

Hallway Happenings



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District Speech

Litchfield will host a district speech meet on Monday, March 11. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on this day. Please take this opportunity to watch our young speakers present the works they have been practicing all year.

Spring Break

Litchfield will have NO SCHOOL for Spring Break on March 6, 7, and 8.

FKC Speech

Two members of the Litchfield Speech team brought home hardware from the Fort Kearny Speech Meet. Caydence Feldman was 1st in Entertainment, 3rd in Extemporaneous, and 4th in Humorous Prose. Ava Paitz was 3rd in Persuasive. Paitz and Feldman also placed sixth overall as a team.

FFA State Degrees

The FFA is having state degree interviews Wednesday the 7th and all of the seniors are going. This is the first year ever that we have had all seniors go even though it's only 4. The seniors have been working very hard on their SAE's to be able to meet the requirements to get to the interviews for the state degree. At the interviews they ask you a series of questions about FFA and what it means to you. You get scored on these questions and have to get a 70% score in order to get your state degree. All of the

seniors passed the interview part of the but they won't know if they get their degrees until mid-March when the state publishes the applications. But the kids did a great job starting off the process.

UNK Business Day

FBLA business day was February 7th at UNK in Kearney. This day consisted of taking business tests and sitting in different meetings. This conference gets the kids ready for the State Leadership Conference (SLC). During SLC the kids vote on new state FBLA officers, take business tests, listen to influencer speakers, and it is a really fun time with friends.

Breakfast Challenge

In February the cafeteria competed in the National Breakfast Challenge where we had a chance of winning cash prizes of \$750, \$300, and \$200. We had a Pajama Day on February 19th with the winners being Leo Rivas, Joy Reitz, Grace Thomas, Jude Sage, Emerson Moser, Hudson Varah, Peyton Corbin, Ryker Golter, Mason Behmerwohld and Aubri Corbin. We also had a poster contest on February 21st with winners Ryker Janssen, Chanri Naude, Jude Sage, Bentley Stahl, Grace Thomas, Wyatt Fletcher, Hattie Snow, Hope Reitz, Kesslyn Kusek, Ashlynn Spanel, Amelia Thomas, Odette Pierce, and Kenneth Downer. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2024 breakfast challenge.

Spartan Sports

Girls Basketball

On February 12, the girls basketball team won big over the Elba Bluejays to enter the D2-8 Sub-District tournament. The Ansley-Litchfield girls basketball team ended their season on February 13 at the hands of Sandhills-Thedford in the opening round of Sub-District play. This year's team had no seniors, so everyone will return for the 2024-25 basketball season.

Wrestling

The Ansley-Litchfield wrestling team sent two members to the state tournament in Omaha. Andy Cash earned his trip with a fourth place finish at the district tournament. Morgan Hawkins also earned a trip to the state tournament with a second place finish at the district tournament. Both wrestlers had tough matches in Omaha and were unable to come home with a medal. Congratulations on a great season!

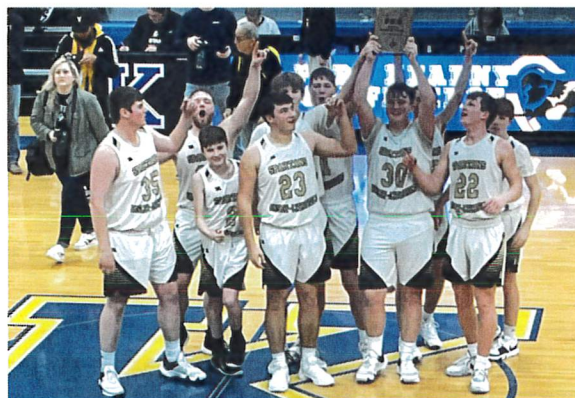
Track

High School track will begin practice on Monday, February 26. The coaches are expecting to have around twenty track athletes on this year's team. Junior High track will begin practicing in the first couple weeks of March.

FKC Champions!

The boys team won the FKC championship game against SEM 48-46. This is the first time the school has ever won an FKC championship since we joined the conference 6 years ago. The boys have always been in contention, but finally won this year. They had control the whole game till the beginning of the fourth quarter when

SEM hit a pair of three pointers to get up by three. The next time down the court Jacob Heapy hit a three pointer to tie it up. After a big defensive possession, Zach Loy drove in and got fouled on his layup and made it to put the Spartans up by three. After some more good defense by both teams, it came down to free throws. The Spartans were up two with less than a minute left on the clock and Luke Bailey was at the line. He drained both of the free throws to put the game out of reach. The clock ran out and the boys became FKC Champs!



Clubs & Organizations

FFA

Litchfield FFA competed in the Career Development Events at Broken Bow on March 21. The chapter had many students competing in team events throughout the day. The Ag Mechanic teams placed first and second in the district. The first place team consisted of: Jacob Heapy, Hunter Sweley, Ashton Behmerwohld, and Walker Skrdla. The second place team consisted of Lane Slocum, Rowdy LeFever, Wesley Fowler, and Gracie Ritchie. Jacob Heapy placed first as an individual in the Ag Mechanics competition, Hunter Sweley tied for second, and Ashton Behmerwohld placed fourth. Our Agriscience team placed 8th out of 16 teams. Karson Moore placed fifth individually and Patsy Fowler placed sixth. The Vet Science team of James Fletcher, Malynn Boyles, Lyndsie McAuliff and Gracie Ritchie won district champion, with James Fletcher as the top individual in that competition. Litchfield FFA also had a champion Food Science team of Malynn Boyles, Ida Gross, James Fletcher, and Tessa Henry. Malynn Boyles was second place overall as an individual in Food Science. The district champion teams, and the Agriscience team will compete in April at the State FFA Convention in Lincoln.

FBLA

The Litchfield Chapter of FBLA is eagerly awaiting their chance to compete with other FBLA members around the state at the State Leadership Conference in Kearney on April 11, 12, and 13. Ms. Goff and ten students will be attending the three-day conference in hopes of earning a chance to compete at the National FBLA Conference in Orlando, Florida this summer. Each of the ten students will compete in five tests while at SLC. Caydence Feldman has submitted multiple tests for pre-conference judging. She was tasked with creating a digital storefront, promoting the sale of apparel for the Visual Design test. She also submitted a website showcasing a local non-profit organization and a Public Service Announcement about the benefits of FBLA. Ava Paitz, Malynn Boyles, James Fletcher, and Caydence Feldman are all working on annual chapter reports to be submitted for judging as well. Paitz and Feldman have submitted a report describing how they would solve a certain ethical dilemma for the Business Ethics competition. Brooke Fecht, Lane Slocum, Hunter Sweley, Ashton Behmerwohld, Lyndsie McAuliff and Jacob Heapy will all compete in objective tests at the conference in Kearney.

Dear Parents and Students,

The Junior classes of Ansley and Litchfield, and their sponsors, are excited to announce that the **Ansley-Litchfield Prom, A Night on the Red Carpet, will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024,** at the Litchfield High School Spartan Gym. We look forward to hosting a fun, safe, and memorable night!

Schedule of Events:

5:30-6:30 pm: Meal for the juniors, seniors, sponsors, and administration

6:30 pm: Pictures (Sophomores and Freshmen need to arrive by 7:05pm)

6:30 - Seniors and Juniors (dates and friends)

7:15 - Sophomores and Freshmen (dates and friends)

7:45 - Class photos

8:00 pm: Doors will open to parents for the Parade of Formals. We ask that parents and families stay out of the gym until we open the doors. This allows our photographer and caterer space to finish their jobs.

8:15 pm: Parade of Formals - parents & community are welcome to take pictures during this time

- Litchfield Coronation to follow

8:30 pm: Dance begins - parents, please see your way out at this time.

11:00 pm: Dance ends - locker rooms will be opened at this time to change for post-prom

11:00 pm: Load buses for post prom

Other Prom Information:

-RSVPs for the meal from the Junior and Senior students must be submitted by **March 8.**

-Out-of-Town Date Forms must be completed and returned to the school by **March 8.**

-Prom guests must be at least a freshman in high school and under the age of 21.

-The Spartan Foundation sponsors post prom which is tentatively scheduled from 11:00 pm - 3:00 at the Big Apple.

- Post-Prom Permission Forms will be available at each school.

-Prom attire is formal and should be appropriate.

-If students leave the dance or post prom early, they will not be able to return and parents will be notified.

-Prom is a school activity; ALL school rules and policies apply. (No lude or crude behavior will be tolerated)

-Students should bring a change of clothes for post-prom. Those items will be kept in the locker rooms for the duration of the dance. Students will only have access to the locker rooms following the dance.

We are looking forward to a great night! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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24-25 Litchfield 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool Application

Applications due by April 1st and acceptance will be determined May 1st

Litchfield Preschool is a full day program 5 days a week with the 1st & 3rd Friday off.

Litchfield Preschool does not offer alternative schedules unless special circumstances required.

Student Information:

Last Name:

First Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender: Male

Female

Student Age on August 1st 2024:

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: White Asian Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native Other: _____

Applications will be rated on the following criteria:

-Does your child have an Individualized Education Program (IEP or IFSP)?	Yes	No	
-Was your child born prematurely and can be verified by a physician?	Yes	No	
-Does your child qualify for free and reduced?	Yes	No	NA
-A child of teenage parent who have not currently obtained a HS diploma	Yes	No	
-Students living in a home whose occupants have limited ability to speak & understand English	Yes	No	
-Lives within the Litchfield School district	Yes	No	
-Lives out of district but has a sibling attending Litchfield Schools	Yes	No	
-Plans to attend Litchfield Elementary for Kindergarten	Yes	No	
-Child of a Litchfield Schools employee	Yes	No	
-Lives out of district and plans to attend Kindergarten elsewhere	Yes	No	
Student will need transportation for Litchfield Public Schools	Yes	No	

Parent Information:

Parent: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Parent: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Litchfield Community,

The Litchfield Preschool has been and will continue to be a 3 and 4 year old program. With the growing interest and enrollment, we have found it necessary to have a more systematic approach to approving enrollment of students into the program. For the betterment of our school and community, we want to ensure that students who plan on attending Litchfield Public Schools beyond preschool will have top priority. We will have a soft cap of 15, limiting outside enrollment of applicants wanting to use our preschool for one year and not return. Enrollment beyond this soft cap will be limited to students who will plan to continue attending Litchfield after preschool.

Litchfield Preschool will be a full-time program. Students will be required to attend full days and every day, students need to establish routines in the preschool.

The ultimate goal of this application and changing policy is to provide the best preschool for Litchfield Students.

Sincerely,

Matt Drew

Superintendent

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2024

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

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

Visitors: Kathy Miller

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.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the minutes by fixing one typo from the last meeting as written. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$48,480.05, general funds receipts \$555,915.63, and actual cash available in general fund of \$360,562.90 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$212,836.10 were presented for payment. Cole Lewandowski made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Brian Moser discussed Access Time Removal with its Pros and Cons, Activities; PT Conference, Elementary Parent lunches, Seniors doing well with State FFA Degree Interviews, and FKC Speech and District FFA.

Matt Drew presented an AD Report Football Schedule for 2024, discussion on possible changes with girls wrestling, hosting boys basketball subs and will have district final, shot clock installation, spring sports begin next Monday, and other action items discussed but will be tabled for vote until the next meeting were the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, improvements to the band room.

April Gross moved to approve with regret resignations from Mr. Hiebner and Ms. Goff. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Alyssa Reynolds moved to approve the teacher contracts for Hillary Rasmussen for the Business position and Mrs. Tuley for the Music position. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

Cole Lewandowski moved to approve the Preschool Policy with application. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross moved to approve the library book policies; 606.06, and 606.03. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Marie Sweley moved to approve revising and changing the Date and Time of Regular School Board Meeting Time Policy to the third Monday of every month. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 6-0.

Cole Lewandowski moved to approve the ESU contracts as presented to the Board. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Alyssa Reynolds moved to approve the 2-year Superintendent Contract with a salary of \$132,000 for Matt Drew starting school year 2024-2025. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to enter executive session for the discussion of Principal Contract and other personnel issues. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Board entered into executive session at 8:42 p.m.

Jim Holm made a motion to exit the executive session. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Board exited closed session at 9:06 p.m.

April Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07p.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 March 18th, 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	
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		143.64
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		3,794.59
Custer Public Power		7,049.52
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		401.81
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		38.49
Educational Service Unit 10		6,108.72
Egan Supply Co.		143.21
Farmers Co-op Association		803.76
HAMILTON		132.83
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
Island Supply Welding Co.		265.65
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		882.03
Jostens		251.06
JW Pepper & Son Inc		175.10
KORT TRANSFER LLC		250.00
LIL REDS CLEANING		2,250.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		408.25
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc		172.20
MARSHALL'S TRUCK & EQUIPMENT REFINISHING		200.00
MOSER, BRIAN		38.50
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS		385.00
NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION		117.13
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		3,618.00
NEBRASKA SCIENTIFIC		58.01
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR		165.00
NICHOLS PLUMBING & HEATING		0.00
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		572.14
PETTY CASH FUND		1,180.46
Sherman County Times		7.37
U.S. BANK		682.19
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL		800.00
US FOODS		1,074.70
Varah, Allison		122.67
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		372.70
WEX BANK		767.67
Fund Number 01		<u>33,913.92</u>
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March

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tomato Soup Donuts	2
3	4 Ham & Scallop Potato's Muffins	5 Calzone Omelet	6 NO SCHOOL	7 NO SCHOOL	8 NO SCHOOL	9
10	11 NO SCHOOL	12 Turkey Sandwich Breakfast Burritos	13 Mexican Rice Bowl Muffin	14 Taco's Churro	15 Cheesy Quesadillas Donuts	16
17	18 Pulled Pork Muffin	19 Teriyaki Chicken Ham & Cheese Biscuit	20 Popcorn Chicken Bowls French Toast	21 Chili Dogs Oatmeal Bar	22 Fish Sticks Donuts	23
24	25 Runza Casserole Churro	26 Easter Dinner Pancakes	27 Nacho Loaded Hash browns	28 Chicken Nuggets Omelet	29 NO SCHOOL	30
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March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO PRESCHOOL	2
3	4 High School Quiz Bowl @ ESU 10	5 End of Q3	6 NO SCHOOL -- Spring Break Boys State Basketball Tournament	7 NO SCHOOL -- Spring Break Boys State Basketball Tournament	8 NO SCHOOL -- Spring Break Boys State Basketball Tournament	9 Boys State Basketball Tournament
10 Daylight Savings Time	11 NO SCHOOL District Speech @ Litchfield	12	13 FFA Chapter Meeting 7:30 am	14	15 NO PRESCHOOL	16 Prom @ Litchfield
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Junior High Quiz Bowl @ ESU 10 FKC Academic Bowl @ Pleasanton School Board Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 FKC Music @ Amherst	21 Varsity Track @ Loup City 11:00 am	22	23
24	25	26 State ACT Test -- Juniors	27	28 Litchfield Spelling Bee (Grades 1-8) Varsity Track @ Kearney High 10:00 am 1:00 Early Dismissal	29 NO SCHOOL -- Easter Break	30
31 Easter Sunday	1 NO SCHOOL -- Easter Break	2 JH Track @ Ravenna 1:00 pm	3 State FFA @ Lincoln	4 State FFA @ Lincoln	5 NO PRESCHOOL State FFA @ Lincoln Varsity Track @ Arnold 10:00 am	6

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