



## The Blue Devil Newsletter – Winter Edition



### From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

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	- 22	years
Gary Peruchetti,	- 24	years
Jim Smith,	- 20	years
Marti Grimm	- 09	years
T.K. Hiscox	- 06	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

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## Blue Devils Newsletters in Print

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## News from McKinley Elementary



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

### McKinley Elementary

2020 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 24<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 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will be holding our second round of **Parent / Teacher Conferences** on **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. As **Progress Reports** will be coming home with students on February 8<sup>th</sup>, please call the school to schedule your appointment early. Also, the PTO will also be hosting **Valentine's Day Room Parties** on **Feb. 13<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, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, **2<sup>nd</sup> grade** on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, and **KG** on **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Mrs. Swift will have McKinley artists involved in the Lisbon Founder's Day Breakfast on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Lisbon Methodist Church from 8:00 - 11:30. There will also be students represented at the Columbiana County Art Show at the CCCTC on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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  
dan.kemats@omeres.net

## Testing Update

Third grade students took their first **ELA Test** in October. The next round of state testing will be in late **March / early April**, with students in grades **3, 4, and 5 taking ELA Tests**. Students in grades **3, 4, and 5 will also be taking the state Math tests**, while **5<sup>th</sup> grade students have a Science Assessment just before and just after Spring Break**. Help your students do their best by getting plenty of rest and 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 PTO

What a great kick off the PTO has had for the 2019-20 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 13<sup>th</sup>**, the **Spring Fling on March 27<sup>th</sup>**, and other **family 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the McKinley Elementary Library. We would love to see you there.

## McKinley's After School Program

The Learning is Cool After School Program runs Monday - Friday from 3:15- 6:15 for grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. All costs for educational materials, field trips and speakers are covered by the grant. The program is of no cost to families. It is run through a 21st Century Grant which was written for McKinley Elementary by the Columbiana County ESC. The grant was written to support the whole child: wellness, behavior, attendance, and academic performance. The students begin the program with a snack and homework help. They then rotate through 4 sessions nightly: Math, Reading, STEM, and an Activity Period. The grant has provided us with many opportunities for field trips and speakers. This fall we took field trips to Catalpa Farm, YSU Planetarium, Kraynax, Lisbon Fire Station and Police Departments, Old Stone House, OH Wow, Beaver Creek Candle Co. and N2.



The Learning is Cool After School Program had a Student/Parent Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019. The students and their parents decorated cookies, made crafts, and played games. We even had a visit from the Grinch. This winter we have several presenters scheduled: Carnegie Science Center, WhizBang Science, Realm of Reptiles, Outback Ray and much more. If you would like more information, please contact Beth Hiscox at [beth.hiscox@omeres.net](mailto:beth.hiscox@omeres.net) or call McKinley Elementary.



## McKinley Elementary Video Clips

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

Cookie Science Lesson



Mid-Year Review at McKinley



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



Principal Keith Edenfield

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 3:00PM in the George M. Nace Gymnasium.

Parent – Teacher conference night will be held February 13<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 7<sup>th</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 4<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. High school students are looking forward to the Basketball Homecoming dance “Winter Snowball” which will take place on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at DAHS.

Congratulations to the Star Students of the Month nominated by their teachers for making an extra effort in a positive way here at DAHS. Evadna McKnight and Dale Marcus Miller-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Gretchen Miller and Marshall Hall-7<sup>th</sup> grade, Rebekah Fleishman and Hunter Dailey-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Madelyn Lowther and Kyle Duffy-9<sup>th</sup> grade, Nicole Stone and Brayden Flory-10<sup>th</sup> grade, Olivia McCoy and Jackson Cornwell-11<sup>th</sup> grade, and Amanda French and Trenton Kliner-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **High School Academic Challenge**

The High School Academic Challenge team will be competing in a meet on Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at Salem High School.

## Chess Club

David Anderson Jr/Sr High School spent part of the day before Christmas break in competition activities. Students played volleyball and/or chess. The high school students organized five volleyball teams, the junior high students organized 10 volleyball teams and fourteen students from both the junior high and high school played in the chess tournament. Each tournament was double elimination.



Picture Above: A photo of the Chess Winners: second place, Josiah Brown, winner Bobby Harris and third place Cooper Mollenkopf



Picture Above: High School winners from the chess club tournament



Picture Above: Jr. High Winners from Chess Club

## David Anderson High School Video Clips

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### Fight Against Cancer Video 1



### Planets – Mrs. Mundy's Class



### Fight Against Cancer Video 2



### Science Lab – With Mrs. Smith



## Power of the Pen

The 7th and 8th grade Power of the Pen team recently competed in the district tournament held at the University of Mount Union. Both teams competed against writers from twenty different schools. Our writers were very successful and received many awards. Several of them will move on to the regional competition which will be held March 7, 2020 at Malone University.

The following writers received medals for placing in the top ten:

7th grade- Luke Kraft placed 9th

7th grade- Abby Beil placed 4th

8th grade- Reese Carpenter placed 4th

In addition, Abby won a “Best of Round” award for her piece entitled *The Abandoned Body*.



Photo Above: Power of the Pen Team Members:  
Luke Kraft, Izzy Cornwell, Nick Freeman,  
Alissa Greathouse, Abby Beil, Reese Carpenter



Photo Above: Award Winners:  
Luke Kraft, Abby Beil, Reese Carpenter