



The Leigh Legend

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A Note From Mr. Fischer

Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first semester already. Other than a few days here and there, it has not felt like a typical December. I have a feeling that January and February may have something to say about that. I want to wish students, staff, and the Leigh community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As I have mentioned the last few months, we are quickly moving forward with the old high school property. We had a very successful auction on November 27th and that helped expedite the process. Please note that we have saved and have plans for any nostalgic or historic items that you may not have seen for sale. We will incorporate those items into our new facility and preserve the past the best we can!

On Monday, December 13th, we approved the contract for demolition of the school which will begin in January. Uhing and Jacobs LLC out of Wisner will be overseeing the project. Within the project, we will also be taking the dirt from the old school and expanding our property on the backside of the new school. This will be done when school is not in session during the summer months. Lastly, these individuals have plans to develop the existing site into a new housing development. This will help the school and community continue to grow.

Again, I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season with their families. Break is a chance to rest and prepare ourselves for the rest of winter. See you on January 5th! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

News from 6th Grade:

What the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders look forward to over Christmas break.

By: Michael, Soleece, and Easton

- (34%) 16 people chose being with family
- (23.4%) 11 people chose opening presents
- (12.8%) 6 people chose snowball fights
- (10.6%) 5 people chose playing with family and friends
- (4.3%) 2 people chose sledding
- (4.3%) 2 people chose baking
- (4.3%) 2 people chose sleeping in
- (2.1%) 1 person chose building a snowman
- (2.1%) 1 person chose staying inside and drinking hot chocolate
- (2.1%) 1 person chose Christmas dinner

Family Groups

By: Cade and Caleb

In the elementary, we have family groups. A family group is a group of kids from each classroom that forms a family, with a teacher leading them. The family groups only get together once every month so we can do fun games and learn about stuff that we wouldn't learn in normal school. It also gives us a chance to be with kids from all classes.

This year in our family groups we have learned how to draw the "Smart Cookie" from the illustrator of the book. Another time we zoomed with Morrill Hall and learned about fossils from dinosaurs and other animals that lived millions of years ago. We have pledged this year to be the best we can by following the "I promise" book by LeBron James. We are looking forward to doing different activities with our family groups.

Genius Hour

By: Matelyn, Madisyn, and Lainey

Imagine a day in school in which students spend a good chunk of time studying and doing a project that they are very passionate about. Studies have shown that by working on projects that interest students, it increases their overall productivity. The sixth graders are fortunate and are able to complete independent projects because we are responsible and get our work done. Genius Hour is a time in the day on a Friday that kids get one hour to make or research something that students have wanted to know about. For example, some of the projects that we are doing right now are making a fishing pole, quilt, blanket/crochet, learning the parts of a computer and drawing animals. After we research or make our project, then we create a presentation of some kind to show our expertise. We are happy we get to experience Genius Hour because it gives us time to do our own thing, while learning! Who knows we may invent something that no one else has done!

Flipgrid Friday

By: Shaylynn and Emily

"You are kind, respectful, and very funny. I am glad to have you in my class." These are comments often said by sixth graders on Flipgrid Friday. Flipgrid Friday occurs each Friday and one person is chosen from the sixth grade class. Then each peer would say 3 or 4 things to fill that person's bucket. In other words, we are filling that person full of happiness and joy. We record our comments on Flipgrid, which is a video recording website. As a class, we watch and listen to the comments while the chosen person sits up front and is in the spotlight! Our goal is to make that person feel happy and make their day. We challenge everybody to spread kindness and fill each other's bucket!

New Year's Resolutions—Should You Make Resolutions?

By: Vivian, Trevor, and Tyce

Yes	No
New Year's Resolutions are great to have goals to accomplish and can give you a sense of purpose. Common goals are going on a diet or exercising more. These resolutions can make you a healthier and better person.	New Year's resolutions are not good because they can end up being a waste of time for people. Most people are busy with other things and might not have the time to accomplish them. People also might forget about them.

Vivian's Opinion

My opinion is that New Year's Resolutions are not needed. They can be good to have a goal that can help you out in the future, but I can be somewhat forgetful. So I may forget my resolutions and possibly never accomplish my goals. But, you can make your resolutions to fit your schedule. You can write them down on a piece of paper and hang them up so you can see them and remember your goal. Or, you just don't have to write them, it's up to you!

Trevor's Opinion

I think that you should make a New Year's Resolution as long as you follow it. But, if you don't there really is no point. Usually I try to do a New Year's Resolution, but it usually takes a turn and it just never works.

Tyce's opinion

I think that New Year's Resolutions can be good because it is a way that you can set a goal and try to achieve your goals at the end of the year. It is also a good way to help you stick with something.

Christmas Acrostic

By: Kiera & Ariyah

Majestic lights

C omfy cozy

Exciting day

Hot chocolate nights

Red & green

I cy weather

Rosy cheeks

Santa's snowman

Yummy food on christmas Thoughtful love

Merry and bright

A mazing family

Sleepy kids



Leigh Tech Team is Learning New Skills

by Jennifer Remmereid & Kylie Hollatz

This year, Leigh students donned the new name, Leigh Tech Team, to represent the vision board, stream team, and various technology positions. Our goal for the tech team is to create student leaders who help their organizations with technology requests. We've expanded to adding trivia to volleyball games, creating animations for the vision board, commentating for the stream, video taping events, creating slideshows, and creating posters with professional software. And our numbers are growing! While only 4 are taking a digital design class this semester, we have 14 students on the team and ready to help while several other students jump in as we need them.

I think one of the neatest things is that junior high students Neveah Z. and Jocelyn D. video recorded themselves signing the national anthem and sportsmanship messages. Also, students helping with the stream get to collaborate with Clarkson and have the opportunity to work games in both locations. We have learned a lot this year and we hope to keep providing this awesome experience to our students.

LEIGH FFA - SEMESTER AT A GLANCE

This semester has been a busy time for the Leigh FFA Chapter. After a full summer of FFA events from the county fair to the end of the summer gathering, the members of the Leigh FFA chapter were ready to start the year. The students were prepared to attend different events, fundraise, and compete in competitions.

The events started off with the freshmen and sophomores attending the district Greenhand Day at CCC. This was a great event for these students to learn more about FFA and think about different contests that they might want to participate in later in the year.



We also had several students who competed at the Nebraska State Fair. These students did a great job at the fair and came back with many great awards.



Leigh High School students have also spent a day at Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island. This was a day for them to learn all about the different areas of agriculture from machinery to livestock.



Students also wanted to do something nice for the farmers of the community, because of all the great things that they do for us throughout the year. So the FFA held a Feed the Farmer at the Coop here in Leigh during Harvest Season to say Thank You to all the local farmers.

The Leigh FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention this year held in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was an exciting event, because the students got to attend the event in person and had the opportunity to meet many new people not only from the state of Nebraska, but from all over the United States.



Leigh FFA had a trunk in the local trunk-or-treat, where the members were handing out candy to the local kids. The trunk was decorated very well with lots of halloween and FFA decorations.

Students had the opportunity to visit Platte Valley Implement in Humphrey to spend the morning learning all about the company, and possibly have them thinking about what their plans might be when they graduate from high school.



Leigh FFA has also attended several different contests already this year. The first contest had the members getting their hands dirty at the Area Land Judging Contest.

Leigh also had the district LDE contest this semester. Where we had both high school and JH FFA members competing. These members competed in events such as JH Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking, Extemp, and Creed. Our members did a great job at this contest with many students placing very well in their desired contest. A special congratulations to Brianne Kuhr, who won the Creed Contest and qualified for State FFA Convention in April.



Calendar Events January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2	3 NOSCHOOL	4 NOSCHOOL Teacher Work Day 4:00 p.m. JV WR @ Wisner/Pilger Invite 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon vs David City Aquinas @ Clarkson	5 Classes Resume	6	7 11:30 a.m. WR @ Burwell Invite 6:00 p.m. JV/V G BB @ East Butler	8 10:00 a.m. WR @ Amherst Invite 12:10 p.m. - Nebraska GBB Showcase vs Grand Island NW @ Kearney High School 5:00 p.m. JV/V B BB vs Tekamah/Herman @ Clarkson **NOTE Time Change 8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth BB Practice
9 1-4:00 p.m. Youth BB games	10 4:00 p.m. JV WR @ Oakland/Craig Invite 5:30 p.m. JH G BB vs Stanton @ Leigh Boone Central Honor Choir Clinic - concert @ 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. G & B C-Team BB @ David City 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	11	12	13 4:30 p.m. JH G & B BB @ Shelby/Rising City 6:30 p.m. G & B C-Team BB @ Columbus Lakeview	14 4:00 p.m. BB Marathon @ Humphrey St. Francis	15 9:00 a.m. WR @ Cross County Invite 9:00 a.m. JH G BB @ Howells/Dodge 9:00 a.m. JH B BB vs Humphrey/LHF @ Leigh 1:00 p.m. BB Marathon vs Pender @ Clarkson
16	17 6:00 p.m. G & B C-Team BB vs Howells/Dodge @ Clarkson 6:00 p.m. JH B BB vs Christ Lutheran (LHNE) @ Leigh	18 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon @ Lutheran High Northeast 5:30 p.m. WR - Clarkson/Leigh Double Dual @ Clarkson	19 Speech Meet @ Howells/Dodge	20 4:30 p.m. JH B BB @ Columbus Scouts 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon vs Twin River @ Leigh 9:30 a.m. KTCH Quiz Bowl	21	22 10:00 a.m. WR @ Neligh/Oakdale Invite 8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth BB Practice Speech Meet @ North Bend
23	24 6:00 p.m. JH B BB vs Howells/Dodge @ Clarkson 6:00 p.m. G & B C-Team BB vs West Point/Beemer @ Clarkson 4:00 p.m. BB Marathon @ BRLD (Bancroft) (psipnd from 12/10)	25 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon vs Wisner/Pilger @ Clarkson	26 FCCLA - STAR Competition @ Leigh NOSCHOOL - Due to hosting District FCCLA STAR competition (Teachers report)	27 4:30 p.m. JH B BB vs David City @ Clarkson FFA - District Livestock Judging & CDE's @ NECC	28 EHC G BB Tournament - TBD	29 EHC B BB Tournament - TBD 9:00 a.m. EHC WR Tournament @ Leigh
30	31 EHC G BB Tournament - TBD					

JANUARY 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5 BR: Cereal, Cereal Bar L: Corn Dog, Fr. Fries, Baked Beans, Applesauce	6 BR: PB&J L: Hot Ham & Cheese, Chips, California Blend, Hot Apples	7 BR: Cheese stick, Bun, Cereal L: Pizza, Lettuce, Broccoli, Pears, Cookie	8
9	10 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: Chicken Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Strawberries	11 BR: Cocoa Puff Bar, Cereal L: Chicken Fajita, Refried Beans, Hash Brown, Mand. Oranges	12 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Pork Patty, (H/S-Bun), Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Peaches	13 BR: Yogurt, Cereal L: Hamb. Noodle Casserole, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Pineapple	14 BR: Mini Donuts L: Egg McMuffin, Swt. Potato Fries, Juice, Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel Bites	15
16	17 BR: Mini Pancakes L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Chips, Baked Beans, Pears	18 BR: Cream Cheese Bagels L: Taco, Spanish Rice, Lettuce, Fresh Oranges	19 BR: Muffin, Cereal L: Chicken Tender, Bun, Swt. Potato Fries, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit	20 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: Hamb. Tater Tot Casserole, Breadstick, Green Beans, Peaches	21 BR: PB&J L: Calzones, Tri Tater, Fresh Veggies, Applesauce	22
23	24 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Meatball Sub, Baked Snack Fries, Pears & Carrots	25 BR: Mini Cinni L: Nacho's, Breadstick, Refried Beans, Grapes	26 NO SCHOOL	27 BR: Apple Churro, Cereal Bar L: Soup, Cheese Stick, Fresh Carrots, Dinner Roll, Applesauce	28 BR: Long John L: Chicken Philly Sandwich/Peppers & Onions, Chips, Mixed Fruit	29
30	31 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Pulled Pork, Swt. Potato Fries, Pears & Carrots, Pineapple		Milk is Included with all menus All Breakfasts Include Fruit or Juice			

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From the Principal's Desk:

"Call it both ways", "That's terrible", "How can you miss that?"

All too familiar sounds from the bleachers. I will let you know that in my younger days, I umpired baseball. Did I miss calls? Sure. Did I struggle with a consistent strike zone? Some days; especially if I was tired or the pitchers were struggling with their control. Was I still trying my best and wanting to do the job well. Absolutely.

Jon Dolliver at the NSAA has noted that the number of officials has decreased by 15-20% in the last two years. Four main reasons are often noted why officials tend to step away:

1. They get older and it becomes more difficult to do the job.
2. They change jobs and have less time to officiate.
3. As their own children get older, the official now wants to be a spectator.

Behavior of players, coaches, and spectators.

Which one of these factors do we, the public, have control over? Obviously, number 4

Let's remember that officials are providing a necessary service and, in the vast majority of cases, are professional and care about doing their best. We might groan at what appears to be a missed call or misapplied rule. Officials understand this is going to happen to some extent as part of human nature. Golden Rule: would any of us want to be heckled or berated every time a minor mistake is made. Or worse, being ripped on when we made the correct judgment.

On a local level, we appreciate the number of staff and community members in Leigh and Clarkson who have been willing to officiate junior high and junior varsity basketball and football games. We are always looking for more assistance. If anyone is willing, let us know. You can always get started in junior high games with a more experienced official.

A quick reminder that the varsity basketball teams participate in the Shelby-Rising City Tourney on December 27th and 28th.

Shout-Outs:

Students of the Month-Natalie Brabec and Izzy Hollatz

NSAA All-Academic Awards-Kanyon Held (football, one-act) and Makenna Held (volleyball, one-act)

One-Act team finishing third at state

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) multiple efforts at the Leigh Community Christmas event

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!