

The Leigh Legend



May 2026



A Note from Mr. Fischer..

It is hard to believe that we are entering into the final few weeks of the school year. Students are enjoying the weather and looking forward to summer break. Our students are busy attending golf, track and field, and field trips. We finished our state tests and our Juniors and 3rd-8th grades performed exceptional on their state tests. I'm excited for the NDE to release these numbers for all to see!

On May 8th, the Class of 2026 will walk across the stage, receive their diplomas, and officially become alumni of Leigh Community Schools. This milestone marks not only the end of their high school journey, but also the beginning of exciting new chapters in their lives. Throughout their time at LCS, this group of students has achieved many accomplishments, built lasting friendships, and met challenges with determination and resilience. They have represented our school and community with pride, and their growth over the years has been something truly special to witness.

On behalf of Mr. Faltys, myself, and the entire staff of Leigh Community Schools, we extend our sincere congratulations to the Class of 2026. Thank you for the memories, the leadership, and the spirit you have brought to our halls. We are proud of each of you and look forward to seeing the impact you will make in the future.

Best wishes, seniors, and good luck in all your future endeavors!

Again, some changes for your calendars... The last day of school is quickly approaching on **May 15th**. This day will consist of various events and activities, with a dismissal time at **2:00 p.m.** Like last year, our Elementary Track and Field Day will be held at the football field. If there is inclement weather, students will stay in the building until the conclusion of the day. Please see the schedule below.

Schedule of Events

8:05-9:15 a.m. – Students will clean out their lockers, desks, and classrooms

8:30-9:15 a.m. – Pre-Kindergarten Graduation in the High School Gym

9:30-10:30 a.m. – Elementary Awards in the High School Gym

10:45-11:20 a.m. – Burger lunch with parents and families

11:40 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Elementary Track and Field Day at the football field

1:30-2:00 p.m. – Water activities with LVFD in the elementary parking lot

2:00 p.m. – Dismissal

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2026

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on April 8th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on April 8th, 2026 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 Held K, Machmueller, Urban J, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken.

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

Excuse Absences of Higby, Hoffman, Went

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – None

FCCLA Nationals Presentations - Hoffman arrived @ 7:35 pm during FCCLA presentations

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; Congratulations to Luke Eisenmann (2nd at State Speech); Congratulations to National FCCLA qualifiers; Congratulations to National FFA qualifiers; NSCAS Testing; BSN Meeting; JH Track; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Graduation; Last Day of School (May 15th) -FCCLA, FFA & FBLA National Qualifiers Requests; Legislative Updates; Good Luck to Spring/End of Year Activities.

Consent Agenda approved the March 10th, 2026 meetings minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved the resignation of Mr. Jeffrey Korus at the end of the '25-'26 school year; Approved '26-'27 teaching contract for Izac Reifenrath-Middle School Math; Approved football field press box.

Discussion Item: summer Board retreat date

Executive Session – strategy session with respect to a purchase agreement and to receive negotiating advice which is clearly necessary to protect the public interest.

Moved by Brabec D, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. All present voting “aye”. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 8:00 pm on Monday, May 11th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

CLASS ^{OF}



Class Color: Navy Blue & White

Class Flower: Blue Carnations

Class Song: I Lived by One Republic

*Class Motto: "Good things happen
to those who wait"*

Jocelyn Donnelly



Luke Eisenmann



Lexis Gleason



Mia Glissman-Mayner



Sofia Hake



Elizabeth Hoffman



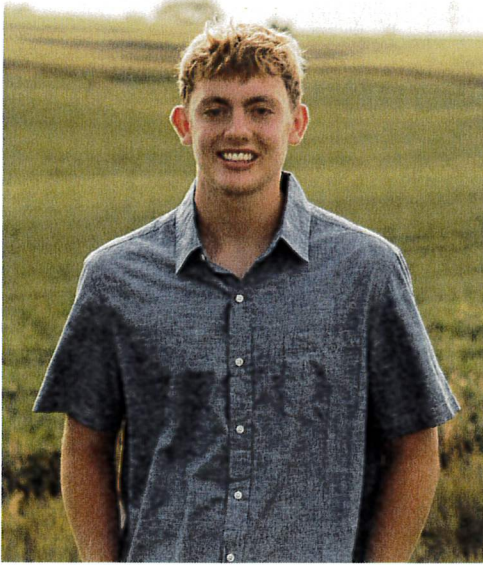
Ava Kasik



Brayden Loseke



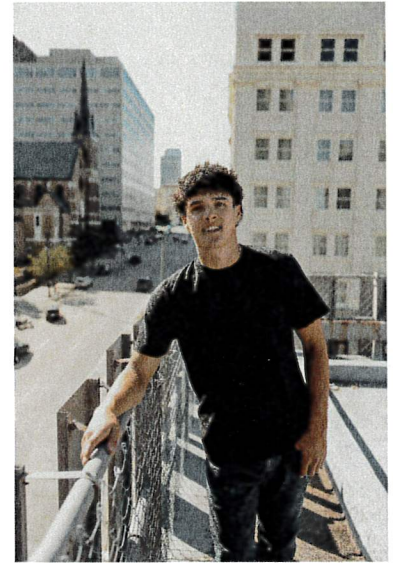
Kyle McMullin



Sydney Messerlie



Quentin Mullenhoff



Good luck!

George Waterman



Brett Wemhoff



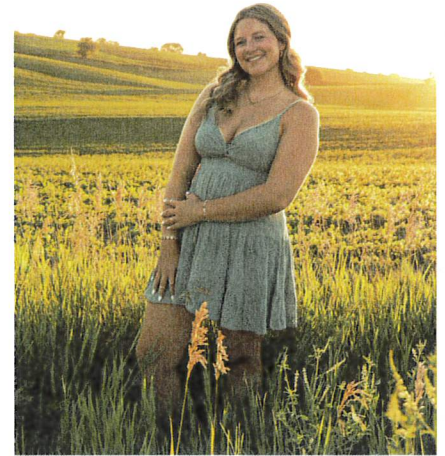
Karly Wendt



Jordan Whitlinger



Nevaeh Zulkoski



Mrs. Held's Classroom

Juniors and Seniors have been working hard finishing out the year. The juniors have spent A LOT of time on ACT prep this semester in ELA and reading. We have also written a persuasive research essay, read nonfiction historical pieces, fiction, poetry, and are finishing the year with a nonfiction novel about the Holocaust. The seniors have had their literature semester. We have done units on poetry, fiction with short stories and a novel, and lastly short dramas and my favorite play, Hamlet. They have been an amazing class both in and out of the classroom as anyone can see with all of the accomplishments that they have earned.

The seniors may have a touch of senioritis, but mine may be worse. 35 years of being in the classroom, and I am struggling with procrastination. I may have learned it from some students in some of my classrooms. I want to say thank you to the Leigh Community School system for hiring me, for allowing me to "grow up" here as a teacher. No teacher starts off a career with all the knowledge and skill necessary for this ever evolving job, and so I am thankful for getting my feet wet in a small school atmosphere. I may have considered jobs elsewhere once or twice, but I'm so thankful God kept me here for the students and the relationships I have built. Teaching is the best job ever! I say this constantly. It feeds your heart in so many ways!

I would also like to thank the community of Leigh for taking me in. Not only have I built a solid career here, but I was lucky enough to build a life here - husband, children, family, and so many friends. So my advice to the seniors is to be bold. I came here without knowing a single person. I was willing to take the chance, and just look at what can happen when you step out of your comfort zone and try something new!

CTE at Leigh Community Schools

Leigh Community Schools offers Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs designed to help students gain real-world skills, explore career interests, and prepare for college and the workforce.

Why Choose CTE?

- Hands-on, real-world experience
- Career exploration opportunities
- College and career readiness
- Industry-relevant skills

Skilled & Technical Sciences

Hands-on learning in construction, manufacturing, and trades.

Welding

- Welding 1 & 2

Construction

- Construction Trades 1 & 2

Manufacturing / Mechatronics

- Intro to Electronics
- Intro to Mechatronics



Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Hands-on learning for careers in agriculture, animal science, and natural resources.

Agribusiness

- Agricultural Business
- Agricultural Entrepreneurship

Animal Science

- Animal Science
- Large Animal Management



Health Sciences

Prepare for careers in healthcare and medical fields.

Courses Include:

- Health Science 1
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Medical Terminology
- CNA Certification



Human Sciences & Education

Focus on family, relationships, and education careers

Child, Youth & Family Studies

- Lifespan Development
- Child Development
- Interpersonal Relationships

Early Childhood Education

- Best Practices in ECE
- ECE Practicum

Education & Training

- Teaching as a Profession
- Education Practicum



Communication and Information Systems

Hands-on learning for careers in technology, media, and communications.

Courses Include:

- Digital Media
- Personal Finance
- Intro to Computers



Leigh Community Schools

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thr | Fri | Sat |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">8:00 p.m. - Sports Banquet In Leigh</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">National JAG Conference in Salt Lake City UT</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CNA Course State Exam @ Leigh</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">9:00 a.m. Boys Golf @ Pierce Invite</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">9:00 a.m. Var. TR - EHC @ Tekamah</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">National JAG Conference in Salt Lake City UT</div> |
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| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">6:30 p.m. PK-6 Spring Music Concert & Art Show in H/S Gym</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">3:00 p.m. JH TR @ Wisner/Pilger</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">1:30 p.m. Boys Golf Triangular (Stanton & Eikhorn Valley) @ Evergreen Hills (Battle Creek)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CNA State Procedure testing @ CCC</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">8:05 a.m. Graduation practice & 9:00 a.m. JH - H/S Awards program</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">9:00 a.m. Var. TR @ Humphrey</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Softball practice in Elem Gym</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Graduation - 6:00 p.m.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">9:00 a.m. Boys Golf @ Stanton Invite</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">10:00 a.m. JH TR - EHC @ North Bend</div> | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">8:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">9:00 a.m. Boys Golf - EHC Tourney @ Pender</div> | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4:00 p.m. Steps At Tiffanys Dance Recital Rehearsal</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">11:00 a.m. C-3 District TR @ Norfolk Catholic</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">PreK Classes - Visit to Public Library</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">4:00 p.m. Steps At Tiffanys Dance Recital Rehearsal</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Softball practice in Elem Gym</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Steps At Tiffanys Dance Recital</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Last Day of School PK-11 2:00 p.m. Dismissal</div> | |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Steps At Tiffanys Dance Recital</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">10:00 a.m. C-2 District Boys Golf @ Quail Run, Columbus</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Teacher Workday</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Teacher Workday</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Teacher Workday</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Teacher Work Day</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Teacher Work Day (Optional)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State TR in Omaha</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State TR in Omaha</div> |
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| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Program</div> | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Boys Golf - TBD</div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Boys Golf - TBD</div> | | |

MAY 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | Milk is available at all meals | Fruit & Vegetable bar is available at lunch | This institution is an equal opportunity provider | Menu is subject to change | 1 BR: Cooks Choice L: Hot Dogs, Baked Beans | 2 |
| 3 | 4 BR: Cooks Choice L: Beef & Gravy, Broccoli | 5 BR: Cooks Choice L: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans | 6 BR: Cooks Choice L: Turkey & Cheese, French Fries | 7 BR: Cooks Choice L: Tater Tot Casserole | 8 BR: Cooks Choice L: Breakfast Sandwich, Hash Brown, Juice | 9 |
| 10 | 11 BR: Cooks Choice L: Variety of Mexican Cuisine | 12 BR: Cooks Choice L: Variety of Patties Day | 13 BR: Cooks Choice L: Mc Rib or Philly Steak | 14 BR: Cooks Choice L: Breakfast | 15 BR: Cooks Choice L: Grilled Burgers, Chips | 16 |
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From the Principal's Desk:

As we turn the calendar to May, the end of the 2025–2026 school year is quickly approaching. This time of year always brings a mix of excitement and reflection as we celebrate accomplishments and prepare to send another outstanding group of students into the next chapter of their lives.

I want to extend my very best wishes to our graduating seniors. This class will always hold a special place with me, and I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. We look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish in the future.



We have several students who have earned impressive honors this spring: Congratulations to **Luke Eisenmann** on being selected as an FFA State Secretary. He also placed 2nd at State Speech in Extemporaneous Speaking.

We also want to recognize our outstanding FCCLA members who have qualified for Nationals in Washington, D.C. this July:

- Easley Urban, Khloe Kabes, Emery Malena, Lainey Urban, Emersyn Urban, Vylet Hol-latz, Ava Kasik, Karly Wendt, Nevaeh Zulkoski, and Sydney Messerlie.

In addition, congratulations to our FFA members who have qualified for Nationals in Indianapolis this October:

- Kyle McMullin, Luke Eisenmann, Brayden Loseke, and Carmen Malena.

A reminder that the **last day of school for all students will be May 15th with a 2:00 PM dismissal.**

NSCAS testing has wrapped up, and our students performed very well. We appreciate the hard work of both students and staff in making this a success.

As we close out the school year, I want to thank everyone for their continued support of Leigh Community Schools. Have a great rest of the school year and a safe, enjoyable summer!