



The Blue Devil Newsletter



From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Families and Community Members,

As we proceed through the last quarter of the school year I would like to inform you about a number of important issues affecting the district and our students. The first one involves the constant effort of the Lisbon Exempted Village School District to keep all the students safe and secure. We have implemented some changes involving school safety and the BOE will continue to examine how to effectively protect your child in this ever-changing world we live in. At the top of the list is vaccinations for school employees. My hope is that these vaccines move us closer to “normal” operations by the end of the school year and certainly for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Secondly this year’s achievement tests that are upon us. There were no district report cards issued for the 2019-2020 school year and none will be issued for the 2020-2021 school year either. The data we will collect from the state assessments will help us drive remediation with in the subject groups and continue to help us close the gap that our children have occurred during the pandemic. All in all, the academic progress in the district continues, and a big thank you goes out to the students, parents, staff and the entire Lisbon community for their hard work and dedication to improvement.

Thirdly, we are dedicated to having traditional school events as we have in the past. It will look different and in some cases not all will be able to participate in person. We understand how important these events are to our families, students and parents and will do our very best to make them as enjoyable as possible.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege for me to serve in the district as superintendent of schools this past year. I would be remiss if I didn’t say thanks to all of the stakeholders of the Lisbon School District, from students to staff to parents and community members alike for making this difficult pandemic year a workable one for the students of the

district. I could never have imagined a better place to work and live than Lisbon and for that I am deeply grateful.

Finally, as I close this message I would like to remind you that as we continue to make efforts to improve the instruction for all students in the Lisbon Exempted Village School District, we ask that you the parents, assist us in our task by making sure that if you have questions about their progress or anything involved in your child's education, please contact us with questions. The final reminder is to check out our website www.lisbon.k12.oh.us to become even more involved in your child's education.

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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.net



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Lisbon Exempted Village School District Nurse's Office

Attention Parents/Guardians of students entering 7th and 12th grade August 2021

All 7th grade students are required to have one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis). All students entering the 7th and 12th grade are required to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. Please contact your child's physician, the Columbiana County Health Department at 330-424-0272 or East Liverpool City Health Department at 330-385-5123 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. Some pharmacies also offer the vaccines. If your child has already received the required immunizations, please send a copy of their immunization record to the school addressed to the school nurse.

Thank you, Mrs. Haren – Lisbon School Nurse

ART

Art by two Lisbon students is named "Best of Show" in the Columbiana County Educational Service Center's Art Show. Aubriana Helman, is an eighth grade student at David Anderson Junior/ Senior High School. Her mixed media drawing titled "Eye of Fire" earned Best of Show in the Junior High division. Baylen Jackson, a fourth grade student at McKinley Elementary also received the prestigious title of "Best of Show."

Elana Brownfield and Heidi Swift are the art teachers for the Lisbon Schools. They submitted one piece of art per grade level for the show. The following students also won awards in the art show.

Reserve Best of Show Junior Division

Nickolas Peruchetti

Honorable Mention, DAHS

- Chloe Dowd, Grade 7

Mixed Media Drawing, "Hand Harmony"

- Wyatt Newbold, Grade 6

Mixed Media Drawing, "Pumpkins Under the Lights"

Honorable Mention, McKinley Elementary

- Kenzie Wellington, Grade 1

- Julina Railing, Grade 2

Artwork from the following students was also entered in this year's CCESC Art Show:

- Cason Carpenter, Kindergarten
- Jace Smyser, Grade 3
- Katilina Gushert, Grade 9
- William Thomas, Grade 10
- Brayden Flory, Grade 11
- McKenzie Gentry, Grade 12





News from McKinley



A Message from McKinley Elementary's Principal, Mr. Kemats

As we begin the last three months of the school year, we are continuing to do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy throughout the end of the year. The safety and well-being of your students is our first priority, and educating them in this pandemic isn't far behind. This past year has been difficult for many in the McKinley family, and we are here to help support you and your students in any way that we can. Thank you to our community for all you do for us, and all of your help and support to our schools this year.

For the first time, our district is 1:1 with devices for every student in kindergarten through grade 12. With the recent addition of chromebooks for our entire kindergarten and first grade students, every student in the school has a device to use in their classroom daily. We've worked hard to get to this point and are taking advantage of it each day in school.

March is the time to start thinking about next school year as we kick off Kindergarten and PreSchool registration for the 2021-22 school year. Call the Lisbon Board of Education at 330-424-7714 to schedule an appointment for your preschool or kindergarten student. Preschoolers should be 4 by September 30th (3 yr olds are also considered, with 4 year olds getting preference), and kindergarteners should be 5 by this date. We can't wait to meet our new groups of students.

Our PTO Valentine's Day Room parties were held in February with students being able to make boxes and trade Valentine cards, a tradition we were glad could be carried on. The PTO provided treats, water and a book to each student. 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 be looking for a Treasurer for next school year, so if you or someone you know may be interested, please join the last few meetings this school year. The PTO is always looking for ideas and input on fundraisers and student events.

We have scheduled in-person events for each grade level this May to take the place of the field trips we will not be taking due to the pandemic guidelines. Preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade will be looking forward to a visit from Outback Ray and his animals. Second grade will be visited by Realm of the Reptile, while 3rd and 4th graders will see The Whiz Bang Science Show.

In past years, our 5th graders were able to put on Veteran's Day programs and take trips to Camp Kon-O-Kwee. While these things have been sidelined by the pandemic, we don't want them to leave without a proper send off. They did participate in the D.A.R.E. program with Officer Stacy of the Lisbon PD. We were also able to hold D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies in February with a presentation by Deputy Beadnell and K9 Hunter from the Columbiana County Sheriff's Office. The 5th graders will also be presented with The Alans Live magic show, and we will plan to hold a 5th grade end of year recognition / graduation.

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking State of Ohio, English, Math and Science assessments as required by law. Our students will take the English tests on March 23 and 24, the Math tests on April 12 and 13, and 5th grade only Science on April 14 and 15. Please try to make sure your students are in school and on time during these testing days, get a good night's rest, and we'll make sure they have breakfast when they arrive.

We continue to recognize Student of the Month each month, as well as Honor Roll and Perfect attendance. These students were treated to nachos in January, and we'll recognize them at the conclusion of the third nine weeks in March. The third nine weeks ends March 12th, the fourth nine weeks begins March 15th, and Report Cards will be coming home on March 19th. We are looking forward to a great Spring, a great three months of school, and a great end to a rollercoaster school year.



Learning is Cool After School Program

The Learning is Cool After School Program has been working hard on a Pet Project. Students are learning about all aspects of pet care. They are also creating projects about their own pets such as ceramic pets, pet posters, reports, slideshows, trading cards, etc. The students are also running a Pennies for Pets community project in which they will donate the money raised to Forever Safe Animal Sanctuary in Salem and the Columbiana County Dog Pound.

- Money collected will be donated to the Forever Safe Farm in Salem, Ohio. Forever Safe Farm Animal Education Center, Inc. is a non-profit animal sanctuary that provides over 100 rescued and retired animals with a safe and comfortable forever home while educating children and the public about appropriate and healthful care of animals.
- Donations of new pet supplies such as leashes, collars, toys, food, and treats will be accepted and donated to the Columbiana County Dog Pound.

The grade level with the highest rate of donations will be awarded a special animal assembly.



<https://www.foreversafefarm.org/>

***To view a quick video of some pictures from the After School Program**

[Click Here*](#)

Kindergarten Registration

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2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
LISBON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

If your child is turning five-years-old on or
before
September 30, 2021, it's time to register for
kindergarten.

Registration starts March 15 at the Lisbon Board of Education Office
Appointments are required
Call (330) 424-7714 to schedule

100 Days of School

Kindergarten students at McKinley Elementary School in Lisbon are 100 days smarter. February 8, 2021, marked the 100th day of school for kindergarten students, who did a number of "100" related activities and lessons. Some students even dressed up like a 100-year-old.



DARE Program

Congratulations to the fifth grade class at McKinley Elementary for completing the D.A.R.E. Program. 45 fifth grade students took part in D.A.R.E. classes with Ptl. Sarina Stacy, Lisbon Police Department.

McKinley Elementary held a small D.A.R.E Graduation on February 25, 2021. Detective Damir Beadnell, Columbiana County Sheriff's Office brought his partner K9 Hunter to the graduation. K9 Hunter demonstrated to students his abilities to assist law enforcement.

Each fifth grade student received a certificate for completing D.A.R.E. Nine graduates also received Outstanding Student Awards: Julia Arthur, Jeryck Boyd, Baylee Larrimore, Sofia Brown, Zachery Johnson, Reagan Smith, Jordan Dopp-Haines, Kadence Hood and Delaney Pickens.



McKinley Video

(Click on the Video to Watch the Video Clip)



News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



A Message from DAHS Principal, Keith Edenfield

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Power of the Pen team (Madelyn Clow, Chloe Dowd, Kady Dunn, Emma Everett, Khloe Wedberg, and Marcus Miller) for placing first out of 12 teams in the district competition. This was the first time a team from DAHS has placed first in district competition. Best of luck to the 7th grade team, as well as 8th grade regional qualifier Alissa Greathouse, at the upcoming regional competition. Also, congratulations to 6th grader Sarah Thompson for winning the 2021 Columbiana County Spelling Bee and becoming the first county champion from DAHS since 2009.

Spring Break this year will be from Thursday 4-1-21 through Monday 4-5-21. Classes will resume on Tuesday 4-6-21. Any parent who would still like access to Progress Book can call the high school or junior high office and request a password. We believe that this is a tremendous advantage for parents to follow along with your child's progress.

AIR tests for 6th – 10th grade students will begin at the end of March. English Language Arts testing for all 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th grade students will take place March 23rd - 24th. All 6th - 10th grade students will take the remaining AIR tests April 12th – 15th. Please have your son or

daughter get plenty of rest to increase their probability of success. Testing is another important component of measuring the academic growth of our students and we would like our kids ready to go for the AIR assessments.

We look forward to the return of, and ability to host, in-person events. Some upcoming events we have this spring will be the Girls Basketball Awards Ceremony on March 15th, the Wrestling Awards Ceremony on March 16th, and the Boys Basketball and Cheerleading Awards Ceremony on March 18th. The DAHS chapter of National Honor Society will have its annual induction ceremony on March 17th.

Prom 2021 will be held on April 30th at Drakes Landing Banquet Center in Canfield, Ohio. Students attending the after prom event will travel to Cedar Point on Friday, May 28th. Tickets and event times will be announced at school and posted in the paper.

Graduation is approaching and the date has been set. This years' graduation 2021 will be held in War Memorial Stadium at 3:00 PM on May 30th. Traditional senior week activities will take place the week of May 17th. These events are a great opportunity for David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School to recognize our class of 2021 students for their achievements and accomplishments while attending Lisbon Schools.

The last day of classes for students is scheduled for May 27th. Final report cards may be picked up beginning Friday, June 4th. Additionally, all final grades will be posted through the Progress Book web site.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Sarah Thompson, Lisbon's first Columbiana County Spelling Bee Champion since 2009! Sarah successfully completed a runoff online test, correctly spelling 18 of 25 words to win the bee. Two of the words Sarah had to spell correctly were "clairsentence" and "lacustrine".

Sarah will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee during late spring/early summer. The preliminary, quarterfinal, and semifinal rounds will be held virtually, but will be broadcast live on ESPN platforms.

Devin Cornman, seventh grade and Baylee Larrimore, fifth grade also represented Lisbon in the Columbiana County Spelling Bee.



DAHS – NHS Inductees



Power of the Pen

Congratulations to the Power of the Pen team members who competed on Saturday, January 30th.

The 7th-grade team placed 1st in the competition, beating 12 other teams. This is an accomplishment that has never been achieved before!

Congratulations to the following students who will advance to the regional tournament that will be held on Saturday, March 13th.

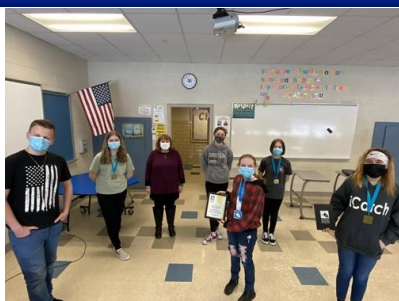
7th grade

- Madelyn Clow - Regional Qualifier
- Chloe Dowd - Regional Qualifier - Medallion Winner - placed 12th overall
- Kady Dunn - Regional Qualifier - Medallion Winner - placed 8th overall
- Emma Everett - Regional Qualifier - Medallion Winner- Placed 5th overall/ Also received a "Best of Round" Award
- Khloe Wedberg - Regional Qualifier - Medallion Winner- placed 2nd overall

8th grade

- Alissa Greathouse - Regional Qualifier

Congratulations again to this outstanding team of great writers!



Artsonia

Abigail Ammon, First Place Winner in Artsonia.com Artist of the Week Contest



A David Anderson student's artwork wins first place in the Artsonia.com Artist of the Week Contest. Abigail Ammon is a seventh grade student at DAHS. Her artwork was submitted to Artsonia.com by Mrs. Elana Brownfield, Art Teacher at DAHS. Ammon's art received 1,052 votes, securing the first place spot for grades 7-9.

Mrs. Brownfield is one of the thousands of art teachers from over 100 countries around the world who use Artsonia to showcase their student's art, crowdsource lesson plans and help fundraise for their classrooms. Artsonia lets family and friends of student artists create and purchase organic keepsakes from the student art, and then gives back 20 percent of all revenue to the local art classroom.

Artsonia developed Artist of the Week ten years ago as a way to encourage teachers to submit student artwork and engage the school and community to vote on and recognize students for their achievements. Every week, Artsonia selects 12 random submissions in each of four different age groups (PreK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) from artwork submitted the previous week. Voting is then open to the public for several days before the winner is announced.

Blick Art Materials generously donates a \$100 gift certificate to the winning school and an individual \$50 gift certificate to the student artist.

"Our mission at Artsonia is to bring communities together to celebrate children's artistic expressions," said Jim Meyers, CEO and co-founder of the company. "Artist of the week is a perfect way to get local schools, families and friends involved in the process of creating, recognizing and cherishing student art."

***Please visit our school website @ www.lisbon.k12.oh.us ***