

# Hallway Happenings



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## Science News

On January 12, the high school anatomy class had the opportunity to explore cow organs. The Litchfield Pack donated cow lungs, a liver, heart, placenta and unborn calf. This was an amazing opportunity for students to explore and learn in a hands-on environment. Mrs. Slocum explained how the various organs work together to keep the animal alive. She also inflated the lungs to show students the difference between inflated and deflated lungs. After all of Mrs. Slocum's demonstrations, the students had the opportunity to dissect the organs. Senior, Shamane Zentz, shared that her favorite part of the day was feeling what the c-line cartilage in the trachea felt like. This was a wonderful experience for our science classes. Thank you Troy Slocum, and the Litchfield Pack for your help in this project.

## Quiz Bowl

Junior High and High School students are preparing for quiz bowl competitions. Junior High will be competing on Wednesday, February 1st

in Merna. The high school team will be competing on February 8th. The teams have been practicing during access time at school. The students work on proper procedure and how to conduct themselves during competitions. During the competitions, the students can be asked questions on various topics from mathematics to history to literature and everything in between. Our students are excited to have a successful quiz bowl season.

## Career and Technical Education Conference

The Litchfield High School CTE educators team, Ms. Goff, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Poland, attended a CTE collaboration conference on January 17th. The CTE team heard presentations from members of the Nebraska Department of Education and other CTE educators around central Nebraska. Each of the educators met with other educators in their departments and discussed how to improve CTE education and work related experiences for the students.

# Spartan Sports



## Boys Basketball

The Spartan boys basketball team has had a strong year playing some tough teams. In January, the Spartans picked up wins against Twin Loup, Wilcox-Hildreth, Overton and Sumner-Eddyville-Miller. The Spartans are 11-4 headed into the Fort Kearny Conference Tournament. Junior, Ashton Behmerwohld, said "my favorite play was when we came out after half-time against Sandhills/Thedford, I got the ball in the corner and swished it over the top of a defender." We would like to wish the Spartans the best of luck as they enter postseason play.

## Girls Basketball

The Lady Spartans are 6-10 on the season so far and will begin conference tournament play at Wilcox-Hildreth on Monday, January 30th. The Lady Spartans will play the Amherst Broncos in the first round of the FKC tournament. On January 6th the Spartans defeated Twin Loup by a score of 46-34. The Lady Spartans traveled to Pleasanton to take on the Bulldogs on January 17th. At haltime of the Ansley-Litchfield/Pleasanton game, the Spartans were up 22-21. The contest was close throughout, but the Lady Spartans held on to beat the Bulldogs by a score of 46-43.

## Wrestling

On February 2nd the boys and girls varsity wrestling teams will be competing in the 2023 Fort Kearny Conference Tournament. The boys Spartan wrestling team will be in Southern Valley on February 10th and 11th to compete in the class D-2 District Tournament. On February 3rd and 4th the girls will travel to Bridgeport to wrestle in the A-4 District Tournament.

## Junior High Basketball

The Junior High boys and girls basketball teams have begun their season. The girls and boys both picked up wins against the South Loup Bobcats on January 16 in Ansley. Both junior high teams had successful games against the Twin Loup Wolves as well. The young athletes are enjoying the season, Macie says her favorite part of the season is "spending time with my friends on the way to games and practices." Dawson likes working with the coaches. Cooper enjoys learning new things about basketball, and Michael said, he also "enjoys learning more about basketball and spending time with his friends." Ali said "I like playing in the games and spending time with my friends." Kamden also said, he "enjoys spending time with his friends at games and practices."



# 2023-2024

# Litchfield Preschool

**Now  
Accepting  
Enrollment for the  
2023-2024 School  
Year!**

If your child turns three or four on or before July 31st they are eligible to attend Preschool at Litchfield Public Schools this school year.

**Please  
Sign-up by  
April 1st**

We will use thematic units throughout the school year that will focus on the following foundational skill areas to help your child learn and grow:

- Learning through curiosity, exploration, interest, and experimentation
- Physical development and health
- Social and emotional development
- Communication, language, and literacy
- Cognition and knowledge of the world
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- The Arts
- Technology

If you would like to enroll your child, or would like more information, please contact the school at (308) 446-2244. Thanks!

\*Also, if you have had a baby recently (Congratulations!) please let us know so we can add them to our list of future preschoolers!

## February Counselor Corner 2023

### 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 seniors took courses last semester. This semester seniors continue to take college courses. They range from English Composition II to Nutrition and Introduction to Sociology. 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.

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 19, 2022

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order and verified compliance with LB 898 Open Meeting Law and indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during public forum at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Ethan Zoerb, April Gross, Jim Holm and Cole Lewandowski.

Visitors: Alyssa Reynolds, Sherrie Klein, Ed Klein

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to approve the absence of Marie Sweley. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting 11/14/2022 as written. Second by Ethan Zoerb. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint-Coop Board Meeting 11/14/2022 as written. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross gave the treasurer's report and reported a General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$174,473.29, general funds receipts \$96,232.56, and actual cash available in general fund of \$32,424.22 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$233,273.14 were presented for payment. Jim Holm made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Ethan Zoerb. Motion carried 5-0.

Brian Moser discussed FKC One-Act Hosting, Winter Fine Arts Program, and Speech Beginning. MAP testing is complete and now evaluating the data. Attended Standard Response Protocol training with safety team. Teacher in-services will focus on math curriculum selection and professional development of CKLA. Thank you to Mrs. Drew on Holiday Cheer this December.

Matt Drew reported on Insurance Claim, bus repairs, bus purchasing, bus agreement with Ansley, completion of Principal Evaluation. Reported final election results. Discussion with board on building and grounds. Reach out to staff for input to have a discussion in January.

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
4N6 FANATICS		200.00
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		3,187.46
ACTIVITY ALL CLASS		15.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		16.38
Ansley Public Schools		3,923.60
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		1,265.06
Custer County Clerk		27.70
Custer Public Power		3,087.63
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		345.43
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		2,929.72
Educational Service Unit 10		12,116.01
Farmers Co-op Association		3,620.80
FORMATIVELOOP		105.00
GROSS, APRIL		415.90
HOMETOWN LEASING		313.41
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS		796.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC		137.47
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		1,309.93
KEARNEY QUALITY SEW AND VAC, INC		43.96
Litchfield Hot Lunch		133.50
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc		203.38
Menards		71.71
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		250.00
Nebraska Central Telephone		131.45
Nebraska Safety Center		125.00
NEW VICTORIAN INN & SUITES	HOTEL	64.99
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		2,830.05
P & D MARKET		56.97
PETTY CASH FUND		510.42
PYRAMID SCHOOL PRODUCTS		2,063.14
SHERMAN COUNTY CLERK		100.00
Sherman County Times		7.37
Taylor Heating & Cooling		844.60
Varah, Allison		68.43
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		432.10
WEX BANK		1,375.21
Fund Number 01		<u>43,264.79</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>43,264.79</u>



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

April Gross made a motion to keep Marie Sweley and April Gross on the Americanism committee. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to keep Mitch Feldman and Cole Lewandowski on the negotiations committee. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley motioned to approve that Superintendent Matt Drew, be assigned as the Litchfield Public Schools Federal Programs Administrator for 2023. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve reviewed Litchfield Board Policies; 0403.8, 0404.01, 0404.02, 0404.03, 0404.04, 0404.05, 0404.06, 0404.06E1, 0404.06E2, 0404.07, 0404.08, 0404.09, 0404.10, 0404.11, 0404.12, 0404.12E1, 0404.12R1, 0404.13, 0405 Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the teacher contract for Makaleigh Kohlscheen for the Sp-Ed position for the 2023-2024 school year. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Second April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on February 20, 2023. 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 Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary

# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 Breakfast</b> Apple Bosco Stick  <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese	<b>2 Breakfast</b> Muffin Asst  <b>Lunch</b> Roast Pork	<b>3 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Corn Dogs	4
5	<b>6 Breakfast</b> Pancakes  <b>Lunch</b> Orange Chicken	<b>7 Breakfast</b> Banana Muffin  <b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti	<b>8 Breakfast</b> Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar  <b>Lunch</b> BBQ Pork Sandwich	<b>9 Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll  <b>Lunch</b> Fried Chicken	<b>10 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Quesadillas	11
12	13 NO SCHOOL	<b>14 Breakfast</b> Muffin Asst  <b>Lunch</b> Popcorn Chicken Bowl	<b>15 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Casserole  <b>Lunch</b> Ham Sandwich	<b>16 Breakfast</b> Raspberry Churro  <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Fried Steak	<b>17 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Pizza	18
19	<b>20 Breakfast</b> French Toast Sticks  <b>Lunch</b> Hamburgers	<b>21 Breakfast</b> Omelet  <b>Lunch</b> Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup	<b>22 Breakfast</b> Blueberry Muffin  <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Sandwich	<b>23 Breakfast</b> Apple Churro  <b>Lunch</b> Meatloaf	<b>24 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Pigs in a Blanket	25
26	<b>27 Breakfast</b> Orange-Cranberry Muffin  <b>Lunch</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich	<b>28 Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll  <b>Lunch</b> Stromboli				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 JH Quiz Bowl @ Merna FFA State Degree Interviews @ Anselmy	2 Girls/Boys Wrestling FKC Tourney @ Kenesaw 9:00	3 <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> Girls Wrestling Dis- tricts @ Bridgeport Lions Club Screening 12:30	4 Girls Wrestling Dis- tricts @ Bridgeport
5	6 Girls/Boys JH BB @ Anselmo-Merna 1:00	7 Pre-K/Kindergarten Lunch with Parents JV/GBB/BBB v. Arcadia-Loup City @ Anselmy 4:30/6:00/7:30	8 FFA District CDE @ Grand Island CCC HS Quiz Bowl @ Merna	9 Winter Sports Activity Supper 6:15	10 Boys Wrestling Districts @ Southern Valley JV/GBB/BBB v. Anselmo-Merna @ Anselmy 4:30/6:00/7:30	11 Speech Meet @ Burwell Boys Wrestling Dis- tricts @ Southern Valley
12	13 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Parent/Teacher</b> <b>Conferences 4:00-</b> <b>7:00</b> Girls BB SubDistricts	14 1st/2nd Grade Lunch with Parents Valentine's Day Girls BB SubDistricts	15 Girls/Boys JH Game v. Axtell @ Litchfield 1:00	16 Varsity Wrestling State Tournament @ Omaha Girls BB SubDistricts	17 <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> Varsity Wrestling State Tournament @ Omaha BOYS ONLY JV/V BB @ Pleasanton 6:00/7:30	18 Litchfield Speech @ Loup City Varsity Wrestling State Tournament @ Omaha
19	20 President's Day Boys BB SubDistricts	21 3rd/4th Grade Lunch with Parents Boys BB SubDistricts	22 Cattlemen's Classic FKC Speech @ Loomis Girls/Boys JH BB @ Elm Creek 2:30	23 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Boys BB SubDistricts	24	25 Litchfield Speech @ Centura
26	27 Spring Sports Season Begins	28 5th/6th Grade Lunch with Parents				