Superintendent’s Message

Dear Fellow Patriots,

While collecting story ideas for this edition of the LV Quarterly, the impact of Coronavirus was just being felt. Now, as we are in the “thick of it”, I would again like to thank staff, students, and parents for their dedication to making this “new normal” work for us. I recognize the sacrifices that every one of us is making. This edition of the newsletter is in two parts – pre and post Coronavirus closure. So many wonderful things happened in our school between this edition and last, and even though we are not in the company of each other, great, wonderful things are still happening within the Lenape Valley community. I hope you enjoy the updates and most importantly, I wish good health to you all and hope to see you very soon!

On March 2nd, Lenape Valley was QSAC monitored by the state, a process that ensures schools are meeting the requirements set by the NJDOE in the areas of Instruction and Programming, Governance, Fiscal, Operations and Personnel. I am pleased to announce that Lenape Valley passed the monitoring without the need for any corrective action plans. We scored a 100% in 4 of the 5 areas. The area of Instruction and Programming is based on testing results and therefore, the scores are dictated by the state. Although we did not score a 100% in this area, we did do well enough to be proud of our progress.

As some of you may be aware, there have been issues in busing this year – a problem equally felt between Lenape Valley, Byram Township School District and Hopatcong School District. Transportation costs are significant and by entering into a consortium of tiered busing through the Sussex County Cooperative, we are able to keep the costs to the taxpayers down. Tiered busing, where the same buses are used to pick up and drop off the students in each of the three districts, allows the bus company to more effectively and efficiently utilize their driving staff and pass the savings along to the schools. Under the current contract, among the three districts, a single bus run can cost approximately $24,000 per bus route. If we were to break away from tiered busing, then costs would balloon to well over $40,000 per bus route or more (LVR currently has 11 routes). This dramatic increase could have direct impacts to our staffing, programs, clubs and extracurriculars. In order to meet the demands of getting students to school on time, the three districts and Byram Bus have agreed to alter the school day times in order to provide more time between runs. Therefore, beginning in August for the 2020-2021 school year, Lenape Valley will change the school day times to begin at 7:15am and end at 2:00pm. Delayed opening and early release schedules will be modified as well based on these new start and end times. We feel that this is the best option for us to be able to remain in the current agreement with Byram Bus through the Sussex County Cooperative and not require us to go out to bid for a new bus agreement which would, as noted above, significantly increase the costs to tax payers, to staff and ultimately to the students. More details will be provided, however, families should plan for this change and how it could impact them next school year.

For now though, I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. I hope you enjoy reading about the great things happening at Lenape Valley!

Paul DiRupo,
Superintendent
Guidance News

2019-2020 Testing Dates

AP Exams:

The College Board has published details about changes to AP Exams for Spring 2020. They have confirmed that we are moving to online exams that can be taken remotely. More details will be released by the College Board on or about April 4, 2020. A detailed announcement will be shared with our students and parents at that time. We recognize the transition to remote learning has been challenging and we will do all we can to guide AP students through this process.

NJSLA Testing:

Governor Phil Murphy announced that the State of New Jersey is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), ACCESS for ELLs, and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment. The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has notified states that it will grant a waiver to any state that is unable to assess its students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing relief from federally mandated testing, accountability, and reporting requirements for this school year. With students unable to attend school due to the COVID-19-related closures, it is not feasible to move forward with statewide testing. New Jersey will not be required to administer a statewide assessment for federal accountability purposes.

Final Exam Schedule:

June 2nd - Final Exams - Periods 1 & 2
June 3rd - Final Exams - Periods 3 & 4
June 4th - Final Exams - Periods 5 & 6
June 5th - Final Exams - Periods 7 & 8
June 8th - Last Day for Students
June 9th - Teacher In-Service

As of the date of publishing, our school remains under a mandatory closure due to COVID-19.

President Trump announced all closures to be in effect until April 30th – however, as per Governor Murphy, school re-open dates are yet to be determined.

Information about the re-opening of school will be shared once we are given direction from the NJ DOE.

Please stay tuned for updates throughout this difficult time.
Superintendents’ Roundtable Winner – Madeline Roth

It is with great pleasure that Lenape Valley Regional High School name senior, Madeline Roth as the 2020 Superintendents’ Roundtable Award winner. Madeline is an impressive young woman who embodies the true meaning of being a Lenape Valley Patriot. She came highly recommended by teachers and her guidance counselor for this award. Upon review of her credentials, one will immediately see her outstanding academic success since freshman year. Madeline, earning a 4.81 GPA at last look, has not only earned straight A’s her entire high school career, but has also 34 notations under “Activities” on her transcript - so many activities in fact that our guidance department had to manipulate the transcript to make them all fit. The activities range from athletics, to band and choral, to clubs. Madeline, as a junior, took 5 AP exams, earning a “5” on each of them -a truly outstanding accomplishment. As a junior, she earned the University of Pennsylvania Book Award, selected for exemplifying the characteristics of Benjamin Franklin – a scholar, innovator, and one who serves the community. Constantly challenging herself, participating fully in the classroom, and taking the drive and determination from inside the classroom to the community, makes Madeline the perfect selection for this year’s Superintendents’ Roundtable Award.

Scholar Athlete – Congratulations Saige Berkowitz

Saige Berkowicz was selected as Lenape Valley's 2020 Pass-It Along Scholar Athlete. Saige is a three-year varsity goalie for the field hockey team and also plays lacrosse. She will be continuing her education and field hockey career at The College of New Jersey this fall. Saige selected Mrs. Barbara Kauderer, her German teacher, as her Pass-It Along Teacher of Excellence.

HOBY Winners Announced

Sophomores Dara Pellinger and Brooke Proctor will represent Lenape Valley at the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Conference this June. The HOBY mission is to inspire and prepare future young leaders for a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. HOBY empowers young people to dream big, make an impact, and change the world.
Congratulations to the 2020 LVR Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees!

Selection to the LVR Hall of Fame is not an easy process as all nominees have merit. The selection committee looks for those that had significant athletic accomplishments or achieved a unique milestone in the history of LVR. It is a recognition that is memorialized in the school with the display in the hallway outside the Main Office and on the banners in the gym.

- Joe LaBell '80
- Dena Falleni '87
- Dahna Togno '92
- Karen Lewandowski '93
- Robert Norcross '93
- DJ Russo '06
- 1976 Boys Soccer Team
- 1985 Wrestling Team
- 1989 Football Team
- Coach Bob Poggi
- Contributor Henry "Butch" Bilas

Chinese New Year Celebration
Submitted by Mrs. Kauderer, Chinese Teacher

On February 4th, the Chinese Language Department and International Friendship Circle celebrated Chinese New Year at Lenape Valley. The Year of the Rat actually started on January 25, but due to mid-term testing week, we could not celebrate then. According to the Chinese calendar, this year is (approximately) the year 4718. Like every year, the students ran a (new) dragon through the building during the school day, which was a welcome distraction for students and teachers.

Congratulations to the AAA Club

A special recognition goes to students who Achieved All A’s on their report cards during the first semester. As is the tradition at Lenape, students earning this status were treated to a special treat celebrating their achievement.
9th graders:
Alondra Filpo
Alyssa Canfield**
Andrew McCleary**
Cameron Ecke
Christian Vetter
Dallas Hannon
Daniela Velarde
Devon Kumar
Ecke Cameron
Hanna Reardon
Kayla Bhagaloo
Laila Aponte
Luisa Rios**
Troy Brennan**
Tyler Redmond

10th graders:
Brooke Proctor
Bryann Kangas
Elyse Ashley
Jacen Nisbet**
Kayla Tracey
Salvatore Saputo**

11th graders
Abigail Wise
Alexa Petrie**
Alexandra Lopez**
Alexia Lacatena**
Annaliese Sheridan
Ashley Kraus**
Erin Rafferty
Justin Palumbo
Milagro Segura
Philip Echevarria**
Samantha Romano
Trey Kaplan

12th graders:
Amber Singh
Audrey Cullen
Brittney Szymanski**
Brooke Ewer
Chloe Reed
Christian DeFalco**
Christopher Pellinger**
Emily Gallo
Evan Stull
Gabriella Dan**
Holly Neish
Ian Benzler**
Isabella Costanza**
Jessica McThomas**
Kaylin Botha**
Madeline Roth**
Nicholas McColaughry**
Peri Maksymo**
Rocco Bonavolonta
Saige Berkowisz
Simon Mendoza

**Students who earned AAA status for MP1 and MP2

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**STEM Room Highlights**
Submitted by Mr. Bennington, STEM Teacher

With the new year comes new opportunities for our STEM students. Engineering and Robotics students are designing, building, and programming their robots for class skills competitions. Students continue to rapid prototype designs using our 3D printers and CNC Mill. Our STEM students are actively engaged in helping design the new computer and lab space that will accommodate the newly purchased equipment arriving this summer.

In these pictures, two Architecture students, Ryu Aponte and Eric Nemeth, are learning to use a transit in order to survey the LVHS campus.
In these pictures, Engineering & Robotics students are designing, building, and programming VEX robots. The challenge at hand is to build a highly maneuverable robot that can pick up and stack oversized building blocks.

Taking a play from the old woodshop book, this picture shows a student-made working wrench that met the challenge of being able to turn a specific size nut and bolt.

This picture shows our lab with VEX robots in the foreground and Lego EV3 robots in the background.
Annual Egg Drop
Submitted by Mr. Drury, Physics Teacher

Students in Mr. Drury’s class held their annual Egg drop. The purpose of the project was to apply what the students had learned in class about collisions, impulse and momentum. The task was to design and build a container that would prevent three uncooked eggs from breaking or cracking when dropped from a height of approximately 3 meters. The egg drop is supposed to mimic a car accident with three passengers.

A Scene from CSI: Lenape Valley
Submitted by Mrs. Motyka, Science Teacher

AP Biology students got hands on lab experience by running a DNA fingerprint gel electrophoresis.

Students and Teachers Doing Great Things!

Students Emily Shefferman and Olivia Gallagher both submitted work to the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing. They worked with Mr. Ripatrazone to draft, revise, and complete works of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. We wish them the best of luck in the competition!
Mr. Ripatrazone was recently featured in The New Jersey Herald for his new book, Longing for an Absent God: Faith and Doubt in Great American Fiction, which was released in March from Fortress Press. The book was inspired by essays that Mr. Ripatrazone wrote for Rolling Stone, The Atlantic, and other magazines. He was invited to present about the book and related scholarly subjects at Columbia University as part of their seminar series.

NHS members Lilly Luba and Alyssa Heinen created a lending library for their service project. Students and faculty are invited to take a book and/or leave a book. Happy reading!

There was a wonderful article in the NJ Herald about Harriet Hester, the substitute at Kittatinny who lost everything to a house fire. In the article, Harriet thanked the LVR staff for their donations to her. https://www.njherald.com/news/20191229/co-workers-and-others-help-fire-victim

Lenape Valley Sophomore Sara Brown recently had her digital photograph titled Frozen In Time selected to go to the 2020 State New Jersey Youth Art Month Exhibit in Trenton, NJ. Youth Art Month is a celebration that takes place each March to recognize the importance of art education in public schools. Along with other students whose artworks were selected for this honor, Sara's photograph was on display at the State House Annex from February 28th through March 6th, 2020. She recently attended along with her family an artist reception and awards ceremony for high school students at the State House on March 6th, 2020. Sara's art teacher, Mrs. Carnegie stated that "She is so proud of Sara's artistic accomplishments. Having your work chosen to go on to the State Youth Art Month exhibit from the county level is quite an honor."
The Academic Quiz Bowl team finished in the semifinals of the annual SCIL tournament held at Jefferson February 20-22.

And Mr. De Kleine, History Teacher has been busy……
Since Thanksgiving 2019, he has been spending a few hours each week working on the Next Generation Personal Finance training through Virtual Professional Development (VPDs). The program is designed to help educators develop skills that will enable them to bring real world experience and teaching strategies to classrooms across the nation and support the idea that students need to invest in themselves at an early age and those investments will return with huge dividends as they get older. Even though we are on classroom hiatus, Mr. De Kleine has continued his lessons, recently achieving Senior Level status with over forty hours of professional development in this course of study.

Mr. De Kleine completed the Columbia University - Teachers College Cowin Financial Literacy Program that was thirty hours of Professional Development and received his Digital Badge from the college, which can be verified through badgr.com.

Before the shutdown began, Mr. De Kleine was invited to go to Princeton University for a two-day symposium (Friday March 13th, and Saturday March 14th) on China and East Asian Studies. This was to continue the journey he began a few years ago where he achieved a certification in East Asian Studies. With hope, it will be rescheduled, as he was going to be a part of a few group discussions on China in the World Today and the Importance of Teaching about East Asia in schools.

Picatinny Workshop Brings 3D Printing to the Art Room
Submitted by Mrs. Carnegie, Art Teacher

Lenape Valley’s art teacher Mrs. Carnegie recently attended a two-day 3D Printing/CAD workshop offered by Picatinny Arsenal titled Art Classes for Tomorrow. She was invited to participate in this free workshop by Lenape Valley graduate (2010) Cassandra Mainiero who now works for Picatinny Arsenal as a member of the STEM department, along with Picatinny’s STEM manager Sharam Dabiri. Through the workshop, Mrs. Carnegie learned a tremendous amount about how to set up and run a MakerBot 3D printer, as well as valuable online resources that are available for teachers to utilize with students for creating 3D printed projects such as Tinkercad, Thingiverse, YouMagine, etc. As a result of actively participating in the workshop, Mrs. Carnegie developed many exciting ideas for how she could utilize these technologies to create numerous creative 3D printed art projects with her own students. By the end of the workshop, Mrs.
Carnegie was inspired to share the information that she acquired about 3D printing with the students in her classes. Mrs. Carnegie plans to do this especially through a new art course titled *New Media Art* being offered to students for the 2020-21 school year. This class is designed to give students an opportunity to utilize 3D printing as a new art medium, as well as provide them with a chance to produce artworks that would not be possible without this new emerging technology. At the end of the workshop, all of the teachers attending the event were informed that Picatinny Arsenal was giving each one of them a brand new MakerBot 3D printer to take back to their classrooms. Mrs. Carnegie was truly overjoyed to hear this announcement. She is so thankful that Ms. Mainiero and Mr. Dabiri invited her to partake in this incredible educational experience- one that provided her with the knowledge and printer needed to put the power of this technology into the hands of the creative young people in her art room.

The Life Skills class also loves to shop for the teachers and staff members at LVHS! Every other Friday the class goes shopping at the local ShopRite!

The Life Skills class loves to help out our community!

Submitted by Ms. Deutsch, Life Skills Teacher

The Life Skills class helped the local animal shelter in February. The students folded flyers for B.A.R.K.S (Byram Animal Rescue Kindness Squad).

They also put together folders for newly adopted animals for their forever homes!
The Life Skills class washed, dried, and folded all of the LVHS basketball jerseys after the season was over.

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**Puppet Shows Delight First Graders**

Submitted by Mrs. Carnegie, Art Teacher

*Lenape Valley High School* students in Mrs. Carnegie’s *Art for the School and Beyond* service art course recently conducted a puppet show on famous artists for first graders attending *Byram Lakes Elementary School* in Byram, *Netcong Elementary School* in Netcong, and *Valley Road Elementary School* in Stanhope. As part of preparations for the annual puppet show, the high school art students researched famous artists, created puppets that looked like Claude Monet, Vincent van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Henri Rousseau, and Andy Warhol, as well as made stages influenced by the styles of these well-known artists. After viewing the show, the Byram first graders were engaged in a crayon coloring activity related to the famous artists’ styles covered. The Netcong first graders were treated to a tour of the *Valley Road School* art room before returning to their own elementary school. The puppet show is a collaborative service art project developed by high school art teacher Mrs. Carnegie along with *Byram Lakes Elementary* art teacher Mrs. Elena McTaggart, *Netcong Elementary* teachers Mrs. Marlene Baccaro, Mr. Robert DeKleine, and Mrs. Francine Torsiello, and *Valley Road School* art teacher Ms. Leanne Sweeney. Mrs. Carnegie stated that she and the other teachers love this collaborative project because all the students involved benefit in some way from participating in it. The elementary school students benefit by gaining knowledge about famous artists from art history, while the high school students benefit through teaching the younger boys and girls about these artists. She went on to say that it is due to her students’ tremendous efforts, her professional relationship with the elementary school teachers, as well as the support of the administration at all the schools that makes it such a successful activity for all involved.” Mrs. Carnegie said that a highlight of this year’s puppet show was overhearing a first grader state that the puppet show day was the best. This young lady shared with Mrs. Carnegie near the end of the event how she hoped to make a puppet someday in her class. Positive feedback like this make the teachers from all the schools hope that this annual event takes place for many years to come.
Shown in the VanGogh group photo from left to right are Rachel Mojica and Kayla Petrucelli

Shown in the Monet Group photo from left to right are Lenape Valley Art for the School and Beyond students Mia Schuddeboom, Daniela Velarde, Owen Christiansen, Megan Glancey, Carly Madrid, and Brooke Proctor.

Shown in the Warhol group photo from left to right are Kaitlyn McGraw, Yasenia Payret, puppeteer Ben Cordero, Brendan O'Hagan, and Liam (Will) Vetter along with first graders from Byram Lakes Elementary School.

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**National Honor Society Celebrates New Members**

Submitted by Mrs. Motyka, Advisor

The NHS induction ceremony was held on February 25th. We were proud of our 44 students that were inducted in the candle lighting ceremony. Students opened the ceremony by a beautiful rendition of the national anthem accompanied by Mrs. Donahue.

The National Honor Society seeks to recognize four cornerstones of student achievement. These cornerstones are Character, Leadership, Scholarship and Service. Our inductees have all worked hard at achieving these cornerstones. The ceremony was a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements and hard work of our students.
Evening of the Arts and The Paper Dress Fashion Show
Submitted by Mrs. Christopher, Art Teacher

The show went off without a hitch! Our talented students sang, danced, and played instruments for the Lenape Valley community. The Paper Dress Fashion show models walked down the runway to showcase the talents of the designers from Mrs. Christopher’s Fashion & Interior Design Classes. The show was a huge success and all proceeds are going towards the Faculty For the Arts Scholarship Fund.
All-Schools Come Together To Wow the Audience
Submitted by Mr. DiGrazia, Music Teacher

The Lenape Valley Music Department, led by band director Mr. DiGrazia and choir director, Mrs. Donahue, held their annual all-schools, district wide, concert on February 11, 2020. Middle school students from Byram Intermediate School, Stanhope Valley Road School, and Netcong Elementary School were invited to the high school for a full day music experience. This included a full day music rehearsal and clinic on stage with the high school choir and high school symphonic band. Students had the opportunity to rehearse, learn, and perform with each other. At 7:00 PM, all students from all schools had the opportunity to perform 8 musical selections with the high school ensembles, including selections from “The Greatest Showman,” and other concert repertoire pieces. This wonderful day of music allowed our district middle school students to experience and see what Lenape Valley has to offer in the performing arts department. Between all performing ensembles and all four schools districts, there were over 150 students involved in the festivities.
E-Day
Submitted by Mrs. Whitt, Math Teacher

Move over Pi-Day. Welcome E-Day. On February 7, 2020, the students in Mrs. Whitt's and Mrs. Jaworski's Algebra 2 classes celebrated E-Day. The Irrational number “e” is roughly equal to 2.718281828459. Students learned that the number ‘e’ is the base of the natural logarithm. They also used “e” to calculate interest on bank accounts when interest is compounded continuously. Students made posters, t-shirts and lots of baked goods all showing the number “e”.

Go Green Updates
Submitted by Mrs. Strodel, Go Green Advisor

This year the Go Green Club has continued its commitment to keep plastics out of our oceans by collecting over 200 lbs. of plastic film for the Trex Recycling contest. Club members collect and weigh the plastic each month, and it is returned to a grocery store for recycling into Trex decking and outdoor furniture. Thank you to all students, staff and their families for bringing in plastics from their homes to help us in our efforts. A special thank you to the Swanson family for collecting all of the plastic from their family business for the LVR Go Green Club and significantly adding to our collection. Their plastics may help us to earn the Trex bench for our Back Patio Garden this year!!

The Go Green Club also participated in the amphibian crossings on Waterloo Road with Conserve Wildlife NJ. Members went to the volunteer training workshop to learn about the amphibian species in our area that migrate across Waterloo Rd. in Byram each spring to get to the vernal pools on the other side. Each year hundreds of these amphibians get crushed by cars before reaching their natural habitat causing a significant decline in their populations. Volunteers for Conserve Wildlife NJ stand watch along Waterloo Rd under the correct environmental conditions of warm temperatures and rain to help these cute critters cross the road. Each night volunteers save hundreds of amphibian lives by doing this.

Go Green members and Mrs. Strodel's Environmental Science students continued to plant milkweed in our back patio garden for monarch butterflies to lay their eggs on during their annual migration in the Fall. The pictures below show a sample of how successful our efforts were!! We will continue to plant more milk weed to feed these hungry caterpillars!
Thank you to all club members who made this year a roaring success for the Go Green Club! This year's members are enthusiastic, responsible, and independent problem solvers... a true representation of the LVR Patriot spirit! Everyone can follow us on Instagram at @lvrhsgogreen.

Interact Donations To Benefit Homeless Teens
Submitted by Mrs. Timan, Interact Co-Advisor

The Interact Club donated 82 pairs of jeans for the Teens for Jeans Drive. In coordination with AEROPOSTLE we asked Interact and the Lenape Valley students and staff to donate new and gently used jeans for teens that are homeless. We got an overwhelming response. The AEROPOSTLE staff members said we made the biggest donation.

Here’s a picture with Mrs. Timan and Pat the Patriot.

DECA Updates
Submitted by Mr. Nusbaum, DECA Advisor


Lenape Valley DECA performed extremely well, with 26 members qualifying to compete at the 2020 DECA State Competition, held in Atlantic City at Harrah's Resort and Conference Center on March 2 – 4th. Mrs. Gales, Mrs. Kauderer, Mr. Poggi, Mr. Koellhoffer, and DECA Advisor Mr. Nusbaum chaperoned this wonderful group of students and this trip was also a great success.

Eight LVR DECA members qualified to attend the 2020 International Competition, which was scheduled to run April 28th to May 3rd, in Nashville Tennessee. Sanjae Eugene (Senior) took third place overall in the
Apparel and Accessories Marketing event, and Simon Mendoza (Senior) took sixth place overall, also in the Apparel and Accessories Marketing category, qualifying them to attend. Chapter officers Rebecca DaSilva (Senior), Eric Falleni (Senior), Zach Miller (Senior), Chris Pellinger (Senior), Emily Polovsky (Senior), and Vaughn Weber (Junior) all qualified to attend as well for their hard work and dedication to the 2019-2020 NJ DECA State Community Service Campaign. This year’s campaign, #Help2Heal raised awareness and funds for the Good Grief Foundation of New Jersey. These LVR students not only qualified because of their work with #Help2Heal, but also because of their work on the National DECA Community Service Campaign, their entries into the National DECA Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign, and finally, their work with the National DECA Marketing Promotion Campaign.

Unfortunately, National DECA canceled the Nashville competition due to the current COVID-19 crisis but we are still extremely proud of our LVR DECA Members and Officer Team for their amazing accomplishments, the LVR Patriot Spirit they embodied at Districts and States, and for representing Lenape Valley, our community, and their families so admirably.

Winter Sports Wrap-UP
Submitted by Mr. Cline, Athletic Director

- Boys Swimming: 7-2 (6-1 Conference)
- Girls Swimming: 6-4 (4-3 Conference)
- Boys Basketball: 5-21 (2-19 Conference)
- Girls Basketball: 7-20 (7-17 Conference)
- Bowling: 6-6
- Wrestling: 4-8 Conference

Congratulations to freshman Troy Brennan for setting the school record for points in a season (300) and points in a game for a freshman (27) during the 2019-20 season.

Congratulations Conference Champs!
Girls Soccer won their conference last fall, a first for the program. Once school and businesses resume, a banner will be added to the gym in recognition of this achievement.
Capture the Memories with a 2019-2020 Yearbook

It is important now, more than ever, for our students to cherish the memories they have made at LVR. We still have over 30 seniors who have not ordered a yearbook--there are only 47 left to sell. Reserve yours today by clicking the Order your Yearbook link on www.lvhs.org under the announcements section. Please contact Mrs. Cautero, yearbook business advisor @ jcautero@lvhs.org if you have any questions.

Steps to order a yearbook:
Click on www.lvhs.org
Under Announcements section click on Order Your Yearbook link
Click on 2020 Yearbook link
Click on Order Now

In Memoriam
Winfield “Winnie” Conklin

On March 2nd, our dear friend and day-time custodian, Winnie Conklin passed away. Winnie was a source of sunshine here for the staff and students and will be greatly missed.
**Coronavirus may close our school, but it does not stop the Patriot Spirit!**

Read on for some inspiring stories from students and staff about how we are all coping with the new normal!

On March 23rd, Mr. Brian Bennington and other STEM teachers from around the county have combined resources to produce and donate medical face shields using the resources in our STEM Lab. Mr. Bennington will be producing the frames on our 3D printers. Those frames will then be fitted with clear laser cut plastic (corporately donated) to complete the face shields. There have already been pledges from sponsors to replenish and supply the filament used in this process. This effort will help get much needed medical supplies in the hands of our health care workers.

Thank you Mr. Bennington for doing something that truly shows the heart of a Patriot!

So far, our family has done movie nights, game nights, and park walks, while we plan to paint a few rooms, build a fire pit, and have the kids each take a night to cook dinner. (Mr. Kisatsky)

We instituted a “You Gotta Watch This” list. Putting a list of 5 movies we want the others to see, we then pick out of a hat, and enjoy the movie together. Bringing back many of the classic movies from the 80’s is so much fun! (Mrs. Cautero)

Despite the tough reality of being away from school, Lenape Valley band students continued their hard work at home. Students are sending videos and recordings of them rehearsing their 2020 spring concert repertoire from their living rooms, kitchens, and bedrooms. It is amazing to see the dedication these music students have for Lenape Valley's band program.

Many of our teachers have been receiving messages of thanks like this -

Received by Ms. Kulcsar:

"Thank you to all the teachers for working so hard on this [Remote Learning]. You are all definitely our heroes right now."
Mrs. Cortes put together a playlist for her co-workers – some of the songs included:

  Don’t Stand So Close To Me by The Police
  All By Myself by Celine Dion
  I’m Still Standing by Elton John
  Don’t Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin
  I Want To Break Free by Queen
  Dancing With Myself by Billy Idol

Have fun putting together your own COVID19 playlist to get you through!

I made a YouTube channel and share my lectures with the kids each day. (Mr. Costanzo)

I have been using the Zoom app and doing face-to-face conference calls with my Algebra 2 and Honors Pre-Calculus students. They seem to be enjoying it and I have to say, I am too! It has shown the commitment level of my students and their work ethic is shining through. (Mrs. Jaworski)

A Message from Mrs. Brill, Library Media Specialist

Teachers and students have been working diligently to make sure distance learning is successful. LVR families have access to many free online materials. Google Documents have been shared with the students that include links to some of these resources. If you would like some of these links, please email me at the address below.

Keep in mind that the students also have access to our online databases, available from the media center website. On the database page there is a link to the “Database Access from Home” document that includes the required usernames and passwords.

Lastly, there was a “Chromebook Troubleshooting” document shared with the students to assist with issues students might encounter. Students and parents may contact me if they have issues they are unable to solve.

All of these documents have been shared with the students from Google Docs.

Thank you and stay well,
Mrs. Brill
Media Center Director
lbrill@lvhs.org
Stay Tuned for “Virtual Spirit Week”

Our next issue of the LV Quarterly will feature our Virtual Spirit Week – some fun that the teachers are having despite the separation from students and co-workers. Here’s some fun being had with Mrs. Cortes and Mrs. Cautero!

Monday was Monochrome Monday

Tuesday was Tourist Day!

The Role of the Parent-Teacher-Coach

By Mr. Eric Schuman, Spanish Teacher

Unprecedented times. There's no manual for this. We're figuring this out as we go. We're all in this together. We will get through this.

I believe these truisms, and as a parent, teacher and coach I am reminded of them weekly, daily, hourly. I know I am not alone, even though my space has been constricted. And I know I am not the only one not sleeping well. I am acutely aware of the burden on the leaders and deciders, the helpers and the sick, the caretakers and the at-risk, the achievers and the grievers, the breadwinners and the babies. No one is unaffected worldwide.

Patience has been required, and much more so moving forward, particularly with no determined end in sight. With social distancing, our families have shrunked to our nuclear families. This concentrated proximity presents new challenges as the forced separation from my students and teams presents even greater challenges. Greater self discipline is required to manage, to communicate, to prepare and to set appropriate boundaries. The six-foot rule does not apply to such areas as the need to make meals, the need to restock, and the calls, texts, posts, tweets, messages and decisions blitzing us at the speed of light.

I find myself grateful for technology and the connectiveness it affords, while at the same time recognizing the need to manage its use in a way that is not consuming. I am grateful that Lenape has been prepared and has been able to launch online learning on short notice. Our administrative team has had the foresight to put trainings in place to ready us for this. Our technology team has been available for real-time solutions for teachers and students around the clock. Colleagues have been selfless with their knowledge. Students and our athletes have been diligent to connect and interact with materials we have made available. My hope is that the lifeline of connectivity that technology has provided will merely be the bridge to get us back to where we want to be sooner rather than later - in the classroom, on the court (Shout out to tennis!) and on the field, and out there in the community free from fear of contagions and illness. I am grateful that though my delivery methods and platforms have changed, my purpose is still to parent, to teach, to coach - no distancing, no confinement, no boundaries can take that away from me.
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Our official social media accounts are now up and running for Lenape Valley! They will be run by our social media coordinators, Mr. Scholl and Mrs. McCullough. We would love for you to follow our LVR accounts for photos and updates throughout the 2019-2020 school year!

They are as follows:
Facebook group - LVR Patriots Official Page

Instagram - lvr_patriots_official_page

and Twitter - @lvrpatriots.

Please feel free to reach out to either of our coordinators with any questions and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with fun activities!