



The Blue Devil Newsletter



From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Parents and Community Members,



Welcome Back! We are incredibly excited to begin another exciting year in the Lisbon School District. This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and extracurricular clubs and activities, performing arts groups, and athletic teams certain to encourage our Blue Devils to be involved and stay connected!

During the 2023-2024 school year, we will continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued *excellence in education*. Our vision remains...

Embrace Opportunities . . . Unlock Potential . . . Inspire Excellence!

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities as we progress through the school year. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in your child's education! Please know that we highly value home/school communication. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings. In closing, we welcome you to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with much *energy . . . enthusiasm . . . and a high*

standard of excellence! It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Sincerely,

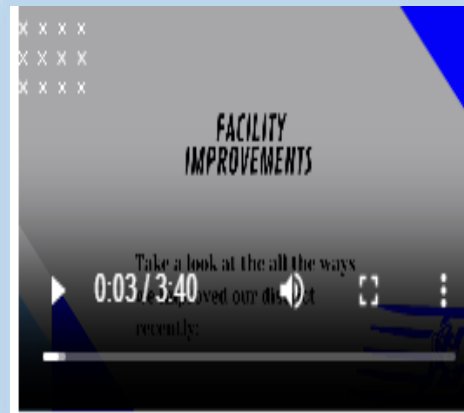
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District Upgrades / Projects

Please watch the video below to see all the updates we have done on our facilities recently. We continue to strive to make our schools better for the students and our community. We had 17 projects where funding was obtained in several different ways through grants, donations and permanent improvement. Our goal is to always have our facilities up to date, safe for our students and appealing to the community's eye.

Here are the projects that were completed.

- 1 Roofing
- 2 HVAC
- 3 Paving
- 4 Landscaping
- 5 Technology - Chromebooks
- 6 Phone System
- 7 Cafeteria Equipment
- 8 New Buses and Fuel Pad Update
- 9 Drinking Fountains
- 10 Stadium: Turf, Handrails, Turnstiles
- 11 Playground
- 12 Painting
- 13 Concrete Work
- 14 Signage – Outdoor High School
- 15 Auditorium Speaker Sound System
- 16 Student Desks & Chairs
- 17 Building Maintenance: Cafeteria Doors, Building Tiles & Gym Floors



Blue Devils Newsletters in Print

How to get printed newsletters

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Newsletter on Website

News from McKinley Elementary



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

Fall is in the air at McKinley Elementary, and we are extremely excited to begin this new school year and all of the great things it will bring. The building has a lot of updates and inspiration added to it, and the events we add to both the regular school day and after school events make the McKinley Community all the better.



We welcome some new faces to the building this year. Joining us as Intervention Specialists are Mrs. Spaite and Miss Stauffer. Mrs. DeSalvo comes to us in fourth grade Science, Mrs. Sims in 5th grade English, and Mrs. Stewart as a new Nurse to the building and district. Mr. Wonner is a new Title Teacher to the building working on intervention with students. Mr. Cole has joined us as an aide in Mrs. Spaite's room. We welcome these new faces to our McKinley family and know they'll be great additions to our staff.

August brought our annual Open House as we showcased the building and the teachers for the new year. One of the things always available at this event is school supplies. If your child is in need of any school supplies at any time, to include backpacks, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Kemats in the guidance office.

We also held our Grandparents Breakfast in the cafeteria during the month of September. Grandparents Day was celebrated September 10th, and each year we hold these breakfasts around Grandparents Day. Every grade level had grandparents in the building having breakfast with their grandchildren. This is always a great event and well attended.

Academically, students jumped right into their studies and diagnostic testing. Meeting your students' academic needs is our top priority. 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 came home on September 22nd, and Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on the evening of September 28th, followed by No School for students on Friday, Sept. 29th.

One of the most talked about things this school year is the Playground. If you have been around the building, you know that there is no playground currently. In anticipation of getting a new playground installed, the existing playground was disassembled by the village in July to be reused at a local park. The new playground is set to be installed this Fall and we are looking forward to it.

The McKinley PTO holds monthly meetings each month at 3:30 in the building. Look at our PTO Facebook page and join us for upcoming meetings to discuss events for students. Join us to take part in all of the wonderful ways the PTO helps McKinley students as they are planning events for the year and plan to hold their annual fall fundraiser. We are currently planning for our Fall Parade and Festival for late October, along with our Santa's Workshop and Winter Wonderland Extravaganza in December.

We have a lot of events and activities planned between now and Christmas Break. Our first Music Programs of the year will occur for 2nd Grade on Thursday, Oct. 26th, and for 5th Grade on Tuesday, November 7th. We also plan to hold our annual Veteran's Day breakfast on November 10th. We are planning a Family Fun Night for students in grades 3-5 for October 24th. Always be on the lookout for notices home from the teachers. We will soon be scheduling a variety of after school opportunities in Reading, Math, Science and STEM in which students can participate.

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.

News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School

Principal Keith Edenfield

As always here at DAHS, we strive for academic excellence each and every day. We take an in-depth



look at our curriculum and how we attack benchmarks and state standards within our school building. We are in constant communication with each other as professionals and hope that we are impacting kids to the best of our ability every period of every day. Expectations are high for a great academic year as always.

The first nine weeks will end on October 20th with report cards going out October 27th. The next parent-teacher conference date is scheduled for February 15th. 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.



The Seniors participating in fall sports, cheerleading, and marching band traveled to McKinley Elementary on September 15th to read to and eat lunch with the McKinley students. We crowned our

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2023 Football Homecoming Queen Ms. Avery Thorn on September 22nd, and inducted 6 individuals as new members into our Athletic Hall of Fame on September 30th.

With Halloween right around the corner, the junior high will have a Halloween Dance in the Auxiliary Gym Saturday, October 28th for grades 6-8. We are also transitioning from our Fall Sports to Winter Sports seasons. The Winter Sports preseason meeting will be Thursday, November 9th at 5 pm, followed by our Fall Sports awards ceremony at 6 pm. The Winter Sports meet the team night will take place on Monday, November 20th, at 6 pm.

High School ART

Seth Stone, with his acrylic painting, 'Punnet of Melancholy' which won 1st place in the high school division in the Johnny Appleseed art contest (picture to the left).



Seventh grade artist Elijah Curdy stands beside his 'Watercolor Apples' painting. He won 1st place in the Junior High division (picture to the right).



Junior High Student Senate

The newly elected 7th & 8th Grade Student Senate for the 2023-2024 School year that were elected by their peers.

8th Grade	7th Grade
Aniyah Alicea	Elijah Brown
Ryder Carr	Ellora Burkholder
Emmy Haynes	Aubree Burris
Zach Johnson	Johanna Ford
Mason Jones	Baylen Jackson
Isaac Kraft	Jackson Ketchum
Nickolas Peruchetti	Peyton Miller
Delaney Pickens	Jett Vrable
Lexi Roush	
Lillian Tenzek	

Seventh and Eighth grade students had to get a petition with 30 signatures and turn into Mrs. Smith to have their name placed on the ballot. The election was held during class on Aug. 31st.

David Anderson High School Videos – Click on the Videos Below to Watch

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Band with Mr. Bacha	6 th Grade STEM
