

Hallway Happenings



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What we are looking forward to this year!

First Grade:

Ryker H- I'm looking forward to learning how to draw

Wyatt- I'm looking forward to going to the state fair and seeing cows

Hattie- I'm looking forward to going to the state fair

Kayleigh- I'm looking forward to drawing

Kai- I'm looking forward to going to ASP

Mrs Ritchie- I'm looking forward to getting to know my students and getting a routine

Kindergarten:

Ryker- I'm looking forward to playing

Jude- I'm looking forward to playing with classmates

Bentley- I'm looking forward to playing with toys

Grace- I'm looking forward to math

Chanri- I'm looking forward to playing and reading

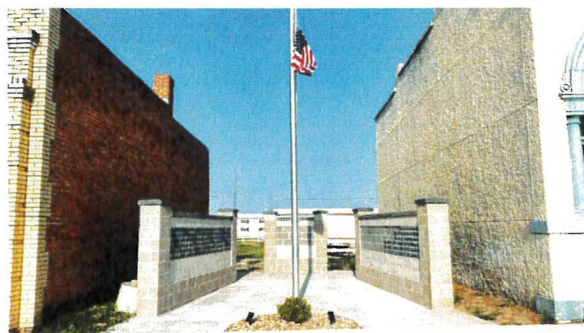
Mrs Kratzer- I'm looking forward to see how much the kids change through the year



Veterans Wall

This summer the Litchfield community club started a new project for a memorial veterans wall this summer. The wall was built by Butch Beaumont and the materials came from Maschkas in Arcadia. It is right next to the bank, which the bank donated the land for. You can buy a nameplate for 100 dollars a piece. The funding from the wall came from various different fundraisers, like the dueling pianos and selling koozies. The Sherman County Foundation matched the funds raised by dueling pianos and was also a big part in the fundraising. To get a brick for the wall you can contact Matt Drew by email or stop in at the school.

Matt's email- matt.drew@litchfieldps.org



ANSLEY-LITCHFIELD HOMECOMING 2023

LASSO THE LONGHORNS

September 11-15

DRESS UP DAYS

MON: PAJAMA DAY

TUE: BARBIE DAY

WED: DRESS LIKE YOUR FAV.

TEACHER/STAFF

THU: BUSINESS ATTIRE

FRI: SPARTAN SPIRIT DAY

Ball Games

Monday: JH FB & VB @ Ansley 3 pm vs. Twin Loup

JV VB @ Ansley 5 pm vs Twin Loup

Tuesday: JV/Varsity VB @ Loup City 5 pm

Thursday: Cross Country @ Ravenna 4 pm
JV/Varsity VB @ Litchfield 5:30/6:30 v Heartland Lutheran

Friday: Football @ Ansley 7:00 v Burwell
(Coronation will begin after the football game)

Saturday: JH/JV VB @ Palmer 9:00

Parade Sept. 15th

Starting @ 1:00 downtown Ansley

Pep Rally to follow at Flatwater Bank

***in case of bad weather, we will move to
Activities Gym in Ansley**

DANCE

Where: Ansley's North Gym

When: Following the Football Game-
midnight

Who: 7-12th Grade Students from Ansley,
Litchfield and their dates

*Pizza and Drinks will be provided
at the dance by the Spartan
Boosters*

****Register Your Out of Town Date in the Office by Wednesday, September 13****

(Only 9-12th Grade students may register an out of town date)

Spartan Sports



Football

This year there are 15 boys out for football. The next couple games will be Merna, Burwell, and Pleasanton. "I'm excited to get back out on the field." says Senior Ashton Behmerwohld. "The team's goal is to have a better season this year compared to last year's 2-6 season." said Dave Shields. The Spartans fell to the Ravenna Bluejays in the first game of the season, Friday August 26. A lightning delay held off play for about an hour. As the storm passed, the Spartans fell short by a score of 22-66. On Friday September 1 the Spartans will be in Ansley to take on the Coyotes of Anselmo-Merna.

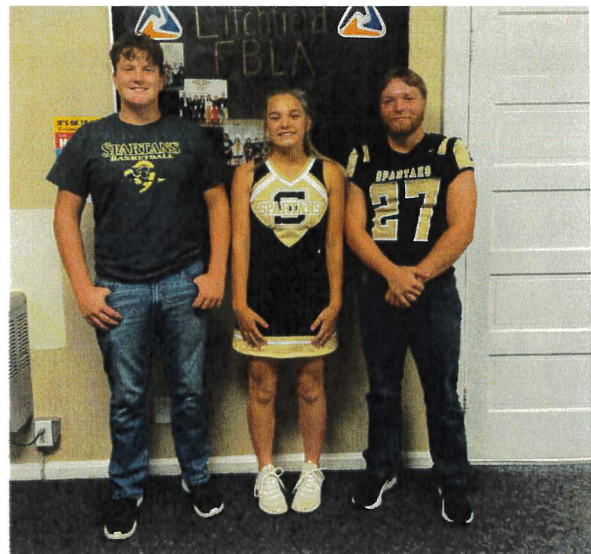
Cheer/Dance

This year the cheer team consists of 14 ladies and the dance team has 8 members. Some familiar faces in the cheer team are seniors: Halie Racicky, Zoe Barela, and Lyndsie McAuliff. Juniors: Jordyn Ellison and Sophia Barela. Sophomores: Addi Rohde, Clysta Brott, Ava Paitz, and Caydence Feldman. Some new faces that you'll see are sophomore Bailey Hawkins, Freshman Aliza Ellison, Madelyn Loy, Asia Lyon, and Garittee Smith. Dance team members are senior; Lyndsie McAuliff, junior; Jordyn Ellison, sophomores; Caydence Feldman, Ava Paitz, and Addie Rohde; and freshmen;

Kiera Bailey, Madelyn Loy, and Garittee Smith. The cheer girls are also having a mini cheer camp for the little kids on September 1st.

Volleyball

This volleyball season will be exciting as a young team is growing and gaining confidence. There are 4 returning starters: Halie Racicky (senior), Kerry Ryan (junior), and the pair of sophomores Ava Paitz and Caydence Feldman. Assistant coach Makaleigh Kohlscheen says the goals for the year can be broken down into 4 key words: trust, adaptability, confidence, and fearlessness. Kohlscheen looks forward to watching the team grow, compete, and win.



Litchfield Seniors Jacob Heapy, Lyndsie McAuliff, and Ashton Behmerwohld ready for the first night of football and cheerleading.

Principal's Report

Welcome back! Nothing like the first day of school to see right away that not everyone feels the same about returning. Some need a bit of convincing (crying at preschool dropoff is normal at first!), some work pretty hard to hide their gladness (12th graders, if I'm being honest), and some are just genuinely and outwardly overjoyed (let's just assume this is everyone else).

For 174 days, we'll make 2023-2024 the best we can, but we can only do it one day at a time. Twenty-four times last year, we had 100% attendance in either elementary or highschool. There was only one day that both buildings were 100% (January 6, 2023 if you're curious). Obviously 100% is a pretty tough standard, especially because we all get sick eventually, and when we're contagious, we *need* to be at home instead! I'm looking forward to the first day we're all here, because that's worth celebrating, but the important thing is that when we are here, we're making it count. Every day we learn something new or experience something new, and "make-up work" can only partially fill the gaps.

Students will hear plenty this year about the importance of making Every Day Matter, but it's a team effort. Let's make sure our kids at home are hearing the importance of daily attendance -- not only the value of the learning, but the work ethic that comes with the daily routine -- and doing what we can to get them there. Teachers and administrators have a huge responsibility too, to provide that daily learning and experience, but also to create an environment that shows kids how much we want them here every day. We don't show up every day for the classroom, we show up every day for the class.



Clubs & Organizations

FFA

FFA is gearing up for an exciting year at Litchfield! This year our Fruit sales will begin October 15th and will have our wide variety of items you can buy. We will also have our labor auction later in the year to help fund the activities for the FFA chapter. This year the FFA chapter will be participating in the Leadership Development Events which include speaking events. Those will be in December at Ansley this year. Then we will participate in Career Development Events which are in February and those will focus on hands-on competitions. Then we will wrap up our year at the State FFA Convention where we hope we can bring our whole chapter. FFA's goal this year is to take our whole chapter to the State FFA. We would also like to have more kids on stage this year at state. This will be an exciting year for FFA and keep updated on our chapter activities through Litchfield FFA on Facebook!

James Fletcher
Litchfield FFA Reporter

One Act:

One Act has kicked off this year and everyone is excited to start practicing. Head coach Amanda Slocum says she expects the whole high school to go out. She wants more kids to take more responsibility over makeup and set management this year and is really pushing for kids to try their best. It will be a fun year for kids and viewers.

Competitions:

Wilcox-Hildrith- November 6

Spartan Dinner in Litchfield- November 17

FKC performance- November 21, at the tassel in Holdrege

Districts- November/December-Dates TBD

FBLA

This is an exciting year for FBLA, as it is our 50th anniversary! To commemorate this amazing date, we will be having an appreciation supper in April for any FBLA alumni, staff, parents, and any supporters of the club. They are going to be doing many fundraisers this year so be on the lookout for some of these opportunities to help FBLA succeed!: Pies (around Easter), Scentsy (in the fall), and Yard Lines (football season). They are going to be attending: The Fall Leadership Conference, UNK Business day, State Leadership Conference, and National Leadership Conference. FBLA's main goals for the 2023/24 season are to have at least all of the officers attend the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, and to increase our membership.

Ava Paitz
FBLA Reporter

2023-2024 FBLA Officers



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Youth VB @ Ansley 4:00-7:00	2 Varsity VB @ Ansley v Anselmo-Merna 7:00 - Parent's Night	3 Varsity VB @ Pleasanton 7:00	4 JV VB @ Ansley v Axtell 5:30 V VB @ Ansley v Axtell 6:30 - Parent's Night Youth FB @ Ansley 5:30	5 Varsity VB @ Pleasanton 7:00	6 JV VB @ Ansley v Palmer 9:00	7 JV VB @ Ansley v Merna 9:00
8 Youth VB @ Arcadia 2:00/3:00/4:00	9 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	10 Homecoming Week Begins: Pajama Day	11 JV VB @ Ansley v Loup 3:00 JV VB @ Ansley v Loup 3:00 JV VB @ Ansley v Loup 5:00	12 HOCO Week: Spartan Spirit Day	13 HOCO Week: Spartan Spirit Day	14 JV VB @ Ansley v Palmer 9:00
15 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	16 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	17 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	18 Youth VB @ Litchfield v Heartland Lutheran 5:30/6:30	19 HOCO Week: Business Attire	20 HOCO Week: Business Attire	21 JV VB @ Litchfield v Heartland Lutheran 5:30/6:30
22 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	23 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	24 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	25 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	26 HOCO Week: Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher or Staff Member	27 HOCO Week: Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher or Staff Member	28 JV VB @ Litchfield v Heartland Lutheran 5:30/6:30
29 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	30 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	31 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	1 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	2 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	3 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00	4 Youth VB @ Litchfield 4:00

September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Turkey Sandwich Donuts	2
3	4 No School	5 Ham Sandwich Omelet	6 Spaghetti Muffin	7 Mac and Cheese Bowl Churro	8 Pork Ribs Donuts	9
10	11 Pulled pork Muffin	12 Chicken Alfredo French Toast	13 Popcorn Chicken Bowls Bosco	14 Goulash Omelet	15 Taco Donuts	16
17	18 Pork quesadilla Muffin	19 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Pancakes	20 Chicken Patty Churro	21 Sloppy Joe Muffins	22 Fajitas Donuts	23
24	25 No School	26 Potato bar French Toast	27 Nachos Muffin	28 Crispito Churro	29 Hot dogs Donuts	30

FALL/WINTER 2023



Free Virtual College-Prep Events

EducationQuest will conduct these free virtual events. All times are Central.



AUGUST

- 9 | How to Get Along with Your Roommate
Livestream on   – 7:00 p.m.
- 29 | College Planning for Seniors
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 30 | Spanish College Planning for Seniors
Facebook Group – 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 12 | Financial Aid Program
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 13 | How to Stay on Track to College
Livestream on   – 7:00 p.m.
- 19 | Spanish Financial Aid Program
Facebook Group – 6:30 p.m.
- 21 | Financial Aid Program
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 25 | Financial Aid Program
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.



OCTOBER

- 4 | Financial Aid Program
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 11 | How to Make the Most of Your Campus Visit
Livestream on   – 7:00 p.m.
- 16 | Financial Aid Program
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 18 | Spanish Financial Aid Program
Facebook Group – 6:30 p.m.
- 20 | Financial Aid Program
Webinar – 1:00 p.m.



NOVEMBER

- 15 | How to FAFSA: Part 1 Prep
Livestream   – 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 6 | How to FAFSA: Part 2 File
Livestream on   – 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 8 | FAFSA Completion
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 10 | How to FAFSA: Part 3 Next Steps
Livestream   – 7:00 p.m.
- 12 | FAFSA Completion
Webinar – 1:00 p.m.
- 16 | FAFSA Completion
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 17 | FAFSA Completion
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 23 | Spanish FAFSA Completion
Facebook Group – 6:30 p.m.
- 24 | FAFSA Completion
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.
- 31 | FAFSA Completion
Webinar – 6:30 p.m.

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LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2023

Vice President Jim Holm called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Visitors:

Vice President Jim Holm announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

Marie Sweley motion to approve the absence of Mitch Feldman. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion passed 5-0.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and Cole Lewandowski moved to approve the minutes. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer, April Gross reported a general fund statement beginning balance of \$549,405.20, general fund receipts \$46,607.76, actual general fund bank balance \$357,214.74 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$325,856.26 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley moved to pay the claims. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Moser discussed student handbook, title IV summary, improving communications using the Remind app, and meetings with teachers & paras.

In the Superintendent's report Mr. Drew reported on coaching and great communication between us and Ansley AD, football 14 total out, volleyball 16 out and cross country has 3 out, Staffing, Upcoming Board Meeting Dates, Budget and Finance Presentation, Building & grounds, Transportation, and Student handbook.

Marie Sweley moved to approve revised or adopted Litchfield Board Policies; 0501.0, 0502.01, 0502.02, 0502.03, 0502.04, 0502.05, 0502.06, 0502.07, 0502.08, 0502.09(this one will be deleted), 0612.01, 0612.02, 0612.03, 0612.04, 0612.05, 0612.06, 0612.07, 0612.08, 0612.09, 0612.10, 0612.11, 0612.12, 0612.13,

0612.14, 0612.15, 0612.16, 0612.17, 0612.18, 0612.19. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley moved to approve Superintendent to increase budget authority up to 7%. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Cole Lewandowski moved to approve the purchase of Computers with money from the Depreciation Fund. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross moved to approve the purchase of a new van from Erickson Ford pending van meets Rule 92 Standards. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Alyssa Reynolds moved to enter closed session for the protection of the public interest. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Board entered closed session at 9:28 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski moved to exit closed session. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Board exited closed session at 9:43 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 18, 2023 with the Budget workshop with regular meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.. 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	
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		1,387.46
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		310.70
Ansley Public Schools		12,784.14
ASK Supply Co		93.08
Axmann Heating & Air Conditioning		7,061.70
B.E. Publishing		1,467.68
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		185.73
Culligan Water Conditioning		67.50
Custer Public Power		5,926.21
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		345.42
Depreciation Fund		92,547.75
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		211.51
Educational Service Unit 10		609.55
ERICSON FORD, INC		391.64
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		85.88
Farmers Co-op Association		1,128.13
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC		1,410.83
HAMILTON		131.51
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC		336.90
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		147.61
JOURNEYED.COM, INC. DBA JOURNEYED		500.00
JW Pepper & Son Inc		212.89
LIPS PRINTING SERVICE		182.49
McGraw-Hill		2,472.09
Menards		276.76
MIDWEST FLOOR SPECIALISTS LLC		2,890.00
MOSA MACK SCIENCE, INC		275.00
NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLIES		78.42
Ne Council School Administrat		450.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC		866.46
P & D MARKET		5.04
PETTY CASH FUND		668.00
Platte Valley Communications		376.25
Sherman County Times		7.37
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO, THE		995.12
SLOCUM, AMANDA		73.82
U.S. BANK		5,017.54
US FOODS		993.36
VERIZON		33.56
Village Of Litchfield		454.95
WEX BANK		638.16
Fund Number 01		<u>144,539.72</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>144,539.72</u>

Fall Sports Schedules

Varsity Volleyball

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
08/24	5:00 pm	Elm Creek	Elm Creek, Amherst
08/29	6:30 pm	Shelton	Shelton
08/31	5:00 pm	Ansley	Elm Creek, Amherst
09/07	6:30 pm	Ansley	Axtell
09/09	9:30 am	Callaway	Tournament
09/12	5:00 pm	Loup City	Central Valley, Arcadia-Loup City
09/14	6:30 pm	Litchfield	Heartland Lutheran
09/19	6:30 pm	Ansley	SEM
09/21	7:00 pm	Ravenna	Ravenna
09/23	9:30 am	Ansley	Spartan Invite
09/26	7:00 pm	South Loup	South Loup
09/29	5:00 pm	Greeley	Central Valley
10/03	5:00 pm	Bertrand	Wilcox-Hildreth, Bertand
10/05	5:00 pm	Loomis	Overton, Loomis
10/17	5:00 pm	Litchfield	Brady, Hi-Line
10/20	6:00 pm	Litchfield	Pleasanton

Fall Sports Schedules

JV Volleyball

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
08/24	5:00 pm	Elm creek	Amherst, Elm Creek
08/29	5:30 pm	Shelton	Shelton
08/31	5:00 pm	Ansley	Elm Creek, Amherst
09/05	6:00 pm	Elm Creek	Elm Creek
09/07	5:30 pm	Ansley	Axtell
09/11	6:00 pm	Elm Creek	Elm Creek
09/12	5:00 pm	Loup city	Central Valley, Arcadia-Loup City
09/14	5:30 pm	Litchfield	Heartland Lutheran
09/16	9:00 am	Palmer	Palmer
09/18	6:00 pm	Callaway	South Loup
09/19	5:30 pm	Ansley	SEM
09/21	6:00 pm	Ravenna	Ravenna
09/23	9:30 am	Ansley	Spartan Invite
09/26	5:00 pm	South Loup	South Loup
09/29	4:00 pm	Greeley	Central Valley
10/02	5:00 pm	Litchfield	Anselmo- Merna
10/03	5:00 pm	Bertrand	Wilcox-Hildreth, Bertrand
10/05	5:00 pm	Loomis	Overton, Loomis
10/07	9:00 am	Litchfield	Triangular
10/20	5:00 pm	Litchfield	Pleasanton

Fall Sports Schedules

Varsity Football

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
09/25	7:00 pm	Litchfield	Ravenna
09/01	7:00 pm	Ansley	Anselmo-Merna
09/08	7:00 pm	Pleasanton	Pleasanton
09/15	7:00 pm	Ansley	Burwell (Homecoming)
09/22	7:00 pm	Sargent	Twin Loup
09/29	7:00 pm	Wolbach	Central Valley
10/06	7:00 pm	Litchfield	Overton
10/13	7:00 pm	Elm Creek	Elm Creek

Cross Country

Date	Time	Location
08/31	5:30 pm	Gibbon
09/07	5:30 pm	Loup City
09/14	5:30 pm	Ravenna
09/22	5:30 pm	Ord
09/25	12:00 pm	UNK
09/25	12:30 pm	Overton

Fall Sports Schedules

Junior High Volleyball

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
09/11	3:00 pm	Ansley	Twin Loup
09/16	9:00 am	Merna	Twin Loup, Anselmo-Merna
09/18	2:30 pm	Callaway	South Loup
09/25	2:00 pm	Litchfield	Ravenna
10/02	3:00 pm	Litchfield	Anselmo-Merna
10/07	9:00 pm	Ansley	Triangular
10/11	3:30 pm	Litchfield	Pleasanton

Junior High Football

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
09/05	4:00 pm	Elm Creek	Elm Creek
09/11	3:00 pm	Ansley	Twin Loup
09/18	4:30 pm	Callaway	South Loup
10/02	3:00 pm	Litchfield	Anselmo-Merna
10/11	3:30 pm	Litchfield	Pleasanton

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