

The Valley View

LICKING VALLEY
LOCAL SCHOOLS

David Hile, Superintendent

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Coughlin You Made a Difference Award



Congratulations to Sean Bradley, High School and Middle School Band Director for being the 2014 Licking Valley You Make A Difference Award recipient! Sean was nominated by Aubrey Fisher, Chris Fisher's daughter (Chris teaches 4th grade at our Intermediate School), and was presented with the award at the annual awards program March 5th at CTEC.

Teachers are nominated by their students, with the superintendent for each district making the final call.

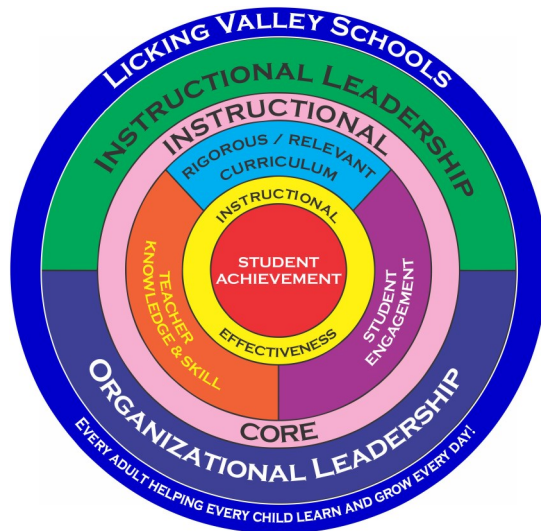
The winning teachers each earn a personalized plaque plus \$500. Each nominated student earned a plaque as well.

The annual event honors one teacher from the majority of Licking County's school districts, plus one teacher from Newark Catholic and the Licking County Educational Service Center.

The program was started by Al Coughlin, Sr. and has since been carried on by his sons, Al Coughlin, Jr. and Mike Coughlin. It's a way to recognize some of the best teachers in the area and pay tribute to the work they do that often goes unnoticed.

Hearing Aubrey speak at the event helped Mr. Bradley to realize that he's accomplishing his goal. He said he never planned to be a teacher, but he decided he'd rather share his love of music with students than be a performer.

"Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day."



Licking Valley Schools



It is hard to believe we have entered the second half of the 2013-2014 school year. If you have not yet paid your student's school fees, please do so as soon as possible. Fees are posted on the grade cards. If you are not sure

what your student's fees are, please contact the school to find out and to make any arrangements needed to pay fees.



The EZPay system is a great way to pay your student's school fees and lunch account. Parents can access the system by going to:

www.edline.net/pages/licking_valley_local_sd

Click on the Parent tab and choose EZPay online.

- ♦ ***Seniors must have all fee obligations paid before graduation.***
- ♦ ***Current Open Enrollment students will not be considered for renewal for the 2014-2015 school year unless all fee balances have been paid.***

Attention Parents!



Do we have your current information such as the following:

- ♦ Phone number
- ♦ Cell phone number
- ♦ Address
- ♦ Email address
- ♦ Updated custody information

In the event of questions or an emergency it is important that we have the most current data.

Please call the building secretary at your student's respective school to update your information.

Primary ES	763-2865
Intermediate ES	763-2031
Middle School	763-3396
High School	763-3721

Licking Valley Local Schools 2014- 2015 Open Enrollment Application

 Renewal Application
(Deadline is April 1, 2014)

 New Application
(Deadline is June 1, 2014)

The 2014-2015 Open Enrollment applications are now available on the district's web site or in any of the buildings' offices. www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Under Parent tab choose Student Enrollment Information and then the 2014-2015 Open Enrollment application. The Open Enrollment guidelines are also available.

Renewal applications have been mailed to all current Open Enrollment students and parents should be receiving them anytime.

You Are Invited to Attend Triple P!

Laura Linden, Elementary Guidance Counselor

Parents are invited to join Laura Linden, Elementary School Counselor, and AJ Hoffman, Assistant Principal, for a Triple P Breakfast the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, March 19th

Wednesday, April 16th

Time: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Place: Primary Cafeteria

March 19th: When children often tell lies, it can be difficult for parents to trust them. Telling lies can also cause problems with friends and other family members. We will discuss how to tell if your child is lying and give some tips to encourage your child to tell the truth.

April 16th: Playing sports can help children make new friends and learn about teamwork, responsibility and competition. We will discuss suggestions to help you encourage your child to participate in sporting and other recreational activities and to develop good sporting behavior.



Attention all parents of incoming Kindergarten students!

Kindergarten Clinic will be April 9th and 10th at Marne United Methodist Church. Parents may sign up for an appointment by calling Licking Valley Elementary at 763-2865.

Eighth Grade Gettysburg Trip

The final payment is due Friday March 14, 2014. The rooming sign-up sheets have been passed out and are due to be turned in by Friday. Final arrangements are being made for the trip. If you are going as a chaperon and have not contacted the district office, please do so ASAP so we can complete the final bus and room lists to fax to the company. We are conducting interviews now of students who turned in an application for the Tomb of the Unknowns wreath laying.

If you have any questions, please call or email Mr. Hageman:

hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

**"We're Goin' West"
Kindergarten Program
Tuesday April 29th
6:30 P.M. LVHS Auditorium.
Come along for our musical ride.**



LVHS Presents Guys and Dolls

April 11 & 12

7:30 pm.

**Tickets are \$8 for students and adults.
Children 4 and under are free.**

**Call Jessica Myers at 763-2275 or email at
myersj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us to reserve your seats.**

SADD

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) will sponsor a #RedThumbReminder Campaign starting March 17th. HS students will be invited to paint their thumb nail red to remind them NOT to text and drive.



SADD has partnered with Matesich Distributing Co. to welcome Sarah Panzau to speak with students grades 9-12 on Thursday, April 17th. Sarah's message will undoubtedly impact students and encourage positive decisions among the student body. Together we can make a difference in our community!



**Make a Muscle ...
Make a Difference!**



Licking Valley Elementary School

During the first two weeks of March the Licking Valley Elementary School took part in a very special community service project! You may have seen shamrocks for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) in some Lowe's, Kroger's or Bob Evans restaurants! Well for the first time MDA is giving local schools an opportunity to participate in this amazing

program! MDA representatives came to the elementary on February 27th to get the students excited for this special program! Kindergarten-5th grade students sold shamrocks for MDA from February 28th to March 14th! The money raised will help local children and adults affected by the more than 43 muscles diseases MDA supports go to MDA camp this summer! Two students from Licking Valley will directly benefit from this program, because they are diagnosed with muscle disease! They even helped at the assembly! Students really enjoyed watching a video of camp and hearing how much fun their classmates had at camp! The hallway was definitely painted green and gold with shamrocks! Over \$1,590 was raised!! Amazing...thank you to all the students and families that supported this worthy cause!



LVHS International Travel Group

The LVHS International Travel Group, consisting of 15 juniors and seniors, will travel to England and France for Spring Break. With a professional Tour Guide, the students will spend three nights in London where they visit Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, Big Ben and Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Stonehenge, and Bath. The group will then spend the night at Kent, England and visit Canterbury Cathedral and Dover Castle. By ferry we will cross the English Channel, travel to France and spend three nights in Paris where we will experience Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Palace of Versailles, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre. The students are very excited to see the world.

STEMfest

Saturday, February 22, three teams from Licking Valley Middle School STEM Club took part in STEMfest at the Works in Newark. The Works in Newark sponsors an event for Middle School and High School students each year called STEMfest! in an effort to connect industry, education and community. STEMfest! is centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and provides students with real



-world problem solving challenges and materials and encourages teams find the best solutions. Students present solutions to a live audience and panel of judges. Awards are presented to teams with top honors, and all students receive certificates to add to their career passports. STEMfest! allows students to gain valuable insight into future careers and participation can even lead to wonderful internship opportunities with local businesses.

The Lord of the Red Rings Team consisted of Cody Ryan, Gage Holtz, and Brayden Hunter. The Aero Dragons consisted of Daniel Murphy and Ryan Thomas. The Aerodynamics teams were challenged to research and construct the best possible glider using everyday materials. The Lord of the Red Rings placed 4th out of 7 teams and Aero Dragons placed 7th. Both teams did a tremendous job with their gliders and presentations.



The W.A.L.S. Team consisted of Logan Nethers, Wade Haynes, Abbie Engram, Sarah Stephens, and Brody Gaskill. The Biofuels team was challenged to use up to 3 pieces of fruit to produce a battery with the most volt-

age and current. The W.A.L.S. team placed 5th out of 10 teams. Despite some setbacks with the battery, the team did a fantastic job!



Also, three Licking Valley students were nominated for the Persistent

Scientist Award for diligent work on their projects.

Abbie Engram, Sarah Stephens, and Logan Nethers were all nominated along with quite a few other Middle School students from around the county. Logan Nethers was chosen as the 2014 Middle School Persistent Scientist. Congratulations to Logan!



All STEM Club members should be very proud of their hard work. They will continue to work on challenges throughout the year to build their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Congratulations to all teams on a job well done!

What is STEM & Why is it Important?

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. These skills are repeatedly used in everyday life performing tasks both large and small. From preparing a bowl of cereal for breakfast to designing a spaceship, STEM is used to accomplish both tasks.





***Parents/Caregivers - Register for Classes!**

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)

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

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

Spring Class Date & Time:

Sat., April 26, 2014

10:00-11:30 AM

Class Schedule:

**9:30-10:00 Orientation for first time 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

Register for classes by calling

763-3525

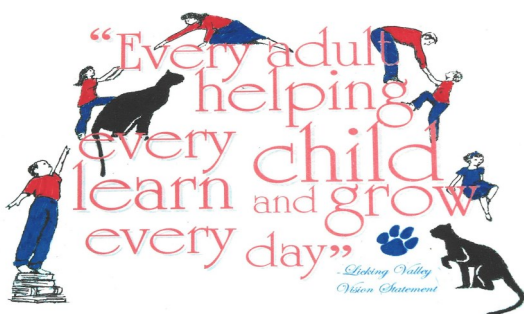
If you have any questions, email us at:

ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us



Read 20 minutes a day!

**Licking Valley School District
Families getting READY! together
for school success!**





The
Children's
Reading
Foundation

***READY! for Kindergarten™* NAMED “READERS’ CHOICE
TOP 100 PRODUCTS”**

BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION MAGAZINE

***K-12 leaders across the nation endorse the innovative program
used in the Licking Valley Schools***

Hanover, Ohio, December 1, 2013: *READY! for Kindergarten*, a program of the Children's Reading Foundation, and used locally in the Licking Valley Local Schools, has been selected nationally as one of the best programs in education by K-12 leaders who named it to *District Administration* magazine's "Readers' Choice Top 100 Products for 2013."

The winners, selected by *District Administration's* editors from a record 1,800-plus nominations, were products that received the highest number of nominations and best descriptions from K12 leaders. The Readers' Choice Top 100 was announced today online and in the December issue; editors are confident the final Top 100 Products are the best of the best.

In recognizing the most innovative products, the annual *District Administration* Readers' Choice Top 100 Products award informs superintendents and other senior school district leaders about products their colleagues around the country are using to help their districts excel.

National Children's Reading Foundation President Nancy Kerr said, "We are thrilled to be recognized as a Top 100 program. It's a tremendous honor administrators using *READY! for Kindergarten* recommended it to their colleagues through this prestigious publication. This award is yet another validation of the powerful impact of our early learning program and its ability to ensure children succeed in school."

READY! for Kindergarten, which provides trainings, targets and tools to parents of children birth to age five, is offered in the Licking Valley Schools, as well as in over 25 states and 110 school districts across the country. It is a research-based and proven program, helping ensure children start kindergarten at grade level and read proficiently by 3rd grade, a strong indicator of future success in school and in life.

"The *READY! for Kindergarten* program directly correlates with the skills we need our incoming kindergarteners to possess when they enter school for the first time," said David Hile, Superintendent, Licking Valley Local Schools. "Our vision is: Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day! This program is about the school district taking responsibility for helping parents help their children learn and grow every day beginning at birth."

"Parents and caregivers of children who attend *READY!* classes leave with materials to use at home to build pre-literacy and school readiness skills," said Virginia Paine, National Director of *READY! for Kindergarten*. "Studies show nearly 80% of children whose parents take part in *READY!* meet the kindergarten reading readiness standard regardless of family income or ethnicity, compared to 55% of children whose parents do not attend."

"Every year 40% of children start kindergarten already one to three years behind. They struggle to catch-up, and most of them never will," Kerr said. "We hope this award brings further attention to the importance of the *READY! for Kindergarten* program and inspires more parents to attend classes and prepare their children to start kindergarten at grade level."

Diane Lacko-Pries & Casey Stone Co-Directors, LV *READY!* for Kindergarten Program
ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

LV Middle School Renaissance



Buckeye Luncheon

Middle School Renaissance Gold Card holders were in a drawing for a Buckeye Luncheon. Four students' names were drawn to attend the luncheon on Feb 27 hosted by Dr. MacDonald, OSU Newark Campus President. Rylee Stough, Rachael Jungling, Dylan Carr, and Colton Webb had lunch with Dr. MacDonald, toured the OSU Library, and were even entertained with card tricks. The students shared their passions and dreams for their future while gaining insight on preparation.

Rachael Jungling, Rylee Stough, Colton Webb, Dylan Carr, Mr. Beery, and Mrs. Lawrence enjoyed lunch at the OSUN Library. Dr. MacDonald talked to the students about their interests and plans for the future. He also entertained the students with card tricks.

Names were drawn from the 43 students that received straight As for the 2nd nine weeks.

SPONSOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Each spring Licking Valley High School hosts a senior honors program, which recognizes student academic achievement. Many local organizations and individuals fund scholarships for students based on specific criteria. For example, scholarships can be based on GPA, involvement in a school group, or an essay submitted by a student.

For the upcoming senior honors program in May of 2014, we are looking for scholarship sponsors. Any size donation is appreciated and will help a Licking Valley senior pursue their future goals. Scholarship sponsors can create their own scholarship based on criteria they feel important, or the counseling office can match an already existing award (ex: Senior Social Studies Award) with the sponsor's name and donation. Scholarship sponsors will be given the opportunity to present their scholarship to the student during the program.

If you are interested in funding a scholarship for Licking Valley seniors, please contact high school counselor Courtney Lichtenauer by phone at 763-3407 or by email at

LichtenauerC@Lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Parents and Teachers: An Essential Team

Parents, and teachers have a shared goal. They want the best for the student! Teachers and parents can become an effective team and work together to find ways to help the student have the most success possible at school.

Below is a list of some qualities that make a truly effective parent/teacher team:

1. They share key information, ideas, and suggestions.
2. They are willing to cooperate and work together to find solutions.
3. They trust each other to get things done.
4. They respect each other's opinions and preferences.
5. They share openly and willingly.
6. They are committed to do the best thing for the student.
7. They come to a general agreement when they make decisions about the student.
8. They are able to disagree and share their feelings without placing blame.
9. They challenge each other to be creative and try new methods and resources.
10. They support each other and keep the lines of communication open.
11. They keep the focus on the student.
12. They are willing to be adaptable and flexible.

Children spend most of their time at home and at school. When teachers and parents can become allies and teammates, their combined influence on the student can be very powerful and effective.

Mark McDaniel
Director of Student Services

PANTHER HAPPENINGS



MARCH

- 17 Board of Education 6:00 P.M.
18 Music Boosters 7:00 P.M.
SPRING BREAK MARCH 24 - 28th
29 FFA Alumni, Inc. Consignment Auction

APRIL

- 9, 10 Kindergarten Clinic
14 Board of Education 6:00 P.M.
15 Music Boosters 7:00 P.M.
18 **NO SCHOOL**
26 **READY FOR KINDERGARTEN 10:00 A.M.**

MAY

- 3 **PROM**



MARCH 14TH

The community is invited to watch the students participate in a 3 - 3 basketball tournament.

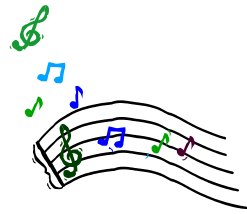
\$2.00 Admission

10:00 P.m. LVHS Gym

Championship game at midnight

Sponsored by LVHS Renaissance

Music Notes



Congratulations goes out to the LVHS Mixed Chorus on their Excellent rating at District OMEA Competition.

Congratulations and Good Luck goes out to the LVHS Women's Chorus on their Superior rating at

District OMEA Competition which qualifies them to move on to State Competition!

The LV All-District Choir Concert will be held on **May 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the LVHS Auditorium. This concert will include all 7 Licking Valley Choral groups in separate and combined performances. Come enjoy an evening of all things Famous!

Scrapbook Night

Come and Scrap the Night Away!

Date - April 4th
Time - 5:00 P.M. - Midnight
Place - LV High School Library Media Center

Cost \$10.00 per person - Advance reservations are helpful
(Call 740-763-3551, We will limit the seating to 100)

*Each person will receive everything you need to make 4 Cards (Spring/Easter OR Graduation).

*The Ellison die cut machine will be available to use.

All proceeds go to the LVHS Prom

*Snacks will be provided.

Scrapbook Night Reservation Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Date - April 4th

Time - 5:00 P.M. - Midnight

Place - LV High School Library Media Center

Make & Take reservation choice: Check your choice

4 Cards (Everything you need will be included)

Choose One _____ Easter/Spring OR _____ Graduation

- Give reservation form and \$10.00 per person to Tracy or Junior Class Officer

- Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations will guarantee your choice of Make and Takes.

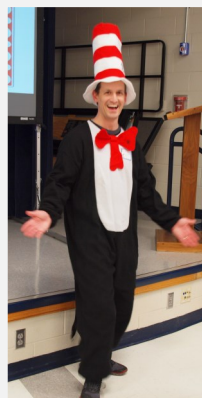
***Call with questions - 740-763-3551 All proceeds go to the LVHS Prom



ELEMENTARY FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT



On March 4th, 108 first grade students and a guest participated in a Family Literacy Night at the Elementary School. The goal of the evening was to create a fun night where families could come into the school and enjoy spending some time together and get excited about reading. The participants registered and then ate dinner together. Guest readers came in to read a Dr. Seuss book to the students while the adults listened to a presentation about the five main areas of reading and what they can do at home with their child to help them become successful readers. The students and their guest then rotated between five literacy stations where they explored the Compass Learning website and were given books, games, and activities to use at home. The students were then challenged to do the activities they were given 26 times over the next 7 weeks. Anyone who meets the challenge will be participating in a movie and popcorn party after our final MAP assessment and Reading assessments are given.



ELEMENTARY BUY ONE GET ONE BOOK FAIR

Intermediate May 5th-9th
Primary May 12th-16th

The book fair will be open during school hours on the above dates and will also be open from 5-7 pm on May 13th.

**DON'T WAIT ORDER YOUR
LICKING VALLEY INTERMEDIATE
YEARBOOK
TODAY!!!**



\$10.00 EACH

Orders accepted until April 17, 2014

Name _____

Homeroom teacher _____





LICKING VALLEY FFA

The Licking Valley FFA has elected their officers for the 2014-2015 school year. The new officers will take over their duties at the banquet in May. The new officers are:

Jacob Roe – President
Spencer Bell – Vice President
Hunter Smith – Secretary
Ashley Dillon – Treasurer
Erin Bragg – Reporter
Trent McArtor – Sentinel
Taylor Evans – Student Advisor
Joey Albright – Historian

The new officer completed District 7 officers training March 12 at Fairfield Union HS where they were instructed in the specific task of each of their offices.

FFA State and American Degree recipients.

The Licking Valley FFA is pleased to announce the following members have attained their State FFA Degree. Sara Moran, Morgan Nethers, Kayla DuVall, Spencer Bell, and Ryan Vlachos. These members had to meet various financial and activity goals set forth by the Ohio FFA Association in order to qualify. They will be awarded their degree May 2 at the Ohio FFA Convention.

Brock Bradley, Cara Dillon, and Joshua Ellis will be receiving their American FFA Degree next October in Louisville Kentucky during the National FFA Convention. The American Degree is the highest award that an FFA member can obtain and is annually received by only the top 2% of the FFA members in America.

LVHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The 2014-2015 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held in the High School Commons on Sunday April 27th at 6:30. We will host guest speaker Mr. Bobby Persinger, from the Pathways of Licking County.

The 2014 Senior t-shirts will also go on sale the week after spring break. Order forms will be passed out during home-rooms and will also be available during lunch periods.



CONSIGNMENTS WANTED!



LICKING VALLEY FFA ALUMNI CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Auction Date: Saturday, March 29th, 2014 @ 9:29AM

100 Hainsview Drive NE, Newark, OH 43055

Auction Intake: Friday, March 28th 8AM-5PM

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Into Cash!**

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Construction Equipment
Hay or Straw**

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Competitive
Commission
Rates!



**Auctioneer Jerry Scott
740-501-1946**

Plan to attend & consign!