

# THE VALLEY VIEW

Licking Valley Local Schools

David Hile, Superintendent

## Marching Panthers Heading to State Finals

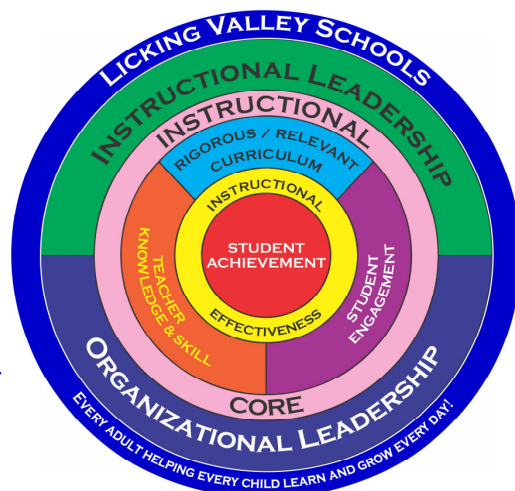
The 2012 Licking Valley Marching Band season has been one for the record books. This year they competed in 4 local OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) sanctioned events and they qualified for OMEA State Marching Band Finals at 3 of the four events. At the Cambridge Cavalcade of Bands on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the band won first place and best percussion in class B. They followed that up with a second place finish, best percussion, best auxiliary, and their first superior rating that qualified them for state at the Zanesville Bonanza of Bands on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Marching Panthers continued their successful season by earning another superior rating at their own band contest at Licking Valley High School on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Their final local performance was this past Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Tri-Valley Classic where the band earned the Grand Champion award for class B/C and another superior rating from the judges.

The band's 2012 competition show is entitled "Home of the Brave" and it features songs that recognize the history and sacrifice of the brave men and women who have and who continue to defend the freedoms of our



country. When asked about the keys to the band's successful season, senior field conductor Joanna Tudor said "we worked hard all year. We set our goals to earn the school's first superior rating at state and we are almost there." The 2012 Marching Panthers will make the school's 5<sup>th</sup> appearance at State Marching Band Finals on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45pm at Brunswick High School in Brunswick, Ohio.

**The Marching Band will perform in concert on November 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.**



## IN THE HALL ART SHOW

The Licking Valley Elementary will showcase student art work on November 5th, 6th, and 8th during the elementary parent/teacher conferences from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy the fall creations your students have artistically created to colorfully adorn the elementary hallways.



The Licking Valley Elementary Physical Education classes will be holding a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser during PE classes

November 14 -19.

All money donated goes to the American Heart Associa-

### Eighth Grade Gettysburg Trip

The first deposit of \$125.00 per person is coming due November 16, 2012. Please make checks payable to Licking Valley Middle School. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Hageman at [hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us) or call the middle school at 763-3396.

## Book Fair and Artisan Show

December 10th - 14th

Sponsored by LVHS Media Center

Students and Local Artists will feature their works along with a Book Fair

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 3:00 PM

Open Tuesday and Thursday until 6:00 pm

Come shop with us!



## Gifted Screenings

The Gifted Department of Licking County Educational Service Center will be conducting screening for gifted identification in the visual and performing arts, specifically in the areas of painting, sculpting, drawing, vocal music, instrumental music, dance, or drama. According to Ohio law and district policy, students in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 may be nominated for assessment for gifted identification. Between the months of November and February, nominated students will be evaluated using a checklist of gifted behaviors and, for those who earn a qualifying score on the checklist, a demonstration of the student talent in the fine arts. Parents, teachers, or students may nominate possible candidates for evaluation. Forms are available from the district or school office or on the Licking County Educational service Center website at [www.lcesc.org/Gifted/gifted.html](http://www.lcesc.org/Gifted/gifted.html). Nominations must be received in the Licking County ESC office no later than November 2, 2012. Additional information will be sent to parents of nominated students in mid November. If you have questions, please contact Colleen Boyle, Gifted Coordinator, at 740-349-6094 or by email at [cboyle@laca.org](mailto:cboyle@laca.org).

# EZpay

In an attempt to provide parents with the opportunity to make school fee payments on-line, a decision was made at the end of the 2011-12 school year to change over to EZ-Pay from NutriKids. EZ-Pay provides parents with the opportunity to make multiple type school payments on-line. NutriKids processes meal payment only. Because we didn't want parents to have to pay multiple transaction fees, this seemed like the most viable solution.

Parents can register their student(s) with EZ-Pay and do the following:

- Make On-Line Fee/Meal Payments
- Set Low Balance Alerts
- Check Payment History (balance amount only)

Since parents no longer have access to NutriKids, the detail side of your child's lunch account is no longer viewable. If this is something you would like to have, this information can be obtained by contacting any of the following people in your child's building or Jan Jennings, Cafeteria Supervisor at [jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us) (740) 763-2433.

Dottie Tosi, Head Cook- Elementary	<a href="mailto:tosid@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us">tosid@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</a>	(740) 763-4029
Marian Simross, Secretary- Elementary	<a href="mailto:simrossm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us">simrossm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</a>	(740) 763-2865
Diana Miller, Secretary-Elementary	<a href="mailto:millerd@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us">millerd@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</a>	(740) 763-2718
Michelle Aronowitz, Head Cook- MS	<a href="mailto:aronowitzm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us">aronowitzm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</a>	(740) 763-3541
Carma French, Secretary-MS	<a href="mailto:frenchc@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us">frenchc@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</a>	(740) 763-3396
Tammy Holdsworth, Head Cook-HS	<a href="mailto:holdswortht@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us">holdswortht@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</a>	(740) 763-4711
Lissa Bennett, Secretary-HS	<a href="mailto:bennettl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us">bennettl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</a>	(740) 763-3721

To access EZ-Pay, go to [www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](http://www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us) , click on the Parents Link and select the EZ-Pay option.






The following LVHS Choir students will be representing Licking Valley at the Ohio Music Education Association District 10 Honors Choir Festival at Delaware Hayes High School on Saturday, November 17: Demonica Rodgers, Megan Jones, Alex Shell, Zoey Harvey, David Martin, Cody Tudor, and Devin Shannon. The day includes rehearsal with Frank Bianchi, choral director at Baldwin Wallace University, and high school students from six other Ohio counties and a free concert, open to the public, at 3:00 pm.

The following LVMS Choir students will be representing Licking Valley at the Ohio Music Education Association District 10 Honors Choir Festival at Delaware Hayes High School on Saturday, November 17: Shelby Holbrook, Emma Doyle, Kolton Johnson and Dean Miller. The day includes rehearsal with Michael Lisi, choral director at Avon Lake City Schools, and middle school students from six other Ohio counties and a free concert, open to the public, at 3:00 pm.

The LVHS "Vocal Impact" Show Choir will once again participate in Community Days at Elder Beerman. Help send the show choir to Chicago to perform at the Field Museum of Natural History by purchasing a coupon booklet from any show choir student between November 1 and November 17. They are only \$5.00 and all proceeds go directly to the show choir.

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Licking Valley Sports Calendar can be found on the LVHS Web page under <b>Contents/LV Athletic Dept.</b>  <a href="http://www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_High_School">http://www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_High_School</a>				1 Marching Panthers Concert 7:00 PM	2 LV State Marching Band Finals @ Brunswick High School 8:45 PM	3
4  Daylight Saving Time Ends	5 Intermediate P/T Conf. 4-7:30	6  PES P/T Conf. 4-7:30 MS P/T Conf. 3:30-7:00 <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	7 HS P/T Conf. 3-6  <b>LV Food Service Recognition Day</b>	8 HS P/T Conf. 3-7 MS P/T Conf. 3:30 -7 PES/IES P/T Conf. 4-7:30 <b>VETERANS' Breakfast @ HS</b>	9 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	10
11 <b>VETERANS DAY</b> 	12 Board of Education 6:00 PM HS Library	13 LV FFA 7:00	14	15	16 GBK @ Maysville Fr/JV/V	17
18	19	20 LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:00 Music Boosters 7:00 Freshman Career Fair at Denison	21 GVBK Centerburg H	22 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23 GFRBK Pickerington H GJV/VBK Coshocton BBK @ Canal Winchester Fr/JV/V <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24
25	26 BJV/VBK Northridge H 7/8 GBK @ Lakewood Athletic Boosters 7:00 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27 GJV/VBK @ Zanesville	28	29 7/8 GBK St. Francis H V WR @ Newark	30 BBK Watkins Fr/JV/V H	



## Leader Alert Text Messages

The Leader Alert system is now text capable, but we can only send you the text messages if you go on the Leader Alert website and register to receive the texts because there can be fees associated with receiving texts through your cell phone provider, so we need your permission to send you text messages. The link below will take you to the registration site at Leader Alert. If you need step-by-step instructions for registering, there will be a document posted under the Parents tab on our district website.  
[http://www.edline.net/pages/Licking\\_Valley\\_Local\\_SD](http://www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_Local_SD)

Even with activating this feature, you will still receive phone messages and emails for important announcements because not all of our parents will register for text messaging, so we will still have to utilize the other two modes of communication to ensure that critical messages reach all of our parents. It will be interesting to see how many parents register.

<https://www.leaderphone.com/leader/alertPortalSignup.jsp?id=209851665>





### LICKING VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Board Members:** Kim Christian, Lucinda Wills,  
Jackie Caughenbaugh, Mary Kay Martin  
**President:** Lydia Miller

### Search for Children with Disabilities

School districts throughout Ohio actively participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities birth through age 21. By disability, we mean conditions such as multiple disabilities, hearing impairment, visual impairment, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, cognitive disability, specific learning disability, speech and/or language disability, autism and traumatic brain injury. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the main stream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware that programs and services are available. If you know of a child with a disability, please contact: **Kelly Roudabush, School Psychologist, 763-3105** or **Jan Clayton, Coordinator of Student Services, 763-2897.**



### Third Grade Students Fall Sing



### Autism Scholarship Program and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program

Your child may be eligible for a scholarship under the Autism Scholarship Program or the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program to attend a special education program that implements the child's individualized education program and that is operated by an alternative public provider or by a registered private provider. For additional information you can contact the Ohio Department of Education at 1-877-644-6338 or via the ODE's website at [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov) From there select the link "School Options" and from the drop down menu select "Scholarship Programs-Other".



### LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR

Intermediate Book Fair is Oct 29th-Nov 2nd  
Primary Book Fair Nov. 5th-Nov 8th.

The Book Fair will also be open during Conference Nights on Nov 5th, Nov 6th and Nov. 8th.

You can also stop by during Community Friends Day on Nov. 30th. A book makes a great gift!

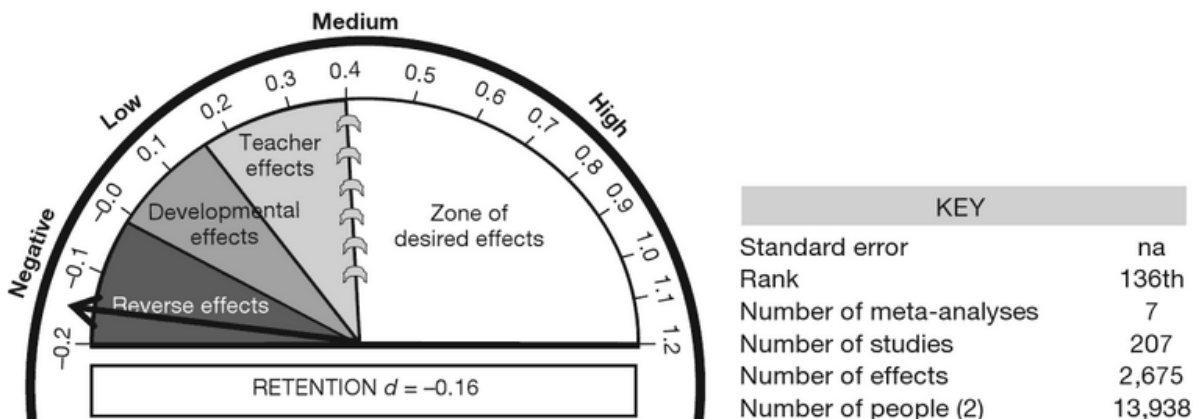
# Why Ohio's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Guarantee May Guarantee Student Failure

The following is an excerpt from a revision to Ohio Revised Code 3313.608 that went into effect in September 2012:

**“Beginning with students who enter third grade in the 2013-2014 school year, no school district shall promote to fourth grade any student who attains a score in the range designated under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that section [i.e., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading OAA] to measure skill in English language arts expected at the end of third grade . . .”**

With this change to the law, your Ohio legislators and Governor Kasich have seen fit to ignore all of the existing research on student retention, and institutionalize through legislation, retention for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders across the state of Ohio based on one test score on a standardized test taken at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year, irrespective of what the student's parents, teachers, counselors and principals know about the student, his educational background, his progress over the past four years of his education and all other possible variables.

Why is this an outrageous and indefensible decision by the politicians in Columbus? Let's consider an analysis of all the valid and reliable research that has ever been done on student retention. Educational researcher and author, John Hattie, conducted a meta-analysis (research of the research) of 800 meta-analyses, published in 2009 under the title *Visible Learning*, on an exhaustive list of factors impacting student achievement, one of those factors was retention. Below is a diagram of the measurement graphic Hattie constructed to illustrate the impact of each factor on student achievement relative to 0.0 on a standard deviation scale and his “hinge point”, which is +.40 of 1 standard deviation. If a student achievement factor rates a 0.0, it has no noticeable impact on student achievement, if it rates a +.40 or higher it has a meaningful impact on student achievement, if a factor rates below 0.0, it has negative impact on student achievement.



Retention rates a **-0.16!** As you can see on the diagram, it rates as having “Reverse Effects”! Also, note in the key to the right of the diagram the exhaustive nature of Hattie’s research. **-0.16** for retention’s impact on student achievement is the average effect size (i.e., the measurement of a variable’s effect on an outcome) calculated from the analysis of 7 meta-analyses, 207 separate studies generating 2,675 effects and involving almost 14,000 students. In other words, our politicians who supported and implemented this change in the law would have to do their own research studies to even attempt to challenge this research, which, again, is an analysis of all of the valid and reliable research that has ever been done on the subject of retention. Here is how Hattie sums up his findings:

**“[Retention] is one of the few areas in education where it is difficult to find any studies with a positive effect, and the few that do exist hover near zero. . . . Retention has been found to have a negative effect on academic achievement in language arts, reading, mathematics, work-study skills, social studies and grade point average. . . . Moreover, being retained one year almost doubled a student’s likelihood of dropping out, while failing twice almost guaranteed it. . . . Holmes (1989) concluded that it would be difficult to find another educational practice on which the evidence is so unequivocally negative.” (Hattie, 2009)**

If retention is so negative for student achievement, why, you might ask, does the Licking Valley Schools still retain students? Good question. The difference is that when we make a decision to retain a student it is done with a vast and comprehensive knowledge of the student and what that student needs to be successful academically. That decision is also made with the input of the student's parents, teachers, teachers' aides, principals, guidance counselor and anyone else who may provide important input to ensure that the decision is in the very best interest of the student. Assessment data will be factored into the equation, but it certainly will not be the sole determinant for retention.

The politicians in Columbus constantly admonish educators to use research-based best practices in educating Ohio's children, yet they frequently not only ignore the research but often create legislation that forces us to do exactly what the research tells us we should not do, and often flies in the face of common sense. Under this new law, all Boards of Education in the state of Ohio are required to adopt a 3rd Grade Guarantee policy that follows exactly the dictates of ORC 3313.608 and thus retain students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade if they fail to achieve a score of 390 or higher on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading OAA. A review of the current Licking Valley 4<sup>th</sup> graders who took the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade OAA last spring reveals that we had 13 students who scored below the 390 cut score requiring retention of those students. All of those students were identified in their primary school years (K-2) as struggling readers and all had received intensive reading intervention services in an effort to get them to grade level as soon as possible (one of our goals is to get at least 90% of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders reading on grade level by the end of second grade). Why 90% and not 100%? Five percent of those students have recognized learning disabilities which prevent them from achieving grade level proficiency at the same rate as their peers, but we never quit striving to get them to grade level, and the other 5% do not have a learning disability, but came to us several years behind their peers in literacy skills and we have not had the time to catch them up by the end of 2nd grade, but again, we never stop working to get them reading on grade level.

The fact is, retention is not the solution to students reading below grade level. The solution is effective instruction, frequent assessment, the use of assessment data to guide instruction, identification of students who are not achieving or growing, communication about that issue between the teacher and the parent and development and implementation of appropriate and effective reading intervention services with the goal of getting the student reading on grade level as quickly as possible. The Licking Valley Schools has a process in place to do this effectively and we are happy to share that process with anyone who cares to know more, including the politicians.

If you believe that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Guarantee, which guarantees that we retain 3<sup>rd</sup> graders if they fail one assessment on one day in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, requires more informed consideration by our politicians, please make an effort to share your thoughts with them.

**Rep. Bill Hayes (R)**      **Email:** [district91@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:district91@ohr.state.oh.us)

**District:** 91  
**Term:** 1st  
**Term Limit:** Eligible to run for another two-year term

**Address:**  
77 S. High St 11th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-6111  
**Phone:** (614) 466-2500  
**Fax:** (614) 719-6991

**Jay Hottinger (R)**      **Email:** [district71@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:district71@ohr.state.oh.us)

**District:** 71  
**Term:** 3rd  
**Term Limit:** Eligible to run for another two-year term

**Address:**  
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12th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-6111  
**Phone:** (614) 466-1482  
**Fax:** (614) 719-3971

**Sen. Tim Schaffer**      **Email:** [SD31@senate.state.oh.us](mailto:SD31@senate.state.oh.us)

**Hometown:** Lancaster  
**Party:** Republican  
**Elected Experience:** State Senator since 2007; State Representative, 2000-2006  
**Current Term:** Expires December 2014; Not eligible to run for another four-year term  
Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square, 2nd Floor





**Santa's  
Cocoa House  
December 5th  
6-8 PM  
LVHS Media Center**



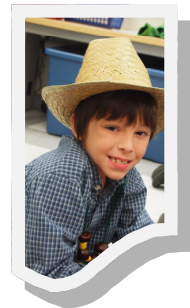
**READY!**  
Winter Class  
Sat., January 26, 2013  
10:00 - 11:30 AM

For questions, please contact:  
ready4K@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us  
To register, please call: 763-3525



**FFA Fruit Sales going on now  
until November 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Please see any FFA Member or  
call the AG Center at  
763-4062 to place an order.**

**SECOND GRADE  
Pioneer Day**



The Licking Valley second grade classes held their fifth annual Pioneer Day on October 26. This fun and educational day is a follow up to our visits to Cornell School, a one room schoolhouse in Johnstown. The students wore old-fashioned clothing, played pioneer games and made quilt squares and butter. They also learned how wool was used to make clothing many years ago and how it is used today. They visited the "Olde Tyme Museum" where Emily Larsen from the Licking County Historical Society shared historical artifacts from the 1800s. The children were allowed to handle and play with these artifacts and others from the 1900s.

Many parents and grandparents helped with the different activities and also provided apple cider and trail mix ingredients. The second graders really appreciated all this help with our Pioneer Day.





## FFA Soil Teams Place in District and State Meets

on September 25 host- and Water Conservation

District. District 7 consists of school from Knox, Licking, Franklin, Fairfield, Pickaway and Ross counties. Students on the judging team must identify slope, erosion of topsoil, soil texture, bedrock restrictions and air and water movement to determine the optimum conservation practices needed for a particular site. The Rural team, which judges soils for their agricultural use, placed 3rd in the district. The team members placed well as individuals with Josh Ellis placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall. Other rural team members were Spencer Bell, Charlie Burwell, Ronnie Richardson and Trent McArtor. The Urban team, which judges soils for housing development, placed 5th. Ryan Vlachos was the team leader placing 11<sup>th</sup> other members were Cara Dillon, Ashley Dillon, Sarah Gearhart and Hanna Gearhart. The teams qualified for State competition October 13 at Malabar Farms with the top 50 teams from Ohio competing for a chance of advancing to national competition in Oklahoma. The Rural Team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall at state competition with Josh Ellis placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the state in a field of 185 students. The top 3 teams advance to nationals and LV missed advancing by 2 points out of a possible 1836 points. Members were awarded for their efforts at the Licking County Soil and Water annual meeting.

The LV FFA soils teams competed in the District 7 soils contest

### Did You Know.....

- ◆ Licking Valley Schools is on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LVSchools](http://www.facebook.com/LVSchools)
- ◆ You can receive Leader Alert Text Messages if you sign-up at: [http://www.edline.net/pages/Licking\\_Valley\\_Local\\_SD](http://www.edline.net/pages/Licking_Valley_Local_SD)
- ◆ READY! For Kindergarten classes are free to all LV resident pre-school parents/guardians.
- ◆ LV has partnered with LMH to provide school nurse services to our students at great cost savings to the District.

## Community Resources

- 24 Hour Crisis Center Hotline, 211
- Food Pantry Network of Licking County, 740-344-7401
- Saint Vincent DePaul Society Thrift Store and Food Pantry, 740-349-8425
- Catholic Social Services, 740-345-2565
- Licking County Health Department, 740-349-6535
- The Woodlands, 740-349-7066
- The Trevor Lifeline 1-866-488-7386
- Child Abuse Reporting, 740-670-8888 after 5 PM/weekends/holidays, 740-670-5500
- Heartbeats of Licking County- pregnancy assistance, 740-349-7558
- Healthy Start Health Insurance for Children, 740-670-8988
- Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc. (formerly Moundbuilders), 740-522-8477
- Licking Memorial Emergency Mental Health Services, 740-348-4144