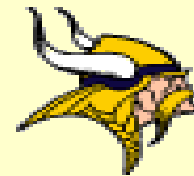


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Grade cards to be distributed at Parent-Teacher Conferences

Leipsic Elementary, Junior High, and High School student grade cards will be distributed during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, Nov. 4 and Thursday, Nov. 5. Conference times are Wednesday from 3:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. A Spanish interpreter will be available if needed.

Building principals will provide more specific details to parents as those two important dates get closer. School will not be in session for students on Thursday, November 5 and Friday, November 6.

We warmly welcome and strongly encourage all parents to take advantage of this important opportunity regardless of your child's age. Now more than ever, education is so important to success. We want every student to take full advantage of the time and opportunities at Leipsic Local School.

HSB™ Program Expanding

While most people were enjoying fun in the sun during summer vacation, High School of Business™ teacher Yvette Schroeder spent several days this past summer in Cincinnati being trained to add a new junior-level course, Principles of Marketing and Management, to the Leipsic High School of Business™ program.

Principles of Marketing, taught the first semester of the junior year, is a project-based business course that develops student understanding and skills in the functional areas of marketing, channel management, marketing-information management, market planning, pricing, product/service management, promotion, and selling. Students acquire an understanding and appreciation of each of the marketing functions and their ethical and legal issues.

Second semester Mrs. Schroeder will teach Principles of Management during which juniors acquire an appreciation for aspects of management such as project management, human resources management, knowledge management, quality management, and risk management.

The High School of Business™ experience prepares high school students to excel in a college business program. It is an academy-style program, consisting of six near-college-level business courses and four electives.

Developed by Marketing Education Resource Center and MBAResearch, this project and problem-based learning environment opens students' minds to solving challenging business problems using the academic skills gained in math, English, and social science courses. High School of Business™ graduates will have the skills to do more than succeed in college—they will excel.

Fourteen LHS juniors are enrolled in their second year of the HSB™ program while 22 students are taking advantage of the opportunity to be in this cutting-edge business administration program at the sophomore level.

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Board Re-adopts Goals for 09-10

Leipsic Board of Education recently met to discuss goals for the 2009-2010 school year. After an open discussion regarding the needs of the District, Board members decided to remain focused on the goals adopted in 2008-09 since they continue to reflect Board priorities.

The four main goals of the Board remain:

- Goal 1: Develop a deeper sense of Viking Pride in our students, staff, and community.
- Goal 2: Make Leipsic Local School District an educational model that meets the specific needs of our students based on high academic standards, ethical behavior, accountability, and clear expectations.
- Goal 3: Design buildings and grounds that will not only meet the needs of today's school district, but also encompasses a vision for additional growth in student population and programs.
- Goal 4: Preserve the fiscal integrity of Leipsic Local Schools.

For a complete listing of Board Goals, containing long-term goals, immediate goals and Administrative Review, visit www.lp.noacsc.org and click on District tab, choose School Board and then the Board Goals Quick Link.

2009-2010 Enrollment Figures

The following figures reflect Leipsic Local School District Student Enrollment for 2009-2010. *Based on Data Collected Oct. 5, 2009

Kindergarten	46
First Grade	37
Second Grade	37
Third Grade	58
Fourth Grade	58
Fifth Grade	44
Sixth Grade	35
Total Elementary Enrollment:	315
Seventh Grade	34
Eighth Grade	42
Ninth Grade	60
Tenth Grade	64
Eleventh Grade	62
Twelfth Grade	52
Total Junior High/High Schools:	314
Total Enrollment:	629

Activities Required for OSFC Project Completed

Even though no dirt has been moved and no block has been laid, a great deal of OSFC- required work has taken place behind the scenes to prepare for the construction of a new Leipsic Local School.

On the existing schedule, the \$17.8 million dollar project will be advertised for bids this coming winter with site work set to begin in the spring of 2010.

Leipsic School Classroom Facilities Assistance Project (CFAP) Completed Activities:

- Dec. 10, 2008 - Initial Core Team Meeting - This group meets each month, and includes representatives from the Ohio School Facilities Commission, Beilharz Architects, the Construction Management firm Richard L. Bowen and Associates, and Leipsic Local Schools
- Feb. 2009 - Community Partnering Session
- Feb. 2009 - Commissioning Agent Selected—STAN and Associates
- March 2009 - Eco Charrette Meeting to Set Requirements for LEED Certification

School Messenger System Ready

After initial tests, School Messenger instant notification system is ready for implementation. Beginning Monday, October 26, you will be receiving information regarding Leipsic School delays and cancellations via School Messenger. We will continue to contact area television and radio stations as well.

The public service tool is possible through a grant from Procter and Gamble.

- March-April 2009- Beilharz reps met with school staff about classroom needs
- June 2009 - Final Approval of Geothermal conductivity analysis
- June, 2009 - School Board visited Other School Districts with New Construction
- July 2009 - Interviews for a Maintenance Plan Advisor
- Sept.-Oct. 2009- Board members reviewed the Design Development Phase of the Project
- Oct. 2009- Maintenance Plan Advisor approved—Lawhon and Associates

Village Taking Bids for Ball Fields

The Village of Leipsic is presently advertising for bids to complete the work on the Leipsic High School baseball and softball fields located in the Charlie Bennett Park. Items to be completed include the dug outs for both fields along with the backstop for the baseball diamond.

Through a joint effort of the Village of Leipsic, the Leipsic Athletic Boosters, and the Leipsic Board of Education, a new scoreboard for the baseball field has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives. The existing softball scoreboard will be moved to its new location.

Village of Leipsic will provide the fencing as well as bleacher seating for fans. The home season opens for Viking baseball on Friday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. with Columbus Grove. The Lady Vikes will have their first home opener on Monday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m. with Arcadia.