



CUB COUNTRY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2019-2020: VOLUME 8



Message from the Superintendent

Superintendent, Mr. Herman

Fall is in the air, and fall means activities are in full swing in our schools. We are excited about the great things happening in our district. You will find many of these in the pages of this newsletter. One of the great things about our newsletter is collaborating with the community organizations to bring our stakeholders news and exciting information. I am sure you will enjoy reading about all the upcoming community events.

Speaking of the community, we would appreciate your help. Our district is preparing to journey into designing a master plan for our school facilities. Lucas Local Schools and Garmann/Miller Architects & Engineers are collaborating to develop a facility maintenance plan for our existing buildings. Our next step is the development of a master plan to provide a vision for our future facility needs. Those needs may be a plan for renovation/remodeling the existing buildings, new school building(s), or just about anything in between. Our Board of Education, treasurer, and I would like input and help from community members.

At the August 6, 2019 Board of Education meeting, the Board decided to form a committee tasked with helping develop the District's facilities master plan. If you would like to be part of this process, and you are a resident in the District, please email Treasurer, Larry Lifer, lifer.larry@lucascubs.org. The email should include: your name, address, phone number, and email address. The Board of Education is looking to establish a committee that represents a cross-section of the community, so please provide profile information about yourself. Examples might include: property owner, home owner, retiree, parent, business owner, community group membership, etc. After the Board has reviewed the list of people expressing interest to participate on the master planning committee, the Board will be in communication regarding the next steps in the process. We appreciate your consideration to participate. Finally, we look forward to the many exciting and successful happenings in our schools this year, and sharing their celebration with you in future newsletters.

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ES, Intervention Specialist



Matthew Dotson
HS, FFA/Vocational Agriculture



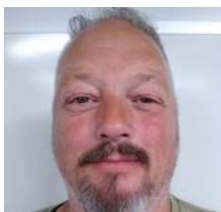
Taylor Iceman
Athletic Director



James Metcalf
High School Principal



Susan Peters
ES, Intervention Specialist



David Rhodes
Transportation



Jaclyn Sauder
ES, Second Grade Teacher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Oct. 14: No School - Professional Development Day
Oct. 15: Senior Citizen Breakfast - Cafeteria, 9:00 AM
Oct. 19: Fundraiser Benefit Dinner - Cafeteria, 5:00 PM
Oct. 21: Mandatory Winter Sports Meeting - MS Gym, 7:00 PM
Oct. 31: Happy Halloween Trick-or-Treat - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Oct. 31: Halloween Parade - 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4: Athletic Booster Meeting - MS Library, 6:00 PM
Nov. 5: Board of Education Meeting - MS Library, 6:00 PM
Nov. 5: Election Day-Levy Renewal
Nov. 7: Fall Conference Night* - MS Library, 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
Nov. 12: Fall Conference Night* - MS Library, 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Nov. 19: Senior Citizen Breakfast - Cafeteria, 9:00 AM
Nov. 27: No School - Comp. Day
Nov. 28: Happy Thanksgiving - 11/28-12/2 Thanksgiving Break

*Child-Watch Provided for P/T Conferences

DECEMBER

Dec. 3: School Resumes

Message from a New Teacher

My name is Matt Dotson and this is my first year teaching Ag here at Lucas. I am originally from the Bucyrus area and went to High School at Wynford back in the NCC days. I grew up raising sheep and rabbits for our County Fair, and also helped out when I could on my Grandpa's and Uncle's grain farm. I am excited to be teaching Ag and developing our students potential for career success through Ag Education and FFA.

My interest in agriculture is diverse, and I do think that there are a LOT of topics that are covered in our program that have relevance to our students. My biggest goal is to spark and interest in our students in at least one of these topics. That spark of interest could lead to a future career or even just a hobby, but I want everyone to find something that they can call theirs in the Lucas FFA program.

Matthew Dotson
HS, FFA/Vocational Agriculture

2019-2020 State Testing Schedule

Lucas Elementary & Middle School

THIRD GRADE FALL ELA

Grade 3 (Part 1) Oct. 23, 2019

Grade 3 (Part 2) Oct. 24, 2019

ELA STATE TEST

Grades 3, 6 & 7 (Part 1) April 15, 2020

Grades 3, 6 & 7 (Part 1) April 16, 2020

Grades 4 & 5 (Part 1) April 21, 2020

Grades 4 & 5 (Part 2) April 22, 2020

SPRING MATH STATE TEST

Grades 3, 6 & 7 (Part 1) April 28, 2020

Grades 3, 6 & 7 (Part 2) April 29, 2020

Grades 4 & 5 (Part 1) May 5, 2020

Grades 4 & 5 (Part 2) May 6, 2020

SCIENCE STATE TEST

Grade 5 (Part 1) April 28, 2020

Grade 5 (Part 2) April 29, 2020

Lucas High School

FALL END OF COURSE EXAM RETAKES

Testing Window: Dec. 2 - Dec. 20*

SPRING HIGH SCHOOL END OF COURSE EXAMS

Math, Science, Social Studies: Apr. 20-May 8*

SPRING HIGH SCHOOL END OF COURSE EXAMS

Grade 8 English: March 31 & April 1*

(ELA II) Grade 10 English: March 31 & April 1*

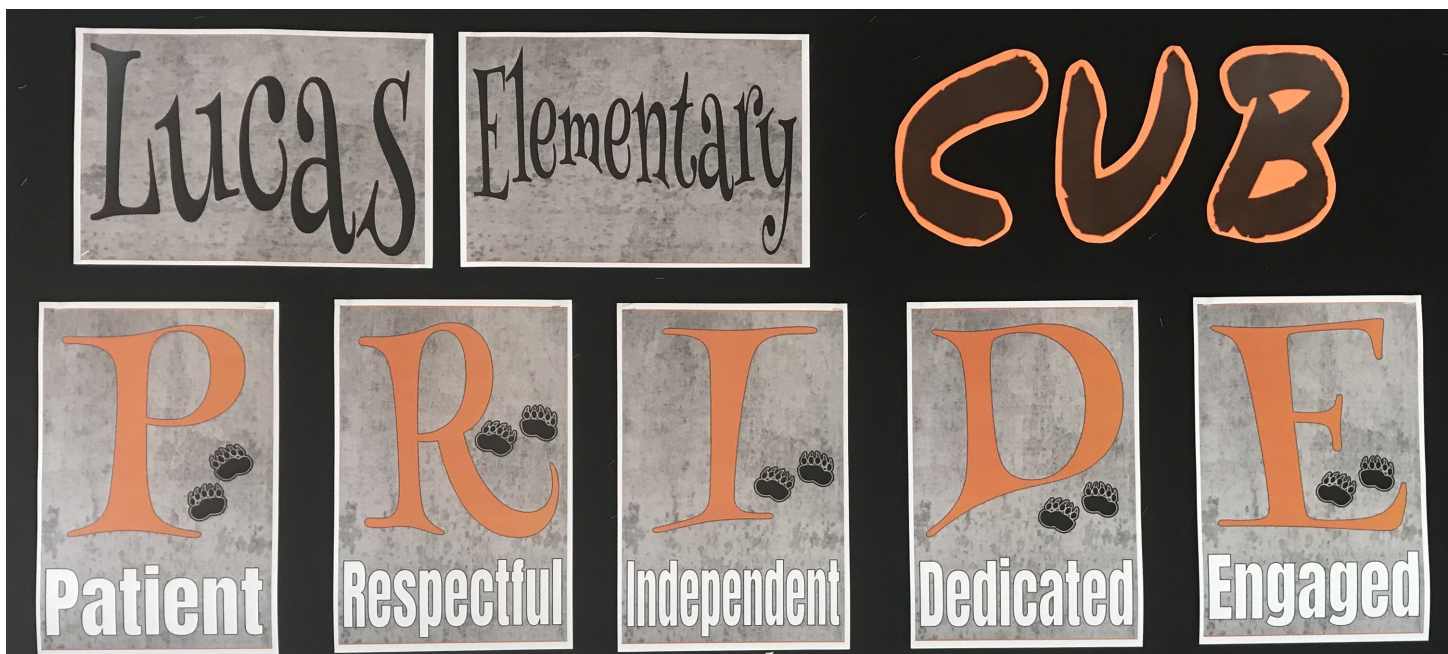
*Definite Dates Coming Soon

Lucas Schools Tax Levy Renewal: November 5

The Board of Education has placed an Emergency Levy Renewal on the November 5th General Election Ballot. This five-year tax levy was first approved by voters in May of 2010, then renewed in November of 2014 for another five years. The levy generates \$961,000 each year and is used for the general operations of the District. This is NOT an additional levy but a continuation of an existing issue.

Most recently, the district transferred general operations funds into the Permanent Improvement fund to replace the visitor bleachers at the football field, repair masonry at the high school, and maintain the asphalt on the drives and parking lots. The general operations funds have also kept technology current and has provided each student with access to a Chromebook. The continuation of this tax levy will maintain our current level of funding for future improvements and operations of the district.

**SCHOOL
LEVY
UPDATE**



Showing Cub P.R.I.D.E. Through PBIS

Mrs. Case, Principal

Lucas Elementary School has begun to implement a program known as P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). Over the summer months, a PBIS committee, formed by teachers of various elementary grade levels and Mrs. Case participated in training, examined past discipline data, and held collaborative conversations related to the core values found within the mission statement of Lucas Elementary.

The committee came to an agreement upon district-wide expectations that the school would use as a tool for teaching expected behaviors. The acronym, PRIDE, was decided to be used to present these core values. The letters in the acronym stand for Patient, Respectful, Independent, Dedicated, and Engaged. Through these core values, universal expectations were created for the various locations around the school, including hallways, buses, classrooms, the cafeteria, dismissal location and many more.

As the summer came to an end, the committee lead the rest of the staff through the training, revealing the core values, behavioral matrix, location posters of expected behaviors and noise levels.

The school year rolled out with the elementary student body being led through around the school grounds, and even loading onto a bus, to discuss, learn and practice the behavioral expectations. Through modeling, reteaching, and reinforcement, students have continued to review and be reminded of these expectations as the first quarter has passed.

This approach to managing behaviors is a positive one. Through daily Cub PRIDE shout outs over the morning announcements, students are acknowledged for exhibiting the expected behaviors.

We invite you to take this opportunity to talk to your child about the expectations at school and the importance of continuing to demonstrate PRIDE behaviors. Ask your child what Cub Pride means to them. With your continued support and involvement, Lucas Elementary will remain a school where students can excel, academically as well as behaviorally.



Growth Mindset *Mrs. Case, Principal*

During the 2019-2020 school year the Lucas Elementary and Middle School Staff are participating in a book study reading *The Growth Mindset Coach: A Teacher's Month-by-Month Handbook for Empowering Students to Achieve* by Annie Brock and Heather Hundle. Through monthly staff meeting discussions, the book study will provide staff with tools to take back to their daily practices and work to teach students about the benefits of keeping a growth mindset.

Throughout the school year, the brain will be discussed focusing on its ability to be shaped and grow. There will be discussions of how it is possible to strengthen our brains and become smarter. Students will be guided to embrace challenges and mistakes and to praise their efforts, and perseverance rather than specific abilities or talents. The goal is to support the development of a growth mindset in our school community.

People appear to be more motivated to persist when challenged, try harder and embrace learning opportunities when they learn they have the power to grow their brain. These actions can then lead to higher achievement and a more optimistic view of learning. You can reinforce the ideas behind growth mindset at home by leading discussions about the power of the word Yet. Learning something new can take time and if they struggle at a task or do not fully understand something at first, it is not the end of the story. Talk about how they just do not know how to do it or understand it Yet! Yet tells our children that they have time to learn from mistakes and work through challenges using different strategies or a different path. If your child tells you, "I don't get it." or "I just don't understand." add the word Yet to the end of their sentence. It is amazing how one little word can be so powerful.



Thank You Lucas Schools Sustaining Fund!

The staff and students of Lucas Elementary School would like to give a Cub PRIDE shout out to the members of the Lucas Schools Sustaining Fund for funding the grant to add some play features to our playground blacktop.

Mrs. Secrist and her first grade class would also like to give a big THANK YOU for funding the grant for flexible seating in Room 7.

Thank you to the LSSF for all the support you provide to many programs, projects, and items asked for through your grant process.

Lucas High School News



2019 Lucas Homecoming Court



Forestry Contest: Wed. Sept. 11. Photos are of the entire team at the competition and then the Farm Tour after hosted by Tom & Luke Miller of Bucyrus, Ohio.



Students Attend Ashbrook Lecture

On Tuesday, September 17th, 23 Lucas High School American Government students attended a luncheon and lecture sponsored by the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University. The Ashbrook Center's mission as described on its website is "to restore and strengthen the capacities of the American people for constitutional self-government." They do this with an emphasis on the importance of understanding the founding documents of the United States – the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, and others.

This particular day was Constitution Day. The guests at the event included state representatives and senators, judges, Ashbrook Scholars (a rigorous, top-rated academic program for a select group of undergraduate students majoring or minoring in Political Science or History at Ashland University),

and high school students and teachers from the area. Each guest was treated to a delicious luncheon and was given a complimentary pocket Constitution.

The featured speaker was Patrick Fischer, a justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. His topic was, "Close Encounters of a Judicial Kind," which detailed the importance of state judges in the American legal system. The audience had an opportunity to write questions for Justice Fischer during the presentation and, after his lecture, he answered them all. Lucas High School student, Michael Bland, was quoted as saying, "I thought it was really interesting. I learned a lot about state judges that I didn't know before." Bland also mentioned that he remembered the justice talking about the important role Ohio played in the presidential election of 2004.

Message from the Principal

Hi! My name is Jim Metcalf and I am honored to be working as your high school principal. I have been in education for 32 years, where I spent the last 18 years serving the Plymouth-Shiloh Local School District as their superintendent. Along the way, I also served as high school principal at Bettsville Local School in Seneca County.

I am excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to tackling any and all challenges that will present themselves. Only through a collaborative effort, will we be able to address these challenges and rise above them in order to focus on our purpose, educating all students of Lucas High School.

I am excited to get to know the students and community of Lucas. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the excellent staff, polite and friendly students, and the wonderful community in Lucas. If I can be of any service to you, please feel free to reach out to the high school anytime.

Lucas Ski Club

Think **snow**, and save a lot of **dough!**

Join the Lucas Ski Club at Snow Trails. **This is not a school-sponsored organization, anyone can join.** Contact Ms. Koppert at the High School for more details and sign-up:

Call 419.892.2338 or email koppert.christel@lucascubs.org

Save lots compared to individual prices. Visit snowtrails.com to purchase yourself. **Group code: M10**, must use **promo code: club1920**

Ski once a week on a day of your choice, beginning opening day thru the end of the season. Valid during holiday period Dec. 21, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020. Spring bonus (good for a lift ticket everyday) starts Feb. 25, 2020.

Once a Week Ski Pass (lift ticket only):

By Oct. 15: **\$175**, Nov. 15: **\$185**, After Nov. 15 **\$205**

Equipment Rental: \$30, Group lessons \$25, Unlimited Tubing Park (Good Everyday) \$60

Everyday Ski Pass (lift ticket only):

By Oct. 15: **\$245**, Nov. 15: **\$255**, After Nov. 15 **\$275**

Equipment Rental: \$85, Group lessons \$45, Unlimited Tubing Park (Good Everyday) \$60

*Any program may also purchase the pass refund option for \$15 and Ski Check pass for \$10

*Season pass for tubing park only, is \$120 ~ as an add on to a ski/board pass is \$60

*Purchase \$50 in snow bucks for only \$40, with the purchase of a pass by Nov. 15th

*This ski club is organized by Christel Koppert to get you the great group rates.



FCCLA Off to a great start! 3 students attended a leadership conference in Columbus to learn exciting new ideas to incorporate for the 2019-2020 school year!


Community News

Lucas Area Food Pantry


Tuesday September 3rd was a fun day for the pantry. Saturday of the Labor day weekend Mifflin Marina had an event that usually brings out several hundred people. At that event they usually set a pontoon boat out and ask everyone to bring canned goods or a monetary donation for us, the Lucas Area food Pantry. They have been partnering with us in this for way several years now.

On the 3rd of September, they came down Main Street in Lucas with the pontoon boat filled to the brim with canned goods and a check for \$340.00! It took about 15 or so grocery carts filled to overflowing to get all the food into the pantry!

We are very grateful to the Mifflin Marina for their continued support of the Lucas Area Food Pantry. They are a great group of people and we can tell they really care about the people in need in our area. THANK YOU MIFFLIN MARINA on behalf of those in need!

**American Red Cross**

BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED.
Give blood.



Blood Drive
Lucas High School
Gym
5 First Avenue
Lucas, OH 44843
Thursday, November 7, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Community News

Have something you want included in the next Lucas Cub Country Newsletter?

CONTACT CUB COUNTRY NEWSLETTER

84 Lucas Rd., Lucas, Ohio 44843 • foss.debi@lucascubs.org

Lucas Halloween Activities

Lucas Community Treat or Treat: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Halloween Parade: 7:30 PM

Float & costume judging after the parade on the ball field! You must march in the parade to be eligible to win a costume prize!

Halloween Parade & Costume Judging: You should be at the staging area behind the Lutheran Church shortly after 7:00 PM. There, your hand will be stamped as proof of eligibility, which must be shown at the judging site. Parents are welcome to accompany their children in the parade.

Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded for kids' costumes in the following categories: most original, best book character, and most humorous - in various age groups: Kindergarten & Below, 1st & 2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade, and 7th Grade and over.

Three Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded for most outstanding floats.

Refreshments provided by The Lions Club

Lucas Branch Library

Greetings from the Lucas Lions

Summer is over, Back to school, and Back to the Lion's regular calendar. On August 15, the Lions held our Annual Community Picnic and Duck Race in the Park. At the Picnic, we fed over 100 guests' hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and cookies. This event is the Club's way of saying Thank You to the community for all your support during the year. It was followed by the always-exciting Duck Race in the creek. This year the proceeds were donated to the Stepp family to help with the needs of 4-year old Avalon in her battle with cancer. We continue to hope for the best for this family.

Fall brings us to our major fund-raising events for the year. These are the means whereby we raise the money to be able to support our Lions Scholarships, the FFA Convention, Buyers Club and several other needs within the community. The first is Heritage Days at Malabar Farm on Sat-Sun, Sept. 28 & 29, where we plan to feature the French Fry and Sandwich trailers, along with fresh-squeezed Lemonade.

The next event is the Prairie Peddler Festival off Rt 97, east of Butler. This also begins Sat-Sun, Sept. 28 & 29 and continues Oct. 5 & 6. We'll be manning our food booth featuring Beans & Cornbread, French Fries, Hot Dogs, Coney and/or Kraut Dogs, and hot and cold drinks to accompany your meal. Hope to see (have seen?) you at one or both of these events. Our next community event will be the Halloween Parade and Costume Judging Contest to be held Thurs., Oct. 31st, Halloween Day!! The Ghosts and Goblins will be taking over the town!! Details are elsewhere in this publication.

Our club is always looking for folks who would be seriously interested in joining us in our service to the community. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Lion, we invite you to call either Membership Chairman Lion Bob Small, 419-747-3210, or President Lion Mary Dixon, 419-892-3402, or any Lions Club member (surely you know one!!). If you'd like to join us at one of our meetings, they are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30pm in the Lucas Community Center. Call one of these folks for an invite. We really like to have guests! Give us a call and come visit!

First, I want to thank the Lucas community for all your support during our brief closure in August. We felt really bad not being there for you all for two weeks! Those two weeks felt like an eternity to me. The closure was necessary though, as we had to repair the west wall in our basement branch library. Some concrete behind the drywall had crumbled due to decades of water damage back there and, as most you know, we'd been dealing with water flooding the carpet there after hard or sustained rains for at least ten years. The library maintenance department collaborated with the building's owners, Monroe Township, to demolish the wall, clean it out, replace the studs, hang new drywall and clean the carpet. We also had to redirect water outside by adding downspouts, digging underneath the post office dock, sealing out the source of the water and pouring a concrete contour to move rainfall away from the building. We also had to bring in professionals to verify the stability and safety of the building. It was all quite an undertaking. We sincerely apologize for the gap in service in August, but we simply had no other option.

Now, we're excited to be back and we're thrilled to offer some great new programs this fall. Children won't want to miss our "Scaredy Cat Ball," which is fun for the whole family on Tuesday, October 29 at 5 pm. To celebrate the release of Frozen 2, children of all ages should join us for "Return to Arendelle" on Tuesday, November 19 at 5 pm. Teens will certainly want to check out our "M & M Tasting" event on Monday, November 18 at 4 pm.

And don't forget that the library is now your spot to find many non-traditional items to borrow too, including telescopes, Wifi hot-spots, cake pans, Roku sticks, blood pressure kits and air quality monitors. We have so much more to offer than the library of the past!

You can find a full schedule of programs for all locations of the Mansfield/Richland County Library on our website at www.mrcpl.org or stop by the branch for a copy. You can even register for programs on our website now, or give us a call. We hope to see you soon at the Lucas Branch Library! - Joshua Andra, Lucas Branch Manager • jandra@mrcpl.org • 419-892-2576



FREE PIZZA Home Football Game Nights at LCC after the game. Everyone welcome - Team, Kids, Parents, Grandparents! Sept. 20, Oct. 4, 11, & Nov. 1.

Senior Flu Shot Clinic 65 & Older - Wed., Sept. 25 10AM-12PM - Bring Medicare Card

FREE Health Screening - Thurs. Sept. 26 & Oct. 24 9AM-11PM

FREE blood pressure, blood sugar, and anemia screening. Cholesterol screening - \$12.00

After School Child Care \$35.00 per child/week 3:15PM-6PM daily - plus snow days. Snacks, Activities, Homework assistance. Bus transportation from school.

Community Chapel 2nd Thurs. 7PM

Cards Every Monday 7PM-9PM - Gathering Room

Food Pantry 2nd and 4th Saturday 9 - 11 am Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 12, 26; Nov. 16 and Dec. 14.

Lions Club - 1st and 3rd Thurs. 6:30PM •

LAMA - 2nd Wed. 9AM

FREE Exercise 9:30 - 10:15 Tues. and Thurs. Strength and Endurance Fri. Core Body - bring floor mat. Offered through the YMCA. Bring Silver Sneakers card if you have one!

VOTING Tuesday, Nov. 5

Any Questions Bible Study 4th Sat. 6PM
PIZZA Michael Dourson
419-892-2502