

The Leigh Legend



March 2024



A Note from Mr. Fischer..

Much like the last few years, there is much discussion about education topics within the Nebraska Unicameral. I encourage stakeholders within the district to stay up to date on legislation that affects public schools and especially rural ones like LCS. Our State Senators are Bruce Bostelman and Mike Moser. I will always support bills that keep education a priority and politics out of our schools. We are a rapidly growing district that needs the state of Nebraska and Senators to understand that there is not a "one size fits all" for educational funding.

On March 21st and 22nd, LCS will have an "External Visit" that keeps LCS Accredited through Rule 10 of the State of Nebraska's Department of Education. We established goals 5 years ago and they will review our progress towards those goals. A small group of qualified individuals from other districts will visit and observe administrators, students, and teachers and report their findings. This information about our school improvement process can be found on the LCS website. I encourage all to take a look.

We have many activities that are being planned for the spring season. Information about field trips, open houses for Pre-K and Kindergarten, and other activities will be shared when details are finalized. This also means that state testing (NSCAS and ACT) will begin in a few weeks. When students do well on state tests, it can be a sign that they are receiving high-quality instruction, and that the school is effectively preparing students to meet academic standards. This can be beneficial for both students and LCS, as it can lead to higher student achievement and greater recognition for our school and our staff. Last year, our students scored very well on their tests and received an increased school rating that I have mentioned over the past couple of months. We expect our students to score well and continue to show improvement in all areas.

Congratulations to our winter activities and student groups on their success and hopefully they see continued success at their state competitions. Spring is right around the corner!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal



Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2024

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

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on February 7th, 2024 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on February 7th, 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 Urban J, Went, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Machmueller. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Wietfeld M, Hoffman

Board Code of Ethics – Policy 2012 – (members who missed Jan. Meeting)

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – None

Presentation – Leigh FBLA

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; Congratulations to Luke Eisenmann for winning the Nebraska state Voice of Democracy competition; FFA Members Advancing to State; Patriot Basketball & Wrestling; External Visit: School Motto; Mission; Vision; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – CIP External Visit; Letters of Intent; Splitting of Classes; Schedule; Facilities & Transportation; Classified; Good luck to all activities as post-season begins; Legislative Update; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the January 17th, 2024 meetings minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motion Passed: Approved the resignation of Mrs. Kylie Hollatz with regret and thanks for her years of service; Approved Mrs. Ann Sobota as Kindergarten teacher for the '24-'25 school year; Approved Mrs. Annie Bahns as Prekindergarten teacher for the '24-'25 school year; Approved the '24-'25 negotiated agreement; Approved the '24-'26 Superintendent contract with a 2% increase; Approved the '24-'25 Principal's contract with a 3.093% increase.

Moved by Higby, seconded by Urban J to enter into executive session at 7:00 pm to discuss, consider & take any necessary action with negotiations & staffing.

Entered out of closed session of negotiations & staffing discussion with motion made at 7:36 pm to enter back into regular session.

Moved by Urban J, seconded by Went to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 11th, 2024 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

Social Studies News

The 2nd Semester is off and rolling in the Social Studies room. Lots of great things are happening in the classroom and I have really enjoyed the time I've spent with the students in my classroom.

7th Social Studies is beginning their study of Southern Asia. We are working on our Map Quizzes and learning about their history, culture & physical geography.

8th Social Studies just finished up presenting their Genealogy projects. I always enjoy learning about the students' family history and it is fun to see them take pride in their story. We have just started our unit on the Civil War.

10th World History has just completed their study of the French Revolution. We will soon be creating Mini-Documentaries on important historical figures of this era.

11th US History has completed their study of World War 2 and is now moving into the Cold War. This group also got an in-depth look at the Holocaust and did some research as well. It was fun having them be able to bring in some of their own experiences from what they saw at the Holocaust Museum when they toured it this past summer.

The 12th American Government class is studying The Executive Branch and that always brings my favorite time of the year with "Presidential March Madness". This is a debate tournament where the students debate to decide who is the "Greatest President of All Time". They present the case for their President and attack their opponent's President. This year's competitors and their presidents are:

Nathan Bahns - Andrew Jackson

Jack Brabec - Harry Truman

Lilly Bunner - George Washington

Morgan Bunner - Ronald Reagan

Macy Clausen - Grover Cleveland

Gracie Eisenmann - William McKinley

Pheobe Mayner - Ulysses Grant

James Grotelueschen - James Madison

Aubrie Hanna - Gerald Ford

Angel Hermosillo - Barack Obama

Dylan Higby - James Monroe

Tanyn Larson - Benjamin Harrison

Jacob Martensen - John F. Kennedy

Jordan Noonan - Theodore Roosevelt

Gabriel Pinkston - Richard Nixon

Cassi Rayback - Franklin Roosevelt

Andrew Rivera - Abraham Lincoln

Xander Ross - Dwight Eisenhower

Carter Timm - Lyndon Johnson

Simon Wemhoff - John Quincy Adams

Third Grade

Third grade participated in a valentines exchange. There were 1,000 classrooms from across the United States that were put into groups. We had 22 classrooms from different states in our group. We wrote a letter that had information about our school, community, and state and students created valentines to enclose with the letters. It was exciting getting valentines and letters from the schools in our group. We enjoyed learning about new places and seeing where they were located.



FCCLA Used Shoe Drive:

According to Earth.org, each year 92 million tons of clothing-related waste ends up in landfills. To put that into perspective, that is equal to a semi truck filled with clothes being put into a landfill every second. It could also fill one and a half Empire State buildings every day.

Fast fashion has almost doubled. This is the result of companies like Shien and Temu that produce clothing, which is not very high quality. This results in people having to throw away clothes earlier than normal and order more than usual. This is causing the fashion industry to produce more CO2 than aviation and shipping combined.

To help reduce the waste caused by fast fashion, Leigh FCCLA has participated in a project that helps reuse old shoes. To reach this goal, we asked members of our community to donate shoes which will be sent overseas to underprivileged countries, such as Cambodia, Ghana, and Haiti. These shoes will help families in these countries through microenterprise so that they can help make a living for their families.

Through this project, we have raised a total of 1,378 pairs of shoes. This is due to the support that we have received from students and community members who have donated. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to look through their old shoes and donate the ones that they don't wear anymore.



Thank you to those who attended FCCLA's Parent's Night Out event. If you haven't filled out the post-event survey, we would love to hear your feedback. If you attended, please take a minute to fill out the survey linked below.

Thanks, again!

Izabel Hollatz and Baylee Settje



What is love to you? During the month of February, our elementary staff and students were asked to share what love is to them? Their responses didn't disappoint! To our staff and students, love is anything from spending time with family...to Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift! Some also mentioned favorite snacks, or being outdoors. No matter what love is to you, love can certainly be found all around us at Leigh Elementary.

If you have the opportunity, be sure to stop by and check out some of the responses on our "Love is" quilt on display in the east hallway of the elementary.





Leigh Community Schools

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					NO SCHOOL	GIRLS BB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS in Lincoln
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NO SCHOOL	6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym	BOYS BB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS in Lincoln	BOYS BB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS in Lincoln	BOYS BB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS in Lincoln	BOYS BB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS in Lincoln	BOYS BB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS in Lincoln
		LEAP - 2nd Grade (after school)	6:30-7:30 am - Dance Tryout Practice	6:30-7:30 am - Dance Tryout Practice	End of 3rd Quarter	
		6:30-7:30 am - Dance Tryout Practice			5:30 pm Dance Tryouts	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Savings Time Begins	6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting	Speech - District D1-3 Meet @ Wausa	Red Cross Bloodmobile - sponsored by FCCCLA		Platte Valley Equipment Career Day	Jr/Sr PROM in Leigh
		WSC Representative Visit - 12:45 p.m.	12:45 NECC Rep visit			
		6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym		EXTERNAL VISIT - NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED ON THIS DAY!	EXTERNAL VISIT - NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED ON THIS DAY!	FB - Veer Academy/O Line Install 8:00/9:30 a.m. @ Leigh
		FFA - Livestock Judging in York			State Speech @ Kearney - D1 & D2	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Boys Golf @ West Point/ Beemer Invite (Indian Hills) 10:00 a.m.	Var. TR @ Stanton 11:00 a.m.	Boys Golf @ David City Aquinas Invite (David City Golf Course) 10:00 a.m.	FCCLA Chapter Meeting - 6:00 p.m.	NO SCHOOL	
	EHC Quiz Bowl @ Bancroft/ Rosalie	ACT Testing - Juniors	Var. TR @ Osceola 9:00 a.m.			
		6:30 p.m. TaekwonDo in Elem Gym	NECC Scholastic Contest			

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Milk is included with all menus	All Breakfasts Include fruit or juice			1 NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL	5 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Quesadilla, Lettuce, Refried Beans, Pineapple	6 BR: Cinnamon Mini L: Beef Patty/Bun, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Mixed Fruit	7 BR: Yogurt, Cereal L: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Mand. Oranges	8 BR: Muffin, Cereal L: Cheese French Bread, Tri Tater, Juice, Pears, Cookie	9
10	11 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Nachos, Breadstick, Refried Beans, Pineapple	12 BR: Long John L: Chicken Patty/Bun, French Fries, Mixed Veggies, Peaches	13 BR: Bun, Cheese Stick L: McRib, Slider Bun, Tri Tater, Carrots, Tropical Fruit	14 BR: Tornado L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Chips, Baked Beans, Pears	15 BR: PB&J L: French Toast, Hash Brown, Juice, (H/S Super Slice Bread), Yogurt	16
17	18 BR: Smore Bar L: Spaghetti, Breadstick, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	19 BR: Bagel Bites L: Taco, Breadstick, Refried Beans, Mand. Oranges	20 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Chicken Nuggets/Bun, Spud Bites, Broccoli, Pineapple	21 BR: Empanada L: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Hash Brown, Peaches	22 BR: Mini Donuts L: Cheese Pizza, Lettuce, Mixed Veggies, Pears	23
24/ / 31	25 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: Pulled Pork, French Fries, Peas & Carrots, Tropical Fruit	26 BR: Muffin, Cereal L: Hoogies, Chips, Carrots, Applesauce	27 BR: Yogurt, Bun L: Pork Patty/Bun, French Fries, Corn, Mand. Oranges	28 BR: PB&J L: Chicken Philly, Tri Tater, California Blend, Pears	29 NO SCHOOL	30

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From the Principal's Desk:



First of all, congratulations to the Lady Patriots on qualifying for the NSAA State Basketball Tournament. The 17-6 Lady Patriots regular season came to a close vs. Hastings St. Cecilia with a 39-30 victory. They will play on Wednesday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center vs. Crofton @ 1:30. Good Luck.

Andrew Rivera and Levi Gall qualified for the NSAA State Wrestling Tournament last week.

The Patriot Boys season came to an end vs. Norfolk Catholic with a 27-64 defeat. They ended this season with a 3-18 record.

Conference Speech was held last week in Clarkson. The results were: *Brianne Kuhr: Extemporaneous 3rd & Humorous 5th, Luke Eisenmann: Extemporaneous 5th.* Good Luck to them at District Speech in Wausa on March 12th. Sports and Activities are going well, KEEP IT UP!

The Junior High and High School students finished up their MAP testing this past week. We will be NSCAS testing in late April. We have a lot to be proud of and thankful for. We appreciate all the time and effort that everyone puts into Leigh Community Schools and Pat Nation. #GOPATS

Students of the Month (January) Baylee Settje (Junior), Delanie Erwin (Junior), Kyle McMullin (Sophomore)