



# The Leigh Legend

December 2025



*Merry Christmas*



## A Note from Mr. Fischer..

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first semester already. I want to wish students, staff, and the Leigh Community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I think it's important to mention during this time of year we have had numerous student groups who have organized different activities to help those in need. Our students have raised over \$1000 for the Leigh Cares Program through the local churches which supports families in need during the Christmas Season. We also participated in the FBLA Coin Drive which was donated to the Leigh Legacy Fund. We plan on more activities as the Christmas season approaches and supporting those in need to make Christmas special for everyone.

Recently, we hosted Ag Literacy Night which was organized by Mrs. Ann Sobota, Mrs. Alyssa Went and the Leigh FFA. Much time was spent planning this great activity. The night began with Mrs. Sarah Pillen speaking about Pillen Family Farms and the Governor's priority to highlight the importance of agriculture and literacy in Nebraska. Then numerous local ag businesses set up booths in the gym, and students got to stop and learn about every business and the impact it has on our community. Lastly, pancakes and sausage were served for all who attended. Thanks to everyone who helped make the night a great success!

Every year the Nebraska Department of Education releases its annual classification of schools across the state. The Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow, or AQuESTT, classification reports provide insight into how students are performing academically on Nebraska's state standards, as well as, a variety of factors that influence educational outcomes. State and federal law requires the NDE to annually classify and designate schools to provide signals for specific supports. AQuESTT annually classifies schools and districts as Excellent, Great, Good, and Needs Support to Improve. For the third year in a row, LCS received an EXCELLENT DISTRICT RATING! I invite you to view the breakdown even further at [nep.education.ne.gov](http://nep.education.ne.gov). I am very proud of our students and staff and our quest to continue to always BE THE BEST!

Again, I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season with their families. Break is a chance to rest and prepare ourselves for the doldrums of winter. Reminder, we will begin Christmas break with 1:00 p.m. dismissal on December 19th and will be out of session until Tuesday, January 6th! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer  
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
November 12, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Folken, Held K, Higby, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Wietfeld M, Brabec D.

Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Went

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – Education/High Standards at Leigh; Use of Taxpayer Money; Co-op Decision Discussion; Public Meetings.

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; Congrats to Patriots Volleyball Team on their Season; '26-'27 Volleyball & Basketball Schedules; Sizemore Sportsmanship Pep Rally; Conference & District One-Act; BSN Contract; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Facilities & Transportation; Snow Day Info; Veteran's Day; NASB State Board Conference; Congrats to Fall Activities; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 & October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meetings minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Discussion Items: Negotiations Progress; Annual Audit Findings; District & Building AQuESTT Classification; Superintendent Evaluation Timeline.

Motions Passed: Approved the retirement of Mrs. Michelle Held at the end of the '25-'26 school year with thanks for her years of service to the district.

Moved by Folken, seconded by Urban J to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec  
Board Secretary



# Ag. Literacy Night

On November 21, Leigh Community Schools hosted Ag. Literacy Night. The night started with a surprise guest speaker, Sarah Pillen. Sarah spoke about how her family got into agriculture and all the different jobs related to agriculture. After this, students were able to visit over twenty local ag businesses who provided hands-on activities for students to learn about their business and many of these businesses tied different books into their activities. Inside the high school gym, Leigh FFA put on a petting zoo that had a baby kangaroo, lambs, goats, ferrets, and puppies. Students also enjoyed a touch-a-truck with a sprayer, combine, tractor, and a feed wagon in front of the high school gym. On the elementary side, students ate delicious pancakes made by The Pancake Man and sausages from Steves. The scholastic book fair was also going on and had a huge success from the event's turnout. This event was a great way for our students to interact with different community members.

Leigh Community Schools would like to thank these businesses for supporting this event:

Citizens State Bank, Wietfeld Trucking, Colfax County Sheriff Office, 402 Tallow, Schwartz, Holstein's Unlimited, Folken Feedlot, C&L Acres, Classen Mercantile, Clay Hill Ag, Mitchell Equipment, Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation, Colfax County Extension Office, Urban Feedlot, Farm Credit, Leigh FFA Alumni, Jindra Angus, Beller Trucking, Sobota Seeds, Jordan Wilke, Larson Dairy, The Pancake Man, and Leigh FFA.



# Kindergarten Happenings

The kindergarten students took a field trip to Malena's Dairy. They learned all about dairy cows. The students learned what cows eat, how many gallons of water cows drink, and they got a close-up view of the farmers milking the cows. They were surprised that a dairy cow drinks 50 gallons of water a day. The students fed bottle calves and ended the field trip eating delicious ice cream. Thank you to Sean and Tiffany Malena and Heather Held for the wonderful tour! Then the students went to Poppy's Pumpkin patch. The students shared many laughs while exploring the pumpkin patch. Some of their favorite activities at the pumpkin patch were the slides, corn pit, jumping pillow, petting zoo and riding trikes.

This fall has been filled with many fall lessons and activities. The students learned about the lifecycle of a pumpkin, learned about 2 Dimensional shapes that can be used to make a Jack-o-lanterns, and created Thankful Turkeys. The students are ready to transition to winter activities. A couple of favorite winter activities the students will do is learn about Christmas Around The World, compare and contrast The Gingerbread Stories, and create a Gingerbread House with their grandparents



## Junior High Students Earn Certificate in Finance Course

Junior High students in Mrs. Maliha's Leadership class became certified in Everfi's FutureSmart<sup>SM</sup>: Financial Literacy for Middle School. The Everfi course consisted of 6 learning modules about personal finance topics such as checking and savings accounts and investing. Students who earned the Everfi Certificate will also earn their LEAD Award through FBLA. The LEAD Award is a national award and students will be recognized at the Nebraska State Leadership Conference in April as well as at the National level of FBLA.

Pictured: Carter Freudenburg, Jase Clausen, Korbin Hake, Blair Wietfeld, Cruz Malena, Grant Zabka, Layla Hollatz, Mariah Kasik, Bergan Settje, Xander Glinsman, Olivia Hake, Syerra Messerlie, Kinna Clossen, Livia Cash, Easley Urban, Ella Hansen, Kinzie Lange.



# Leigh Community Schools

| December 2025                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|                                                                     | FFA Meeting<br>BB Jamboree @ Wynot - Girls - 5:30/<br>Boys - 7:00<br>7:00 a.m. One Act Practice                                                                                                                  | 3:00 p.m. JH WR @ Battle Creek<br>Invite<br>4:30 p.m. JH Girls WR @ Oakland/<br>Craig Invite<br>4:30 p.m. JH GBB @ David City<br>Aquinas<br>7:00 p.m. One Act Practice - lake set<br>off stage<br>7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice | NO SCHOOL - District One Act in<br>Leigh<br>One Act Districts - in Leigh               | 4:30 p.m. JH GBB vs Columbus<br>Lakeview @ Leigh (1 Qtr C, then B<br>game; then A game)<br>5:30 p.m. FFA - LDE Showcase Night<br>7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice | 4:30 p.m. G & B BB Mara vs<br>Humphrey/Lindsay @ Leigh<br>(Broadcast on KKOT-93.5 FM;<br>streamed at mycentralnebraska.com)<br>12:30-2:00 p.m. CNA Course Final | 1:00 p.m. G & B BB Mara @ Madison<br>8:30 a.m. JH WR @ Schuyler Invite<br>9:00 a.m. JH GBB vs Humphrey/<br>Lindsay @ Leigh (B game; then A<br>game)<br>9:30 a.m. WR @ Howells/Dodge<br>Invite |
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| 6:00 p.m. FCCLA Family Christmas<br>5:00 p.m. Football Awards Night | NO SCHOOL - Leigh hosting FFA<br>District LDE Contests (Teachers<br>Report)<br>FFA - District LDE's in Leigh<br>2:30 p.m. JH GBB @ Humphrey<br>Archangels<br>6:15 p.m. C Team BB vs Humphrey/<br>Lindsay @ Leigh | 4:30 p.m. G & B BB Mara vs<br>Oakland/Craig @ Clarkson                                                                                                                                                                         | State One Act Championships in<br>Norfolk<br>6:30 p.m. Regular School Board<br>Meeting | 6:30 p.m. JH GBB @ Howells/Dodge<br>4:00 p.m. G & B BB Mara @<br>Bancroft/Rosalie<br>PreK Classes - Visit to Public Library                                   | 2:30-3:20 p.m. Kindergarten<br>Grandparent/Special Guest Day<br>Winter Activity Pictures                                                                        | 9:00 a.m. WR @ Oscoda Invite<br>1:00 p.m. G & B BB Mara @ Battle<br>Creek (simultaneous JV games)                                                                                             |
| 14                                                                  | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 17                                                                                     | 18                                                                                                                                                            | 19                                                                                                                                                              | 20                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                     | 6:00 p.m. PK-6 Christmas Music<br>Concert; Intermission then Jr/Sr High<br>Christmas Music Concert<br>JH G WR @ Lyons/Decatur<br>6:00 p.m. C Team Boys Only BB @<br>Wisner/Pilger                                | 4:30 p.m. JH GBB vs Schuyler @<br>Clarkson                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12:30-6:00 p.m. Red Cross<br>Bloodmobile - sponsored by FCCLA                          | 4:30 p.m. G & B BB Mara vs West<br>Point/Beemer @ Clarkson<br>3:00 p.m. JH GBB @ Madison<br>**NOTE location change                                            | Last Day of 1st Semester<br>1:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL                                                                                                           | 10:00 a.m. WR @ Wisner Invite<br>2:00 p.m. G & B BB Mara @ Howells/<br>Dodge                                                                                                                  |
| 21                                                                  | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 24                                                                                     | 25                                                                                                                                                            | 26                                                                                                                                                              | 27                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                     | NO SCHOOL<br>4:30 p.m. G & B BB Mara vs<br>Columbus Lakeview @ Leigh<br>(Broadcast on KKOT-93.5 FM;<br>streamed at mycentralnebraska.com)                                                                        | NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO SCHOOL<br>NSAA Practice Moratorium                                                  | NO SCHOOL<br>NSAA Practice Moratorium                                                                                                                         | NO SCHOOL<br>NSAA Practice Moratorium                                                                                                                           | NO SCHOOL<br>NSAA Practice Moratorium                                                                                                                                                         |
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| NO SCHOOL<br>NSAA Practice Moratorium                               | NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO SCHOOL<br>10:00 WR @ Newman Grove Invite<br>5:00/6:45 p.m. BB Holiday<br>Tournament @ Columbus Scotus - C<br>Scotus vs Clarkson/Leigh (Broadcast<br>on KLIR 101.1 FM; streamed at<br>mycentralnebraska.com)                 | NO SCHOOL<br>BB Holiday Tournament @ Columbus<br>Scotus - TBD                          |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |

# DECEMBER 2025

| Sunday | Monday                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                | Wednesday                                                             | Thursday                                                                                              | Friday                                                                               | Saturday |
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|        | 1<br>BR: Pancake wrapped<br>sausage<br>L: Beef & Gravy, Rice or<br>Noodles, Peas | 2<br>BR: Breakfast Burrito<br>L: BBQ Pork Sandwich,<br>French Fries                    | 3<br>NO SCHOOL                                                        | 4<br>BR: Apple Fritter<br>L: Chicken Bacon Ranch<br>Pizza                                             | 5<br>BR: Cereal, Toast<br>L: Turkey Cheese Wrap &<br>Chips                           | 6        |
| 7      | 8<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                   | 9<br>BR: French Toast Sticks &<br>Sausage<br>L: Philly Steak Sandwich,<br>French Fries | 10<br>BR: Long John<br>L: Walking Taco                                | 11<br>BR: Omelet, Hashbrown<br>L: Soup & Grilled Cheese                                               | 12<br>BR: Bagel<br>L: Hamburger, Chips,<br>Beans                                     | 13       |
| 14     | 15<br>BR: Apple Turnover<br>L: Orange Chicken & Fried<br>Rice                    | 16<br>BR: Breakfast Pizza<br>L: Pigs in a Blanket, French<br>Fries                     | 17<br>BR: Tornado<br>L: Chicken Fried Steak,<br>Mashed Potatoes, Corn | 18<br>BR: Breakfast Sandwich<br>L: Lasagna Bake, Garlic<br>Bread                                      | 19<br>BR: Rice Krispie Bar<br>L: Sub Sandwich & Chips                                | 20       |
| 21     | 22<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                  | 23<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                        | 24<br>NO SCHOOL                                                       | 25<br>NO SCHOOL<br> | 26<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                      | 27       |
| 28     | 29<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                  | 30<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                        | 31<br>NO SCHOOL                                                       | Milk is available at all<br>meals<br>Fruit & Vegetable bar is<br>available at lunch                   | This institution is an<br>equal opportunity provider<br>Menu is subject to<br>change |          |

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## From the Principal's Desk:

As we head into the winter season, I want to wish all of our winter sports teams the best of luck. The basketball jamboree will be held at Wynot on December 1st starting at 5:30 PM. Wrestling will kick off its season on December 6th in Howells. Our One-Act team earned 2nd place at the conference meet in Humphrey last week—congratulations to our performers and coaches! They will host a community showing on Sunday, November 30th at 7:00 PM. You won't want to miss this fantastic performance. District competition will be held **in LEIGH** on December 3rd. FFA will also be competing at their district contest on December 8th here in Leigh. Best of luck to all participants!



With Christmas right around the corner, Mr. Bazata and the ITE classes are continuing to create custom laser-cut and engraved products that make great gifts. Visit the Leigh Community Schools website for access to the Leigh High Industrial Tech page, or contact Mr. Bazata directly for Christmas order deadlines.

Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Stay warm!

Students of the Month: \* Nevaeh Zulkoski \* Vylet Hollatz \* Reese Wietfeld