



LICKING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE VALLEY VIEW

Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

2010 Operation Feed Campaign

The 2010 Licking Valley Operation Feed campaign was another successful one. All three buildings worked hard and in the end were triumphant. Each year the food pantry awards the highest scoring schools with a traveling trophy. For the first year the middle school won the award. The LEO club, under the supervision of Mary Stafford, ended the campaign with 17,972 points. For the second year in a row, the elementary school was a winner. They finished the campaign with 37,649 points. The coordinators for the elementary were Kate Anderson and Kristy Gossett. Under the leadership of the Student Council and their advisors



Brianna Stout and Lindsay Conley, the high school produced its best campaign ever with 41,386 points and procuring the trophy for the third year in a row. In total all three schools had 97,000 and earned the district the Gourmet Award. Representatives from each building attended the Operation Feed Luncheon at the Marne United Methodist Church on

April 23, 2010 and collected the trophies. Each building's trophy is on display in the respective libraries for a year.

The goal of the district coordinator is to keep those trophies in the Valley for a long time to come. A special thank you goes out to cafeteria staff, bus garage and the district office that threw their support behind the buildings and donated to the cause. Of course none of this would be possible without the support of our students and parents that participated. Thank you to everyone who supported the 2010 Operation Feed Campaign.

1st Annual Panther 5K Run/ 1 Mile Fun Walk

On Saturday, April 24, 2010 the 1st Annual Panther Scholarship 5K Run/ 1 Mile Fun Walk was held at the Licking Valley High School. A total of 96 runners/walkers participated. Through sponsorships and entry forms, the event raised \$4,240 for college scholarships for the Class of 2010. The committee chairs were Doug Hammond, Wes



Weaver, Shane Adkins, Denise Edmunds, Chelsea Mealick and Dylan Osborn.

The overall winner was 2009 LV graduate Nathan Vaughn. The overall female winner was Zoe Weaver. Also medaling was Andy Zidron, high school science teacher, and Courtney Lichtenauer, high school guidance counselor. The complete results list and pictures can be found at www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us/highschool.

A special thank you to Creno's Pizza, The Jerry McClain Companies, Christy's Pizza, Edward Jones Investments, Wilson's Garden Center, Donaldson's Real Estate, Paul

Barnes, DDS, Primary Vision Care, Comfrey Corner of Heath, Duane Flowers Construction Inc, German's Bus Sales and Service, Marne United Methodist Church, Bafford Spine and Rehab and Freestyle Designs for their sponsorship. Thank you also to Panther Pizza, LVHS cafeteria staff, Meijer's, Wal-Mart, State Farm, LV Golf Cart Sales, US Marine Corp, Supzilla, Xtreme Martial Arts, and the Pepsi Bottling of Zanesville for their donations and door prizes. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time on Saturday to make the event a huge success. Your generosity is appreciated.

LVHS National Honor Society

The 44th Annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held Sunday, April 25, 2010 in the high school auditorium. The theme this year was "The Journey Begins..." Keynote speaker was Mr. Wesley Weaver, Licking Valley High School principal. During a candle light ceremony, Brittany Curry, Bryant Haren, Mariah Hess, Annaya Holling, Ross Holmes, Katie Holtz, Matt Hummel, Morgan Overbey, Daniel Pfeffer, Justin Price, Jacqueline Sawyer, Sarah Siegrist, Ashley Smith and Jakob Stallworth were inducted into the 2010-2011 membership. Congratulations to all the new inductees and their parents.



LVMS National Junior Honor Society

Twenty-six student were inducted as the first members of the Licking Valley Middle School National Junior Honor Society on Sunday, April 11, 2010. The criteria for membership includes a student's scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character.

The following students were inducted:

Damon Hupp
Kori Caughenbaugh
Grant Garber
Grace Brechbill
Anna Hummel
Cassi Stein
Seth Canter
Celena Gilmore
Natalie Hurst
Sierra McConnell
Matthew Hartshorn
Montana Stanley



Brooklynne Metcalf
Abby Bailey
Mikayla Lowe
Haylie Schmolli
Katie Mentz
Megan L. Jones
Carrie McArtor
Austin Hunter
Kayla Duvall
Ty Griffith
Mazie Powell
Michael Buchbinder
Danielle Buchbinder
Weslee Kelly

CHINA: An Incredible Professional and Personal Experience

by David Hile, Superintendent

As most of you know by now, I was selected last July to participate in the China Exchange Initiative, a program that selects applicants from America's education administrators to participate in an exchange with Chinese education administrators for the purpose of professional growth for the administrators and to perpetuate cultural understanding between these two great countries. As a part of this exchange program, Mr. Zhu, the principal of Wuhan Middle School #26 spent a week in our district and in my home last November, 2009. It was a truly wonderful experience for our faculty and students and exceeded all of my expectations. Mr. Zhu and I became fast friends and colleagues and spent a great deal of time discussing and comparing our respective education systems.

On April 7, 2010, I left for a two and half week trip to China to experience their history and culture and to study their education system. Our trip was organized around visits to four cities in China. Our first stop was in the ancient capital of Xi'an where we learned a great deal about China's ancient history and visited a peasant village named Pangliu. The next stop was Beijing where we met with the National Education Ministry and visited various schools and universities and the famous Forbidden City among other incredible attractions. Our third stop was in our host district, so I was reunited with my friend Mr. Zhu who graciously hosted me in his home in Wuhan, a city of 9 million people in Hubei Province. Here I spent the week visiting Wuhan MS #26 and other primary and secondary schools in Wuhan. In addition, Mr. Zhu treated me to visits to all of Wuhan's incredible attractions including the Yellow Crane Tower, East Lake, the Peony Flower Park, a boat tour on the famous Yangtze River and to wonderful Chinese meals at various restaurants when his wife wasn't cooking me delicious traditional meals at home. The week concluded with a traditional dumpling meal with Mr. Zhu's entire extended family. Spending a week with Mr. Zhu and his family was a wonderful, authentic cultural experience and a personal experience I will never forget. I left Wuhan feeling like I now have a surrogate family in China. On the professional side, we have initiated a relationship that both Mr. Zhu and I have committed to growing and expanding to positively impact our respective faculties and students in the years to come through additional exchanges.

It is really very difficult for me to put into words at this point exactly what this experience meant to me both personally and professionally. As I reflect on it over the coming weeks and months, I hope it gets easier to summarize it for others. Right now, the best I can do is this: China is a country with an incredible culture built over the long course of 5,000 years by incredibly industrious people, and when you are immersed in that culture, you can't help but feel its depth and breadth and sense its richness in the language, the food, the traditions and the cultural norms.

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ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

The Village of Hanover is very excited to share with you the possibility of a community park. Some features may include a handicap accessible playground, walking path, baseball diamonds, sports field, basketball courts and shelter houses. The park is planned to be completed in phases.

In the upcoming weeks, the Village of Hanover (along with local citizens) will be conducting an income survey. The income survey is a requirement for federal funding for a proposed Recreation Facility. Your participation would financially benefit the funding of the project.

The income survey will consist of the following questions:

1. Total number of household members
2. Income range of household.

All residents are asked to cooperate if their household is contacted. If you have questions about the surveys, please contact Kim Christian, (740)670-5202 or Beth Adkins, Adkinsb@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

“Leaders for Learning Award”

Debra Hall, Licking Valley 4th grade teacher was awarded the “Leaders for Learning Award”

This award was created by the Licking County Foundation in 1993 to recognize public school teachers for excellence in their fields. Candidates are nominated by principals and chosen by superintendents based on their beliefs that all students want to learn, outstanding leadership and commitment to professional development.



You also learn very quickly how proud and reverent the Chinese people are of their history and culture. At every historical and cultural attraction we visited, from the history museums, the Terra Cotta Warrior archeological site to the raising of the flag at Tiananmen Square at sunrise, we were outnumbered by hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of Chinese citizens.

As proud as the Chinese people are of their culture, you also sense a genuine openness and welcoming to other people, their cultures and their ideas. In fact, as I wrote on my blog, contrary to what we often read or hear in the news media about the disdain with which Americans are supposedly viewed around the world, I found all of the Chinese people I met and interacted with to be genuinely respectful and admiring, and almost in awe of America and Americans. Indeed, I have never been treated with more respect and admiration anywhere at any time in my life.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been so supportive of my taking this trip. I have really been overwhelmed with the number of people in the Licking

Valley School community who were genuinely positive and excited about me going to China and who are now genuinely interested in learning about the trip.

I am eager to demonstrate my appreciation for that support by sharing my experience with interested students, parents, staff and community members. I will be doing a photo presentation for everyone interested in touring China through my pictures on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 from 7-9 pm at the Licking Valley High School Library/Media Center. I hope you will join me; I think you'll enjoy it!

Alternative Date for Student Physicals

Licking Valley will offer physicals to students on **July 27, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.** for those who cannot make it on June 2, or June 3 at Company Care.

These physicals will be held at the High School and are open to any junior high or high school athlete for a fee of **\$10.00** per athlete.

**For more information, please contact
Megan L. Scott, ATC
Athletic Trainer/Athletic Secretary
740-763-3252**



Free Sports Physicals For Licking Valley Student Athletes Company Care

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

BOYS

**June 2, 2010
5:30 PM**

GIRLS

**June 3, 2010
5:30 PM**



Stop by the high school or middle school office to pick up your OH-SAA 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

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740-763-2865
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740-763-2031

 **Licking Valley to Celebrate
51st Graduation Ceremony
May 30, 2010 2:00 P.M.**

2010 - 2011 RESERVED FOOTBALL SEATING
There will be reserved football seats available beginning May 3rd. Seats are \$40.00 each.
Contact Megan Scott at 763-3252 for available seating or stop by the high school office to check availability.

**NO SCHOOL
MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY , MAY 31, 2010**

**THURSDAY
JUNE 3, 2010
LAST STUDENT DAY**

**MONDAY
AUGUST 23, 2010
FIRST STUDENT DAY**

Reminder to Parents
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.

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