

The Valley View

Licking Valley Local Schools

David Hile, Superintendent

EVERY ADULT HELPING EVERY CHILD LEARN AND GROW EVERY DAY

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Below you will find a new graphic that I had designed to represent our focus here in the Licking Valley Schools. For the past couple of years, I have been seeking to create a graphic representation that vividly and accurately represents what we believe are the ingredients for achieving our vision of **every adult helping every child learn and grow every day**. As many of you are aware, the model we have adopted for maintaining a laser focus on student achievement is the Instructional Core, which is comprised of three elements: a rigorous and relevant curriculum, teacher knowledge and skill and student engagement. But I have always felt that this model is lacking the ingredients essential for establishing and maintaining the Instructional Core as our true focus, and for leading continuous improvement in the three elements of the Core. Those two essential elements are **organizational leadership** and **instructional leadership**.

Organizational Leadership

Organizational leadership is a function, not just a person. It involves a mentality, structure, focus, and commitment to create the environment in which learning is optimized. Five primary functions of Organizational Leadership are listed below.

Create a culture of high expectations. That culture must communicate and encompass:

- *Why*: the challenges of changing demographics, a wired and tech-savvy generation of students growing up in a digital world; as well as a global economy in which America must innovate and compete.
- *To Whom*: students, staff, and community stakeholders
- *How*: through active and ongoing communications and messaging at staff development events, community forums, business roundtables, and so on.

Create a shared vision. Culture needs to be embedded in goals and action plans focused on instructional effectiveness that all stakeholders can understand, contribute to, and commit to. In the LVLS these are our Building Instructional Core Plans that help establish a common definition of effective instruction and student achievement indicators.

Build leadership capacity. Organizational leadership needs to enhance existing leaders and identify and cultivate the development of emerging, future leaders. Doing so broadens the leadership capacity of the organization immediately and paves the way for continuous development and growth of new leaders.

Align organizational structures and systems to vision. Once culture, vision and distributed and empowered leadership are established, Organization Leadership needs to

- decide which external impediments to instructional effectiveness can be changed or compensated for and which are beyond the control of the education organization
- ensure enabling conditions and structures to support instructional effectiveness are in place
- identify which factors impacting effective instruction are most effective and efficient

Support decision making with data systems. Organizational Leadership needs to ensure that a data system is used to inform and enhance instructional effectiveness. This includes building "data literacy" among all stakeholders as well as emphasizing the importance of data-driven decision making.

Instructional Leadership

Instructional Leadership is directly focused on instructional effectiveness and ultimately student achievement. Instructional Leadership can be provided by a variety of people, functions, and means in support of teachers, such as:

- district and regional instructional leadership
- principals, assistant principals
- department chairs
- expert teachers, counselors, social workers
- mentor teachers, teacher coaches, teaching peers/team leaders.

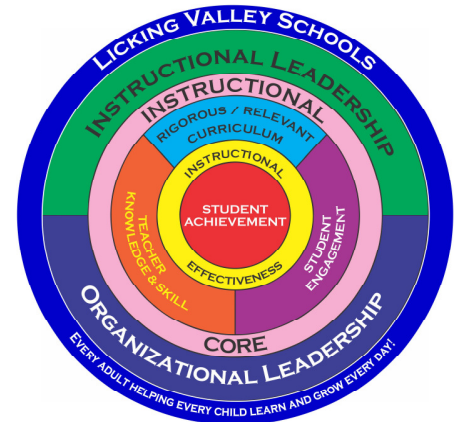
Instructional Leaderships four overarching elements:

Use research to establish urgency for higher expectations. The first job of Instructional Leadership is to reinforce the vision set forth by Organizational Leadership. To do so, Instructional Leadership must offer "proof statements" to staff, students, and stakeholders: research and authoritative testimony that corroborate the urgent need for improvement in student achievement. Instructional leaders also need to see themselves as the key change-agents in raising standards and expectations.

Align curriculum to standards. Instructional leaders also need to prepare teachers for the new types of instruction and formative assessments associated with the CCSS.

Facilitate data-driven decision making to inform instruction. To meet the needs of diverse learners, teachers must use data to measure student growth and inform and differentiate instruction. This means the instructional leaders provide teachers with a clearer understanding of student data and how to apply that understanding to actionable instruction and interventions (e.g., MAP Assessments).

Provide opportunities for focused professional collaboration and growth. The research conducted by John Hattie (*Visible Learning*) and others clearly shows the importance of teacher selection and development, and a continuous cycle of evaluation and support. (Daggett, 2011)



Now when you see our new graphic around the district, it will have more meaning for you.

Licking Valley Welcomes New Staff



Andrew Hoffman is excited to begin his administrative career as Licking Valley Elementary Assistant Principal. Previously, he taught 6-9 grade

students at a school for at-risk youth in an urban setting in Columbus, OH. As a teacher of Math, Health and Physical Education, he helped many students that were achieving below grade level upon entering blossom into high achieving learners.

As the Director of Assessment at Crittenton Community School, he developed a school-wide assessment program that helped teachers use student achievement results to modify and enhance their instruction. This focused and improved instruction led directly to great gains in student achievement at all levels within the school.

Mr. Hoffman is a two-time graduate of The Ohio State University, receiving both a Bachelors of Science in Education and a Masters of Arts in Educational Administration. He currently resides in Columbus, OH and looks forward to joining and serving the Licking Valley School District and community.



Laura Linden was born in Maineville, Ohio right outside of Cincinnati. She attended Kings High School and then went on to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology at The Ohio State University.

After graduation Miss Linden enrolled in the school counseling program at the University of Dayton to pursue a masters in education. While in graduate school she managed an after-school mentoring program connecting adults in the community with middle school at-risk youth for 4 school districts.

After graduation Miss Linden worked as a K-8 school counselor at a charter school in Youngstown, OH and then as a K-5 counselor at Etna Elementary in Southwest Licking schools.

As the school counselor, Miss Linden strives to promote students' academic, social/emotional, and future career

success. To do this, she is available for short-term individual counseling, small group facilitation and classroom guidance and school-wide activities K-5. More information on these services will be provided throughout the year.

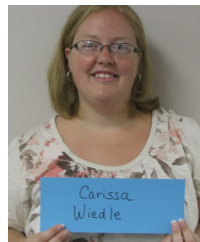


Courtney Burkhardt is the Elementary MD Unit teacher. She is very excited to be in the Licking Valley School District. She grew up in Pataskala, Ohio, and graduated from Watkins Memorial High School. Courtney received her degree from The Ohio State University in June of 2011. She had her first teaching opportunity in a charter school in Columbus. On December 10, 2011 Courtney married her high school sweet heart, Andrew.



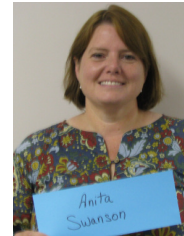
Bonnie Ghiloni, R.N., B.S.N., CTTS, began working for Licking Memorial Hospital in 1997 as a registered nurse in Pediatrics. She has served as a Pediatric Case Manager and Physician Center Manager. She also has clinical experience within a Family Practice office, Emergency Department, and Pulmonology. She has served as a Tobacco Cessation Counselor since 2010.

Bonnie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Edinboro State University in Pennsylvania. She looks forward to serving the Licking Valley School District.



Carissa Wiedle is the Gifted and Talented teacher for the PACE program. This is her 11th year teaching and her 1st year at Licking Valley. Carissa graduated from Bluffton University with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She later completed her Master's Degree in Gifted Education and received her 4th/5th Grade Endorsement from Ashland University. For the last 10 years, she has taught gifted and talented students in grades 1-6 in several school districts in the Mansfield, OH area. She has taught a variety of subjects over the years, but

always strives to provide students with hands on activities and real life applications to what they learn. Carissa grew up in Bellevue, OH. She has two younger brothers that still live in the Bellevue area. She loves to read, watch movies, and travel whenever she can. She recently moved to the Pataskala area and feels like it is already home.



Anita Swanson is the new high school Spanish teacher. She is originally from North Carolina and moved to Ohio for graduate school many years ago, but after starting a family decided to stay.

Anita has taught beginning and intermediate Spanish for 22 years at all levels (high school, middle school, college), and has loved every minute of it. In the Newark area she taught at OSU-Newark and Newark High School. She enjoys traveling to Spanish-speaking countries, and throughout the U.S. Anita lives with her fiancé Steve and their 5 teenagers, in Powell, Ohio, for the time being, but hopes to buy an old farmhouse to renovate in the next few years. In her free time Anita enjoys riding her bike, ballroom dancing, reading, and traveling. She is very happy to be here at LV and looks forward to many years to come!



Brooke Payne is LV's Speech Language Pathologist. She lives in Westerville with her husband Aaron, and their two children, Riley age 5 and Emily age 3, and their dog Baxter. Brooke was an elementary teacher for 15 years before

going back to graduate school to pursue her Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. Last year she worked in a pediatric outpatient facility that provided speech, occupational, and physical therapy services. During that time she worked with children with a variety of disorders such as Autism, PDD, Down Syndrome, and Speech and Language delays to name a few. She has also had the opportunity to use the iPad and other devices for alternative augmentative communication needs. Brooke loves what she does and looks forward to working with the students, parents, and staff of Licking Valley Schools!



David Chapman will be teaching several mathematics courses at Licking Valley High School. He comes from a varied teaching background over the last ten years.

David most recently helped to design, develop and teach over the past three years in an alternative high school program for at-risk 9th grade students in southwestern Ohio. He has also taught high school and middle school mathematics in the Granville School District, and was an adjunct instructor at The Ohio State University and Miami University. David feels very blessed to have been offered this position and has already been warmly welcomed to the Valley. David recently moved to the district from the northern Cincinnati area with his wife, 3 children (10 year old twin girls and 9 year old son), 4 cats, 6 chickens and 2 fish. As a family, they enjoy hiking and camping, gardening, reading and exploring nature.



Dannette Morehouse is thrilled to be a part of the Licking Valley team! She is the 8th Grade Intervention Specialist at Licking Valley Middle School. She graduated from Licking valley in 1995. As a student at Toboso

Elementary she was a tour guide at the Blackhand Gorge. Dannette grew up close to Flint Ridge park and enjoyed spending time there in the summer exploring the trails. She loves camping in her recently restored, vintage, 1971 Rover. It's not very big, but it serves the purpose of keeping a roof over her head when it rains! Dannette has been involved with the Licking County 4-H Band since 1990. She spent 9 years as a member of the band and is now in her 14th year as an Advisor. Dannette is proud to be a part of the Licking Valley Middle School staffulty and hopes to spend many years in "The Valley"!



Sarah Kelley is the new 8th Grade Language Arts teacher at LVMS! Sarah is 26 years old and lives in Worthington, Ohio. She graduated high school from Big Walnut in 2005 and then went on to study

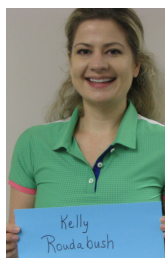
middle childhood education at The Ohio State University where she graduated in 2009. She earned her Master of Education degree in 2010 while completing her

student teaching in Columbus City Schools. Since then she has been substitute teaching in various central Ohio districts on a daily basis and working at Starbucks Coffee Co. nights, weekends, and summers.

Sarah has family that lives all over the United States, which is why she loves to travel Her father and step-mother live in Tuscon, Arizona along with her Siberian Husky, Dyna. She has one sister, one step-sister, and two step-brothers. Of the five siblings, she is the middle child. Sarah's mother passed away from cancer in 2006. Since then she has been very involved in the fight against cancer and tries to raise money to donate to cancer research once a year.

When she is not working she likes to spend time with friends, family and her fiancé, Matt. She and Matt became engaged this summer and are planning a June 22, 2013 wedding. This summer Sarah became interested in her personal fitness goals and works out with a trainer on a regular basis. This hobby helps her relieve stress, increases her energy, and helps her meet her personal strength and weight loss goals.

Sarah is very excited and blessed to be a part of the Licking Valley family. She is looking forward to working closely with students, staff, families, and the community to help make Licking Valley the best it can be!



Kelly Roudabush is the new LV School Psychologist. She is very excited to join the wonderful team of educators here at Licking Valley! Kelly would like to thank everyone for being so kind and welcoming to her over the last few weeks.

She has thoroughly enjoyed her time here in the Valley so far, and she looks forward to the exciting opportunities the future holds here. Kelly previously worked in Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, and also taught several courses at The Ohio State University (Yoga and First Aid). She is very passionate about health and fitness, and about educating students and making sure their experience at school is meaningful. As a school psychologist, it is her goal to figure out the best way to meet every child's unique needs so that they can learn and grow to the best of their ability.



Kristen Rose is the new fourth grade math and science teacher at LVIS. She is from Mentor, Ohio; however, she spent a good portion of her childhood also living in North Carolina,

Virginia, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Kristen graduated from Bowling Green in 2010 and 2011 with her undergraduate degree in middle childhood education and a graduate degree in reading. Last year, she taught fourth grade math and science at Hope Academy Chapelside. While looking for a more stable position, she found Licking Valley and fell in love. Kristen is thrilled to here and is really enjoying her time with her students and co-workers.



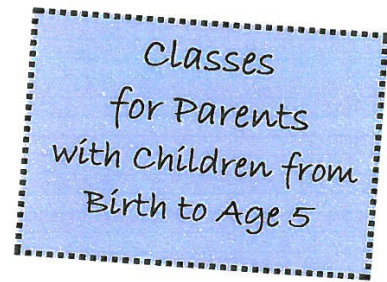
Kirsten Weirsma, is the Middle School MD Unit teacher. Previous to this year, she was employed by the Licking County ESC, so this is her first year as an official Valley Employee. Kirsten

grew up in Seattle, Washington and moved to Zanesville, Ohio at the age of 16. She graduated from Rosecrans High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Ohio University and went on to get her master's from Muskingum University. Kirsten is married and has two children (a boy and a girl), who attend school in Zanesville. She is looking forward to this school year and is grateful to working in such a great school district.

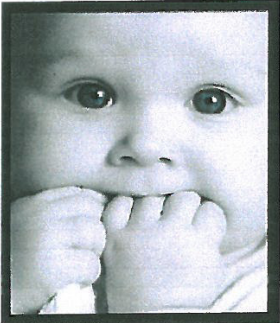


Previous to this year Kyra Yeager has worked in the LV MD classroom as a Licking County ESC employee. Kyra moved to the Licking Valley area thirteen years ago from

Stark County. She is married and has three children and two step-sons. Kyra enjoys walking the many wonderful bike trails in our area.



*Parents/Caregivers - Register for Classes!



By attending class you will receive:

- **TRAINING** on how children learn and grow!
- **FREE BOOKS** to help with learning!
- **FREE "TOOLS"/ TOYS** to make learning fun!
- **FREE CHILDCARE** for children 12 months or older while you attend classes (Parents with Children under 12 months are allowed to bring their child to class.)

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

Babies and toddlers are born learning.
Getting ready for school starts at birth!

Fall Class Date & Time:
Sat., October 13, 2012
****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



Read 20 minutes a day!

Licking Valley School District
Families getting READY! together
for school success!





8TH GRADE GETTYSBURG/WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Dates: **May 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2013**

Cost: \$375.00 per person

Deposit Due Dates: \$125.00 per person due by or before Nov. 16th, 2012
Second deposit of \$125.00 per person due Jan. 25th, 2013
Third deposit of \$125.00 per person due March 15th, 2013

Make Checks Payable To: Licking Valley Middle School

Who: Space is limited because of hotel and bus accommodations. We have room for at least 220 individuals. This includes students and adults. Space is limited to those who return the forms and money first. *Parents are encouraged to go as chaperones!

Adults – if you are going as a chaperone, you must get fingerprinted at the District office. Before April 5, 2013. If you are an employee of the district you should already be fingerprinted. If you teach at another school or business that fingerprints, you must provide

proof of a BCI& I, background check within the last year.

The cost of the trip includes everything except four lunches, one dinner, snacks and any tours done on your own or your purchase of souvenirs. Most things you will see in Washington D.C. are free, however; some attractions may have a fee. Lunch and dinner in D.C. is a little more expensive. We have reserved four motor coaches from Lakefront Lines. We have also reserved rooms at the Comfort Inn in Gettysburg. There is an indoor pool at the Comfort Inn, so we will be allowing the kids to swim at night if time allows. Although we will all stay at the same hotel, the buses will not all travel together to all attractions at the same time because of the size of the group. Once we have determined who is going, we will create a rooming list and a list of things to bring or not bring. We are going to try to arrange for all rooms to contain four (4) people: at least one adult and three students.

Last date to ask for a refund is: April 5, 2013.

IMPORTANT: The following need returned on, or before November 16th, 2012:

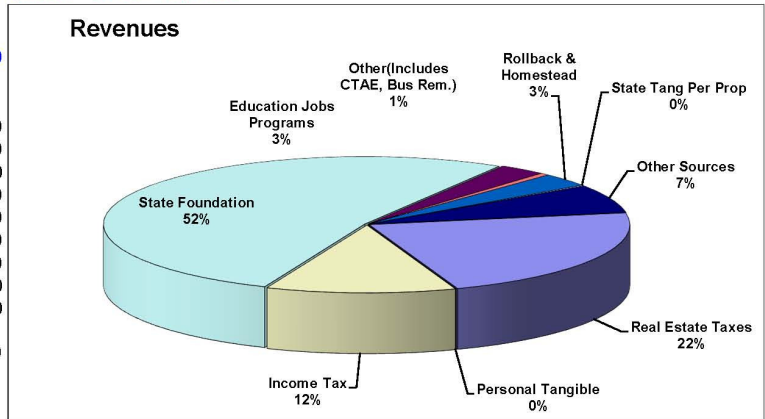
\$125.00 deposit per person

Permission Form for student If you have any questions, please call the middle school: 763-3396 or email:

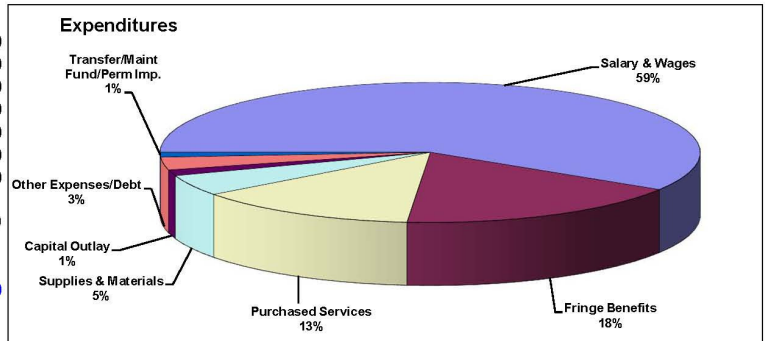
hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us Thank you, Mr. Michael E. Hageman

**LICKING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012**

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2011	6,631,397.00
REVENUES	
Real Estate Taxes	3,717,416.00
Personal Tangible	38.00
Income Tax	1,955,500.00
State Foundation	8,740,437.00
Education Jobs Programs	486,237.00
Other(Includes CTAE, Bus Rem.)	89,949.00
Rollback & Homestead	529,214.00
State Tang Per Prop	30,187.00
Other Sources	1,130,611.00
TOTAL REVENUE	16,679,589.00



EXPENDITURES	
Salary & Wages	9,881,577.00
Fringe Benefits	2,926,444.00
Purchased Services	2,241,338.00
Supplies & Materials	808,486.00
Capital Outlay	231,050.00
Other Expenses/Debt	491,782.00
Transfer/Maint Fund/Perm Imp.	188,529.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,769,206.00
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2012	6,541,780.00



LVHS Panther Paw Store

The LVHS Panther Paw store will provide school spirit items for sale at all home football games. The store will be located at the main gate entrance of the football stadium.

The school store is open by appointment during the school day by calling the HS at 763-3396 or contacting Tricia Phelps by e-mail: phelpst@lickingvalley.k2.oh.us

Follow the store on Twitter @ Denise Edmunds or by going to Licking Valley Panther Paw store on Facebook.



Licking Valley High School Physical Education Department Receives



Recognizing a great opportunity to expand the horizons of Valley students and share with them a new sport, the LVHS PE staff applied for a grant from US Lacrosse. The staff received word in August that Licking Valley was indeed awarded this grant which will provide soft PE lacrosse sticks and balls as well as an introductory curriculum guide. Licking Valley has recently added lacrosse as a club boys sport with an eye on the growth and rising popularity of lacrosse across the country.

Congratulations to the LVHS PE staff on this accomplishment!

Pride Sign Order Form

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ *Grad. Year* _____

Activities Involved in: _____

12" x 24" PVC Sign: \$25.00

Please make checks payable to Licking Valley Athletic Department



Support your student while supporting the school at the same time. All proceeds go to the Licking Valley Athletic Training Student Aide Program to provide camp opportunities, as well as scholarships.

Thank you for your order and support.



LV Happenings!

September

8 Licking Valley Elementary Festival

10 LV Board of Education 6:00 P.M.

21 LV Football vs Granville (Home) 7:30 P.M.
The 1972 Football Team will be recognized as the first LV team to win a Licking County League title.

October

8 LV Board of Education 6:00 P.M.

12 LV Football vs Columbus Academy HOMECOMING

15 Finance Task Force 7:00 P.M.

12 LV Football vs Bexley PARENT NIGHT

30 COMMUNITY FRIENDS DAY

Bluegrass Ka-bash

October 13, Flint Ridge Park

Gates open at 10 am • Festivities from 12-8 pm

Rain or Shine • Bring your chairs • 50/50

Food available, door prizes & great music!

Advance ticket sales: \$20 each until 10/6

Contact Stacey Wright to reserve your tickets @

740.763.3560 or lonepine9039@yahoo.com

Gate ticket price: \$25 Adult ,12 years old & under free

**Tickets available at Martin Music, The Cottage Restaurant &
Lewis Clark Insurance**

Sound by: GBS Productions / Dave Chichester

For directions and additional information:

LVheritage.org • Flintridgeohio.org

Hello,

My Name is Tricia Phelps; I am the Study hall monitor and the High School Renaissance Advisor. I have decided to help organize the upcoming American Heart Association "RED OUT" that will take place on September 21, 2012. With your prior dedicated commitment to the Licking Valley Community I am confident that with your help this event will be successful.

Here is what we "ALL" need to do.

September 21, 2012 the Licking Valley Panther Football team will be playing Granville at LV with a game time of 7:30. The goal of the two communities in coming together on this night with additional traditional athletic rivalry is to convey the unity of creating awareness and to raise monetary funds that will further the research needed to fight against Heart Disease and Stroke.

The Students at Granville and their community will be supporting the color "White" and LV will wear "RED". The American Heart Association is providing both communities an opportunity to compete with who can show the best school spirit and support of this awareness campaign.

Attached is an order form for you and your students/ athletes/ community members to complete. To ensure enough time for printing and delivery we are collecting pre-orders from September 5-12. **Please return all order forms to Tricia Phelps by September 12th by 2:30.** Please DO NOT collect any money until they receive their shirt.

Our goal is to sell 600 shirts throughout the community and fill the stadium with everyone wearing "RED". Please consider what a meaningful impact this event can make on the lives of the students along with many survivors of a stroke or Heart Disease. As an educator or teacher we can instruct within the classroom but we must support the healthy lifestyle living to encourage longevity of our efforts.

So please Staffuly, Coaches, Parents, and members of the Community consider this event as one step in making a difference in the lives of our community.

Shirts are \$10, checks can be made out to the American Heart Association.

Red Out - September 21, 2012 Red T-shirt Order Form



American
Heart
Association®

Name _____

School/Building **LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

2012 Licking Valley High School Red Out T-shirt Pre-Order Form

Our school is proud to support the American Heart Association! We are doing good in our community and leading by example. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others by participating in this initiative.

_____ **Adult Small**

_____ **Adult Medium**

_____ **Adult Large**

_____ **Adult X-Large**

_____ **Adult 2XL**



Jerzees 100% Heavyweight Cotton

To order your shirt

or for more info, contact:

Tricia Phelps - phelpst@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

***Kid's sizes available upon request \$12 - Indicate size needed:** _____

(740) 763-3721

\$10 each = \$_____ Total - Orders due _____

****Please return this order form along with a check made payable to the American Heart Association.** Shirts are \$10 each. Shirts will be sold at Licking Valley High School at lunch through the Licking Valley Renaissance Leadership Students. Contact Mrs. Phelps for further information. Wear your shirt to the game on Friday, Sept. 21st to support our Red Out and to beat Granville! Licking Valley High School and Granville High School are competing on and off the field on the 21st! Pre-orders are available from Sept. 5th - Sept. 12th. After Sept. 12th shirts are available at the schools while supplies last. Thank you for your support!