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WELCOME NEW STAFF



Amber Boyd
MS/HS TEACHER



Gwendalyn Boyer
PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER



Kaila Ruiz HS SPANISH



Karen Nolen
PRE-SCHOOL AIDE



Katie Johnson K-12 MUSIC



Tyler Hunter
MS TEACHER

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MEET THE STAFF



AMBER BOYD

I am currently teaching at the High School for 8th grade math and 9th grade English Language Arts. I am also the JV Cheerleading coach.

What made you want to join the Lucas Local Schools District?

I grew up in Lucas and attended the school from Kindergarten all the way up to my senior year. I've always known how amazing this little school district is, and wanted to give back to the community that taught me so much growing up.

Can you tell us a little about your background and what you love about your job?

After Lucas, I attended The Ohio State University and received a Bachelor's Degree in science. I worked as a nanny and then a substitute teacher in Columbus. I made my way back home and subbed here in the district, and ended up getting the position I currently have! I love this job because it gives me the freedom to be creative!

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

There's so many things I am looking forward to in my new role! I am excited to see my students challenge themselves and find out they can do so much more than they've realized. I am also working with an amazing staff who has already taught me so much. Lastly, getting to coach my cheerleaders and watch them on Friday nights and Saturday mornings has been one of my favorite things so far!

What's something fun or interesting about you that others might not know?

Before I was a teacher, I worked as a zookeeper for a few years, so I also love animal science!

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I love anything revolving around music, so my husband and I love attending concerts whenever we get the chance to! I also love to read and paint in my spare time.



GWENDALYN BOYER

I am the preschool teacher here at Lucas.

What made you want to join the Lucas Local Schools District?

I wanted to join the Lucas team because of the small and close-knit district. I think it's so rewarding/important to be able to make close connections within the community and that's something Lucas does so well.

Can you tell us a little about your background and what you love about your job?

I am originally from Mansfield and graduated Madison in 2014. I am a veteran of the United States Air Force and left to pursue education in 2019. I graduated from Ashland University and previously taught special education at Madison. I love teaching preschool because of how excited students are to learn and discover the world around them. Nothing beats seeing a student's eyes light up because they made a new connection.

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

I'm looking forward to fostering a love for learning so students can carry that positive attitude through the rest of their school years.

What's something fun or interesting about you that others might not know?

A fun fact that most people don't know about me is that I am a certified axe throwing coach.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Outside of work I like spending time with my husband and staying outside as much as possible. Camping, hiking, walking, and pickleball are just a few of my favorite activities.





MEET THE STAFF



I am the Spanish teacher at Lucas High School.

What made you want to join the **Lucas Local Schools District?**

For me, joining the Lucas Local School District was a homecoming. I love Lucas because it is a small town full of people who support each other.

Can you tell us a little about your background and what you love about your job?

I am originally from Lucas and graduated from Miami University, where I received my degree in Linguistics. I have been a Spanish speaker for nearly 15 years. I love my job because I have a lot of passion for

helping to shape the next generation of language learners.

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

I'm looking forward to creating interesting projects for my students to work on and inspiring them to think outside of the box and really be creative with language.

What's something fun or interesting about you that others might not know?

I love to travel. It is my goal to visit all 50 states and as many countries as I can.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I'm also very much a homebody, so a lot of my hobbies involve being around my house! I have a vegetable garden and love to cook and bake. I'm also an avid reader in my free time.



I am the new preschool teacher aide.

What made you want to join the **Lucas Local Schools District?**

I was excited to hear Lucas decided to bring back their preschool program this year. I chose to apply for the job because I believe Lucas School is by far the best school district in the state!

Can you tell us a little about your background and what you love about your job?

I went to Lucas and graduated in 2000. It's where I met my husband, Curtis and where we raised our three daughters.

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

One of the best parts, about my job is watching the kids learn new things and develop new friendships. I am looking forward to helping the preschoolers plant their roots here at Lucas and build a strong foundation for their educational development.

What's something fun or interesting about you that others might not know?

One interesting fact people might not know about me is that I am a classic car fanatic.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Taking my 1966 Ford Mustang to car shows is one of my favorite things to do outside of work. I also like spending time with family and friends whether we gather for dinner or to just hang out and enjoy each other's company.





MEET THE STAFF



KATIE JOHNSON

I am the K-12 music teacher here at Lucas.

What made you want to join the Lucas Local Schools District?

What drew me to Lucas was how unique my job is in a district of this size. The size of this district allows teachers to provide each student the individual support they need. There is a great joy in teaching in a district where everyone knows (and supports!) each other.

Can you tell us a little about your background and what you love about your job?

I grew up and attended school in Northeast Ohio. I earned my degree from the University of Akron, where I was an instrumental music education student. I was involved in everything I could possibly do - marching band, multiple concert bands, chamber ensembles, professional development groups, etc. I am also a Brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, a co-educational service fraternity. My job here at Lucas is genuinely one I look forward to every day. I have the distinct honor an privilege to teach virtually every student in the district, from Kindergarten all the way through high school. Building relationships with students this year and in years to come, finding out exactly what they need from me, and helping them discover and thrive in their musical journey - it's such a rewarding experience.

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

I am most looking forward to seeing my students experience their "lightbulb" moment in music where everything finally clicks. Also getting to share my students' musical talents with the community.

What's something fun or interesting about you that others might not know?

I have performed music in 8 different countries!

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

After school, I enjoy cooking, doing crafts like embroidery or crochet, reading, and spending time with my crazy orange cat Sunnie.



TYLER HUNTER

I am the 6th grade ELA and Science teacher here at Lucas.

What made you want to join the Lucas Local Schools District?

The small, tight knit community feel of Lucas really made me want to join Lucas Local Schools!

Can you tell us a little about your background and what you love about your job?

I obtained my first degree from Ashland University in Sports Communication/Journalism, where I dreamed of being a sports reporter. After college I was given the opportunity to coach high school Cross Country and Track, and that was a game changer in my career path. I went back to school and received my degree in Education (from Ashland University) and soon began my teaching/coaching career. I absolutely love the relationships I get to build with my students each year, and always having the opportunity to make them feel confident in themselves both in and out of the classroom!

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

As my new role as a teacher here at Lucas, I am most looking for-

ward to teaching Science and being a positive role model for my students!

What's something fun or interesting about you that others might not know?

Something fun or interesting about me, I am a diehard Cleveland Browns, Indians, and Ohio State Buckeyes fan!

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my fiance and our dog, running, and taking care of my horse Willow!





The 2024 Richland County Fair started off the year great for the Lucas FFA, Daniel Boyd got 8th place champion for his Market Broiler Chickens. Hadley Williams got 7th place and Reserve Champion for her Market Goats, 4th place Champion with her Market Steer, and Reserve Champion for her Market Beef Feeder Calf. Madison Boyer got 3rd place Champion with her Meat goat as well as 6th place in showman of showmen. Jordan Tedrow got Senior Horse Ambassador for Richland County and was 3rd place in showman of showmen as well. Joseph Culler earned 6th place in the Dairy Steer Champion. This was also Alania Stone's senior year showing at the fair and competed with her market goat and her horse. Other FFA members that also showed at the fair were Allyson Arnold, Brady Guegold, Grace Baker, Collin Ammons, Devyn McGugin, Alegacy Grose, Shiloh Walter, and Emmalee Bradford. Congratulations to all our students and thanks for representing Lucas so well.





The Lucas FFA hosted State Sentinel, Mr. Caleb Bennett, on September 10th. Caleb led the students in activities to learn about FFA, CDE's as well as some leadership games that got kids to learn about the importance of communication, listening, and teamwork. This was a fun day and we would like to thank Caleb for taking time out of his schedule to come be a part of the Lucas FFA for a day.



HIGH SCHOOL



On September 11th, 14 students traveled to Bellville Street fair to set up Lucas FFA's vegetable table. Those students that helped were Zell, Jaxon, Colton, Carter, Grace, Daniel, Wyatt, Devyn, Ayden, Joseph, Joel, Liam, Collin, Shiloh. They all set up multiple different types of corn, beans and canned items. The students worked really hard together to display the products grown in our community. Lily Hamilton, Zel Finley, Nick Stinehour, Liam Hensley, Dominic Clark, Owen Guegold, and Graham Maglott also helped on Saturday to tear down the table and bring everything back to the school. The table ended up looking really good and we would like to thank everyone who helped set up and tear down as well as everyone who donated items for the display. At Bellville Street fair we also had four students participate in livestock events. Alaina Stone with a boer goat, Alegacy Grose and Devyn Mc-Gugin with a market turkey, and Jordan Tedrow with a market rabbit.



The Lucas FFA traveled to London, Ohio on September 18th for the annual Farm Science Review. Those students were Jaxson, Shiloh, Arbor, Collin, Claire, Brady A., Carter, Grace, Colton, Kylen, Ayden, Wyatt, Zell, Owen, Danny, Devyn, Nick, Liam, and Brady G. These students got to walk around, explore, and learn a lot about new technologies having an impact on farming. Students got to climb into tractors, combines and other machinery to see what it's like to operate it. The students also could use the simulators to get a more realistic view of how things worked, they all had a great time.

On September 13th we had 22 students participate in the County Soils Contest. Those students were Colton, Lily, Devyn, Kylen, Joseph, Arbor, Liam, Grace, Jaxson B., Ayden, Brady, Claire, Jaxson C., Carter, Daniel, Nick, and Collin. They tested multiple soil types as well as gave their recommendations to improve the conditions of the soils they tested. The Urban team placed 3rd over all. We would also like to thank Joey Culler for digging practice pits for us to use and Joe Arnold for allowing us a site to practice this year.

Thursday September 19th was a busy day for us as well. Devyn McGugin and Shiloh Walter represented the Lucas FFA at the District forestry contest in the morning and got to experience Bakers Pizza for lunch on the way home as well. Then in the evening, Katie Griffey sold her Steer at the Ashland County Fair as well as participated in the Showman of Showmen event. We would also like to congratulate Katie on earning the honor of being Ashland County Jr. Fair Royalty Court Attendant. This is a big honor and requires an application and interview process. Great work Katie!

A few students also moved on to District Soils. The Urban team consisted of: Joev Culler, Ayden Kendall, Brady Guegold, Collin Ammons, Katie Griffey, Allyson Arnold. The contest was hosted in Erie County this year and provided a good location for our team to demonstrate what they have learned. We are excited to see results and learn how they did (follow us on facebook and instagram for updates throughout the year).







We have been busy and would like to thank everyone who helps to support us. Recently the FFA Alumni also wrapped up their annual Mums Sale with all proceeds used to help support the Lucas FFA. The Lucas FFA would like to thank the Alumni for the time they put in organizing this fundraiser and the community for supporting us. If you are interested in joining the FFA Alumni and learning how to help support the Lucas FFA Students, reach out to Mr. Dotson (419) 561-1447. The Lucas FFA Fruit Sale starts October 3rd! Reach out to any FFA Students to place your orders!



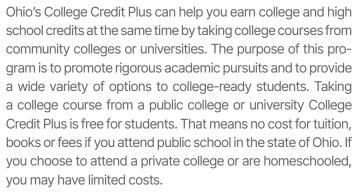




FCCLA

The FCCLA (Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America) is off to a good start! This group is excited to learn more about leadership, community, and networking with their peers. Stay tuned for the We Sell Two sock fundraiser in October, as the funds earned will be donated to the Brighter Days foundation! See any FCCLA member for information.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS



Your high school may have an agreement with a local college for specific courses, however, you can choose to take College Credit Plus courses from any college that offers a course that would benefit your future. This could include online courses. Once you find the university or college you would like to attended for College Credit Plus, you can go to their website and complete the application—each school has their own process and procedures; as well as their own requirements to enroll in College Credit Plus.

As stated, College Credit Plus is free for all public school students who wish to attend a public Ohio university or college. There may be fees for homeschooled students, or students that wish to attend a private university of college.

If you need help completing the College Credit Plus application, we encourage you to reach out to your school's counselor for assistance with the process. To learn more about College Credit Plus, please visit the College Credit Plus webpage at Ohio Higher Education. Grades 6-11 only.



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College Credit Plus & Financial Aid Night November 18th, 2024 6-7pm

November 18th, 2024 6 - 7pm Mid-Ohio ESC 890 West Fourth Street Mansfield, Ohio 44906





HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 23 School portrait re-takes 7:30

Oct 25 Last day to order book before price increase

Dec 20 Senior pictures due

Jan 6 Ad payment deadline

Jan 24 Senior group photo

On Sale – 2025 Yearbooks And Senior Congratulatory Ads

Visit jostens.com or email schuster.sara@lucascubs.org

HOMECOMING COURT



King & Queen:

King Will Whitesel Queen Madi Boyer

Front:

Future Queen Natalie Foss Future King Beckett Hart

L to R back row:

Junior Escort Lane Adkins Sophomore Escort Joe Culler Freshman Escort Jaxon Crist Senior Escort Bobby Grover Senior Escort Will Whitesel

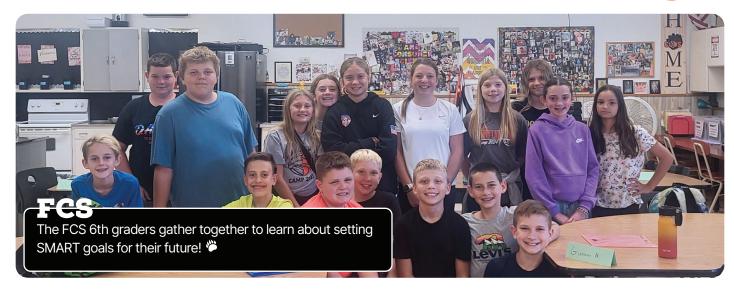
L to R middle row:

Junior Attendant Keara Ammons
Sophomore Attendant Emma Brown
Freshman Attendant Jocelyne Doss
Senior Attendant Olivia Brown
Senior Attendant Madi Boyer
Senior Attendant Raya Walter





Middle School News





Lucas Middle School physical education students earned an opportunity to take on staff members in a volleyball game.



LUCAS MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SPORT ATHLETES





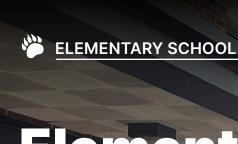






THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK THIS SEASON!





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OPEN HOUSE Elementary & Middle School

Lucas Elementary and Lucas Middle School's Open Houses were a great success. Thank you to the office staff, Transportation Department, PTO, Lucas's Library, Lifewise, Awanas, Altrusa, Family Life Counseling, and the teaching staff for making this night a success.







LUCAS PRE-SCHOOL

Lucas Local Schools welcomes our 2024-2025 preschool program. The AM pre-school class stopped in to say hello to our senior citizens at their September 2024 breakfast where they showcased Head Shoulders Knees and Toes. **





R.I.D.E

Cub P.R.I.D.E. is underway as our elementary students start their school year. Being caught demonstrating Patience, Respect, Independence, Dedication and Engagement can earn student a chance to shop at the PBIS store.











LUCAS HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORT ATHLETES









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Community News

ASTRA

ASTRA is an international community service organization for youth and young adults from middle school through college, and is supported by local Altrusa Clubs. The ASTRA Club of Lucas is a newly formed Community Club inviting 6th - 8th graders, who have a desire to serve others and their community, and is sponsored and mentored by Altrusa International of Mansfield.

The first meeting was held on September 16th at the Lucas Community Center with both students and parents in attendance. Information was presented by the 4 ASTRA advisors; McKenzie Dinger, Abbey Eichler, Marilyn McFarland and Deanne Morrell. Our special guest speaker was the Altrusa District Five Governor, Tammy Bader, who is a member of the Mansfield Club. Other Altrusans were in attendance to show support and join in the fun!





Following refreshments and a game, students and Altrusa members worked on a service project together. The project involved cutting out Bookworm bag tags, signing them, placing gummy worms (bookworms) in a small bag, stapling on their bag tag, and placing them into a larger bag of 10-12 leveled reading books. (donated by Lucas Schools) ASTRA members then offered this Literacy- based community service project to the LCC Pantry clients and children, the morning of September 28th.

To help with future community service projects, ASTRA has a FUNdraiser coupon sheet currently being sold for \$20, \$19 going directly back to the Club. The proceeds will go towards future worthwhile projects that the ASTRA students are interested in doing, as we respect that ASTRA is a student-led club.

ASTRA meets the same time on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:15 - 7:45pm at the Lucas Community Center. Meetings will have an agenda including old business, new business, officer reports, games or raffles (for prizes), refreshments, and service project planning and/or involvement.

If you would like to know more about ASTRA, or would like to purchase a coupon sheet, please contact me, Marilyn McFarland (Lucas Resident), 419-265-7330 or msmcfarland55@yahoo.com

Visit the ASTRA website at astra.altrusa.org

Look for us on our Facebook page **ASTRA Club of Lucas**



LUCAS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lucas Area Historical Society would like to invite everyone, young and older, to join us for meetings the second Monday of each month beginning in March and continuing through October. We begin at 7 p.m. in the Community Center and usually run about an hour unless we have a program or many interesting Lucas area artifacts for "show and tell". We have assembled another calendar for 2025, showcasing businesses from the past as well as the present. This is a fundraising event for the Historical Society and the price of each calendar will be \$20.00. You may call Julia Crawford, 419-892-3394 or JoAnn Heimberger, 419-524-1709 to order

or stop into the Lucas Hair Designs shop. Barb will have copies there for sale. These would make nice Christmas gifts.



We are still collecting photos

of Lucas and Monroe Township 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 one of the numbers above. We look forward to seeing you.

LUCAS FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all the volunteers that help each pantry. It runs smoothly with all the great help. Our campaign with Meijer "Simply Gives" program was successful, it helps us buy food that is not always available. Because of this program we can give more food out than what we are required to through the Cleveland Food Bank. Our requirements to be in the program are to give out food for 3 days. We had another gift from Charles Mill Marina, through their "fill the pon-

toon boat". We had nearly 10 carts of food given to us. These programs enable us to stretch our money. Also, individuals, LAMA churches, and the collection containers at local businesses are very supportive. Thanks to everyone. Donations can be sent to 252 West Main Street Lucas 44843.



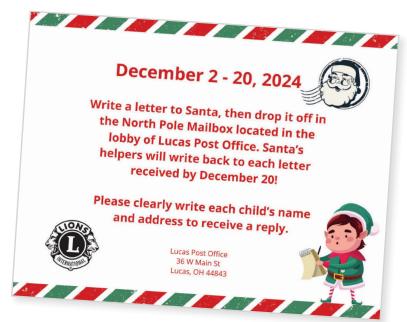


LUCAS LIONS CLUB

The Lucas Lions are looking forward to another fun Halloween Parade. If you would like to participate in the parade, please contact Kristin Wilson at 614-981-3998. Community Halloween Activities will take place on Thursday October 31, 2024. Trick or Treat will be from 5:30-6:30pm followed by the parade at 7:00pm. Costume and Float judging will take place immediately following the parade with cash prizes! This year the parade will step off from St. Paul Lutheran Church and end at the schools.

We would also like to invite everyone to the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, December 2 at 6:00pm. We will have cookies, hot chocolate, Christmas carols and visit from some special friends. We will once again collect Letters to Santa from December 2- 20, 2024 Each child will receive a personal response from Santa's helpers if they provide their name and address. Letters can be dropped off at the Lucas Post Office beginning December 2nd.

Finally, you can rent the sign on the corner of Hanley Rd & 39 by the day or week. **Call Kelly Mongold at 419-961-4679 for more information!**









LifeWise Academy Begins Third Year at Lucas

LifeWise Academy Lucas welcomed back former Kindergarten through 7th grade students and added 26 new students this year! Classes began on September 9. LifeWise is a Released time Religious Instruction Program that allows students to attend off-site, non-denominational, Bible based classes with an emphasis on character education. Students attend LifeWise Academy during their special or lunchtime once a week.

Lucas LifeWise students have learned about gratitude, respect, commitment, and hope through Bible Stories and memory verses. Students play games, sing songs, and create crafts to help them learn!





LifeWise Academy enjoyed an afternoon of fun at the Lucas Car Show on August 31! Crafts, playing a disk drop game, and racing a balloon car were all part of the fun at the LifeWise booth!

LifeWise would like to thank Grace Bible Church, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Olive Tree Christian Fellowship Church, Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, LAMA and the Lucas Community for their support of LifeWise Academy Lucas.

For more information, or to register your child for second semester, or to donate go to lifewise.org/lucasoh scan the QR code, or contact Connie Cates at conniecates@lifewise.org.

LUCAS LIBRARY

Children and teens join the Lucas Branch Library for exciting programs with Fall and Winter!

November:

- 4th (TEEN) Boba Tea. Take home activity while supplies last.
- 11th Veterans Day Thank you craft 1-6pm while supplies last.
- 25th We Can Be Voyagers! 1-6pm. Come sail away with the library and enjoy Polynesian-themed stories, songs, activities and crafts about our favorite island princess and the places that inspired her tale.

December:

- 2nd (TEEN) Leveled up Ramen. Experiment with unique ramen creations. Take home activity. While supplies last.
- 5th Storytime with Santa 10:30am. NO registration required
- 6th & 13th Christmas at Pugh Cabin 6pm- Join us in historic Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm for cozy stories around the fire, singing and a visit from a special friend. Registration is REQUIRED- call 419-892-2576 to register.
- 12th Gingerbread Houses 10:30am & 3:30pm- Decorate a cardboard gingerbread house! Registration is REQUIRED- call 419-892-2576 to register.
- 16th (TEEN) Ugly Sweater Diamond Dots 1-6pm while supplies last
- 19th Last Minute Gift Wrapping. You bring the gifts and we will provide everything you need to wrap it. While supplies last.



POSTAL CUSTOMER



Richland County will be observing the International Day of Giving on December 3, 2024. The Lucas Community Center would like to encourage all Lucas residents and their family and friends to participate in this opportunity to support our wonderful community center. The Richland County

Foundation through Richland Gives sponsors the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. Donations through Richland Gives start counting on November 18th but we would encourage everyone to give during the exciting Giving Tuesday event on December 3rd when advantageous bonuses can be earned. Donations must be processed through: richlandgives.mightycause.com You can find the LCC by searching for Lucas Community Center in the search bar at the top right of the page or by following the links on the LCC website. Richland Gives only accepts credit card donations. Please help the Lucas Community Center reach for the top as the small community with the BIG heart.

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

Food Pantry - Saturday 9 - 11am

October 26 January 11, 25 November 16 February 8, 22

December 21

Line Dancing – Tuesday 7 – 9pm. Donations accepted.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

STAY UP TO DATE

Visit *lucascubs.org* to get the latest information on Lucas Local Schools.

NOVEMBER

5 ES/MS Conferences7 ES/MS Conferences

8 Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL

19 November Board Meeting

27-30 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

2 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

2 Lion's Club – Christmas Tree Lighting

3 School Resumes

5 HS Conferences

6 In-Service – 2 Hour Delay

17 December Board Meeting

23-31 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

1-3 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

6 School Resumes

20 M.L. King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL

