



## The Blue Devil Newsletter



### From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

A warm winter welcome to all as we begin another issue of the District Newsletter. Hard to believe we are near the halfway point of the school year already and Mother Nature has been pretty good to us regarding two-hour delays or cancellation of school. As always, you will receive calls from our automated system on days in which we have adjusted or with messages from the schools. If you have not been receiving or have had problems, please contact the school offices for assistance. As we begin a new calendar year we would like to recognize our Board of Education members and thank them for all they do in the District. January is designated as School Board Recognition month in Ohio. The Lisbon Exempted Village School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions school board members make to their communities.

Ohioans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,400 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive little compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Ohio.

These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education. They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students.

The men and women serving the Lisbon School District and their years of service are:

Gary Peruchetti,	- 27	years
Jim Smith,	- 23	years
Marti Grimm	- 12	years
T.K. Hiscox	- 09	years
Charles Bell	-01	years

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If you should happen to see any of these folks please take an opportunity to say thanks for all they do for the children of the district. Too often we forget about the important role that school board members play in assuring local control of our schools. Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into a given decision. Too often the efforts of school board members to improve our schools go unrecognized. So this month join me in thanking our school board for all they do to keep Lisbon Schools the “heart of the community.”

The Lisbon BOE has been working very hard trying to educate the community on securing the financial future of the school district. I would personally like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication toward this endeavor. It is very apparent that the wants and needs of every Lisbon student both present and in the future was always at the forefront of their priority list. I am very proud of their efforts and grateful for their endless desire to see the students of Lisbon be the educational leaders of our community and society.

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

Sincerely,

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## Blue Devils Newsletters in Print

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# News from McKinley



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

Happy New year to All of our McKinley Family ... students, parents and families, and staff! As half of the 2022-23 school year has passed us by, we look forward to a bright and engaging 2023. We have accomplished so much over the first and second nine week grading periods, and as we begin the 3rd nine weeks, we look forward to all of the great things the new year brings us.

Our wonderful PTO brought us the first annual Winter Wonderland Extravaganza in December. This event, which we plan to continue each year, had students making ornaments, decorating cookies and gingerbread houses, writing cards to residents of area nursing homes and playing various games. The PTO put a lot of time and effort into organizing the event and it paid off as everyone had a great time.

We are looking forward to various events including Music and Art programs for 3rd Grade (February 9th), 1st Grade (March 21st), and Kindergarten (April 4th), Valentine's Day room parties (February 10th), Parent / Teacher Conferences (February 16th) 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 everyday after school until 6:00PM. These students have opportunities for 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 have strived to make our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program really have an impact this school year. Teacher's have been recognizing positive student behaviors throughout the school year, and these students are recognized in front of their peers during lunches. Students have really been excited and engaged in this and we are working on making this program even more successful in the new year.

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 All Call 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the guidance counselor or the principal if you need anything as we work through the second semester of the school year. We want to make the second half of the school year a great one for your students and we want you to be a part of it.

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## McKinley 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. 42 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, music, stem, art, character education, and Spanish. The students also have special guests programs: OSU Extension, Lepper Library, Yoga instruction, Martial Arts, Outback Ray, Raptor Hallow, and Whiz Bang Science. This fall the students have attended field trips to the Old Stone House and Railroad Station, OH WOW, Forever Safe Farm, Columbiana Christmas Lights Display, Camelot Lanes and the Hot Pots Pottery. The program has also had 2 family engagement nights (Family Game Night & Holiday Happenings Party). A lot more engaging experiences are being planned for the students during the winter and spring. The program will conclude the second week of May. Thank you to the students and their families for their support.





## Pete's Reading Club

McKinley Elementary students were invited to participate in Pete's Reading Club. The reading club is sponsored by Youngstown State University. Grade-level teachers set reading goals for the students. The students who completed their reading goals won a free ticket to YSU's men's basketball game against Detroit Mercy on Sunday, January 29th. The students will be recognized at the game and be part of the "high-five" line for the YSU starting players. YSU's mascot, Pete the Penguin, also paid a visit to each grade level where he enthusiastically supported the reading efforts of the students.



## McKinley Videos

(Click on the Video to Watch the Video Clip)

**Mrs. Weikart's Kindergarten Lesson**



**Mrs. Fonner's Class Singing Carols**





# News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



## A Message from DAHS Principal, Keith Edenfield

Completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks marks the middle of the school year and a change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Seniors are entering the 8<sup>th</sup> and final semester of their high school careers at DAHS. As we move to the end of the school year, graduation is one step closer. The anticipation to graduation day and the activities surrounding graduation grow by the day. Graduation is set for May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 3:00PM in the George M. Nace Gymnasium.



Parent – Teacher conference night will be held February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 9:00PM. You may schedule a conference with your child's teacher by calling the high school or junior high secretaries for an appointment. 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 if you cannot attend during conference night.

The Lisbon Exempted Village School District spelling bee will be held at the David Anderson Jr. Sr. High Auditorium on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:15PM. Students from both McKinley Elementary School and David Anderson Jr. High School will compete. The spelling bee champion, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up will advance to compete in the county wide spelling bee on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our extra-curricular activities here at DAHS are in full swing. There are a host of boys and girls basketball games from the junior high to the varsity level on a weekly basis conducted in our gymnasiums. Congratulations to the Star Students of the Month nominated by their teachers for making an extra effort in a positive way here at DAHS. Ellora Burkholder and Jaxxon Jezek-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Autumn Jacques and Zayden West Nenichka-7<sup>th</sup> grade, Ondrea Calvin and Grant Minor-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Madelyn Clow and George Adams-9<sup>th</sup> grade, Alissa Greathouse and Deven Fox-10<sup>th</sup> grade, Alysa Wells and Alex Schreffler-11<sup>th</sup> grade, and Olivia James and Noah Minor -12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## DAHS Videos

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Star Students of the Month	What We Are Learning Wednesday (Insects)
	

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