

The Leigh Legend



April 2024



A Note from Mr. Fischer..

Welcome to Spring! We look forward to the warmer weather and seeing things get some color again. Spring is a season of new beginnings, and here at LCS, we plan to spend the rest of the fourth quarter embracing new opportunities and accomplishing many things to finish the fourth quarter strong!

I want to provide you with some facility updates that are happening within the district. We are right on schedule to open up our elementary addition in the fall of 2024. Otte Construction has been doing a great job and we hope to move in immediately following the end of the school year. This will help us split our large classes and provide quality instruction with adequate classroom space. We will have an open-house in August for all to take a look.

Also, you may have noticed some dirt work on the north side of Victory Lane. Last year, we purchased these lots to expand a parking area for school activities. Our patrons support many activities and we recognized the need to provide more parking. This will alleviate some inconveniences with our parking situation and continue to give the school opportunities to host large events.

Similar to last year, on the last day of school, May 16th, we will combine all of our end-of-the-year activities into one day. This includes elementary awards, field day, petting zoo, town cleanup, class competitions, and as always, the school wide water fight with the help of Leigh Volunteer Fire Department. The plan will be to dismiss at 2:00 p.m. We will be sending out more information as May draws closer.

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2024

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on March 6th, 2024 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on March 6th, 2024 at Leigh Community Schools, Just Another Mini Mart and the Leigh Post Office)
Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Wietfeld M.
Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Hoffman

Approval of Agenda

Presentation – CIP External Visit Presentation

Hoffman Arrived @ 6:35 pm During the Presentation

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; Congratulations to the C-L fans/team on winning the C-2 Sportsmanship Award at the NSAA Girls Basketball Tournament; Girls' Basketball; Softball; External Visit: School Motto; Mission; Vision; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Lockout Follow-Up; Facilities & Transportation; Supply Ordering; Legislative Updates.

Consent Agenda approved the February 12th, 2024 meetings minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motion Passed: Approved Mrs. Alyssa Went as .5 FTE AG Ed teacher for the '24-'25 school year.

Discussion Item: Special Education Report 2024

Motions Passed: Approved Beef in Schools through Leigh Legacy Fund; Approved EPCO Locker Quote for New Addition; Approved Colfax County AG Society FB Field Reimbursement.

Discussion Item: State Aid Certification for the '24-'25 School Year

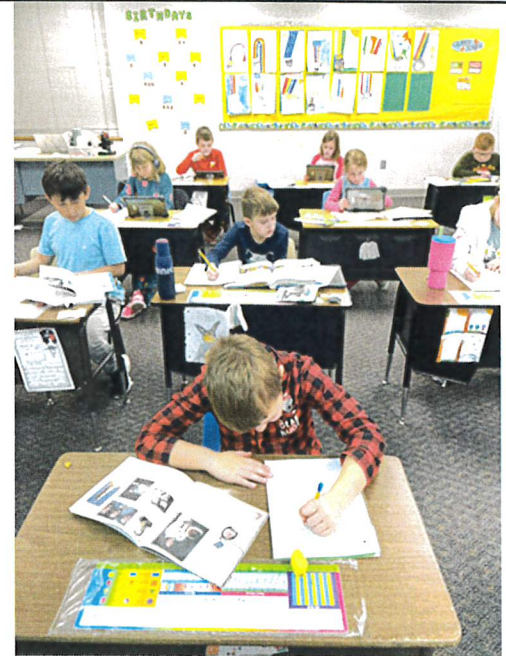
Moved by Urban J, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

second Grade

Mrs. Kabes' second grade class learned what a hero is and how they impact others. We read biographies about certain heroes in our reading. Their assignment was to choose a hero to write about. Some of these heroes were Jackie Robinson, Serena Williams, Neil Armstrong, the Wright Brothers, and Harriet Tubman. Once they chose their hero they researched facts about them and created their own biography. Included in their biography, was a timeline of their hero's life.



Spring Happenings in Mrs. Fischer's Room

Spring is always an exciting time in the English classroom! Great things are happening in room 142!

The senior English class read *Beowulf* earlier in the semester, and now just finished reading some of *The Canterbury Tales* by Chaucer. Along with parts of the "General Prologue," they read "The Miller's Tale," "The Pardoner's Tale," and "The Wife of Bath's Tale." Now they will each choose one more to read on their own and complete a project! They will next begin reading Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

The 8th grade reading group has spent most of the year analyzing classic short stories for MANY literary elements. They have read many classics including "The Ransom of Red Chief," "Gift of the Magi" "The Treasure of Lemon Brown," "The Lottery," "Lamb to the Slaughter," and "Thank You Ma'am." They have been working on dissecting everything from these stories, including examples of allusion, irony, foreshadowing, mood, tone, author's purpose, theme, and much more. They wrapped up the unit with a very big test! Now they have begun a poetry unit and are analyzing five famous poems, including "Because I Could Not Stop for Death," by Emily Dickinson, "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost, "O Captain, My Captain," by Walt Whitman, "Chicago," by Carl Sandburg, and "Still I Rise" Maya Angelou.

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Poetry abounds in 8th grade! The 8th grade *writing* class recently studied the various forms of poetry as well. They wrote their own poetry including haiku, cinquain, elegy, free verse, blank verse, limerick, ballad, shape, and mimic poetry and compiled them in a portfolio. They also read poetry out loud and held their annual March Madness Poetry challenge where one member of the class was crowned the poetry recitation champion! Congratulations to the final four: Tyce Larson, Trevor Hoffman, Sadie Brabec, and Michael Wemhoff! Tyce Larson was our undefeated champion, and Trevor Hoffman was runner-up! This year's competition did not disappoint, and it was quite an honor to make the top 4!

Along with the 8th graders, the 7th grade reading class has just started a research unit that will cover reliable sources, detecting bias and propaganda, avoiding plagiarism, and understanding the difference between paraphrasing and direct quotations. The unit will culminate with a research project over an assigned decade in American history! We plan to study organizational text patterns of nonfiction text next, and then read "The Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan to finish out the year.

Last quarter the sophomore English class did some beginning ACT prep for the test they will take as juniors. They also completed a final grammar unit over everything they have learned all year with a few new add-ins like hyphens, dashes, ellipses, formatting quotations, and identifying misplaced modifiers. They also studied rhetorical devices used in speeches and compared and contrasted famous speeches, including President Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" speech, JFK's "Inaugural Address" and Malala Yousafzai's 2013 "United Nation's Speech." We are currently in the middle of reading the speculative fiction novel *Fahrenheit 451*, and we still plan to read *To Kill a Mockingbird* yet before the year is over. If we have time to squeeze in some argumentative writing, we will do that as well!

The freshman speech class I teach is a one-semester only class that began in January. After spending some time studying speech ethics and the basics of communication, they have presented introduction speeches and demonstrative speeches so far, and they are in the middle of preparing their informative speeches. This is a huge class with lots of speeches to get through, but we will definitely cover persuasive speeches by the end of the year. They are an extremely hard-working group of kids! For their demonstrative speeches, I enjoyed learning everything from how to cast a fishing line to make special recipes to create an elegant floral arrangement! For their informative speech coming up, we will get to hear about topics like food allergies, creatures of the deep sea, battles of the Revolutionary War, and more!

The journalism class is busy as ever churning out articles for the newspaper and website each week. Basketball/wrestling season was a very busy time for articles, so we are happy to have a little breathing room now that the winter sports seasons are completed. If anyone has an idea for a news or special interest article in the community, please pass it along! We would love to cover it! We also plan to produce a couple school news "Leigh Legends" broadcasts before school is out.

Thanks to all the students in Room 142 for making this another great school year! Leigh Community Schools truly has amazing students, and I feel very fortunate to teach them!



The 2023-2024 yearbooks are on sale now! This year's theme is "Down the Road" The cost is \$35, and your student should be signed up and paid for by May 1 if at all possible!

Counselor's Notes:

College Reps

College reps are back for their spring visits! When college admission reps visit our high school, students are encouraged to attend and ask questions. They know their college best and can inform students of important opportunities and deadlines. Both Wayne State College and Northeast Community College reps were here in March. Fall semester dual credit college course sign up is just around the corner, if students are interested be sure to talk with Mrs. Gall! Seniors and parents if you have any questions regarding class registration for the fall, FAFSA, or any of the steps after graduation please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Gall.

Northeast Academic Day

During the morning of March 26th, Northeast Community College held their Academic Contest at the college. Leigh had 22 students from the high school that competed. Congratulations to all the students selected to attend the contest! Results were: Ella Urban 1st place-Foods and Nutrition; Brayden Loseke 1st place-World History; Aubrie Hanna 2nd place-Vocabulary and 3rd place-Literature; Delanie Erwin 2nd place-Trigonometry; Luke Eisenmann 2nd place-Algebra II; Elizabeth Hoffman 2nd place-Geometry; Brett Wemhoff 2nd place-Geography.



NECC Academic Contest Participants

Quiz Bowl

Our quiz bowl team finished 4th out of 48 teams in the KTCH Radio Quiz Bowl tournament. This tournament started at the beginning of January and we finished up at the end of February. Participants throughout the tournament included Aubrie Hanna, Morgan Bunner, Brianne Kuhr, Brayden Loseke, Luke Eisenmann, Brynn Settje, Baylee Settje, and Izabel Hollatz. Our ESU 7 district tournament will be held on April 16th at Central Community College

State Testing

We wrapped up our district MAP testing for our upper elementary, junior high, and high school at the end of February. Our juniors have been busy during the first part of the semester preparing for the ACT with John Baylor test prep! The juniors took the state administered ACT the morning of March 26th. Our sophomores took the PreACT the morning of March 15th. We are anxiously awaiting their scores! The upper elementary and junior high students are preparing for NSCAS testing later this spring.

You're Invited To

KINDERGARTEN

ROUNDUP

When: Thursday, April 18th

Where: Mrs. Wietfeld's Kindergarten Classroom

Time: 2:30-3:15

If your child is currently in afternoon pre-kindergarten, they will be at school and go to the Kindergarten classroom. If your child is not in afternoon pre-kindergarten, please bring him/her to Mrs. Wietfeld's Kindergarten room. Parents are asked to attend a short parent meeting at 2:30 with Mr. Fischer and April in the Elementary Gym. The meeting will include paperwork, a quick overview of the Elementary rules, and a school tour. Parents please park in the large parking lot on the east side of school and enter through the office doors. If you would like to take your child home after Kindergarten Roundup, let your child's teacher know or they can ride the bus/van as usual.

If you have any questions, please contact me at mwietfeld@leigh.esu7.org or 402-487-3301

Mrs. Wietfeld

Mrs. Sobota



Leigh Elementary

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

For new students that will be age 3, or 4 by July 31st 2024

**THURSDAY APRIL 25TH, 2024
5:00-6:15 PM**



Come check out the
classroom & meet our staff!
Please enter through the
elementary doors on the
south side of the building.



Registration packets will be
available at this time! Returning
students for the 2024-2025 school
year do not need to attend for
enrollment.

Leigh Community Schools

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
	<div>31</div> <div>NO SCHOOL</div> <div>Var. TR @ David City Aquinas 12:00 p.m.</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Boys Golf Quad @ Leigh (Club 91) 1:30 p.m.</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div> <div>2nd & 3rd Grade Field Trip to Edgerton Export Center in Aurora</div> <div>Boys Golf @ West Point/Beemer Invite (Indian Hills) 10:00 a.m. (pastor'd from 3/25)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>FFA - State Convention in Lincoln</div> <div>10:00 a.m. - LATE START Teacher Professional Development - NO Morning Prek</div>	<div>4</div> <div>FFA - State Convention in Lincoln</div>	<div>5</div> <div>FFA - State Convention in Lincoln</div> <div>Alumni Tournament</div>	<div>6</div> <div>FB - Veer Academy/O Line Install 8:00/9:30 a.m. @ Clarkson</div> <div>Alumni Tournament</div>
<div>7</div> <div>FCCLA - State Leadership Conference in Lincoln</div>	<div>8</div> <div>FCCLA - State Leadership Conference in Lincoln</div> <div>Boys Golf Quad @ Humphrey 1:30 p.m.</div> <div>Var. TR @ Lyons/Decatur 10:00 a.m.</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div> <div>LEAP - 2nd Grade (after school)</div>	<div>9</div> <div>FCCLA - State Leadership Conference in Lincoln</div> <div>Boys Golf @ Humphrey 1:30 p.m.</div> <div>Var. TR @ Lyons/Decatur 10:00 a.m.</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Boys Golf - Patriot Invite @ Leigh (Club 91) 9:00 a.m.</div> <div>EHC Art Show @ Clarkson Public School</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting</div>	<div>11</div> <div>FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney</div> <div>JH TR @ Humphrey 2:00 p.m.</div> <div>12:00-2:30 p.m. - PM Pre K Field Trip to Columbus Area Childrens Museum</div> <div>EHC Art Show @ Clarkson Public School</div>	<div>12</div> <div>FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney</div> <div>EHC Art Show @ Clarkson Public School</div>	<div>13</div> <div>FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney</div>
	<div>14</div> <div>Jr/Sr High Music Concert - 7:00 p.m.</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Boys Golf Triangular @ North Bend 4:00 p.m.</div> <div>JH TR @ Battle Creek 11:00 a.m.</div> <div>District Quiz Bowl</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div> <div>FCCLA Officer Interviews - 7:00 p.m.</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Boys Golf Triangular @ North Bend 4:00 p.m.</div> <div>JH TR @ Battle Creek 11:00 a.m.</div> <div>District Quiz Bowl</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div> <div>FCCLA Officer Interviews - 7:00 p.m.</div>	<div>17</div> <div>JV Boys Golf Howells/Dodge Tourney @ Leigh (Club 91) 10:00 a.m.</div> <div>Var. TR @ Twin River (Genoa) 12:00 p.m.</div> <div>JH TR @ Lyons/Decatur 11:00 a.m.</div> <div>Kindergarten Roundup - 2:15-3:00 p.m.</div>	<div>18</div> <div>FCCLA Highway Clean Up, followed by Chapter Meeting at 6:00 p.m.</div> <div>District Music Contest @ Columbus Public</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Boys Golf @ Pender Invite (Twin Creeks) 9:00 a.m.</div>
	<div>21</div> <div>PK-6 Elementary Music Concert - 6:30 p.m.</div> <div>JH TR @ Humphrey 1:00 p.m.</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Var. TR @ HSF Invite (Humphrey) 11:00 a.m.</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Var. TR @ HSF Invite (Humphrey) 11:00 a.m.</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div>	<div>24</div> <div>5:00 p.m. FFA Officer Interviews</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Boys Golf @ HSF Invite (Humphrey) 10:00 a.m.</div> <div>Norfolk Track Classic</div> <div>Pre-K Roundup 5:00-6:15 p.m.</div>	<div>26</div> <div>FFA Banquet - 6:30 p.m.</div>
	<div>28</div> <div>JH TR @ Wisner/Pilger 3:00 p.m.</div> <div>3rd & 4th Gr to Ag Literacy Day @ Colfax Fairgrounds - 12:15-2:45 p.m.</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Boys Golf Triangular @ Stanton (Elkhorn Acres) 2:00 p.m.</div> <div>FCCLA End of Year Banquet</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Boys Golf Triangular @ Stanton (Elkhorn Acres) 2:00 p.m.</div> <div>FCCLA End of Year Banquet</div> <div>6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>
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APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Meatball Sub, Hash Brown, Mixed Veggies, Pineapple	3 LATE START - NO BRKFEST L: Chicken Patty/Bun, French Fries, Green Beans, Peaches	4 BR: Yogurt, Cereal L: Calzone, Lettuce, California Blend, Tropical Fruit	5 BR: Smore Bar, Cereal L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Chips, Baked Beans, Pears	6
7	8 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Pulled Pork, Sweet Potato Fries, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce	9 BR: Cinnamon Roll L: Taco, Refried Beans, Breadstick, Mand. Oranges	10 BR: Cheese Stick, Bun L: Breaded Beef Patty/Bun, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Pineapple	11 BR: Breakfast Sandwich L: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Pears	12 BR: PB&J L: Breakfast Sandwich, Hash Brown, Juice, Donut	13
14	15 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: Popcorn Chicken, Bun, Tri Tater, Green Beans, Applesauce	16 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Nachos, Hash Brown, Refried Beans, Juice	17 BR: Cinni Mini L: Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit	18 BR: Tornado L: Beef Roast, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Tropical Fruit	19 BR: Muffin, Cereal L: Hoogie, Chips, Carrots, Peaches	20
21	22 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Pizza, Lettuce, Broccoli, Pineapple	23 BR: Long John L: Chicken Fajita, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Mand. Oranges	24 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: McRib/Bun, Potato Wedges, Corn, Peaches, Cookie	25 BR: Empanada L: Tater Tot Casserole, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Pears	26 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Sausage Patty, Hash Brown, Yogurt	27
28	29 BR: PB&J L: Hot Ham & Cheese, Chips, Peas & Carrots, Tropical Fruit	30 BR: Mini Donuts L: Quesadilla, Lettuce, Corn, Fresh Orange	Milk is included with all menus			All Breakfasts include fruit or juice

THE LEGEND
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From the Principal's Desk:



First of all, congratulations to Brianne Kuhr on placing 4th place at the NSAA State Speech Meet last week. That is a great accomplishment Brianne. Also, I would like to congratulate the Clarkson-Leigh team, schools, and communities on winning the C-2 Sportsmanship Award at the Girls State Basketball Tournament. It was a great honor achieving this award. With the winter sports season coming to an end, the spring season is upon us. The weather is taking a toll on sporting events so make sure you check out the school calendar or our Facebook page to see when the postponed events were moved to. Good luck to our spring athletes. The FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA Chapters are also getting ready for their state events in the next few weeks. Good luck to those chapters as well.

Academically, our students are gearing up for the testing season.

The juniors took their ACT on March 26th. We will also be NSCAS testing in early April so good luck to all of our students during testing season. Lastly, LCS had our 5 Year External Visit last week and I want to thank everyone that was involved. We would not be where we are without the students, staff, parents and community members in this fantastic community of Leigh. Thank You!!!

Students of the Month (February) Brynn Settje (Junior), Ella Urban (Junior), Michael Wemhoff (8th grade)