

SMALLTOWN NEWS

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September 21 issue

FBLA 2021-22 Officers



Left to right: Katherine Paitz, Vice-President; Jimmy Fletcher, Jr High Representative; Chloe Ellison, Secretary/Reporter; Kaylee Rosentreader, Treasurer; Calvin Finley, President

2021-2022 Litchfield Preschool Calendar

	Student days
	Early Out 1:00 PM Dismissal
	Holiday - No School
	Teacher Work/In-Service Day - No School
	End of quarter
	No Preschool

School Hours
Mon-Thur: 8:00 a.m.- 3:32 p.m.
Fridays: 8:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

August 2021

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- 1 - No School—Fall Break
- 24,25,26 - No School Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 22 – End of Semester (84 days)
- 23-31 - No School - Christmas Vacation
- 22-26 - NSAA Moratorium

JANUARY

- 3 - No School—Teacher In-Service
- 4 - School Resumes

FEBRUARY

- 17 - Early Dismiss @ 1:00-P/T Conf. 4-7
- 18 - No School—Teacher In-Service
- 23 - No School—Hosting FKC Speech

MARCH

- 3,4 - No School - Spring Break
- 11 - Mid-term—(46 Days)

- 14 - No School—Teacher In-Service

APRIL

- 15 - No School - Easter Break
- 18 - No School - Easter Break

MAY

- 5 - Seniors' Last Day
- 7- Graduation - 2:00 p.m.
- 9 or 10 - Preschool Graduation
- 12 - Last day of Preschool
- 19 - 1:00 Dismissal - Students' Last Day
- 19 - End of 2nd Semester (92 days)
- 20 - Teacher Work Day

****There will be NO Preschool on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in addition to k-12 days off**

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Student Days = 176

Teacher Days = 185

02/10/2021

1st Qtr. = 41 days
 2nd Qtr. = 43 days

3rd Qtr. = 46 days
 4th Qtr. = 46 days

September

2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
	06 No School Labor Day	07 JH VB/FB v Elm Creek @ Ansley 3:00 JV VB/FB v Elm Creek @ Ansley 5:00	08	09 CC @ Loup City 5:30 JV/V VB v Axtell @ Litchfield 5:30/6:30	10 FB @ Axtell 7:00	11 VB Seven Valley Tourney @ Callaway 9:30 JV VB Central Valley Tourney @ Greeley 10:00
12	13 JH/JV FB v Twin Loup @ Litchfield 5:00/6:00	14 Apply to College Day JV/V VB v Arcadia-Loup City, Central Valley @ Ansley 5:00	15	16 CC @ Ravenna 4:00	17 FB v Pleasanton @ Litchfield 7:00	18 JH VB v Twin Loup, Anselmo-Merna @ Taylor 9:00
19	20 JH VB/FB v South Loup @ Callaway 2:30/4:30 JV VB v South Loup, Broken Bow @ Callaway 5:00 JV FB v South Loup @ Callaway 6:00	21 JV/V VB v SEM @ Litchfield 5:30/6:30	22	23 1:00 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 JV/V VB @ Ravenna 4:30/5:30	24 No School: Teacher In-Service CC @ Ord 4:00 FB v Twin Loup @ Sargent 7:00	25 VB Spartan Invite @ Ansley 9:30
26 Homecoming Week	27 CC @ UNK 12:00 JV VB v Twin Loup @ Taylor 6:00	28	29	30 School Pictures JV/V VB v Central Valley @ Greeley 6:00/7:00	01	02

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Breakfast Banana Muffins Lunch Corn Dogs	2 Breakfast Blueberry Muffins Lunch Roast Beef	3 Breakfast Donut Lunch Chicken Sandwich	4
5	6 No school	7 Breakfast Omelet Lunch Stromboli	8 Breakfast Breakfast Burrito Lunch Chicken Alfredo	9 Breakfast Apple bosco sticks Lunch Meatloaf	10 Breakfast Donut Lunch Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich	11
12	13 Breakfast Orange Cranberry Muffin Lunch Grilled Hamburgers	14 Breakfast Sausage gravy & biscuits Lunch Pork Carnita's	15 Breakfast Oatmeal Choc. Chip Bars Lunch Popcorn Chicken	16 Breakfast Raspberry Churro Lunch Hot Beef Sandwich	17 Breakfast Donut Lunch Quesadilla's	18
19	20 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Lunch Ham & Scallop Potatoes	21 Breakfast Pumpkin Muffins Lunch Lasagna	22 Breakfast Choc. Chip Muffins Lunch Orange Chicken	23 Breakfast Pancakes Lunch Pizza	24 No school	25
26	27 Breakfast Hashbrowns Lunch Spaghetti	28 Breakfast Breakfast Burrito Lunch Turkey Sandwich	29 Breakfast French toast Lunch Fried Chicken	30 Breakfast Zucchini Muffins Lunch Runza Casserole	1	2

Fall 2021

Virtual College-Prep Events

EducationQuest will conduct these free virtual events this fall. For details and registration, see QR codes/links below.

AUGUST

- 24 | Senior College Planning • 6:30 p.m. CT
- 26 | Senior College Planning • 1 p.m. CT
- 30 | Spanish Senior College Planning • 7 p.m. CT

SEPTEMBER

- 9 | Spanish Financial Aid Webinar • 6:30 p.m. CT
- 10 | Financial Aid Webinar • 1 p.m. CT
- 14 | Financial Aid Webinar • 6 p.m. CT
- 16 | Financial Aid Webinar • 7 p.m. CT
- 20 | Financial Aid Webinar • 6:30 p.m. CT
- 21 | Spanish Financial Aid Webinar • 7 p.m. CT
- 22 | Financial Aid Webinar • 7 p.m. CT
- 24 | Financial Aid Webinar • 12 p.m. CT
- 28 | Financial Aid Webinar • 6 p.m. CT
- 29 | Financial Aid Webinar • 7:30 p.m. CT
- 30 | Financial Aid Webinar • 6:30 p.m. CT

OCTOBER

- 6 | FAFSA Tutorial • 6:30 p.m. CT
- 7 | Spanish FAFSA Tutorial • 6:30 p.m. CT
- 8 | FAFSA Tutorial • 1 p.m. CT
- 12 | Virtual College Fair • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT
- 14 | FAFSA Tutorial • 7 p.m. CT
- 18 | FAFSA Tutorial • 6:30 p.m. CT
- 19 | Spanish FAFSA Tutorial • 7 p.m. CT
- 27 | FAFSA Tutorial • 6:30 p.m. CT

NOVEMBER

- 2 | FAFSA Follow-up • 7 p.m. CT
- 8 | FAFSA Tutorial • 6 p.m. CT
- 9 | Spanish FAFSA Follow-up • 7 p.m. CT
- 10 | Virtual College Fair • 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. CT
- 11 | FAFSA Tutorial • 7 p.m. CT
- 17 | FAFSA Follow-up • 2 p.m. CT
- 22 | FAFSA Follow-up • 6:30 p.m. CT

DECEMBER

- 8 | Virtual College Fair • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT



REGISTER FOR
FALL WEBINARS
eqf.org/webinar



REGISTER FOR
VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR
eqf.org/collegefair



EducationQuest.org

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800.303.3745

Kearney
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800.666.3721

Scottsbluff
308.708.7199
800.666.3721

Principal/AD Report

Matt Drew

8.16.21

1. Beginning of School Year
 - a. CIP Preparation
 - b. APL Training
 - c. Jr. Sr. High/Elementary Meeting
 - d. Bureaucratic Stuff
 - e. Open House/Potluck
 - f. Calendars and Communication
2. Going to State Fair 9/2
3. Students
 - a. PK: 10
 - b. K-6: 63
 - c. 7-8: 15
 - d. 9-12: 25
 - e. PK-12: 113
4. Testing Schedule
5. AD Stuff
 - a. Football: 26
 - b. Volleyball: 19
 - c. Cross Country: 1

Litchfield Public Schools
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Board Report - Newspaper
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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		11.37
Ansley Public Schools		18,299.90
BAKKO TRANSFER, INC.		233.98
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		144.91
BSN SPORTS, LLC		35.81
Builders How-to Warehouse		179.96
Custer Public Power		2,511.14
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		391.16
Educational Service Unit 10		90.00
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		38.00
ESU Coordinating Council		1,165.75
Farmers Co-op Association		1,052.60
GERALD WIESTER		1,909.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC		1,567.30
JENSEN PUBLISHING INC.		35.00
JOURNEYED.COM, INC. DBA JOURNEYED		1,798.96
LIPS PRINTING SERVICE		180.31
McGraw-Hill		1,055.60
Mid-American Research Chemical		630.00
NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLIES		820.37
NE Safety & Fire Equipment Inc		890.00
Nebraska Central Telephone		201.44
OfficeNet		266.53
P & D MARKET		4.19
PETTY CASH FUND		1,157.59
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC		3,780.26
S&S WORLDWIDE		956.72
Sherman County Times		14.74
Siegel, Dave		185.00
SWIFTREACH NETWORKS, LLC		350.00
US FOODS		583.21
Village Of Litchfield		714.85
WALMART COMMUNITY CARD		16.53
WEX BANK		555.63
Yanda's Music		645.45
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LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2021

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

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

Visitors: Brain Johnson

President Mitch Feldman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and also indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

Bill Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

The treasurer reported a General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$464,425.99, general funds receipts \$42,105.80, and actual cash available in general fund of \$302,504.80. Payroll and payables in the amount of \$223,003.63 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Matt Drew discussed beginning of school year; CIP preparation, APL Training, Jr. Sr. High/Elementary Meeting, Bureaucratic stuff, Open house/ Potluck, Calendars and Communications. We will be attending the State Fair 9/2. The Initial Student Enrollment: PK:10, K-6: 63,

7-8: 15, 9-12: 25 and PK-12: 113. The 2021-22 Testing Schedule was presented. AD Report; Numbers out for Fall Activities: 26 Football, 19 Volleyball, 1 Cross Country.

Wade reported on New Personnel Hiring; Pam Peters part time cook, and Dave Siegel van driver, ESU 10 Title Contract, Review of Return to Learn Plan, Building and Grounds, ESSER III Funds: Allocation of Funds Discussion, and dates to remember August 13th, 16th, & 17th Teacher's Work Days, 16th Open House Kickoff Banquet, 18th First Day of School, 23rd Board Budget Workshop 7:30, September 13th 7 pm Budget Tax Hearing and 7:30 The Regular Board Meeting.

Marie Sweley moved to accept the contract with ESU 10 to assist the District with its obligations related to our Title 1A and other Federal funds. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed proceeding with installing a ventilation system in the shop for over the welder work space. Getting numbers on options of either buying or leasing a bus. Looking to numbers for a key fob entry system. Health Standards were discussed and Litchfield Public Schools will continue to follow the standards that the District has followed for the previous 10 years. Litchfield schools will be starting the year in the green with masks optional and no mandatory Covid shots.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on September 13, 2021. 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

August Superintendent Report
Litchfield Public Schools
August 16, 2021

Personnel Hiring

Pam Peters part time cook 3 to 4 days a week. 11 years of experience at two other schools.

Dave Siegel- morning van route, after practice route and will do some activities.

ESU 10 Title Contract

Due to changes in the interpretation and enforcement of certain federal funds, the ESU will no longer facilitate a Title 1A “Co-op” for school districts within the ESU’s service area. Instead the ESU and District intend to contract for the ESU to assist the District with its obligations related to its Title 1A and other federal funds.

Review of Return to Learn Plan

For the ESSER III we must review our plan every six months until September 2023.

Go over NSAA recommendations and Loup Basins protocols for the coming year.

Building and Grounds

Plumbing for the Trojan Gym Toilet:

As I mentioned in last week’s update, Meyers Construction said it would cost around \$2500 just to survey the area and evaluate the land on what the project would all take to complete. He said that it would cost somewhere in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000. He said he would do it if that what we really want but he recommended the Sewage Basin and Pump which Jim Nichols gave us a bid for in the spring. I included Jim’s bid in the packet.

ESSER III Funds: Allocation of Funds Discussion

I will give the board an update with our ESSER III federal funds application.

I have enclosed in the packet bids for the following:

- FOB system for the entrance to all buildings and an intercom controller system to allow visitors in.
- Bus prices from Nebraska /Central Equipment, they also sent brochure on leasing that many schools have gone to.

-Welding Hood & Ventilation for shop from Axman.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

August 13, 16, &17: Teacher's Professional Development/Work Days

August 16: Open House @ 5:30, Kickoff Banquet 6:00 to 7:00

August 18: First Day of School

August 16: August Board Meeting 7:30

August 23: Board Budget Workshop

September 13th: 7:00 Budget Hearing

September Board Meeting to follow after the Budget Hearing.

September 2021 Counselor Corner

Character is what you are when no one is watching!

I am happy to have the capability to enrich the lives of others.

ACT Test Dates

Registered for the September 11th national ACT test? See Mrs. Poland for preparation materials. Fall ACT test dates are October 23, 2021; registration deadline of September 17th, and December 11th, registration deadline of November 5th. Go to www.act.org to register. Some students may qualify for an ACT fee waiver. Please have your student contact Mrs. Poland to inquire. Seniors, remember to use the John Baylor OnToCollege website to review for your ACT test. Juniors, we are on a roll starting with OnToCollege with John Baylor.. Review materials.

College Fair

Juniors and a few seniors will attend an EducationQuest College Fair hosted at Broken Bow High School on Monday, September 12, 2021 in the afternoon. There will be over 35 colleges and military representatives at the fair. Students will have the opportunity to visit with the representatives about their respective colleges and opportunities.

Apply 2 College day (sponsored by Education Quest) at our school will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Volunteers to help seniors apply to colleges will be appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Poland if you would like to assist in this exciting event.

Scholarships

There is a scholarship opportunity for students taking dual-enrollment college courses. Students participating in dual-enrollment college courses or early admit programs are encouraged to apply for the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship if they show financial need. This state and federally-funded scholarship will pay tuition and mandatory fees at participating Nebraska colleges. Applications will be reviewed by Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). If you have questions, contact myself or Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator, CCPE, ritchie.morrow@nebraska.gov or 402.471.0032.

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.

Parents and students can learn about current test prep and college counseling topics from **OnToCollege Show** and **OnToCollege** blog.

- Tune in to a growing number of radio/TV stations in Nebraska.
- Subscribe to the **OnToCollege Show** newsletter
- Listen to the weekly segments as podcasts via iTunes
- Read blog articles for more ways to graduate with minimal debt.

Prepare for the FAFSA with *free* programs and resources

If you're a senior, it's time to start preparing for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You'll complete the form after *October 1* and typically, before April 1 depending on your college's priority deadline. 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!**

Education Quest (Juniors/Seniors and parents) will be holding several financial aid webinars throughout the month of September. See the Virtual College Prep Event listing in the newsletter. The webinars will be held on different days and at times to accommodate families schedules. Education Quest will also have FAFSA tutorial events throughout October and November. Again visit this link to sign up.

Litchfield High School will host a Financial Aid Webinar on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:30 from EducationQuest. The Financial Aid Webinars will cover how much college will cost, types of financial aid, FAFSA--your application for financial aid, how colleges award financial aid, and where to get free help. Please let Mrs Poland know if you plan to attend.

Juniors and Seniors: EducationQuest will be holding a Virtual College Fair October 12 from 9 am to 12 pm, November 10th from 5 pm. to 8 pm and December 8th from 9 am to 12 pm. Here you will be able to meet with multiple college representatives to begin or continue your college search. Visit the link above to select the dates and times available as well as the colleges participating. There will also be informational sessions on Sunday about getting into college, deciding on majors, visiting colleges, scholarships, and how to pay for college.

Grades 9-12: I encourage you to sign up for the EducationQuest Countdown2College emails as they are no longer sending out the Bulletin updates each month.

Take Care. Stay safe.

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"I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship."

Louisa May Alcott

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GoodLuck to all Spartan Fall athletes

