

CUB COUNTRY Newsletter

WHAT IS PBIS?

Our elementary, middle, and high school buildings are in their second year of implementing a statewide initiative known as PBIS in our district. While the acronym stands for “Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports,” it is simply a framework that utilizes a positive approach to discipline with the purpose of improving academic and social outcomes and increasing learning for all students. PBIS focuses on creating and sustaining school-wide, classroom, and individual systems of support that improve the educational environment for all children. With a goal of teaching behavioral expectations and recognizing positive behaviors shown by students, we hope to reduce school and classroom behavior disruptions & educate all students about acceptable school behaviors.



THE CONFIDENCE TO SUCCEED

PBIS is a framework that provides support to students, families and educators. It is our hope that this initiative helps students by focusing on their strengths and building on their confidence to succeed. By working together, parents and guardians, community members, and our school staff can reinforce the necessary skills for productive citizenship among our students.

LUCAS HIGH SCHOOL	C	U	B	S
	CAPABLE	UNDERSTANDING	BRAVE	SKILLED
CAFETERIA	•Keep area inside and outside clean •Walk in an orderly fashion	•Use appropriate •Report others property •Use appropriate voice level	•Use what is right •Use something, not something •Make your best effort	•Use in a timely manner •Maintain personal space
CLASSROOMS	•Be on time •Be prepared to learn	•Address staff and classmates appropriately •Follow directions •Be organized	•Use what is right •Use something, not something •Create and complete your own original work	•Take responsibility to see their •Use appropriate •Make your best effort
HALLWAYS	•Walk in a timely and organized fashion •Keep it clean and clear	•Report others property •Walk quietly	•Use what is right •Use something, not something	•Use when you need to be •Share with a partner
RESTROOMS	•Use facilities in a timely manner •Keep it clean	•Use property •Be patient	•Use what is right •Use something, not something	•Use in the appropriate time

CUB	P	R	I	D	E
	Patient	Respectful	Independent	Dedicated	Engaged
Hallway	Walk to your destination	Quiet inside voices	Maintain personal space	Promptly return to the classroom	Travel efficiently and directly
Library	Share the space	Take care of books and materials	Choose the right book for you	Return materials on time	Use your time wisely
Restroom	Wait your turn	Give privacy	Maintain personal space	Use equipment and supplies properly	Go. Flush. Wash.
Dismissal	Walk directly to your destination	Maintain self-control	Organize and collect items neatly	Take care of personal belongings	Stay focused
Bus	Enjoy your ride	Keep your voice down	Keep hands and feet "to yourself"	Stay seated and face forward	Listen for directions
Classroom	Wait your turn	Listen to & follow directions	Do tasks without multiple redirections	Do your best	Prepare & Actively Participate
Cafeteria	Walk	Be polite to others	Get what you need	Keep your area clean	Stay seated and eat
Indoor Break	Share space and resources	Listen for and follow staff directions	Make safe choices and take turns	Use kind words and include others	Use your time wisely and have fun
Outside Break	Share space	Listen for and follow staff directions	Make safe choices and take turns	Use kind words and include others	Use your time wisely and have fun

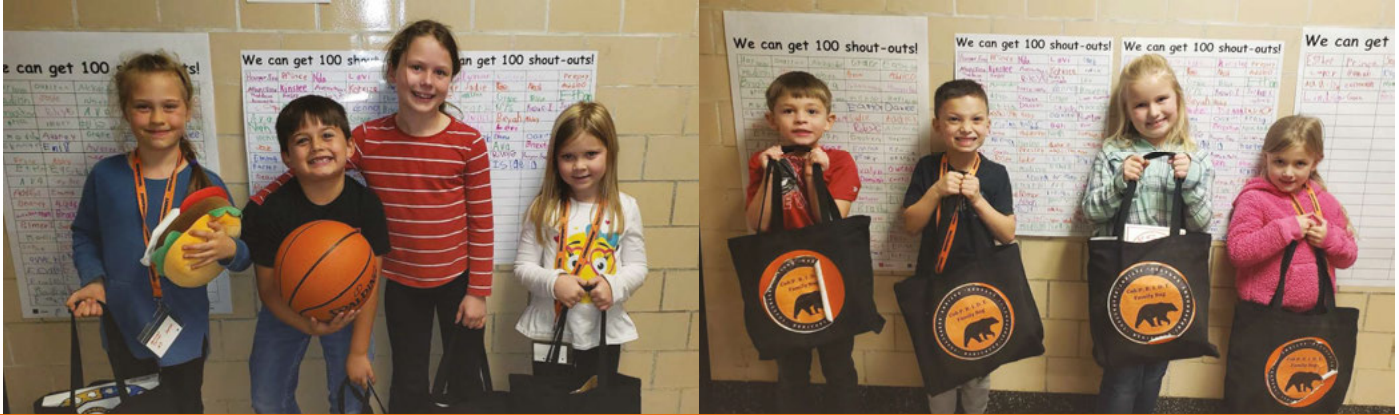
CUB	P	R	I	D	E
	Patient	Respectful	Independent	Dedicated	Engaged
Hallway	Wait your turn	Be aware of other "others"	Handle to yourself	Go straight to your destination	Eye Forward and walking fast
Library	Share the space	Take care of books and materials	Choose the right book for you	Return materials on time	Use your time wisely
Restroom	Wait your turn	Give privacy	Stay in your space	Use equipment and supplies properly	Go. Flush. Wash.
Dismissal	Walk quietly	Listen for directions	Stay packed up	Be ready	Stay Focused
Bus	Enjoy your ride	Keep your voice down	Keep hands and feet "to yourself"	Stay seated and face forward	Listen for directions
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LUCAS STUDENTS SHOW CUB PRIDE!

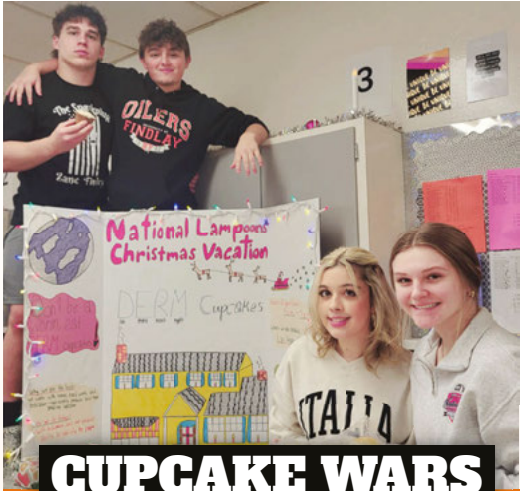


In each of our three buildings the matrix of expected behaviors look slightly different, but the overall message is the same. We state our expectations in a positive way and our staff members reinforce that behavior with rewards and incentives. The elementary and middle schools use the word PRIDE, standing for “Patience, Respect, Independent, Dedicated, and Engaged” as the basis for their matrix. Students are encouraged to follow these standards in all that they do during the school day and beyond. Staff members acknowledge students that showcase these traits with hole punches on their cub pride cards. Once a student has filled in their whole card, they turn it into their teacher for a small prize. All cards are also entered into a biweekly drawing of our Family Fun Packs. Eight students in grades K-5 are drawn every two weeks for the right to take home a bag full of family fun! Throughout the middle school students are also given hole punches in their card when they are caught displaying behavior that relates to our key values. Once cards are completed in grades 6-7, students have a chance to earn rewards throughout the quarter. Our high school students have a matrix that uses the word CUBS. Their key characteristics stand for “Capable, Understanding, Brave, and Skilled.” The HS staff members hand out Cub Bucks to students that portray these attributes. Students can save their bucks and buy items in the “Cub Bucks Store,” located in the high school office. Our 8-12 grade students can purchase anything from gift cards to school supplies and spiritwear!





HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



CUPCAKE WARS



The 2023 Lucas High School Cupcake Wars winners for both tasting and display are Emma Hamm, Myah Midkiff, Russell Conn, and Dan Hockensmith with the National Lampoons theme. Honorable mention for the cutest cupcake design goes to Jersee Brightbill, Allyson Arnold, Leah Burley & Emmalee Bradford with the Snow Buddies theme.



NEW STORE

FCCLA students helped with the NewStores annual coat drive again this year delivering over 1,200 coats to kids in need. Students were lucky enough to work with special guests from the Cavs cares organization too!



THANKSGIVING

The FCS classes prepared the annual Thanksgiving lunch for staff again this year! Students budgeted a menu, created a grocery list, and prepared a meal for staff.

FCCLA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The FCCLA students attended a Leadership development conference at Mid-Ohio Education Center. Students learned the importance of goal setting and making a difference with whatever path life takes you! Alyssa Shay and Isabell Iceman took part in leading the meeting for all Richland county students.





ACT STATEWIDE TESTING DATES

Junior ACT Statewide Testing

All LHS juniors will be taking the ACT college admission test on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024** at Lucas High School at no cost to students. Junior students will test their knowledge on four different subjects: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. It's important for students to do their best and we look forward to seeing their scores in the upcoming weeks.

College Credit Plus Meeting

January 16, 2024 | Mid-Ohio Educational Services Center

Our annual CCP meeting will be available for parents and students who are interested in participation in the program for the 2024-2025 school year. All students who plan to participate in the CCP program during the 2024-2025 school year are required to attend the annual presentation with a parent and required paperwork to be eligible to participate. Area colleges will be presenting information specific to their institution.

College Credit Plus

A student enrolled at Lucas High School may be eligible to participate in the **College Credit Plus Program (CCP)**. This is an opportunity for students to take classes at eligible post-secondary institutions. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options for high school students.

The legislation for this program requires parents and students to receive counseling regarding the program from the post-secondary site and that a letter of intent for the 2024-2025 school year be submitted no later than April 1, 2024.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that a college credit plus course meets Lucas High School graduation requirements, the course must be approved by your high school counselor. Students accepted into the CCP program must complete the college placement test and work with a college advisor regarding course placement. Colleges and universities enrolling students are reimbursed by local school funding for tuition, textbooks, materials and fees. Parents/Students are required to reimburse the school district for incomplete or failed CCP courses and other related charges. Students participating in CCP will be required to provide their own transportation to and from the area college.



COST TO TEST

\$68 (no writing)

\$93 (with writing)

Test Dates:

February 10, 2024

June 8, 2024

April 13, 2024

July 13, 2024

Registration Deadline:

January 5, 2024

May 3, 2024

March 8, 2024

June 7, 2024

Register to take the ACT online:

Visit www.act.org OR Scan the QR code:



Scan Here!





Friday, October 13, 2023 the Lucas FFA hosted our annual Harvest Days activities. This year the students have planned a Tractor Display and Lesson, Cider Press demonstration, straw bale obstacle course, cup stacking competition, bingo activity to learn/identify farm animals, pin the tail on the donkey, a petting zoo (calf, ducks, chickens, mini horse, and goats), egg race, pumpkin painting, and ball toss game. There has been a lot of work to plan these activities and make sure all of the items needed are organized and ready for Friday.

In addition, our chapter hosted the District Job Interview contest. This contest provides students an opportunity to apply for a job through an application, interview, and follow up letter and gain valuable feedback that they can apply to future job searches. There were 51 students from 17 different schools who participated. As the host our students who helped run the contest also go the opportunity to earn credit for a district activity that can help them towards a state degree. It wasn't just student help. The Lucas FFA Alumni as well as Lucas Lions and other community members served as evaluators, graders, and interviewers. We couldn't host this contest without the community support.

This year's fruit sale has finished and we had several students show their strong ability in salesmanship. Jordan Tedrow was our top seller, Zac Janeczek was our runner up, and Allyson Arnold was third overall.

In addition, Claire Mudra was our top middle school seller and was actually our fourth overall seller. This fundraiser is a big part of what allows our program to pay for students activities in FFA. Without their efforts our Banquet and the number of trips we take would not be possible. So, thanks to ALL our fruit sellers this year and to all our fruit buyers. The Lucas FFA really does appreciate everyone the helps support and keeps our program going strong.

The Lucas FFA went to National Convention on November 1st through the 4th. Our chapter took a charter bus and traveled with the Buckeye Central, Colonel Crawford, Margaretta and Wynford FFA chapters as well. Students got to visit Huntington University, Shawk Sheep Farm, Fair Oaks Dairy, and a haunted house! In addition, they got to do experience the FFA Mall, General Sessions, a Rodeo, and everything that goes with the National Convention experience. At Fair Oaks Dairy, we got to see a 72 stall rotary parlor and a double six Lely robotic milking parlor. Both of these parlors we at one site and they have several sites. At this farm, there are people giving guided tours, bus drivers, and more all working on a farm in ways that students don't normally associate with Ag. All in all, we had a great time and would encourage students to attend next year. We would also like to thank the Lucas FFA Alumni and Lucas Lions club for donating funds to help offset the cost of the trip for students to be able to attend at a reduced rate.





2023-2024

HONOR/MERIT ROLL – HIGH SCHOOL



1ST QUARTER

12th Grade

4.0

Kailyn Caugherty
Oakley Davies*
Aiden Green*
Lilly Moherman
Abigail Smith
Cole Smith
Brayden Spittler

All A's

Isabell Iceman
Cohen Krupa*
Alyssa Lush*
Alyssa Shay
Alaina Stone

Honor Roll

Colby Crawford*
Kortney Eaton*
Graysen Jackson*
Zachary Kever*
Zachary Krupa*
Phoebe Oswalt*
Connor Rice*
Trinity Stickney*

Merit Roll

Kyerstin Ammons*
Jerzie Cox*
Trevor Estep*
Cole Fairchild*
Emily Frey*
Alexis McCune*
Katie Reznik*
Marisa Traxler*

11th Grade

4.0

Kylie Copeland*
Raya Walter

All A's

Brandy Bond*
Daniel Hockensmith

Erika Reece

Honor Roll

Zoey Baker*
Gavin Bichsel*
Olivia Brown*
Judah Chamberlain*
Christian Evans*
Robert Grover*

Trynitee Mount

Olivia Norris*

Kaydence Payne*

William Whitesel*

Merit Roll

Buck Arnold*
Logan Papst*
Grayson Putman*
Jaden Shaulis
Robert Slade*
Chloe Sturts*
Zachery Winters*

10th Grade

4.0

Olyvia Culler
Reuel Lewis
Myah Midkiff

All A's

Allyson Arnold
Kaitlyn Griffey
Mason Guegold
Madilynn Krupa
Hannah Orourke
Margaret Restelli
Morgan Trumpower

Honor Roll

Zachery Janeczek
Teagan Stevens
Hadley Williams

Merit Roll

Gabriel Brenner
Ruby Conn
Jack DiBartolomeo
Nicholas Diehl
Alegacy Grose
Emma Hamm
Adelyn Hauger
Charles Reed

9th Grade

4.0 GPA

Emma Brown
Anthony Fanello
Lily Hamilton
Caroline Secrist

All A's

Kaylen Copeland
Alissa Smith
Isabella Smith

Honor Roll

Leah Case
Cooper Day
Serenity Exline
Carter Fairchild
Braydon Francis
Xavier Hall
Arbor Lybarger

Merit Roll

Arianna Ohm
Grace Baker
Vivian Banks
Truvy Conn
Ian Culler
Joseph Desterhaft
Brady Guegold
Keylee Jenkins
Kylan Matson
Devyn McGugin

Pioneer* | College Now & College Credit Plus grades not included.





2023-2024

HONOR/MERIT ROLL – HIGH SCHOOL



2ND QUARTER

12th Grade

4.0

Aiden Green*
Abigail Smith
Brayden Spittler

All A's

Aidan Culler^{CNB}
Sam Darling^{CNB}
Oakley Davies*
Kortney Eaton*
Kendall Guegold^{CNB}
Zachary Keever*
Zachary Krupa*

Honor Roll

Karmyn Blackledge^{CNB}
Kailyn Caugherty^{CCP}
Isabell Iceman^{CCP}
Cohen Krupa*
Kyerstin Langston*
Alyssa Lush*
Lilly Moherman^{CCP}
Phoebe Oswalt*
Gabe Porter^{CNB}
Cole Smith^{CCP}
Alaina Stone^{CCP}
Logan Toms^{CNB}
Kalem Warner^{CNB}
Andrew Westfield

Merit Roll

Jerzie Cox*
Colby Crawford*
Keaton Day^{CNB}
Trevor Estep*
Cole Fairchild*
Emily Frey*
Grayson Jackson
Brody Odson^{CCP}
Katie Reznik*

11th Grade

4.0

Daniel Hockensmith

All A's

Brandy Bond*
Kylie Copeland*
Kaydence Payne*
Raya Walter^{CCP}

Honor Roll

Zoey Baker*
Olivia Brown*
Bekah Case^{CCP}
Robert Grover*
Amaya Howard^{CCP}
Olivia Norris*
William Whitesel*

Merit Roll

Buck Arnold*
Keegan Arnold^{CCP}
Gavin Bichsel*
Maddie Boyer^{CCP}
Judah Chamberlain*
Christian Evans*
Addie Melton^{CCP}
Logan Papst*
Grayson Putman*
Erika Reece
Zachery Winters*

10th Grade

4.0

Olyvia Culler
Myah Midkiff
Morgan Trumpower

All A's

Allyson Arnold
Kaitlyn Griffey
Emma Hamm
Reuel Lewis

Hannah Orourke
Margaret Restelli

Honor Roll

Mason Guegold
Madilynn Krupa

Merit Roll

Nicholas Diehl

9th Grade

4.0 GPA

Emma Brown
Kaylen Copeland
Lily Hamilton
Caroline Secrist

All A's

Anthony Fanello

Honor Roll

Leah Case
Joseph Desterhaft
Arbor Lybarger
Arianna Ohm

Merit Roll

Grace Baker
Cooper Day
Serenity Exline
Braydon Francis
Brady Guegold
Xavier Hall
Kylen Matson
Isabella Smith

Pioneer* | (CN) College Now | (CCP) College Credit Plus grades not included.





Spelling Bee

Thank you to all of our students for participating in this year's spelling bee. Congratulations to 8th grader **Zoe Norris** for winning this year's Lucas Middle School Spelling Bee!

The top four spellers Zoe Norris (8), Shiloh Walter (8), Olivia Strassell (7) and Adam Hicks (6) advanced to the Richland County Spelling Bee held in January.

Olivia Strassell earned the title of Top Speller in Richland County! Olivia Strassell and Shiloh Walter earned the opportunity to compete in the Tri-County spelling bee to be held February 15. Good Luck Girls! **Congratulations to all of our spellers!**



Winner!



STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

1ST QUARTER



7th grade – Ava Williams and Benjamin Hockensmith
6th grade – Kate Trumpower and Hunter Foss

2ND QUARTER



7th grade – Desiree McCune and Danica Gayheart
6th grade – Alisa Wilson and Theodore Wojciechowski





2023-2024

HONOR/MERIT ROLL – MIDDLE SCHOOL

1ST QUARTER

8th Grade

4.0 GPA

Riley Trumpower

All A's

Carter Cox

Gunnar Crist

Eleanore Hecker

Honor Roll

Kenneth Amstutz

Brady Anschutz

David Butterman

Kennedy Fulk

Grace Green

Luke Keever

Parker King

Autumn Rigney

Shiloh Walter

Merit Roll

Kaeden Carroll

Jocelyne Doss

Mikayla Felix

Daisy Nolen

Zoe Norris

Jocelyn Ramey

7th Grade

All A's

Avah Carroll

Kenzie Dech

Olivia Strassell

Chelsea Sweet

Ava Williams

Honor Roll

Kaitlyn Cuthbertson

Danica Gayheart

Benjamin Hockensmith

Graham Maglott

Desiree McCune

Amanda Morris

Merit Roll

Jacy Niswander

6th Grade

All A's

Aria Askins

Eelyn Crist

Hunter Foss

Eli Lewis

Kate Trumpower

Honor Roll

Baron Anschutz

Leland Hitchman

Mylah McKenna

Owen Ramsey

Piper Reining

Theodore Wojciechowski

Landen Youngblood

Merit Roll

Landon Cook

Peyton Crose

Ann-Marie Easterday

Grayson Flenner

Riley Jenkins

Aleah Kochert

Jasmin Ramey

Aiden Stone

Ella Strassell

Halle Williams

2ND QUARTER

8th Grade

4.0 GPA

Gunnar Crist

Riley Trumpower

All A's

Carter Cox

Eleanore Hecker

Luke Keever

Parker King

Honor Roll

Kenneth Amstutz

Brady Anschutz

David Butterman

Autumn Rigney

Shiloh Walter

Merit Roll

Jaxon Crist

Jocelyne Doss

7th Grade

All A's

Kenzie Dech

Graham Maglott

Olivia Strassell

Chelsea Sweet

Ava Williams

Honor Roll

Avah Carroll

Danica Gayheart

Desiree McCune

Amanda Morris

Merit Roll

Kaitlyn Cuthbertson

Benjamin Hockensmith

Kale Tedrow

6th Grade

All A's

Aria Askins

Eelyn Crist

Hunter Foss

Eli Lewis

Piper Reining

Ella Strassell

Kate Trumpower

Halle Williams

Honor Roll

Baron Anschutz

Landon Cook

Leland Hitchman

Elias Mauk

Mylah McKenna

Emily Morris

Landen Youngblood

Merit Roll

Ann-Marie Easterday

Jace Knepper

Aleah Kochert

Jasmin Ramey

Owen Ramsey

Theodore Wojciechowski





ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Lucas Elementary's and Lucas Middle School's Gifted in Creative Thinking students painted and decorated a snowman for Kingwood Center. The theme was, Let It Snow Go Cubs!



Gorman Nature Center came to Kindergarten to talk about how Ohio animals survive in the winter. The students got to hold and learn about the rat snake and box turtle that came.





KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP 2024

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS READY TO START KINDERGARTEN?

**IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE 5 YEARS OLD BY AUGUST 1, 2024,
THEN YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT IN LUCAS SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
FULL TIME, PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.**

YOU CAN START YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION PROCESS BY VISITING THE LINK BELOW

**AFTER COMPLETING THE PRE-REGISTRATION LINK, STAY TUNED FOR EMAIL COMMUNICATION
FROM THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE ABOUT OUR UPCOMING KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP AND DETAILS
RELATED TO THE REST OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS THROUGH FINAL FORMS.**

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND
CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE IN MAY/EARLY JUNE.**

- AN ORIGINAL COPY OF HIS/HER BIRTH CERTIFICATE,
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD,
- MOST RECENT IMMUNIZATION RECORDS,
- AND PROOF OF LUCAS RESIDENCY (MORTGAGE STATEMENT/LEASE AGREEMENT AND/OR UTILITY BILL WITH CURRENT ADDRESS LISTED ON THE BILL).

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

**THE PARENT/GUARDINA ENTERED IN PRE-REGISTRATION
WILL BE CONTACTED FOR YOUR CHILD'S TIME SLOT**



LUCAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



419-892-2338



<https://www.lucascubs.org/KindergartenRegistration.aspx>

PRE-REGISTER NOW





2023-2024

HONOR/MERIT ROLL – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



1ST QUARTER

5th Grade

All As

Bentley Cox
 Cheyenne Craft
 Owen Culler
 Annabelle FitzSimmons
 Branson Kimble
 Giffin Maglott
 Mason Santmyer

Honor Roll

James Deschner
 Griffin Jones
 Gunner Norris
 Natalie Phelps
 Liam Riddle
 Kamryn Smith
 Weston Swanger
 Delaney Williams

Merit Roll

Jacob Banks
 Brady Blackburn
 Caleb Carnes
 Alaina Copeland
 Ben Culler
 Aubree Flenner
 Rayna Moore
 Charlotte Mudra
 Jackson Stacy
 Alizae Thompson
 Autumn Wallace
 Maverik Warner

4th Grade

All As

Kannon Dech
 Adriana Fanello
 Tucker Iceman
 Avalynn Keck
 Brantley Kochert
 Asher Lybarger
 Charleigh Payne

Honor Roll

Cheznie Reece
 Carter Ringer
 Kailyn Robinson
 Cali Sweet
 Charlie Smith
 Westyn Stewart

Honor Roll

Melanie Adkins
 Garrett Carroll
 Coopar Crist
 Evan Easterday
 Hope Foss
 Scott Jefferson
 Chase Kachurchak
 Cruz Kachurchak
 Weston Kopp
 Alexander Massey
 Lucy Shade

Merit Roll

Bennett Ackerman
 Tylon Alexander
 Jozey Baker
 Layne Blackburn
 Kaycie Cole
 Kensley Cole
 Gauge Hamilton
 Matthew Wilson

2ND QUARTER

5th Grade

All As

Russell Deschner
 Branson Kimble
 Mason Santmyer
 Griffin Maglott
 Annabelle FitzSimmons
 Gunner Norris
 Cheyenne Craft

Honor Roll

Rayna Moore
 Nayara Shaulis
 Sophia Brown
 Aubree Flenner
 Alaina Copeland
 Owen Culler
 Caleb Carnes

Merit Roll

Liam Riddle
 Kamryn Smith
 Weston Swanger
 Maverik Warner
 Charlotte Mudra
 Bentley Cox
 Natalie Phelps
 Jacob Banks
 Griffin Jones
 Delaney Williams

4th Grade

All As

Layne Blackburn
 Garrett Carroll
 Kannon Dech
 Tucker Iceman
 Brantley Kochert
 Kailyn Robinson
 Cali Sweet

Honor Roll

Coopar Crist
 Adriana Fanello
 Avalynn Keck
 Asher Lybarger
 Cheznie Reece
 Charlie Smith
 Westyn Stewart

Honor Roll

Kensley Cole
 Hope Foss
 Chase Kachurchak
 Charleigh Payne
 Carter Ringer
 Melanie Adkins
 Jozey Baker
 Evan Easterday
 Weston Kopp
 Lucy Shade

Merit Roll

Bennett Ackerman
 Clayton Ball
 Kaycie Cole
 Gauge Hamilton
 Bryson Metcalf
 Tylon Alexander
 Adrienne Holland
 Scott Jefferson
 Cruz Kachurchak





ATHLETIC UPDATES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls Basketball team is a very young group this season and they only have 8 girls in the HS Program. The team has no Seniors and only 1 Junior. The girls are competing hard and continually getting better. It has been a tough season so far to this point but, they are improving and hopefully they can get things rolling and pick up a few wins heading into tournament time. The Lady Cubs close out their regular season schedule with 3 home games against Cardington, Mansfield Christian, and Buckeye Central. Come out and support your Girls Basketball Team!!

BOYS BASKETBALL

The HS Boys Basketball team is off to a good start with an undefeated record in conference play. With a strong overall record of 13-3, the Cubs are planning for a high seed in the upcoming district tournaments. The JV Cubs basketball team is a very young group that is working hard and improving each time they get to play. Both teams look to have a strong finish to the season.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

HS Wrestling has seen a boost in its participation and numbers. The Cubs now have a roster of around 10 athletes. The Cubs have a mix of experience and a lot of youth. Some of the kids that are new to the program are improving each opportunity that they get, and others are continuing their success as they work towards the end of the season KMAC tournament and OHSAA post season matches.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

The Lucas MS teams are heading down the home stretch of their seasons. The boys and girls MS basketball teams competed in the MBC tournament finals on February 8. The MS wrestlers also competed in the KMAC tournament on February 2 at Centerburg HS.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lucas Area Historical Society is pleased to inform you that we will be hosting some guest speakers this year. On Monday, **March 11, 2024** at our 7 p.m. meeting we are pleased to welcome **Josh Andra** who will be discussing **Vintage Cap Guns** and displaying his collection. Josh has been our guest several times and we anticipate another interesting presentation.

Arrangements have been made to have **U.S. President Benjamin Harrison (Tom Bachelder)** come to talk to us about his life and presidency. This will occur on Monday, April 8, 2024 at the Lucas Community Center.

We continue to collect photos of all our Veterans who have served our country during any conflict or peace time and live or lived in the area. We have many names, but not very many photos. For more information, please call Julia Crawford at **419-892-3394**. Please check out the people who have submitted photos on display in the case at the Lucas Community Center.

Our meetings are held at the Lucas Community Center on the second Monday of each month beginning in March. We hope you will join us on the 11th of March for our first meeting and program of 2024 which are open to all ages.



LUCAS AREA FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for all who support the pantry. The donation containers at the gas station, Pinhook, and the Open Door supported us with around \$2500 in 2023. It goes a long way in the purchase of food to fill our shelves. **We serve around 350 families per month.** The Lucas Middle School sponsored a donation drive for us. Fifteen carts of food and hygiene products. The area churches under the guidance of Pleasant Valley donated soap products. Soap is available through the Cleveland Food Bank but is very expensive. Our focus is always on giving food first. Donations can be sent to **252 West Main, Lucas 44843 – Janet McGugin, Director**





Lucas Lions

November 4 saw a very successful Mystery Bingo night at the community center. The projects from the money maker allows this service organization an opportunity to do more, serve more. The club had a fun evening for itself at the Christmas Party. Jan Grubaugh developed an enjoyable evening with a "Make it Take it" Frosty the Snowman for the entertainment and the Cub Country LLC catered a tasty meal for all members and guests to enjoy. This is one of the few times the group does something strictly for itself. At such an event there is no use of money earned at fund raisers. This policy would not be allowed by Lions guidelines and the members would have it no other way. And the spring scholarship awards have been given to each of the students who successful completed the first semester of their college career. We are proud of Syndee Blackledge, Jadon Walter and Emily Daley.

And be watching for the date in April for the next exciting evening of Bingo at the community center. Get your tickets quickly when they go on sale. They go fast. See you there.

Lucas Lions are looking forward to another busy spring of serving the Lucas Community. Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, March 23rd at 10am at the Elementary playground (rain date March 30). Join the FFA for a pancake breakfast before the Egg Hunt in the cafeteria. Lucas Branch Library will have a take home craft for kids. Kids aged 0-12 will be divided into age groups for the Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will also be available for photos! Bring your own bag or basket to carry all your goodies home!

Our third Mystery Bingo night is April 20th from 5-9pm, at the LCC. Tickets go on sale March 1st for \$35 each. Call Kristin at **614-981-3998** to reserve your seat! Check our facebook page for more information.

We are excited to announce a new scholarship opportunity for area Seniors going directly into the workforce. This \$500 scholarship will help offset the cost of joining the workforce and is intended to be used to purchase tools/equipment, uniforms, pay licensing fees or similar startup costs. Additionally, the Lucas Lions offer three traditional scholarships for graduating seniors. Please check with the High School office for more information.

If you attended any home boys basketball games this winter you saw Lucas Lions members selling tickets. Look for our new banners at the baseball diamond this spring! Congratulations to Brad Booth on 50 years of Lucas Lions Membership! Lion Brad was our long time club secretary, and has been instrumental in helping our club flourish. Please join us in thanking Lion Brad next time you see him.



LUCAS LIBRARY SOLAR ECLIPSE

Lucas Branch Library will be offering Solar Eclipse glasses starting **March 11th**, while supplies last. Glasses are limited to 1 per person or 4 per family. April 1-6th we will offer COSI Space Kits. Families can stop into the library and pick up a kit while supplies last. Kits are developmentally appropriate for students pre-k-2 grade, 3rd-7th grade. All MRCPL locations will be closed Monday, April 8th.

Step into a Story- February 26th- March 16th - Travel Richland County and visit each MRCPL location to step into a story. See which book has come to life and get your passport stamped for a small prize. Get stamped at all nine locations and enter for a grand prize tote bag filled with goodies related to each story.

Our Annual Easter Egg Coloring Contest will be March 18-29th. Lucas students K-5th grade will bring home the Easter Egg Coloring Contest from school. The Lucas Branch Library will also have copies available. Visit our table during the Community Easter Egg Hunt March 23rd at 10am for a take home craft. Visit our website for a complete list of Spring programs! mrcpl.libnet.info/events

Deans List

Shelby Grover

Kent State University
First Semester





In January, LifeWise Academy Lucas was excited to welcome new students for the second semester. Students in kindergarten through 7th grade ride in the big red LifeWise bus to Grace Bible Church each Monday to learn character traits through Bible Education. January's word was wholeheartedness. Students learned that wholeheartedness means to have complete dedication in all you do. Students are encouraged to be dedicated in their school work, in their friendships, at home, and with God. Students participate in playing games, singing songs, listening to stories and memorizing verses. In December, each student received a LifeWise T-shirt. (*Thank you Cates Chiropractic.*) Each Monday, it is exciting to see students coming to LifeWise in their red t-shirts! Students who were new to LifeWise this year also received a Bible of their very own. (*Thank you Harvest Call of the Apostolic Christian Church of America.*) A great big thank you to all those individuals, churches, and businesses who support LifeWise Lucas! You are appreciated! LifeWise Academy Lucas would like to expand to grades 8-12 in the future. We would like to know if there is an interest. If you are a 7th-11th grader at Lucas would you please fill out the survey at our site or you can get to the survey by scanning the **QR code**. Thank you!



Scan Here!

If you'd like to know more about LifeWise, or would like to know how you can be involved, or if you would like me to share with your business or group about LifeWise Academy, please contact me **Connie Cates**
 Phone: (419) 565-2057
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The Lucas LifeWise website is lifewise.org/lucasoh.





The Lucas Community Center participated in the National Day of Giving on Thursday, Nov. 28th. The Richland County Foundation through Richland Gives sponsored the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. LCC had a first place finish in the medium nonprofit category for the 6th year in a row with donations of \$27,355 plus \$6,750 in prizes for a total giving of \$34,105. Thank you to all those who generously supported the Lucas Community Center this year. You are greatly appreciated.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO GAVIN BICHSEL who is a senior at Lucas High School, for the new landscaping including five bushes

and a decorative concrete border in front of the band stage at LCC. Gavin helped with the design and provided all the labor as part of his Eagle Scout project. Additionally, he cleared the fence line beside the band stage adding gravel to help with water runoff. In the spring he will plant grass to finish this project. Gavin did an amazing job with the help of his Scout Troop friends and family. We are very grateful for his dedication to Scouting and his vision for enhancing the band stage area. **Congratulations on earning your Eagle Scout award!**

Country Music Jam – 2nd & 4th Tuesday every month in Hanley Hall 1-3 pm **FREE**

YMCA – Exercise FREE with Amy Moore from the YMCA. Strength and Endurance on

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 am and Core Floor Exercises on Friday 9:30 - 10:15 am - bring a mat on Friday.. **ALL EQUIPMENT IS WASHED AFTER EVERY CLASS!**

Lions Club – 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6pm

LAMA – 1st Wednesday 8am (Jan,Mar,May,Sept,Nov)

Community Chapel – 4th Thursday 7pm

Cards – every Monday 6:30 - 8:30pm in Gathering Room

Remember to use **AmazonSmile** for your online purchases and mark the Lucas Community Center for your charity donation! Thank you!! We appreciate all the ways you support us.

REMINDER

Solar Eclipse • Monday, April 8th – for more info: richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/eclipse2024

Lucas Prom **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 – LANDOLL'S MOHICAN CASTLE WITH THE GRAND MARCH – BEGINS AT 6PM**

LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY

- 16 *Teacher In-Service – 2 HOUR DELAY*
- 19 *Presidents' Day – No SCHOOL*
- 27 *ES/MS Conference Night*
- 29 *All Schools Conference Night*

APRIL

- 1-8 *Spring Break – NO SCHOOL*
- 8 *Solar Eclipse*
- 9 *SCHOOL RESUMES*
- 18 *HS Conference Night*
- 19 *Teacher In-Service – 2 HOUR DELAY*
- 27 *Lucas Prom – Starts at 6PM*

MARCH

- 1 *Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL*
- 4 *Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL*
- 29 *Spring Break – NO SCHOOL*

MAY

- 10 *Teacher In-Service – 2 HOUR DELAY*
- 26 *Commencement – Class of 2024*
- 27 *Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL*
- 30 *LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!*
- 31 *Teacher Work Day*



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