

The Leigh Legend



November 2026



A Note from Mr. Fischer...

Welcome to the second quarter! We are already more than 10 plus weeks into the semester, and winter is right around the corner. Time flies during the fall, and it has been exciting to see so many successes and positive moments throughout our school community. As we look back on the first part of the school year, we can be proud of the hard work, dedication, and growth happening in our classrooms, activities, and athletic programs.

This fall, Leigh Panther Athletics had plenty to celebrate as our football, girls golf, and volleyball programs continued to build momentum and represent our school with pride. Panther football demonstrated grit, toughness, and commitment, while girls golf showcased dedication, individual growth, and a strong team mindset. Panther volleyball brought energy, determination, and competitive spirit to the court. Beyond the results, one of the biggest highlights was seeing the buy-in from our athletes, the commitment of our coaches, and the tremendous support from our community. The enthusiasm in the stands and the pride surrounding our programs helped make this fall special. Together, these teams showed what it means to be a Panther, and it was great to see our programs have much success and set the bar high for future Panthers!

As we approach the winter season, I want to pass along a few notes in regards to weather related announcements. Like in the past, we will use our Infinite Campus system to send messages. The message will also be on our Facebook page, KTIC-107.9 The BULL, and KQKX 106.7 KIX Country. Any weather decisions should be made by 6:30 a.m. and if needed, a follow-up will be announced by 8:30 a.m. As always, decisions will be made with the safety of our students in mind. Parents can also elect to keep students home if they wish.

With the colder season approaching, I want to remind everyone of our sick student policy. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without medicine before returning to school and if a student gets ill in school, we ask you to keep them home the next day. We will do our best to mitigate sickness by regulating disinfecting and encouraging students to wash their hands.

A wonderful tradition in the Leigh community is the Leigh Cares program that is organized by our local churches that provides gifts and food to families in need of an extra blessing this Christmas. If your family, or someone you know needs help, please contact the school. All names and information will be kept confidential. I encourage all community members to donate to this organization and help make the Christmas season one for all to remember.

Mark your calendars for November 20th for our Ag Literacy Night and Teammates Mentoring Program Rollout! We invite all Leigh students and their families to join us for an evening of learning, connection, and community. This event will highlight the importance of reading and agriculture in our community while introducing the Teammates Mentoring Program and the positive impact mentoring relationships can have on students' lives. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about the people, programs, and partnerships that help our students grow and succeed. A meal will be provided for all who attend, and we look forward to seeing our Panther families come together for this special event!

Lastly, another reminder that LCS will be the host site for NSAA District Play Production on Tuesday, December 1st. There will be **NO SCHOOL on December 1st**. Staff will report as normal and help run these events. I will send another reminder as the date draws near.

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer

Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 12, 2026

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

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on October 7th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on October 7th, 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 Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller.

Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Went, Folken, Higby, Urban J

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment - None

Principal's Report – Homecoming Court; Softball; Football; Volleyball; Girls Golf; HS Winter Seasons; JH Winter Seasons; Career Fair; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Facilities & Transportation; Negotiations; Budget Approved by NDE & County; No School Dec 1st; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the September 16th, 2026 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Discussion Item – Review Fall Enrollment Numbers

Motion Passed: Approved Kamin Held as Delegate Assembly Representative

Discussion Item: Highway 91 Softball Participation

Folken Arrived @ 6:48 pm during discussion of Hwy 91 softball participation.

Motion Passed – Approved Purchase of Bus 2020 from David City Public Schools via Kobza Auction

Moved by Brabec D, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 16th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary



Kindergarten Field Trip

Our kindergarten students had a wonderful day filled with learning, laughter, and fun! We started our morning at Mitchell Equipment, where students toured the parts department and repair shops and got an up-close look at just how big a sprayer really is! They even had the opportunity to climb into different tractors and choose their favorite. A big thank you to Mitchell

Equipment for welcoming us and providing such a fun and educational experience! Next, we headed to the Humphrey Park to enjoy some time playing and eating lunch together.



Our final stop was Poppy's Pumpkin Patch, where the students explored, played, and shared lots of laughs! Some of their favorite activities included the slides, corn pit, jumping pillow, petting zoo, tractor train, and riding trikes. There was no shortage of smiles and excitement!

What a memorable day making special kindergarten memories with friends! We are so thankful to everyone who helped make our field trip such a success!

This fall has been filled with exciting lessons and hands-on activities! The students learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin and explored 2-dimensional shapes as they created their own scarecrows. These activities provided opportunities to learn, create, and have fun while building important kindergarten skills.

In November, we will focus on what it means to be thankful. The students will reflect on the things they are grateful for and create their own Thankful Turkeys to celebrate the season.

As December approaches, we will transition into winter-themed learning activities. Some of our favorite activities will include exploring Christmas Around the World, comparing and contrasting different versions of *The Gingerbread Man* stories, and creating our very own Gingerbread Houses! We look forward to another season filled with creativity, exploration, and meaningful learning experiences in kindergarten!

Fall Fun Word Search

Find and circle the words.

ACORN

CIDER

FALL

LEAF

APPLE

CORN

HAY

PUMPKIN



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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Coverage for Nebraska Children Cobertura para el cuidado médico de los niños de Nebraska

What is Nebraska's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)? / Qué es CHIP

CHIP is health care coverage for qualified children who are without other health insurance and who do not qualify for Medicaid. Federally called the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), it provides the same services covered under Medicaid.

El programa CHIP es la cobertura de cuidado médico para los niños que califiquen y que no tengan ningún otro tipo de seguro médico ni sean elegibles para recibir Medicaid. Conocido al nivel federal como el Programa de Seguro Médico para Menores (CHIP), este programa proporciona lo mismos servicios cubiertos bajo Medicaid.

What does CHIP cover? / ¿Qué servicios cubre el programa a CHIP?

CHIP provides well care for your child in helping prevent diseases, finding and treating problems early, and maintaining good health and development.

CHIP proporciona cuidado para el bienestar de su hijo(a) al prevenir enfermedades, encontrar y tratar los problemas de manera oportuna, y mantener la buena salud y el desarrollo.

Regular check-ups include:

- Baby check-ups and baby immunizations
- Yearly check-ups for school-age children
- Immunization for school-age children
- Vision and hearing testing
- Dental check-ups and dental sealants

CHIP also provides medical care for injuries and illnesses

Treatment includes:

- Doctor's visits • Medications • Hospital care
- Lab tests/x-rays • Dental treatments • Eyeglasses
- Counseling
- Specialty services for children with disabilities or chronic health conditions
- Mental health and substance abuse assessment and treatment services

Los chequeos generales incluyen:

- Chequeos y vacunas para bebés
- Chequeos anuales para menores de edad escolar
- Vacunas para menores de edad escolar
- Exámenes oculares y de oído
- Chequeos y selladores dentales

CHIP también proporciona cuidado médico para lesiones y enfermedades

El tratamiento incluye:

- Citas médicas • Medicamentos • Cuidado hospitalario
- Exámenes de laboratorio/rayos x • Tratamientos dentales • Anteojos
- Consejería
- Servicios especializados para niños con discapacidades o condiciones de salud crónicas
- Servicios de evaluación y tratamiento para la salud mental y el abuso de sustancias ilícitas

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>2000AM Standard Time Begins</p> <p>7:00AM FFA - Patti Pro Practice</p> <p>5:00PM East Husker Conference Honor Choir @ Bancroft-Rosalee High School North Gym</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>5:30PM Taekwondo - 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Elementary Gym</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>5:30PM Taekwondo - 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Elementary Gym</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>7:00AM One Act Practice</p> <p>10:00AM 10:00 LATE START</p> <p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>1:00PM NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball Championships @ Pinnacle Bank Arena</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>12:00AM Registration Deadline for Dec. 12 ACT Testing</p> <p>12:00AM NSAA Class D3 Football Playoffs Quarterfinals @ TBA NE</p> <p>7:00AM One Act Practice (dependent on VB or FJ)</p> <p>9:00AM NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball Championships @ Allen Consolidated School</p>	<p>11:00AM NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball Championships @ Bob Denevny Sports Center</p>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>7:00AM FFA - Patti Pro Practice</p> <p>3:28PM LEAP after school until 4:20 p.m. - 2nd Graders</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>8:00AM FFA - District Livestock Judging</p> <p>5:30PM Taekwondo - 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Elementary Gym</p> <p>6:15PM FCCLA Chapter Meeting</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>12:00AM JAG - College Visit to CCC</p> <p>7:00AM One Act Practice</p>	<p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>12:00AM NSAA Class D3 Football Playoffs Semifinals @ TBA NE</p> <p>2:00PM One Act School Mainree Performance</p> <p>4:30PM David City MS Wrestling Invite @ David City High School High School Gym</p>	<p>9:00AM Howells-Dodge Junior High Wrestling Tournament @ Howells-Dodge High School Howells Gym</p> <p>9:00AM Shelby-Rising City vs Leigh @ Shelby-Rising City High School</p>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>7:00AM FFA - Patti Pro Practice</p> <p>6:30PM Regular School Board Meeting</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>9:00AM BHC One Act @ Madison</p> <p>4:00PM Twin River vs Leigh</p> <p>5:30PM Taekwondo - 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Elementary Gym</p>	<p>12:00AM Student Health Screenings & Staff Flu Shots</p> <p>7:00AM One Act Practice</p>	<p>12:00AM PK - Public Library Visit</p> <p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>8:00AM County Government Day</p> <p>4:00PM NGSE Junior High Invitational @ Newman Grove High School</p> <p>4:00PM NGSE vs Leigh</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>12:00AM Ag Literacy Night @ Leigh High School</p> <p>7:00AM One Act Practice</p> <p>1:00PM NSAA Class D3 Football Championship @ Cope Stadium</p>	<p>9:00AM Howells-Dodge High School Howells Gym</p>	
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29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
<p>7:00PM One Act - Drama & Desserts Performance @ 7:00 PM</p> <p>7:00AM FFA - Patti Pro Practice</p> <p>7:00AM FFA - Patti Pro Practice</p> <p>6:00PM Leigh 26-27 vs West Point-Beemer</p> <p>6:00PM Leigh 26-27 vs West Point-Beemer @ West Point-Beemer High School</p> <p>7:30PM Leigh 26-27 vs West Point-Beemer @ West Point-Beemer High School</p>	<p>12:00AM NO SCHOOL</p> <p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>9:00AM NSAA Class D1-2 Play Production @ Leigh High School</p> <p>3:00PM Leigh 26-27 vs Archangel Catholic @ Archangel's Catholic High School</p> <p>3:00PM Battle Creek JH Wrestling Tournament @ Battle Creek High School</p> <p>5:30PM Taekwondo - 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Elementary Gym</p> <p>7:00PM One Act Practice</p>	<p>8:00AM FFA - District LD&S</p> <p>10:00AM 10:00 LATE START</p> <p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>Windsde vs Leigh 26-27</p> <p>7:30PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>6:00PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>4:30PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p>	<p>6:45AM FFA - District LD&S</p> <p>10:00AM 10:00 LATE START</p> <p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>Windsde vs Leigh 26-27</p> <p>7:30PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>6:00PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>4:30PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p>	<p>6:45AM Dance Practice</p> <p>Windsde vs Leigh 26-27</p> <p>7:30PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>6:00PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>4:30PM Windsde vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p>	<p>Humphrey/Lindsay vs Leigh 26-27</p> <p>6:00PM Humphrey/Lindsay vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>7:30PM Humphrey/Lindsay vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>4:30PM Humphrey/Lindsay vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p> <p>4:30PM Humphrey/Lindsay vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School</p>	<p>9:00AM Schuyler Middle School Boys Wrestling Invite @ Schuyler Central High School West Gym</p> <p>9:30AM 2026 Howells-Dodge Varsity Wrestling Tournament @ Howells-Dodge High School Howells Gym</p> <p>10:00AM Leigh 26-27 vs East Butler @ East Butler High School</p>

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 BR: Churro L: Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza	3 BR: Tornado L: Pasta Bake, Breadstick, Green Beans	4 LATE START L: Corn Dog, Baked Beans	5 BR: Apple Fritter L: Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, California Blend	6 BR: Cereal & Toast L: Hot Ham & Cheese, French Fries	7
8	9 BR: Cherry Turnover L: Beef & Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll	10 BR: Scrambled Eggs, Hash Brown & Toast L: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Scalloped Potatoes	11 BR: Cinnamon Roll L: Walking Taco	12 BR: Breakfast Sandwich L: Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup, Cinnamon Roll	13 BR: Nutri Grain Bar L: Chicken Patty, Bun, French Fries	14
15	16 BR: Breakfast Burrito L: Orange Chicken, Fried Rice	17 BR: Muffin L: Sub Sandwich, Chips & Cheese	18 BR: Breakfast Pizza L: McKib, Baked Beans	19 BR: Rice Krispie Bar L: Thanksgiving Dinner	20 BR: Long John L: French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Hashbrowns	21
22	23 BR: Apple Turnover L: Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Garlic Bread	24 BR: Pancakes & Sausage L: Hamburger & Chips	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 BR: Scone L: Pizza		This institution is an equal opportunity provider Menu is subject to change	Milk is available at all meals Fruit & Vegetable bar is available at lunch		

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From the Principal's Desk:



Congratulations to Luke Eisenmann, Brayden Loseke, Kyle McMullin, and Carmen Malena on representing the Leigh FFA Chapter at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, last week. These students placed 11th with a team GOLD nationally on their farm and agribusiness test. Great job representing Leigh!

I also want to recognize our senior football players who played in their final game Friday against GACC: Ben Rodenburg, Luke Wellman, Blake Loseke, Wyatt Langhorst, and James Moore. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and contributions to Panther football.

The girls golf season came to an end at districts. Thank you to senior Halle Korth!

The Cyclone softball team also ended their season in districts to Chadron. Thanks to seniors: Allie Dirkschneider, Rebecca Hastreiter, Reese Bruhn, Reann Bruhn, and Grace Hansen.

Finally, congratulations and thank you to our senior volleyball players: Carmen Malena, Reese Wietfeld, Madilyn Freudenberg, Ella Higby, Emersyn Urban, and Vylet Hollatz. Thank you for your commitment to the program and for representing Leigh volleyball with pride. We appreciate everything you have done for Panther Nation!

As we move into the second quarter, excitement is building with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner. Mr. Bazata and the Industrial Tech students are busy designing and laser-engraving custom products that make great holiday gifts! You can visit the Leigh Community Schools website for a link to the Leigh High Industrial Tech page or reach out to Mr. Bazata directly for ordering deadlines.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving—enjoy time with family and friends, and stay warm!

Students of the Month:

★ Presley Wietfeld, ★ Halle Korth, ★ Daphne Jedlicka