



The Blue Devil Newsletter



From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Lisbon Schools Community,

Welcome Back to the 2021-2022 School Year: Our continued collaboration with the Columbiana County Health Department will include updating our students and families on the latest guidelines, procedures and precautions necessary to ensure a safe return to school. We have made tremendous strides against the spread of COVID within our school community and acknowledge the importance of continuing this fight with vigilance to provide a learning environment that best allows for student success. As we reflect on the last 19 months, we are continually impressed with how our school community responded to the challenges we faced. We are happy to be at a point where we intend to return to school as “normal” as possible. There are several things that came up through our experience that ended up being positive strategies for the school day. Increased attention to hand washing, hand sanitizing, and overall cleanliness of the facility will still be emphasized. The restart plan for the Lisbon School district can be found on the school’s website and as always please call the Lisbon BOE with any concerns or questions.

Face coverings for the Lisbon Exempted Village School District will be optional. We will leave the decision to wear or not wear a mask up to each individual family. In addition, there currently is no mandate for vaccinations. At this point, due to a federal mandate, masks must be worn on public transportation to include school buses and school van transportation. Masks will be provided in school offices and classrooms for students who wish to utilize them. Our kids and community have built resilience over the last year and a half and it is important that we continue to be flexible in our attitudes and actions as we monitor local data and new mandates as they arise. In the meantime, we must honor each other and respect our individual choices. This approach should allow our school community to have another successful school year!

Go Blue Devils!!

Joseph Siefke
Superintendent Lisbon Schools

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Bullying / Anonymous Tip Hotline

Lisbon Exempted Village Schools wants to make our school and community as safe as it can be for our students, that is our top priority. With the safety of our students at the forefront of our thinking we wanted to make sure our students, staff and community were aware of our anonymous tip / bullying hotline. Lisbon schools want to continue to become proactive in our approach to making sure bullying incidents are minimized as much as possible as well as any other threat. In continuing to be a zero-tolerant school, we are reminding everyone of our safety hotlines. The hotlines will allow students, parents, staff and community members to anonymously report potential threats of violence, bullying, drug use sexual harassment or any other potential issue concerning students in the district.

To anonymously report a problem to administrators anyone can dial the numbers below and leave a message. The caller ID is not captured on the call to protect the identity of the caller. The call is free to the caller and can call from any phone at any time. Once the message is left it is immediately transmitted to administrators.



“The purpose of the Hotlines is to give students, parents, staff and members of the community every opportunity to help stop problems before they happen or tell us about an on-going problem they are aware of without having to be identified or get involved with the situation.”
– Mr. Joseph Siefke - Superintendent

Toll Free **1-844-SAFEROH (1-844-723-3764)**
or
1-855-631-4608

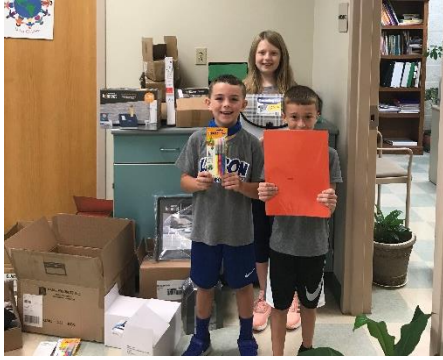
Blue Devils Newsletters in Print

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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

**Newsletter on
Website**

School Supply Grant from Spano Foundation



McKinley School and David Anderson received a generous school supply grant from the Spano Foundation. The supplies included desk supplies for teachers, pens pencil, notebooks and art supplies for students K-12. Lisbon students and teachers are grateful for the supplies which will be used throughout the school year.

Johnny Appleseed Art Contest

Congratulations to the Johnny Appleseed Art Contest Winners! Winners in attendance received their cash prizes on Saturday 9/18 at the festival.

Middle School Grades 6-8

1st Prize- Logan Sisler, "The Pitbull"
2nd Prize- Lilly Pacola, "The Cat's Office"
3rd Prize- Nick Peruchetti, "The Apple of the Town"

High School Grades 9-12

1st Prize- Lane Grossen, "Soft Mind"
2nd Prize- Seth Stone, "The Pain of Life"
3rd Prize-Tabitha Ketchum, "Be the Change"

BEST of SHOW- Anna Marshalek, "Notes of a Rose"





News from McKinley Elementary



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

We are extremely excited to begin this school year and get back to some of our events and traditions of the past. The pandemic brought many changes to the building last year and we were able to stay in session the entire year. Even with restrictions lifted, we will continue to do our best to provide a safe learning environment for your students.

We welcome some new faces to the building this year. Joining us as an Intervention Specialist in grades 3-5 is Mrs. Devon. Mrs. Rodgers moved from a Title Teacher to a first grade teacher. Mr. Pancurak and Miss Ferrier are new Title Teachers to the building working on intervention with students. Miss Crawford is our new Pre School teacher. Last but not least, we have two new aides in Mrs. Madison and Ms. Felger working with first grade students. We welcome these new faces to our McKinley family and know they'll be great additions to our staff.

August brought our annual Back to School Supply giveaway. We held this year's event at the stadium and many families received free school supplies courtesy of the Presbyterian



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Church. If your student needs school supplies at any time, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Kemats in the guidance office.

We have also begun holding our Grandparents Breakfast in the cafeteria. Grandparents Day is celebrated each September, and although we could not hold them last year, we are back to doing so. Every grade level will have grandparents in the building having breakfast with their grandchildren sometime in September. This is always a great event and well attended, and we are fortunate to have it back.

Academically, students jumped right into their studies and diagnostic testing. Making up for learning loss from the pandemic is one of our top priorities. Communicate with your students' teachers often so we can best meet their learning needs. Students in 3rd grade will take the Fall Third Grade Reading Guarantee Assessment in late October. Progress Reports for the first nine weeks will come home on September 24th, and Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the evening of September 30th.

Look to the PTO Facebook page and notices home from the teachers. We will soon be scheduling a variety of after school opportunities in Reading, Math, Art and STEM in which students can participate. We also plan to hold our annual Veteran's Day breakfast on November 11th.



The McKinley PTO will be holding monthly meetings this year, typically the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 in the cafeteria. Join us to take part in all of the wonderful ways the PTO helps McKinley students. They are starting the year by once again buying each student a water bottle, and they are holding their annual fall fundraiser. We hope soon to begin planning for our Fall Parade and Festival.

We are looking forward to a great school year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time with any questions or concerns, and know that my door is always open as well.

McKinley Videos

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



News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



Principal Keith Edenfield

The school year has begun and we look forward to the things that a new school year has to offer. The DAHS video production class created a video documenting and remembering the attacks on 9/11, as this was the 20th anniversary of the attacks. In addition to the video, students placed 2,977 flags (one for each victim in the attacks) in the shape of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and 93 in honor of Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Each student at DAHS was able to reflectively walk by the display



and watch the video. Although the video and display were solemn, the quality and pride put forth by the students in their creation generated a positive event to start off the school year. In an effort to ensure all students are college and career ready upon graduation, all Sophomores will participate in the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo at the Canfield Fairgrounds on September 22nd. Also, all 8th grade students will tour the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center on October 4th.

The David Anderson High School Athletic Hall of Fame will present the induction Class of 2021 on September 17th at halftime of the football game against Valley Christian with the induction ceremony taking place on Saturday, September 18th in the DAHS cafeteria. The Homecoming football game is on October 1st versus Wellsville with the Homecoming dance to be held on October 2nd from 7-10 pm at DAHS. The Seniors participating in fall sports, cheerleading, and marching band will be traveling to McKinley Elementary on October 15th to read to and eat lunch with the McKinley students.



The first nine week interim reports will be distributed on September 24th. Parent-teacher conferences will take place from 3-9 pm on Thursday, September 30th. There is no school for students on Friday, October 1st. The next parent-teacher conference date is scheduled for February 17th. 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 September 30th.

David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School Videos

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DAHS First Day of School



9/11 Tribute Video



Meet the Team

