

THE VALLEY VIEW



**Licking Valley
to Celebrate
50th
Graduation Ceremony
May 31, 2009
2:00 P.M.**

2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009
HS/MS 12:30 PM
ELEMENTARY 1:30 PM**

2009 Leaders for Learning Award Recipient

Congratulations to High School Science teacher Andy Zidron, recipient of the 2009 Licking County Foundation Leaders for Learning Award. Mr. Zidron excels in every area that is truly important to being a great teacher: he has a passion for student learning; he cares about every student; and he is committed

to his own development as well as that of his department and the school. Mr. Zidron is working to make a significant difference in the lives of all of the people around him. He combines a tremendous level of rapport with students with a creative, inquisitive mind and an admirable work ethic. Most of all, he cares deeply

about everyone around him and lives out his values everyday. He truly is a "Leader for Learning."



MAP Takes LV to Student Growth Destination

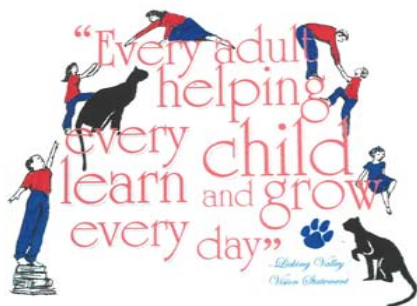
You may have heard your child, principal or your child's teacher talk about the MAP tests. In May of 2008, Licking Valley Primary piloted this powerful assessment system with the K-2 students. Once the teachers had a chance to review the assessment data and share its benefits for teaching and learning with their colleagues in the intermediate grades, the intermediate teachers decided to implement the MAP assessments in grades 3-5 this past fall. The news of these powerful assessments spread to LVMS where the reading and math MAPS were implemented for the first time this past January.

LVHS also used the MAP assessments with some students beginning this past September. So what is MAP? Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program that provides educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning. Educators use the growth and achievement data from MAP to develop targeted instructional strategies

and to plan school improvement. With the ability to test students up to four times a year, MAP test

results help educators make student-focused, data-driven decisions.

More than 3400 school districts and educational partners use MAP Mathematics, Reading, and Language Usage tests to help all students learn. These assessments are unique in that they adapt to each student's ability, accurately measuring what a child knows and needs to learn. In addition, MAP tests measure academic growth over time (longitudinally), independent of grade level or age. Most importantly, the results educators receive have practical application to teaching and learning. MAP test results provide educators with timely information that guides instructional planning and school improvement.



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Physical Education Graduation Requirement Exemption

In March, High School Principal Wes Weaver asked the Licking Valley Board of Education for permission to investigate the possibility of exempting high school students from the graduation requirement of ½ credit of Physical Education if they meet the requirement of participation in two full seasons of interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, or marching band. This exemption from the state-mandated two-class PE requirement was made possible by House Bill 311 – also known as the Ohio CORE legislation – which passed two years ago. In the law, the legislature gave Ohio school districts the option of enacting a policy that permitted students to bypass the PE graduation requirement. Licking Valley High School typically has between 45 and 55 students take advantage of our Summer Physical Education option, an indication that the exemption option might be attractive to our students and parents. Reasons for taking summer PE include

the desire to lighten the 9th grade scheduling load and some students' preference for the out-of-school atmosphere of summer PE. Parents' and students' reaction to the opportunity for PE exemption has been positive. In early April, LVHS administrators received sample policy language from NEOLA, the company that writes and maintains Licking Valley's policies. Recently, they met with Phys Ed teachers, the Athletic Director, and guidance counselors to consider the wording of the policy and guidelines that will govern how it is applied. LVHS guidance counselors contacted another area high school that currently uses the policy to ask about their experiences with it. It is our intent to present a policy to the board of education for its first reading on May 11, 2009, and describe to the board our intent for the implementation of the policy at that time. Public comment is welcome between now and that time! We're excited about giving

our students the ability to meet this graduation requirement through their participation in extracurricular athletics, cheerleading, and band. In the interim, it is our intent to proceed with Summer School Phys Ed as previously planned for June. Passage of this policy probably won't come until the June board meeting, which will take place after Summer PE has already started. As of now, applications for 2009 Summer School PE are no longer being accepted because the program is full.



Unpaid Student Fees

Unpaid student fees carry over year to year. Seniors must have all fees paid upon graduation. Please contact your respective building to make arrangements to pay your student's fees.

Want to Advertise in the 2009-2010 Fall/Winter Sports Program?
 Contact Courtney Lichtenauer at 763-3407 or Lichtenauerc@Lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

1st Annual LV Soccer Program Golf Outing

WHEN: SATURDAY
 July 11, 2009
 2:00 P.M.

REGISTER:
 RSVP: Matthew Offers,
 (740) 258-2430 or
 Jeff Richards (740) 522-3223

WHERE:
 Raccoon
 International Golf
 Course



Please register no later June 30th

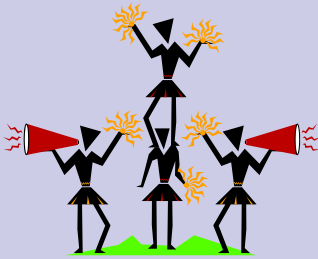
COST:
 \$200 per 4 player team
 Includes: 18 holes of golf, cart,
 food and drinks after outing

Sponsored by the LV Soccer Parents Club which is a part of the Licking Valley Athletic Boosters and a 501(c)(3), non-profit all-volunteer organization created to support the student athletes of Licking Valley.

 **NO SCHOOL**

MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY
MAY 25, 2009

Cheerleading Camp



The Licking Valley Cheerleaders will be hosting a Cheerleading Camp for students in the 2nd through 5th grade.

DATE: May 11th, 13th
May 18th, 20th

TIME: 3:45-5:45

COST: \$30.00

All participants will receive a t-shirt and certificate. Extra prizes will be awarded.

Contact Molly Zeman,
740-403-1553 to register.

Free Sports Physicals For Licking Valley Student Athletes

Company Care
1865 Tamarack Rd.
Newark, OH 43055
348-4972

GIRLS

May 18, 2009

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

BOYS

May 19, 2009

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Stop by the high school or middle school office to pick up your OHSAA Preparticipation Physical evaluation form or download a copy of the form at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/PPE.pdf>

or download a copy from the district web site:
www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_Local_SD

Kindergarten Registration

Parents may still register their children for Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. If you have a child that is or will be 5 years old by **August 1, 2009**, please call the Primary office at 763-2865 to register.



STRIKE OUT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Licking Valley Middle School teacher Mrs. Kathy Mehler was honored at the "Strike Out Against Breast Cancer" softball game held Monday, April 27. The softball team sold t-shirts, held a raffle and a 50/50 drawing with all proceeds going to cancer research.

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Again, MAP tests are adaptive, meaning that they dynamically adjust to each student's performance level and accurately indicate his or her instructional level. As a student answers a test question on a computer, the program immediately analyzes the student's response, and based on how well the student has answered previous questions, selects a question of appropriate difficulty to display next. Because the questions are chosen specifically for the student taking the test, no question is wasted. Students can meaningfully attempt all of the items on a test, creating a more challenging and positive testing experience.

This type of adaptive testing is a better indicator of a student's true achievement and academic needs than traditional assessment, which is often a single test given to all students and written for the average ability within a grade level.

MAP tests are state-aligned and are often used as an indicator of preparedness for state assessments. Administering the tests up to four times each year allows educators to closely monitor the progress of students. Student test results are maintained test after test, so teachers and parents can monitor the growth of individual students year after year. With access to aggregated student report, building and central office administrators use MAP data to inform curriculum and school improvement decisions.

Educators use MAP tests to:

- Identify the skills and concepts individual students have learned.
- Diagnose instructional needs of individual students.
- Monitor academic growth over time.
- Make data-driven decisions at the classroom, school, and district levels.

Help place new students into appropriate instructional programs.

When a student completes the MAP assessment, he or she gets a RIT score. RIT is an acronym for Rasch Unit (named for the gentleman who invented it), which is an equal interval scale (like a ruler, it is divided into equal increments or units of measurement) and it is used to measure a student's academic growth from one point in time to another point in time as compared to almost 500,000 other students from across the nation taking the same test. At LV, we are administering the MAP assessments three times per year, September, January or February and May. The RIT scale scores allow us to determine if students are growing academically throughout the year and to act on that information for every child immediately as teachers have access to class report data within 24-48 hours after the assess-

*Licking Valley Schools
Wall of Pride
Recognizing Outstanding
Graduates/Employees of
Licking Valley Schools*

Selection Criteria

The Licking Valley Wall of Pride was created for the purpose of recognizing and honoring individuals who have contributed to the civic, cultural, religious, and economic vitality of the community, at the local, state, or national level.

Individuals selected for induction into the Wall of Pride meet the following criteria:

- 1) They have graduated from Licking Valley Schools or schools that consolidated to make Licking Valley.
- 2) They have distinguished themselves as evidenced by honors or other recognitions confirmed by their colleagues or associates.
- 3) They have made by their activities and accomplishments a notable contribution to society.
- 4) Selectees may include honorary membership if they qualify in all areas, particularly school community service but did not graduate from Licking Valley.

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ments are completed as compared to the 6-8 weeks it takes to get our results back from the state mandated assessments (OAT and OGT), which are static, summative, traditional paper-pencil assessments of achievement rather than measurements of student growth.

Ask your child or children and his or her teacher about their MAP assessments and RIT scores; what you learn will tell you a great deal about where your child is academically and where he or she needs to go next, and we will use the MAP together to get there.

Transportation Employee of the Month

Mickie Archer, Transportation Supervisor is pleased to announce the Licking Valley Transportation Department's April employee of the month, bus driver, Kay Palmer, Bus # 17. Kay has been with the Licking Valley



School District since August of 1979. That is 30 years of dedication. She has been an On Board Instructor for numerous

years. Kay also volunteers on many committees. From problem solving, updating the Transportation Handbook, to creating new forms, Kay is there to help. She has been instrumental in the Bus Safety Training of our Kindergarten thru 5th grade students and she recognizes her students for good behavior. Kay has a good relationship with the students, their parents, and grandparents. Please join us in recognizing and thanking Kay for her dedication over the years.



2009 - 2010 RESERVED FOOTBALL SEATING INFORMATION

There will be reserved football seats available beginning May 1st. Seats are \$40.00 each.

Contact Lissa Bennett at 763-3252 for available seating or stop by the high school office to check availability.

Swine Flu Confirmed in Ohio

Licking County, Ohio-The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) confirmed a case of swine flu involving a 9-year old boy from Lorain County on Sunday April 26, 2009. This confirmed infection is considered to be mild and the individual is recovering at home.

This virus is comprised of a new combination of influenza virus strains and citizens are urged to take precautions to avoid exposure. As this is a new strain of the flu virus no vaccine is currently available.

Symptoms associated with this swine flu strain are similar to those related to seasonal flu, and include fever, weakness, coughing, and a lack of appetite. "The most effective ways to avoid contracting influenza are to practice proper hand washing and covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze," said Joe Ebel, Licking County Health Commissioner. "And this remains true for the swine flu as well."

Health care providers are encouraged by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to obtain nasal swab samples from patients with influenza like illness that have traveled to Mexico, and affected counties in Southern California and Texas during the seven days preceding the onset of their illness.

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy and avoid contracting communicable diseases:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

What should I do if I get sick?

If you live in areas where swine influenza cases have been identified and become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact your health care provider, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your health care provider will determine whether influenza testing or treatment is needed.

If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

If you are sick, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness to others.

The Licking County Health Department will continue working with its partners at the federal, state and local levels in order to monitor the status of this situation, and additional updates will be provided as information becomes available. Visit www.lickingcohealth.org for updates. Additional information is available on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Thurs., Aug. 20, 2009	Certified Professional Dev. Day (inclusion)
Fri. Aug. 21, 2009	Local Staff Convocation Day
Mon., Aug. 24, 2009	First Student Day (full day)
Mon., Sept. 7, 2009 – NO SCHOOL	Labor Day
Fri., Oct. 16, 2009 – NO SCHOOL	12 month employees only (COTA Day)
Fri., Oct. 23, 2009	<u>End 1st nine weeks</u> 43 days in session
Mon., Oct. 26, 2009	Begin 2 nd nine weeks
Fri., Nov. 13, 2009 – NO SCHOOL	Veteran's Day
Thurs., Nov. 26 and Fri., Nov. 27, 2009 NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Recess
Mon., Nov. 30, 2009 – NO SCHOOL	Comp. Day for P/T Conferences
Fri., Dec. 18, 2009	End-of-day: Winter Break Begins
Mon., Dec. 21, 2009 through Fri., Jan. 1, 2010 NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
Mon., Jan. 4, 2010	School Resumes
Thurs., Jan. 14, 2010	<u>End 2nd nine weeks</u>
Fri., Jan. 15, 2010 – NO SCHOOL	Teacher Records Day
Mon., Jan. 18, 2010 – NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King Day
Tues., Jan. 19, 2010	Begin 3 rd nine weeks
Fri., Feb. 12, 2010 – NO SCHOOL	Comp. Day for P/t Conferences
Mon., Feb. 15, 2010- NO SCHOOL	President's Day Recognition
Fri., Mar. 19, 2010	<u>End 3rd nine weeks</u>
Mon., Mar. 22, 2010	Begin 4 th nine weeks
Mon., Mar. 29 through Fri., Apr. 2, 2010	Spring Break
Sun., May 30, 2010	Graduation Day
Mon., May 31, 2010 – NO SCHOOL	Memorial Day
Thurs., June 3, 2010	<u>Last Student Day</u>
Fri., June 4, 2010	Teacher Records Day

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 Newark, OH 43055

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**THURSDAY
 JUNE 4, 2009
 LAST STUDENT DAY**

AUGUST 2009

We're are on the web:
www.edline.net/pages/licking_valley_local_sd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Staff Professional Development Day	21 Staff Convocation Day	22
23	24 FIRST STUDENT DAY	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	SEPTEMBER 7 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY				SEPTEMBER 12 LV ELEMENTARY FESTIVAL