

WELCOME BACK, PANTHERS!



LICKING VALLEY PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another exciting school year at Licking Valley Primary! We are so excited to open our doors and welcome our kindergarten, first, and second grade students. Whether you are returning to LVPS or joining our school family for the first time, we are thrilled to have you with us! As we kick off the new school year, please take a few minutes to review this newsletter and the student handbook. You'll find important information about daily schedules, our school nurse, lunch, and many of the exciting events planned for the year—including Jarah's Spirit Week (pg 4), a fun and meaningful fundraiser supporting our beloved school dog, Jarah! We believe our families are an important part of each child's success. We encourage you to stay connected, get involved, and take an active role in your child's learning journey. As always, please know that we are here to support you. If you have a question, idea, or concern, never hesitate to reach out. As we begin this new year together, we remain committed to our school vision: "Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day." Here's to a year filled with learning, laughter, friendship, and growth! Go Panthers!

John Grimm
Licking Valley Primary School
Principal



Important Dates...

Sep 7th, No School

Sep 8th - 11th, Bus Safety Week

Sep 14th - 18th, Jarah's Spirit Week

Sep 23rd, 24th, or 29th, 2nd Grade Field Trip

Looking Ahead...

Oct 1st, Kindergarten Field Trip

Oct 2nd, No School (Teacher Work Day)

Oct 7th, LVPS Picture Day

*A note from
the office:*

The office receives dozens of notes from home each day! Please write your student's first and last name on all communications to avoid confusion with other students of the same name.

**"Every adult helping every child
learn and grow every day."**

-The Licking Valley Vision

Get Ready for a Great Year!

Whether you have a new kindergartener or returning students, please review the information in this column as we get back into the groove of the new school year!

Childcare Services

Before and after-school childcare services are offered on-site through the Noah's Ark East latchkey program. For more information about cost and enrollment, contact Director Michelle McHugh at **740-349-7063**.



Daily Schedule Changes

Your child should have received a **Dismissal Information Form** at the beginning of the school year. This form serves as the office's primary reference for your child's typical dismissal plan, so please be sure to fill this out and return it in your take home folder as soon as possible.



Student Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone # _____

Afternoon Dismissal Questionnaire

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ My child will usually be picked up. Please list the name/relationship of the person who will pick up your child most often: _____
- ☐ My child will usually ride the bus per the schedule established with the Licking Valley Transportation department upon enrollment. If you anticipate that your child may occasionally ride the bus to an alternate in-district address, please list those here:
Address _____ Bus # _____ Destination (circle one: relative / babysitter / other)
Address _____ Bus # _____ Destination (circle one: relative / babysitter / other)
My child will ride the daycare bus to _____ (Daycare Name)
- ☐ My child will usually stay for the latchkey program on these days: M__ T__ W__ Th__ F__

Please communicate any daily schedule changes to the office at 740-763-2865 as soon as possible or by 3:00 PM each day.

Unanticipated Early Dismissals

In an effort to ensure your child's safety and to prepare for any unanticipated school closures, we request that you identify an early dismissal action plan for your child. Please understand that an emergency early dismissal could happen at **any time** during the school day. Latch key services are unlikely to be available in the circumstance of unanticipated dismissals. You may contact the school office to make changes your child's emergency dismissal action plan in the event of a closure, otherwise we will move forward with your selection below.

Should it become necessary to close school early due to extreme weather conditions or other emergency, my child should (select **only one**):
☐ Ride the same bus home or to daycare as usual.
☐ Be picked up from the school by car.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

1510 Licking Valley Road Newark, OH 43055 (Main Office: 740-763-2865 / Fax: 740-763-2863)

Pick-Up!

If your student is a pick-up, please let your student's office know by doing **one** of the following:

- 1.** Calling your student's office **no later than 3:00pm**
- 2.** Writing a note with your student's first and last name, homeroom teacher name and date
- 3.** Emailing your secretaries **no later than 3:00pm**
 - Primary- Hurstc@lvschools.us Ledbettere@lvschools.us
 - Intermediate- Millera@lvschools.us Watsonw@lvschools.us

****Buses are loaded at 3:30pm, we cannot pull your child off a bus once they are loaded.****

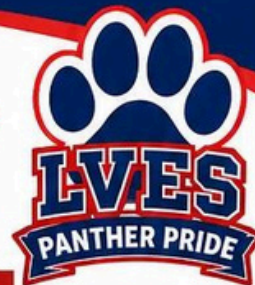
Please help us make sure every student gets home safely!

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

The morning drop-off line begins along the sidewalk outside in the orange cone area in front of the Primary School and continues around the building along the sidewalk. Students should exit on the curb-side of the vehicle; staff members will be available to assist students as needed beginning at 8:25 a.m. until the tardy bell rings. **Please note that student who are not enrolled in the Latchkey program are not permitted in the building until 8:25am.** The afternoon pick-up line begins in front of the Intermediate School near the cafeteria entrance and follows the same traffic pattern as drop-off. Take a look at the following page for more information.



LVES School



Drop-Off and Pick-Up Reminders



MORNING DROP-OFF

- Please follow all traffic signs and directions from school staff.
- Pull forward as far as possible to the **blue crosswalk markings** in the drop-off line before stopping.
- Students should exit the vehicle on the **passenger side only**.
- Have children ready to exit quickly with backpacks and belongings.
- Parents should remain in their vehicles.
- Do not pass other vehicles in the drop-off line.
- Please use the designated drop-off area only. Do not drop students off in parking lots or other unauthorized areas.
- Drive slowly and watch carefully for children, staff, and other vehicles.



AFTERNOON PICK-UP

- Check your student(s) in on the **Pik My Kid** app.
- Use the designated parent pick-up line and follow the established traffic pattern.
- Display your child's assigned **Pik My Kid** tag.
- Only authorized adults may pick up students.
- Parents should remain in their vehicles.
- Pull forward to the **blue crosswalk markings** as directed to keep traffic moving efficiently.
- Students should enter vehicles from the **passenger side only**.
- Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the pick-up line.
- Please be patient and respectful of staff, other families, and school procedures.
- If you need to make changes to your child's transportation or pick-up arrangements, notify the school office before 3:00pm.



★ PANTHER PRIDE REMINDER ★

Safety is our top priority!

By following these procedures, we can help make arrival and dismissal safe, smooth, and efficient for every child.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our students safe!



MySchoolBucks & More

Paying school fees and adding funds to your student's lunch account can be done through the MySchoolBucks portal found on our district website! LVPS student fees are \$25.00 per student annually and K-12 lunches cost \$3.00 daily. *Breakfast is served to all Licking Valley students at no cost each morning!* If you believe that your family may qualify for financial assistance with student fees and lunch, we encourage you to fill out the Free/Reduced Meal Application at the start of the school year. Request a paper application from the school office or submit the application online [here](#). Please contact Michelle Aronowitz at 740-763-2433 if you have questions.

Notes from the School Nurse

Please
DO NOT send
medication to
school with
students



Please understand that **students are not permitted to bring medication to school**, nor can they carry it with them throughout the school day. Instead, you can arrange to have over-the-counter medication available for your student by dropping off the meds in the school office and filling out a medication form. If your child has a prescription that they must take during school hours or medical conditions that the nurses should be aware of this school year, please contact District Nurse Jamie at ebertsj@lvschools.us or call the primary office at 740-763-2865 to make arrangements.

Jarah's Spirit Week: Sept 14 - 18th

Get ready to show your school spirit during Jarah's Spirit Week! Students can dress up each day according to the theme to earn points for their classroom. From Pajama Day to Crazy Hat Day to LV Colors Day, every outfit helps your class get closer to the top! The class with the most points at the end of the week will win a pizza party! Students can also earn additional points by donating money. Funds raised support students through our PAWS positive behavior program, care for our therapy dog, and help with field trip costs. Look for more information in your child's take-home folder!

MON

PAJAMA DAY

TUE

COWBOY/COWGIRL
DAY

WED

MISMATCH DAY

THU

CRAZY HAT/HAIR
DAY

FRI

PANTHER PRIDE
DAY

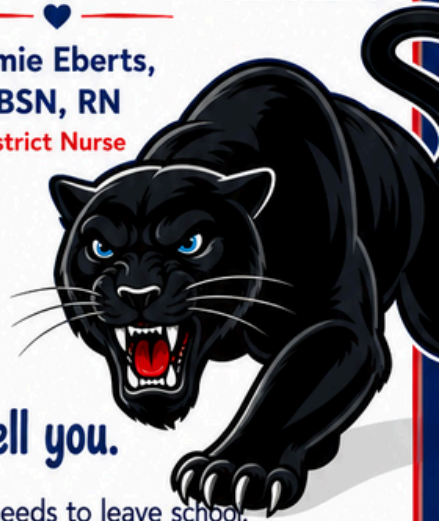
From the nurse's office!

IF YOU GET A CALL FROM ME...

FROM THE
SCHOOL NURSE



Jamie Eberts,
BSN, RN
District Nurse



A call from me **doesn't automatically** mean your child needs to go home.

1 If they **HAVE** to go home, I will tell you.

If your child meets exclusion criteria or otherwise needs to leave school, I will specifically tell you they need to be picked up. That decision will be based on the **health and safety protocols** I'm required to follow.

2 If I **DON'T** say they have to go home, **YOU HAVE OPTIONS.**

If they don't meet exclusion criteria but you still get a call from me, it's because I want your input on what we do next.

You can:

-  **Talk to your child.** I'm always happy to put them on the phone.
-  **Send them back to class.** You know your child best.
-  **Pick them up anyway.** That choice is always yours.



One quick note: With a busy nurse's office, you may not receive a call for every minor visit.



A LITTLE HEADS-UP HELPS!

If there's anything going on that might be helpful for me to know if your child ends up in my office, please feel free to shoot me an email.

New medications or antibiotics, recent dental work, an upcoming procedure, a rough night, or even something going on at home can all be helpful to know.



KEEP THIS HANDY!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOUR CHILD!



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LICKING VALLEY PANTHERS



LAST DAY TO ORDER: Sept. 5th

CLICK ON
QR CODE
TO ORDER



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APPAREL



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SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.
WEAR IT PROUD. ♥

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Add your email to Class Dojo to
communicate with your child's
teacher, see pictures from class, etc.



**Join Licking Valley
Primary on ClassDojo**



Scan to join our School