



The Valley View



BLUE RIBBON SUCCESS!



The Licking Valley Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone for supporting their first ever food booth at the Hartford Fair.

Coaches, parents, grandparents and students all helped in so many ways; from setting up to cleaning up, serving, and even eating there while visiting the fair.

This was such a big project and without everyone's help it just would not have been possible. The Athletic Booster Officers appreciated the over-

whelming response to this project and enjoyed getting acquainted with all the volunteers who made it such a huge success. They were able to raise over \$11,000.

What a week! Where can you work and make that much money in a week?

The Athletic Boosters meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school conference room.

Come and join this hardworking group. Our student athletes are provided with

many things that would not be possible without the efforts of this volunteer group.

For more information on becoming a booster member or volunteering to work at the football concession stand or at any of the Athletic Boosters events, contact any of the following officers:

Diana Nehters, 763-2542

Toni Nethers, 763-4446

Leesa Evans, 345-0891

Charity McFarland, 763-4966



Did You Know?

- Licking Valley has not gone to the voters for an operating levy in 15 years.
- The LVLS achieved the second highest number of indicators in Licking County on the state report card (27/30), second only to Granville EVS.
- That the LVLS website is new and improved and contains an enormous amount of important information for parents, students and community members.
- That we replaced 200 computers at the Licking Valley Middle School for students and staff in order to be able to utilize the technology the OSFC project provided.
- Karen Gress bus driver, was honored on August 22 at the district-wide convocation day for driving 100,000 miles accident free.
- Nacole Berisford 3rd Grade teacher, was honored on August 22 at the district-wide convocation day for receiving the Coughlin "You Make A Difference" award.
- Casey Stone Kindergarten teacher, was honored on August 22 at the district-wide convocation day for receiving the Dow "Excellence In Education" award.
- Keenan McKee elementary custodian, was honored on August 22 at the district-wide convocation day as LV's "Classified Employee of the Year".

VALLEY ACHIEVES 27/30 Report Card Indicators

As the Indicators and Rating chart illustrates, we met 25/28 state assessment indicators. In addition, we achieved a 94.6% student attendance rate, and a graduation rate of 97.2% (which is for the Class of 2007; graduation rate is calculated a year in arrears), which means that district wide we achieved 27 of the 30 state indicators for a state district rating of **Effective**, one rating below the highest rating of Excellent, which is our goal.

Each of our buildings, with the exception of the high school, achieved an Effective rating; the high school met 12/12 report card indicators for an Excellent building rating for the third consecutive year.

CELEBRATIONS

- ▶ Maintained Effective district rating
- ▶ Increased number of indicators met = **27/30** – the most ever for LV, and the second highest number of indicators achieved in Licking County!
- ▶ Indicators met in '07-'08 that were not met in '06-'07:

5th Grade Math:	73.5% ↑ 79.3%
5th Grade Social Studies	57.4% ↑ 83.6%
8th Grade Math	72.9% ↑ 78.7%
- ▶ The LV staff fully helped our IEP students and economically disadvantaged students achieve academic growth this past year as measured by the state growth model which allowed each of our buildings to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).
- ▶ Licking Valley High School achieved every indicator (12/12) and is rated Excellent!

CHALLENGES

- ▶ We need to figure out what happened with 4th grade writing through data analysis – we dropped from 90.6% proficient in '06-'07 to 68.3% proficient in '07-'08.
- ▶ Science and social studies at the 8th grade level must improve, specifically, but all 8th grade scores need improvement (we do not have an 80% proficient rate in any 8th grade subject area).
- ▶ We must finalize and implement all curriculum maps K-10.
- ▶ We must implement short-cycle, formative assessments at all grade levels that look like the OATs and OGTs to measure student progress on the standards and indicators.

Student performance on our assessments must inform and improve our instruction.

- ▶ We must continue to give teachers significant and productive time to analyze assessment data and collaborate to improve instruction.
- ▶ We must provide appropriate and adequate intervention for all students based on short-cycle assessment data.
- ▶ We must identify the students in our subgroups who are not achieving proficiency and get them targeted intervention.
- ▶ We must ensure all students read on grade level.
- ▶ We must continue to benchmark our progress with similar districts.
- ▶ We must strive for an **Excellent** rating on the report card in 2008-09 by achieving all 30 indicators and meeting AYP targets with all subgroups.



2008 State Indicators and Rating for Licking Valley Local

IRN: 048017
Address: 1379 Licking Valley Rd
Newark, OH 43055-9450

County: Licking
ITC: LACA
District Type: Local

State Test Results

		# Students Took Test	# At Least Proficient	% Proficient	State Standard	State Indicator Met?	
3rd Grade	Reading	144	112	77.8%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Mathematics	144	119	82.6%	75.0%	MET	✓
4th Grade	Reading	161	134	83.2%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Writing	161	110	68.3%	75.0%	NOT MET	✗
	Mathematics	161	133	82.6%	75.0%	MET	✓
5th Grade	Reading	140	118	84.3%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Mathematics	140	111	79.3%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Social Studies	140	117	83.6%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Science	140	109	77.9%	75.0%	MET	✓
6th Grade	Reading	148	115	77.7%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Mathematics	148	116	78.4%	75.0%	MET	✓
7th Grade	Reading	195	152	77.9%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Writing	195	161	82.6%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Mathematics	194	161	83.0%	75.0%	MET	✓
8th Grade	Reading	183	146	79.8%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Mathematics	183	144	78.7%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Social Studies	182	98	53.8%	75.0%	NOT MET	✗
	Science	183	129	70.5%	75.0%	NOT MET	✗
10th Grade	Reading	168	150	89.3%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Writing	169	153	90.5%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Mathematics	168	147	87.5%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Social Studies	169	148	87.6%	75.0%	MET	✓
	Science	169	141	83.4%	75.0%	MET	✓
11th Grade	Reading	151	145	96.0%	85.0%	MET	✓
	Writing	151	150	99.3%	85.0%	MET	✓
	Mathematics	151	145	96.0%	85.0%	MET	✓
	Social Studies	152	144	94.7%	85.0%	MET	✓
	Science	152	141	92.8%	85.0%	MET	✓

Analyze...

Attendance Rate

The state standard is 93.0%

Aggregate Attendance	333,921
Aggregate Membership	353,034
Attendance Rate	94.6%
State Indicator Met?	MET ✓

Analyze...

Graduation Rate

The Graduation Rate indicator is based on the previous school year's graduation rate. The state standard is 90.0%.

# Graduates	174
# in Graduation Cohort*	179
Graduation Rate	97.2%
State Indicator Met?	MET ✓

* Graduation Cohort = Graduates + Net Dropouts + Grade 13 graduates

Analyze...

Your district met 27 out of 30 indicators (90.0%)

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 2

Licking Valley School District will provide quality facilities which meet district needs.

1. Install a staging area for the FFA Vo-Ag building.	Need to plan with Vo-Ag instructors.
2. Provide suitable lockers for field house.	Replace all old lockers with lockers from the MS> New field house in planning stage with athletic boosters.
3. Increase storage in the maintenance and transportation areas.	Maintenance Technician is reviewing storage needs, but does not see this as a priority at this time. Bus garage needs additional storage space and this will be addressed in 2008-09.
4. Enhance the sound in the control room by opening up the area.	Completed in 2005

Walgreens Take Care Health Clinic

The Walgreens on Hebron Road in Heath has opened a Take Care Health Clinic inside the store. This is a convenient, walk-in health clinic staffed by experienced, professional, caring Nurse Practitioners with extensive clinical training and education. They are prepared to diagnose, treat, and prescribe for common illnesses, for patients 18 months and older, including, but not limited to: strep throat, urinary tract infections, ear infections, and poison ivy. They are also prepared to provide school/work/sports physical, and select diagnostic tests and vaccinations are also available. Most insurance plans are accepted, uninsured fees are reasonable. The Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. You can call 1-866-TAKE CARE.

VALLEY VIEW

If you would like to receive the Valley View via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Laura Lahmers at: lahmersl@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Who's New?



Ryan Fitz, MS 7th Grade Science

Ryan grew up in Philo, Ohio and now lives in Zanesville. He graduated from Ohio University Zanesville in March 2008 with a bachelors degree in education with concentrations in science and social studies. In his free time Ryan enjoys hunting, fishing, watching football, and spending time with family and friends. Ryan is very excited to be at Licking Valley and be part of a wonderful district and community. He is looking forward to the school year.

Go Panthers!



Rhonda White, MS Technology

This is Rhonda's first year as a teacher at Licking Valley Middle

School. She has worked for the Heath Parks and Recreation Department for the past ten years where she served as the Recreation Director, Administrator of the Heath Community Recreation Center and Fitness Center, as the assistant manager of the Heath City Water Park, and as a Program Coordinator of Adult and Youth Programs. Rhonda graduated from Heath High School and is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene College with a degree in business administration and a Masters of Education and is licensed to teach Integrated Business for grades 4-12. She is a volunteer for the Davis Shai House, American Red Cross, and serves on the Licking County Board of Health. In her free time, she enjoys all sports and recreational activities, crafts, and spending time with friends and family. She currently resides in Heath with her husband, Craig, and their three children, Megan and twins Kaitlyn and Austin.



Nicole Vandersommers, HS English

Nicole grew up in Maumee, Ohio (a suburb of Toledo). She graduated from Bowling

Green State University in 2006— Go Falcons! Nicole married her husband, Dan in July of 2007. The following school year she taught English 10, Journalism, and Yearbook at Pike-Delta-York High School in Delta, Ohio. In March of 2008, her husband was accepted into the PhD program at the Ohio State University (Go Bucks!) and she was hired in May at Licking Valley High School as the new English 9 and 10 teacher and newspaper adviser. She and her husband now reside in Pataskala with their dog, Emerson. Nicole loves the area and is excited to be a part of the LVHS staff!



Chris Clark, HS World History/ US History/ Social Studies OGT Prep Class

Chris comes to us with a Bachelor of Arts in International studies/International Relations from the Ohio State University. He has teaching licenses in Social Studies 7-12 and Intervention Specialist K-12 from Ashland University. He and his wife Rebecca have been married for five years and reside in Gahanna. They are the parents of Reagan (3) and Caedmon (6 months). Chris was previously employed as Campus Supervisor for Gahanna Lincoln High School, where he enjoyed mentoring students. He is also a veteran of the US Army Military Police Corps. Chris is very excited to be here at Licking Valley and is looking forward to a great year with our students and staff.

GO PANTHER NATION!



Kellie Caplin, Elementary Art

Kellie grew up in the Utica/Mt. Vernon area and graduated from North Fork Local Schools where she participated in many activities and clubs such as cheerleading, Art Club, French Club, Ski Club, National Honor Society, 4-H, piano, and Life Teen. She had various positions in these organizations such as varsity cheer captain, 4-H club president, and secretary of National Honor Society. During her senior year of high school (2001-2002) she was selected Happy Apple Days Queen of Fredonia, OH and had the opportunity to travel to many festivals all over Ohio. Kellie attended Kent State University studying pre-optometry, but quickly realized she did not like biology and loved art. She transferred to the Ohio State University to study Visual Communication Design. However, no matter how long she tried to put it off, the art of teaching was calling her name, so she changed her major to Visual Art Education and transferred to Mount Vernon Nazarene University where she graduated in the spring of 2007 with a BA and the title of Student Teacher of the Year 2006-2007. When Kellie did not find a teaching job out of college she went back to work for MVNU as PEL Placement Coordinator, placing all the grad ed students for student teaching and field experiences. All the while, she was searching for a teaching position. A year later her dreams came true and Kellie received a call from the wonderful district of Licking Valley that she would serve as an art teacher for one year. Overjoyed and yes, a little nervous, Kellie is excited to see what this year brings and all she will learn.

Licking Valley Local School District Management Team

Question/Concern

Please Call

Phone Number

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 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. Scott Beery 763-3396
 Mr. Jeff Neiger, Assistant Principal
 Elementary School: Primary: Mr. Todd Carner 763-2865
 Intermediate: Mrs. Sherry Crum 763-2031

Contact the District Treasurer for:

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

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
 Transportation Coordinator: Mrs. Mickie Archer 763-3775
 Transportation Head Mechanic: 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

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

Board of Education

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

Contact the Technology Director for:

- Resources

Contact the Board of Education for:

- Parent concern with superintendent or treasurer
- Policy change

Contact the Transportation Coordinator:

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

Licking Valley Music Boosters 2nd Annual Golf Outing

St. Albans Golf Course
Saturday, October 4, 2008
9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start

\$60.00/person (4 person scramble)
(includes green fees, cart, and lunch)
Sponsor a hole for \$50

Play and sponsor a hole for \$80.00
50/50-Door Prizes-Skins Game-Prize Holes-Large Item Raffle

Please contact Lisa Carr at 740-975-3430
Entries must be received by Monday, October 1, 2008
Make checks payable to: Licking Valley Music Boosters
Mail entry to: Lisa Carr, 34 Amanda Dr., Granville, OH 43023

Registration

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Licking Valley Intermediate Needs Adult Volunteers Big Brothers Big Sisters Lunch Buddies Program

Licking Valley Intermediate School has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking & Perry Counties to open the door to new opportunities for our students. We are excited to offer "Lunch Buddies", a school-based mentoring program. This is a FUN and FREE weekly program that matches students with a volunteer. Students and their "Big" will participate in activities together during their weekly meeting and AMAZING positive changes will result! Simply spending time regularly with a caring adult can improve both students' school performance and their behavior. How can you help.....VOLUNTEER!

A LITTLE extra one-on-one attention from a caring friend can make a BIG difference in a child's life.

Are you interested in giving a Licking valley 3rd Grader an opportunity to succeed? Can you.....

- Listen
- Share interests
- Talk
- Help with problems

If so, please consider becoming a BIG BROTHER or SISTER in our "Lunch Buddies" program.

This program will meet once a week at LV Intermediate.

Contacts: Amanda McClelland 740-763-2031 or Heather Fout 740-349-9631

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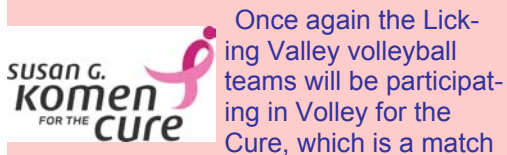
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**We're are on the web:
www.edline.net/pages/licking_valley_local_sd**

VOLLEY FOR THE CURE

**September 16, 2008
5:00 P.M.
Licking Valley HS
Licking Valley vs. Granville**



Once again the Licking Valley volleyball teams will be participating in Volley for the Cure, which is a match dedicated to raising money for breast cancer awareness. Last year the teams raised \$2,500 with all the proceeds from the game going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The teams are selling t-shirts for \$5.00 with the goal of "packing the stands with pink!"

Come and support your local volleyball teams as well as a good cause! For more information contact Abby Ettenhofer, Licking Valley Volleyball Coach, 763-3396.

**Fourth Annual
Licking Valley
Elementary Festival
Saturday, September 13, 2008
@ Licking Valley Middle School
10:00 AM to ?
Large Flea Market and Craft Show
Over 200 Dealers
For Dealer Information Call (740)763-3116
All types of crafts, collectables, glass, pottery, guns,
knives, jewelry, and misc. items
LOTS OF GOOD FOOD!**