



The Blue Devil Newsletter



From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Welcome Back! We are incredibly excited to begin another exciting year in the Lisbon School District. This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and extracurricular clubs and activities, performing arts groups, and athletic teams certain to encourage our Blue Devils to be involved and stay connected!

During the 2019-2020 school year, we will continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued *excellence in education*. Our vision remains...

Embrace Opportunities . . . Unlock Potential . . . Inspire Excellence!

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities as we progress through the school year. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in your child's education! Please know that we highly value home/school communication. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings. In closing, we welcome you to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with much *energy . . . enthusiasm . . .* and a *high standard of excellence*! It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Blue Devils Newsletters in Print



How to get printed newsletters

For those Blue Devils who would like a printed version of the district newsletter, print from the Website link below or please contact Patty Smith via phone at 330-424-7714 or via email at Patty.Smith@omeres.net

Newsletter on Website

News from McKinley Elementary



Welcome to the 2019 School Year at McKinley Elementary
(Click the video below to watch the welcome video)



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

As the school year begins and Autumn is almost here, we start to look forward to all of the things this time of year brings. We have a lot of great events and activities planned for the students and families of McKinley for the upcoming year. The **Elementary Night** at the Lisbon Football game on September 6th will allow all students who attend the game to make a tunnel for the football team to run through on the field at the beginning of the game. The PTO will

again be sponsoring a **McKinley Float** at the Johnny Appleseed Parade. Thank you all for helping to make this possible.

As always, we will hold our annual **Grandparents Breakfasts'** during the month of September around Grandparent's Day. The events will begin September 9th and continue with seven straight days of breakfasts, one for each grade level. The cafeteria staff, custodians and secretaries work overtime to help make this event as great as it is. We appreciate grandparents taking the time to visit their grandchildren at our school and the parents who helped coordinate the event.

Our first nine weeks of school will give us time to learn about your students so we can best meet their needs. Students in each grade level complete Reading and Math diagnostic assessments to help us learn the most about your child that we can. **Parent / Teacher Conferences** will be held on **October 3rd**. Additionally, we will again be reaching out to families to schedule **Home Visits** on Friday, October 4th. There is no school for students on this day, and if you are interested in your student's teachers visiting you at home or a local place of business to meet with you, please let us know. We do not have another planned conference evening until February, but that doesn't mean you can't speak with your child's teacher at any time. **Home/School Communication** is an important part of your child's education and we welcome it.

Make every effort to talk with your child each day about their school day. Spend 20 minutes a night reading to or with them, and spend some time writing and working on math skills. A quick 5 minutes of flash cards a night can greatly improve math fluency.

AM Drop Off and PM Pick Up

I'd like to once again thank the parents in the morning and afternoon with pick-up and drop-off of students. Everyone's patience is greatly appreciated. Some items to remember:

- Please do not drop off students before 8:15 AM each morning... earlier than that and students are unsupervised... too late and they're tardy (Tardy Bell rings at 8:50)
- Please do not drop off students anywhere other than the Cafeteria Doors in the morning between 8:30-8:50...this is where we have supervision during this time. Adults should enter through the main office and sign in if they need to come into the building.
- If your student is eating breakfast at McKinley, drop them off as early as possible to give them time to eat before heading to class
- Please **do not bring pets** to school in the AM/PM, as it sometimes presents dangers/uncomfortable situations with younger students – Please leave them at home. Thank you.
- If you're picking up your student(s) from school, please be at the school no later than 3:05-3:10

State Testing

The chart below outlines which state of Ohio assessments your students will be taking this year, and approximately when they'll be taking them. More information will follow as we near these dates. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee or State Testing, or visit the Ohio Department of Education website for more information.

Grade Level	Tested Areas	Testing Time
3 rd Grade	Fall English/Language Arts Assessment for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee	Week of October 21, 2019
3 rd , 4 th 5 th Grade	English/Language Art ----- Math 5 th Science	March 24 - Apr 24 ----- March 30 - May 8

Upcoming Events

The **3rd Grade** kicks off our Art and Music programs this year with a Halloween themed **Music Program** on Thursday, **October 24th**.

Our annual **PTO Fall Festival** will take place on **Thursday, Oct. 31st**. Students will once again dress in costumes and paraded around block, before heading to PTO sponsored Room Parties. We are once again hoping for great weather to parade around the block and hope you can join us.

McKinley will also have our annual **5th Grade Veteran's Day Breakfast on Nov. 11th**. This will be preceded by a **Music and Art performance for Parents and Families on Tuesday, November 7th at 6PM**. The **4th Grade Art and Music Show** will take place on **Tuesday, December 10th**.

Fifth grade students will also be participating in the **DARE Program** sponsored by our local Police Department, which will include a DARE Field Trip before Thanksgiving Break and DARE Graduation the first week back in January after the Christmas Break.

We have a lot of great things planned for your students this year at McKinley Elementary. Please check teacher websites and newsletters regularly for upcoming after-school events and functions for your students and your family. **You can also always check the McKinley Calendar on the Lisbon Schools Webpage to see upcoming events.** Science Club, Reading Club and Math Club will all be scheduling events this Autumn and Winter. **We will strive to make a difference in you student's life each and every day.** We will challenge them, intrigue them and care for them. Stop by the school or make an appointment to speak with me or the teachers about any of these things.

Nurse's Station

As the temperature turns colder, please be sure that your student dresses appropriately for the weather. We will always encourage recess, even as the temps turn cooler. If you have not yet **updated your student OneView**, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not yet registered, we do not have updated or current Emergency Medical information for this school year. Along with the medical form, parents can complete student Tylenol forms, Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Photo Consent Form and

Field Trip Permission Slips, as well as update changes in address or phone contact from home. If you need your child's login information, contact the school secretary. The website link is below.

<https://lisbon.esvportal.com/>

Family Fun Day



Click the video above to watch a small highlight of Family Fun day.

The Lisbon ADAPT Team held Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 10th at the Lisbon Pool and Park. Families were treated to food compliments of Save A Lot, Subway and East of Chicago. School Supplies were donated by New Presbyterian Church and Hygiene bags provided by Lisbon DARE. Families enjoyed a day of free swimming donated by the Lisbon Village Council. Free clothes and socks were given away by Dashing Diva's. Lisbon Salvation Army passes out shoe vouchers and food boxes. There was also an entertaining Animal Show! Local organizations, Columbiana County Health Department, Head Start and Family Recovery were in attendance to share information. This was the ninth year of this event and it is always well attended by the community. The Lisbon School System is very grateful to all the businesses and community organizations who donate to this wonderful event.

McKinley Elementary PTO

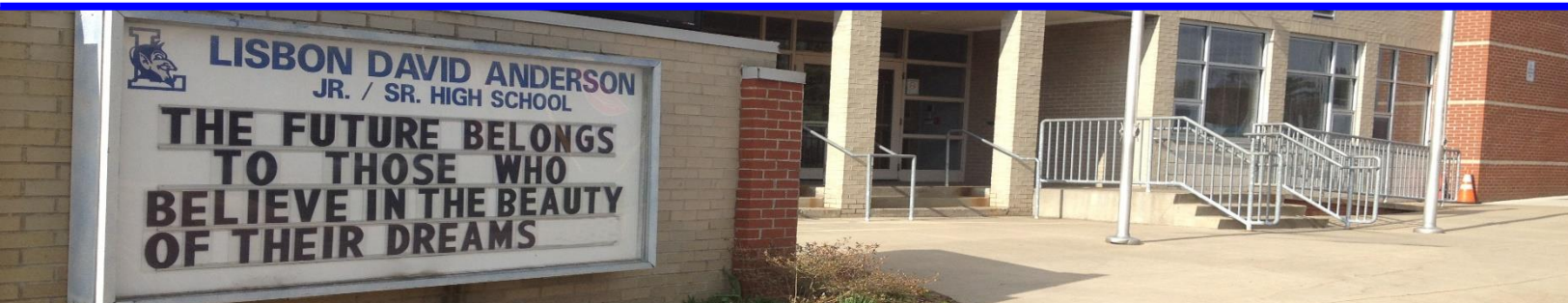
The **McKinley Elementary PTO** is once again off to a great start this year. We participated with a float in the Johnny Appleseed parade this year, and had a great turnout of students and parents. Parents and members of the PTO volunteer in various capacities in the school, and we are always looking for more help. We are looking forward to a great year.

This year's PTO officers include Co-Presidents - Jamie Madden & Rachael Barton;

Vice President - Brook Faulk; Secretary - Casey Pancurak and Treasurer - Debbie Fonner.

Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 PM in the McKinley Library. We are always looking for parent volunteers for various events and functions at McKinley, and the PTO helps to organize these volunteer opportunities. Contact a PTO officer if you can volunteer some time. The PTO section of the McKinley webpage is updated with Meeting Agendas and Minutes. For more information on how to become involved please contact us at mckinleyelempto@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook! Like us to get the most current information and updates.

News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



Welcome to the 2019 School Year at David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School

(Click the video below to watch the welcome video)



Principal Keith Edenfield

The school year has begun and we look forward to the changes that a new school year has to offer. One of these changes at DAHS is the focus on Social and Emotional Learning. All Jr. High students have a class at the end of the day entitled DAHS – which stands for **Developing A Holistic Student**. The students will experience a variety of concepts and activities throughout the year in this course, including character development and career counseling via Ohio Means Jobs.

In keeping with the Social and Emotional Learning theme, all Juniors traveled to Crestview High School on September 10th to hear a presentation from Stanley Leone Jr., author of *No Place Like Home*. All Seniors will participate in the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo at the Canfield Fairgrounds on September 26th in an effort to ensure all students are college and career ready upon graduation.

We continue to enjoy the activities and events that the Fall season offers. Jr. High students who met their state testing goals from the 2018-2019 school year were able to spend the afternoon at the Sadie VanFossen Pool and Park on August 29th. The Seniors participating in fall sports, cheerleading, and marching band traveled to McKinley Elementary on September 6th to read to and eat lunch with the McKinley students. The David Anderson High School Athletic Hall of Fame will present the induction Class of 2019 on September 20th at halftime of the football game against East Palestine with the induction ceremony taking place on Saturday, September 21st in the DAHS cafeteria. The Homecoming football game is on October 11th versus Leetonia with the Homecoming dance to be held on October 12th from 8-11 pm at DAHS. The Jr. High Halloween dance will also be at DAHS on Saturday, October 19th from 7-9 pm.

The first nine week interim reports will be distributed on September 20th. Parent-teacher conferences will take place from 3-9 pm on Thursday, October 3rd. There is no school for students on Friday, October 4th. However, like last year, we will again be reaching out to families to schedule home visits that day. If you would prefer to meet with your child's teachers at home or a local place of business, please let us know. The next parent-teacher conference date is scheduled for February 13th. 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 prior to October 3rd.

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