



# Newsletter

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## The Superintendent's Script

Mr. Siefke, Superintendent

A warm winter welcome to all as we begin another issue of the District Newsletter. Hard to believe we are near the halfway point of the school year already and Mother Nature has been pretty good to us regarding two-hour delays or cancellation of school. As always, you will receive calls from our automated system on days in which we have adjusted or with messages from the schools. If you have not been receiving or have had problems please contact the school offices for assistance. As we begin a new calendar year we would like to recognize our Board of Education members and thank them for all they do in the District. January is designated as School Board Recognition month in Ohio. The Lisbon Exempted Village School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions school board members make to their communities.

Ohioans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,400 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive little compensation for their tireless effects. These men and women are the local school board members of Ohio.

These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education. They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students.

The men and woman serving the Lisbon School District and their years of service are:

Gene Gallo, Board President	- 19 years
Gary Peruchetti, BOE VP	- 21 years
Jim Smith,	- 17 years
Marti Grimm	- 06 years
T.K. Hiscox	- 03 years

If you should happen to see any of these folks please take an opportunity to say thanks for all they do for the children of the district. Too often we forget about the important role that school board members play in assuring local control of our schools. Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into a given decision. Too often the efforts of school board members to improve our schools go unrecognized. So this month join me in thanking our school board for all they do to keep Lisbon Schools the "heart of the community."

The Lisbon BOE has been working very hard trying to educate the community on securing the financial future of the school district. I would personally like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication toward this endeavor. It is very apparent that the wants and needs of every Lisbon student both present and in the future was always at the forefront of their priority list. I am very proud of their efforts and grateful for their endless desire to see the students of Lisbon be the educational leaders of our community and society

Lastly, our goal at Lisbon Exempted Village Schools is not only provide the highest quality educational foundation for our students, but to make Lisbon Schools a positive experience. The most important ingredient to achieving this outcome is to ensure that lines of communication are developed to all for easy resolution of questions before they become conflicts. We encourage you to express your concerns directly with our staff members by scheduling a conference or phone call to avoid any misunderstandings. Our teachers and administration have always promoted an environment conducive to open lines of communication. Lisbon has always had high standards, and will continue to appreciate the input from our stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Joe Siefke

Superintendent Lisbon Schools

# McKinley Elementary School

Principal, Mr. Kemats

## A Message from the Principal

### McKinley Elementary

2017 is here and we hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start. The third nine week grading period is already underway. As we approach the second half of the school year, many exciting things are continuing to happen in McKinley Elementary and the Lisbon School District. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community organizations and Lisbon families who helped to contribute to those in need over the holiday season. We have a great community that cares for one another and we are reminded of that regularly. Thank you.

McKinley will be holding our annual **Spelling Bees** this winter. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade bee takes place on Friday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will compete in classroom spelling bees that will qualify them for a grade level bee in the cafeteria. The top 5<sup>th</sup> grade spellers will move on to compete in the District Spelling Bee at David Anderson Jr/Sr High School on Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM.

We will be holding our second round of **Parent / Teacher Conferences** on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. As **Progress Reports** will be coming home with students on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, please call the school to schedule your appointment early. Also, the PTO will also be hosting **Valentine's Day Room Parties** on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, and a school wide **Book Fair** will be held in the school library during this time as well.

The student **Music and Art Programs** will commence this spring with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade program taking place on **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** and **KG on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Ms. Mercer will be coordinating McKinley's involvement in the **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math\*A\*Thon in March**. Information will be coming home in late February with the activities culminating around the first week of March. Students will help to raise money for St. Jude's while completing Math tasks and participating in school wide events.

As always parents, **we welcome your help and support** as volunteers in the classroom, getting your students to school on time and sending them prepared, drop off and pick up procedures, and working with your children on skills and behaviors necessary to be successful. Educating children is a collaborative effort, and because we communicate and work together, our students and school continue to be successful.

**Photo Above:** McKinley Students in the Math and Reading Club are making Ginger Bread Houses in De-

Sincerely,

Dan Kemats, Principal

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## Testing Update

Third grade students took their first **ELA Test** in November. The next round of state testing will be in **March**, with students in grades **3, 4, and 5** taking **ELA Tests**. Following **Spring Break**, students in grades **3, 4, and 5** will be taking the **state Math tests**, while students in **4<sup>th</sup> grade** also have a **Social Studies Assessment** and **5<sup>th</sup> grade students** have a **Science Assessment**. Help your students do their best by getting plenty of rest and a good breakfast.

#### *Keep Healthy During Winter Months*

- Wash hands often / Don't put hands in into your mouth
- Sneeze/Cough into your sleeve
- Eat Healthy
- Exercise indoors if necessary
- Keep students home with a temperature

## Recess During Winter Months

We will continue to get students outside for recess as often as possible during winter months. Please be sure students are dressed appropriately (winter coat, hat, gloves, boots, etc...) for when we do go out. When the weather is too cold or too wet and keeps us in, we will have indoor recess.

## McKinley Elementary Clubs, Activities & Special Events

**Student Senate** - The McKinley Student Senate participated in the Lisbon Christmas Parade and raised \$576 for the Mahoning Valley Fund of Akron Children's Hospital through collecting dollar bills and change. This culminated with the class collecting the most dollar bills (Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten class) getting to throw a pie in Mr. Kemats' face. The McKinley Student Senate coordinates our recycling program, and will continue to be involved in more events this school year.

**Reading Club** - The McKinley Reading Club will again hold their 'Wax Museum' this February

with students portraying various authors and characters. They will also hold a used book sale this Spring. We will send home information in the coming months requesting any gently used books that may need a good home.

**Science & Math Club** - The McKinley Science Club has had Carnegie Science Center in several times for various groups of students to experience some of their STEM activities they provide. The clubs have also made cubes on laser cutter and will jewelry using Shrinky Dinks. These hands-on after school activities help students to use things they learn in the classroom and have fun with them as they see these concepts in use.

**Physical Education** - Mrs. Sauerwein will be holding various after school intramural activities this winter. Information will be coming home with students. Additionally, she will be coordinating McKinley's involvement in the American Heart Association's **Jump Rope For Heart** event throughout February.

**Art Club** - Mrs. Swift continue to hold after school art activities for student and families. Look for information coming home this winter and spring for these events. Also, second grade student **Ryan Hawthorne's Fire Safety Poster** design was selected as a **state winner** for the 2017 campaign. Ryan will be honored at a brief ceremony at McKinley in February for his efforts. Great job Ryan!

## McKinley PTO

What a great kick off the PTO has had for the 2016-2017 school year! The Santa's Workshop held in December was a success, and the PTO is continuing to schedule more events this winter and spring. Look for upcoming information on the **Valentine's Room Parties on February 10<sup>th</sup>**, **Valentine Candygrams**, and **Father/Daughter and Mother/Son** events this Winter and Spring.



Thank you to all of the parents and staff that have joined us and gotten involved this year. Together we can all accomplish so many things. If you are interested in getting involved, our next meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the McKinley Elementary Library. We would love to see you there.

## ODOT 'Paint a Plow Program'

McKinley Elementary students recently painted an ODOT steel plow which will be seen on Columbiana County roads this winter. McKinley Elementary students - Preschool through fifth grade - painted two snow plow blades for the Ohio Department

community to enhance public awareness, promote safety, and foster greater appreciation of both ODOT and the school's Visual Arts program.



**Photo Above:** This is the other truck painted by McKinley students for ODOT when they plow these are the logos that are displayed. Several Schools Participated in this project.



**Photo Above:** This picture and the picture to the side of this one are trucks that were painted by McKinley Elementary students and this year the theme by ODOT was "Don't Crowd the Plow"

of Transportation (ODOT) Paint a Plow Project. McKinley's Visual Art Teacher, Heidi Swift, headed up the project, incorporating Ohio's Learning Standards. Linda Barkley, Intervention Specialist for the Columbiana County Educational Service Center (CCESC), donated paint for the project.

Paint a Plow is a community outreach program in which students are invited to paint an ODOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their individual school. In addition to being visible when in full service during the winter-weather months, the blades will be used at events within the school's



**Photo Above:** Kindergarten student, Jett Vrabie throws a pie at Mr. Kemats. Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten class collected the most dollar bills for McKinley's fundraiser for Akron Children's Hospital



# David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School

Principal, Mr. Edenfield

## A Message from the Principal

Completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks marks the middle of the school year and a change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Seniors are entering the 8<sup>th</sup> and final semester of their high school careers at DAHS. As we move to the end of the school year, graduation is one step closer. The anticipation to graduation day and the activities surrounding graduation grow by the day. Graduation is set for May 28th, 2017 3:00PM in the George M. Nace Gymnasium.

Parent – Teacher conference night will be held February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 9:00PM. You may schedule a conference with your child's teacher by calling the high school or junior high secretaries for an appointment. However, conferences can be held with your child's teacher at any time during the school year. Please do not hesitate to contact your son's or daughter's teacher to arrange for a conference if you cannot attend during conference night.

The Lisbon Exempted Village School District spelling bee will be held at the David Anderson Jr. Sr. High Auditorium on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:15PM. Students from both McKinley Elementary School and David Anderson Jr. High School will compete. The county wide spelling bee will also be held in the David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our extra-curricular activities here at DAHS are in full swing. There are a host of boys and girls basketball games from the junior high to the varsity level on a weekly basis conducted in our gymnasiums. Congratulations to the Star Students of the Month nominated by their teachers for making an extra effort in a positive way here at DAHS. Alivia Pahanish and William Timmons-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Tabby Ketchum and Joey Diludovico-7<sup>th</sup> grade, Mallory Gallo and Blayne Brownfield-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Tea Peppel and Zane Tray-9<sup>th</sup> grade, Cheyanne Schreffler and Sean Preston-10<sup>th</sup> grade, Lauryn Todd and McGwire Groubert-11<sup>th</sup> grade, and Devyn Flory and Spencer Crosser -12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Government and English Classes connect with Poland Students

In order to better understand the controversial 2016 Presidential Election, the Lisbon Sophomore Government/English classes worked on a project with the students from the Poland Seminary High School. Our Lisbon students were paired with Poland students from Mrs. Theresa (Mottle) Smith's Sophomore Honors English classes. The students used Google Docs to communicate and share their information, ideas, and comments.

The project consisted of six parts with the first assignment being an interview with their partner on ten questions about the upcoming election. They then commented on various platform planks, political blogs, propaganda and election ads, along with deciding which of the three Presidential debates they wanted to watch with their partner. The conclusion to the project was a summary about what they had learned and the opinions they had formed about the 2016 Presidential Election.

To coincide with the project, the Lisbon Sophomores decided on a candidate for each of their classes to run for President on Election Day. The students chosen were Reagan Emmerling, Trinity Syversten, and Katie Chludzinski. Each period created a video, a speech, and a



## Government / English Classes Cont'd

campaign slogan along with a bumper sticker.

The students then held a debate in front of the Sophomore class. The candidates' videos were shown to the Poland students who then cast 56 "California" electoral votes for Reagan Emmerling. These votes, however, were not enough as Katie Chludzinski was chosen the 2016 Sophomore Government Class President surpassing the necessary 270 electoral votes.

## Humane Society / Dog Pound

The 8th Grade Science Club continued its tradition by once again collecting supplies for the Columbiana County Dog Pound during the holiday Season. If you are looking for a family pet, please keep the dog pound in mind as they have many wonderful dogs that need a good home.



**Photo Above:** Students that helped with the Dog Pound Drive.

## Just Say No Club

The DAHS Just Say No Club collected socks during the holiday season for those in need in our community.

This group is not only a group to keep kids away from illegal substances, but also to help out in our community. This holiday season they wanted to make sure our community was kept warm.

## The High School Student Council and The Junior High Student Senate

The High School Student Council and The Junior High Student Senate have been busy around the building. They ran two fund raisers for students, staff, and community members. First, they ran a long sleeve t-shirt sale for the proceeds to go towards their Leadership Summit project. This project helps support people in need in our community. One of the projects that they have been busy doing is the NO MORE Talk Teal Columbiana County Project-No more Domestic Violence which is funded by Columbiana Department of Job & Family Services. They passed out Teal Clings at a recent school wide pep rally. They will be passing out more clings at the Girls' Varsity game on Monday Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.

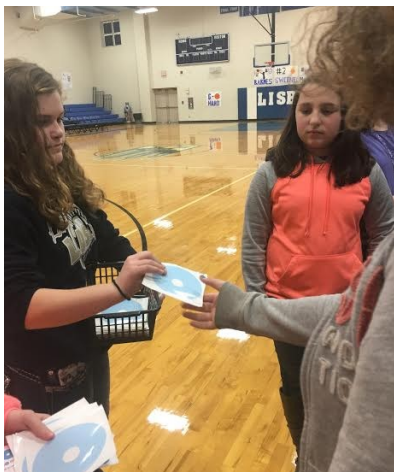
Students plan to also make a donation to "Heroes and Halos Organization". The purpose of "Heroes and Halos" is to provide awareness, education, and outreach programs to the public regarding individuals with special needs and disabilities.

Student Council ran a fundraiser for \$1.00 per person for any student in grades 6-12 who wanted to be part of the mannequin challenge. This video is being edited by our own High School "Video Works" class and should be up and running soon for the entire school to see. The money from this fundraiser will be used to help students and families in need in our school district.

The Junior High and Student Council students provided items for stockings at Christmas for various children in our district. Both these student groups are really learning the importance of community service. They have really taken ownership over these projects and value the need to give rather than receive.

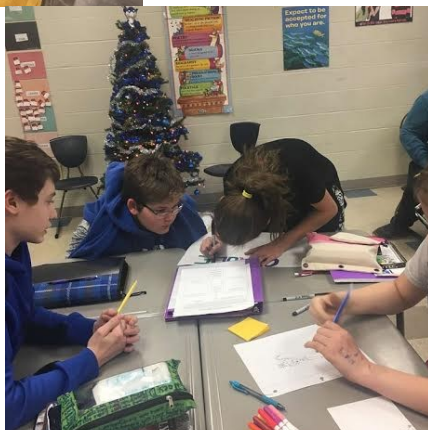






**Photo to the left:**  
Students passing out some items to other students

**Photo to the right:**  
Students working on a group poster project over Direct and Indirect characterization. This is terminology that the students need to know for their testing in the Spring



**Photo to the left:**  
More students participating as part of the Junior High Student Senate and High School Student Council

**Photo to the right:**  
Students created this shirt for students to buy and wear to games. The proceeds will go towards their Leadership Summit Project



## Lisbon Basketball Homecoming

The High School Student Senate sponsored the Winter Basketball Homecoming. The dance theme was a "Winter Wonderland". Student Council students decorated the Auxiliary gym accordingly. The Student Council provided a photo booth and refreshments. Life Touch photography was present for formal pictures.

The Senior Class selected the following lovely ladies for Basketball Homecoming Court: Alexa Bell, Aliyah Leyman, Courtney Tolson, Hailey McVay, Julie Muntean. The reigning 2016 queen Sarah Haren crowned the 2017 Basket Homecoming Queen, Miss Alexa Bell at the basketball game on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> against Columbiana.



## Lisbon Basketball

The Lisbon Boys and Girls basketball programs which started off in mid November are nearing the end of their respective regular seasons and both teams are finding good amounts of success.

The boys have posted a record of 10-4 and have only 4 home games left. Concluding with senior night on the 24th of February against United.

The girls are also off to a great start having only lost 1 game. Karlee Pezzano celebrated her thousandth point during the Columbiana game and the girls only have 4 home games left. The girls senior night game is Saturday, February 4th with a JV start time of 6:00.

We hope that you can make it out to see the talents of our student athletes.

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**The David Anderson High School 2017 Basketball Homecoming Court**



Photo Above (L/R): Julie Muntean, Courtney Tolson, Returning Queen: Sara Haren, Alexa Bell, Hailey McVay, Aliyah Leyman