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THE MISSION OF THE  
LIBERTY UNION - THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IS TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS  
FOR LEARNING AND THE SKILLS FOR LIVING,  
THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION.

## Message from the Superintendent:

Normally, August is "back-to-school" time. This year, the focus in August is on monitoring construction progress on our high school renovation project and new middle school. At the high school, re-roofing and replacement of exterior sidewalks and the eastside parking lot top the "outside" activities. Inside the high school, the central core and classroom space changes are about finished, and the focus will soon turn to "finish" work. The upgrade of electric service and technology are also under way. Classrooms will be outfitted with "smart-board" technology.

If you have driven by the elementary school/middle school site lately, you should have seen many changes. Much of the site work needed to control storm-water on the South side of the property has been completed. Masonry crews are putting up block walls on the new middle school.

PLEASE do not go into the construction areas at either site. (The middle school construction is very visible from the road or parking lot.) There is much heavy equipment and many construction activities going on at this time. For safety, it is very important for everyone to stay out of the construction areas, and let the construction crews complete their work.

*Tentative* results for student achievement tests and school ratings have been received, showing the district to have met twenty-four of twenty-six state indicators, including a ninety-nine percent graduation rate and a ninety-five percent student attendance rate. Seventy-five percent of students must pass the state tests to meet the benchmark. Results (percentage of students passing) by grade level:

Grade	Reading	Mathematics	Writing	Soc Studies	Science
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	88.8	79.6			
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	93.3	76.9			
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	79.8	76.6			86.3
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	90.0	90.0			
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	83.9	75			
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	88.4	73.6			73.0
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	87.6	91	87.6	87.6	85.4
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	91.9	92.9	96.0	91.9	87.9

Elementary School State Rating:	Excellent	Performance Index:	98.1
Middle School State Rating:	Effective	Performance Index:	97.1
High School State Rating:	Excellent	Performance Index:	101.8
District State Rating:	Effective	Performance Index:	98.5

(Note: Performance Index Scale: 0 - 120)

See you at the Baltimore Festival!

Paul Mathews

## ADMINISTRATION

Paul E. Mathews, Superintendent	862-4171
David I. Butler, Treasurer	862-4171
Ed Miller, High School Principal	862-4107
Chet Coleman, Asst High School Principal	862-4107
Scott Williamson, Athletic Director	862-4107
Hank Gavarkavich, Middle School Principal	862-4126
Kelli Brownfield, Elementary School Principal	862-4143
Judy Cleland, Transportation Coordinator	862-4171
Jan Friedrich, Food Service Supervisor	862-4107

## NON-DISCRIMINATION / TITLE IX

The Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District has a policy of non-discrimination in admission services or employment sponsored by the school district.

### INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (NOTIFICATION)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) includes a requirement for all school districts to locate, identify and evaluate all students, below the age of twenty-two, who reside within the district and have a suspected or confirmed disability, in accordance with all federal and state standards. The Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District is committed to fulfilling the intent of IDEA. The parent or guardian of any child who is suspected of having a disability, and is not currently identified, should contact the principal of the school of attendance, or **Mr. Dennis Love**, County Supervisor, at 653-3193.

### ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Any graduate of Liberty Union High School or Thurston High School may obtain more information or an application for future Athletic Hall of Fame induction by contacting **Mr. George Shreyer**, Athletic Director, at 500 Washington Street, Baltimore, Ohio 43105, or by phone at (740) 862 - 4107.

2010-2011 ATHLETIC EVENT PRICES			
<u>Sport</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Golden Buckeye</u>
<b>Varsity</b>	\$5	\$3	Free
<b>All Others</b>	\$4	\$2	Free
<b>All Season Pass</b>	\$75	\$50	

### MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

This month, Liberty Union High School Graduate **Jennifer**



**Clark-Stanton** is our featured military service person.

**Jennifer** joined the United States Coast Guard in 1996, shortly after graduating from LUHS. She completed eight weeks of basic

training at Cape May, New Jersey, in a program focused upon basic military standards, physical fitness, self-discipline and seamanship. In the nearly fourteen years since basic training, **Jennifer** has been assigned to U.S. Coast Guard stations in Alameda, California, Honolulu, Hawaii, Charleston, South Carolina, Key West, Florida, and Cape May, New Jersey. Most of **Jennifer's** career has been spent on 378-ft. High Endurance Coast Guard Cutters, involved in piloting and navigation, with travel to Russia, Alaska, Jamaica, South America, the Dominican Republic, Aruba, and Puerto Rico. Coast guard missions **Jennifer** has been involved with include drug interdiction, fisheries, migrant interdiction, marine safety, and search & rescue. Jennifer recalls that in one two-month period on the cutter Gallatin, while patrolling the Caribbean, her crew made seven large cocaine busts, confiscating \$938 million in illegal drugs. **Jennifer's** most recent assignment has been as Company Commander at Cape May, New Jersey, where she is in charge of training Coast Guard recruits. She has been awarded the Permanent Cutter Pin, received two Achievement Medals, and received three Letters of Commendation. In 2005, **Jennifer** was selected to represent the United States Coast Guard at President Bush's Inauguration Ceremony. She met the President and Mrs. Bush, had her picture taken with them, and attended the Inauguration Ball. **Jennifer** married Jared Stanton in 2006, and just gave birth to a daughter, Sophie, on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Jennifer** is the daughter of Mark Clark and Penny McDole. We thank **Chief Boatswain's Mate Jennifer Clark-Stanton** for her service to America through the United States Coast Guard!

### TALENTED AND GIFTED (TAG) REFERRALS

The Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District will begin the screening process for the identification of "gifted" students in grades K-12. The identification process and eligibility criteria for the program were established by the Ohio Department of Education in House Bill 282. "Gifted" means students who perform or show potential for performing at remarkable high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment. The district uses a three-part approach to screen students who perform or show potential for performing at high levels of accomplishment in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, (i.e., reading, writing, math, social studies, science,) and creative thinking.

We are accepting written referrals from parents who want their child to take part in the screening process for gifted education. If you believe your child is "gifted" in one or more of the areas and would like a referral form or information about the process, please contact your student's principal's by October 8, 2010. In general, superior cognitive and creative thinking testing is scheduled in the fall, and specific academic testing is completed in the spring. Referrals for Visual Arts and Music may be submitted now, with evaluations to be completed later in the school year.

A district / school committee will meet to evaluate all referrals and select students, who will begin the screening process in September.

Districts in Ohio are mandated to identify "gifted" students in grades K-12, but no additional funding has been given to the districts to provide more gifted educational programs.

### NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (NOTIFICATION)

The LU-T School District participates in the "National School Lunch" Program. Through this program, qualifying students receive free or reduced-price lunches. Parents will receive free or reduced-price lunch enrollment forms with start-school information. For additional information or an enrollment form, please contact **Mrs. Jan Friedrich**, Food Service Supervisor, at 862-4107.

## PARENTING PROGRAM

Licensed Counselor and Social Worker, **Barbara Long**, will be offering a six-week parenting class, starting Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The course is designed to help parents decrease power struggles with their children, to help parents to teach problem-solving skills to their children, to build youth responsibility, and improve family relationships. The course is scheduled for Thursdays (September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 21, 28) from 4 - 6 p.m. at the elementary school. The tuition for the course is \$30, and can be paid at the first class. Some financial scholarships are also available. To register for the course, or to inquire about a scholarship, parents may contact Barbara Long at (740) 385-0353, or at Liberty Union Elementary School, at 862-4143.

## CONSTRUCTION PICTURES High School Gym



## Auditorium Sidewalk



## New Middle School



## LU-T 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept 1	Freshman Orientation
Sept 1	NEW Teacher Work Day
Sept 2 & 7	Teacher Work Days
Sept 6	Labor Day
Sept 7	Middle School Open House
Sept 7	Elementary Open House
<b>Sept 8</b>	<b>School Begins (1<sup>st</sup> Day for Students)</b>
Oct 11-15	Fairfield County Fair - <b>No School</b>
Nov 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Break - <b>No School</b>
Dec 24 - Jan 2	Winter Break - <b>No School</b>
Jan 3	School Resumes
Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Day - <b>No School</b>
Feb. 21	Presidents Day - <b>No School</b>
April 22-25	Spring Break - <b>No School</b>
May 30	Memorial Day - <b>No School</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Student Last Day</b>
June 12	Graduation
June 13	Teacher Work Day

## AUGUST SCHOOL OFFICE SCHEDULES

Due to the renovation of the high school, the high school office staff has been relocated to the elementary school. During August, the high school principal, secretary, guidance counselor and athletic director may be reached by telephone at 862-4143. The middle school (862-4126) and elementary school (862-4143) offices will reopen August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Start-school information will be mailed to parents later this month.

## 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL HOURS

6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	7:50 a.m. - 2:49 p.m.
Kgn - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	8:55 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

## LIBERTY UNION FFA ATTENDS CAMP

Recreation, leadership, conservation and fun. . . It all adds up to the Sate FFA Camp in Carrollton, OH where 25 Liberty Union FFA members and two advisors spent a week this summer. Throughout the week students practiced teamwork and leadership skills through recreational tournaments in a variety of sports including basketball, beach volleyball, softball, horseshoes, ping pong and tetherball. Students also had the opportunity to take motor boats, canoes and kayaks out on Leesville Lake. And many students participated in the archery and rifle/shotgun ranges. The state FFA officers conducted several leadership workshops where students learned concepts to use in their home chapters. Conservation activities were part of the students' schedules as well as free time to meet new people from around the state.



## August, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 OHSAA <b>Required Parent / Athlete Conference</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Baltimore Festival</b> 6:00 Queen Pageant	<b>5</b> <b>Baltimore Festival</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Baltimore Festival</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Baltimore Festival</b> 8:30 5-K Race 10:30 Parade 2:00 Poker Run 5:00 Doors Open BINGO @ Elementary Bldg
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 Brd of Ed Mtg @ Elementary Bldg	<b>10</b> 3:45 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs Heath @ Estate Club	<b>11</b> 8:30 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Sheridan Invit @ Rushcreek	<b>12</b> 3:45 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs Canal Winchester @ Westchester 6:00 <b>Girls Soc</b> @ Licking Valley	<b>13</b> 8:30 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Bloom Carroll Invit @ Pine Hill 7:00 <b>FB Scrim</b> @ Crooksville	<b>14</b> 9:00 MS Café HS Band <b>Market Day</b> Pick-Up 10:00 <b>Girls Soc</b> @ Amanda 2:30 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Fair Christian @ Valley View
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 <b>Boys Soc</b> vs Walnut Ridge @ LU Elementary	<b>17</b> 8:00 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs MSL Pre-Season @ Echo Springs 9:00 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs MSL #1 @ Pine Hill	<b>18</b> 9:00 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Fairfield Union Invit @ Pumpkin Vine	<b>19</b> 3:45 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs Lakewood @ Harbor Hills	<b>20</b> 9:00 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Heath Invit @ Burning Tree 7:00 <b>FB Scrim vs Mifflin</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 <b>Boys Soc LU Preview</b> 5:00 Doors Open BINGO @ Elementary Bldg
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Fairfield Un @ Pumpkin Vine	<b>24</b> 3:45 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs Bexley @ Estate Club 6:30 <b>Boys Soc</b> vs Horizon Science Academy	<b>25</b> 3:45 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs Logan Elm @ Cooks Creek	<b>26</b> 3:45 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Fisher Cath @ Valley View 5:30 <b>Boys Soc</b> @ Licking Valley	<b>27</b> 7:30 <b>FB</b> @ Bloom Carroll	<b>28</b> 9:00 <b>CC</b> vs Newk Cath @ Bryn Du Mansion 10:00 <b>JV FB vs Bloom Carroll</b> Volleyball vs Logan Elm 10:00 <b>Freshman</b> 11:30 <b>JV</b> 1:00 <b>Varsity</b> 7:00 <b>Girls Soc</b> vs Columbus Sch / Girls
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs MSL #1 @ Pine Hill 3:45 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs Licking Valley @ Estate Club	<b>31</b> 8-3 <b>Kgn Screening</b> 7:00 <b>Boys Soc</b> vs Bishop Ready 7:15 <b>Girls Soc</b> @ Grandview Heights	<b>1 Sept</b> 8-3 <b>Kgn Screen</b> 3:45 <b>Girls Golf</b> vs Granville @ Estate Club 7:00 Freshman Orientation	<b>2 Sept</b> 3:45 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Grandview Heights @ Oakhurst MS Open House <b>VB @ Fisher</b> 6:00 <b>JV</b> 7:30 <b>Varsity</b>	<b>3 Sept</b> 7:30 <b>FB</b> @ Fairfield Un	<b>4 Sept</b> 9:30 <b>CC</b> @ Circleville 10:00 <b>JV FB vs Fairfield Union</b> 12:30 <b>Boys Golf</b> vs Bloom Carroll Invit @ Pine Hill 5:00 Doors Open BINGO @ Elementary Bldg

Watch for next newsletter: Sunday, September 5, 2010