

VIKES NEWS AND VIEWS

C.A.R.S. Begins Sept. 14

The Putnam County Educational Service Center will be operating an Ohio 21st Century Community state grant program at Leipsic Local School District during the 2009-10 school year.

The goal of **Our Time** is to provide an after-school opportunity for students to focus attention on areas in which they are having difficulties. The after-school program allows for various teaching strategies, hands-on materials, and small class-size in a pressure-free atmosphere.

Bus transportation to return home will be provided to the students who regularly ride on a bus route.

The first session of the year, beginning the week of September 14, is **Caring About Reading Success (C.A.R.S.)**, and it is geared to help third grade students be successful with the fall Ohio Achievement Test in reading.

On behalf of Leipsic Local School and its students, we thank the ESC for making this valuable after-school learning opportunity available to our students.

School Delay and Calamity Day Update Information

The 2009-2010 school year is the last one in which school districts will be permitted to use 5 calamity days if necessary. Ohio Governor Ted Strickland recently signed into law House Bill One which limits Ohio school districts to 3 calamity days beginning with 2010-2011 school year. Any calamity days beyond those 3 will have to be made-up during the school year.

Parents are also reminded that Leipsic Local School Board and the Leipsic Education Association have agreed to implement a three-hour delay schedule. The three-hour delay allows the district to start classes 3 hours late and extend the school day by 1 hour in order to meet the full-day time requirements of the state of Ohio. The three-hour delay will be used primarily for fog, and it will be used on a highly limited basis.

Weather delays and cancellations will be listed on WTOL, WTVG, WLIO, and WNWO television stations along with Maverick Media, Clear Channel, and WFIN radio stations. Weather status can be heard by calling the Leipsic Local Schools (419-943-2165) and selecting Option 5.

'63 Renovation Nearly Complete

Renovation of the 1963 portion of the building is nearly complete. The summer project included a new roof, new heating system for the varsity gym, heating and cooling system for the remainder of addition, and electrical service separation.



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Monitoring Your Child's Progress and Homework

Progress Book will be implemented at Leipsic Local School District this fall. Teachers were trained in August to use the on-line grading software, and each family in the district received a letter with instructions on using Progress Book. All parents should now be able to track grades for their children on a regular basis.

We believe that Progress Book will increase the accountability of every student since parents will have missing homework assignments, test scores, etc. at their fingertips.

If you have any questions or concerns about the software, please contact Elementary Principal Bryan or High School Principal Bute.

Parents that do not have Internet access at home are encouraged to use the computers at the Leipsic Branch of the Putnam County Library.

Lunch Money Deposits Can Now Be Made Via Internet

Parents are now able to make payments on the Internet for the Leipsic School lunch prepay program. All you need is an active credit card and Internet access. To register go to www.lp.noacsc.org and click the tab under Parents/Students. Next select Lunch Payment.

Special Events Calendar:

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| Tuesday, Sept. 15 | Leipsic Board of Education Meeting in High School Library @ 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 18 | Athletic Booster Chicken Barbeque before the first home football game with Vanlue @ 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 24 | Special Leipsic Board of Education Meeting in the Admin. Conf. Rm. @6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 2 | LHS Homecoming Festivities and football with Arlington @ 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, Oct. 5 | Early Release for Leipsic students @ 1:45 p.m. |

Parent Notification System In Place At End of 1st Quarter

School Messenger notification system for parents of Leipsic Local School students will go into operation at the end of the first nine-weeks of school.

Provided by a grant from Proctor and Gamble (parent company of Iams), **School Messenger** will allow us to contact parents/guardians regarding non-scheduled school delays, closing, early dismissals and emergencies.

Home, work and/or cell phone numbers as well as e-mail are all contact options.

In order for the system to work properly, parents must keep contact information current with the elementary and/or high school offices. If you change

HOSTS Recruiting Mentors

Approximately 100 reading mentors will begin working with Leipsic Elementary students in conjunction with the Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS) program beginning the week of September 21.

HOSTS Coordinator Pam Wilhelm and aide Shelley Meyer spent the first few weeks of school recruiting HOSTS volunteers and testing students who are eligible to participate in the program.

HOSTS pairs mentors with students who need some extra support in reading.

Drop-off & Pick-up Reminders

Parents are reminded that student drop-offs and pick-ups are on Oak and State Streets only. Vehicles are **not** permitted in the school lots or in the bus loading and unloading zones during the school day. Please use great caution and consideration at all times when driving in and around the school building.

landline or cell phone numbers, please contact the school with the new information.

Not only is this important for **School Messenger**, but also school personnel need current information on file for each child in case of a personal illness or injury. We also ask your cooperation in keeping the offices informed about any changes in residency.

School Messenger is yet another link to good home and school communication.

Recommended Changes to the Auditeria Completed

Public safety is always a major concern at Leipsic Local School District. In an effort to maintain a safe environment especially for guests at evening events and special activities, the Board of Education has made some recommended changes to the auditeria.

The two rows of red lights that once highlighted the tiers have been replaced with a stainless steel cap on the top of each tier. In addition, event supervisors will make sure that full house lights are on as audiences enter and exit the facility.

Signs will be posted as a caution to guests regarding the tiers. We also encourage the public to use the ramp on the east side of the auditeria as an entrance and/or exit if necessary.

Leipsic Local School is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is prohibited on the school grounds at all times.