

# *Vikes News and Views*

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## Fast Pace in Demand as Cafeteria Staff Provides Hot, Nutritious Lunch for Students

There is never a dull moment when it is lunch time at Leipsic Schools!

Cafeteria manager Lois Niese, head cook Tammy Steffan, and Paulette Bennett, Joan Ellerbrock, Donna Ranes, Karen Gerdeman, and Jodi Niese work with top-notch efficiency to prepare, serve, and clean-up for approximately 875 students and staff.

This includes the public school along with St. Mary's Catholic School and the Head Start participants. Actual serving time begins at 10:45 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m.

According to Mrs. Niese, on average a total of 585 individuals purchase a "Type A" lunch each day. These lunches are formatted and prepared according to the Federal School Lunch Program. That means that approximately 72 percent of our students eat a well balanced lunch.

In addition, numerous a la carte items are served as well on a daily basis. This includes various hot and cold sandwiches, grilled chicken salad, side salads, fresh fruit, baked chips, cookies, and 100% fruit juice. Specialty items such as baked potatoes, fries, pizza, etc. are offered throughout the week.

Lunch prices are grades K-6—\$1.50 per day; grades 7—12—\$1.75 per day. For those who qualify for reduced lunch the price is \$ .40 per day. Free lunches are also provided for those who qualify.

The cafeteria staff also offers breakfast for students, and approximately 75 students take advantage of the breakfast program. Students can choose either a hot entrée or cereal and toast along with juice and milk. Students in grades K-6 can purchase breakfast for \$1.00 while students in grades 7-12 are charged \$1.25. Free breakfasts and reduced breakfast at \$ .30 each are provided for those who qualify.

## *Tournament Dates Set for Viking Teams*

Both the Lady Vikes and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams are getting ready to begin tournament action.

The Lady Vikes will face the team from Carey High School on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Tip-off time is 6:00 p.m. at Findlay High School. If the team wins, they will play again on Sat., Feb. 16 at 6:00 p.m.

The boys' team will meet the Holgate Tigers at Ottawa-Glandorf High School on Tuesday, Feb. 19. The game will begin at 7:00 p.m. If the Vikes win, they will play again on Fri., Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

## Winter Weather Takes its Toll

Leipsic Local School has used its fifth and final calamity day for the 2007-08 school year. Even though as a result of the August flood the Leipsic Board of Education and the Leipsic Education Association agreed to revise our school calendar-- fog, ice, and snow have forced school to be cancelled five days.

If one or more days are used after Feb. 1, 2008, we are required by state law to make-up any and all of those days. The dates that we will be in session, if necessary, are March 24, May 22, May 23, May 27, and May 28.

The school administration makes every effort to have students in school every day; however, the decision to delay or cancel always looms as a possibility when severe weather strikes.

## *Leipsic Board to Meet Tues., Feb. 12 at 6:00 p.m.*

The February meeting of the Leipsic Board of Education will be Tuesday, Feb. 12. Members will convene at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library conference room.

Brad Schroeder is the newly elected Board president while Dan Zeisloft serves as vice president.

Committee assignments for 2008 are: personnel—Dan Zeisloft and Art Lomeli; building and grounds—Dan Zeisloft and Art Lomeli; extra-curricular—Tim Nadler and Brad Schroeder; curriculum—Tim Nadler and Marilyn Knueven; finance—Marilyn Knueven and Brad Schroeder; legislative liaison—Dan Zeisloft; negotiations—Brad Schroeder and Marilyn Knueven.

All interested persons are invited to the monthly Board of Education meeting. Visitors are asked to sign in on the visitor sheet along with picking up a copy of the meeting agenda.

If they wish, visitors are given an opportunity at every meeting to address the Board under "Comments from Visitors."

Those who wish to speak are asked to complete the request form prior to the meeting and submit it to the president. The forms are available at every meeting.

When called upon, guests are asked to identify themselves and provide a reason for addressing the Board.

The purpose of the public hearing portion of the meeting is for visitors to express viewpoints and public concerns. Pending disputes, grievances under a labor agreement, disciplinary action involving an employee or a student, and on-going labor negotiations are not topics for public discussion.

## NHS Recognizes Student Achievements

Congratulations to those high school students who were recently inducted into the Leipsic Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Each of you does exemplify the pillars of Leadership, Character, Scholarship and Service. We challenge you to put these pillars to work every day in the LHS hallways.

# Threat Puts District Crisis Plan in Motion

Recently the students and staff of Leipsic Local School District were forced to evacuate the school building as a result of a bomb threat. The threat was written on a restroom stall at some point during that school day.

Ten years ago school officials might have been able to ignore that kind of threat, but in today's violent world, none of us can let that kind of issue slide without taking action.

As soon as the possible threat was reported, the Leipsic Police Department and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department were notified.

Within minutes, police officers from both departments along with Fire Chief Dave Goodwin and Fireman Dennis Cupp were in the building. We so appreciate the quick action that these individuals took to help us assess the situation.

Officials determined that the evacuation of students was necessary so the procedures set in the Leipsic Crisis Management Plan were put into action.

School administrators and police did a sweep of the building, but an all-clear was not issued until a bomb-detection dog from Allen County Sheriff's Department checked the area for evidence of an explosive device. Only then, were students brought back to the building for regular dismissal.

Last spring a team of administrators and staff spent time revising our Crisis Management Plan. Each teacher was given a copy of that plan plus time during an early dismissal was devoted to covering the main components of that plan including procedures for building evacuation.

None of us want to face those emergency situations; however, we can do so with greater confidence when a solid plan is in place.

We most certainly understand that each parent and grandparent in this district is concerned about the welfare and safety of their loved ones.

Rest assured, that all staff members will do whatever is necessary to assure our students are safe and secure.

## Calendar of Viking Events

**Mon., Feb. 11:** Student release at 1:45 p.m. for teacher professional development;

**Tues., Feb. 12:** Leipsic Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library conference room;

**Wed., Feb. 13:** Girls' Basketball Tournament at Findlay High School;

**Fri., Feb. 15:** Third Quarter Interim Grades Due;

**Mon., Feb. 18:** No School for Presidents' Day;

**Tues., Feb. 19:** Boys' Basketball Tournament at Ottawa-Glandorf High School;

**Sun., Feb. 24:** Putnam County High School Band and Choir Concert at Continental High School at 2:00 p.m.