

# SMALLTOWN NEWS

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## HONOR ROLL High School First Semester

### Superintendent

Calvin Finley  
Caden Holm  
Katherine Paitz  
Kaylee Rohde  
Jacob Heapy  
Malynn Boyles  
Caydence Feldman  
James Fletcher  
Ava Paitz  
Alexis Lucas

### Principal

Chloe Ellison  
Emily Mostek  
Brandi Slocum  
Shamane Zentz  
Lyndsie McAuliff  
Tyra Sekutera  
Walker Skrdla  
Ida Gross  
Ava Paitz  
Aliza Ellison



## HONOR ROLL Elementary First Semester

### Superintendent

Braxton Fletcher  
Blake Slocum  
Knox Feldman  
Kegan Ritchie

### Principal

Aubri Corbin  
Troy Mack-Sekutera  
Jozzie Slocum  
Andrew Williams  
Zane Johnson  
Aiden Kearney  
Taylin Kearney  
Koy Kusek  
Ira Ritchie  
Addie Boyles  
Taryn Cole  
Kamden Barker  
Cooper Fletcher  
Allison Holm





# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 Breakfast</b> Oatmeal Choc Chip Bar <b>Lunch</b> Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup	<b>2 Breakfast</b> Banana Muffin <b>Lunch</b> Breakfast Pizza	<b>3 Breakfast</b> Raspberry Churro <b>Lunch</b> Roast Beef	<b>4 Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Pigs in a blanket	5
6	<b>7 Breakfast</b> Sausage Gravy & Biscuit <b>Lunch</b> Grilled Hamburgers	<b>8 Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Rolls <b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti	<b>9 Breakfast</b> Apple Bosco Stick <b>Lunch</b> Hamburger Vegetable/Potato Soup	<b>10 Breakfast</b> Blueberry Muffin <b>Lunch</b> Hot Pork Sandwich	<b>11 Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Fajita's	12
13	<b>14 Breakfast</b> Zucchini Muffin <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Alfredo	<b>15 Breakfast</b> Pancakes <b>Lunch</b> Nacho's	<b>16 Breakfast</b> Omelet <b>Lunch</b> Popcorn Chicken Bowl	<b>17 Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Pizza	<b>18</b> <i>No school</i>	19
20	<b>21 Breakfast</b> Hashbrown <b>Lunch</b> Hot Dog/ Chili	<b>22 Breakfast</b> Apple Churro <b>Lunch</b> Stromboli	<b>23</b> <i>No school</i>	<b>24 Breakfast</b> French Toast Sticks <b>Lunch</b> Teriyaki Chicken	<b>25 Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Turkey Sandwich	26
27	<b>28 Breakfast</b> Egg & Sausage <b>Lunch</b> Fried Chicken					

# Senior Spotlight

Zyrus Fauss

Birthdate: December 9, 2003

Nickname: Big Z

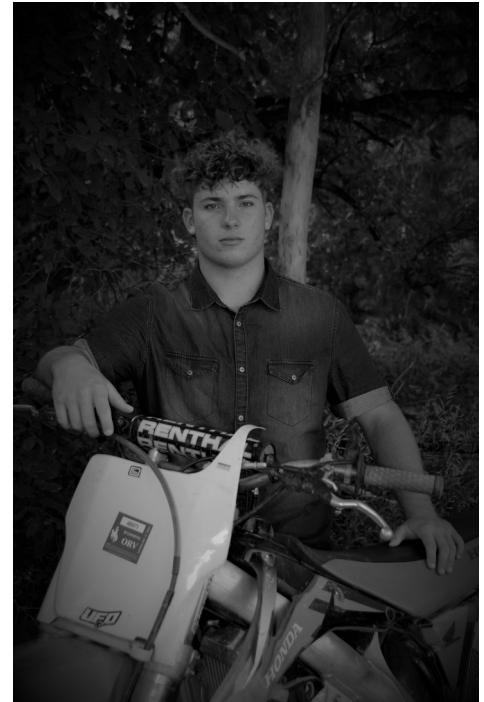
Favorites:

TV show: Peaky Blinders  
Subject: Shop  
Color: Blue  
Song: "More Than My Home Time" ~  
Morgan Wallen

Hangout: Art with Mrs. Varah  
HS Memory: Golf with boys

Most Prized Possession: money

Extra-Curricular Activities: Wrestling



## February Counselor Corner 2022

### Spring is on the rise?

Seniors are busy applying for scholarships, making decisions as to which college is their right fit, contemplating part-time jobs, and thinking about what their lives will look like when they graduate in May. Juniors are thinking about ACT testing and some are visiting colleges to see if he/she would be a good fit for the campus. Others are working on building their activities for their resumes.

### Scholarships

For local and state scholarships, visit *Scholarship Quest* at **EducationQuest.org**. It is never too early to begin searching for scholarships as well as making your list of strengths, volunteer activities, and other notable characteristics about yourself.

Seniors, keep applying for those scholarships. Any scholarship is free money so take advantage of them. If you work on a scholarship for 30 minutes and receive \$150, it is a pretty good-paying job. If you don't apply, you can't receive the scholarship.

### College planning help??

Sign up for Education Quest's Newsletter by clicking this link: [Countdown2College](#) to receive monthly emails with tips and resources to help you plan and pay for college. If you would like to go to the Education Quest Foundation website, you can also follow the steps below to sign up any 9th - 12th grader?

### College Classes offered during high school

Multiple juniors and seniors took courses last semester. This semester seniors continue to take college courses. They range from English Composition II to Applied Accounting to Personal Health. These students are independent and self-driven as the classes are web-based, online per zoom, or teacher-paced online.

Parents can sign up for newsletters to help their children in college planning. Go to <http://www.educationquest.org>. Click on Countdown to College sign-up on the right-hand side of the page under Resources. Have students fill in their contact information and list their current grade in high school. (Can be 9th - 12th grade) Students need an email address in order to sign up for the newsletters. Click on Subscribe to List.

### NEST 529

NEST 529 is a state-sponsored, tax-advantaged college savings plan. For more information visit [NEST529.com](http://NEST529.com)

### Prepare for the FAFSA with *free* programs and resources

Seniors, make sure you have completed your FAFSA. Depending upon your college's deadline, complete the FAFSA prior to April 1. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state, and college-based financial aid. The following Education link will help you learn more about the financial aid process and the FAFSA <http://www.educationquest.org> **Kearney office 308-234-6310. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter!** Remember, if you do not fill this out, your student will NOT be eligible for federal financial aid and aid from the school he/she is attending. It is NEVER too late to file, the sooner the better.

**Food Pantry/Food Bank information:** Our school food bank is currently receiving prepackaged food from the Heartland Foodbank. It regularly serves 8 students in our school on a weekly basis. Any donations to the food pantry are appreciated. We are also accepting financial donations to help provide our families with perishables from P & D Market such as milk, bread, eggs, and fruit. At this time, we would appreciate snack items such as bars, individual cereal boxes, individually packaged drinks, individual fruit cups, etc. Items that elementary students would be able to fix with limited assistance.

**Take care of yourself.** Remember to take time for yourself. Our schedules can be very hectic so taking 3-5 minutes in the morning and evening can do a lot for you. Set a timer, read for fun, listen to music or sounds of nature for just a few minutes, and take time to be in the moment. Anticipate you will feel refreshed or calm and be ready to tackle the day or focus on the evening.

Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-TALK (8255)

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LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 17, 2022

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Marie Sweley, April Gross, Jim Holm, and Bill Howard.

Visitors: Rebecca Vega

President Mitch Feldman announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Jim Holm made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to excuse Cole Lewandowski. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

The treasurer reported a General fund statement beginning balance of \$99,061.95, general fund receipts \$175,891.60 actual general fund bank balance \$37,550.11 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$292,198.16 were presented for payment. Jim Holm made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Drew discussed January 4<sup>th</sup> Emotional Poverty Training that the staff attended, MAP testing celebration, Student/Parent Lunch in February for the elementary Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup>, and AD items of change of FKJ basketball Semifinal/Final Venue changed to Minden and February 9<sup>th</sup> football schedules will be released.

In the Superintendent's report Wade reported Election of Board officers were due, Committee Appointments, Federal Program Administrator, Covid 19 Protocol review, Building and grounds update (welding ventilation), Esser III funds; allocation of funds discussion, LB 890, and superintendent contract for 2022-23.

Bill Howard made a motion to keep all members in their current offices. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Bill Howard made a motion to keep Americanism committee the same and have Cole replace him in the negotiations committee. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley motioned to recommend that Superintendent Wade Finley, be assigned as the Litchfield Public Schools Federal Program Administrator for 2022. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss superintendent contract. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

President Mitch Feldman reinstated the intent to enter executive session was to discuss Superintendent contract.

Board entered executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Jim Holm made a motion to exit executive session. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Exited executive session at 8:33 p.m.

Jim Holm motioned to approve Wade Finley's letter of resignation. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm motioned to enter into Superintendent contract negotiations with Matt Drew. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Second Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on February 14, 2022. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ACCO BRANDS USA LLC		77.86
ACTIVITY ALL CLASS		7.50
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		26.50
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		63.10
BAKKO TRANSFER, INC.		325.33
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		1,607.36
Blick Art Materials		108.28
Custer Public Power		807.77
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		397.64
Depreciation Fund		60,000.00
Eakes Office Plus		90.07
Educational Service Unit 10		12,248.82
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		103.90
Farmers Co-op Association		962.68
FIRST BOOK		350.47
HAMILTON		198.18
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS		400.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC		132.26
JW Pepper & Son Inc		341.74
Litchfield Hot Lunch		66.00
P & D MARKET		31.99
PETTY CASH FUND		417.68
Sherman County Times		7.36
SPARQDATA SOLUTIONS		1,200.00
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND		15,232.00
TITAN MACHINERY		1,734.78
Trane U.S. Inc		340.56
Tumbleweed Press		799.00
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		407.85
WALMART COMMUNITY CARD		7.16
WEX BANK		1,129.62
Fund Number 01		<u>99,663.47</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>99,663.47</u>
Checking Account ID 2	Fund Number 06 HOT LUNCH FUND	
GROCERY KART		7.96
HILAND DAIRY		378.15
HYVEE		137.61
P & D MARKET		334.18
US FOODS		881.76
WALMART COMMUNITY CARD		534.64
Fund Number 06		<u>2,274.30</u>
Checking Account ID 2		<u>2,274.30</u>

# Principal/AD Report

Matt Drew

1.17.22

1. January 4th Emotional Poverty Training
  - a. All Staff Attended
  - b. Dealing with emotions and understanding why kids sometimes do what they do
  - c. Taught us coping methods
2. MAP Testing Celebration
  - a. New plaques are in the trophy case
  - b. Students honored during halftime of Shelton basketball game
3. Student/Parent Lunch in February
  - a. Working on finalizing communication
  - b. Will be on Tuesdays
  - c. Chance for parents to visit the school
4. AD
  - a. FKC Basketball Semifinal/Final Venue will be in Minden
  - b. Feb 9, 2022 Schedules will be released

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