



Newsletter

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 efforts. 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	- 20	years
Gary Peruchetti, BOE VP	- 22	years
Jim Smith,	- 18	years
Marti Grimm	- 07	years
T.K. Hiscox	- 04	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

2018 is here and we hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start. The 3rd 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 4th & 5th grade bee takes place on Friday, Jan 19th. Students will compete in classroom spelling bees that will qualify them for a grade level bee in the cafeteria. The top (10) 5th grade spellers will move on to compete in the District Spelling Bee at David Anderson Jr/Sr High School on Friday, Feb 2nd at 1:00PM. From there, Lisbon's top (2) spellers will go to the County Spelling Bee, also held at DAHS, in March. Good luck spellers!

We will be holding our second round of **Parent / Teacher Conferences** on Thursday, February 15th. As **Progress Reports** will be coming home with students on February 2nd, please call the school to schedule your appointment early. Also, the PTO will also be hosting **Valentine's Day Room Parties** on **Wednesday, Feb. 14th**, 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 continue this Winter with the 2nd and 3rd grade **Art Program** taking place on January 30th. **First Grade Music and Art Program** will be on **Tuesday,**

February 27th, and the 2nd grade **Music Program** will take place on **Tuesday, March 20th**.

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.

Sincerely,

Dan Kemats, Principal

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State Testing Update

Third grade students took their first **English Language Arts (ELA) Test** in October and those results should have reached home by now. The next round of state testing will be in **April**, with students in **grades 3, 4, and 5 taking ELA and Math Tests**. Additionally, 5th grade students also have a **Science Assessment**. All of these state assessments will be taken on computers, and classroom newsletters will let you know the specific days your child will be taking these tests. Help your students do their best by being at school if healthy that day, getting plenty of rest the night before and eating a good breakfast.

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 \$680 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 (Mr. Guy's First Grade 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 / Science / Math / Art Clubs - The McKinley Clubs will be holding various activities this winter for students and families. Please watch for permission slips home, class newsletters and the school webpage for these upcoming events.

Teacher Spotlight

Physical Education - Physical Education teacher **Mrs. Sauerwein** recently applied for and received a **Bonnie Hoppel mini-grant for \$1000 through the Coordinated Action for School Health (CASH) Coalition**. Mrs. Sauerwein will use these funds to hold after school workshops focusing on Self Esteem and Martial Arts with help from McLaughlin's Martial Arts of Lisbon.

Reading - Kindergarten teacher **Mrs. Weikart** recently applied for a grant through **The Turning Foundation** and was awarded \$4700 to purchase Decodable Texts for students and classrooms in Kindergarten through Second Grade. These texts will help to make a big impact on student Reading and Achievement.

The efforts of these teachers is appreciated as they strive to help make a difference both in and out of the school day.

McKinley PTO

What a great kick off the PTO has had for the 2017-2018 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 14th**, **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 7th at 3:30 pm in the McKinley Elementary Library. We would love to see you there.



Photo Above: During the month of January, McKinley Elementary will be promoting positive behavior and looking for Random Acts of Kindness. Students names and acts will be displayed in the lobby. Discuss the importance of positive behaviors with your students and help us promote this in our school

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 a plow blade for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Paint a Plow Project. McKinley's Visual Art Teacher, Heidi Swift, headed up the project, incorporating Ohio's Learning Standards.

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 community to enhance public awareness, promote safety, and foster greater appreciation of both ODOT and the school's Visual Arts program. McKinley students, including students from CCESC classrooms which are housed at the school, worked on this cross-curricular activity.

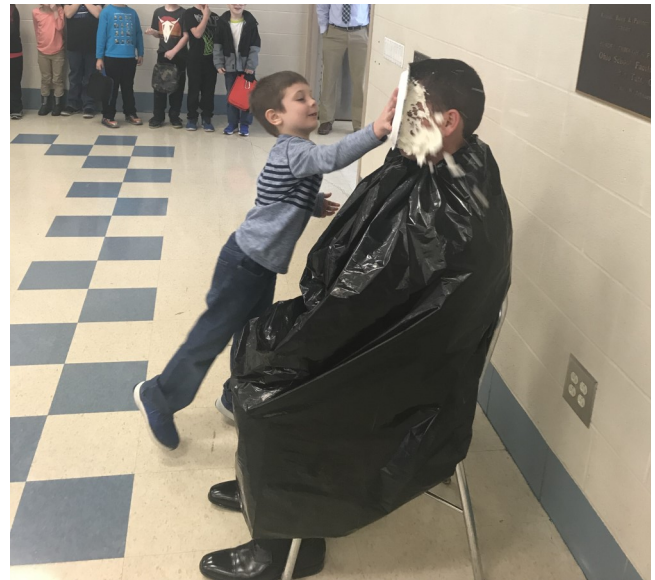


STUDENT-RUN COFFEE SHOP

Students in Mrs. Keaggy-Brown's Class is starting a project called "ESPRESSO YOURSELF STUDENT-RUN COFFEE SHOP" McKinley Speech students have three coffee makers and a cart for their student-run business. The initial menu will include hot coffee (regular & decaf), hot tea and hot cocoa.

Students will decide if they'd like to add additional menu items as their business grows. Mrs. Kathy Keaggy-Brown will start with her older students (4th grade) running the business and will expand from there.

This will commence in early January and will continue based on demand.



Photos Above: These photos are of a 1st grader in Mr. Guy's class getting the opportunity to put a pie in McKinley Elementary Schools Principal, Mr. Kemat's face. The reason he got the opportunity to do this was because his class raised the most money (the school raised \$684.34) for the Akron Children's hospital of the Mahoning Valley in the "Koins for Kids Fundraiser".

David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School

Principal, Mr. Edenfield

A Message from the Principal

Completion of the 2nd nine weeks marks the middle of the school year and a change to the 2nd semester. Seniors are entering the 8th 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 27th, 2017 3:00PM in the George M. Nace Gymnasium.

Parent - Teacher conference night will be held February 15th 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 2nd 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 7th.

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



McKenna Dailey and Rowan Toalston-8th grade, Kiana Howe and Zane Tullis-9th grade, Cassie Brandt and Nicolas Mundy-10th grade, Marisa Spooner and Terrell Hunt-11th grade, and Alyssa Chestnut and Zander Llewellyn -12th grade.

Humane Society / Dog Pound

The 8th Grade Science Club had its annual collection for the Columbiana County Dog Pound in December. Dog and cleaning supplies were donated to the pound. Remember if you are looking for a new pet, the dog pound has many dogs available for adoption. The pound is also always looking for volunteers to walk dogs.



Just Say No Club

The Just Say No Club collected scarves, hats, mittens, and socks in December. These items were given to students in need at both McKinley Elementary and David Anderson High School buildings.



Blue Devil Basketball

The varsity boys basketball team is currently 6-5 (3-5 in league play) and our varsity girls currently are 5-5 (4-2 in the league). They will be both be playing in a boy/girl doubleheader on January 19th @ Columbiana with the girls tipping off at 6:00. The crowning of the Homecoming queen can be seen at the boys game on January 23rd vs. Toronto. Senior Night for the boys will be Tuesday, January 30th vs. Southern and for the girls it will be Thursday, Feb. 15th. Come out and see our boys and girls show off their athletic abilities and cheer on the Blue Devils to victory.

Knitting Club

Knitting Club meets after school most Monday, Wednesdays and Friday's. There are 60 members in grades 9-12. Students have been learning to knit and many have completed headbands, hats, scarves or mittens. A Donor's Choose Project funded the purchase of needles. A generous yarn donation from a county resident and other needle donations has made this a free club to the students. We would welcome donations of yarn or knitting needles. Mrs. McCullough is the voluntary advisor of this club.

Jim Tsilimos Retires as Head Football Coach

Longtime coach Jim Tsilimos announced his retirement after 25 years with the Blue Devils. Tsilimos has won 147 games during his time at Lisbon. He coached the Blue Devils from (1990-2007) and (2011-2017), qualifying for the playoffs 7 times, including winning the Division V State Championship in 1995.

Tsilimos said he felt it was the right time to step down after guiding Lisbon to three state playoff berths. He appreciated the efforts of his players and assistant coaches and the support of the administration.



Photo Above: Coach Jim Tsilimos as he prepares for one of his games





Photo Above: the High School Student Council they ran a food drive during the last week of October for Thanksgiving. All the food items were donated to Food Pantry at the Community Action Agency.

Student Senate and Student Council



A combination of 8th grade Student council and 9th grade Student Senate are participating in "All-In" Student Academy Justice Sessions. Students are looking into their identity and how it fits the population of the entire student body. Students are focused on a project that brings everyone together in a world of diversity. They have attended one session already and will be attending two more sessions throughout the year. Finally, they will showcase their project in May not only at their Canton meeting, but at our school, as well. I am attaching a picture of the group at their Nov. 14th meeting at the Northeast Ohio Medical University.

This is a list of their meetings and the places that they will be attending:

"All In" Student Social Justice Academy Sessions:	
Session 1: "Identity"	November 14, 2017
Session 2: "Leadership and Empowerment"	January 30, 2018 (Youngstown State University)
Session 3: "Walk the Talk"	March 6, 2018 (Kent State University- Main Campus)
Student Summit Showcase Celebration!	May 2, 2018 (First Christian Church, 6900 Market Ave NW, Canton, OH 44721)

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McKinley Elementary's "Paint a Plow"



Photo Above : Students at McKinley Elementary helped put a design that is on one of the ODOT Snow Plows