Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

THE VALLEY VIEW

Licking Valley Local Schools

David Hile, Superintendent

May 18-20 LVES 5th Grade Students Washington D.C. Trip

May 22
Senior Awards Banquet
Hosted by HS Renaissance
3:30 P.M.

May 24 LVMS Guitar Recital

May 25
5th Gr. Recognition
7:00 P.M.

May 26
LVHS Underclassmen
Awards
Hosted by HS Renaissance
During School Day

May 27
Mandatory Graduation
Practice

SUNDAY, MAY 29 52nd GRADUATION

NO SCHOOL
May 30, 2011
Memorial Day Observed

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 LAST STUDENT DAY

LV Intermediate School Grade Cards/Class Assignments for 2011-12 will be mailed Week of June 13

MONDAY, August 22, 2011 FIRST STUDENT DAY

The Financial Stability of the Licking Valley Local Schools by David Hile, Superintendent

As you know, the world, our nation and our state have been through what many have termed the Great Recession over the past several years. The nation has a \$14 trillion debt, a \$1.7 trillion budget deficit and the state of Ohio has an \$8 billion deficit. When you read or watch the news, you see that many, and sometimes it seems that all, school districts are in dire straits and going back to their communities with new requests for additional operating funds. In this context, I would think that many of you, LV residents, have scratched your head and asked yourselves, "I wonder how the LV Schools are doing financially?" Well, recently, Jo Lynn Torbert, our treasurer, and I have been trying to address that very question with our stakeholders.

Six years ago, we established a Finance Task Force (FTF), which consists of community members and LV staff members. The FTF meets three times per year, fall, winter and spring, and during these meetings, Jo Lynn and I present the current finances of the district and have discussions about where our money comes from and where it goes. We also discuss near-term and long-term plans for pursuing our vision of every adult helping every child learn and grow every day. Following this spring's meeting with the FTF, Jo Lynn and I held additional meetings open to the entire staff because we knew they were most likely asking themselves, "I wonder how the LV Schools are doing financially?"

In these meetings we explained our revenue sources, our expenditures and how the recent \$3.1 billion dollar cut to state education funding in Gov. Kasich's budget bill will impact the district. The fact is that the district is experiencing significant losses of revenue in multiple revenue streams, most notably a loss of \$1.2 million dollars over the next four years from the abrupt end to the phase out of the Tangible Personal Property Tax, which was a tax on business inventory and property. Nonetheless, due to long-term, prudent and conservative financial planning and strict control of our expenditures, which has led to the accumulation of an ample cash balance, the Licking Valley Local School District remains on very sound financial footing going forward into the near future. With continued long-term, prudent and conservative financial planning and strict control of our expenditures that cash balance is going to buy us a few more years in the black, giving the economy more time to stabilize and grow, which should benefit the district via our income tax and other revenue streams. The bottom line is that we feel that we have taken the state's stiffest punch to public education funding to date, and we are still standing in the black, moving the district forward educationally so that we can provide our students with an education relevant to the 21st Century without asking our community for additional tax dollars to make it happen. In fact, we are proud to report that the Licking Valley Local Schools is at 18 years and counting without asking our community for additional operating dollars, and right now we have no plans to do so in the near future.

District Newsletter and Annual Calendar Going Green

The May/June 2011 issue of the Valley View newsletter is the last hard copy issue to be mailed. The Licking Valley Local School District will begin distributing the district newsletter via e-mail and posting the newsletter on the district's web site. We will be using our parent e-mail data base to distribute the newsletter. Be sure to let the schools know of any email changes you may have. If you do not have a student in the district and would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please contact Laura Lahmers at lahmers @lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

The Licking Valley Annual Report 2010-2011/Calendar for 2011-2012 will not be sent out in the mail this year, but will be available to view on the district's web site in late July or early August.

THE RED, THE WHITE, THE BLUE KABOOM **JUNE 25TH**

Parade Line-up 4:30 P.M. At Hanover Presbyterian Church Parade 5:30 P.M.

Activities following the parade at the LV Football Field: Car Show Valley Idol Singing Competition Pedal Tractor Pull Antique Tractor Show Food, Vendors & Games Historical Society Grand Opening Panther Dash Fireworks Additional information available at Hanoverohio.net

***** **Leader for Learning Award**

Congratulations to Kathy Mehler, 8th Grade Language Arts teacher for being selected as Licking Valley's 2011 Licking County Foundation Teacher Award recipient! It took 39 years, but she got the recognition she deserves for being



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an outstanding educator! We are all very proud of you, Kathy.

The red apple in the picture is the award, and it was made from hand blown glass at The Works.



OPERATION FEED

The Licking Valley School District once again participated in the 2011 Operation Feed campaign. All three buildings conducted their campaigns during the month of March. It was once again a successful year.

On Friday, May 6, 2011, building coordinators, building principals, and the high school Student Council attended the annual Food Pantry luncheon at the Marne United Methodist Church. All of the buildings were honored at the luncheon for their work with the Operation Feed. For the second year in a row, each building was awarded with the Most Points Earned in a Campaign trophy. It is a trophy that travels among the schools that raise the most points each year. This year the high school earned the most points with 39,004. Coming in second were the elementary schools with 30,912. The middle school followed with 30,095 points. It should be noted that the middle school had their most successful campaign ever. Their total last year was 17, 967. They increased by 12,000! The district as a whole was honored with the Grand Gourmet Award. Any company or school with 100,000 points or more receives this recognition.

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 Trans-

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portation at 763-3525. Applicants for all positions in the Licking Valley School District must fill out an online Ohio Reap application at: www.ohreap,net

Middle School Students **Receive Recognition**



On May 9, 2011 members of the Anti-Bullying Group, led by Mr. Neiger were presented with a Certificate of Excellence from Ms. Lisa Eschleman, representative from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, for participating in the OSBF video challenge. The students made a video addressing the issues of sexting and cyber bullying.

Every year the Licking Valley community supports Operation Feed. We delivered a check for \$9, 394.53 to the Licking County Food Pantry. Each year the canned goods go to the Marne United Methodist Church. This year 2098 food and personal items went to the church. A huge thank you goes to every one in the Valley who helped support the 2011 Operation Feed Campaign. As the need for help rises, so does the generosity of the community.

WCLT/T-100 PSA **Contest Winners**

Licking County Recycling with T-100 held their annual Public Service Announcement contest. Middle and high school students throughout the county were given the opportunity to write a public service announcement (PSA) that explains why

Earth Day should be celebrated every day. Over 100 entries were received. This year's winners were Licking Valley 8th graders Carissa Cline and Jennie Blosser and 7th grade Heath

to year.



student Tatum Thompson. The PSAs were broadcast throughout the month of April on WCLT-AM and T-100 FM. The Department of Licking County Recycling would like to thank WCLT/T-100 Radio for their continuing support of the PSA contest as well as the many teachers who encouraged their students to participate in the contest.



Fees Unpaid student fees carry over year

Please do not let fee balances carry over, as this places a burden not only on you the parent/quardian, but on the school district as well. Seniors must have all fees paid before participating in graduation.

The Middle and High School report cards show what fees are due based on selected classes. All Elementary fees are \$20.00 per student. Contact your respective building to make arrangements to pay student fees.

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

High School Academic Awards 2010-2011

On Sunday, May 22nd and Thursday, May 26th Licking Valley High School Renaissance will be hosting the Senior Awards Banquet and the Underclassmen Awards Banquet. Renaissance will be recognizing students who have achieved 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year honors in addition to departmental awards, and scholarships for seniors. Seniors that will be recognized at the May 22nd Senior Awards Banquet should receive an invitation by mail; RSVP is necessary. All underclassmen students are eligible to attend the Underclassmen Awards Banquet which will take place at 1:00 p.m. on May 26th.

FIRST YEAR AWARDS

Freshmen

Abagail Bailey Skyler Barnhart Isabella Brechbill Caleb Britton **Emily Brunson** Danielle Buchbinder Charles Burwell Blake Butler Seth Canter Nathan Carpenter Christopher Carson Bryce Cartwirght Kayla Duvall **Emily Fleming** Grant Garber Celena Gilmore **April Ginnery** Ty Griffith Marshal Hall Matthew Hartshorn Hunter Hartshorn Celeste Hinerman Justin Holman Austin Hunter Natalie Hurst Hannah Hykes Megan Jones Weslee Kelly Carrie McArtor Joseph McClain Montana Mentz **David Mohler** Cierra Moore Eulisa Moore Sara Moran Scott Morris Morgan Nethers Mazie Powell Craig Prince Nicole Raftery Ronald Richardson, III Shelby Robinson Devin Shannon Austin Skeese Montanna Stanley Cassi Stein Destinee Strohacker

FIRST YEAR AWARDS Sophomores

Brittany Baker Caleb Brown Michele Cox Paige Estep James Galloway, III Steven Hess Aubrey Keyse Aaron Kinney Tyler Kuhnes

Callie Torbert

Dakota Tudor

Ryan Vlachos

Seth Walpole

Brady Wilson

Brittney Wilson

Jessica Wright

Sykora Zabel

Wyatt Wortkowtter

Gabriel Valentine

Skylar Ulry

David Martin Emily May Courtney Mayes Thomas Wogan Dexter Wollenburg

FIRST YEAR AWARDS

Juniors

Landon Adrian Shelby Amos James Ball **Thomas Calendine** Rachael Cotrell Nathaniel Crosby **Tiffany Darnes** Taylor Friend Morgan Linn Leeann Mohler Chelsea Sammons Kaitlin White

FIRST YEAR AWARDS Seniors

Russell Jewell Tyler Ross

SECOND YEAR AWARDS Sophomores

Michale Adam Halley Anderson Zachary Anderson Eric Bell **Brooke Bennett Brock Bradley** Andrew Buchbinder Mackenzie Butler **Taylor Carmer Devin Carr** Aurora Chalfant **Chandler Cook** Cara Dillon Samantha Eckhart Joshua Ellis Taylor Ellis Clayton Embrey Abagail Evans Meghan Fracker Jessica Gavheart Hunter Hall Ashley Haren Emily Harrington
Zoey Harvey

Kassia Johnson Lacie Keyse Marissa Klein Jennifer Lake Philip Lehman Ashley Marinik Drew McArtor Hayden McClain Nathan McCown Mara Miltimore Ross Nash

Donald Helton

Marissa Hupp

Caleb Nethers Josie Nethers Olivia Pettet Averi Rice Rachel Roberts Kailey Rutherford

Shawn Sapp Jared Schindler Alexandreia Shell Ryan Shepherd Abraham Smith John Stephens Nathanael Thompson **Taylor Tolley** Nicholas Toomey Whitley Trusler Joanna Tudor Marley Young

SECOND YEAR AWARDS

<u>Juniors</u>

Ashley Archer Aaron Bachelor Kyle Blosser Evan Cockrell Tasha Geer Amanda Jewell Cody Lang Cirsten Lindsey Victoria Mordaunt Paul Nuzum Madison O'Hara Brittany Pfouts Megan Redman Shane Richards Lauren Richardson Zachary Roberts Rickey Wilson

SECOND YEAR AWARDS

Seniors

Justin Beck **Austin Careins** Paige Estep Megan Fitzgerald Lissa German Adam Gossett Elizabeth Mascari Veronica Nott Seara Wilson Cory Workman Regan Yontz

THIRD YEAR AWARDS **Juniors**

John Barrett Nathan Bauer Michael Bowden Melodie Clay Kourtney Cline Kevin Copley Samantha Crain Kindle Crosslev Tyler Cunningham Kyle Evans Jacob Griffith Tyler Harble Tara Hill Marcie Hindel Trace Johnson Savannah Justus Shyla Kreaer William Lee Rian Lees Stephana Lollo Drake McArtor Matthew McClain

Katelyn Melrose Tamara Melrose Alexis Mitchell Tori Montgomery Jordan Moore Nathan Moore Leigha Moran Caleb Myers Zachary Nagy Taylor Osborn Hayden Ourant Brandon Paul Jeni Romine Kerry Shannon Lauren Snyder Avery Stalnaker Jessica Stephens Shayna Stolte Jessica Strelecky Kaylee Strohacker Payton Teter Trent Ware Benjamin Wilson Thor Wolford Jenny Wright

Zane Mealick

THIRD YEAR AWARDS Seniors

Tesse Griffith Kirstie Harman Tracy Keck Kassandra Klein Lyndsey long Jeremiah Moore Ryne Morgan Samantha Sforza Shawna Toomev Lauren Trover Kelly Wills

FOURTH YEAR AWARDS

Seniors

Kelsey Boyer Jeffrey Cline **Brittany Curry** Hanna Dodson Julia Dougherty Stephen Fadley Treovr Glossdr Bryant Haren Matthew Hart Mariah Hess Katelyn Hottz Paige John Alexander Oakley Morgan Overbey Aundrea Partin Daniel Pfeffer Justin Price Josef Romine Jacqueline Sawyer Sarah Siegrist Ashley Smith Jakob Stallworth Paige Swearingen Mariah Swisher Mitchell Toomey Graciana Wolford

May 21 10:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. May 20 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. LVHS Media Center Art Show Local artists and students will be showcasing and selling their art. The public is welcome to attend.

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LICKING VALLEY NIGHT AT THE SETTLERS JULY 1, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Come and enjoy an evening out at the ballpark with the family. Games are played at Don Edwards Park.

"Panther Pride"





2nd Annual Panther Scholarship 5K Run was held Saturday, April 30th.

Check us out on Facebook by searching Licking Valley Annual Panther Scholarship 5K Run. Proceeds provide scholarships for the Class of 2011.

