Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

THE VALLEY VIEW

Licking Valley Local Schools

David Hile, Superintendent

LV Staff Kicks Off The 2011-2012 School Year



The Licking Valley Local School District kicked off the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year on August 19th with the cooks firing up the grills to pre-

pare an excellent picnic lunch for the entire staff followed by award presentations in the high school auditorium.



Superintendent David Hile, welcomed staff and spoke on the concept of Appreciative Inquiry. Appreciative Inquiry works from a strength based foundation of guiding principles and is based on strengths

rather than weaknesses. Appreciative Inquiry engages people to work on their strengths rather than focusing on a problem that needs to be fixed.

The following new staffulty were welcomed:

Mindy Appleman Michelle Aronowitz Sean Bradley Constance Mick

Tonya Osborn Allison Sidwell MS Kitchen MS Head Cook HS/MS Band 7th Grade Math/

Science

HS Chemistry Speech Pathologist



Award presentations were made honoring the following:

Classified Employees of the Year

Keenan McKee Charlene Noblick Leann Bush

Transportation:

100,000 Accident Fee Miles
Tom Stevens

250,000 Accident Free Miles
Gail Carver Roger Smith

Coughlin "You Made A Difference"

Award Patty Ellick

<u>Dow Excellence Award</u> Jami Rockey

<u>Leader For Learning Award</u> Kathy Mehler

Administrative Employees of the Year Todd Carmer, Brad Wehrman

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Pursing the Vision Awards
Leanne Bush

LV HS and MS Language Arts Departments READY! For Kindergarten Program Staff

Many staffulty members received service awards ranging from 10 to 35 years of service with the district. Other staffulty were honored for perfect attendance in 2010-2011.



SEPTEMBER

- **NO SCHOOL Labor Day**
- 10 ELEMENGARY FESTIVAL
- 12 LV Board of Education 6:00 P.M.
- 26 LV Athletic Boosters 7:00 P.M.
- 30 Homecoming Football Game

OCTOBER

8 LV BAND FEST

- 10 LV Board of Education 6:00 P.M.
- 15 Ready For Kindergarten 10:00 A.M.
- 18 Music Boosters 7:00 P.M. LV FFA Alumni, Inc. 7:30 P.M.
- 20 End of First Nine Weeks
- 21 NO SCHOOL
- 24 LV Athletic Boosters 7:00 P.M.













LVHS CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

On Monday, Sept. 19th, Cultural Connections would like to invite the Valley to join them in their first event of the year! The LVHS Media Center will

> open at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation about a trip taken to Belize. This group of students, led by Miss Leah Dudgeon, is looking forward to sharing their experiences. Hope you can spread the word and join us.

This event is open to the public and free of charge!







Licking Valley Middle School Principal: Scott Beery Assistant Principal: Jeff Neiger Secretaries: Carma French, Bonni McQueen

The 2010-2011 school year began with the recognition that for the first year in school history we achieved the building rating of "excellent" from the Ohio Department of Education. This honor is a reflection on the outstanding students, staff, and families that are a part of the LVMS family. We culminated last year with the Celebration of excellence honoring the Class of 2015 and their accomplishments as they leave LVMS to begin their high school careers. In between many great things took place. We continued our building-wide focus on reading with regular Power Hours, intensive reading intervention for our struggling readers and an overall focus on making reading the core of all we do. The 7th grade class won the Reading Counts award and got to "humiliate" Mr. Beery by making him dress up in the despised Pittsburgh Steelers gear and kiss a pig. For 2011-2012 the middle school has joined forces with the high school in providing a book for every student for the summer reading program. In other academic areas we saw terrific growth by our students and are pleased with the commitment to learning that is also a part of all we do.

In the area of community service we again were the top earning middle school in Licking County in the Operation Feed campaign. The Leo Club spearheaded that campaign and other organization throughout the year have led drives to help those in need throughout our local area.

Our athletic teams, bands, choirs, drama group, art club, and competitive writing groups continue to represent LVMS well in local, regional, and state competitions. Noah Ourant was the first in the regional Power of the Pen competition and then represented us at the state level.

Needless to say it was a productive year here at

the middle school. We are proud of all the accomplishments and look forward to welcoming the new 6th grade class and continuing the tradition of excellence here at LVMS.









Classes for Parents with Pre-K Children Ages Birth to 5



*Parents - Register for FREE Classes!

By attending class you will receive:

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

* Eligibility: Your child must live in the Licking Valley School District, and not be old enough to enroll in public kindergarten.

Babies and toddlers are born learning.

Getting ready for kindergarten starts at birth!

Fall Class Date & Time:
Sat., October 15, 2011
**10:00-11:30

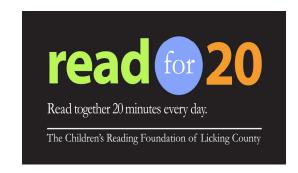
**If you are attending READY! for the first time you must attend an Orientation Class.

9:30-10:00 Orientation Class for New Parents
(Materials will be distributed)

10:00-11:30 READY! Classes for all parents

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

If you have any questions, email us at:
ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us
Register for classes by calling
763-3525





Licking Valley School
District Families getting
READY! for Kindergarten
together!

"STEPping out" of the classroom

This summer Licking Valley had four staff members participate in the Licking County STEP program which teams educators up with local businesses. Through such opportunities to explore business environments, they will be able to incorporate workplace competencies in the classroom settings and better prepare students for meaningful career pursuits.

Kellie Caplin worked with two, half-day, week-long, summer camps at The Works. In the morning, she worked with the 7-8 year olds in the 'Chemistry of Art' camp, which was perfect because she is an ele-

in the 'Chemistry of Art' camp, which was perfect because she is an elementary art teacher. In the afternoon, she worked with a science camp called 'Chemistry Between Us'. In the art camp, she worked closely with an art educator to help the students learn about different art projects involving chemistry. Kellie loved seeing the different projects because connecting art with other content areas is something she finds important to do in her own classroom. Most of the students in the art camp were also in the afternoon science camp which was a perfect collaboration because some of the chemistry that students were experiencing in art camp was explained in the science camp. Kellie learned important skills from classroom management and art projects to the skills needed for each position at The Works to help it grow in the community as well as those who visit.

Becky Lawrence experienced an enriched week at LICCO working with disabled teens and adults.

Most of the week involved working with Adult Service Programs. Eight young adults participated in a three week "School to Work" Transition



B. Lawrence, R. McMillen, K. Caplin, L. Dudgeon

Class. Under the expert supervision of Denise Rose and Linda Hogue (a Valley grad) young adults explored job opportunities while learning life skills. Becky applied her educational training with the young adults and bonded with them while helping them explore possibilities. In the process, many of the techniques used can be taken back to Licking Valley Middle School and be shared with students and teachers alike.

A day at the LICCO work plant in Newark, Ohio was also explored. Kyle Miller, CEO (another Valley grad) explained the services of LICCO. At the Sheltered Employment Plant, adult services are provided through the help of many Licking County businesses. LICCO employees are compensated according to their individual productivity. Employees receive personalized support. Becky worked with Chris Lee, an amazing staff member who provided support to more than four adults with varying needs at one time. Not only did she work with the adults, she also saw to their personal needs while productivity occurred.

Becky encourages everyone to visit LICCO, Inc. and witness the success of such a valuable resource in our County. Louise Decker, Human Resources, would be an excellent contact to get you started. Becky is very humbled by the experience LICCO provided and sincerely thanks the employees and adults that so warmly included her in their journey.

Leah Dudgeon participated in a two week internship at Kaiser Aluminum, where she had the opportunity to collaborate with various employees and gain a better understanding of the metal industry. Various sectors of the business were observed including the engineering department, sales managers, the safety coordinator and clerical positions. Jeff Kirk, Human Resources Manager, highlighted the importance of communicating the options available to students and how to best prepare for them. He notes that many students do not know what they want to do or what careers are available because they are never exposed to the options.

"We feel it is important that students understand the choices and careers that are out there so they can make better decisions for their futures. " – Jeff Kirk

Upon completion of her internship, Leah now has a new found understanding and appreciation for the long standing Kaiser Aluminum Newark Plant. Leah was most impressed by the intricacies of the aluminum business, and how each department heavily relies on the others. The mathematical and business applications that she has taken away from this experience will be passed onto her students in practical ways. She is most grateful to the Kaiser employees for their willingness to participate in the STEP program.

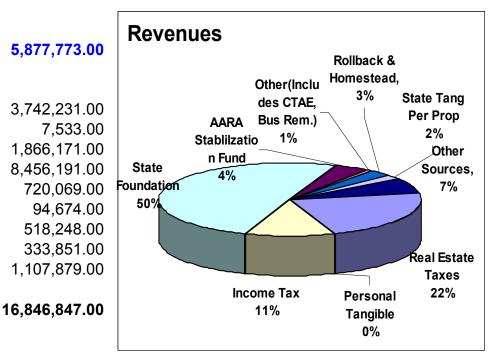
Rhonda McMillen spent her week internship at the Dow Licking River Film Center in Hebron. Arnaldo Costeira (Site & Production Leader) and Linda O'Leary (Contract Administration & Site Services) guided Rhonda through a week of experiences which revealed many commonalities between industry and education. Personnel at LRFC gave great insight into the skills and education required for young people entering the work force and will serve as valuable resources for our Journey to College, Journey Beyond LV, Career Journey courses as well as our majors program.

"To Dow, hosting Rhonda was a fantastic experience as it offered the opportunity to interact and gain insights on the perspectives and objectives of the education system regarding the preparation of the students to face the challenges of the global economy in a changing world." – Arnaldo Costeira

The students of Licking Valley will reap the benefits of the knowledge, skills and insights that were attained during these internship experiences. The participating teachers are truly grateful for the professional relations and opportunities that the STEP program and partnering businesses had to offer.

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL OVERVIEW JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30,2011

July 1, 2010	5,877,773.00
REVENUES	
Real Estate Taxes	3,742,231.00
Personal Tangible	7,533.00
Income Tax	1,866,171.00
State Foundation	8,456,191.00
AARA Stabilization Fund	720,069.00
Other(Includes CTAE, Bus Rem.)	94,674.00
Rollback & Homestead	518,248.00
State Tang Per Prop	333,851.00
Other Sources	1,107,879.00



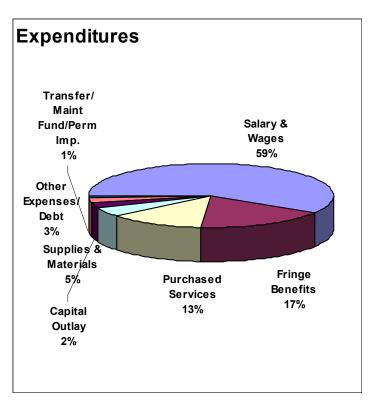
EXPENDITURES

TOTAL REVENUE

Salary & Wages	9,474,224.00
Fringe Benefits	2,804,919.00
Purchased Services	2,011,839.00
Supplies & Materials	824,311.00
Capital Outlay	337,160.00
Other Expenses/Debt	452,241.00
Transfer/Maint Fund/Perm Imp.	188,529.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 16,093,223.00

ENDING BALANCE
June 30, 2011 6,631,397.00



Licking Valley Elementary - Intermediate

Principal: Sherry Crum Assistant Principal: Brad Wehrman Secretaries: Vicki Moore, Stacey Hale

The combined efforts of students, staff and parents made for a very successful school year. Our continued focus was to assist students in our building mission of being high achievers, good citizens and lifelong learners. Teachers worked hard to design lessons that would help all students make a year of growth and catch up growth for those below level. A building Instructional Core Plan was developed by each grade level and department to focus our work to meet the needs of our students. High priority was placed on providing as much direct instruction and practice as possible at the instructional level of each student. To do this, each department created goals and action plans around the area of flexible grouping. Using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) our teachers were able to set plan targets and monitor student progress. The valuable information learned from these assessments was used to plan appropriate instruction.

During school waiver days, staff was provided with professional development that focused on student intervention and instruction. Teachers were given information and modeling of strategies and research based instructional practices.

Student progress was measured in two ways—those on grade level as compared to the national norm and those making a year of growth. Our progress in these two areas, as assessed by MAP, is listed below:

Reading percentage of students on grade level at the end of the 2010-11year:

3rd grade – 84% compared to 63% in the fall;

77% met or exceeded a year of growth;

4th grade – 86% compared to 71% in the fall;

71% met or exceeded a year of growth;

5th grade – 80% compared to 68% in the fall;

74% met or exceeded a year of growth;

Math percentage of students on grade level at the end of the 2010-11 year:

3rd grade – 82% compared to 68% in the fall;

78% met or exceeded a year of growth;

4th grade – 86% compared to 78% in the fall;

75% met or exceeded a year of growth;

5th grade – 87% compared to 74% in the fall;

74% met or exceeded a year of growth;

Accomplishments and Achievements:

Fall & Spring Art Shows Kids Art Fair 5th grade Band

Title I programming Renaissance Club SRC Incentive Program
PALS Jr. Olympics Two author/illustrator visits
Right To Read Week Recycling Program Free Breakfast Program

NFL speaker Ken Johnson Field trips Bus Safety Elementary Festival Granville Symphony Book Fairs

We also were fortunate to have an active Panther Parent group who worked hard to provide many opportunities for our students that would not have been possible otherwise. Highlights of a few of their contributions included:

The Works "hands on" science assembly

Secret Santa

Program refreshments

Apparel sale

Monthly Market Day

Purchase of classroom supplies & materials

Monthly student Skate Nights

5th Grade Recognition student gifts & cakes

We were proud to have our computer teacher, Ms. Patty Ellick nominated and selected for the Coughlin You Made a Difference Award.



Licking Valley Elementary - Primary Principal: Todd Carmer Assistant Principal: Brad Wehrman Secretaries: Marian Simross, Diana Miller

The 2010-2011 school year was another successful one at Licking Primary School. There were many fun, educational activities provided for our students such as the annual second grade Pioneer Day which included a field trip to the Cornell School in Johnstown, as well as Earth Day activities in the spring. The first graders had their yearly "Survivor Week" which included many individual and group challenges. The kindergartners took their annual field trip to the pumpkin patch in the fall and also conducted the ceremony of the wedding of "Q" and "U". The entire school participated in COSI Day on June 2. This was a great way to culminate the school year. The theme of the program was "What's Wild".

This year our students worked very hard and continued to show growth on our assessments. Our reading data showed that 85% of our kindergartens ended the school year on grade level according to our MAP testing and 94% according to DRA-2. 88% of our kindergartners made at least a year's growth in reading. In first grade 86% ended the year on grade level according to MAP testing and 80% according to DRA-2. 63% of first graders made at least a year's growth in reading. In second grade, 82% ended the year on grade level according to MAP testing and 85% according to DRA-2. 73% of second graders made a least a year's growth in reading.

Our math data showed that in kindergarten 74% ended the year on grade level and 86% made at least one year's growth according to MAP testing. In first grade 74% ended the year on grade level and 56% made at least one year's growth. In second grade 83% ended the year on grade level and 68% made at least one year's growth. This is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, as we continue our pursuit of the 90% Reading Goal.

Reminder from the Transportation Department

Due to the fact that we have a number of buses that are either full or extremely close to full each day, the Licking Valley Local Schools Transportation Department has a policy that all requests for bus passes for students to be dropped at locations other than their regular stops will be approved only in emergency situations. Unfortunately, a request to have your child go home at the end of the day with a friend does not constitute an emergency situation. It would be unfair to allow students to ride home with friends on buses that are not full while students on full buses are not able to, so this policy is in effect for **ALL** buses. Final approval for all requests for bus passes must come from my office. Parents are welcome to contact me at 763-3775, or by email at

archerm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mickie Archer, Director Of Transportation

Transportation Department

Mickie Archer
Transportation Director
David Hewitt
Head Mechanic

- Licking Valley School District covers 108 square miles
- An average of 1,470 students are transported each day
- Buses travel 2,207 miles per day
- Drivers traveled 394,625 miles in 2010-2011
- Mileage for extra trips

Sports	17,473
Band/Choir	
Class Trips	
Community	

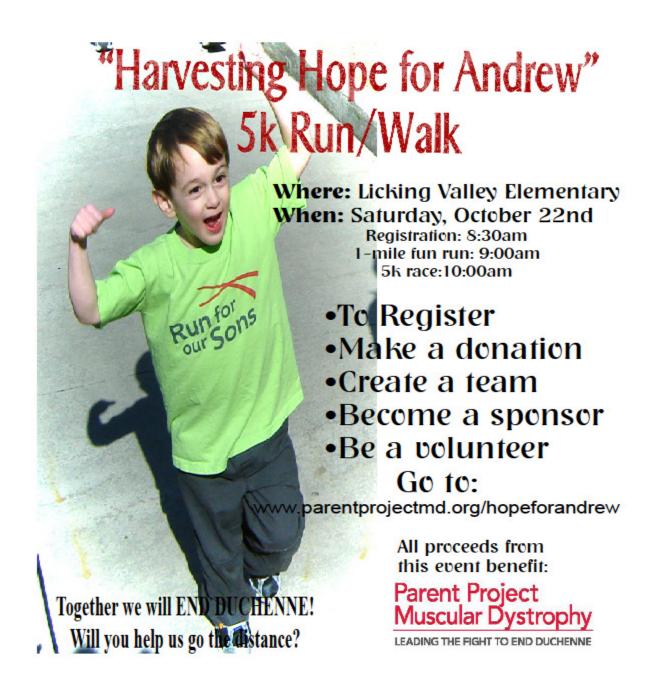
Trips for other schools such as Flying Colors Pre-school, Licking County Educational Service Center MH Units847

The transportation department covered 433 trips during the 2010-2011 school year.

National School Bus Safety Week October 17-21, 2011



The Transportation Department believes that the safety of our students is the most important part of our job. Every year the first month of school, 8 volunteer drivers go into all the classrooms at the elementary and train the students about proper behavior, and safety on a school bus. Students are trained to cross the street properly while getting on and off the bus. The students are prepared in case of an emergency and are shown the proper way to evacuate the bus, using the back door. Ask your student what they have learned from the drivers after they have had bus training.



Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Jodi Nichols' son, Andrew, was diagnosed in 2009 with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. This past January she and her family traveled to Disney World to participate in the "Run for Our Sons" Disney Marathon for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy(PPMD) and with the help of so many of you they were able to raise over \$9,000 for this amazing non-profit organization! PPMD continues to fund research, raise awareness, fund medicines being used for clinical trials, offer support for families and so much more! Andrew may or may not see these medicines in his lifetime, but someday there will be a cure. **That is why we must do our part**. The Nichols' family is hosting their very own "Run for Our Sons" event here in Licking Valley, called "Harvesting Hope for Andrew" 5k Walk/Run and 1 mile 'Fun Run.' Your help is needed to spread the word, run or walk the race, or just make a simple donation (no amount is too small) so we can once again support this great organization! Andrew and the countless other boys just like him **thank** you!! :)

LVHS Junior Class Fundraiser!

The 2011-2012 Junior Class Officers have worked hard this summer and are beginning the school year with their first Junior Class Fundraiser!

At each home football game they will feature a basket sponsored by a local company. The first basket, "The Family Fun Basket", is sponsored by Ohio Industrial Filter Products, (the Carr family).

Raffle tickets will be on sale, \$1.00 each or 6/ \$5.00 beginning Tuesday, August 30, 2011, in the Licking Valley High School Library. Tickets will be sold at the front gate at this weeks home football game. The winner will be announced at the beginning of fourth quarter!

Thank you for your continued support!

Jr. Class Advisors, Tracy Boehmer and Charlene Noblick

Jr. Class Officers: President, Taylor Carmer

V. President, Marissa Klein Secretary, Mara Miltimore Treasurer, Taylor Tolley

2010 CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION ACT EQUITY IN SCHOOL LUNCH PRICING (Section 205)

Because of the State's 2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act (Section 205): **EQUITY IN SCHOOL LUNCH PRICING**, The Licking Valley Local School District has to raise our school lunch prices a minimum of 5 cents for each school every year for the next five years (or possibly more, depending on inflation).

Beginning with School Year 2011/12, lunch prices will increase as follows:

 High School:
 \$2.05
 from \$2.00

 Middle School:
 \$2.05
 from \$2.00

 Elementary:
 \$1.80
 from \$1.75

We have debated this issue with the state and this is the absolute best case scenario that could be reached in order to remain compliant with the USDA and continue to receive federal funding.

We will continue to offer a free breakfast to all students and staff, resulting in a cost savings to all households who take advantage of this benefit.

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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Licking Valley Middle School Free Breakfast Raffle

BREAKFAST is free this year to ALL Licking Valley students! The Licking Valley Middle School is encouraging all students to participate in this Free Breakfast Program. The Middle School will be raffling off a "Monster" back pack donated by Matesich Distributing. The drawing will be held September 23rd. Each student eating breakfast will receive a raffle ticket every time they eat a breakfast. The more times they eat, the more chances they have to win! A large Donatos pizza for the winner and 3 friends will be the October raffle prize. Studies show that children who eat a balanced breakfast are more alert and do much better in their studies throughout the day. Why not take advantage of this service for your child...it's FREE!!!

Please encourage them to head to the cafeteria upon arriving at school for the day!

Licking Valley Schools Wall of Pride

Nomination Form

Name of the Nominee		
Address		
School	Year of Graduation	
Occupation		
	of accomplishment: ex., academics, athletics, leadership, community service, etc. ased 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 1379 Licking Valley Road N.E. Newark, Ohio 43055	
Deadline for nominati	ions: September 30, 2011	
	s form if you have more than one nomination. I, please attach a 2 nd sheet.	



Perryton Cemetery Walk

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War

Sunday Oct. 2, 2:00 P.M. at Perryton Cemetery

Perryton Cemetery has at least 39 Civil War soldiers buried there. See some of them "come back to life" as they tell their stories. They include:

Elizabeth Glasscock Lemert (founder of Perryton and grandmother of 13 Civil War soldiers)

Pvt. William D. Lugenbeal (survivor of the Sultana)
Capt. Zebulon P. Evans
Sgt. Thomas Jefferson Lemert
Pvt. John W. Martin
Dr. Z. B. Cullison
Pvt. John W. Gardner

\$5 donation at the entrance
Free for members of the Licking Valley Heritage Society

LICKING VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE

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LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1510 Licking Valley Rd. N.E. Newark, OH 43055

PRIMARY

Todd Carmer, Principal Bradley Wehrman, Assistant Principal 740-763-2865

INTERMEDIATE

Sherry Crum, Principal Bradley Wehrman, Assistant Principal 740-763-2031

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Meet the Candidate Night

The National Honor Society will be hosting a Meet the Candidate Night on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Licking Valley High School auditorium. Mr. Scott Ryan, County Treasurer, will be the moderator for the evening. School board candidates Lydia Miller, Kim Holtz Christian and Shane Negele will be given the opportunity to answer community questions. Anyone wishing to submit questions can email them to Denise Edmunds at edmundsd@lickingvalley.k12.us. All questions must be submitted before Monday, October 24.

The debate is a great way to learn more about each of the candidates and their stand on issues facing the Licking Valley community. Hand written questions can be sent to Denise Edmunds at 100 Hainsview Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055. No questions will be taken the night of the debate. If you have any questions, please call 763-3721.

Support the Licking Valley High School International Travel Group Eat at City Barbeque and raise money for our group!

Please join us for a special fundraising event.

25% of your purchase will be donated back to our group!

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Name of group: Licking Valley School District
Date of fundraiser: Monday September 12th, 2011

Participating Location: Newark City Barbeque, 1195 W. Church St.

Good all day on Dine In & Carry Out Orders

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.



Flyers cannot be passed out on City Barbeque property. Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers. Not valid on gift card purchases.

LVHS International Travel Group Lasagna Dinner

Friday, October 7, 2011 5:00-7:00 P.M. LVHS Commons

All proceeds will support the International Travel Group's trip to London and Paris in the spring.