

# Hallway Happenings



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## Grandparents Day

Thank you to all of the grandparents and special friends who came to school and celebrated Grandparents Day with us. Each student received a free book from the library and had the opportunity to read with or to their special guest. Our guests were also treated to a music lesson, an art activity, and the opportunity to visit our playground with its new rubber mulch. Two other highlights that should be mentioned are the delicious soup and cinnamon roll lunch and the photo bench which many families used to help record some special memories.



*Students working on art projects with their grandparents and special friends*

## Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten class has been working hard on our pre-reading skills and letter writing. We are learning letter sounds and the letters that make them. They can blend sounds to make words and segment words to isolate the sounds. We now have sight word cards to practice and are able to read several words independently. The class was thrilled to take their first book to read to their Reading Buddy on Friday. Our latest stories are about plants, plant parts, and how they

grow. If you get a chance, ask them about the story The Gigantic Turnip, a Russian Folktale. We are looking forward to the Halloween Parade on Friday, October 28th so we can show off our costumes.

## Third and Fourth Grade News

Third and Fourth graders are learning about Nebraska's place in the United States. To accomplish this each group read and researched one region of the U.S. and then presented their information, teaching their classmates what they had learned.



*Third and fourth graders presenting about their selected regions of the United States of America.*

### **What's Happening in Science Class...**

From working on Newton's Laws activities and egg drop challenges, to looking at our own hair under the microscope, to preparing to make edible cells, the science students are hopping.

When I asked different classes of kids what their favorite project in science so far was, I heard 8th graders talk about potential and kinetic energy and making their own Rube Goldberg machines which have many complex steps to accomplish a simple task like shutting off the light or ringing a bell. The physical science class has really enjoyed finding their own acceleration in a timed sprint outside the classroom. Looking ahead, students are excited to dissect pregnant rabbits in anatomy, use the new data collection tools and technology in physics, and make rock cycle crayons in 7th grade.

Some science students also had the opportunity to go to youth science day at the Buffalo County fairgrounds, where they learned about GMO's, nitrates, mental health, crime scene investigation, and even got to reach inside and explore a cow's rumen. There will also be health care science day at UNK, and a science/ art field trip later in the year.

### **Diesel Career Day**

On October 6th, three students attended Diesel Career Day at the Hastings Central Community College campus. The students took a tour of the diesel technology shop. After the tour there was a career fair. Many businesses from around the state of Nebraska were on site to share with students what their careers were all about. Hastings Central Community College also had two guest speakers to share their experiences working in various diesel careers. There was also a complimentary lunch for the students, and that was definitely one of the highlights.



*Litchfield students participating at Diesel Career Day*

### **Business Class**

Students are learning a lot in the Business and Technology classroom. First period Information Technology class has been learning how to write professional business letters and memos. They have also been working on creating spreadsheets with charts, formulas, and conditional formatting. Moving forward into the second quarter, this class will start learning about machine learning and training computers to analyze data.

Agribusiness class has been learning how to feed the world with limited resources. They have also been learning about supply and demand and what impacts the markets on a daily basis.

Middle school careers class has been exploring different options of education, training, and careers that will come after high school. The students have researched various careers, colleges, trade schools and certifications.

High school career development class has tried their hand at entrepreneurship as they are running their own coffee and smoothie shop. The students are learning about customer service, bookkeeping, food service, and just operating a business in general.

# Principal's Report

Great things are happening around our buildings, but I wanted to pause our typical bragging for this month to think about a topic that's on my mind: goal-setting.

Writer Laurence Peter said, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." It's on my mind this month as Litchfield teachers have started a process of setting and collaboratively working towards goals of personal-professional development, and I want to encourage students also to consider why and how goal-setting is valuable for them too. Floating passively through the school year will generally get the job done, getting us to the end of the year. However, our 180 days here are meant for growth and improvement, and some of that must start from within.

Many goal-setters refer to "SMART" goals: specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-related. These characteristics guide us to create goals that are worthwhile. Obviously, goals must be attainable, but research shows that more challenging goals actually produce better results than easy goals (American Psychologist, 2002). This suggests that the real power in setting goals isn't to create a bunch of little successes, but instead to really push ourselves. Having an "end" in mind keeps us focused and allows for planning milestones along the way. Without an end in mind, we can't know where we are or where we're going.

-Mr. Brian Moser, Principal



*Teachers, Ms. Goff and Mrs. Poland working together on their goal-setting*

# Spartan Sports



## Spartan Football

Friday October 14th was the last game of the season for the Ansley-Litchfield Spartan football team. The Spartans fell to a tough, 7-1 Elm Creek team by the score of 20-48. The Spartans ended the season with two wins and six losses. The Spartan's two wins were against Pleasanton where they won by a score of 36-6, and Overton where they took the Eagles down 56-20. The leading tackler for the Spartans was Ashton Behmerwohld. Behmerwohld had a total of 76 tackles on the season. The Spartans are looking to improve in the off-season and come back next fall with another tough team.



*Spartan Cheer Team ready to perform at the varsity football game*

## Spartan Wrestling

The Spartan wrestling team has begun preparing for the upcoming season. This year we have a strong team of girls and boys wrestlers. Junior High wrestling practice started on October 18th. The Junior High wrestling team will compete in their first meet on November 18th in Kearney.

High School wrestling practice will officially start November 14th. The

wrestling team

will have a few weeks of conditioning with the basketball teams in the coming weeks. Our first High School wrestling meet will be a combined Junior High and Varsity wrestling meet at Elm Creek. The Varsity will be dueling against Pleasanton, Elm Creek, and Axtell, while the Junior High team will be matched up for as many matches as possible.

In Junior High meets, the boys and girls will compete in the same meets but separated by boys and girls. Girls will wrestle only with other girls and boys will wrestle only with other boys. Regarding Varsity meets, they have one meeting with girls and boys wrestling at the location, but in separate tournaments. On every other occasion, our boys and girls meets will be completely separate.

In High School wrestling, we are not allowed to have the girls and boys wrestle with each other in a meet or even practice. Junior High currently does not have any rules about mixing, but Coach Ellison says "I will stay with the high school expectation of not mixing gender in practice or meets."

The Spartans have a strong core of wrestlers coming back. Owen Hartman and Dillon Haynes missed out on state last year with injuries. Jocelyn Ambriz and Andy Cash are both returning state qualifiers.

Junior High has started with a group of 22 boys and girls. In high school, Coach Ellison is expecting anywhere from 15 to 20 boys and girls.

# Clubs & Organizations

## **FBLA**

Recently FBLA visited the Younes Center in Kearney for the Fall Leadership Conference. We learned how to fulfill our officer positions, how to never fail at life (attitude, determination, and perseverance), how to earn all the ribbons, and about the marketing of social media. Those that went include Ava Paitz, James Fletcher, Malynn Boyles, and Caydence Feldman.

At the homecoming football game, FBLA members sold hot chocolate and baked goodies as a chapter fundraiser. We would like to thank all community members who donated baked goodies and we would also like to thank those who purchased hot chocolate and baked goodies from us.

FBLA members have just finished collecting items for the Big Red Battlefield Boxes, thank you to all who donated.

We are working on organizing a soup supper at a home basketball game in January. Stay tuned for specific dates and times.

FBLA members are also working in different committees to complete 'ribbon projects' to earn recognition at the state level for school and community service. A few projects the committees are working on are Go Green, March of Dimes, iGive, and Feed Nebraska.

In coming weeks, students will begin preparing for the State Leadership Conference in Kearney. FBLA members will compete in various business and technology competitions against students

from all over the state. We hope to score well in these competitions and earn another trip to the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this summer.

-Ava Paitz, Reporter



*James Fletcher and Malynn Boyles selling baked goodies and hot chocolate at the homecoming football game.*

## **Band**

Litchfield High School's band season is just beginning. They have had one major event so far in the season, the Minden Bandfest. The Minden Band Fest was held October 15th. They earned a 32 in music, a 26 in marching and a 23 in general effect earning the 81 point Superior marking. This marking was a point higher than last year, the band did a wonderful job. The song choice this year was "Break my Heart". The students and Mr. Heibner put in a lot of work to perfect their marching and playing before the big event. Aside from this, the band has been at every home game to play the Star Spangled Banner. They plan to continue this and maybe add in a little bit of pep band at future home games.

-Shamane Zentz, Senior

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# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PreACT Testing— Sophomores 8:00 a.m.	2 State Volleyball	3 State Volleyball	4 <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b>  State Volleyball  Last Day to Register for Dec. Nat'l ACT	5 State Volleyball
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 One-Act @ Wilcox- Hildreth	8	9 FFA District Livestock Judging @ Broken Bow	10 FFA Chapter Meeting 6:15 p.m.	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b>  Veteran's Day Celebration in the New Gym 11:00 a.m.	12
13	14 Start of Winter Sports	15 FKC Choral Clinic @ Axtell	16	17 One-Act Litchfield Performance	18 <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b>  JH Wrestling Invite @ Buffalo Co. Fairgrounds 4:30 p.m.	19
20	21 FKC One-Act @ Holdrege  State Football Championships	22 JH Wrestling Invite @ Kenesaw  State Football Championships	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26
27	28 Spartan Dinner Theater @ Ansley School 6:00-Meal, 7:00-Ansley Performance, 8:00-Litchfield Performance	29 JH Wrestling Invite @ Overton 12:00 p.m.	30			

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 17, 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, Marie Sweley, Ethan Zoerb, April Gross, Jim Holm and Cole Lewandowski.

Visitors: Susan Poland

Ethan Zoerb made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross gave the treasurer's report and reported a General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$61,183.95, general funds receipts \$560,914.48, and actual cash available in general fund of \$333,051.76 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$239,580.50 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Brian Moser discussed Grandparents Day, In-Service; CKLA Implementation. Goal Setting, Apptegy; which is an app to put all our social media in one spot including our one call, text alerts, and email this was tabled until next board meeting, ¾ Field Trip to Hastings museum, Math Cadre working on selecting math curriculum, subbing, beginning staff evaluations, and AQuestt Training.

Matt Drew reported on fall sports wrapping up, One Act Districts in Giltner, Next year's volleyball and basketball schedule almost completed, working on a date with Soup Loup VB, basketball all contracts have been sent out, will be contacting refs, and winter sports begin on November 14, 2022 for the AD side and then superintendent side he discussed the Joint meeting with Ansley for next month, NASB Conference on 16-18 of November, Audit was Conducted on October 5, waiting on report and a BIG Thank you to Tasha!!, Policy review and revise, ESSER III, Negotiations for teachers salary may begin on Nov 1, 2022, Building and grounds of tarring the new cement road, tree removal, CNC Plasma Cutter Bid, Brick Building Entrance, Architect Quote, and Roof Update.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to approve revised and reviewed Litchfield Board Policies; 0300, 0300.01, 0301.01, 0301.03, 0301.04, 0302.01, 0302.04, 0302.05, 0302.05E1, 0302.06, 0302.07, 0302.08, 0303.01, 0303.02, 0303.03, 0303.04, 0303.05, 0303.06, 0303.07, 0303.08, 0303.09, 0304.01, 0304.02, 0304.02, 0304.03, 0305 Second by Ethan Zoerb. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross made a motion to adopt our Return to Learn revised plan. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary

10/20/2022 10:55 AM

Posted - All; Fund Number 01; Processing Month 10/2022

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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ACTIVITY ALL CLASS		13.50
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS		790.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		159.50
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		104.35
Ansley Public Schools		3,175.80
ASK Supply Co		774.73
BAKKO TRANSFER, INC.		41.47
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		200.37
Custer Public Power		3,916.87
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		338.11
DREW, MATT		57.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		38.49
EDUCATION.COM		150.00
Educational Service Unit 10		17,637.61
Egan Supply Co.		77.22
ERICSON FORD, INC		500.00
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		457.56
ESSENTIAL SKILLS		275.00
EWELL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES		175.00
Farmers Co-op Association		1,547.64
HAMILTON		131.45
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance		71.02
HOMETOWN LEASING		313.41
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC		454.92
Island Supply Welding Co.		70.00
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		266.34
JW Pepper & Son Inc		53.49
Litchfield Hot Lunch		108.00
McGraw-Hill		360.43
Menards		69.39
Mid-American Research Chemical		230.90
Misko Sport, Inc.		112.68
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		95.00
NICHOLS PLUMBING & HEATING		0.00
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		226.60
P & D MARKET		55.04
PETSKA BACKHOE & PLUMBING INC.		450.00
PETTY CASH FUND		798.95
PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE		280.00
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC		4,007.23
PRIME SECURED		281.75
RENATO SOFTWARE LTD		45.50
S&S WORLDWIDE		22.76
SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION		53.08
Sherman County Times		173.09
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN		117.00
Varah, Allison		54.96
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		728.43
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