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# Thanksgiving

By Zyrrus Fauss

The first Thanksgiving wasn't the same as what is celebrated today. Originally Thanksgiving wasn't all about feasting and celebration, but rather it was for days of worship and prayer. The Thanksgiving most everyone thinks about when they think about Thanksgiving was in autumn of 1621 and was celebrated by the pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians.

Thanksgiving fun facts:

- Thanksgiving was proclaimed a national holiday on October 3, 1863 by Abraham Lincoln
- Turkey wasn't eaten on the first Thanksgiving.
- The first NFL games were played in 1920 on Thanksgiving and is considered a Thanksgiving tradition by many today.



# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 4:30 JH Wrestling @ Sunrise Middle School	4	5 State Volleyball	6 State Volleyball Football Quarter Finals Registration Deadline December ACT	7
8	9 FBLA Chapter Meeting 6:00 PM	10 FFA Meeting	11. Veterans Day program TBAs, watch school announcements for details	12	13 State Football TBD	14
15	16 Start of Winter Practices	17 Choral Clinic Wilcox-Hildreth	18	19	20	21
22	23 Football State Championships	24 One Act @ Tassel	25 1:00 Dismissal Thanksgiving Break	26 No School Thanksgiving break	27 No School Thanksgiving break	28
29	30					

# November 2020 lunch menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Fajita Refried beans Corn on the cob Peaches	3 Italian dunker Pasta salad Carrots Strawberries &	4 Tater tot casse- role Beets Dinner roll	5 Roast beef Mashed potatoes Green beans Dinner roll	6 Baked potato bar Broccoli Garlic bread	7
8	9 Pork carnita Refried beans Peas-n-carrots Pineapple	10 Goulash Garlic bread Lettuce Grapes	11 Hamburger French fries Baked beans Peach cup	12 Popcorn chick- en & Mashed potato bowl	13 Orange chicken Fried rice Stir-fry veggies Dinner roll	14
15	16 Chicken alfredo Garlic bread Broccoli Oranges	17 Sloppy jo Fries Peas Strawberry cup	18 Ham sandwich Sweet potatoes Baked beans Fresh pineapple	19 Turkey & dressing Mashed potatoes Corn	20 Quesadilla Smiley fries Green beans Applesauce	21
22	23 Taco Tater tots Corn Peaches	24 Chicken noodle or Chili soup Raw veggies	25 Pizza Green beans Pears Cookie	26  Happy	27  Thanksgiving !!	28
29	30 Chicken sand- wich Curly fries Carrots					



# FBLA Members Teach Elementary Students about Financial Literacy

By Kaylee Rosentreader



The Litchfield FBLA Chapter kicked off the 2020 Financial Literacy education with the Kindergarten class on October 7th. Three high school members discussed the value of coins and what the money looked like.

During the lesson the students learned about the value of coins, played bingo with the value of coins that they had to match with the picture, and watched a video about the value of coins and their worth.

Each student also received a piggy bank to start saving money. Throughout the lessons student received coins while they were learning about the value of each coin.





## National Honor Society

*By Kaylee Rosentreader*

National Honor Society will be celebrating Kindness week on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. We are collaborating with Boys Town National Hotline and Jocelyn. There will be different positive messages as the theme for each day of the week. The NHS members will be hanging up some hearts that have different song lyrics on them from different songs that Jocelyn wrote. On the last day, Jocelyn will come and perform her songs for grades 7-12 as well as promote Boys Town National Hotline as a resource for students to know they are not alone during tough times.

The National Honor Society is going to get the elementary students involved in coloring pictures, making cards, and writing general letters to the residents at Brookestone View in Broken Bow. Once a month, we will have the elementary students color pictures or make a card so we can send it to the residents to help them look forward to something during this unsure time.

## Spartan Volleyball

*By Shamane Zentz*

On Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> the lady Spartans traveled to Sandhill's Thedford to play the Knights. The first set Ansley-Litchfield came out fired up and took the set 25-7. The Knights weren't going to give up too easily and fought back. The Spartans pushed back and won the set 25-20 with Knights close behind us. Ansley-Litchfield pushed hard in the third set determined and took the set once again 25-13. Carli Bailey had the most kills of the night with a total of nine kills. We are proud of you Lady Spartans!

## One Act Season Begins

*By Kaylee Rosentreader*

The One Act play this year is called The Infamous Soothing System of Professor Maillard. The play is about a Hero visiting a private sanitarium operated by the well-known Professor Maillard. The Professor is famous for his method of treating the insane, a method known as the "Soothing System." The Hero enters as a large party is going on. The activities of many of the characters may seem to be out of the ordinary and comical.

The play is based on an Edgar Allan Poe short story. There will be music and staging to represent the time period of Poe. This year we have 20 students involved in One Act. Some of our upcoming Performances are November 9th Wilcox Hildreth Festival, November 24th FKC @ The Tassel, November 30th, and December 4th. We hope to see you at one of our performances.

## Spartan Band at Alma



## EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

November 2020

## Seniors...a reminder of what to do this fall

There's A LOT going on right now with the financial aid and college admission processes, but don't get overwhelmed! Here's a recap of tasks you should complete this fall to stay on track to college.

### Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- ☐ First, create a Federal Student Aid account (FSA ID) for you and one for a parent at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). You'll need the user names and passwords to access and sign the FAFSA. [Click here](#) for instructions.
- ☐ Review our FAFSA Checklist for items to gather before you start the form.
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
- ☐ If you need guidance on how to complete the form, register to attend a FAFSA Tutorial Webinar on Monday, October 1 or Tuesday, October 2. The webinars will also be held in Spanish on October 1 and October 2.
- ☐ For *free* help with the FAFSA, see FAFSA Tools at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) or call the EducationQuest [location nearest to you](#) to make a virtual appointment.

Apply to your top college choices. If your high school is holding an *Apply2College* event this fall, you'll get help with your applications. If not, here are steps you should take to apply.

**Check out the EducationQuest Virtual College Fair.** The live fair is over, but you can still register and log i to visit college booths and watch recorded college-prep sessions.

**Retake the ACT and/or SAT.** Some colleges will use your best scores for college admission and scholarships.

**Get serious about applying for scholarships.** See *ScholarshipQuest* at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) for Nebraska-based scholarships and a list of national search sites.

## Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

**Review College Profiles** at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) to learn about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the Midwest Student Exchange Program to learn about tuition discounts.

**Check out the EducationQuest Virtual College Fair.** The live fair is over, but you can still register and log i to visit college booths and watch recorded college-prep sessions.

**Once you narrow your choices, schedule campus visits.** Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are in session. Click her to find links to virtual campus visits.

For more tips, see the Finding the Right Fit section at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org).

# November “To Do” List

**Seniors**...complete these tasks in November to stay on the path to college:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the FAFSA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Apply to your top college choices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register by November 5 for the December 5 SAT.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register by November 6 for the December 12 ACT.

**Juniors**...complete these tasks:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Research colleges that interest you.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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## Principal/AD Report

Matt Drew

10.19.20

1. Professional Development
  - a. Autism Training
  - b. High School/Elementary Meetings
2. Halloween and Veteran's Day
3. COVID Protocols
  - a. We have had multiple quarantines with staff and students
  - b. Routines for lunch established
  - c. Keeping groups separated the main objective
  - d. Masks requirement has gone well
  - e. Choral Clinic, One-Act, Winter Sports
4. AD Stuff
  - a. The band went to Alma, want to have them march on main street
  - b. One-Act great attendance in the morning
  - c. We could possibly host district volleyball
  - d. Football playoffs
  - e. COVID protocols
  - f. Rifle Club State Shoot- 2nd & 3rd School Team, 8 participants



October Superintendent Report

Litchfield Public Schools

October 19, 2020

### **NASB New Policy**

-404.13 School Closure Under Extraordinary Circumstances

(This may be needed for use of federal funds for staff pay like for CARES ACT)

### **NASB Revised Policy Updates**

- 402.15 Staff Conduct with Students

(Revisions to incorporate mandates from LB 1080)

-404.02 Employee Injury on the Job

(Meets requirements of LB1186)

-503.04 Addressing Barriers to Attendance

(Added Illness related to mental health)

### **District Audit**

The district audit was conducted on October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is an in-house audit of the district's financial records for the 2019-2020 school year. I will have to submit the report to NDE by October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will get our copies prior to the November scheduled board meeting. I will put them in your November board packet. The auditors had high complements on the job that Tasha is doing.

### **Fall Joint Board COOP Meeting**

November 16 At 6:30 in Litchfield is the corresponding date to last year.

Any issues that the board wants to discuss let me know for the agenda.

### **Building and Grounds**

Sprinklers have been added to the curb of the new road.

Information on Gym Ceiling

### **Covid 19 Update: 2020-2021 School Year Plans**

#### **Negotiations**

The teachers are meeting on Monday. I enclosed the state timeline for negotiations. We already accepted the LEA as the bargaining agent for the teachers last year. Have to recognize the LEA as the bargaining agent for the 2022-2023 school year.

### **New Board Picture for Web Page**

If everyone is here we need to update our Board Picture for the Web Page.

Then again in January.

## Thank you for supporting the Spartan Foundation BIG Give

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Ansley Lumber & Supply  
Meg Ward  
Jim Trotter

### Spartan Black

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Shane & Tracy Farritor

#### Spartan Contributor

Cy & Marilyn Thoene  
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Wayne & Verla Roelle  
Gary & Lois Clay  
Paul & Connie Johnson



Shane & Jill Rohde

Kathleen Williams

Matt & Jenny Ritchie

Larry Thorn

Micheal & Carrie Clark

Jeannie Dodd

Carla Woolstrum

Marilyn Lammers

Cole & Cody Lewandowski  
NCTC

#### Other Contributions

Helen Bonzo

Edna Eagle

Janet Clay

Elaine Hackburt

Robert & Connie Bork

Barb Bowers

**It is not too late!  
You can still support the  
Spartan Foundation!  
Help us reach our \$10,000  
goal!**

### **YES! I want to support the efforts of the Spartan Foundation!**

#### Individual\*Family\*Business Membership Levels

☐ \$1,000-Spartan Gold

☐ \$500-\$999-Spartan Black

☐ \$250-\$499-Spartan Supporter

☐ \$50-\$250-Spartan Contributor

☐ \$ Other Contribution

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Please make checks payable to the Spartan Foundation & return to:

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**THANK YOU!**

☐ I would like to volunteer my time, please contact me for future events.

### **2020 Spartan Foundation Scholarship Winners**

Christopher Paitz

Alyssa Bailey

Brianna Ryan

Laney Stunkel

### **Fall Grant Recipients:**

Nancy Gould, Title I Materials

Spartan Volleyball Team- Team Bags & IPAD

Spartan Basketball Team-Team Bags & Team Camp

Kalla Sawyer-Art Display Panels

Milissa Birnie-Ansley & Litchfield Middle School Character Education Presentation by Crane River Theater

Spartan Football Team-Team Bags

Litchfield FBLA-Leadership Seminar

Heidi Beaumont-Playground Project

Ansley & Litchfield Weekend Backpack Programs

Jamee Smith-Spelling Bee Awards

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Birthday- March 18, 2003

Nickname- Kady, Lucas

Favorite TV show- Shameless

Favorite Subject- Science or Art

Extracurricular Activities- FFA

Favorite color- Yellow

Favorite Song- 9 to 5 Dolly Parton

Favorite Hangout- My Grandpas

Most Prized Possession- My pickup

Favorite High School Memory- Freshman year State FFA

Spartan Traveler's Holiday Extravaganza

Saturday, November 21, 2020

10:00-4:00

Ansley High School

Soup luncheon 11:00-2:00

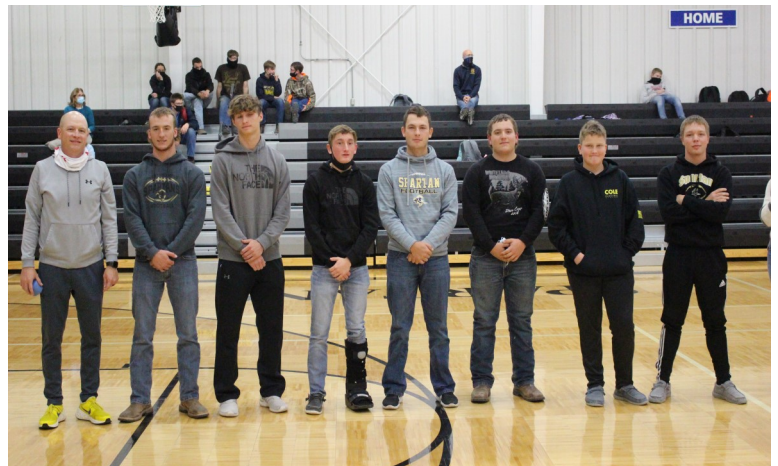
We are still looking for vendors



**The Village of Mason City would like to thank the 19 members of Ansley and Litchfield FFA Chapters for all your donations of equipment, vehicles, and all your hard work hard helping to make our Community Clean-up a huge success! Thank you for making a positive impact in our community! It is greatly appreciated!**



L to R front row: Becca Mostek, Jacob Heapy, Jacob Hoblyn-Bittner, Lauren Sawyer, Addie Rohde, Morgan Sawyer. Second Row: Carter Schiley, Cody Nelson, Zach Loy, Pacen Trent, Peyton Henry, Chancey Hoblyn-Bittner, Hailie Racicky, Carter Moore, and Kari Ryan. Third Row: Chase Racicky, Justin Zoerb, Ethan Sohrweid, Cooper Slingsby, and Sam Loy. Not pictured-Jackson Henry



LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2020

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

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

Visitors: Brian Johnson.

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. Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,161,439.52 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$218,314.17 were presented for payment. Jim Holm made a motion to pay the claims. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Drew discussed Professional Development which included Autism training and High School and Elementary meetings, Halloween and Veteran's Day, COVID Protocols, AD stuff; Band went to Alma received a superior rating, One- Act great attendance in morning, possibly host sub district volleyball, football playoffs, Rifle club stat shoot – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> School Team 8 participants..

Wade Finley reported on NASB new Policy, NASB revised Policy Updates, District Audit, Fall joint Board meeting, Building and grounds, Covid 19 update 2020-2021 school year plans, negotiations, and new board picture for web page.

The District Audit took place on October 13<sup>th</sup> and the in-house audit of the district's financial records for 2019-20 school year also took place and the Board will get copies by the November meeting and Wade will have that report submitted to NDE by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our School Bookkeeper Tasha Fletcher got a great report for being efficient and organized with her information from the auditors.

April Gross moved to motion to approve the policy 404.13 School Closure under Extraordinary Circumstances and the revised policies 402.15,404.02,and 503.04 as presented given by the NASB. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross made a motion to have Wade start on gym insulation. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

We will be having a joint Board meeting with Ansley's Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:30 with a meal and it will be in Litchfield.

Jim Holm made a motion to recognize the LEA as the bargaining agent for the teachers for the 2022-23 school year.. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Finley took an updated picture of the Board to put on the School's Web Page.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on November 16<sup>th</sup> , 2020. 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

Litchfield Public Schools

10/23/2020 09:21 AM

**Board Report - Newspaper**

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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ACTIVITY JUNIORS		101.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		273.50
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		166.16
Ansley Public Schools		3,299.93
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		340.47
Builders How-to Warehouse		12.99
Custer Public Power		3,416.28
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		391.16
Educational Service Unit 10		16,400.67
EWELL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES		175.00
Farmers Co-op Association		582.71
HAL-LEONARD		279.00
HOWARD HAY COMPANY, INC.		318.00
HYVEE		22.00
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS		937.00
KLAWN		711.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		108.00
Nebraska Central Telephone		199.73
OfficeNet		692.03
P & D MARKET		52.19
Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O		99.00
PETTY CASH FUND		1,277.80
Plank Road Publishing Inc		147.45
PYRAMID SCHOOL PRODUCTS		227.85
Ravenna News		32.10
SPARKLE		450.00
Teaching Strategies, LLC		191.20
US FOODS		410.20
VERIZON		180.35
Village Of Litchfield		727.40
Walmart		14.98
WEX BANK		916.11
Yanda's Music		63.70
Fund Number 01		<hr/> 33,216.96
Checking Account ID 1		<hr/> 33,216.96



# PROTECTING YOUR KIDS ONLINE



## TAKE CHARGE

### Set some ground rules.

Establish basic guidelines like when your kids can go online, what sites they can visit, and how many texts they can send a month, so everyone is on the same page.

### Research before you buy.

Did you know that handheld games can connect to the Internet or that many laptops have built-in webcams? Understand what technology you're bringing into your home.

### Don't just sit there— REPORT!

If your kids are dealing with cyberbullies or potential predators, report them to the website, cell phone service, law enforcement, or [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com).

## MONITOR

### Supervise Internet use.

If you can see what your kids are doing, they're less likely to get in trouble.

### Safeguards ≠ Safe Kids.

Installing CIA-level monitoring software on your kids' computers does not guarantee they'll be safe online. Technology can't replace your time and attention as a parent or guardian.

### Don't go overboard.

It's smart to keep an eye on your kids' social networking profiles, but it's never cool when you post embarrassing messages or pictures to their page.

## COMMUNICATE

### Talk to your kids; they're not as mysterious as you think.

Your kids might not tell you everything, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't ask. Get involved so you're not the last to know.

### Challenge them to a duel.

If you have kids who like to play video or computer games, ask if you can play, too. When you respect their interests, they're more likely to respect your rules.

### Don't pull the plug.

Taking away your kids' Internet access because they've done something wrong doesn't solve the problem. Talk to them about protecting themselves and respecting others online.

## Celebrating Excellence

Litchfield is celebrating everything that is going right. Mr. Drew and Mr. Finley took a moment this week to focus on the good. This pep rally focused on academic excellence, fine arts as well as success by our student athletes. The cheerleaders and the band performed the school song and individuals and teams who are excelling amongst the chaos were cheered on.

The celebration began by recognizing Superintendent's Honor Roll. Students are: Caydence Feldman, Gracie Ritchie, Katherine Paitz, Kaylee Rohde, Knox Feldman, and Kinzlie McAuliff. Principal's Honor Roll: Malynn Boyles, Jimmy Fletcher, Ava Paitz, Tyra Sekutera, Walker Skrdla, Lane Slocum, Chloe Ellison, Calvin Finley, Nathan Wardyn, Braxton Fletcher, Troy Mack Sekutera, Blake Slocum, Addie Boyles, Jenna Drahota, Jenna Holm, Aaron Reitz, Kamden Barker, Cooper Fletcher, Alison Holm, Kegan Ritchie, and Dawson Skrdla.

Next students who earned an 85% or higher on their MAP Tests were recognized. Students were rewarded with a PowerAde. Students were: Jacob Heapy, Calvin Finley, Katherine Paitz, Blake Slocum, Kaylee Rohde, Caydence Feldman, Gracie Ritchie, Kenna Feldman, Evelyn Varah, and Ryker Golter.

The football team who plays this Thursday, October 22 against Riverside in Cedar Rapids was recognized for their season well played and encouraged as they continue their successful season into the State Playoffs. Coach Blauvelt said "Really proud of our team this year to make it into the playoffs. Our young team from the last couple of years is now playing with experience and its paying off for us. I'm really proud of the team, now we just have to take care of business one game at a time".

Volleyball was recognized for a season going well and we are excited for them going into sub-districts as the number one seed! Pictured is senior, Sydnee Sweley encouraging her team.

The marching band was recognized for their superior rating at Alma Saturday. They were awarded with a plaque! Mr. Hiebner thinks this is possibly the first superior rating since 2008!

The celebration included relay competitions and the most seasonably appropriate competition was the mummy competition. Students used pre-wrap to design one of their classmate into their best version of a mummy.

Rifle club was recognized for competing and placing in the state silhouette shoot.

So many students were included in the pep rally. We have so many kids going out for activities, sports and doing their best in the classroom. We truly have a lot to celebrate. The first quarter has been a success and we look forward to seeing what our students do next. Thanks for all of your work first quarter!



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**November 11th: Veterans Day Program, Litchfield High School**  
**Check updates with the school website to get the latest information on time, attendance restrictions, and mask requirements.**  
**[www.Litchfieldpublicschools.org](http://www.Litchfieldpublicschools.org)**