



The Blue Devil Newsletter



HOME OF THE BLUE DEVILS

From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Families and Community Members,

I wanted to take time to touch base with you about the state mandated closure of K-12 by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, in regards to COVID-19. Governor DeWine has ordered all K-12 schools to close through April 3. The governor has indicated the school closure COULD be extended.

Information regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, and we want you to know that the Lisbon Exempted Village School District is committed to keeping families updated. Please be patient with us, as information from the state is updating every day.

While school is closed, our teachers and staff remain dedicated to students, and ensuring each student still receives a high-quality education. Teachers have spent time preparing educational lessons for students to complete during the closure. Please know that while digital learning is going on, teachers will be available via email to answer student

questions during regularly scheduled school hours. It's important for students to regularly check their school email. Report cards for the third nine weeks went in the mail March 20.

As far kindergarten registration for the 2020-20201 school year, **face to face registration** has been postponed, but parents/guardians can still call the Lisbon Board of Education at (330) 424-7714, Monday- Friday from 8-1 p.m. to learn about starting the online process.

Sincerely,
Joseph E. Siefke
Superintendent, Lisbon Exempted Village Schools

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Blizzard Bags start Monday 3/23- 3/25
- Google Classroom and VLA (Virtual Learning Academy) or combo of both Thursday 3/26 - 4/3
- Paper Packets available upon request and sent home K-2

FREE INTERNET

- Comcast is offering free internet for low income families for 60 days.
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- We are offering free meals (lunch and next day breakfast) from 11-12:30p.m. for **children 18 years and younger** in a pickup fashion at the DAHS cafeteria as well as McKinley Elementary cafeteria. This will be available for the duration of the statewide closure of public schools. We will also be transporting meals starting Monday, March 23, 2020, to four locations for pickup between the hours of 11:30-12:30 p.m. The school buildings will still be open for distribution. These locations are as follows:
- Opportunity School
- Lisbon Baseball/ Softball Complex
- Roseland Apartments
- Juvenile Justice Center parking lot, East Lincoln Way

REMINDERS

- Parents/guardians, please remember during the state ordered school closure, the following is in place in regards to school activities.
 - ***All out-of-state field trips are cancelled until further notice.***
 - ***All field trips are cancelled until further notice.***
 - ***All indoor student performances and mass gatherings open to the public will be postponed until further notice.***

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and one that is being monitored closely. School districts are working closely with the Columbiana County Health Commissioner. Schools in the county have previously developed emergency operation plans that specifically address how to deal with a large-scale illness outbreak, including procedures for excluding ill students and staff, cancellation of activities and mass gatherings, and if necessary, school closure. Practicing good hygiene can help to limit the spread of viruses. Custodial staff will continue to regularly clean and disinfect classrooms and common areas. We will continue to stress the recommended precautions to avoid exposure to the virus, which are the same precautions you would take to avoid the flu. To keep your family safe:

- ***Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.***
- ***If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.***
- ***Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.***
- ***Stay home when you are sick and do not return to school or work until you have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.***
- ***Cover your sneezes or coughs with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash.***
- ***If tissues aren't available, sneeze or cough into the inside of your elbow.***
- ***Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.***

HELPFUL LINKS











[Columbiana County General Health District](#)

[Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

*Please read poster below for signs and symptoms of the Corona Virus (COVID-19), the Flu and the common cold. *

How can you tell the difference?

| | SYMPTOMS | CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 | COLD | FLU |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------|
|  | Sore throat | Sometimes | Common | Common |
|  | Cough | Common | Common | Common |
|  | Sneezing | — | Common | Sometimes |
|  | Fever | Common | — | Common |
|  | Body aches | Sometimes | Mild | Common |
|  | Tiredness | Sometimes | Mild | Common |
|  | Headache | — | — | Common |
|  | Runny/stuffy nose | — | Common | Sometimes |
|  | Nausea | — | — | Sometimes |
|  | Shortness of breath | In severe cases | — | — |

Adapted from the Cleveland Clinic. Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health

For more information, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov