



The Valley View

Licking Valley Local School District

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Recently, a committee of Licking Valley community stakeholders met to review the requirements of a grant opportunity to create safe routes to school for our children that is a joint venture between the Licking Valley Schools and Hanover Village. In order to make this happen and to acquire the necessary federal funding, we must develop a School Travel Plan. "The School Travel Plan is a written document that outlines a community's intentions for enabling students to engage in active transportation. Active transportation is traveling by means other than motor vehicle or bus to and from school. This is accomplished by reducing car trips, increasing walking and bicycling and by making the walking and bicycling environment safer. By completing the school travel plan, our community will know the steps needed to integrate Safe Routes to School (SRTS) into the community. The Federal Highway Administration funds the SRTS program and ODOT administers it." (School Travel Plan Guidelines, Ohio Department of Transportation).

The purpose of our recent committee meeting was to review the need for a school travel plan and the benefits of constructing safe routes to school for our students who are within a two-mile radius of the schools, which may mean the construction of sidewalks and other necessary pedestrian infrastructural improvements. I want to make it very clear to everyone that this initiative is not something we are pursuing in order to reduce our school bus service to our students or the number of bus routes offered within the two mile radius.

The committee also wrote a mission statement establishing the purpose and function of the LV school travel plan, which is a grant requirement.

The SRTS Mission Statement reads:

"The Licking Valley area, a growing, semi-rural community, will provide safe and healthy pedestrian options for students to access our centrally located school facilities."

Another important requirement of the grant application is the completion of student and parent walk-ability and bike-ability surveys. Attached, you will find the surveys we are asking you to complete and return to your child's school as soon as possible. These surveys are essential to the completion of the School Travel Plan and the grant application. I hope you will take the time to complete and return these surveys and ensure that your child does the same. With your help, we may be able to create safe and healthy pedestrian access for you and your family from your neighborhood to the Licking Valley Local Schools and throughout the LV community. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project!

Sincerely,

David Hile
Superintendent, LVLS

Please see survey on page 5

Who's New?



**Robin Miller,
HS PE/Health**

Robin was born in Boulder, Colorado and moved to the east coast at age three and grew up in Falls Church, Virginia. He graduated from Denison University with a degree in Physical Education and a Minor in Psychology. After moving back to Virginia, he received his teaching license from The University of Virginia and taught there for several years. This summer he moved back to Ohio, to be near his girlfriend Katelyn, who will be attending Dental School at Ohio State this fall. In his free time, Robin enjoys watching football, playing sports, and spending time with family and friends. Robin is a member of the varsity football coaching staff with the Panthers and is thrilled to be at Licking Valley.

GO PANTHERS!



**David Haberman,
HS PE/Health**

David was born in Mesquite, Texas and raised in Greenfield, Indiana by two loving parents along with one sister and two brothers. David attended Greenfield-Central High School and earned his bachelors degree in Health and Kinesiology from Purdue University. He is proud to say that he is a third generation Purdue Boilermaker! David is very happy to be teaching Health, PE, and Weight Training at Licking Valley High School.



**Emily Schmitt,
Kindergarten**

Emily grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and, graduated from Xavier University in 2006 with a B.S. in Early Childhood education. She married her husband, Mike Schmitt of Hanover, in June, 2006. They moved to Columbus, where Emily substitute taught for two years in several districts. In June of this year, she interviewed and was hired to teach Kindergarten here in Licking Valley! She is thrilled to be here.



**Erik Arnett,
HS Math**

Erik graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and Business Administration. He recently completed his Integrated Mathematics Teacher's Certification at Ohio Dominican University. While attending school, Erik worked at the Hilliard YMCA where he held positions as camp counselor, building supervisor and teen fitness instructor. Before college Erik was raised in Grandview Heights where he participated in football, baseball, weight lifting and several academic organizations. Erik is teaching Pre-Calculus, Money Math and Integrated Mathematics 3 at Licking Valley High School.



**Aimee Crabtree,
HS Math**

Aimee grew up in rural Northeast Ohio and attended Youngstown State University where she met her husband Paul. Her first teaching job was at Lakeview High School in Cortland, Ohio. She returned to

YSU to get her Master's degree in mathematics, and while taking classes, she taught remedial college algebra courses there. Amy now lives in New Albany with her husband and their dog (a pug). She is happy to be teaching at Licking Valley High School.



**Amanda Yates,
Physical Science**

Amanda comes to the Valley from the Valley.....she grew up in the "Ohio Valley", St. Clairsville/Wheeling area and now lives in Pataskala. Teaching has always been her first choice for a career, but she was an X-Ray Tech for about nine years before going back to school to be a teacher. She taught 8th grade in Wheeling WV for three years, so this is her 4th year of teaching. She is extremely happy with her career move and can't imagine doing anything else now. She teaches 9th grade Physical Science and Forensics at LVHS.

Amanda was remarried this past summer to her husband, Adam, who was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force (now a district manager for a company called UHS). They have quite a blended family with six children (3 each) ages 12, 10, 8, 4, 3, 2 that all live with them. And like the Brady Bunch, she also has some extra help as her mother-in-law lives with them and is ironically named Alice. Amanda's family also has a dog named Ralph and a 4 month old Ball Python named Huck. Amanda loves to have fun in her "free" time...She and her husband have season tickets to the Marshall Thundering Herd games in Huntington. She is also a HUGE Steelers fan and she is teaching herself to play the guitar! Amanda is thrilled to be here in the Valley and looks forward to becoming part of this wonderful community!

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 2 and its action plan consisting of 4 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

To become the highest performing school district in Ohio and a leader in quality education.

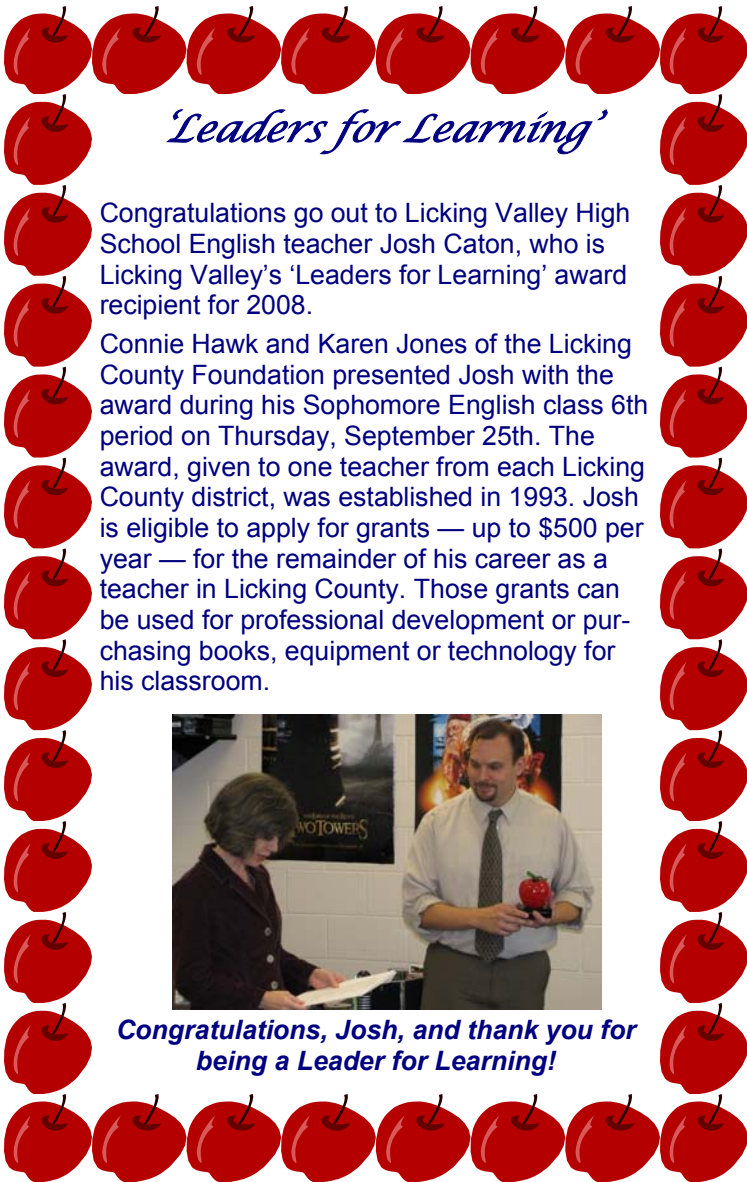
Mission Statement

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

GOAL 3

The Licking Valley School District will ensure students and staff will utilize technology effectively.

1. Provide teachers a minimum of 10 hours of training on district level software programs plus 10 hours of training on integration of technology into everyday classroom instruction.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is occurring as needed and we will continue to offer training on new software/web/based programs as needed. Much of this training is occurring in the buildings via bldg. tech. coordination. 2. Techs and tech savvy staff members have offered training sessions for all staff at elementary and HS. 3. Mentors are training new staff to use district software packages. 4. All core area teachers have been trained to use Study Island. 5. All staff need training in multifunctional use of new copiers-bldg. principals will arrange.
2. Provide all classified employees a minimum of 10 hours of training on the integration of technology into their everyday responsibilities.	On-going on main systems as needed.
3. Audit what is being taught in the technology curriculum K-12.	Technology coordinator will conduct audit and report results in 2008-09.
4. Equip classrooms so that K-12 state technology standards can be implemented.	Done and on-going
5. Implement state technology standards into all grade levels.	Incorporation of relevant standards and indicators is in process at elementary and HS; will begin in MS in 2008/09.
6. Provide access to suitable hardware and software to all district students to achieve their academic goals, and employees to fulfill their job responsibilities.	Done and on-going.
7. Employ appropriate personnel for maintenance and up keep of software, hardware, and networking systems.	Utilizing current staff effectively. There is a bldg. tech in each bldg. We have added manpower when necessary, especially during summer months and this has been sufficient.
8. Update district and building Web Sites to provide current information for staff, students, parents and community members.	This was done in 2007-08 via Edline. We will continue to update and improve the sites to make maximum use of each as a communication tool.
9. Train district staff on the use of Groupwise e-mail system, including basic and advanced training on client and web versions of the product.	On-going and as needed.
10. Offer evening courses in basic computer applications (internet exploration, e-mail, office applications, etc).	This occurred at LVHS in 2006-07. Mike and TJ will survey staff for computer app. training needs in 2008-09 and offer relevant training
11. Utilize e-mail to communicate with students and parents.	Occurring more frequently all the time and including a broader array of staff and parents. The growth in e-mail communication will be facilitated at an even higher level via Edline. LVHS has created a mass e-mail list and it is in use with staff.



'Leaders for Learning'

Congratulations go out to Licking Valley High School English teacher Josh Caton, who is Licking Valley's 'Leaders for Learning' award recipient for 2008.

Connie Hawk and Karen Jones of the Licking County Foundation presented Josh with the award during his Sophomore English class 6th period on Thursday, September 25th. The award, given to one teacher from each Licking County district, was established in 1993. Josh is eligible to apply for grants — up to \$500 per year — for the remainder of his career as a teacher in Licking County. Those grants can be used for professional development or purchasing books, equipment or technology for his classroom.



Congratulations, Josh, and thank you for being a Leader for Learning!

Golfing for SMA

The students of Licking Valley Intermediate School are making a difference in the lives of others!

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a genetic disease that is the number one killer of children under the age of two. At Licking Valley, we are lucky enough to have a student who defies those odds. His name is Cade Torbert and he is in the 4th grade. Although Cade spends his days in a wheelchair, he dreams of and talks about someday walking down the hall with his classmates.



To help support Cade's dream, his classmates hosted a "Miniature Golf Outing" during the last full week of September.



Throughout the week, students paid \$1.00 to play a 5-hole miniature golf course during recess. Hole-in-ones were rewarded with a Dairy Queen coupon and a golf ball autographed by Cade himself. The response was outstanding! LVIS raised \$825.00 for SMA research!

A "fake check" was presented to Cade and his family at the annual Cure SMA Golf Classic.

It is our responsibility, as citizens, to reach out to others no matter our age.



Griffen Moore, Cade Torbert, Mrs. Fee, Grade 4 Teacher

We can make a difference!



23rd Annual Licking Valley Community Friends Day
Tuesday, October 28, 2008
9:30 A.M.

Parent Survey

1. What is your child's gender and grade level?

Boy _____ Girl _____ Grade _____

2. What is the approximate distance from your home to the school?

- 1/4 mile or less
 1/4 to 1/2 mile
 1/2 mile to 1 mile
 between 1-2 miles
 over 2 miles

3. What is your address? _____

4. How does your child usually travel to and from school? (check the appropriate boxes below)

Walk Bike Bus Car

5. Do you feel that the school provides a safe place to store bikes? yes _____ no _____

6. Do you have concerns about traffic safety along the routes to school? yes _____ no _____

7. Please elaborate (include specific streets or intersections that are problematic)

8. If you drive your child, why do you make that choice?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Convenience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop off on way to work | <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks (lack of or incomplete) | <input type="checkbox"/> High speed vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child is too young | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad weather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child would not obey safety rules | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks too heavy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying projects or musical instruments | <input type="checkbox"/> Tardiness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe place to cross the street | <input type="checkbox"/> Scary people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of safe place to store bikes | <input type="checkbox"/> No biking or walking route maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paths are incomplete or not wide enough | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfriendly dogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

9. Would you allow your child to walk or bike if:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanied by other children | <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanied by other parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide routes maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing guards more effective |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety training for students | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved sidewalks and bike paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cars slowed down | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure bike storage was available |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paths were separated from traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

10. Has your child asked permission to walk or bike to school in the last year? yes _____ no _____

11. Comments:

Please return this survey to the school office.

Licking Valley Schools Wall of Pride

Recognizing Outstanding Graduates/Employees of Licking Valley Schools

Selection Criteria

The Licking Valley Wall of Pride was created for the purpose of recognizing and honoring individuals who have contributed to the civic, cultural, religious, and economic vitality of the community, at the local, state, or national level.

Individuals selected for induction into the Wall of Pride meet the following criteria:

- 1) They have graduated from Licking Valley Schools or schools that consolidated to make Licking Valley.
- 2) They have distinguished themselves as evidenced by honors or other recognitions confirmed by their colleagues or associates.
- 3) They have made by their activities and accomplishments a notable contribution to society.
- 4) Selectees may include honorary membership if they qualify in all areas, particularly school community service but did not graduate from Licking Valley.

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Community Computer Training Survey

Licking Valley Schools would like to know the community's thoughts on after-school computer training at our facilities. This training would be open to community members interested in learning more about computers and led by district staff members.

Please take a few moments to answer the following survey to let us know what type of training would be of interest to you.

Please clip and mail to: Licking Valley District Office
Computer Training Survey
1379 Licking Valley Rd. NE
Newark, OH 43055

- I would like to learn basic computer key boarding.
- I would like to learn how to navigate the internet.
- I would like to learn more about how to navigate the Licking Valley web site to access information.
- Other: _____

Name and Address: _____
(optional) _____

Licking Valley Schools Wall of Pride

Nomination Form

Name of the Nominee _____

Address _____

School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Occupation _____

Please identify the area of accomplishment: ex., academics, athletics, leadership, community service, etc.
Nomination must be based upon the Wall of Pride's criteria (150 words or less). Attach page if necessary.

Nominated by _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Submit this form to: Licking Valley Wall of Pride
Attention: David Hile, Superintendent
1379 Licking Valley Road N.E.
Newark, Ohio 43055

Deadline for nominations: November 3, 2008

You may reproduce this form if you have more than one nomination.
If more space is needed, please attach a 2nd sheet.

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October 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FFA FRUIT SALE OCT. 17-31 Please call the Ag Center to place your order. 763-0402		1	2 VB Tri Heath A MS VB Newark Catholic A	3 V FB Granville H Homecoming Game	4 SAT XC A Jonathan Alder JV FB Newark Catholic A Music Boosters Golf Outing
6 MS FB Granville H FR FB Granville A SOC @ Pickerington N. MS VB Granville H	7 HS P/T Conferences 3-6 SOC Bishop Rosecrans H VB Tri Granville A	8 LV Custodians Day	9 MS VB Cols. Academy A	10 V FB Lakewood A	11 XC MSL FR VB MSL Tournament MS VB MSL Tournament
October 6-10 Ohio Achievement Test, Grade 3 Reading Only					
13 PES Skate Night 6-8 MS FB Lakewood A MS VB MSL Tournament FR FB Lakewood H	14 LV FFA 7:00 Elementary Market Day Elementary Panther Parents	15 PSAT	16 IES Skate Night	17 NO SCHOOL	18 XC District V FB Newark Catholic A
20 LV Financial Task Force 7:00 Music Boosters 7:00 FR FB Newark Catholic H JV FB Newark Catholic H	21 3rd Gr. Fall Concert 7:00 LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:30 LV Music Boosters 7:00	22	23	24 V FB Cols. Academy H Parent Night	25 ACT XC Regional
27 LV Athletic Boosters 7:00	28	29 National FFA Convention Oct. 29-Nov 1	30 Marching Panther Concert 7:00 Elementary Primary Picture Day	31 2 Hr. Early Dismissal HS/MS 12:30 Elementary 1:30 HALLOWEEN	

October 27-November 9 Ohio Graduation Tests, Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies - Grades 11 and