# Little Miami E-News

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2021-2022 Back to School Information Hub

#### 20th Anniversary Commemoration of September 11, 2001

As we approach the 20th Anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, it is more important than ever to educate young people, who were not alive twenty years ago, of the tragedies that befell innocent civilians and heroic first responders on that heartbreaking day.

Today, September 10th, all Little Miami students engaged in instruction, activities, and discussion to help inform them of the events that occurred on September 11, 2001. Students in grades 6-12 may have viewed & discussed a 37-minute video from the 9/11 Memorial & Museum that shares moving first-hand testimony of the catastrophic events of that day. Additional activities to encourage discussion of how 9/11 still applies to Americans today will also occur.

Students in grades PK-5 participated in age-appropriate curriculum relating to 9/11.

As the details of this devastating day can be traumatic and emotionally heavy, please encourage your student to discuss what they learned and support them as they ask questions or express feelings of sadness or confusion.

If you would like to view the 9/11 Memorial & Museum video, please click here.



LM's Current COVID-19 Information



DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES OR DISCOUNTS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS?



INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL FEES Eligibility will be determined by free & reduced application.

FEDERAL GRANTS



Funds for supplemental Food Assistance for students



AP/SAT/ACT TESTING Discounted registration fees.

FREE breakfast & lunch meals for ALL students during 2021-2022 school year

Maintains funding for student programs & special services.

While breakfast & lunch is free to all students during the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the application to be eligible for other benefits. Apply Online: Log in to account @ PayschoolsCentral.com and click \*Apply Now.\* **Download Paper Application**: LittleMiamiSchools.com - Departments - Food Services Contact Ron McWhorter, Food Services Director, with questions: rmcwhorter@lmsdoh.org

Are you or your child are in need of medical care, a vaccination, or just an annual wellness check? Nurse Practitioner Mary Compton is ready to help! Conveniently located at Little Miami Primary (7247 Zoar Rd.), the staff at the Mercy Clinic are available 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays to serve residents of all ages. Same-day appointments are AVAILABLE, so please call if you have questions or need medical care. Schedule an appointment by calling (513) 215-9277.

Click for more info.



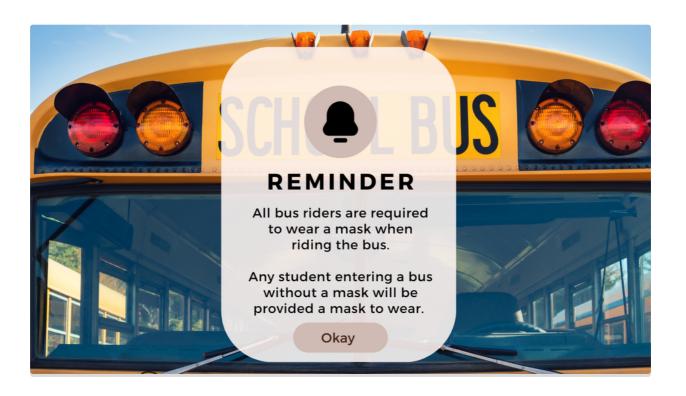
## 2021 LM Graduate Earns Semi-Finalist Status in Global Competition

Little Miami High School Class of 2021 graduate, Yaw Osei-Tutu, is doing impressive things & needs the support of his Panther community!

After entering the Breakthrough Junior Challenge Video Contest, in which Yaw created a 3-minute video explaining a science concept, he recently learned that he is a semi-finalist! This honor is an incredible accomplishment, as his video one of the Top 30 videos submitted across the globe! The winner of this competition receives a \$250,000 scholarship, \$100,000 award to the science lab for their school, and a \$50,000 prize for the science lab utilized by a teacher nominated by Yaw.

Let's help get Yaw into the Finals & a chance to win the generous prizes! Like, react & share his video <u>available HERE!</u> Voting ends on September 20th. Way to go Yaw! We are so proud of your creativity & passion for science!

Learn more about the Breakthrough Junior Challenge Contest



#### LM Student Earns Honorable Mention in New York Times Learning Network's Student Podcast Contest

Little Miami student, Kendall Silber, received an Honorable Mention for her submission to The New York Times Learning Network's Student Podcast Contest over the summer. What began as an 8th grade Language Arts project became an award-winning podcast focused on the importance of LGBTQ+ History. From more than 1,500 entries submitted, Kendall's work was given the distinguished recognition of Honorable Mention! Congratulations Kendall!

Click here to listen to Kendall's podcast

#### Imagination Library - ENROLL TODAY

**DID YOU KNOW?** By the age of three, a child's brain is already 80% developed, and, by the time a child enters kindergarten, they must already know thousands of words in order to succeed in the classroom. Reading aloud to a child and giving them access to books is the best way to ensure they are prepared to enter kindergarten.



The Ohio Governor's Imagination Library wants to start a new chapter in early childhood literacy throughout Ohio by providing families with books. With the goal of preparing students entering Kindergarten for success in the classroom, the Imagination Library program will send a customized book to your child each month from birth until age five. Sign up is easy and FREE! Give your Panther the gift of reading & enroll today.

Learn more about the <u>Ohio Governor's Imagination Library</u> and its partnership with <u>Dolly Parton's Imagination Library</u>.

View a Book List



#### New Fee Payment Platform

This year, Little Miami Schools will be utilizing the services of **PaySchools Central** as the method to load school lunch accounts and pay fees.

Little Miami moved from the previous system, EZPay, to the PaySchools Central system on August 2nd, turning off access to EZPay. No action needs to be taken in order to shut down your family's EZPay account or



to transfer remaining funds from EZPay to PaySchools. To create a PaySchools Central account, visit: <a href="https://www.payschoolscentral.com">www.payschoolscentral.com</a>.

With PaySchools, you are able to manage your student's accounts & fees in one platform, even allowing you to set up an auto-replenish option to automatically refill lunch accounts when they are running low.

Click here for a step-by-step Setup Guide & additional information.

Community Events, Links & Flyers

### **Important Dates**

Sept. 15: Fall Picture Day @ LMPR

Sept. 17: Fall Picture Day @ LMHS

Sept. 19: Food Truck Rally 2-7 PM @ LMHS

Sept. 20-24: Homecoming Spirit Week

Sept. 22: Fall Picture Day @ LMMS

