



The Valley View

Introducing Leader Alert!!!

Leader Alert is a new product that will allow Licking Valley Schools to automatically contact groups of staff and parents via phone and/or email in the event that a message of some type needs to be relayed. Leader Alert gives us the ability to send a voice or email message to every parent in our district with information about any situation that might arise. This includes snow days, early releases, and any emergencies that might occur in our schools. Here's how it works: We have taken the information parents have provided us and created a contact list for every student in the district that contains a parent phone

Leader Alert.



number, parent cell phone number, and email address. We're loading this data into the Leader Alert system, and once it's ready we'll be able to send messages as needed. **To test this service we are going to attempt to send a voice**

message to the parent phone numbers and an email message on Thursday,

November 13th, at approximately

5:30P. M. When the message is sent,

your phone will ring, and once you answer and say hello you'll hear a recorded message from Superintendent Hile.

You'll be asked after the message is completed to press 1 on your phone to

acknowledge the call. In addition, you should receive an email message. You don't need to reply to the email. That's all there is to it. We will use this system as needed to keep our parents notified, AND we'll be using the system soon to make daily calls to parents of students that are unexcused from school as a reminder that your student was not in school and that an excuse is needed. If you don't receive the test call or email on the 13th, or if you are concerned that we do not have your current information, please contact your school secretary as soon as possible so that we can update our records prior to the test.

LVHS Band Scores High

Congratulations to the Licking Valley Marching Band for their OUTSTANDING performances at competitions on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008. The band performed at Newark's White Field and New Philadelphia's Woody Hayes Stadium. Needing SUPERIOR (I) ratings in at least four out of seven categories for a trip to the State Marching Band Finals, the band received SUPERIOR ratings in three categories, missing three other categories by 1.5 points or less. The band's final score at New Philadelphia of 232.05 is the band's highest total in three years. This performance places the Licking Valley Marching Band in the top 20% of competitive marching bands from schools with similar enrollment in the state of Ohio. Congratulations to senior leaders Aaron Smith, Carrie Lough, Megan Kuhlwein, Brianna Humphries, Nathan Vaughn and to the rest of the Licking Valley High School Marching Band!



Did You Know?

. . . LVMS has launched its very own Renaissance Program. This is the wildly successful academic recognition program that began at LVHS four years ago. Advisor Anne Carmer and the LVMS Renaissance Team of students planned and conducted their first Renaissance Rally on Friday, Oct. 31 to recognize students for their academic achievement and growth during the first grading period!

Our vision: Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

Licking Valley Alumni Spotlight

This is a new feature started last spring 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. Based upon the number of nominations received, two to four people each month will be featured. 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).



Justin Lahmers

Justin, 33, graduated from Licking Valley in 1993 and currently resides in Hilliard, OH with his wife Amy, two year old daughter Abigail and a second child due in February 2009. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a double major in Animal Sciences and Agricultural Business and Applied Economics in 1998. After graduating Justin managed the OSU beef cattle farm on the Columbus campus where he worked with undergraduate students. After this he served as the Director of Beef Improvement Programs for the Ohio Cattlemen/s Association and as State Beef Cattle extension Associate in the Department of Animal Sciences at OSU. While there he worked with beef cattle producers from across the state identifying markets for beef products as well as working with many 4-H programs at the Ohio State Fair and even going on a ten day trade mission trip to Israel.

Currently Justin is the facility Manager at the University Laboratory Animal Resources (ULAR) which is part of The Ohio State University. The mission of ULAR is to ensure the humane care and use of animals used for biomedical research and teaching at The Ohio State University, ensure compliance with federal laws and guidelines related to animal use, and promote the responsible use of animals for the benefit of society. In his free time Justin enjoys spending time with his family, being an active member of the Hilliard United Methodist Church, and going to Ohio state football games in the fall.

Advice to Students: Get involved in school clubs, teams or other programs at or away from school including volunteer activities or groups. This will provide you exposure to many different experiences and people that can help you determine your interests and strengths, as well as expose you to diverse groups of people and places. To get the most out of life it is important to serve a cause greater than yourself.

Matthew Felumlee

Matthew, 25, graduated from Licking Valley in 2001 and from Bentley College in Waltham, MA with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics in 2005. He currently is a Captain in the United States Army where he is a Tank Platoon Leader. This is a job that comes with a very high level of responsibility. Matthew is not only responsible for four M1A2 SEPv2 Tanks, two Mine Resistant Am bus Protected Vehicles, and four HMMWV vehicles and associated equipment valued in excess of 23 million dollars, but he is also responsible for the individual and collective training, professional development, discipline, health, welfare and morale of 16 Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers. As a Platoon Leader, Matthew has conducted over 250 missions covering over 13,000 miles in 10 months. These missions have included and continue to include integrating Iraqi Security Forces into operations as well as leadership



engagements with local government officials and raids on possible insurgent houses.

Outside of Matthew's work he is a member of the Hanover Presbyterian church and has completed both the New York and Boston Marathons. He also enjoys traveling and golfing.

Advice to Students:

I would advise students to continue to challenge themselves and remain open to new possibilities and opportunities. I have been extremely fortunate in the opportunities that have been available to me since graduation from Licking valley—from going to college in Boston, to serving my country in the Army, to traveling through out the US and around the world. I would recommend that students get out to see as much as they can; expose themselves to new people, cultures and ideas. Through my travels, I have become grateful for all that Hanover and Licking Valley have provided me, and it has helped me realize just how fortunate I have been.

The Licking Valley Local Schools Strategic Plan By Dave Hile, Superintendent

The Licking Valley Local Schools has a strategic plan in place that guides our work and informs our decision-making. We are entering year four of this five-year plan, and it is important for us to consistently monitor our progress on our goals and mission to realize our vision. Below you will find Goal 4 and its action plan consisting of 11 action steps with a column describing the things we have done or will be doing in 2008-09 to accomplish each step. Each of the next six months we will publish a goal and its action plan with a description of the initiatives we are pursuing to accomplish each goal. You can also find the entire strategic plan update on our website (https://www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_Local_SD) in the Superintendent’s Corner. If you have questions about any of our goals and/or strategic initiatives, please don’t hesitate to call me at 763-3525.

Vision Statement

Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

Mission Statement

The Licking Valley Schools and community will ensure academic achievement for all students in preparation for a successful tomorrow.

GOAL 4

The Licking Valley School District will ensure effective communication within the school district.

1. Improve use of Valley View, Newsletters and Web Site as communication tools.	Occurring and on-going.
2. Provide a timely response system to clarify incorrect information being distributed in the community.	1. Coffee at the Cottage . 2. Advocate Community Page . 3. Implemented Superintendent’s Corner on website to disseminate info and to combat rumors. 4. Will implement an instant messaging system in 2008-09.
3. Use media outlets to best of our advantage regarding communicating with public.	1. All buildings and DO make effective use of Advocate Community page. 2. Frequently invite Advocate to cover our activities. 3. Always respond immediately to requests for interviews and/or info for all outlets.
4. Reinforce internal communication methods (students, staff, administration).	1. Increasingly utilizing technology to more effectively and efficiently facilitate internal communication (e.g., Edline, email, electronic documents). 2. Need to ensure all staff can access email from home in 2008-09.
5. Schedule annual meeting between bus drivers, building administrators and the superintendent.	Quarterly meeting occurred in 2007-08 and administrators attended as necessary to address issues. Same will occur in 2008-09.
6. Improve internal communication within each building.	1. Using technology for daily/weekly staff updates. 2. Weekly, monthly and quarterly grade level/dept. meetings. 3. Grade level leaders serve as liaisons between administration and staff.
7. Improve internal communication within the district.	All indications are that this is occurring effectively. In 2008-09, we will insure that all administrators have a cell phone in use, and that all relevant staff are utilizing our ADM student information management system effectively and efficiently.
8. Improve community communication.	Redundant with action step 1 above.
9. Provide communication between each building and designated person responsible for special education and eligibility.	1. There will be quarterly special education meetings beginning in 2008-09. 2. Annual special education case manager training beginning in 2008-09. 3. Angela Kelley is developing a special education/IEP paperwork flowchart for staff. 3. Jan Clayton is doing an excellent job of sharing important special education information with teachers, administrators and parents.
10. Communicate academic progress.	1. Edline. 2. Interim grade reports. 3. P/T conferences. 4. Renaissance Program. 5. Board updates on district academic progress.
11. Implement more efficient method of calling parents regarding unreported absences.	The new instant messaging system to be implemented in 2008-09 will have a feature that will provide for automated parent phone calls on unreported absences.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Crisis Center Hotline, 211 or 740-345 HELP (4357)

Food Pantry Network of Licking Co., 344-7401

Crime Victim's Hotline
1-800-582-2877

Domestic & Family Violence - The Woodlands, 349-6424

Catholic Social Services
345-2565

Runaway Hotline
1-800-621-4000

Child Abuse Reporting
670-8860

Heartbeats of Licking Co.
349-7558

Rape Counseling
345-2565

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LVHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT WINTER CONCERT

When: Thursday, December 11
7:00 P.M.

Where: LVHS Auditorium

Who: Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band and "Vocal Impact Show Choir"

November 2008

We're are on the web:

www.edline.net/pages/licking_valley_local_sd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 IES Skate Night 6:00 LV Board of Education 6:00	11 Market Day Panther Parents PES 6:00 IES 6:30 VETERANS DAY	12 LV Cooks Day 	13 LEADER ALERT TESTING 5:30 pm	14 HS Fall Dinner Theater 6:00	15
16	17	18 LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:30 LV Music Boosters 7:00	19	20 PES Skate Night 6:00	21	22
23	24 LV Athletic Boosters 7:00	25 Freshman Career Fair @ Denison	26	27 NO SCHOOL 	28 NO SCHOOL	29 G V/JV BK West Muskingum H
30	DECEMBER 1 NO SCHOOL		Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.			