



## The Blue Devil Newsletter



### From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Blue Devil Families,

We made it through 2020! The year of Covid has certainly changed our day to day lives, but the one thing that hasn't changed during the pandemic is our commitment to provide children with a high-quality education in a safe learning environment.

I would like to personally thank our students and families for being so flexible this school year. This understanding and partnership allowed for a seamless transition to remote learning after Thanksgiving break. I also want to recognize our teachers and staff for their commitment to delivering a rigorous education in the classroom and online for students. Our teachers are a shining example of what dedication is, and they go above and beyond to meet the needs of students. They've also provided a sense of normalcy for students during an uncertain time. The entire Lisbon Exempted Village School District staff has been instrumental in re-enforcing health and safety measures with students daily. Teachers have also been creative in incorporating these measures into class lessons. Mrs. Lane at DAHS taught her students how to sew masks, blending in math skills such as standard and metric units of measurement and decimals.

The goal has always been to have in-person learning for students K-12, as the district knows that face to face instruction is best for students. However, we know that during the pandemic there has to be an online education option provided by Lisbon staff. Regardless of the format, it's critical that every child receives a high-quality education. Our ability to sustain in-person learning is determined by community spread. As we head into the winter break, please make careful decisions about activities and travel. As we return to the classroom in January, I can't stress how important it is to keep your child home if he or she is ill, or anyone in your house is sick. Coming to school with symptoms or while family members are sick, places everyone at risk of illness or quarantine.

Lastly, our goal at Lisbon Exempted Village Schools is not only to 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.

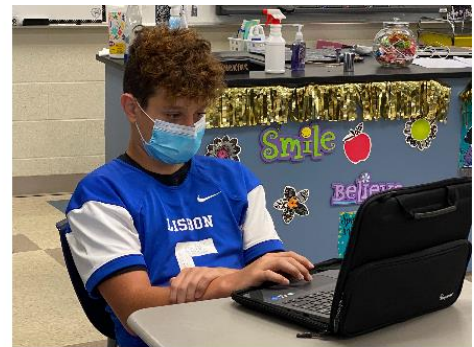
On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to wish each of you a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely,

Joe Siefke  
Superintendent Lisbon Schools  
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**HOME OF THE  
BLUE DEVILS**



**ONE-TO-ONE  
TECHNOLOGY  
AT DAHS**



Students in grades 2-5 at McKinley Elementary are able to take a Chromebook home with them in the event the district switches to remote learning again. Chromebooks went home with students when the district went to remote learning November 30- December 4. Chromebooks for kindergarten and first grade were ordered in the summer, but are still on backorder.

# Lisbon Exempted Village Schools Food Distribution

"We love our kids," said Melissa Adams, Food Service Director, Lisbon Exempted Village Schools.

Today, Adams and her team, along with other district staff loaded up buses full of food to distribute to families while students are on remote learning.

Bags of food included five breakfasts and five lunches for every student. 100 bags were packed for curbside pickup at David Anderson Junior/Senior High School, and 100 bags were also packed for curbside pickup at McKinley Elementary.



The district also has three curbside pickup locations throughout Lisbon. Those sites are the Lisbon Baseball/ Softball Complex, Roseland Apartments and the Juvenile Justice Center Parking Lot. Buses transported bags of food to these locations.



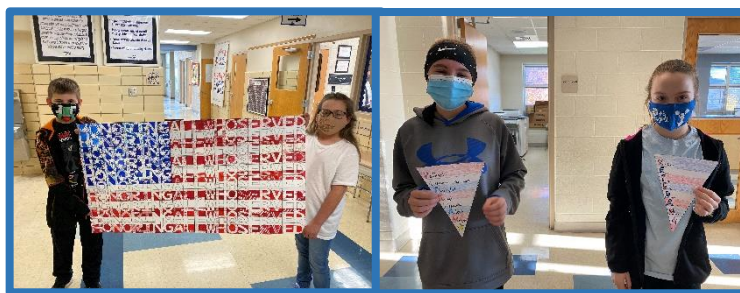
"That is a total of 600 meals per day, so for the week 3,000 meals," said Adams.

The district offered curbside pick at both school buildings, as well as different locations throughout Lisbon when the schools were shut down in the spring.

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## Veteran's Day

The Lisbon Exempted Village School District honored veterans with a virtual Veterans Day program. The district put together a video to thank veterans, the video including short messages of appreciation from students at McKinley Elementary and DAHS and patriotic artwork from both buildings. Students in Mrs. Wrask's social studies class at DAHS wrote letters of thanks to veterans, they also spelled out the word veteran, and listed attributes that make up each letter that spell out veteran.





## Handwashing Stations

Portable touchless hand washing stations are the newest health and safety measure at Lisbon Exempted Village Schools.

Each station can do 120 hand washes in 10 minutes. That breaks down to 360 washes every half hour and 720 washes every hour.

The touchless hand washing stations have four sinks equipped with soap and paper towels. The unit at DAHS is stationed in the lobby. Students will wash their hands when they enter the building. Anyone who comes to the high school gym for athletic events will also use the hand washing station. The unit at McKinley Elementary is in the cafeteria.

The Quad-Sink Handwashing Station is designed and developed by [Personal Protected](#), a company in New Middletown. Several schools in the area also have the Quad-Sink Hand Washing Station.

Center Township used funding through the 2020 Federal Cares Act to purchase one of the units for the district. LEVSD purchased the other unit.



## 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@omeresanet](mailto:Patty.Smith@omeresanet)



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## News from McKinley Elementary



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

As we approach our winter break, life at McKinley Elementary and the Lisbon EVSD continues to look a little different as we move into 2021. We are hopeful that we can resume many of our previous events and activities soon, but we'll be patient and make adjustments and accommodations for the time being.

Our Remote Learning days this school year have been very productive. While we always want students to be in session with us as much as possible, we have made many strides in our remote learning since we first began last Spring. In the event we have remote learning put upon us for a period of time during the remainder of this school year, please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns and complete work as you can. Our goal is to be in session as much as possible, but also to be as safe as possible.

Each winter, we look to various events including Music and Art programs, Valentine's Day room parties, Parent / Teacher Conferences and a host of other gatherings and events. Some of these events have been postponed and some will occur a little differently. Look to our McKinley Facebook page and district website for activities and events that will occur this winter.

McKinley's after school program, 'Learning is Cool After School,' has continued this school year. The program has been modified from last year due to the pandemic. The number of students we serve and the way in which we serve them has changed, but it continues to be a great experience to those who attend each day. Even during remote learning the group met virtually at the conclusion of our school day. This is a program we hope to have back next year at full capacity.

The McKinley PTO continues to meet monthly via Zoom meetings. There is always a link on the McKinley Facebook page if you'd like to attend. The PTO will continue to be innovative in trying to continue to fundraise, hold student events and meet the needs of McKinley's students as best they can. Look for meetings typically the second Tuesday of each month.

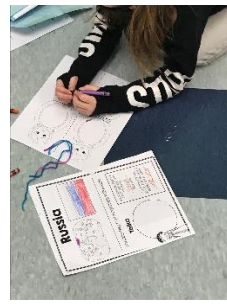
Over the past few months, we have recognized many of our students for various reasons, from Birthdays and Student of the Month, Honor Roll and Perfect attendance, and our building wide themed quizzes we do over the loudspeaker. We will continue to find ways to recognize students and make the learning environment enjoyable and supportive over the second half of the school year.

The year 2020 has been a challenging one for all of us, but getting through it with our heads held high will make us better because of it. Here's to a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family. Enjoy your time with family and friends, and let's make 2021 great!

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## Learning is Cool After School Program

The Learning is Cool After School Program has been studying Christmas Around the World during the month of December. The students have enjoyed stories from each country. They have learned each country's customs, traditions, the geography of the country, what their flag represents, and traditional Christmas crafts.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art

The fifth grade hallway is bright and colorful! Check out how students repurposed egg cartons into art.



## Pledge of Allegiance – Did You See?

Did you see McKinley Elementary School students on the morning news? Classes were featured on WYTV's Pledge of Allegiance segment. Classes were recorded saying the Pledge of Allegiance which was submitted to the news. In order to maintain social distance, some classes did multiple recordings. You can watch the recording by logging on to [wytv.com](http://wytv.com)





## Soles of Love

Close to 25 students at McKinley Elementary have a brand new pair of shoes and socks to go with their new kicks. It's all thanks to Soles of Luv. The organization has been working with McKinley Elementary for a few years now, providing K-5 students with shoes and socks.



## McKinley Videos

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Shrunken Heads



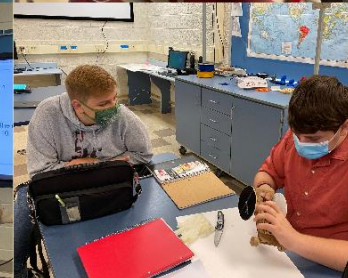
Sign Language



McKinley Elementary Learning



## 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 the four bay portable handwashing station, donated by Center Township, for the students of David Anderson to use each day. This has been a welcomed addition to the other health protocols we have established throughout in an effort to keep our students healthy and safe during the pandemic.

The second nine weeks and first semester was completed on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Report cards for these terms will go out on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The next parent-teacher conference date is scheduled for February 11<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.

Every effort was made to complete as many as our normal events as possible throughout the Fall Sports season. We crowned our 2020 Football Homecoming Queen Ms. Jade Crooms on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. DAHS students also participated in PSAT testing in October and ASVAB testing in November.

As we transition from Autumn and into Winter, we continue to offer and participate in as much as we can. The music department presented a virtual holiday concert that included students sharing their favorite holiday memories. The Winter Sports season kicked off with our girls basketball team visiting Heartland Christian on November 20<sup>th</sup> while the boys basketball season will begin by hosting Jefferson County Christian on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Mrs. Cox's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Block Project**

8th grade students Gavin Burris, Sage Halleck, Hailey Curfman, Michael Gough and Damion Schreffler have used their math skills to deconstruct wooden pallets and construct a flower box to put in the courtyard. The project will continue as they choose plants and begin growing them in the classroom. They will be watering and measuring growth. Hopefully, there will be nice green plants in time for us to enjoy them in the spring.



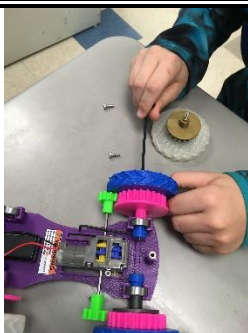


## Mrs. Lane's STEM Classes

Mrs. Lane's 7th Grade STEM class built rovers, redesigned the wheels after testing them out on different surfaces using an AutoCad program.

Mrs. Lane's 6th and 7th grade STEM class classes learned how to sew their own masks.

The students also discussed how to work in a team and what character traits a good team member needs to help their team be successful. The students also learned about Project Artemis, and what the moon and Mars are like in order to ready ourselves to one day live on Mars!



## High School STEM

It's all about hands-on, interactive learning in the STEM Lab at DAHS.

Mr. Watt's students have been busy this year designing projects, running tests on their designs, making adjustments after test runs and printing 3D versions of their projects.



## David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School Videos

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**Bio Lab - Chromatography**



**STEM – Mouse Trap Car – 3D Printing**



**Mouse Trap Race Car - Construction**

