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# The Valley View

# Cafeteria News

By Jan Jennings, Cafeteria Supervisor

As we continue to settle into the new elementary facility, I would like to take the opportunity to explain some of the exciting new changes that are taking place in the cafeteria. All of our students K-5 will be on the NutraKids point of sale system. This state-of-the-art tracking system allows us to monitor our student meals, keep track of student account balances, and confidentially track free and reduced students in addition to a long list of additional month end reporting features.

We are also in the process of working out the details of how to successfully continue the breakfast program in the new facility so students who wish may participate in the program with minimal class disruption.

The Lunch program will remain the same for grades K-2. We will continue to follow the same menu and offer the sack lunch option. The kindergarten and first grade teachers will be sending tongue depressors with the student's ID # and money (sent to school with students in the morning) to the cafeteria and their information will be entered by our cashiers into the NutraKids system first thing in the morning. Parents



of kindergarten and first grade students have the option of prepaying their student's accounts too. The second grade students have done a trial day entering their own ID numbers into the NutraKids system and will be entering their own ID numbers and bringing their own money to the cashiers.

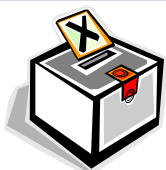
Again, parents have the option of prepaying their student's account. *(Parents: please do not worry, these student's are doing a great job with this and I would guess that about 90% of them already know their ID number and will be using that same number when getting on to Study Island and for many other things as they progress through the Licking Valley School System).*

For students in grades 3, 4, and 5, the cafeteria menu will remain the same and they will continue to offer the sack lunch option, but we will offer some additional items for your student to choose from. I have listed a sample of the additional items:

- Cut fresh fruit (i.e.: orange wedges, apple slices w/ caramel, and additional in-season fresh fruit) at an additional cost of \$.50.

- Cut fresh vegetables (i.e.: celery w/peanut butter, carrots w/ranch dip) at an additional cost of \$.50.
- Baked Snack Chips at an additional cost of \$.50
- Otis Spunkmeyer cookies at an additional cost of \$.35
- 100% Juicy Juice Carton at an additional cost of \$.40
- 12 oz. Gatorade at an additional cost of \$.50
- 20 oz. Water at an additional cost of \$.75
- A three-compartment containerized lunch that will include a sandwich (i.e. pepperoni and cheese croissant, chicken salad, ham and cheese wrap, etc.) and a fruit, vegetable and baked snack with a milk at the same cost of a lunch
- Containerized Chef Salad with the option of two 4oz. sides and a milk for the cost of a lunch
- Containerized Italian Salad with the option of two 4oz. sides and a milk for the cost of a lunch

The NutraKids system has the option of placing restriction on a student's account at a parent's request (i.e. – NO EXTRA'S, LUNCH AND BREAKFAST ONLY, FOOD ALERGIES, ETC.). If you wish to use this feature, please contact Jan Jennings at (740) 763-2433. If you have any additional questions or concerns, I would be glad to answer your questions.



## Meet the Candidates

Election Day is November 6, 2007

Each Ohio school district is governed by a five-member board of education which is charged with hiring and overseeing the district superintendent and treasurer, including the annual budget and official district policies. Members also are responsible for determining when a tax issue should be presented to voters. The term is four years.

The following is an introduction of the three candidates running for the two positions to be filled on the Licking Valley Board of Education.

### Mary Kay Martin

Mary Kay has been a resident of the Licking Valley District since 1984. She is retired from the Licking Valley School District where she served as guidance counselor from 1991 to 2005. She received her BSED in Special Education from Ohio University in 1974 and her MED in Guidance Counseling in 1988.

Mary Kay is actively involved in the Licking County Red Cross-disaster volunteer, Heart of Ohio Girl Scout Council-adult volunteer trainer and driver, Licking County Habitat for Humanity- Women's Build, Central Ohio Mounted Search Unit-Trustee, Licking County United Way-board member/ Vice Chair of Funds Distribution, and serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals for Madison Township.

Her key issues are:

1. **Academic Excellence** - With the help of all concerned stakeholders, the Licking Valley School District needs to continue striving towards achieving academic excellence for all its students.
2. **Fiscal Responsibility** - The Licking Valley School District needs to continue to be good stewards of the communities money and to continue to press the state on improving the school funding formula.
3. **Facilities** - Licking Valley is fortunate to have three state-of-the-art facilities in close proximity. These buildings are the focal point of the community and need to be accessible and inviting to the general public.

**“I believe I am the best candidate for school board member because I care about the future of our children. My years as a counselor have taught me to sit and listen and understand that people often see the same event very differently. I see myself as a consensus builder and believe it is important to review all possible options. As a member of several organizations with governing boards, I have learned a great deal as it relates to budgets and audits. I have made it a point to attend the school board meetings and have attended several seminars regarding school funding. I am in the process of attending a four part Board Leadership Series. The topics covered have included fiscal and risk management, liability issues, and strategic planning. I believe I possess the skills necessary to act with diligence and objectivity on behalf of all the district's stakeholders.”**

### Lydia Miller

Incumbent Lydia Miller has been a resident of Licking Valley for 15 years. She is employed by Park National Bank. She attended the Ohio State University, is an Accredited ACH Professional, a graduate of the Harry Blythe School of Banking, OBL School of Consumer Credit and the Payments Institute.

Lydia has been a Board member from 2003-2007 and served as Board President 2006-2007. She is a member of the Licking Valley Strategic Planning Committee and the Licking Valley Finance Task Force.

Her Three Key issues are: Continued improvement to the District Report Card, continued fiscal responsibility; and continued support of our Strategic Plan and Goals.

As an incumbent Lydia has helped guide the district through updates and renovations to both the high school and middle school, as well as the completion of Licking Valley's new primary/intermediate elementary school without asking for new tax dollars.

**“I have successfully represented our community on the Licking Valley School Board for the past four years. The experience and knowledge I've gained surrounding the policies governing our district have helped me to better understand the responsibilities of being a board member. These same policies provide not only guidance, but direction. If elected, I will continue to work hard for the students of Licking Valley.”**

### Angela Staggers

Incumbent Angela Staggers is a life-time resident and has been a Board member from 2003-2007. She is employed as secretary for the Marne United Methodist Church. She and her husband Donnie have three children in the Licking Valley Schools.

Angela is running as an incumbent because it is important to her to keep education first for every child in the district. Open communication between the school and the community is one of the best things to have as a school district. She believes Licking Valley has a lot to offer its students and community and is proud as an incumbent board member to have been a part of the building and opening of the new elementary and updates to the middle school and high school without asking the tax payers for additional funds. She sees key issues as continued academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, and continued implementation of the strategic plan goals for the district.

**“I have represented our community for the past four years as a Licking Valley School Board Member, always putting the education of the Licking Valley students first. I care about our children and our community and am proud to be part of our school system. If re-elected I will continue to work to keep the district fiscally sound while maintaining open communication with the community about the finances of the district. I will continue to work hard for programs to support our students and staff.”**

**Don't Forget to Vote**



## Did You Know?

- Shelly Co. donated the labor and asphalt to patch Panther Drive.
- One hundred and ten students took the PSAT test at LVHS last week, an all-time high!
- On October 18, staffuly members from every building in the district and many students participated in the monumental task of moving the contents of Madison, Perry and Toboso into the new primary and intermediate buildings.
- The new Licking Valley Elementary building will now be hosting the biddy basketball practices and games.
- All elementary student drop off in the morning must be on the primary side (left) of the building no earlier than 8:20 a.m. A staff member will be on duty at the front door for Curb Side drop off.
- You can apply money to your child's lunch account in a lump sum to keep from sending money everyday. You will soon be able to transfer money online from your bank account.

## LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY MARKET DAY

- ◆ TO PLACE AN ORDER ONLINE GO TO [WWW.MARKETDAY.COM](http://WWW.MARKETDAY.COM)
- ◆ EXTRA ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICES.
- ◆ PICK UP IS ONCE A MONTH ON A TUESDAY FROM 5:30-6:30 P.M. IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA.
- ◆ IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL JENNIFER HAYES AT 349-2270.



## Calendar

### November 2007

- 1 Marching Panthers Band Concert 7:00 p.m. @ H.S.
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 6 **Election Day**
- 7 **LV Cooks Day**
- 8 Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 9 **NO SCHOOL**
- 10 OMEA District 10 Honor Choir Concert @ H.S. 3:00 p.m.
- 11 **Veterans Day**
- 12 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. @ H.S. Library
- 15 High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 20 Community Friends Day
- 22 **NO SCHOOL**
- 23 **NO SCHOOL**
- 26 **NO SCHOOL**

All sporting events can be found at: [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

### Coordinator of Student Services by Jan Clayton

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Coordinator of Student Services for the Licking Valley School District. For the past two school years, I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve the district as principal of Toboso Elementary School. During the first nine weeks of this school year, I have continued to serve as principal of Toboso, along with beginning my duties as Coordinator of Student Services. As part of my job responsibilities, I will assist the superintendent by directing the special education program, facilitating curriculum and staff development, and implementing the Ohio State-wide testing program.

My extensive educational background includes sixteen years as an elementary teacher, eleven years as a county curriculum/staff development supervisor, eight years as an elementary principal, and two years as a district curriculum director.

I'm fortunate to have a wonderful husband, five fabulous children and nine extraordinary grandchildren. My husband and family have always been extremely supportive of me during all of my educational endeavors and I couldn't do it without their love and support.

I truly look forward to serving the Licking Valley Schools as Coordinator of Student Services and I'm thankful for the opportunity to do so.

I can be reached at the District Office at 763-3525.

## Licking Valley Primary/Intermediate School Student Drop Off Procedures

### General Traffic and Parking Information

- \*\*Please remember that school buses always have the right of way.
- \*\*Please watch for students walking in the crosswalk.
- \*\*The right side of the facility is L.V. Intermediate School.
- \*\*The left side of the facility is L.V. Primary School.
- \*\***The incoming *left turn lane & outer loop* are only for buses.**  
After morning drop off and afternoon pickup gates will be closed to the loop as we will be using the blacktop area as part of our playground during the day.

### Morning Student Drop Off Procedures

**ALL** student drop offs in the morning must be at the entrance of the **Primary Building** (*left side of the building*). Parents are encouraged to do curbside drop off. There will be a staff member on duty to supervise students coming into the building.

Students who attend the Intermediate Building will simply pass through the interior common hallway to their building.

Buses will begin unloading in the back of the building at 8:30. If you must bring your child to school please make sure they arrive before 8:40 to keep from being marked tardy. *Students arriving after 8:40 must be signed in by the person dropping them off.* After 5 unexcused tardies a recess detention will be issued.

These procedures will help ensure student safety and smoother traffic flow in and out of the facility.

***\*\*Although we always welcome our parents with questions or concerns, if you need to speak with a teacher, please make an appointment to do so in advance. All teachers have hallway or bus duties every morning at 8:30 to supervise students. They must report to their duty on time.***



## Licking Valley Primary/Intermediate School Student Pick Up Procedures

### Afternoon Student Pick Up Procedures

Please park and come in the Cafeteria Entrance to sign out your child. If you have a student in both buildings, you can park in either parking lot and enter the Cafeteria Entrance. You will be able to pass from one cafeteria to the other to sign out all of your children.

Student sign out will be from 3:00 – 3:15 in the cafeteria. After you sign out your student you will wait in the cafeteria area and students will be called to come to you. ***Students will not be called to be dismissed until after 3:15 announcements unless you have an appointment.***

It is critical that you make pick up arrangements by either sending a note to school with your child or by calling the office no later than 3:00.

If you plan to pick up your child every day you can make those arrangements with the secretary but will still need to come in to sign your child out each day. *Students will not be permitted to leave the building to meet you outside.*

Any student pick ups for appointments earlier than 3:00 should be done in the office.

Be prepared to show a photo ID. If we do not know or recognize you, we *will* ask you to show ID. Please remember to remind anyone else picking up your child of this policy.

Thank you in advance for following these procedures.  
The safety of your child is a top priority!



## Mission Accomplished!

By Dave Hile, Superintendent

The Licking Valley Schools' family came together on Thursday, October 18th to accomplish a mission that has been three years in the planning: moving into our beautiful new elementary facility. The effort was one of which everyone in the Valley can be proud. Staffuly members from every building in the district and many students began at 7 am moving the contents of Madison, Perry and Toboso into the new primary and intermediate buildings. It was a monumental and completely daunting task at the beginning of the day, but with the teamwork, camaraderie, persistence and humor that often only close friends and family can muster in the midst of such hard work, LV accomplished its mission: teachers will be teaching and students will be learning in our new, state-of-the-art facility on Monday, October 22nd. A gigantic "THANK YOU" to the incredible staffuly and students of LV for the blood, sweat and tears they contributed to this Herculean effort! We are LV!

### Disposal of Contents in LV's Existing Elementary Buildings

Many of our staffuly and community members are interested in the disposal of the items in our four existing elementary buildings once the district no longer occupies those facilities. First, it must be explained that because the new facility was built through the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC), the district is not permitted to take any existing furniture to the new building; all of the furnishings for the new facility must be brand new. That means that all of the student and staff desks, tables, chairs, file cabinets, etc. in each building must be left behind.

The Licking Valley Board of Education developed a plan for the disposal of these items. First, the board directed district administrators to identify in each building all items of historical and sentimental value, and to remove those items to storage. The district will maintain possession of all historic and sentimental items such as the score board at Perry, the drums from each building, various pictures, etc. Second, the middle school and high school principals and the leaders of our parent groups and booster organizations were given the opportunity to walk through each building and claim any items for which they had a use. Those organizations will receive those items. Third, we had an offer from one of the new owners of one of the buildings to buy the remaining contents in his building. The board decided that it would only be fair that if we would entertain such an offer from one of the new owners, all of the new owners should have the same opportunity. Therefore, each of the owners were permitted to walk though their building and identify items they would like to purchase directly from the district. Fourth, anything remaining after the owners make their purchases will be slated for auction. Our goal is to have the auction of all remaining items in either November or early December of this year.



# *Licking Valley Community Friends Day*

*November 20, 2007*

*Dear Grandparents and Community Friends:*

*The Licking Valley Local School District would like to invite you to attend the 22nd Annual Community Friends Day. The day will begin at our newly opened elementary school and then proceed to the middle school. The schedule for the day's events is included; and we look forward to seeing you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Licking Valley Local Schools*

## *Agenda*

- 9:30 to 10:40 Elementary school activities and tour of the building  
Introduction/Comments by ~~~ Mr. Todd Carmer,  
Primary Elementary Principal  
~~~ Mrs. Sherry Crum,  
Intermediate Elementary Principal*
- 10:40 to 11:00 Travel to middle school – transportation will be provided  
(Please leave your car at the elementary.)*
- 11:00 to 12:45 Introduction/Comments by ~~~ Mr. Jeffrey Neiger, Assistant  
Middle School Principal*
- Entertainment provided by our High School Band and Choir  
Lunch - prepared by Panther Parents  
Door Prizes - provided by generous local businesses*
- 1:30 Buses depart for the elementary*

*For more information, please call the Middle School Office at 763-3935 or any of the district schools.*

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Please detach and return to any school office by November 12th

*I/We will attend Licking Valley Community Friends Day.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Number of People Attending for Lunch*

*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_