



## The Blue Devil Newsletter



### From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Families and Community Members,

A warm welcome to all as we begin another issue of the District Newsletter. Hard to believe we are past 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.

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:

T.K. Hiscox	-10	years
Charles Bell	-02	years
Jennifer Whitman	-00	years
Brittany Tyler	-00	years
Jim Tsilimos	-00	years

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.

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# ECLIPSE DAY

## MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

Lisbon Schools will observe Monday, April 8 as “Eclipse Day” and there will be no classes. While our classrooms will be empty on April 8th, the day will be full of opportunities for experiential education for our students with their families.

As educators, we value the student experience as a critical part of the educational process and recognize that sometimes those experiences are outside of the classroom. We believe that providing our students with the opportunity to safely experience this rare occurrence with their families is to everyone’s benefit.

All students will be participating in special eclipse activities on Friday, April 5 to prepare them to witness this historic event. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 9 and students will discuss their observations and experiences when they return to school.



# 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 [Sally.Brammer@lisbon.k12.oh.us](mailto:Sally.Brammer@lisbon.k12.oh.us)

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Website



## 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 plan events and are looking forward to all that the final months of the school year bring with it. We are looking forward to our Music and Art Programs, Field Trips, the Spring Fling and much more.

Our 3rd and 4th graders performed for the school and their parents for their Art and Music programs in January and February. We will conclude the year with a 1st grade program on March 19th, and Kindergarten on April 9th. Also, mark your calendars for our PTO Spring Fling carnival to be held at McKinley on the evening of Friday, April 12th from 5:00 - 8:00. This is always a great event!

March is the time to start thinking about next school year as we kick off Kindergarten and PreSchool registration for the 2024-25 school year. Call McKinley Elementary at 330-424-9869 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 making boxes and trading Valentines, 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 hold monthly meetings the second Thursday of each month at 3:30 at McKinley. Updates are always provided on the McKinley Facebook page. The PTO is always looking for ideas and input on fundraisers and student events.





March will be busy with the 3rd grade Wax Museum on March 8th, Right to Read Week the week of March 11th, Spring Pictures on the 12th, and the 1st grade Art & Music Program on the 19th, also the first day of Spring.

Spring Break will be from Monday, March 25th through Monday, April 1st this year. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 2nd which will be the beginning of the 4th 9 weeks. We will be scheduling assemblies, field trips and trips to the local park for each grade level as we approach the end of the school year, as well as a Field Day.

Our 5th graders participated in the D.A.R.E. program once again with the Lisbon Police Department. We were also able to hold D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies in February. The 5th graders will also be presented with an end of year recognition ceremony in May and a two day trip to Camp Frederick.

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 the week of April 15th, the Math tests the week of April 22nd, and 5th grade Science the week of April 29th. Also, our 5th graders took the Iowa and CoGat tests for Gifted Identification in January, and our 2nd graders will take it in March. 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 Positive Student Behavior each month, as well as All A's and Honor Roll. These students were treated to Ice Cream Sandwiches in January, and we'll recognize them at the conclusion of the third nine weeks in April. The third nine weeks ends March 22nd, the fourth nine weeks

begins April 2nd, and Report Cards will be coming home on April 5th. We are looking forward to a great Spring, a great three months of school, and a great end to another great school year!



## McKinley's After School Program

The After School Program has been running strong since October. This is the 5th and final year of the Learning Is Cool After School Program Federal Grant which was written for McKinley Elementary by the Columbiana County Educational Service Center. A few highlights from the past few months. The students participated in a Flat Stanley Project in which they mailed a Flat Stanley to friends or relatives who live out of the area. They then took Stanley on adventures and mailed



the students back letters, pictures, and souvenirs from Stanley's Adventures. The After School Program hosted a 4 - part Money 101 Workshop for families which was led by OSU Extension. The students participate in a wide variety of activities nightly from homework help, skills practice, sign language, music recorder lessons, Spanish, creativity, yoga, martial arts, snack making and more. They recently had



field trips to The Salem Skate Zone and Camelot Lanes. Additional field trips this year include: Movies 8, Beaver Creek Nature Center, Baker's Golden Dairy, and Raptor Hallow. They have also been in partnership with the McKinley Science Club Pennies for Pets Project.

## McKinley's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



The McKinley third graders' class books of "How to" articles, published in two volumes by Studenttreasures Publishing in Topeka, Kansas, were recently selected as semifinalists in the National Book Challenge. The students wrote 2-4 page, step-by-step instructions on how to do daily tasks like making ramen noodles, putting up a Christmas tree, throwing a Frisbee, and playing Minecraft.

Students

began the writing process in November and mailed their pages to the publisher in December. The third grade teachers held a Publishing Party for the students and families on January 30. During the party, the students unboxed their books, took turns reading their published writing, and enjoyed popcorn.



The books are titled Steps to Doing What You Always Wanted to Do (but Didn't Know How) Volume 1 and Volume 2. Prizes for the award winning books will be announced in mid-June.



## McKinley's Musical Performance



1st Grade is working hard preparing for their Disney Theme Music Program in the Music Classroom as well as the Art Classes. Every student will be dressed in a Disney Costume . To add to our program, every student will be carrying a balloon to the stage. RUMOR HAS IT: Mickey Mouse might be stopping in to see our performing groups. The program is on Tuesday - March 19th. Everyone is welcome and it starts at 6:00 pm in the cafetorium.



## Pennies for Pets

Pennies for Pets - This was the money that McKinley raised to help Raptor Hallow.

Pre, K, Spaite - \$41.45

1st Grade - \$92.60

2nd Grade - \$70.40

3rd Grade - \$441.06

4th Grade - \$297.37

5th Grade - \$67.28

Total Donation to Raptor Hallow on behalf of the McKinley Elementary Science Club and After School Program; \$1010.16

Winning Grade Level for the Raptor Hallow Show - 3rd Grade

Show time: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 in the cafeteria



McKinley Science Club Members with the change we are donating to Raptor Hallow

## News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School

Message from DAHS Principal, Keith Edenfield



Congratulations to our Power of the Pen regional qualifiers, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Reagan Smith and 7<sup>th</sup> graders Marlie Mills and Eva House. High school seniors Hunter Dailey, Gage Owens, Alex Schreffler, Trevor Siefke, Logan Stauffer, and Tate Wallen also recently participated in the Titan Business Competition sponsored by Junior Achievement.

Spring Break this year will be from Monday 3-25-24 through Monday 4-1-24. Classes will resume on Tuesday 4-2-24. Any parent who would still like access to



Progress Book can call the high school 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin in April. English Language Arts testing for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take place April 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. All 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the remaining AIR tests April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The high school spring musical "High School Musical" will be presented in the David Anderson High School Auditorium on April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors/Builders club members will be visiting Chicago May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. In order to attend, a student must qualify with honor roll or merit roll grades for two out of three designated grading periods. Buses will leave the school at 6:00 am May 22<sup>nd</sup> and return home at 9:00 pm May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Prom 2024 will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Vineyards at Pine Lake in Columbiana, Ohio. Prior to the dance will be the annual "Parade of Fashions". The "Parade of Fashions" will take place in the High School Gym. Tickets and event times will be announced at school and posted in the paper. The dance will follow the fashions event.

Graduation is approaching and the date has been set. This years' graduation 2024 will be held in the George M. Nace Gymnasium at 3:00 p.m. on May 26<sup>th</sup>. A senior awards program will be held on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> in the High School Auditorium at 12:00 noon. This is a great opportunity for David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School to recognize our class of 2024 students for achievements while attending Lisbon Schools.

The last day of classes for students is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Final report cards may be picked up beginning Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, all final grades will be posted through the Progress Book web site.



**\*Please visit our school website @ [www.lisbon.k12.oh.us](http://www.lisbon.k12.oh.us) \***

