

THE VALLEY VIEW

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!

Check out our new website!

www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_Local_SD



Panther Happenings

MAY

- 3 PROM
- 8 HS Spring Concert 7:00 pm
- 10 Jr. Olympics
- 12 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 MS Spring Concert 7:00 pm
- 15 Renaissance Senior Academic Awards 6:30 pm
- 19 HS Music Banquet 6:00 pm
- 20 Music Boosters 7:00 pm
LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:00 pm
- 22 Renaissance Underclassman Academic Awards
9:30 am
- 23 Mandatory Graduation Practice
- 25 GRADUATION
- 26 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 29 LAST STUDENT DAY



EARLY RELEASE DAY
Wednesday, May 14
 High School/Middle School 12:30 p.m.
 Elementary 1:30 p.m.

Cat's Meow Collectible Pieces are Coming Soon!

Replicas of the new Licking Valley Elementary, the Middle School, and the High School will be arriving the middle of May.

Each piece is made of solid wood and painted in full color detail. Watch for more information coming soon from each building as to how to order your replica.



Electronic Fingerprinting

The Licking Valley Local School District is an agency for the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. As a service to our employees and the community, electronic fingerprinting for BCII and FBI can be processed at the Licking Valley District Office.

Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Please contact the District Office for more information, 763-3525.

May 7, 2008 LV Transportation Day

Say a special thank you to your child's driver.

Licking Valley's fleet of 29 buses travel an average of 2,081 miles per day transporting students to and from school, to athletic events, band events, class trips, and to other schools such as CTEC, Flying Colors Pre-School, and Excel Academy.



Did You Know. . . .



- The greatschools.net website, a site created by an organization that rates and provides comparison data on public, private and charter schools nationwide, has given Licking Valley High School a **Great Schools Rating of 9 on a scale of 10!** These ratings provide an overview of a school's test performance by comparing the school's state standardized test results to those of other schools in the state. Ratings are given for each grade and student category (gender, ethnicity or other student group) for which test results are available. The rating of 9 out of 10 means that last year's sophomore class (the Class of 2009) scored between the 80th and 90th percentile in the state of Ohio on the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT). That means they performed better than 80-90 percent of all other sophomores in the state of Ohio on these important measures of student achievement.

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.



C-TEC Students Earn Awards

The following students from LVHS have earned awards at regional and state competitions:

Business Professional of America (BPA)

*Top 10 Finalist at the state Competition was:

Kiaira Moran-Legal Office Administration program (Admn. Support Team event)

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Caylee Banner-Culinary Arts program -Garde Manager event-Gold Medal

Justin Spangler-Culinary Arts program -Pastry event-Silver Medal

Rachel Large-Early Childhood Education program-Teacher Resource Kit event-Gold Medal

Nicole Miller-Early Childhood Education program-Teaching Team event-Gold Medal

Mary Coots-Early Childhood Education program-Focus on Children Star event-Gold Medal

Jennifer Coulter-Early Childhood Education program-Concept Curriculum event-Silver Medal

Tracy Hilleary-Early Childhood Education program-Focus on Children Star event-Bronze Medal

(Mary Coots & Nicole Miller advanced to the State Competition)

Skills USA Competition

Tim Garwick-Automotive Technologies program-Automotive Services Technology competition-First Place

Corey Wilson-Building Trades program-Team Works competition-First Place

Gavin Rigel-Cosmetology competition-Third Place

LVHS student, **Marissa Hindel and a classmate received first place honors and a trophy for their community service project with The Center for New Beginnings, a local battered women's shelter.

Algebra II End-of-Course Exam

By Jan Clayton, Coordinator of Student Services

Since May 2005, leaders from the American Diploma Project Network states have been working together to develop a common end-of-course exam in Algebra II for 14 states: Ohio, Arizona, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington. The American Diploma Project Network is dedicated to making sure that every high school graduate is prepared for college or work.

The goals of this multi-state assessment are:

- to improve high school Algebra II curriculum and instruction;
- to serve as an indicator of readiness for first-year college credit-bearing courses; and
- to provide a common measure of student performance across states over time.

The exam is optional for all public and nonpublic schools in Ohio, and will be offered twice per school year, once in the fall/winter and once in the spring. Licking Valley High School, along with approximately 85 schools from 35 Ohio counties, has signed up to participate in the core exam. Only those students who have completed Algebra II will take the test. The first administration of the test is May 12 – 23, 2008. We will be administering the paper and pencil version of the exam, taken in two sessions over two class periods (one of which will allow the use of calculators).

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include passing an Algebra II course to earn a diploma.



Food Service

The Food Service Department would like to remind parents that effective May 1st elementary and middle school students will not be permitted to charge lunches for the remainder of the 07-08 school year.

Effective for the 2008-2009 school year the policy will be as follows:

Elementary – There will be a two lunch limit on charging. Extra items are not permitted to be charged at all.

Middle School/High School - There will be an on-going “**NO CHARGE POLICY**” which has been in effect for the high school but will be for both the middle and high school for the 2008-2009 school year.

Just a reminder to parents that the district has the NutriKids system that allows parents to prepay for student lunches and breakfast. Contact Jan Jennings, Cafeteria Supervisor at 763-2433 for more information. Information on the NutriKids program can also be accessed on the district’s website under Links for Parents.



Market Day Summer Sale Dates

June 17

July 22

August 26

Pick up is at the Licking Valley Primary Cafeteria
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

To order on-line go to www.marketday.com
Account #9532

To receive an order form call Jennifer at 349-2270

34th Pre-Kindergarten Clinic a Success

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteer doctors, nurses, students, staff, parents, community members, and area organizations that helped make the 34th Annual Licking Valley Pre-Kindergarten Clinic a positive experience for the Class of 2021.



A total of 131 students were located and 127 attended the clinic. Each student visited various stations where screenings were completed. These included physical, dental, visual, health, hearing, readiness, speech/language and motor coordination screenings. Also included were fingerprinting, photo identification, meeting their kindergarten teacher and an opportunity to explore a school bus with one of the Licking Valley school bus drivers.

It takes our new Licking Valley students 1 to 2 hours to complete the various stations. After the clinic, the district nurse, speech pathologists, kindergarten teachers and principals conduct a review of the clinic results and a follow-up letter for each student is sent to the child’s home.

Once again thank you to all our volunteers that make this clinic a huge success each year!

Next year’s clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 16, 2009.

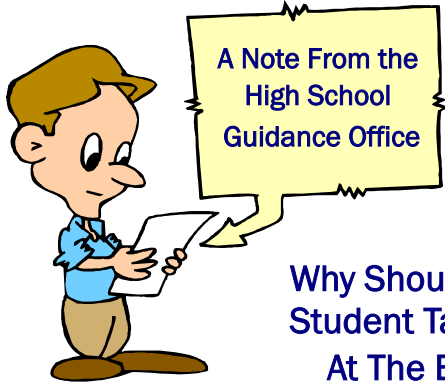
Public Notice

If you know a child who is suspected of having a disability, you can contact your public school.

Your public school offers:

- Evaluation for all children with suspected disabilities, birth through age 21.
- Education for all children with disabilities ages 3 through 21.

For Licking Valley Local Schools contact
Jan Clayton, Coordinator of Student Services
at 763-3525.



Why Should My Junior Student Take The ACT At The End of Their Junior Year?

- To give them as many opportunities as possible to improve their score - higher scores can mean more money in scholarships!
- To have scores reported to colleges - they may recruit your student based on scores.
- To receive results prior to their senior year - it may be too late to re-take the ACT more than once or twice during their senior year!
- To receive feedback about what areas they need to focus on during their senior year.

LICKING VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sign up today for the GFS Fun Funds Program!

This is a FREE program that supports the Licking Valley Scholarship Fund which is overseen by the high school guidance office. For every purchase you make using your GFS membership card, the Scholarship Fund will receive a percentage of your purchase. The award money will be sent to the Licking Valley Scholarship Fund each quarter and will then be given to deserving seniors in the form of a scholarship during the May 2009 Senior Honors Program. The Fun Funds program is on-going and will hopefully provide at least four (4) \$500



scholarships next year! So, sign-up today and receive \$10.00 off a minimum \$50.00 purchase and support LV students.

Contact the high school guidance for your Membership Card Application, 763-3389 or pick up your application at your local Gordon Foods store.

LVMS Principal Selection Process

By David Hile, Superintendent

The administrators and staff of the Licking Valley Local Schools take hiring very seriously. One of our district strategic goals is to “employ and maintain a high quality staff”. In fact, our training and experience has taught us that hiring, in the education business, is our most important responsibility.

As you may know, the Licking Valley Local Schools is seeking a new principal to lead our middle school. The position was posted seeking highly qualified applicants on Friday, April 4th, 2008. Prior to the posting, I met with the LVMS staff to outline for them the process we will use to identify the new instructional leader. The staff was given the opportunity to elect five representatives to a stakeholder committee. Jeff Neiger (the LVMS asst. principal) was one of those elected to represent the staff and he will serve as the chairperson of the committee. The other stakeholders serving on the committee are: Carma French (secretary), Adam Britton (teacher), Donna Goodfleisch (teacher), David Moore (teacher), Joyce Every (aide), Roxanne Levingston (cook), Roxanne Decker (custodian), Becky Lawrence (guidance counselor), Rayane Holmes (parent), Leslie Pettet (parent), Kaylie Rutherford and Matt Hartshorn (students). I want to take this opportunity to thank each of these individuals for being recognized as leaders at LVMS, for seizing the opportunity to participate in the process and for being willing to sacrifice their time to play an important role in identifying the new instructional leader of LVMS.

Beginning the week of April 28, I will paper screen the applicants via the OHREAP applications system and identify those worthy of a Ventures screener interview. I will do the screener interviews the week of May 5, if not sooner. Those who score well on the Ventures interview will be recommended to the committee for interviews the week of May 12. The committee will do their interviews and provide me with plus/delta feedback on each candidate, and I will make the final selection based on all of the criteria including the Ventures scores. If all goes according to the schedule, the new LVMS leader will be identified before the end of May. He/She will begin work July 1, 2008.

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.



COFFEE AT THE COTTAGE

The Licking Valley community is invited to join Superintendent David Hile on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the Cottage Restaurant in Hanover.



Friday Family Fun Night!

When: Friday Night May 16th, 2008 6 to 9 pm

Where: LV Intermediate School Cafeteria

Dinner at 6:00 includes Pasta, salad, breadstick, dessert and beverage (Adornetto's)

Bingo at 7:00 Non cash prizes from local Vendors

Free Kids Bingo, games & popcorn

Adult Bingo \$5.00 play all night (18 & older)

Dinner \$5.00

Join us for Bingo or Dinner or both!



RSVP by May 5th

Pay at the door

Contact Judy Tolley at jtolley@alltel.net or watch for the flyer to come home with your child

Sponsored by LV Intermediate

Panther Parents

I will be attending for Dinner Bingo or Both (circle one)

Number of adults _____

Number of children _____

I can volunteer 30 minutes of my time during the event yes or no

Name: _____

Phone# _____

Please tear off this section and return to school with your child attn: LVIPP



Protecting Lives with School Sports Screenings

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: J. Gilbert Reese Center—Auditorium,
 The Ohio State University/COTC, Newark Campus
Speaker: Diane LeMay, M.D., Licking Memorial Pediatrics

As part of our mission to improve the health of the community, Licking Memorial Health Systems is offering free pre-participation sports screenings to middle school and high school athletes for the third year.

This year, LMHS is also offering free screening electrocardiograms (ECGs) to area high school students. The ECGs will be read by a cardiologist.

The public is encouraged to attend the community education program.

There is no charge, but registration is required.

To register, please call (740) 348-4102.

This program is sponsored by the Licking Memorial Hospital Development Council

Licking Memorial Health Systems
 (740) 348-4000 www.LMHealth.org

Licking Memorial Health Systems

Free Sports Physicals

Free sports physicals for students in grades 7-12 attending
 Licking Valley Local Schools

Boys: Thursday, May 29, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Girls: Thursday, June 5, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Pediatric Office of Licking Memorial Health Professionals
 1865 Tamarack Road, Newark

5:30 Last name beginning with T-Z

6:30 Last name beginning with K-O

6:00 Last name beginning with P-S

7:00 Last name beginning with F-J

7:30 Last name beginning with A-E

Sports physical consent forms must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

The physical forms can be obtained at the high school, middle school, district office,
 or on the OHSAA web site at www.ohsaa.org

For more information, call Randy Baughman at (740) 763-3721.



Licking Valley Alumni Spotlight

May 2008

This is a new feature starting at the high school in order to promote former graduates who have gone on to be successful. The purpose is to show our current students the importance of hard work during their school age years, as well as the importance of continuing their education in some manner after they graduate. We will continue to do this in the fall and throughout next year, choosing two to four people each month to spotlight. If you have anyone you would like to nominate please contact Brian Ledford, Licking Valley High School Math Teacher, by either phone (763-3721) or email (ledfordb@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us).

Ginny Andrews



Ginny, 28, graduated from Licking Valley in 1998. She currently resides in the Licking Valley School District and works as an RN Care Manager at Nationwide Children's Hospital as well as an Adjunct Nursing Instructor for Columbus State Community College. Ginny works on a variety of units at the hospital including cardiac, oncology, trauma, and the emergency department where she cares for children from birth to the age of 21. At Columbus State she teaches the pediatric clinical portion to nursing students, which includes overseeing their hands-on patient care time.

Advice to Students: Take advantage of every learning opportunity but also take time to have fun and do the extra things in life you love. Also, spend some time really thinking about what you will choose for your career. You will spend a lot of time at work in your life and having a job you truly enjoy is very important. Hard work does pay off!

Robert Montagnese



Rob, 37, graduated from Licking Valley in 1988 and currently resides in Pataskala with his wife Lauren and their three children Ashley, Robby, and Brady. He graduated from Wittenberg University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Business Administration and completed his Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from Ohio State in 1994. Rob is currently the CEO of Licking Memorial Health Systems. This is a not-for-profit Health System that encompasses Licking Memorial Hospital, Licking Memorial Health Foundation and Licking Memorial Health Professionals. The Health Systems employs approximately 1,630 clinical and support staff to meet the health care needs of the community. Outside of the health system, Rob is actively involved with his children's extra-curricular activities as well as serving on several advisory boards including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Salvation Army, First Federal Savings and Loan, and The Works.

Advice to Students: Rob recalls a quote from his former elementary school principal Bill Weaver, "People don't care how much you know; they just want to know how much you care." From this Rob has the following advice: Knowledge and education are essential for success; however, what is really important is how it is applied. My advice to high school graduates is to pursue a career you are passionate about and one that will allow you to help others. My career in healthcare has given me great satisfaction because, at Licking Memorial Health Systems, we positively impact the community and the lives of its members.