

Ledgeview Elementary School

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A Message from Principal Donna Bambic...

Dear Families,

As you can imagine, we are all tremendously saddened by the levy failure and the cuts we have had to make to personnel and programs for next year. Our reading intervention program has been cut and Mrs. Smith will teach ninth grade English next year. Mrs. Pylypiak will teach first grade at LV. Since our gifted intervention has also been cut, Mrs. Gennarelli is off to fourth grade at RW. Mrs. Schroeter, Miss Dangler and Mr. Dulin have lost their jobs with the district due to the reduction in force. In addition, Mrs. Gurko, Mrs. Keeney, and Mrs. Prusa have lost their jobs as educational assistants. Mrs. Beichner is being moved to the high school. We wish our friends the very best!

On a positive note, we will still have 4 teachers at each grade level, down only one teacher at the fourth grade level. Mrs. Elaine Beno, NF reading teacher will join our kindergarten team, Mrs. Renee Foerster, an outstanding teacher from Lee Eaton, will teach third grade and will also complete her administrative internship with me next year. We will all continue to take good care of kids and provide an excellent education for our students. Classroom teachers will continue to provide enrichment and reading intervention.

We will need you more than ever to assist in our classrooms next year! Please consider how you will get involved to support our district's financial issue in August - there are many ways you can help! Please send me a message, give me a call, or contact cjacofsky@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

Please congratulate our new PTA officers for next year: President Sheila Raia, VP Kim Travers, Treasurer Teresa White, Recording Secretary Jill Malone, Corresponding Secretary Lisa Schonauer, and Council Delegate Stacey Lacey. I think it will be a great year for our PTA!

Summer break is just around the corner and I wish our Ledgeview family a fun and safe summer!

Yours for a better education! Donna Bambic

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The Great Eight Rules for Success!

1. I am responsible for my actions.
2. I am polite and kind to all students and adults.
3. I am in control of my body and keep it to myself.
4. I look and listen to the person who is speaking.
5. I walk silently in the halls.
6. I am organized, attentive, and ready to learn each day.
7. I give my best effort to complete all of my school work.
8. I respect all school materials and school property.

Ledgeview Student Council collected change and canned goods for the Twinsburg *Relay for Life* that will take place in June. Thanks to Angie Stone and Kathy Sansavera for their dedication to Student Council and for teaching students the value of community service. The budget for Student Council has been cut for next as part of the reductions necessary to meet our budget.

News from School Counselor Terry Carver

I wanted to let you know that I am retiring at the end of this year. I have been so blessed to work for Nardoniaschools.org and I have loved serving and helping your children over the years. Watching them grow and mature has been so rewarding for me. I will greatly miss the children, the parents and staff. All of you have given me so many reasons to be grateful. Thank you for the opportunity to work in this special community all these years. Mrs. Jennifer Wilhelm, a high school French teacher who is losing her position due to cuts, will join LV as the school counselor. She is highly qualified and we welcome her!

Mrs. Terry Carver



The Circle of Friends is a group of Ledgeview students who make a difference every day by supporting students with special needs. Nardoniaschools.org High School students from the *BUDS* program joined our *Circle of Friends* for a pizza lunch. Our high school students, under the direction of Beth Snyder, taught our elementary students skills for working with special needs students. As you can see, they had a fabulous experience together! Intervention specialists, Sarah Polito and Vicki Koller, school psychologist Lynn Ciccantelli and counselor Terry Carver planned this wonderful event.



Kindergartners reading with buddies in the outdoor classroom that was constructed by Michael Roberto last year to for his Eagle Scout project.

Third Grade is very busy learning about some exciting things to finish up the year. The students have been learning about fairytales and their elements and have read various titles and versions. Students will be writing their own fairytales to share with the class. They will also finish the last unit in math on probability. Students will participate in a watermelon seed spitting contest to end the year for a data collection lesson in math. In Science, students are raising butterflies and observing their life cycles and then they will set them free at the end of the year. Finally, in Social Studies students will build a business. The students will be given pretend money to buy supplies, produce a product, and sell their product to try to make a profit.

Our **Fourth Grader students** are winding down their final weeks at Ledgeview! Students have completed the final unit in math which required them to find rates. In language arts students have been reading biographies about Martin Luther King, Jr., Gloria Estefan, and Lou Gehrig to practice comprehension skills of making judgments, fact and opinion, and cause and effect. Each student also created a research report on a personal hero in which they presented what they learned in a speech. The final social studies unit is about government and students are completing a science unit about plant cycles.

Mrs. Andrea Pylypiak and Mrs. Lynn Smith, our **Reading Teachers**, have been reassigned since the levy did not pass and our reading program has been cut. Mrs. Smith will teach ninth grade English and Mrs. Pylypiak will stay at Ledgeview to teach first grade students.



Three students earned recognition on their entries to the PTA Reflections program. They are: Luke Coblentz – Kindergarten, Jacob Grams – Grade 2, and James Hayes – Grade 4. Their *Save the World* art work is on display in the LV lobby.

The Ledgeview Building Leadership Team analyzed student perception data and results in grades 1-4 are positive. (Kindergartners were not surveyed.) Here are a few highlights:

Grade 1: 93% of students believe their teacher cares about them and 91% feel safe at school.

Grade 2: 93% of students like their school and the rest like it sometimes, 95% of students believe their teacher cares about them, and 99% feel safe at school. Second grade favorites are PE, their teacher, math, art, and friends.

Grade 3: 99% report that their teacher expects them to show respect to others and 98% report that their teacher shows respect to all students and cultures, and 93% report that their teacher is positive and encouraging. Grade 3 favorites are SmartBoard, their teacher, friends and clean classrooms. They think paying attentions, working harder, taking notes, and reading more will help them improve as a student.

Grade 4: 92% of students feel their teacher cares about them, 96% report their teacher expects every student to respect others, and 92% said their teacher show respect to all students and cultures. Favorites in fourth grade are SmartBoard, fun learning, teachers, friends and math. To improve learning, fourth graders they think they can study more, pay attention and talk less! Bill Holco, our county consultant, facilitated our Leadership Team and has suggested student focus groups to provide input before we set goals for improvement.



Great news! Ledgeview will receive a **GAR grant for \$11,020.32** at a ceremony on June 2. This grant will fund the gardens, and the educational tools and equipment for students to learn the new core standards in science and English language arts outdoors. The grant includes 10 Apple iPads and 10 Flip cameras. This grant was announced to students and staff at an Outdoor Learning Center celebration Friday afternoon, May 27. The builder and LV parent Mr. Coblentz was honored, as well as Ryan Skerl who made the picnic tables for his Eagle Scout project. Thanks for your donations to build picnic tables and to purchase bricks and pavers.

How can you help your child maintain academic skills during the summer? **Read! Read! Read!** Join the library summer reading program or have a home reading program. Read aloud to your children. Designate a time for reading every day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2 STUDENTS MEET TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR
JUNE 2 NHS GRADUATION
JUNE 5 CAPTAINS BASEBALL GAME – READING PROGRAM
JUNE 6 GRADE 4 CELEBRATION @ LEDGEVIEW
JUNE 7 FIELD DAY – GRADES K-2 AM & GRADES 3-4 PM
JUNE 9 **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15**
JUNE 9 REPORT CARDS GO HOME WITH STUDENTS + TEACHER ASSIGNMENT FOR 2011-12
AUGUST 1-5 SAFETY TOWN @ LEDGEVIEW
AUGUST 2 PLEASE VOTE!
AUGUST 22 OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 24 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2011-12!

*Individual student learning and achievement
is our core business.*

The **Title 1 Upward Math** program is finished for this year. Assuming we get our federal funding for this program again next year, we will continue to offer this school sponsored, online math tutoring program for third and fourth grade students who qualify. We also offer Title 1 Reading and this program should be offered again next year. Students need to qualify based on criteria that is submitted to our curriculum department.

Ledgeview Recycles!

Don't forget to save pop tabs and empty ink cartridges. There are bins inside the front doors for these items and bins in the back of the building for recycled paper. These items earn \$\$\$\$ for our school and help to create a greener community! Thanks for your help!

The Ledgeview PTA

The **Ledgeview PTA** has done amazing things for our school! They provide student assemblies, purchase summer reading books from the book fairs they sponsor for our families, sponsor our author visit, plan our school carnival, and bring our families and school together for many events. In addition, they offer teacher grants to purchase many items not covered by our school budget. The PTA takes good care of our staff, not only during Staff Appreciation Week, but throughout the year. **Thank you so much for all you do PTA!**

Please continue to save your *Box Tops for Education* during the summer to help our school! Box Tops are worth 10 cents each, or \$1.00 on the *Box Tops* sheet. You may download this form from:
<http://www.teacherweb.com/OH/LedgeviewElementary/LedgeviewPTA/t.stm>.

Please save your Campbell soup labels this summer and send to school after summer vacation.

How to Reach Us...

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Mrs. Pam Gubana, Cafeteria 330.908.6305
Mrs. Jen Schlund, Clinic 330.908.6350
Mr. Wayne Blankenship, Supt. 330.467.0586
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Mrs. Irene Beville, Curriculum & Instruction 330.467.0585
Dr. Margo Costello, Pupil Services 330.468.4600
Transportation 330.908.5156

Although the levy did not pass, Ledgeview has developed a positive community relationship with Summit Pointe as a result of our efforts. Last week students made a second visit with residents in the assisted living home. Karen McMillan and Kathy Kotecki brought a group of students who performed a reader's theater, complete with musical accompaniment. Carolyn Victor, Konni Stagliano and Deb Swan also brought students to read with residents in the assisted living community. It was a wonderful experience for the senior citizens, students and all of the teachers and parents who attended. The experience warmed my heart! Our next visit is June 2.



*With teamwork and my own effort,
I will never stop learning!*

Website Recommendations

First in Math is an online math program. Please help your child practice math and earn points for our school by encouraging your child to complete First in Math problems @ www.FirstinMath.com. Each student has a pass code.

Ledgeview Website Please visit our school at http://www.nordoniaschools.org/ledgeviewelementary_home.aspx

Home Access to maps 101: Accessing Maps101 is easy! Go to www.maps101.com - Click on "Subscriber Login"
Username: ledge Password: view

If your primary child needs a fun interactive learning activity, explore www.brainpopjr.com. Our district has paid for this on-line learning extension that offers videos and interactive games on many topics and content skills.

Username: n_student
Password: student

<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>
United Streaming contains videos that support the content your child is learning at school. To access at home:
username: LVStudent
password: Ledgeview

Other sites to try:

www.eduplace.com/kids
www.funbrain.com
www.brainpop.com
www.starfall.com
www.eduplace.com/kids
www.mathematicsuniversity.com
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
www.kidsgeo.com