



The Blue Devil Newsletter



From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Blue Devil Families,

As we enter the holiday season, let us pause for just a second. 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 sense of calmness as we enter into the holiday 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.

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. 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 season, 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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Veteran's Day at McKinley and David Anderson High School

This year we had several Veterans join us in helping to celebrate and honor our Military for their everyday sacrifices. At McKinley Elementary the veterans were treated to a free breakfast as well as a short choir concert provided by our 5th graders.



After that we asked the veterans to join us at the high school as we continued to honor them with a light lunch and dessert in our auditorium lobby followed by an assembly recognizing these brave individuals. Lastly, all of our students at the high school went into the hallway to show their appreciation and left the veteran's with students throughout the hallways cheering on and showing support for them.



Blue Devils Newsletters in Print

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News from McKinley Elementary



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

As we approach our winter break, we have been thrilled at McKinley Elementary to bring back many of our events that were sidelined last year. Getting and keeping students in session has been a goal of the district as the pandemic has progressed. Another goal was to bring back many of the events we were forced to postpone or cancel last year. We have many more events planned for 2022 so keep an eye out for Music and Art Programs, Holiday Room Parties, Field Trips and a Spring Fling coming back in the new year.

Our Autumn kicked off with Parent -Teacher Conferences on the evening of September 30th, followed by a day of Professional Development for our staff on October 1st. October also saw a third grade field trip to Beaver Creek and a second grade trip to Catalpa Farms, as these trips were welcomed events this time of year. We were able to show off our new McKinley T-shirts at McKinley Night at the Lisbon David Anderson football game on Friday, Oct. 22nd. Although the weather kept us indoors, we were very happy to continue to have the PTO host our Fall Festival with students dressing up, parading around the building, and having food, games and treats in the classroom parties. Our parent participation for this was exceptional, and we thank you for making it a success.

The McKinley Veteran's Day Breakfast was sadly missed last school year, and it came back in full force this year. The event was well attended by 50 or more Veterans from our community, and they were honored with a breakfast, and a Music Program and Art Displays created by McKinley's 5th grade students. This 5th grade event held year after year truly showcases both our love for our community and the talents of our students.



We are looking forward to various events including Music and Art programs for grades K-4, Valentine's Day room parties, Parent / Teacher Conferences and a host of other gatherings and events. Look to messages from your student's teachers, 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 continues to serve many students in our McKinley family every day after school until 6:00PM. These students get physical activity, homework help and snacks, as well as a multitude of events and activities hosted by the director Mrs. Hiscox. Students get a wide range of activities and experiences over the course of the school year.

We do have a couple of staff members currently working with students after school for an hour a few days a week on academic progress. If you feel like you would like your student to participate in this, please contact Mr. Kemats in the office and he'll get you set up with the correct staff members.

The McKinley PTO continues to meet monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of each month at McKinley. 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. Join us for meetings when you can. We welcome your input!

We continue to recognize many of our students for a variety of reasons, from Birthdays and Student of the Month, to All A's, Honor Roll, Merit roll and general High Achieving students. 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.

As the weather turns colder, please be reminded of the following... In the event of a two-hour delay or closure for inclement weather, you will be notified via our AllCall system, and the closing or delay will also be posted on our Social Media accounts and district webpage as well as local news stations sites. If we have a two-hour delay, there will be no AM preschool, no breakfast and the school day will begin at 10:50 instead of 8:50. Dismissal times remain the same. Please have students dress for the weather (coats, hats, gloves, boots), as we plan on recess as much as the weather and temperatures will permit. Finally, please remind students of good hygiene habits (hand washing and sanitizing often, covering their mouth and nose when sneezing, etc...) to keep the spread of germs to a minimum, and keep students home when they are ill.

The first four months of the 2021-22 school year have shown us what starting to get back to normal feels like and looks like. 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 2022 great!



School is Cool After School Program

The Learning is Cool After School Program at McKinley is run through a 21st Century Grant written by the Columbiana County Educational Service Center. 36 students are enrolled in the program this year. The students meet 5 nights a week until 6:00 PM. The program is designed to enrich and support the students.

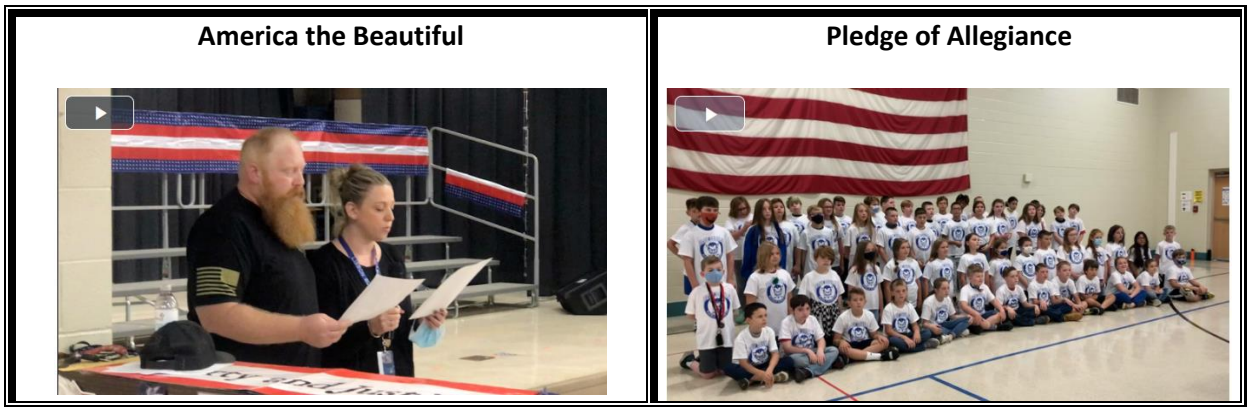
Throughout the week, students rotate through stations involving reading, math, computers, stem, character education, Spanish, and make a snack. The students also have special guests visit the program as well: OSU Extension, Lepper Library, Yoga instruction, and Whiz Bang Science. This fall the students have visited OH WOW, Forever Safe Farm, Columbiana Christmas Lights Display, and the Salem Fun Factory. The program has also had 3 family engagement nights. We would like to thank the students and their families for their support.





McKinley Videos

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



News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



Principal, Keith Edenfield,

As always here at DAHS, we strive to engage and improve our community each and every day. Recently, we were able to celebrate Veterans Day with 16 local veterans during our live Veterans Day assembly. Several DAHS students were also able to say thank you and other well wishes to veterans in their families through a video created by our video production class.

The DAHS high school student council organized a food drive competition leading up to the football game with United on October 15th. The students of DAHS collected 2,114 items and won back the traveling trophy. The Making a Difference Everyday Committee hosted the annual Blue Devil Challenge on November 23rd. On behalf of all students and staff at DAHS, I thank everyone who supported these events for their generosity as it will help make a tremendous impact on our community.

The second nine weeks and first semester will end on December 17th. Report cards for these terms will go out on January 7th. 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 child’s teacher to arrange for a conference prior to the next conference night.

As we transition from Autumn and into Winter, the Winter Sports season kicked off with our girls basketball team hosting Malvern on November 22nd while the boys basketball season began by hosting Tip-Off Classic the weekend of November 26th. The music department will hold its annual holiday concert on December 9th.

Mrs. Cox’s DAHS Block Class

Mrs. Cox’s class for DAHS Block completed a unit on growing seasons and planted mums in the courtyard. The students were responsible for watering the plants each day. They will continue with growing plants in the spring when they start their own vegetable garden.



The Girls Basketball Team Prepares for the Upcoming Holidays



Mr. Burnell's American Government Class

Mayor Peter Wilson came to the High School on October 21st and spoke to Mr. Burnell's American Government classes. He asked the student's opinions on the future of Lisbon. Students described to him the things that they liked about living in Lisbon and also gave him ideas on ways to make the village better. Mayor Wilson also gave a short speech describing what a job in village government entails. He included a list of things that he encounters on a day to day basis.



David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School Videos

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Veteran's Day Video

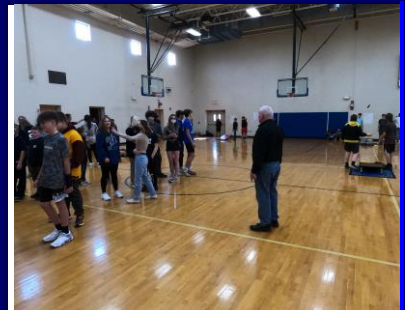


Veteran's Walking the Hall



Make A Difference

The Making A Difference Every Day team of Mr. J. Watt, Mrs. N. Mundy, Mrs. T. Crawford, Mrs. L. Baker and Mrs. M. Wrask hosted the fundraiser called the Blue Devil Challenge on November 23rd, 2021. The event had over 300 students enjoying activities during 7th and 8th periods. A few of the many activities: Corn hole, Basketball, Minute to Win It and many others.



Excel Grades 6th – 8th

The 6-8th grade Excel class has been working on Creative Problem Solving. One group chose the economy of Lisbon as their focus. After researching, they decided that one way to increase income was to boost tourism to our town. Mayor Peter Wilson visited the classroom to answer questions and share ideas. Gene Krotky and members of the Lisbon Historical Society donated time and materials to help the students learn more about the history of Lisbon. Mrs. Hiscox took the students on a field trip to the Old Stone House and the Train Museum. The Lisbon Project will continue to be a work in progress throughout the year, but it has now published a website to spread information about Lisbon. You may view it at <https://sites.google.com/lisbon.k12.oh.us/lisbonvillage>.



Art Exhibit / Gallery @ Lisbon Nutrition

Lisbon Nutrition located at 130 South Market Street in Lisbon, hosted a small exhibit of artwork from DAHS students. The opening for this special exhibit was Thursday, Dec. 2nd. from 7am to 6pm.

Congratulations to Sage Hallock, Jada Hoprich, Gretchen Miller, Zander Eltringham, Susan Joy, and Alissa Frantz whose artwork was chosen for display. Lisbon Nutrition will also be donating a portion of their sales from Thursday to the DAHS Art Club!

All of the artwork is from Mrs. Brownfield's high school Printmaking classes. The money they donated to the Art Club will be used to help pay for the frames the Art Club purchased for the exhibit.



7th and 8th Grade Student Senate

The 7th & 8th Grade Student Senate are working on a community service project by making wrist corsages and boutonnieres for an adult prom that Allay Senior Care is hosting in January. The Junior High Student Senate will also be donating some formal gowns for the event. The Student Senate is led by Mrs. Smith and she picked this community service because her Mom is there and the President of Student Senate Kadence Dunn's grandma is also there. The Junior Student Senate and Academic Challenge team are led by Mrs. Lane and will be Christmas caroling after school at Allay Senior Care on December 15th.



December Athletic Schedule

David Anderson Junior/Senior HS - December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 PM B MS BKB @ Valley Christian School 5:00 PM G MS BKB Valley Christian School	2 5:30 PM G V BKB @ Columbiana High School	3 5:30 PM B V BKB OPEN	4
5	6 5:00 PM B MS BKB Leetonia High School 5:30 PM G V BKB @ Valley Christian School 5:00 PM G MS BKB @ Leetonia High School	7 6:00 PM B V BKB OPEN	8 5:00 PM B MS BKB @ Southern Local Jr/Sr HS 5:00 PM G MS BKB Southern Local Jr/Sr HS	9 5:30 PM G V BKB @ Leetonia High School	10 5:30 PM B V BKB @ Columbiana High School	11 10:00 AM B MS BKB @ Jackson-Milton Local 10:00 AM G MS BKB Jackson-Milton Local
12	13 5:00 PM B MS BKB Wellsville High School 5:30 PM G V BKB @ Southern Local Jr/Sr HS 5:00 PM G MS BKB @ Wellsville High School	14 5:30 PM B V BKB @ Valley Christian School 5:00 PM B MS BKB Jackson-Milton Local 5:00 PM G MS BKB @ Jackson-Milton Local	15 5:00 PM B MS BKB United Local High School 5:00 PM G MS BKB @ United Local High School	16 5:30 PM G V BKB Wellsville High School	17 5:30 PM B V BKB Leetonia High School	18
19	20 5:00 PM B MS BKB @ East Palestine HS 5:00 PM G MS BKB East Palestine HS	21	22 6:00 PM G V BKB @ Toronto High School	23 5:30 PM B V BKB @ Heartland Christian School	24	25
26	27 5:30 PM B V BKB @ Jackson-Milton Local	28	29	30	31	

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