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District Newsletter  
David Hile, Superintendent  
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# The Valley View

# Licking Valley Elementary Transition

By Sherry Crum, Director of Elementary Program Planning

We are pleased to share that our former Mother's Club and P.T.O. for each of the existing elementary buildings have successfully consolidated to form the Primary Panther Parents and Intermediate Panther Parent groups. These hard working parents have worked very hard over the past three years to learn from each other, take best practices and form new traditions for our new Licking Valley Elementary Schools. Our parent volunteer group is vital to our operations and our success in meeting the needs of students and we look forward to working with our dedicated parent volunteers. This week, the very first officers were sworn in for the new groups. Thank you and congratulations to:

## Primary Panther Parents

Michelle McHugh - President  
Sandy Wireman - V.P. Fundraising  
Jennifer Handa - V.P. Fundraising  
Stacey Appleton - V.P. Student Activities  
Kim Carson - V.P. Student Activities  
Della Stuart - Secretary  
Michelle Aronowitz - Treasurer

## Intermediate Panther Parents

Judy Tolley - President  
Cheryl Schmoll - V.P Fundraising  
Sue Jones - V.P. Student Activities  
Leanne Collins - V.P. Student Activities  
Courtney Stanbery - Secretary  
Tina Hummel - Treasurer

Make plans to attend the ***Dedication and Open House*** for the new Licking Valley Elementary Facility on ***Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.*** We are inviting all elementary students to participate in a Parade of Pride to represent the former attendance areas coming together as Licking Valley Panthers. The parade will kick off the dedication and will consist of all elementary grade levels and any outside activities that involve our students such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Valley Girls, biddy sports programs, etc. Each group will simply march down the new school drive behind a banner indicating the name of the group. This is a great opportunity to promote your group and show your L.V. pride. Watch for more details in the coming weeks or call Madison Elementary for more information if your LV group would like to participate.

## Bus Passes

By Mickie Archer, District Services/Transportation Coordinator

Dear Parents:

We are sorry to inform all parents/students that there will be no bus passes issued for students to go home with friends or relatives on a bus other than the student's assigned bus. If that student lives on the same route, then we may issue a pass.; but not without prior permission from Mickie Archer, Transportation Coordinator. Most of our buses are at student capacity, and we cannot put other riders on those buses who do not live on the route.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Mickie Archer, 763-3775

## Attention Juniors and Sophomores

College bound juniors and sophomores should plan to take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The test will be given on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in the high school lecture hall starting at 7:30 a.m. The cost of the test is \$13.00 cash or check made out to Licking Valley H.S. Students must pre-register in the guidance office as space is limited to the first 95 students who register by paying. If you have any questions, contact Ted Lacy, Guidance Counselor at 763-2158

# Licking Valley Local School District Management Team

<u>Question/Concern</u>	<u>Please Call</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Question/concern with teacher/coach	Call respective teacher/coach	Call the School. . . . . Ask for the teacher/coach to return the call
Question/concern with classified employee	Call respective classified employee	Call the School. . . . . Ask for the employee to return the call

**Contact building principal for:**

- Continued concern with teacher/coach
- Building rental by citizens
- Student discipline concern (bus or school)
- To volunteer help to a building
- Student suspended from school
- New student to district
- Curriculum and instruction concern in classroom
- Parent/citizen concerns with anything in or at respective building

**Contact the District Treasurer for:**

- District financial information
- Payment of bills
- Insurance claims
- Income tax questions
- Student activity account

**Contact the Superintendent for:**

- Curriculum and instruction concern
- Question of school policy
- Question of school finance
- Parent concern with supervisor
- Parent concern with principal
- Student expelled from school

**Contact the Technology Director for:**

- Resources

**Contact the Board of Education for:**

- Parent concern with superintendent or treasurer
- Policy change

**Contact the District Services/Transportation Coordination:**

- Busing concern
- Bus route questions
- Bus stop questions
- School bus traffic concern
- Parent concern with bus driver

**Contact the Cafeteria Supervisor for:**

- Food service concern
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application

**Contact the Maintenance Technician for:**

- Buildings/Grounds concern

**Building Principals**

High School:	Mr. Wes Weaver	763-3721
	Mr. Shane Adkins, Assistant Principal	
Middle School:	Mr. Rick Nabors	763-3396
	Mr. Jeff Neiger, Assistant Principal	
Madison E. S.:	Mr. Todd Carmer	763-2865
	Mrs. Sherry Crum	763-2865
Perry E.S.:	Mr. Jim Hoover	763-2031
Toboso E.S.:	Mrs. Jan Clayton	763-2342

**District Office**

Superintendent:	Mr. David Hile	763-3525
Treasurer:	Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert	763-3525
Director of Special Education:	Mrs. Jan Clayton	763-3525
Maintenance Technician:	Mr. Jack Shinn II	763-3525
District Services/Transportation Coordination:	Mrs. Mickie Archer	763-3775
Transportation Coordination:	Mr. David Hewitt	763-3743
Technology Director:	Mr. Travis Baughman	763-3690
Director of Information Services:	Mr. Mike Kelley	763-3062
Cafeteria Supervisor:	Mrs. Jan Jennings	763-2433
Athletic Director:	Mr. Randy Baughman	763-3186

**Board of Education**

President:	Mrs. Lydia Miller	763-2664
Vice President:	Mrs. Angie Staggers	763-3233
Board Members:	Mr. Jackie Caughenbaugh	763-3116
	Mr. Gary Barr	763-3316
	Mrs. Brianna Nethers	828-2938

## BMX Bike and IPOD Raffle

In an effort to speed up the Free/Reduced Lunch Application Process and to get as many responses as possible, the Licking Valley Food Service Department had a BMX Bike Raffle for Elementary students and an iPod Nano Raffle for the Middle and High School students.



Any student who returned their Free/Reduced Application within the first 10 days of school, regardless of whether they were eligible or not, got their name put in the drawing. There were six BMX Bikes (one for each grade -k,1,2,3,4,5) and seven iPod Nanos (one for each grade- 6,7,8,9,10,11, 12). The Food Service Department earned the iPod Nanos through a pizza promotion and the BMX Bikes were purchased from the Cafeteria Funds.

The number of Free/Reduced applications turned in the first ten days of school was incredible! Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle.



Winners are as follows:

Kindergarten	Madison Bentley
1st Grade	Seth Hoyd
2nd Grade	Morgan Norris
3rd Grade	Breanna Muncy
4th Grade	Siera Sobers
5th Grade	Ethan Stockli
6th Grade	Leroy Pendleton
7th Grade	Cali McClain
8th Grade	Logan Shaner
9th Grade	Shashawnee Stolte
10th Grade	Kelsi Rakestraw
11th Grade	Melissa Ryan
12th Grade	Christopher Moore

### LVHS FOOTBALL GAME WITH THE CANADIAN TEAM:

By Dave Hile, Superintendent

There has been some speculation surrounding LVHS' football game with the Canadian school, Bishop Ryan Secondary, on Friday, September 7, and the costs associated with playing a team from out of the country. First, contracting with a team to come to our facility for a game, especially when it is a one-time event, rather than a home and away deal like we had with Beechcroft the past two years, is nothing new or unusual. In fact, it was the same type of contract the athletic department had with North Canton Hoover for our game up there on August 31, which was one-time event, and for which the North Canton Hoover Athletic Department paid our athletic department \$3,500.00. We had a similar contract with the team from Cincinnati we played in a one-game event a couple of years ago.

In these one-game contracts, it is usually agreed upon to share some of the gate receipts and compensate the visiting team for mileage costs, all of which comes directly from the gate receipts of the game, which is athletic budget funds, not general fund monies. The contract with the Canadian team was no different, except that because they were coming so far, it was agreed that our athletic department would pay for their stay at a local hotel, the money for which also comes from the game's gate receipts. After these expenses, the athletic fund receives the remainder of the gate receipts, which in this case equaled \$5,618.00. This is all a bonus to our athletic fund because it comes from a sixth home football game, whereas in most years we would have only five home games. So the Licking Valley Athletic Department made money on the game with Bishop Ryan Secondary, and none of this money comes from or goes to the district's general fund!

**SENIOR COLLEGE  
PLANNING NIGHT**  
October 15, 2007  
7:00 P.M. Room 219

Senior College Planning Night is an opportunity for seniors and parents to learn about the college application process, scholarship opportunities, web resources, ACT/SAT, FAFSA, NCAA and much more.

It is a great opportunity for seniors and parents to prepare for their college experience.

## VOLLEY FOR A CURE

Thursday, September 27, 2007  
5:00 P.M.

Licking Valley HS Gym  
Licking Valley vs. Lakewood

The high school volley ball teams are hosting "Volley for the Cure". This is a game to promote breast cancer awareness. All of the proceeds from the game go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The teams will be wearing pink jerseys and playing with a pink volleyball.

Special events to raise money will be held at the game. The goal is to pack the stands with pink.

Come support Licking Valley Volleyball and help raise money for breast cancer!



## Did You Know?

- Our first day of school in the Licking Valley Elementary Facility will be on Monday, October 22, 2007.
- Once we move into the new facility, we will no longer need to transfer buses as students will be taken directly to school on the bus that picks them up.
- There will be 330 new computers in the new facility which includes four student machines per room and two computer labs.
- The beautiful brick sculpture displayed on the new facility was designed by Alan Moran and donated by Bowerston Shale to depict the four elementary buildings coming together as Licking Valley Elementary. Bowerston also donated two additional sculptures designed by Alan to be displayed inside the building. We are very grateful and thankful for this generous donation.
- There are 89 Junior and Seniors at C-TEC this year.
- The average ACT score of LVHS students in 2007 was a 21.2. The state average was 21.6 and the National Average was 21.2.
- Duane Flowers, Mayor of Hanover organized the fireworks display at the LV football games. The fireworks are made possible by private corporate donations and local volunteer fireman are there to ensure the safety of our fans.
- Licking Valley Local School District has made a reduction in staff of 30 people since 2004 through attrition, retirements, resignations, and consolidation.
- LVLSD saved \$38,000.00 on its new office copier machines lease and replaced all machines with new high efficiency copiers in all buildings.

## LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY FESTIVAL



Despite the rain, the Licking Valley Elementary School Festival held September 8, 2007 was once again a success. Thank you to Jackie Caughenbaugh for coordinating the event, and the Panther Parents and many volunteers who helped make the day successful. Proceeds from this event go towards elementary facility needs.





"Panther Pride is District Wide"

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

The Licking Valley School District would like everyone to join us in welcoming the following new staff members:

Wes Weaver, High School Principal  
Lindsay Bice, HS Social Studies

- Chris Morgan, HS Custodian
- Mary Kennedy, MS Language Arts
- Abby Ettenhofer, MS Math
- Justin Fickes, MS Science/Social Studies
- Dana Juhnke, MS Science
- Carol Whitmyer, MS Life Skills
- Brian Gant, MS Language Arts
- Mary Ann Gutridge, MS Cafeteria
- Brianna Stout, HS English
- Stephanie Gartland, Elementary Art
- Amanda McClelland, Elementary Guidance
- Mariah Hiebel, 3rd Grade
- Heather Ghiloni, 2nd Grade
- Crystal Gutridge, Toboso Cafeteria
- Jan Clayton, Coordinator Student Services

## Calendar

### September 2007

- 22 **BAND FEST**
- 24 LV Athletic Boosters 7:00 p.m.
- 28 **HOMECOMING**  
Valley vs Whitehall
- 29 Homecoming Dance

### October 2007

- 1-5 Gr. 3 Reading Achievement Testing
- 2 High School Parent/ Teacher Conferences 3-6 p.m.
- 8 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
- 13 **ELEMENTARY DEDICATION 6:00 p.m.**
- 17 **2 Hour Early Dismissal HS/MS 12:30 p. m. Elementary 1:30 p.m.**
- 18 **NO SCHOOL**
- 19 **NO SCHOOL**

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



## Wellness Policy (8510)

Jan Jennings, Cafeteria Supervisor would like to remind parents the district has a Wellness Policy (8510) that was adopted last year that governs classroom parties. The policy states, "Each classroom party held during the school day may include no more than one (1) food or beverage that does not meet the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans." It was also established that there would be no more than one party per classroom per month. It is important that we maintain consistency across the district with the policy.

## Music Boosters Annual Band Fest

September 22, 2007 11:00 A.M.

Randy Baughman Stadium

Tickets: \$5.00

The Licking Valley Music Boosters proudly present their annual Licking Valley Band Fest. Ten bands including Licking Valley's high school marching band are currently scheduled to perform. Parking is free, and lots of great concessions will be available, including the world famous chicken and noodles. There will be raffles, a 50/50 drawing and lots of great music. Come out and support the Licking Valley Music Program, as well as hundreds of dedicated and talented high school musicians from the greater Columbus area and beyond.

If you are a business and looking for a great way to advertise, it's not too late to purchase an ad for the program. Please contact Craig French, Band Director at 763-2232 for more information.

**Hope to see you there!**



Photo Courtesy of John Graham

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