

Hallway Happenings



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Winter Fine Arts Program

The Christmas Program was a great success. The kids enjoyed seeing the art and walking their parents and fans through the artwork to show off their amazing skills. Mark Heibner did an awesome job and showed lots of hard work with the kids. There was also a great turn out of loved ones. The concert consisted of preschool through 2nd singing, followed by 3rd through 6th. To end the singing portion of the night the 7-12th grade choir sang. The night ended with the 5th and 6th grade band and 7-12th grade band playing terrifically. Pictures from the Fine were taken and shared by Mrs. Varah and the Litchfield Art Class.



New Year's Resolutions

We decided to ask some of the high school students what their New Year's resolutions were.

Gracie Ritchie: To take my puppy hunting and run everyday

Ava Paitz: Go up 10lbs for squat max

Ida Gross: Have a story finished

Kegan Ritchie: Catch a raccoon in my trap

Madi Spanel: Get good grades and be myself

Micheal Corliss: Catch raccoons with Kegan

Alison Holm: To be a kinder person

Karson Moore: Be completely healed

Lane Slocum: Enjoy my first half of senior year, and get keep pushing to graduate with extra credits

Mrs. Slocum: Be more awesome than last year



Board Minutes

Due to the short month of school, the school board minutes from the December 18th meeting will be included in the February Hallway Happenings newsletter.

Spartan Sports

Boys Basketball:

The boys basketball team has had a great start to their season and will have a great start to the second half of their season.

The first week of games started with a 49-37 win over Hi-Line and a 49-33 win over Ravenna. The boys have set themselves up good for the second half of their season and will be a tough team to beat.

Boys Basketball Scores:

vs Hi-line 49-37 W
vs Ravenna 49-33 W
vs Fullerton 49-45 W
vs Elm Creek 51-48 W
vs Axtell 51-39 W
vs Loomis 53-44 W

Girls Basketball:

The girls had a good start of their first game with a crushing 51-20 victory over Hi-line, but then lost to Ravenna. The young team has shown lots of improvement and will keep battling the rest of the year. The young squad is gaining lots of experience for next year and is learning a lot.

Girls Basketball Scores:

vs Hi-line 52-20 W
vs Ravenna 10-42 L
vs Fullerton 20-34 L
vs Elm Creek 20-53 L
vs Axtell 36-26 W
vs Loomis 26-34 L

Wrestling:

Both the boys and girls wrestling team have had busy starts to their season. For live meet results please visit Track Wrestling online. On the 8th of December boys wrestling went to Twin Loup Invite. Isaac O'Brian and Andy Cash both from Ansley placed. On the 9th, two girls placed as well including: Clysta Brott and Morgan Hawkins.

Junior High Wrestling:

Junior High Wrestling ended out there season with the Fort Kearney Conference Invite. We had 8 placers from Ansley and Litchfield. 3 were Litchfield wrestlers including: Cooper Fletcher in 4th place, Koy Zulkoski in 3rd place, and Michael Corliss in 3rd place as well! Congratulations on a great season Spartans!

Clubs & Organizations

FFA

FFA went to LDEs on the 13th. We had many teams and competitors that included most of the high school. We had teams in Employment Skills and quiz bowl, and individuals competing in exempt speaking, Creed speaking, Natural speaking, and Senior public speaking. Jordyn Ellison received a red ribbon for Natural Resources. Blue Ribbons went to Patsy Fowler for Creed speaking, Malynn Boyles in Senior Public Speaking and Lyndsie McAuliff in Employment Skills. Kylee Zulkoski qualified for Creed Speaking finals and received a purple ribbon but just barely finished outside state qualifications. This year we had two speakers make it to state, these two were also district champions. Jacob Heapy got district champion for extemporaneous speaking and James Fletcher got district champion for senior public speaking. James and Jacob will be representing Litchfield in these competitions at the state convention in April!

FBLA

Litchfield FBLA has had a busy semester with fundraising and many exciting meetings. The kids have been working hard in the concession stand and during half times of basketball games with the help of some great alumni. FBLA is gearing up for the State Leadership Conference, in addition to practicing for tests, they are also completing ribbon and community service projects to be recognized at state. "The Colosseum" (FBLA's printing business) has been growing with support and has been busy rolling out new T-shirts, tumblers, and koozies. Stop by the business room to get your new Spartan merch.

-Ava Paitz

FBLA Reporter

One Act

One act had a great end to their season. In late November, we had a great turn out for the Spartan Dinner Theater. One act also had an amazing outcome for districts at Ansley. Litchfield One Act came out of the day with 4th place! We also had a good majority of the cast get outstanding actor awards. These people consisted of seniors: Jacob Heapy (Morris), Ashton Behmerwohld (Hoyt), Hunter Sweley (Joe), and Lyndsie McAuliff (Janice), Juniors: Jordyn Ellison (Joyce), Walker Skrdla (John), Sophomore: Ava Paitz (Kerry), Caydence Feldman (Radio Announcer), and Freshman: Kylee Zulkoski (Maria).



December 2023 Counselor Corner

Finish the semester strong!!

Keep using positive self-talk as we enter the final few weeks of the semester and year of 2023. It has been quite a busy fall with all of our activities and everyone has done a great job managing their activities and schoolwork. Keep finding the good in our situation, others, as well as yourself. Take a moment each day in December to express gratitude to yourself and others.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated at Litchfield Public School October 23 to October 27th. Students participated in dress up activities as well as classroom activities led by TADA members. It was very fun and exciting to see so many students and staff participate in the activities. These days are designed to remind us that we don't need drugs or alcohol to have a good time.

Activities

October was full of career related activities. The junior attended an EducationQuest Planning Program (College Fair) at Broken Bow High School with over 40 colleges and military booths. Our Sophomores attended the High School Career Exploration Day at the National Guard Armory. This event had over 45 colleges and businesses in attendance. There were 3 break out sessions which students listened to business representatives talk about their path and what is needed to be successful in their business. It was exciting to see our students learning about so many different opportunities.

TADA Holiday Fun Day

TADA will be hosting the Elementary Holiday Fun Day on Saturday, December 16th from 9 am to 2 pm. Elementary parents, be looking for the permission slip being sent home soon with further information.

Testing

ASVAB (Juniors) and PreACT testing (sophomores) were completed in October. ASVAB results were discussed with the Junior class. PreACT results are in and I am meeting with the sophomores individually to discuss their results.

ACT Test Dates

January 5, 2024, is the deadline for the February 10, 2024, National ACT test. Go to www.act.org to register. Remember to study with our OnToCollege ACT Test preparation. Some students may qualify for an ACT fee waiver. If your student receives free/reduced lunches, your student may qualify for up to 4 fee waivers. Please have your student contact Mrs. Poland to inquire. Juniors and Seniors, remember to use the John Baylor OnToCollege website to review for your ACT test. Juniors will be taking the State ACT test on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Scholarships

There is a scholarship opportunity for students taking dual-enrollment college courses. Students participating in dual-enrollment college courses or early admit programs are encouraged to apply for the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship if they show financial need. This state and federally-funded scholarship will pay tuition and mandatory fees at participating Nebraska colleges. Applications will be reviewed by Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). If you have questions, contact me or Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator, CCPE, ritchie.morrow@nebraska.gov or 402.471.0032.

Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship opened November 1, 2023 and closes February 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. (CST) Financial information deadline is March 15, 2024 at 5 p.m since the FAFSA will open much later this year.

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. This is a link to Mrs. Poland's Scholarship list for semi-local and local scholarships.

Prepare for the FAFSA with *free* programs and resources

If you're a senior, it's time to start preparing for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Be sure the senior applicant and parent/guardian each have a FSA ID prior to beginning the FAFSA application. FAFSA will open sometime in December and is typically completed before April 1 depending on your college's priority deadline. 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!**

Hands on learning is best for me

College is not for everyone but all juniors and seniors are encouraged to continue to work as if they will attend college. Visit with Mrs. Poland as you continue to juggle the thoughts of "should I go to college (2-year, 4-year, or trade school) or should I work for a year then make the decision". Most 2-year colleges have programs that cater to hands-on learners. Be sure to check out NE Works, a Nebraska Department of Labor official website. Labor Market Analysis Nebraska Department of Labor All of these sites include current job information. We continue to encourage students to take steps to achieve their goals.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL 3 rd /4 th BB @ Ansley 7:00 pm 5 th /6 th BB @ Litchfield 6:15 pm	3 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice	4 NO PRESCHOOL Girls Wrestling Invite @ High Plains Community JV/G V/B V Basketball @ Amherst 4:30/6:00/7:30	5 NO PRESCHOOL V Wrestling Invite @ Burwell 11:30am G JV/B JV/G V/B V Basketball @ Sargent v. Twin Loup 4:00/4:30/6:00/7:00	6 V Wrestling Invite @ Amherst 9:30am Spartan Youth Basketball Tourney @ Ansley 3 rd /4 th Grade Girls BB @ Litchfield 10:00 am
7 Spartan Youth Basketball Tourney @ Ansley	8	9 5 th /6 th Boys BB @ Ansley 6:15 pm	10 FFA Chapter Meeting 7:30 am	11 5 th /6 th Boys BB @ Ansley 6:15 pm	12 Girls Wrestling Invite @ Ord 11:00am G JV/B JV/ G V/B V Basketball @ Litchfield v. Shelton 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30	13 Speech Meet @ Grand Island V Wrestling Invite @ Dunning 10:00am G/B JV/G V/B V Basketball @ Ansley v. WII-Hil 2:00/3:00/4:30
14	15 JH Basketball @ South Loup 1:00pm 5 th /6 th Boys BB @ Litchfield 6:15 pm School Board Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Girls/Boys JH Basketball@ Litchfield v. Pleasanton 3:30/4:30 pm Girls JV/V Basketball@ Litchfield v. Pleasanton 6:00/7:00	17	18 G/B JV/G V/B V Basketball @ Ansley v. South Loup 4:30/6:00/7:30	19 V Boys Wrestling Invite @ Callaway 11:00am V Girls Wrestling Invite @ Lexington 2:00pm G/B JV/G V/B V Basketball @ Overton 4:30/6/7:30	20 V Boys Wrestling Invite @ Callaway 11:00am Speech Meet @ Broken Bow
21	22 G/B JH Basketball @ Twin Loup 1:00pm 5 th /6 th Boys BB @ Ansley 6:15 pm	23 G/B JV/G V/B V Basketball@ SEM 4:30/6:00/7:30	24 JH Quiz Bowl @ Merna	25 5 th /6 th Boys BB @ Ansley 6:15 pm	26 V Boys Wrestling Invite @ Ord 11:00am	27 Varsity Basketball@ TBD FKC Tournament V Girls Wrestling Invite @ Amherst 9:30am Speech Meet @ Grand Island
28	29 G/B JH Basketball@ Ansley 1:00/2:00 pm	30 5 th /6 th Boys BB @ Litchfield 6:15 pm	31 V Girls Wrestling FKC Tournament@ Wilcox-Hildreth 10:00am V Boys Wrestling FKC Tourney @ TBD HS Quiz Bowl @ Merna			

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		1,500.00
ACTIVITY ALL CLASS		8.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		34.91
Ansley Public Schools		3,384.77
ASK Supply Co		477.36
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		1,101.21
Culligan Water Conditioning		56.25
Custer Public Power		2,570.55
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		267.63
DISCOVERY EDUCATION INC.		18,262.80
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		2,325.69
Educational Service Unit 10		12,162.77
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		62.40
HAMILTON		132.81
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		513.03
Jones Insurance Agency, Inc		100.00
Jostens		52.99
LIL REDS CLEANING		1,800.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		409.25
MOSER, BRIAN		50.29
Ne Council School Administrat		510.00
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		105.50
ON TO COLLEGE		1,485.00
P & D MARKET		63.75
PETTY CASH FUND		480.55
Platte Valley Communications		258.28
U.S. BANK		909.55
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		379.50
WEX BANK		3,470.61
Fund Number 01		<u>53,416.97</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>53,416.97</u>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Chicken Nuggets	Fajita	
				Omelet	Doughnuts	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Goulash	Chili/Chicken Noodle	Quesadilla's	Pork Ribs	Corn Dogs	
	Muffins	Churro	Hash brown	Chocolate Bar	Doughnuts	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Orange Chicken	Pork Steak	Spaghetti	Chicken Patty	Nacho	
	Muffins	Omelet	Pancake	Biscuit/Gravy	Doughnuts	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Runza Casserole	Popcorn Chicken Bowls	Ham Sandwich	Taco	Hot Dogs	
	Muffins	French Toast	Omelet	Breakfast Casserole	Doughnuts	
28	29	30	31			
	Scalloped Potatoes	Tater Tot Casserole	Sloppy Joe			
	Muffins	Churro	Chocolate Chip Bar			