



## The Blue Devil Newsletter



### From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Digital Version of the District Newsletter is already here. The school year is off and running and it is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first nine week grading period already. With the end of the first grading period, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our Progress Book component and particularly the parent feature that allows you to keep up with your child's grades as the year progresses. You may contact either of the building administrators to receive a password if you cannot locate the one that was issued previously. Speaking of technology, we will continue to keep you notified of important announcements via the Pre K -12 calling system that we have used in the past for delays and cancellations as well as other important announcements.

The school district has implemented some new programming this year which includes the character awareness piece called "Antivirus". Mentors were established to come in once a week for 10 weeks to work with all of our 6-8 graders. Topics included:

1. Ambition
2. Responsibility
3. Hard Work
4. Emotions
5. Restraint
6. Common Sense
7. Generosity

The hope of this program is to plant seeds in all of our junior high school students and watch them grow into responsible decision-making young adults. The second program new to the district is our after school program focused on students K-5. This 21<sup>st</sup> century grant provides all the funding to allow 3 hours of intervention five days a week with an emphasis on extended learning in the fields of Stem/ Math and Science. This hands on approach to learning experiments in these fields will hopefully allow our students to prosper in individual problem solving as well as working within a productive group environment.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of the students and staff in the District who have gone above and beyond the normal demands of the school day in the area of community service. Both David Anderson High School and the McKinley student groups have any number of community service related projects ongoing to benefit a variety of needy organizations in the community. Please encourage your child to become involved in order to give back to their communities. In closing, I would like to encourage your involvement in your child's education as much as possible. When you have questions or concerns, please pick up the phone and call to get your questions answered.

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## **School Transportation News**

Lisbon Exempted Village Schools and the surrounding community will join with other schools and communities to recognize National School Bus Safety Week Oct 21-25<sup>th</sup>. The national theme this year is based on a child's statement: "My school bus, the safest form of student transportation."

"Ensuring the safety of our students is crucial," is the message from both Superintendent, Joseph Siefke and Police Chief Abraham. "We are training our bus drivers to be cautious, but we need help from parents to make sure children remain alert and mindful of good safety practices when walking to their bus stop or to school. We also ask other motorists to be extra vigilant around school buses, observing traffic laws requiring them to stop for school buses that are loading or unloading and to watch for children who may be crossing the road."

Our district transportation staff offers the following tips to remind your child while getting on and off the bus:

- Get to the bus stop in plenty of time
- Wait at your driver designated place of safety
- Take 10 giant steps away from the bus when unloading
- Always follow the driver's directions for how to cross the street
- Be alert to traffic and look both ways
- If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus.

Students need to know and respect the following:

- Students need to follow the bus driver's instructions
- Students should know and remember the safe riding rules
- Wait for their bus at designated stops, standing at their driver-designated place of safety
- Move quickly to their assigned seat when boarding the bus



- Remain seated after boarding the bus
- Respect other riders on the bus
- Talk to their bus driver if they have a question or concern.

Thank you for entrusting the safety of your children to our transportation department. With your assistance and support, we will continue to provide safe and effective school transportation services for the community.

## Blue Devils Newsletters in Print

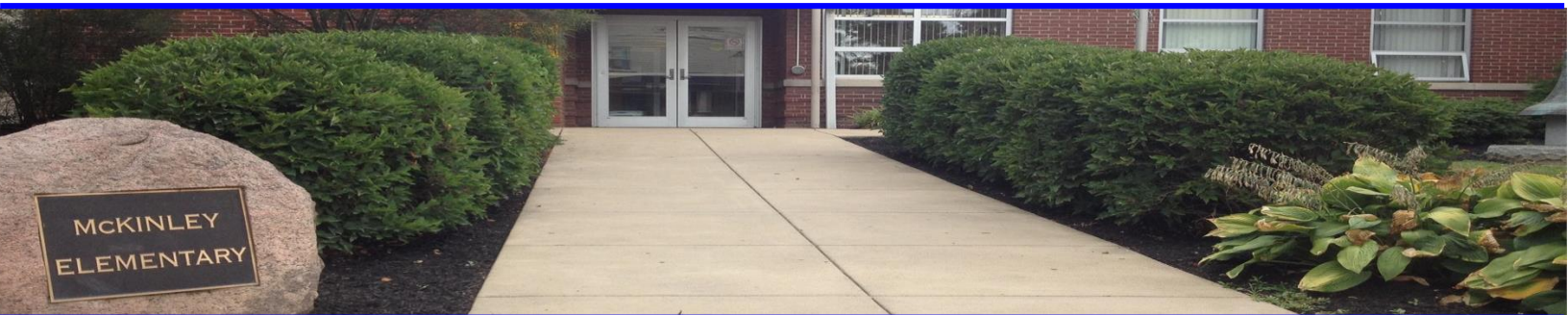
### How to get printed newsletters

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@omeresa.net](mailto:Patty.Smith@omeresa.net)



Newsletter on Website

## News from McKinley Elementary



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

The first nine weeks is under our belt, and the second nine weeks will bring many school events and activities to keep us moving forward. With the autumn events underway and winter events approaching quickly, our building is busier than ever.

Our annual **PTO Fall Festival** will take place on **Halloween; Thursday, Oct. 31st**. Students will once again dress in costumes and parade 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 will join us.

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



Tuesday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. As in the past, this is the same evening as the PTO Santa's Workshop in the gym.

Fifth grade students will also be participating in the **DARE Program** sponsored in conjunction with our Lisbon Police Department, which will include DARE Graduation in January.

We have a lot of great things planned for your students this year at McKinley Elementary including many after school events for our **Reading, Math, Science and Art Clubs**. 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.**

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.

### **Snapology**

Students in 2nd grade participated in a day long Snapology program. Snapology provides interactive, STEM / STEAM programs for children featuring technology and popular building toys such as LEGO bricks. The students spent the day rotating through activities allowing them to build and manipulate legos to enhance their learning. During the Foundational Engineering: Machines and Contraptions program, students used the tools to understand mechanical movement and the importance of simple machines.

They saw the moving parts up-close as they followed instructions to build various machines and contraptions, then used the models to develop new design ideas, test out physics concepts, and played games with their partners and classmates.

Students had a blast creating robotic games while exploring robotics. They learned about gear ratio, sensors, programming, and pulleys as they created. Finally, students learned how

to take an idea from their head and turn it into a building in the real world. They were guided through the building process, from creating a floor plan to disaster-proofing the structure, so that they were able to create a parking garage in LEGO® architecture.



## **Title I Update**

Title teachers Mrs. Cuff and Mrs. Rodgers joined our staff this work to work with students on Reading and Math skills. These teachers regularly meet with students in kindergarten through fifth grade to give additional help and support in their English language arts and math skills.



*Above Picture: Mrs. Cuff and Mrs. Rodgers*

## **Positive Recognition (PBIS)**

Students and teachers at McKinley participated in recognizing positive behaviors and random acts of kindness during the month of October. The display case in the McKinley lobby began the month with an empty tree, and quickly filled with colored leaves as teachers acknowledged positive traits and behaviors in students in their classrooms and sent students with leaves with their names and their good deed to the office to be part of the tree. Each grade level had a different color and the tree filled over the month. Our students are doing great things each day and it is important to acknowledge those great things.



*Above Picture: Positive Behavior Tree Before*



*Above Picture: Positive Behavior Tree After*

## **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. Proper coats, hats, gloves and shoes are always a good idea to keep students comfortable and active.

It is also a good idea to remind students ways to keep them healthy during these months. Germs are easily passed in the classroom by students touching various items each day. Remind your student to stay healthy by not touching things unnecessarily, not putting hands and fingers in their mouth or near their eyes and nose, and to wash hands

frequently throughout the day. Also using tissues and sneezing into their sleeves help to reduce the spreading of germs.




## **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. The PTO also helped with volunteers at our Grandparent's Breakfast and raffled off a Chromebook at these events. Parents and members of the PTO volunteer in various capacities at the school, and we are always looking for more help.

This year's **PTO officers** include Co-Presidents - Jamie Madden & Rachael Barton; Vice President Brook Faulk; Secretary - Casey Pancurak; 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. For more information on how to become involved please contact us at [mckinleyempto@gmail.com](mailto:mckinleyempto@gmail.com). We are also on Facebook! Like us to get the most current information and updates.

## **McKinley Videos**

(Click on a Video to Watch that Specific Video Clip)

<p><b>McKinley's Paint - A - Plow</b></p>  <p>-0:06</p>	<p><b>WIP, Words in First Grade</b></p>  <p>-0:00</p>
<p><b>Punching Out the Final Sound</b></p>  <p>-0:17</p>	



## News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



### Principal Keith Edenfield

As always here at DAHS, we strive for improvement each and every day. A recent change that has been made was the installation of door wraps on the front doors of David Anderson, as well to the main entrance at McKinley Elementary. Even though the artwork is designed to welcome visitors and promote school spirit at David Anderson; the door wraps also serve a purpose from a security standpoint, as the main lobby and hallways are no longer visible from the outside. Student safety is always our number one priority.



*The above picture is of the new wraps at DAHS*



*The picture above is the newly installed wraps at McKinley Elementary*

The first nine weeks was completed on October 18<sup>th</sup> with report cards going out October 25<sup>th</sup>. Home visits will take place on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next parent-teacher conference date is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 the next conference night.

Several events took place in conjunction with our Fall Sports season. We inducted 4 individuals and 1 team as new members into our Athletic Hall of Fame on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and crowned our 2019 Football Homecoming Queen Ms. Julia Leko on October 11<sup>th</sup>. DAHS also competed in a food drive competition leading up to the football game with United on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The students of DAHS collected 1,180 items for the food pantry at David Anderson.

As we transition from Autumn and into Winter. Sophomore students will have the opportunity to visit the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center of November 25<sup>th</sup> and Sophomores, The Winter Sports season kicks off with our girls basketball team hosting Heartland Christian on November 25<sup>th</sup> while the boys basketball season will begin by hosting the annual Tip-Off Classic on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## NHS 2019-2020 Information

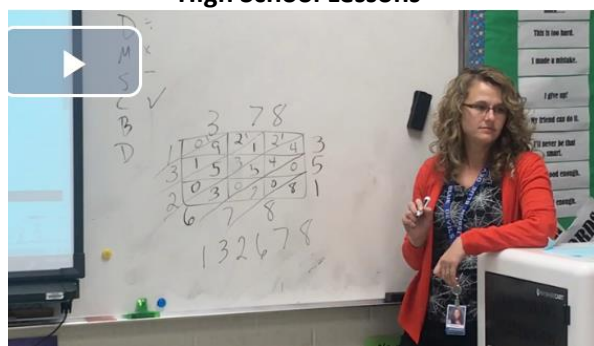
Senior members of NHS mentor students at McKinley Elementary, organize the food pantry at DAHS and also host the Honors' Banquet in May.

Juniors and seniors that qualify for membership can apply by December 11, 2019 to Mrs. Baker. Students must earn a 3.2 GPA, be involved in two DAHS activities each school year and complete 20 hours of community service. The NHS Induction will take place Wednesday March 11, 2020 and the Honors' Banquet will be held on Wednesday April 29, 2020. Information regarding NHS and the Honors' Banquet can be found on Mrs. Baker's student services website under NHS.

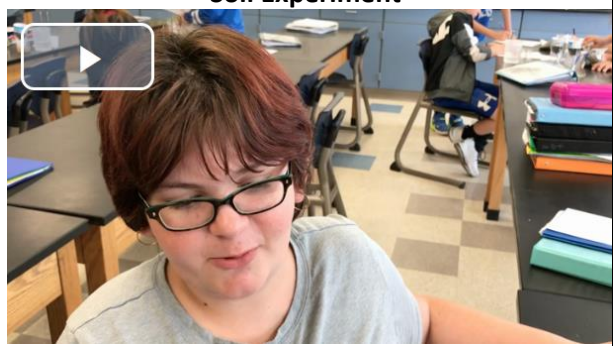
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High School Lessons



Soil Experiment



Mars Rover



## 8th Grade Science Club News

The 8th Grade Science Club sponsored the Annual Halloween Dance on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Over 98 students attended. A great time was had by all! The next meeting for members will be Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 from 2:45 - 3:30



## Learning is Cool After School Program

The Learning is Cool After School Program is a 21st Century grant which was written by the Columbiana County Educational Service Center for McKinley Elementary. The mission of the Learning is Cool After School Program is to encourage the development of the whole child through activities in education, health, wellness, and physical growth. Our program provides a safe environment: physically, mentally, and emotionally, for children. Our program believes in strong collaborative efforts for the betterment of children. We currently have 40 K - 5th grade students actively participating. The students have daily sessions in Reading, Math, STEM, and Physical Education. Every Tuesday, the students attend a program at the Lepper Library. On Wednesdays, they make their own snack with our food service director (Missy Adams). We have had the following special presentations/speakers: Officer Bailey (Safety), Mason the Dog (Therapy Dog), Alex Walker (Percussion Demo), Kaylee Gresh (Vet Technician). Students have gone on the following field trips: Lisbon Police Station, Lisbon Fire Station, Catalpa Farm, YSU Planetarium.

The program is required to meet 5 days a week, 3 hours a day. The grant has the potential to be renewed for up to 5 years. We currently are no longer accepting K, 1, 2 students, but do have a few remaining spots for students in Grades 3, 4, 5. If you are interested in learning more, volunteering to work with students, be a guest speaker, or share a special skill, please contact Beth Hiscox, Program Coordinator at [beth.hiscox@omeresanet.net](mailto:beth.hiscox@omeresanet.net).

Learning is Cool Staff: Site Coordinator - Beth Hiscox

Academic Leaders - Tami Walker, Candice Papp, Sarah Devon

Activity Leaders - Patty Boyd, Lou Thompson, Nadine Kale, Peggy Smith, Aaron Hinchliffe

