

# Hallway Happenings



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## Winter Fine Arts Program

On Tuesday, December 6, the Litchfield Public Schools Fine Arts Department presented their annual Winter Program. Preschool through sixth grade students sang various songs. The fifth and sixth grade band performed, as well as the junior and senior high band. The junior high choir also performed during the program. Mr. Hiebner and the students put on a wonderful performance for the community. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



## Elementary to the Greenhouse

At the end of November, the 1st through 4th graders bagged up, weighed, and took home 7 lbs of potatoes they helped harvest! They had a play station and a weigh station. It was a very bountiful harvest. Many families got to enjoy special potato dishes provided by the students. After taking home the potatoes, the students returned to the greenhouse the next week to help clean out flower beds.



## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students have been busy learning so many new words that they can read. We have been writing new words and using them in sentences. We love to sound out words and spell them. In Math class we are practicing subtraction skills. We can make equations using numbers, pictures and objects in our room. The holiday season has been fun for us. We have written letters to Santa, and he wrote letters to each of us! We've also had Emily from KCNI/KBBN interview us about Christmas. You can listen to our interviews when they are posted on the Sandhills Express website. We are so excited to hear our voices on the radio! On Monday, we spread some Christmas cheer by handing out candy canes to everyone at school. We hope your family enjoys the holidays as much as we do.

-Mrs. Kratzer's Kindergarten class

# Spartan Sports



## **Boys Basketball**

On December 2nd the boys basketball team had their first game. They played the Hi-Line Bulls in Litchfield. The junior varsity team fell to Hi-Line. In the varsity contest, the Spartans beat the Bulls by a score of 50-37. The Spartans are now 2-2, picking up their second win against Fullerton where the Spartans won 59-28. The Spartans also have 2 losses coming from Ravenna where they lost 45-38 and against Elm Creek where they lost 40-37. The Spartans are looking forward to a great season.

## **Girls Basketball**

The Lady Spartans had their first game against Hi-Line on December 2nd. The Lady Spartan JV team lost to Hi-Line. In the varsity contest, the Lady Spartans defeated Hi-Line by a score of 48-36. The Spartans are 1-3 on the year losing to Ravenna 34-74, Fullerton 35-39, and Elm Creek 35-49. The Lady Spartans are looking to finish December strong with games against Sandhills-Thedford, Central Valley, and Burwell.

## **Boys Wrestling**

On December 1st the Spartans traveled to Elm Creek for a quad. The Spartans did very well winning the first dual against Elm Creek 36-6, then beating

Pleasanton 36-27, and also beating Axtell, 31-30. On December 2nd the Spartans traveled to Ravenna for a tournament where they had two people place. At 145 pounds Dillon Haines won four matches by pin, and lost two matches. Dillon placed fourth in his bracket. Andy Cash also had a very good day of wrestling, he won two matches by pin and only lost one match earning him a second place medal.

## **Girls Wrestling**

On December 2nd, the Lady Spartan wrestling team traveled to the Southwest tournament in Bartley for their first meet of the year. The Spartans had a good day with 3 girls placing. Jocelyn Ambriz placed first in her weight class with four pins and one win by decision. Gracie Reitz won three matches by fall and lost two matches, earning her a 3rd place spot. Clysta Brott came home with a 4th place medal winning two matches by pin and losing two matches.

## **Junior High Basketball**

Junior High Basketball practice has begun for both the boys and girls. The first game of the season is on January 9th, in Litchfield against Pleasanton at 1:00.

# Clubs & Organizations

## **FBLA**

The Litchfield FBLA Chapter is hosting a soup supper on Tuesday, January 24th during the Ansley Litchfield vs. Sumner Eddyville Miller basketball game. This will be a free will donation. Funds will be used to support the chapter in their efforts at the State Leadership Conference in Kearney. The Chapter is also hoping to return some members to the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in the summer of 2023.

## **One Act**

I'm proud to announce that we had almost every high school student go out for one act this year! We started practice early in September with early morning and some evening practices. Students were excited to 'get into character' of this fun and silly comedy! With the help of Mrs. Varah (Litchfield's art teacher), the set came together and looked amazing! The coaches, Mr. Hiebner and Mrs. Slocum were very proud and excited to show off the kids' hard work at the competitions and community performances! Go Litchfield! Our first performance/competition was in Wilcox- Hildreth on Nov. 7th. We received 3rd place and had several students selected as outstanding performers: Ashton Behmerwohld, Shamane Zentz, and Jordyn Ellison. We then had an evening performance for the

Litchfield community where with support from family and friends the students showcased their talents! The students all agree that this performance is always so fun! The audience is always amazing- laughing loudly and helping actors with smiling faces and lots of energy! We then had the Fort Kearny Conference competition at the Tassel Theatre on Nov. 21 where we received 3rd place. Katherine Paitz, Jacob Heapy, Shamane Zentz, Ashton Behmerwohld, and Jordyn Ellison were selected for outstanding performer. Ashton was also named the Best Overall Actor from all the schools that competed that day! This year was the first annual Spartan Foundation Dinner Theatre in Ansley! Delicious supper was served then Ansely performed their play followed by Litchfield. Seniors who are involved in one act were recognized for their hard work and leadership as they have all helped either with cast, crew, or both all four years of highschool. Litchfield seniors include; Katherine Paitz, Kaylee Rohde, Brandi Slocum, Pacen Trent, and Shamane Zentz. This was a wonderful evening with community support from both towns. Watch for this to continue next year and put it on your calendar! Our District competition took place at Giltner. With amazing performances during the whole day we ended our One Act season with several students chosen



for acting awards: Ashton Behmerwohld, Jordyn Ellison, Katherine Paitz, Lyndsie McAuliff, Kaylee Rohde, Jacob Heapy, and Shamane Zentz. We are so proud of the hard work, dedication, and fun that the kids had this year! We are already excited for next year!

-Mrs. Slocum, One-Act Coach







# FBLA

## **SOUP SUPPER**

- **January 24th**
- **5:00 p.m. until soup is gone**
- **Litchfield Public Schools Cafeteria**
- **Ansley Litchfield v SEM Basketball starting at 3:30 p.m.**

FREE WILL  
DONATION

FBLA thanks you for your support of our chapter, and our journey back to the State and National Leadership Conferences.

# Principal's Report

The last couple weeks before Christmas break are complicated. Simultaneously, we're surrounded by stress and crunch time but also decorations and maybe eventually a holiday party or two. Finding the power to focus in the face of the impending break is no small task. I can tell you from a teacher's perspective, there's a lot of work to make sure everything gets finished, graded, and ended at a good stopping spot for the semester. But don't get me wrong, we too start counting down the days until some family/friends time and probably some sleeping in.

The last couple weeks before break can be a lot. Working hard on practicing for the winter fine arts program, taking MAP tests and practice ACTs. Throwing off schedules with multiple late starts. Studying for semester tests. Finishing semester projects. Ending the wrestling season and starting basketball. Long story short, we've all got reasons to say we're ready for a break.

It's important to take time to relax and refresh. Watch some movies, socialize, read a book (many are actually available outside classrooms!), and devote some time to a hobby. Finally, I don't know who all needs to hear this, but: don't throw your sleep schedule off too much just because we're off school for a couple weeks. Nothing will make January 4, 2023 harder than if it's the first time you've tried a regular night of sleep for a while!

-Brian Moser, Principal, Litchfield Public Schools



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL— Teacher Inservice	4	5 Varsity Girls Wrestling Tourney @ CCC Columbus JV/GBB/BBB @ Ansley v Amherst 4:30/6:00/7:30	6 <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> Varsity Wrestling Invite @ Burwell 11:30 JV/GBB/BBB @ Ansley v Twin Loup 4:30/6:00/7:30	7 Spartan Youth Basketball Varsity Wrestling Tourney @ Amherst 10:00
8 Spartan Youth Basketball	9 Girls & Boys JH BB @ Litchfield v Pleasanton 1:00	10	11	12 Girls Varsity Wrestling Invite @ Ord 3:00	13 JV/GBB/BBB @ Shelton 4:30/6:00/7:30	14 Varsity Wrestling Invite @ Dunning 10:00 JV/GBB/BBB @ Wilcox-Hildreth 1:30/3:00/4:30
15	16 MLK, Jr. Day Girls & Boys JH BB @ Ansley v South Loup 1:00	17 Girls Only—JV/ Varsity BB @ Pleasanton 6:00/7:30	18 FFA District LDE @ Merna	19 9th Grade to Connect the Dots—Kearney JV/GBB/BBB @ Arnold v South Loup 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30	20 <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> Varsity Wrestling Tourney @ Callaway 11:00 JV/GBB/BBB @ Litchfield v Overton 3:30/4:30/6:00/7:30	21
22	23 Girls & Boys JH BB @ Ansley v Twin Loup 1:00	24 FBLA Soup Supper Litchfield Cafeteria JV/GBB/BBB @ Litchfield v SEM 3:30/4:30/6:00/7:30	25	26	27 Varsity Wrestling Invite @ Ord 11:00	28 FKC Basketball Tournament Girls Varsity Wrestling Invite @ Amherst 10:00
29	30 Girls & Boys JH BB @ Dunning v Sandhills-Thedford 1:30/3:00	31				





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 <b>Breakfast</b> Pancakes/ Sausage Patty <b>Lunch</b> Sloppy Joes	5 <b>Breakfast</b> Raspberry Churro <b>Lunch</b> Roast Beef	6 <b>Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Chili / Hot Dog	7
8	9 <b>Breakfast</b> Hash brown <b>Lunch</b> Fajita	10 <b>Breakfast</b> Omelet <b>Lunch</b> Stromboli	11 <b>Breakfast</b> Choc Chip Muffin <b>Lunch</b> Teriyaki Chicken	12 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Burrito <b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti	13 <b>Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Turkey Sandwich	14
15	16 <b>Breakfast</b> Apple Bosco Stick <b>Lunch</b> Rurza Casserole	17 <b>Breakfast</b> Blueberry Muffin <b>Lunch</b> Popcorn Chicken Bowl	18 <b>Breakfast</b> Sausage gravy & Biscuit <b>Lunch</b> Tomato Soup (grilled Ham & cheese sand)	19 <b>Breakfast</b> Muffin Assortment <b>Lunch</b> Lasagna	20 <b>Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Baked Potato Bar	21
22	23 <b>Breakfast</b> Oatmeal Choc Chip Bar <b>Lunch</b> Mexican Rice Bowl	24 <b>Breakfast</b> French Toast Sticks <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Alfredo	25 <b>Breakfast</b> Zucchini Muffin <b>Lunch</b> Italian Dunkers	26 <b>Breakfast</b> Apple Churro <b>Lunch</b> Tator Tot Caserole	27 <b>Breakfast</b> Donut <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Sandwich	28
29	30 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza <b>Lunch</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich	31 <b>Breakfast</b> Egg & Sausage Patty <b>Lunch</b> Nachos				

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