

Hallway Happenings



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FFA

The Litchfield FFA received a \$500 check from Big Iron. In order to win this prize, the students had to wear Big Iron apparel and take a picture of themselves at Husker Harvest Days representing Big Iron.



Mr. Johnson and FFA members accepting the check and hats from Big Iron.

Quiz Bowl

The Litchfield quiz bowl team is excited to have a successful year with multiple returning members. They will go to three quiz bowl meets, one at UNK, one at Merna, and one at Pleasanton. The coach, Mr. Kaslon, is working hard with the students to prepare them for these meets so they can win some matches and come home with the gold!



Junior High students have also been practicing for Quiz Bowl competitions with Mrs. Drew. Junior High team members, Aaron, Alison, Taryn, Addie, Kinzlie, Kamden, Michael, Knox, and Kegan

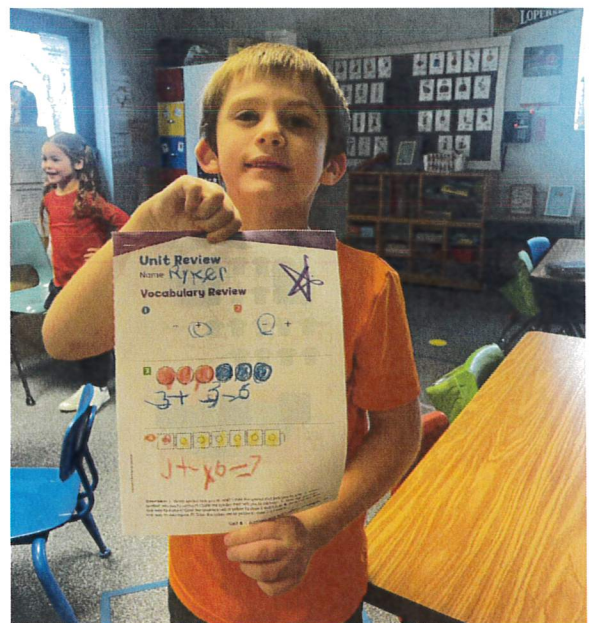
competed at Merna on January 24. The team won 3 matches and lost one close match to Broken Bow. What a great way to start the Quiz Bowl season!



*Mrs. Drew and the Junior High Quiz Bowl Team
Photo by Cassie Feldman*

Kindergarten News

The kindergarten students have been learning about addition and subtraction. Mrs. Kratzer says her students can add numbers up to ten! The students identified patterns when adding their numbers to help remember the addition facts. Great job kindergarten students!



Kindergarten student, Ryker, shows off his addition and subtraction skills.

Spartan Sports

Boys Basketball

The Ansley-Litchfield boys basketball team is headed into the Fort Kearny Conference tournament with a record of 11-3. The Spartans earned a #3 seed in the Conference tournament, and their first round matchup will be against the Loomis Wolves. In January, the Spartans had key wins against Twin Loup, Wilcox-Hildreth and Overton. Due to weather, the Spartans have had to cancel or postpone

games against Shelton and South Loup. The Spartans will finish the regular season playing

games against Arcadia/Loup City, Anselmo-Merna, and Pleasanton. Subdistrict play will begin February 19.



Girls Basketball

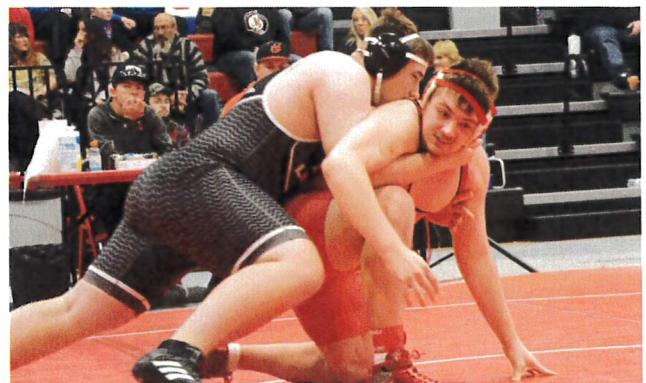
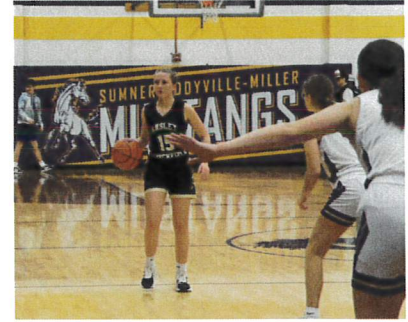
The Lady Spartans are headed into the Fort Kearny Conference Tournament with a record of 2-13. Axtell will be the first round matchup for the Lady Spartans. In December, the Lady Spartans defeated the Axtell Wildcats by a score of 36-26. After the conference tournament, the Lady

Spartans will finish the regular season with games against Arcadia/Loup City and Anselmo-Merna. Subdistrict play begins on February 12.

Wrestling

On the 5th of January wrestlers traveled to Burwell.

After some hard fought matches only three wrestlers placed were Andy Cash (2nd) Isaac O'Brien (4th) and Dillion Haines (4th). On January 6th the wrestlers traveled to Amherst where only two wrestlers placed Andy Cash (4th) and Dillion Haines (4th). For the Lady Spartans they traveled to Lexington on January 19th where all the girls wrestled well and Morgan Hawkins placed (4th). Both wrestling teams hope to wrestle tough in the conference tournament starting January 31st with the girls being in Wilcox.



Clubs & Organizations

Speech

Litchfield speech members have been hard at access this year, after-school and in weekend practices. They are planning to attend three speech meets in February. They will attend a meet at Burwell on the 10th, Loup City on the 17th, and Centura on the 24th. This year we have 8 members in speech competing in 10 events. The coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Moser, are very excited to see students succeed this year and watch what amazing things they will accomplish.

FFA

The Litchfield FFA has had an amazing January. This month the FFA members had their annual labor auction. Community members were able to place bids on Facebook to purchase 8 hours worth of labor from each of the FFA members. Mr. Johnson received a \$1,500 scholarship from the FFA Foundation for the CASE Animal Science curriculum which will be offered at Litchfield next year. He will attend a week-long training in Columbus this June. The FFA meeting for February is on the 7th followed by State Degree Interviews in Shelton for any seniors completing the application. The FFA chapter will compete in District Career Development Events (CDEs) in Broken Bow on February 21st. Stay tuned on the Litchfield FFA Instagram and Facebook Page.

FBLA

FBLA has been hard at work preparing for their State Leadership Conference events. They will be competing in a wide range of objective tests and competitive presentations. Some of these events include American Enterprise Project, Health Care Administration, Business Ethics, and Public Service Announcement. FBLA will also be attending the UNK business day where they will complete objective tests to compete with other schools.

Ava Paitz

FBLA Reporter



Dear Litchfield Elementary Parents:

Litchfield Schools would like to invite parents of elementary students to join us for parent lunch during the month of February. Come at 11:15 to see your kid in their classroom before lunch, then eat with them, and stay until about 12:15 when lunch recess is over. (See preschool's different time). We're excited to have you visit and see everything we're so proud of.

Your child(ren) will bring home a sign-up sheet to let us know if you're planning to attend. Please return that ASAP so we can plan lunches accordingly.

PreK - Tuesday February 6, 10:50-11:50

K/1st/2nd - Tuesday, February 13

3rd/4th - Tuesday, February 20

5th/6th - Tuesday, February 27

Thanks,

Mr. Brian Moser
Principal

Practice a guided meditation



Calms emotions & improves focus

Journal together



Helps you understand yourselves better

Laugh together



Fights stress & makes you feel good

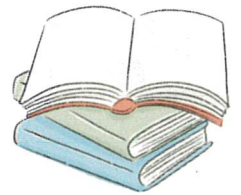
Small Ways FOR Parent & Child TO CONNECT BIG AT Bedtime

Practice gratitude together



Boosts your sense of happiness & well-being

Read to each other



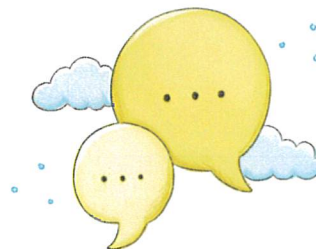
Develops your language abilities & imagination

Practice active listening



Builds empathy & trust

Share stories from your day



Improves memory & strengthens your bond

Give massages



Helps fight stress & promotes relaxation

2024-2025

Litchfield Preschool

**Now
Accepting
Enrollment for the
2024-2025 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.

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

**Please Sign-up by
April 1st
[Space is limited.
Contact Early]**

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!*

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LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY CLUB
FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE

DINNER & PIANO SHOW

21+
Event

Friday, April 5, 2024



Zoerb Farms
Litchfield, NE

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2023

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

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

Visitors: Jimmy Fletcher, Caydence Feldman, and Ava Paitz

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 indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

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

April Gross gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$255,024.14, general funds receipts \$124,177.57, and actual cash available in general fund of \$141,033.17 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$240,022.53 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

Brian Moser discussed Recent activities; FFA District LDE, District One-Act, MAP/NSCAS testing, Teacher evaluations, Aquest, Data, & Teachers Inservices. Mr. Moser presented the Litchfield Mission Statement: "Litchfield Public School strives to prepare all students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens ready to meet the challenges of the future."; along with the Vision Statement: "Litchfield Public Schools is dedicated to providing an environment that is safe, full of opportunities, and built around an engaging and rigorous education. Our students will be well-rounded individuals who develop their skills to become active and successful members of the community."

Matt Drew presented Election Information, Audit Report, UNK Finance Retreat, Building & Grounds; Tree Removal, Tuck Pointing, And recommendations for the Music Room Project.

Alyssa Reynolds moved to revise and adopt Polices: 504.18E1, 504.18E2, 504.18R1, 504.19, 504.22, 504.23, 504.24, 505.01, 505.02, 505.03, 505.05, 505.06, 505.07, 506.01, 506.02, 506.03, 506.04, 506.05, 506.06 Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

Marie Sweley moved to approve the addition of “The term of this agreement shall be continuous and automatically renewed August 1st of each year” to the Term of Agreement to COOP policy book. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross made a motion to enter into closed session for the discussion of Superintendent Contract. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Board entered into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to exit closed session. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Board exited closed session at 8:12 p.m.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on January 15, 2024. 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

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2024

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Marie Sweley, Alyssa Reynolds, April Gross, and Cole Lewandowski.

Visitors:

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 indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to approve excused absent board member Jim Holm. Second by April Gross. Motion Carried 5-0.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$147,396.58, general funds receipts \$124,892.85, and actual cash available in general fund of \$24,706.94 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$218,451.39 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Brian Moser discussed Class scheduling second semester with HS classes online, Coming up events; 1 pm dismissal on Friday the 19th, Quiz Bowl for JH and HS in Merna on the 1/24, and 1/31, Speech in BB and Ord 1/20 and 1/27, Parent Teachers Conferences Monday 2/12, Testing, Teachers and In-services; Mrs. Drew has a student teacher, Substitutes hard to find, January 3rd in-service was productive, Report cards are being sent out, and eRate funding for this year.

Matt Drew presented an AD Report on 6 man scheduling and setting up refs, preschool admission, buildings & grounds; main entrance to the blue building and sound proofing the band room.

Cole Lewandowski moved to revise and/or adopt Polices; 505.13 and 505.14 Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to enter into closed session for the discussion of Superintendent Contract. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Board entered into closed session at 8:37p.m.

April Gross made a motion to exit closed session. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Board exited closed session at 9:12p.m.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13p.m. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on February 19th, 2024. 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

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
4N6 FANATICS		200.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		102.00
AMPLIFY EDUCATION INC.		2,760.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		2.99
Ansley Public Schools		4,811.17
ARROW SEED COMPANY, IN		19.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		1,101.21
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		401.81
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		38.49
Educational Service Unit 10		12,177.63
Farmers Co-op Association		1,494.36
HAMILTON		132.83
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS		400.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC		118.01
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		376.82
JW Pepper & Son Inc		275.19
KRATZER, BARBARA		95.00
LIL REDS CLEANING		1,580.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		324.95
Menards		67.21
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION		1,700.00
National Wildlife Federation		19.95
P & D MARKET		18.17
PETTY CASH FUND		644.85
Sherman County Times		15.72
SPARQDATA SOLUTIONS		1,320.00
U.S. BANK		974.80
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		395.90
Fund Number 01		<u>31,950.08</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>31,950.08</u>

February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Goulash Muffins	Chicken Alfredo Churro	Terakiy Chicken Hash brown	Ham Sandwich Biscuit and Gravy	Calzones Doughnuts	Pizza Doughnuts	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No School	Chili and Chicken Noodle Churro	Turkey Sandwich Oatmeal bar	Nacho Omelets	Hotdogs Doughnuts		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Runza Casserole Muffins	Chicken Patty Omelet	Mexican Rice Bowl Biscuit and Gravy	Fajita French Toast	Comdogs Doughnuts		
25	26	27	28	29		
Quesadilla Muffins	Popcorn Chicken Churro	Taco Pancakes	Chicken Nuggets Oatmeal Bars			

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
JH GBB/BBB v. A-M @ Litchfield 1:00 pm	JV/V GBB/BBB @ Loup City 4:30/6:00/7:45	FFA Meeting 7:30 am FFA State Degree Interviews @ Shelton UNK Business Day	FFA Meeting 7:30 am Interviews @ Shelton UNK Business Day	Honors Quintet 5/6 BBB @Litchfield 6:15pm	Boys Wrestling Districts @ Shelby-Rising City JV/V GBB/BBB @ Merma 4:30/6:00/7:30	Nat ACT Test Date Speech @ Burwell Youth BB @ Litchfield 9:00/10:00/11:00/ 12:00 Boys Wrestling Districts @ Shelby-Rising City
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
NO SCHOOL P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 GBB Sub-District TBD	5/6 BBB @ Ansley 6:15 pm GBB Sub-District TBD	JH BBB/BBB @ Axtell 1:00 Valentine's Day	JH BBB/BBB @ Axtell 1:00 Valentine's Day	State Wrestling Tourney @ Omaha GBB Sub-District TBD Yearbook Ad Sales	No Preschool JV/V BBB v. Pleasanton @ Litchfield 6:00/7:00 (Elem girls dance at halftime) State Wrestling Tourney @ Omaha	Speech @ Loup City State Wrestling Tourney @Omaha
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
BBB Sub District TBD School Board Meeting 7:30 pm	BBB Sub District TBD JH Quiz Bowl @ Amherst	FFA District 8 CDE @ Broken Bow FKC Speech @Overton JH GBB/BBB @ Ansley 1:00	FFA District 8 CDE @ Broken Bow FKC Speech @Overton JH GBB/BBB @ Ansley 1:00	BBB Sub District TBD 5/6 BBB @ Litchfield 6:15pm	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	Speech @Centura
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Spring Sports Season Begins		5/6 BBB@Litch 6:15	Girls State Basketball Tourney	Girls State Basketball Tourney	No Preschool Girls State Basketball Tourney	Girls State Basketball Tourney

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