

Licking Heights Alumni Report

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New Superintendent Thomas Tucker

The Licking Heights School Board contracted with the Ohio School Boards Association to conduct a nationwide search for a new superintendent. After months of screening, interviews and public meetings, the Board proudly announced their selection, Dr. Thomas S. Tucker. Here is Dr. Tucker's brief biography.



Born and raised in Northeastern Arkansas, Thomas S. Tucker has served 20 years in the Kansas and Ohio public school systems. During that time, he has held the positions of classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Director of Secondary Curriculum. Thomas was named Superintendent of the Licking Heights Local School District effective August 1, 2008.

As a classroom teacher, Thomas was named "Outstanding Teacher of the Year." As an administrator, was a finalist for the Ohio Association of Middle School Administrators "Distinguished Principal Award;" was recipient of the prestigious "Affirmative Action Award" from the Ohio State University; and has been listed several times in "Who's Who of Professionals" and "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

At the 2008 all-staff convocation in August, Dr. Tucker shared his vision of improvement for the district asking all employees to raise student expectations and increase academic achievement while reducing ethnic and socio-economic achievement gaps.

Dr. Thomas Tucker received his doctoral degree (Ph.D.) from the Ohio State University in Higher Education and Student Affairs, Communication and Research; his Masters in Educational Policy and Leadership from the Ohio State University; and his Bachelors degree from Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Thomas is an active member of many educational associations, civic organizations and committees, including the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. He served on the state of Ohio Grade Six Reading Content Advisory Committee and the Northwest Counseling Services Advisory Board. He has given numerous professional presentations across the country.

Thomas and his wife, Janae (an elementary school teacher in Dublin) have two children, Jaedyn and Jai-Harrison. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, exercising and debating at his favorite barber shop.

Where did the 'Hornet' come from?



The 1946-47 basketball team was provided new warm-up jackets that were yellow in color. Revered Bruner, whose son Dick played for the team, referred to them as the yellow

jackets. As the story goes, the fans would cheer on the "Yellow Jackets" followed by the cheer "Sting-em". In the 1951-52 school year the school officially took on the name Summit Hornets.

In the 1958-59 school year, the Jersey and Summit schools were consolidated on April 17th. A contest was held to name the newly formed school district at which time student Ruth Appleman won \$10 for the winning entry. The district then became know as the Licking Heights Hornets.

If you have an old Hornet picture, logo or design, please send it to us! We would like to put together a history of the Hornet and display it in the high school trophy case.

Send to tdunkle@lhalumni.com



Alumni Scholarship Fund Report

You may know that we selected The Licking County Foundation to administer our Alumni scholarship fund. The Foundation eliminates any possible bias or favoritism in the selection of the annual recipient. They meet with High School Counselors, provide scholarship applications, and communicate our requirements. The Foundation reviews the applications that meet the requirements and their Board of Directors makes the selection. The name of the graduate is then given to the Counselor and the Alumni President. The student is advised and then presented with a certificate at the Senior breakfast.

The Licking County Foundation is a public charitable organization made up of a collection of various funds given by caring individuals, businesses, and organizations that have a common concern for the well-being of the people of Licking County. The role of the Foundation is to: **Build** permanent charitable assets to use on behalf of the whole community. **Invest** and manage funds wisely and distribute them in a timely and equitable manner in keeping with the needs of the community and the wishes of the donors. **Advance** and enhance the educational, social, cultural, health and civic resources of the community through support of qualified nonprofit organizations. **Provide** philanthropic leadership through the actions of the Governing Committee that create and promote efforts of citizens to improve the quality of life in the community. Currently, the Foundation maintains assets in excess of \$40,000,000.00.

Beginning this year the amount of the scholarship will increase from \$500 to \$1,000. This was due to the increasing cost of college tuitions and was mandated by the

Foundation. The Alumni Board of Directors agreed with the Foundation and approved the increase.

The current status of your Alumni scholarship fund is outlined below. Unfortunately, it like most of us and everyone else in the country has been adversely affected by the market and downturn world economy. However, after much discussion, research, and consultation the Board elected to continue to grow the fund with the Foundation. Here is a year to date statement for your Fund.

Opening Balance	\$14,377.18
Contributions	\$4,000.00
Other Income	
Investment Activity	
Interest & Dividends	\$277.98
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(\$1,791.69)
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$56.78
Disbursements	
Grants Awarded	\$500.00
Investment Fees	\$31.33
Management Fees	\$102.54
Ending Balance	\$16,286.38

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Dunkle, President



Band Has Another Great Year!

The Alumni would like to congratulate the marching band on a stellar season and the Superior Rating at OMEA State Marching Band Finals at Dayton on October 25. There were quite a few first timers in the band this year and there was a lot for them to learn in a short time. Besides performing at all the football games the band entered six contests. They started out their contest year earning sev-



eral 2nd and 3rd place awards in their class, but kept steadily improving. The end result brought them a 1st place and Grand Champions of Class B & C at the Tri-Valley Classic at Dresden, Ohio. All along the flags (auxiliary) and percussion were pulling down 1st and 2nd places and at Tri-Valley they were both rated "Outstanding"! The band entered the Buckeye Classic for the first time this year and what a wonderful experience to play in the OSU stadium, the acoustics were awesome.

Officers and Directors

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Hornet Football

Hornets finish the gridiron season with a third place standing in the Mid State Cardinal Division with a 5-2-0 record. The two losses were to the league co-champions Liberty Union (8-27) and West Jefferson (0-28). The Hornet overall season record was 7-3-0 with the third loss against Johnstown (15-35).

But, let us not forget the victorious Watkins game and the **Battle for Broad Street**. Our Hornets fought a hard battle that was delayed by thunder storms and had to be finished the next morning. When the final whistle blew to end the game, the final score was 41-14. This is the second year in a row that our Hornets have taken home the trophy. It also means that the street beside City Hall remains named "Hornet Way". Go Hornets!

Philo	27-0	Watkins	41-14
Johnstown	15-35	Berne Union	20-7
Fisher Catholic	38-7	Harvest Prep	38-13
Liberty Union	8-27	Grandview Hts	28-0
Millersport	59-0	W Jefferson	0-28

90th Birthday Bash!

Dorothy Cowan Price Kenney (1936) celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, November 23, 2008 at the Pickerington Senior Citizen Center. This writer, her husband Leonard (1953) and sister Melody Galloway Dempster (1955) attended this significant occasion and were gratified to see so many old residents of Harrison Street, Summit Station. The Harr girls; Patty (1949) and husband Jim Wyrick, Joy (1952) Griffin, Bonnie (1957) and Bill Hoodlebrink (1956), Kay (1962) Bakenhaster, 'Shorty' Fletch Appleman (1937), Teddy Appleman (1960) and wife Judy. Other alumni with whom we spoke were Fred (1955) and Shirley Hendren, Dixie Hendren Reader (1964) and Al, Donna Hendren Price Boehm (1956) and Don Boehm (1954), Virginia Merriall Houck (1940), Marcia Houck Green (1964), Rosemary Fishbaugh Fravel Peterman (1951) and Lyle. The birthday lady's daughter, Bobbie Price Hendershot (1956) was the 'hottess with the mostess' for the afternoon.

Bev Galloway Denune (1953)



If I Knew!

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,

and we always get a second chance
to make everything just right.

There will always be another day
to say "I love you,"
And certainly there's another chance
to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today,
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
and that you'll always hold them dear

Take time to say "I'm sorry,"
"Please forgive me," "Thank you," or
"It's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.



**Don't Mess
with
Grandpa!**
HE'S ARMED "TO THE TEETH"!



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From the Alumni Officers & Directors



**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year**



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