 Kindergarten Music Program	25 BB Heath V-H/JV-A SB Heath V-H/JV-A Administrative Professionals Day Gr. 6,7,8 Ohio Achievement Assessments Math	26 TR Licking Valley Inv.	27 BB Lakewood V-H/JV-A SB Lakewood V-H/JV-A Gr. 6,7,8 Ohio Achievement Assessments Science	28
29	30 BB Newark Catholic V- A/JV-H SB Newark Catholic V- A/JV-H				Home H Away A Girls G Boys B BB Baseball JV Jr. Varsity SB Softball TR Track MSL Mid State League *Schedule of events are as of date of publication and are subject to change.	

OPEN ENROLLMENT

The 2012-2013 Open Enrollment applications are now available on the district's web site or from any school office.

www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us



Eighth Grade Gettysburg Trip

The 8th grade Gettysburg trip is full. Final payment for the trip is due March 16, 2012. Rooming sign-up sheets will be sent home mid-March. There will be four to a room with one of the four being an adult. If you are an adult chaperone going on the trip, do not forget to make an appointment at the district office to get a background check. Background checks should be completed ASAP.



There will be a chaperone meeting late April to make final preparations for the trip.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Hageman at:
hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Licking Valley Middle School



Saturday, March 10th 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 11th 2:00 P.M.

LVHS Auditorium

Admission: \$5.00

Under the direction of Kathy Mehler and Beth Beckman, with pianist Ann Robinson and choreographer Taylor Carmer, approximately 40 middle schoolers will delight the audience with their take-off on 60's music in the story of Luigi Barone and his search for the American dream.

LVHS Renaissance

is sponsoring a

3-on-3 16 Team

Double Elimination

Basketball Tournament

Friday, March 16, 2012

Tip off at 9:00 P.M.

Championship game to be played at Midnight.



Contact Tricia Phelps at the high school for more information: 763-3525

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.

Applicants for all positions in the Licking Valley School District must fill out an on-line Ohio Reap application at: www.ohreap.net



READY! for Kindergarten

Classes
for Parents
with Pre-K Children
Ages Birth to 5



*Parents Register for FREE Classes!

By attending class you will receive:

- **FREE BOOKS** to help with learning!
- **FREE TOYS** to make learning fun!
- **FREE TRAINING** on how children learn and grow!
- **FREE CHILDCARE** for children 12 months or older while you attend classes
(Parents with Children under 12 months are allowed to bring their child to class.)

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

Babies and toddlers are born learning.

Getting ready for kindergarten starts at birth!

Spring Class Date & Time:

Sat., April 21, 2012

****10:00-11:30**

****If you are attending READY! for the first time you must attend an Orientation Class.**

**9:30-10:00 Orientation Class for New 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

If you have any questions, email us at:

ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Register for classes by calling

763-3525

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Licking Valley School
District Families getting
READY! for Kindergarten
together!

SCHOOL SECURITY

by David Hile, Superintendent

I am sure that most of you are aware of the school shooting that occurred at Chardon High School in Geauga County on the morning of February 27, 2012. Chardon is not a big inner city school district; it is a small district of 1,100 students. What happened at Chardon, can, literally, happen anywhere. No school is immune, and there is no profile of a likely shooter, except to say they are mostly white males who have experienced extreme depression and suicidal thoughts.

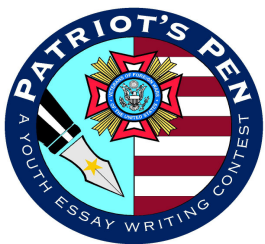
Below is a website link to an article on MSNBC entitled: 10 Myths About School Shootings, and everyone should read it.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15111438/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/t/myths-about-school-shootings/

It seems that there are a few preventive measures that we can take. For instance, the research on these shooting incidents has revealed the following:

1. Incidents of targeted violence at school are rarely sudden, impulsive acts;
2. Prior to most incidents, other people knew about the attacker's idea and or plan of attack;
3. Most attackers did not threaten their targets directly prior to advancing the attack;
4. There is no accurate or useful "profile" of students who engage in targeted school violence;
5. Most attackers engaged in some behavior, prior to the incident, that caused concern or indicated a need for help;
6. Most attackers were known to have difficulty coping with significant losses or personal failures;
7. Many attackers felt bullied, persecuted or injured by others prior to the attack;
8. Most attackers had access to and had used weapons prior to the attack;
9. In many cases, other students were involved in some capacity;
10. Despite prompt law enforcement response, most shooting incidents were stopped by means other than law enforcement intervention.

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Middle School Power of the Pen Team Excels

The LVMS Power of the Pen team under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Mehler, set an all-time record of qualifying nine (9) writers for regional competition! 7th graders Chelsey Wells, Lauren Wills, Salina Posey, and Erika Pfannenschmidt and 8th graders Noah Ourant, Jacob Dennis, Elizabeth Schneider, Sam Lehman, and Connor Ryan will compete next on Saturday, March 31st at Henry Karrer Middle School in Dublin. Connor placed 16th overall, and he was our highest scoring qualifier. Way to go, Power of the Pen writers!

What MUST the LV Staff Do?

One of the most effective things the Licking Valley staff can and must do is build strong, positive relationships with all of our students, to the point that they are comfortable and likely to share with us critical information when they have it, and so that we may recognize significant depression, anger and unusual activity with students, and then report to our administrators the slightest bit of suspicious information. I've been through a situation at LVHS when I was the principal in which we truly believed we had a gun in the school. We had a possible sighting of the gun, we had bullets, we had a father whose gun was missing and a student who wouldn't confirm where the gun was located – all of the information we gleaned in that case, with the exception of our contacting the father to ask about the gun, came from the students!!!

A few months ago, several of our principals, one from each building, and I attended a FEMA/Dept. of Homeland Security Seminar entitled: **Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents – Partnering Rural Law Enforcement and the Local School Systems**. The presenter, Amy Klinger, a professor of education at the University of Findlay, is highly knowledgeable in this arena and gave us all excellent training and things to think about. Ironically, the day of the Chardon shooting, Amy and I engaged in a phone discussion as part of our planning for her and her team, the PRAE Group, (Proactive Resources for Administrators and Educators) to come to Licking Valley to perform a school **vulnerability assessment**, an **intruder assessment** and a relevant **policy review**, and with their findings she and her team will work with us to improve the security of our schools and to put in place plans for an effective response to such an incident.

What MUST parents do?

- Converse with your student daily about his/her life at school;
- LISTEN to your student;
- Be aware of conflicts or frustrations your student may have with peers or in general;
- Know your child's friends and friend's parents;
- Be aware of your student's mental state and how it is impacted by significant events in his/her life;
- Get your student mental health services if he/she is exhibiting signs of depression, expressing suicidal thoughts, has anger management issues or is exhibiting other signs of mental illness;
- Know what your child is doing in his/her spare time and what information they may be accessing online;
- Keep tabs on their social media interactions;
- Don't ignore any warning signs that you may detect;
- Communicate potential problems between students or frustrations at school to your school administrator.

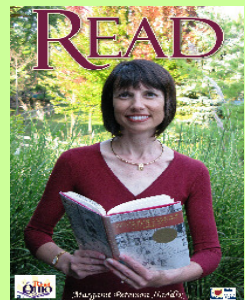
I have always said that the safety of everyone in the district is our very first job, everything else comes after that, and I just want all of you to know that your administrative team is committed to that premise and is intent on doing everything in our power to make everyone as safe as possible and prepared to respond. You will all be kept informed and engaged in various ways as we move forward with this process.

It is an unfortunate reality that, as noted above, no community is immune to a school shooting event. Only through **TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS** (student-to-teacher, student-to-administrator and student-to-parent), **COOPERATION** (between parents, students and the school) and **EFFECTIVE, OPEN COMMUNICATION** can we together work to prevent the tragedy of a school shooting in our community.

LIBRARY NEWS

Author Margaret Peterson Haddix, a well known children's author from Ohio will be visiting the Licking Valley Middle School on Friday, March 9th for a presentation with each grade level, lunch with Power of the Pen students, and book signings. There will be books available for purchase on that day. Prices range from \$5.00 - \$11.00.

Mrs. Haddix will also be at the Licking Valley Intermediate building on Wednesday, March 14th. Intermediate students have been reading her books in class and on their own to get ready for her visit and are very excited about meeting the author in person. Mrs. Haddix's visit coincides with "**Right to Read Week**", March 12th through March 16th.





Randy Baughman, Licking Valley Football Coach and John Hicks, Football All-American

Coach Randy Baughman, was recently awarded the 2012 High School Sports Coaches Award at the 51st Annual Scholar Banquet. The award was presented by the Columbus Chapter National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

In attendance were Earl Bruce, John Cooper, Urban Myer, Archie Griffin, Eddie George and John Hicks.

Coach Baughman is pictured above with John Hicks, who played football for The Ohio State University and received the following honors during his career:

- First Team All-American-1972, 1973
- First Team All-Big Ten-1972, 1973
- Second in Heisman Trophy voting-1973
- Outland Trophy Winner-1973
- Lombardi Trophy Winner-1973
- [Rose Bowl Hall of Fame-2009](#)

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STUDENT ATHLETES

Board Policy #2431

The district would like to remind parents and student athletes that according to Board Policy #2431 students need to achieve a 1.66 GPA in the 4th academic quarter of each school year in order to be eligible for fall sports the following school year. High School students must also have completed 2.5 credits in addition to the 1.66 GPA.

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:

**Emily Green, School Psychologist, 763-3105 or
Jan Clayton, Coordinator of Student Services, 763-2897.**