

The Valley View

LICKING VALLEY
LOCAL SCHOOLS

David Hile, Superintendent

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LV HONORS FIRST-RESPONDERS!

Thursday, October 20th, the Licking Valley Middle School, through the planning and preparations of the Renaissance Team led by Mrs. Becky Lawrence, hosted a

breakfast and a luncheon for our community's first-responders to thank them for their work and sacrifices. Approximately 60 first-responders attended the two meals/programs. The LVHS Vocal Impact group regaled them with patriotic songs as did the LVMS choir. Commissioner

Duane Flowers was the featured speaker and he praised and blessed the honored guests. The first-responders were visibly moved by the event, but not more so than when they were paraded around the middle school and clapped out by each grade level. Again, we thank them for their service to our communities and for participating in this event, allowing us to honor and recognize them.



Graduation standards re-examined? The time for your voice is now!

by Wes Weaver, High School Principal

PLEASE call me at (740) 763-2512 or e-mail me at weaverw@laca.org if you have questions -- any questions -- about this. For the sake of brevity, I left some detail out of the blog post and those details may be important to you.

My last post blog post generated more than 1,800 views; Ohioans are ready to talk about the present graduation points system that endangers the classes of 2018-2020.

Let's hope their elected officials on the state board of education and in the state legislature are ready to do the same. On Tuesday, October 18th, LV Superintendent Dave Hile and I testified before the state board. We informed them that hundreds of Licking County students are in danger of not graduating.

That's not hyperbole. I called it a "...disaster of epic proportions," and it is.

At Licking Valley, those students make up 44% of the class of 2018. Four other Licking County schools have an even bigger percentage of students who are at-risk. Four others are within a few percentage points of LVHS. I can't help but feel it is the same around the state.

Many of the members of the state board, including Senate Education Committee chairperson Peggy Lehner, were not only ready to listen -- they were ready to talk about solutions. We discussed our need for data from the Ohio Department of Education, with Superintendent of Public Instruction Paulo DeMaria hearing our concerns.

Our bottom line: we can help kids meet high standards, if we have the feedback -- in the form of released tests *and item analysis* - - that help us help them, and better align our teaching and assessing to the new assessments so future students will succeed.

To date, we've gotten neither. And now the state board of education knows this.

ODE representatives emphasized that their release of SOME test items this Fall and in January should be sufficient. That's not anywhere near sufficient, and I think most of the board members felt the same way.

We hammered home the point that ODE is nowhere near being able to provide this detailed feedback now and in the near future, so our juniors are the first of three classes at LVHS who are going to be 'left hanging.' That's a lot of kids: **our kids**. We have little capacity to help them, and they deserve better.

Now is the time for parents of affected LVHS students -- and parents of all students -- to speak out, if you feel so inclined. The state board and legislature answers to **you. You alone have the ability to influence them to be fair.**

Let's make sure that representatives and senators hear from us, via phone, e-mail or other means. With a lame-duck session of the General Assembly upcoming, the opportunity exists to create a fair system for present and future students. This needs to happen!

When they realize the people of Ohio -- whether parents of high school students or not -- won't rest until a change happens, then and only then will something change.

(Graduation standards continued)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016

New state graduation requirements fail students, schools and communities

Our state-imposed system of End-of-Course exams, graduation requirements and school report cards has been flawed since its inception.

I don't care about the report card -- I haven't even looked at this year's LVHS state report card. What I do care about is our students being punished by a bad system.

How bad is it? At this point, nearly half of the LVHS class of 2018 is not on track to earn a diploma. That's right -- it is possible that the state's graduation points system will mean a number of kids won't get a diploma.

After 13 years of school. After having met ALL local graduation requirements.

No diploma.

The classes of 2018 and 2019 are being hung out to dry by current graduation requirements and there is nothing at all in place to help schools help these students.

Our community deserves better.

Your school district report card is a sham

The idea that that the state proceeded with the release of the report cards despite their known flaws is an outrage. One Ohio Superintendent described report card metrics as an "...apples to oranges to bananas" comparison; the 2015 Spring tests in ELA / Math weren't like the 2016 tests and they won't compare to the 2017 Spring tests -- they'll be made to different specifications. Yet, the state has released report cards based on these test results that purport to do exactly that. There is nothing to suggest parents and community members have anything close to an accurate view of our school's performance based on the report cards. They are worse than misleading.

New tests are faulty -- and it isn't just about the passage rates

At our school, the striking differences between PARCC (English & Math) and AIR (Science and Social Studies) test passage rates makes it clear our Algebra, Geometry and ELA tests were successfully navigated by far fewer students than the Biology and American History tests. Is it that those very same students didn't try as hard on English and Math tests? Is it that our Mathematics and English teachers are using the wrong curriculum, or are lower-quality teachers? Even if I believed this of our teachers (and I certainly do not) then what is the explanation for this same disparity in state test results data, state-wide? Did English and Algebra and Geometry suddenly become more difficult? No. Differences in difficulty between state-created tests and PARCC tests are to blame, and it is obvious to anyone who is around our students and teachers. It is even more obvious to anyone who has seen even a little bit of both tests.

The big problem - kids aren't going to get diplomas

At LVHS, fewer than 60% of our juniors have qualified for graduation (on state testing) as of today. They are definitely at risk for **not graduating**. Despite our re-testing more than 120 kids on 200+ tests this summer, passage rates didn't improve much. Many juniors started this year with fears they won't get a diploma. The anguish felt by these kids and their concerned parents is palpable and I feel powerless to help them. **Almost all** of these students passed the classes associated with the tests but are deficient in graduation points and will need to take the tests again.

How can we help them get ready for those tests? The biggest injustice is that, even though we want to do so, we can't. The thousands (yes, I said thousands) of hours of lost instructional time due to re-testing will largely be wasted.

(Graduation standards continued)

We definitely help our students with curriculum and assessment materials aligned to the tests -- precious little remediation materials are available. The Department of Education has confirmed that -- despite the fact students can re-test this winter as they did this spring -- there is little reason to expect they can improve their scores because **no specific data from their own test results -- or school-wide data -- will be made available to schools**. Faced with completely logical questions about "How do we help our kids?" from caring teachers and parents who want to see their students succeed, principals are forced to provide wholly -unsatisfying and incomplete answers.

Things won't change any time soon

For its part, the Ohio Department of Education is paralyzed by the lingering effects of our state politicians' botched transition to new standards and assessments. Ohio is battling PARCC over the state-law-required release of test items in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Only in "late January" will released items be available. Half-length tests in other subjects were recently released. The PARCC items and Ohio items are the gold standard of student academic tasks, and we don't know if we're preparing students without having access to them! If schools and districts are aiming at a 'moving target' on the report card, our kids are currently aiming at an 'invisible target' on the test.

When I was an English teacher working with the previous set of state tests and standards, my colleagues and I maximized every available resource to help our students succeed. We taught an aligned curriculum, we used short-cycle assessments aligned with state tests, and most of all, we analyzed detailed data from the Ohio Graduation Test to great effect. Of these strategies, none compared to analyzing ODE-provided item analysis to see in great detail the areas of strength and weakness for OUR kids. In the span of several years, we went from low state test scores to an exceptional passage rate, with the most improvement coming in areas that had been our greatest deficit. As good teachers know, quality feedback is the key to learning. Our new state tests and accountability measures tied to test performance data provide ALL of the negative consequences with NONE of the helpful feedback we need. ***If the tests and report cards really are about school improvement, they are failing schools miserably as 'teaching' tools.***

I feel as though I should apologize to our teachers, to our community and most of all to our current students, because none deserve what they are experiencing. Faced with a fair chance at success, we all have risen to the challenge in the past -- our kids work hard, our parents support us, and our teachers aren't afraid of a challenge. We're a good school. But we're about to be the 'collateral damage' of a poor system and political bungling.

The state board of education -- now largely a puppet of the state legislature -- is empowered with creating and implementing our system of graduation requirements. Please express your feelings about this system to these elected / appointed board members and legislators:

Our local elected representative:

Stephanie Dodd
256 Wilshire Drive Hebron, OH 43025
Phone: (740) 629-1333
Stephanie.Dodd@education.ohio.gov

State board president:

Tom Gunlock
10147 Putterview Way Centerville, Ohio 45458
Phone: (937) 291-6318
E-mail: Tom.Gunlock@education.ohio.gov

Ohio Senate representative:

Jay Hottinger
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 466-5838

Ohio House candidates:

John Carlisle (Facebook page)
Larry Householder (Facebook page)



The 31st Annual Community Friends Day was held on Tuesday, October 25th, with numerous parents, grandparents and community friends:

- Visiting our two elementary buildings;
- Being entertained at the high school by our high school band and choir;
- Having lunch provided by the Primary Panther Parents;
- Being presented door prizes from local businesses by the middle school Conflict Resolution Team; and
- Finishing the day with a visit to the middle school.

Thank you friends for allowing us the privilege of showcasing our school spirit and pride.



2017 8TH GRADE GETTYSBURG/ WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Our trip is scheduled for May 7, 8, 9, & 10. The cost is \$425.00 per person. The first deposit is due in early November. Parents/guardians please plan to go as your child's chaperone. If you went with your child in fifth grade your fingerprints should still be good, just check with Laura Lahmers, 740-763-3525 at the district office to confirm. Please make sure all necessary forms have been signed and submitted. Please look on Mr. Hageman's web page for information and forms. Hagemanhistroy.weebly.com

Call or email Mr. Hageman with questions. 740-763-3386 or hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh

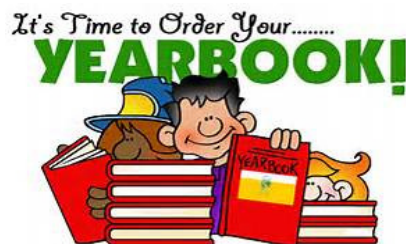
Deposit Due Dates: \$150.00 per person due by or before Nov. 10th, 2016

Second deposit of \$150.00 per person due **Jan. 20th, 2017**

Third deposit of \$125.00 per person due **March 10th 2017**

Make Checks Payable To: Licking Valley Middle School

***Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are encouraged to go as chaperones!**



LVMS school yearbooks are on sale through January 20, 2017. The cost is \$23. You can place an order online at www.yearbookforever.com or complete an order form and send a check or cash with your student and have them give it to Mrs. Thompson in room 164. You can also upload photos to the yearbook online design by downloading the free Yearbook Snap App for possible submission into the school yearbook! The access code is panthers. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Thompson at thompsonn@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us.

VETERANS DAY ★ Breakfast ★

November 10, 2016

Guest Speaker- Don Jakeway,
United States Army Airborne

If you have a Veteran that you would like for us to make sure we send an invitation to, please contact Tricia Phelps at Licking Valley High School

phelpst@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

High School Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 9th

3:00 - 6:30

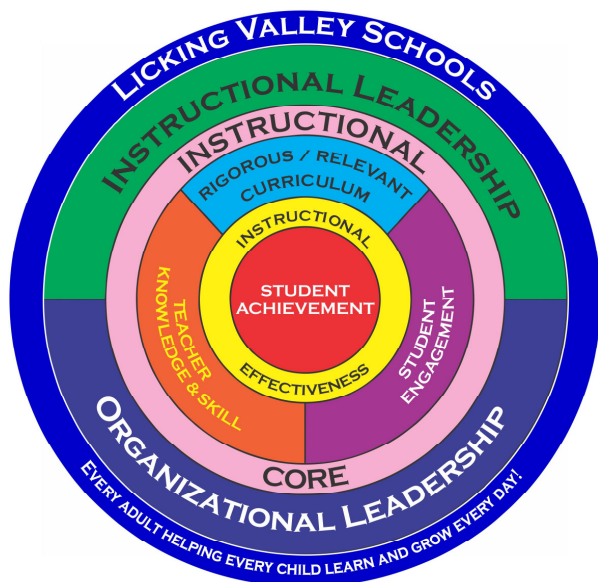
Please call the high school office to set an appointment. We allow 15 minutes per teacher/counselor.

Starting at 6:30, we will have our “Junior College Planning Night” in the auditorium (no appointment necessary).



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

- ♦ LVHS “Vocal Impact” Show Choir will be performing at the Wilson’s Garden Center Christmas Preview on Friday, November 18 between 5 and 8 pm.
- ♦ Middle School Winter concert Dec. 6, 7:00 pm at LVMS
- ♦ High School Winter concert Dec. 8, 7:00 pm at LVHS



November 8, 2016

LICKING VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE

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Newark, OH 43055
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740-763-2865
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Angela Harrison, Assistant Principal

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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:

**Melissa Flanigan, School Psychologist, 763-3105 or
Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services, 763-2897.**



**Before you go to bed on
NOVEMBER 5, 2016**



- Licking Valley Athletic schedules can be found at:
<http://lickingvalleyathletics.com>
- The Licking Valley Board of Education meets the 2nd Monday of each month in the high school media center at 6:00 P.M.
- **NO SCHOOL** November 11 and November 14
- **Elementary Picture Retakes** Nov 30
- **NO SCHOOL** Thanksgiving Break - November 24, 25, and 28
- **NO SCHOOL** Christmas Break - December 22, 2016 thru January 2, 2017

Licking Valley Local School District

The Licking Valley Local School District is currently seeking individuals for the following positions:



Custodial: On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the www.ohreap.net application and e-mail Jack Shinn, **Custodial Maintenance Supervisor** at shinnj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us



Bus Driver: On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the www.ohreap.net application and e-mail Mickie Archer, **Transportation Supervisor** at archerm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us



Food Service: On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the www.ohreap.net application and e-mail Jan Jennings, **Food Service Supervisor** at jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us



Educational Aide: On-call subs with possible future daily position. Interested candidates should complete the www.ohreap.net application and e-mail Laura Lahmers, District Secretary at lahmersl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

For more information, applicants can call the Licking Valley District Office at 740-763-3525 and ask for Jack Shinn, Maintenance Supervisor, Mickie Archer, Transportation Supervisor, Jan Jennings, Food Service Supervisor, or Laura Lahmers, District Secretary.

ELEMENTARY SKATE NIGHT OCTOBER 10, 2016



**Next Skate Night
Nov 14th 5:45 - 8:00 pm**

LVHS Marching Band Performs for Elementary Students

On Tuesday, October 4th, the LV Marching Band performed for the elementary school. The students not only enjoyed the band and flag presentation, but also learned about the different instruments.



Join us *For a Night at the Races!*

Saturday, November 19

The Virtues Golf Club (formerly Longaberger)

Doors open 5 pm • Dinner at 5:30 pm

Racing at 7 pm • Cash bar available

Place your bets!

Buy tickets today! Sponsor a race! Buy & name a horse!

Test your luck at a \$500 grand prize!



Complete the form for tickets or sponsorship. Or visit:

<https://lvnightattheraces.eventbrite.com>

Proceeds to benefit LV Athletic Boosters.

*Please print legible. A limited number of tickets, horses & sponsorships will be sold.
Please turn this into your LV Athletic Booster board member ASAP.*

Event Admittance & Dinner: \$30 per ticket

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Purchase your event ticket to join us for A Night at the Races with the Licking Valley Athletic Boosters. Your ticket includes admittance to The Virtues Golf Club and the following buffet: domestic cheese display with assorted crackers, apple brandy chicken or roast beef with gravy, rolls and butter, house salad, vegetable medley, garlic smashed potatoes, water, coffee, iced tea and assorted desserts. A cash bar will be available.

Race Sponsor:

☐ \$50 • Race name: _____

By sponsoring one of 10 races, your business or athlete's name will be announced before, during and at the conclusion of your race. It's great exposure and provides motivation to your friends and family to bet on the horses!

Buy A Horse:

☐ \$20 • Horse name: _____

☐ \$20 • Horse name: _____

☐ \$20 • Horse name: _____

Encourage bets by purchasing a horse to cheer for! The name is up to you...please use taste, but be creative! Name your horse after your athlete, pets or even family members. Maybe you want to take it a little more serious and stay LV themed, regardless make it fun and purchase a horse that will race in one of the 10 races of the evening.

Total enclosed: \$ _____

☐ Cash ☐ Check



LV Daddy/Daughter Dance

Sunday, November 20

4-6 PM @ Licking Valley High School

Superhero Theme

Little ladies from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to bring their daddy, uncle, grandpa or whichever loving adult they choose, to the 3rd Annual LV Daddy/Daughter Dance.

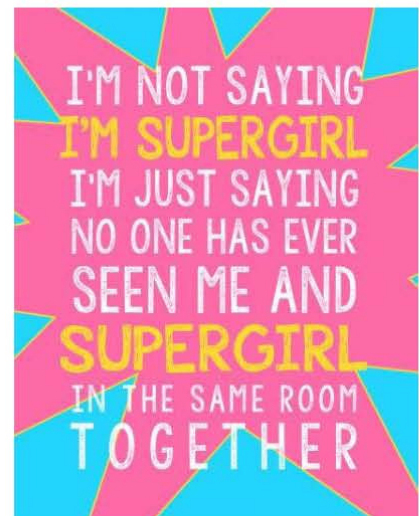
Admission includes an emailed digital picture of the pair, a craft, inflatable obstacle course, cookie and punch refreshments and a fun evening of dance and play for each little girl and her guest. Young ladies are welcome to dress up, come in costume, or whatever makes them comfortable. Please note there is a superhero obstacle course!

You must be registered ahead of time by returning the attached registration form with payment to the primary or intermediate school. **Registration will end Tuesday, November 15, 2016.** A confirmation email will be sent Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Registration is \$25 for one adult/child pair and additional children are \$15 each. One adult can bring up to three girls.

Proceeds benefit the Licking Valley High School
Yearbook and Quiz Team

Contact: Shona Garver at the high school
(740) 763-2158



LV Daddy/Daughter Dance Registration

Sunday, November 20 from 4-6 PM @ LVHS

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 15th

Confirmation email will be sent Wednesday, November 16th

Please include this registration form and payment (cash or checks written to Licking Valley High School) in an envelope labeled "Daddy/Daughter Dance" to your child's classroom teacher.

After the registration deadline, tickets are non-refundable.

Name of Adult Attending the Event: _____

Child/Children Attending:

(\$25 adult/child pair) Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Relationship to Adult Attending Event: _____

(Additional \$15) Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Relationship to Adult Attending Event: _____

(Additional \$15) Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Relationship to Adult Attending Event: _____

***Please note: This event is intended for young ladies who attend
Licking Valley Elementary School in grades K-5.***

Email Address to send Confirmation and Digital Picture (please print clearly):

Name and telephone number of contact person prior to the dance:

TOTAL COST:

Adult & Child #1: \$25.00 _____

Child #2: \$15.00 _____

Child #3: \$15.00 _____

Check # _____ **Total Enclosed:** _____

**I have read the Photo Release
Statement on the back of this form
and agree to allow photos to be used
for the purpose of promoting the
event:**

☐

YES

☐

NO



PHOTO RELEASE

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent and agree that Licking Valley high School, its employees or student volunteers, have the right to take photographs, or digital recordings of me and my daughter, beginning on November 20, 2016 throughout the duration of the 2016 Daddy/Daughter Dance. These photos will be for the purpose of promoting this event and any future Daddy/Daughter Dance events to come.

I do hereby release to Licking Valley high School, its agent, and employees all rights to exhibit this work in print and electronic form publicly or privately and to market and sell copies. I waive any rights, claims or interest I may have to control the use of my identity of likeness in whatever media used.

I understand that there will be no financial or other reimbursement for any expense or liability incurred as a result of my participation in this recording, including medical expenses due to any sickness or injury incurred as a result.

I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.



Licking Valley Parents/Caregivers Register for Classes NOW!

By attending class you will receive:

- * **TRAINING** on how children learn and grow!
- * **FREE BOOKS** to help with learning!
- * **FREE "TOOLS"/ TOYS** to make learning fun!
- * **FREE CHILDCARE** for children 12 months or older while you attend classes

(Note: Parents/Caregivers in the 0-1 class may bring their infant to class)



WINTER CLASS DATE:
Saturday
January 28, 2017
February 4 (Snow Date)

Classes will be held at:
LV Primary Elementary School,
1510 Licking Valley Rd. NE, Newark

Babies and toddlers are born learning.
Getting ready for school starts at birth!

Class Time Schedule:

- 9:30-10:00 - Orientation for first time parents
(Materials will be distributed)
- 10:00 - 11:30 **READY!** Classes for all parents



Register for Classes by Calling: 763-3525

If you have any questions, email us at:
ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

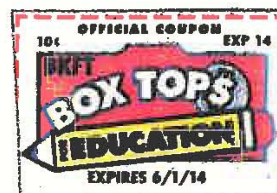
Licking Valley Elementary Collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education

Labels 101

Just a reminder to everyone to keep collecting Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Tyson A+ labels for our school. Ask family, friends, co-workers, businesses, anyone you can think of to save them. Turn them in anytime in the collection bins next to the library. Thanks to everyone who has been participating, lets keep up the good work. This is a GREAT fundraising opportunity for VALLEY.

Box Tops for Education

Some popular products: General Mills, Totino's, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Chex Mix, Fiber One, Nature Valley, Juicy Juice, Old El Paso, Progresso soups, Betty Crocker, Yoplait-yogurt, Hefty, Ziploc, Scott, Kleenex, Hanes



Labels for Education

Some popular products: BIC, Campbell's soup, Chunky soup, Dannon, Pepperidge Farm, Post, Prego, Swanson, V8, Glad, Emerald nuts, Pop Secret



Tyson A+ Labels

Found on Tyson frozen chicken



Another thing that VALLEY has been doing is collecting **pop tabs** for The Ronald McDonald House. It is a wonderful way for our school and community to pay it forward.

Any questions please email:
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