



Lewiston Consolidated School District Newsletter May 2015



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Superintendent's Message

Every 5 years, schools in Nebraska are required by the Nebraska Department of Education to participate in a formal External Visitation. The External Visitation is conducted by a team of educational professionals selected from around the state to assist the school in selecting or fulfilling school improvement goals and plans by adding an outside, objective view of the school improvement processes, enlist the professional advice of colleagues from outside the school, and increase the depth of understanding for moving forward to achieve school improvement initiatives. The External Visit fulfills Rule 10 requirements that all accredited schools must host an external visit once during a 5-year cycle.

On March 23rd Lewiston held its External Visit. The School Improvement Team provided the visitation team with documents and information that profiled the current school improvement plan and data regarding vision/purpose, governance/leadership, teaching/learning, resources/support systems, and stakeholder/relationships. The external team toured the building, listened to a presentation from the school improvement team, conducted interviews of students, staff, and parents, and engaged in deliberations to determine next steps for the district. I would like to thank the staff, students, and especially the parents who took time out of their busy days to participate.

The final visitation report stated the following regarding the overall district, "there is a strong sense of pride for the school and with all groups! From our interviews, there is a strong staff in place and there has been a new energy with the new administration. Overall, the district is on the right path for improved student achievement and has many pieces started or in place to move the district forward." It also stated under next steps, "capitalize on the PRIDE of the school and go deeper with the implementation of your next school improvement plan. (Action plans, staff development, curriculum alignment, intervention programs, progress monitoring, etc.) Utilize your ESU to support the creation of your next School Improvement Plan along with supporting your staff development. Focus on doing five things really well vs. trying to do it all." A copy of the entire External Team Visitation Report is available in the office for review.

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Important Dates to Remember

Friday, May 1 --
Grades 7-12 Athletic Banquet
in North Gym -- Meal @
6:30 pm/ Program @ 7 pm

Monday, May 4 --
FFA Banquet @ 6:30 pm in
North Gym

Thursday, May 7 --
Grades 7-12 Honors Night @
7 pm in North Gym

Sunday, May 10 --
Graduation @ 2 pm in North
Gym

Tuesday, May 12 --
Sports Physicals @ 8:30 am
for Grades 6-11

Friday, May 15 --
Elementary Field Day -- PK @
10 am / K-6 @ 1 pm

Tuesday, May 19 --
Elementary Awards in North
Gym @ 9 am

Wednesday, May 20 --
Last Day of School - 12:30 pm
dismissal -- No PreK

May 2015 Lunch Money Amounts

Full Breakfast	Pre-K to 6th Lunch	7th to 12th Lunch	Reduced Breakfast	Reduced Lunch	Snack Milk
\$21.00	\$31.50	\$52.25	\$4.20	\$5.60	\$5.20

Superintendent's Message *continued*

At the April Board of Education meeting a finance plan for the new construction and life safety systems was approved. The total cost including estimated project expenses includes a down payment of \$550,000, the purchase of Construction Notes for the next two years in the amount of \$477,268, followed by the purchase of QCPUF Bonds for seven years in the amount of \$737,132. What this means to the property owner, a 6.5 cent increase in property taxes the next two years to finance the construction notes will increase taxes approximately: \$65 per \$100,000 of taxable valuation, and \$650 per \$1,000,000 of taxable valuation. A 3.3 cent increase in property taxes the following seven years to finance the QCPUF Bonds will increase taxes approximately: \$33 per \$100,000 of taxable valuation, and \$330 per \$1,000,000 of taxable valuation.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide basic information for the Lewiston Consolidated School District that will keep all citizens informed on important school procedures, issues, and facts. This newsletter will be distributed to all patrons on the Lewiston Consolidated School mail routes. If you do not receive a newsletter and wish to do so, or know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, please notify the Superintendent's office at (402) 865-4675.

~Counselor Connection~

By: Ms. Hermsmeier

Junior and Senior Information

The next ACT dates are as follows:

June 13 -- Registration due May 8 -- Late Registration due May 22

September 12 -- Registration due August 7 -- Late Registration due August 21

Students can pick up an ACT preparation booklet from Ms. Hermsmeier's office. This booklet includes practice test questions as well as ACT testing strategies.

Elementary Guidance

In April, we talked about careers. We discussed what a career is, and talked about different careers. Each student made a career sheet of what they wanted to be when they grew up.

At the beginning of May, students will be selected by Lewiston staff to receive the awards for trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and/or citizenship. Please check out the guidance website to see the students who are awarded.

Job Posting

Lewiston Consolidated Schools is accepting applications for the following position for the 2015-2016 school year.

Full Time Paraprofessional

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the school at (402) 865-4675 for information. Applications are available in the Superintendent's office.
E.O.E.

Lewiston Consolidated School

Vision

Every Lewiston Student Educated for Success!

Mission

Empowering students to become confident and creative builders of their future.



From 2015

"Rolling in the Deep"

<--- Lewiston Class of 2016

Lewiston Class of 2015 --->



LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS 2015 - 2016 CALENDAR

August, 2015

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Aug. 11-12 Teacher Inservice - Workdays
 Aug. 11 Open House 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Aug. 13 1st Day of School / 12:30 Dismissal
 Aug. 14 12:30 Dismissal
 Aug. 17 1st Day Pre-School

January, 2016

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Sept. 7 No School / Labor Day
 Sept. 17 12:30 Dismissal / PT Conf. 2:00-8:00
 Sept. 18 No School/Teacher In-Service 8:00-12:00

September, 2015

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Oct. 2 No School Vacation Day
 Oct. 16 End 1st Quarter
 Oct. 19 Start 2nd Quarter
 Oct. 23 12:30 Dismissal / Teacher In-Service

February, 2016

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Nov. 13 No School / Teacher In-Service 8:00-4:00
 Nov. 25 12:30 Dismissal / No Pre-School
 Nov. 26 - 29 Thanksgiving Vacation

March, 2016

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Dec. 23 - Jan. 4 Winter Vacation

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Jan. 4 No School / Teacher In-Service
 Jan. 5-6 MAP Testing / End 2nd Quarter
 Jan. 7 Start 3rd Quarter

April, 2016

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Feb. 8 No School Vacation Day
 Feb. 11 12:30 Dismissal / PT Conf. 2:00-8:00

December, 2015

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March 4 12:30 Dismissal / Teacher In-Service
 March 10 End 3rd Quarter
 March 11 No School / Vacation Day
 March 14 Start 4th Quarter
 March 24 12:30 Dismissal
 March 25 - 28 No School / Spring Vacation

May, 2016

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April 22 No School / Teacher In-Service

	No School
	Early Dismissal
()	Teacher In-Service
[Start of Quarter
]	End of Quarter
	Graduation

May 4 Seniors Last Day
 May 8 Graduation
 May 17 12:30 Dismissal / Last Day / No Pre-K
 May 17 End 4th Quarter / Teacher Workday
 May 18 Workday

	Student Days	Teacher Days
1st Quarter	44	46.5
2nd Quarter	45	47
3rd Quarter	45	45
4th Quarter	45	46.5

Makeup days added as necessary

179 185

Adopted 3/16/2015

Elementary Field Day

WHEN: Friday, May 15, 2015
TIME: Pre-K - 10:00 am
Kindergarten - 6th grade - 1:00 pm

Awards will be given out at Elementary Awards Program on Tuesday, May 19. Hope to see you there!

Call the school for a hot dog lunch on field day by Friday, May 8.

\$3.25 – adult
\$2.25 – child



WHEN: Tuesday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m.
WHERE: Lewiston School
WHO: All students grades 5-11
COST: \$10 (check made payable to Pawnee Co. Rural Health) or \$10 cash

Please bring money, completed physical form (available in the office) and glasses or contacts.

7-12 Honors Night
Thursday, May 7
7:00 p.m.



Activities include: National Honor Society Tapping, 8th Grade Graduation, Scholarship Awards, and Academic Awards

2014-15 3rd Quarter

LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL

SUPERIOR HONOR ROLL- students that have a 96% or better average with no grade lower than a 93%
(A) in any one class

SENIORS - Cydney Howell, Teresa Wiles
JUNIORS – Dalton Anderson, Kaitlin Arena
SOPHOMORES – Cari Howell, Shelby Piening
FRESHMEN - Holden Christen
EIGHTH GRADE - Logan Anderson, Hannah Rinne
SEVENTH GRADE – Dana Christen

HONOR ROLL – Students that maintain a 93% or better average with no grade lower than 85% (B) in any one class

SENIORS – Brianna Barker, Trevor Husa, Richard Kendall, Brooke Wehrbein
JUNIORS – Ryan Husa
SOPHOMORES – Anastasia Barker, Lexi Jasa, Karen Keyes, Karlea Nouzovsky
FRESHMEN - Megan Wehrbein
EIGHTH GRADE – Treyton Hippen, Reesa Wilcox
SEVENTH GRADE – Caleb Bredemeier, Daniel Gonzalez, Sydney Rath, James Robison

HONORABLE MENTION – Students that maintain an average between 86% and 92% with no grade lower than 77% (C) in any one class

SENIORS - Tyler Keyes, Krystal Neumann
JUNIORS –Sophia Pyle, Corey Wenzl
SOPHOMORES – Bree Speckmann, Erial Whitton
FRESHMEN –Danyelle Neumann
EIGHTH GRADE – Colten Baker, Ryan Hunt
SEVENTH GRADE – Shaylyn Salts

LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3rd Quarter 2014-15

HIGH HONOR ROLL – all A Honor Roll
Taylor Anderson, Masyn Arena, Jaxon Janssen

HONOR ROLL – A & B Honor Roll
Hayden Christen, Jonathan Janssen, Johnathan Burgett, Kienen Creek, Ty Arena, Ean Rule, Carleigh Weyers, Persefenie Woutzke, Leah Christen, Henry Pyle, Tristen Ray, Caleb Rule, Mikayla Woutzke

What's The Weather?

by Ms. Kuhns

PreKindergarten 3

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This question is brought up daily in Pre-K 3. As part of our calendar time, we sing about the weather, spell the weather, graph the different types of weather we have, discuss the season that we are in, and decide what is the proper dress for each specific type of weather. To start the month of April, we decided to take a more in-depth look at the different types of weather. We talked about sun, rain, wind, clouds, rainbows, snow, ice, tornados, and thunderstorms. We read about these different types of weather, as well as conducted various science projects about weather. To end the unit, we took a trip to the Lewiston Park to enjoy the weather. We flew kites we made, blew bubbles, played games, and ate a snack! Here are a few pictures of us learning about how rain and tornados are formed.



Library News

Kimberly Robison-Crook, local author, shared her new book, "Hamilton's Scary Adventure," with the elementary students April 2. Mrs. Robison-Crook is a sister to Lewiston teacher, John Robison, and an aunt to student, James Robison.



We will not be holding summer reading this summer at Lewiston school because of the school remodeling project. Students are encouraged to participate in the summer reading program at their local public library.



<--- Junior High at Career Fair

Livestock Management Team Visits
UN-L Dairy Store --->



High School Band - Summer Info

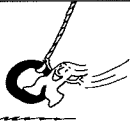
The High School Concert Band will travel to Kansas City on Sunday, May 3rd to participate in the Worlds of Fun Festival of Bands. The students will be leaving Lewiston early that morning, arriving at the park about 10:00 opening time. They will enjoy the park until 2:00pm, at which time they will prepare for their 3:06 performance time. Following their performance and adjudication sessions they will return to the Park for several more hours of fun, then back to the bus and then back home arriving in Lewiston at approximately 10:00 pm. Congratulations to the band for a great year!

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Lewiston Consolidated Schools



SHORT NOTES

Keep friendships strong

Encourage your youngster to stay in touch with classmates over the summer. Let her invite friends over or arrange to meet at a park or a mini-golf course. She'll enjoy the get-togethers, and staying close will help her be ready to work and play with peers when school starts again.

Saying thank you

As the school year comes to a close, teachers are sure to appreciate the best gift of all: a simple thank you. You and your child can write notes thanking his teacher for helping him learn to read or teaching fun science experiments, for example.

Plan ahead for snack time

Kids are more likely to eat foods they help pick out. Take your youngster shopping for healthy snacks, such as watermelon, plain popcorn, and hummus with whole-wheat pita bread. Stock them front and center in the refrigerator and pantry so your child can grab a nutritious treat when she takes a break from playing.

Worth quoting

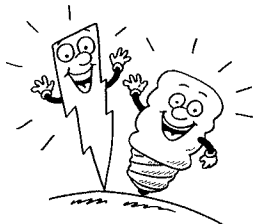
"The true delight is in the finding out rather than in the knowing."

Isaac Asimov

JUST FOR FUN

Kyle: What is the difference between lightning and electricity?

Jenna:
We have to pay for electricity.



Summer learning games

Learning is more fun when you turn it into a game! Try these family games that let your child play with words, numbers, and science.

Spelling cups

Be the first to unscramble the letters and guess the word. You'll need cups and magnetic letters or Scrabble tiles. One player secretly thinks of a word and places each letter under a separate upside-down cup. The other players take turns flipping over one cup. Let everyone see the letter, cover it back up, and slide the cups around to mix them up. At any point, a player can call out the word being spelled—but if he's wrong, he's out. Guess the word correctly, and you make the next word.

Bull's-eye math

Have your youngster use sidewalk chalk to draw a target with four rings. He should write 10 in the outer ring, 25 in the next, 50 in the third, and 100 in the center circle. (Use 1, 2, 5, and 10 for a younger child.) To play, stand a few feet away from the target, and take turns



tossing a pebble onto it. Each time, add the number from the ring your pebble lands on to your score. Write the equation you made in chalk ($50 + 25 = 75$; $75 + 50 = 125$). Reach 500 points to win.

Science scavenger hunt

Together, think of 12 small natural objects found on the ground. *Examples:* twig, dandelion, berry, buckeye. Then, each person labels sections of an empty egg carton for the items. Go to the park, search for the objects, and put them in the matching spots. The first person to fill his egg carton wins. ♥

Outdoor volunteers

Build a family helping habit this summer. These ideas will encourage your youngster to do community service while she enjoys the sunshine:

- Sign up to volunteer during a fund-raising walk. Your child could work with you at a pit stop, handing water cups to participants.
- Lend a hand at a charity yard sale at a school, community center, or place of worship. Together, you might sort and tag donations. Or your youngster could bag purchases for customers as you ring them up.
- Work in the garden at a school or an assisted-living facility. Your child can help weed, plant, water, and harvest. If you garden at home, consider giving some vegetables to a food pantry or soup kitchen that accepts homegrown produce. ♥



Safe and occupied

What will your youngster do this summer? Whether you work outside the home or not, you'll want to keep her busy, happy, and safe. Here are tips.

Look for activities. Public libraries and parks and recreation departments have programs to match any child's interests. Look for free or low-cost activities like music workshops, board game clubs, and tumbling classes.



Take turns.

Neighbors can set up a schedule for watching each other's children play in a backyard or at a playground. Or consider swapping child care with a parent who works different days or opposite shifts. Also, you

could arrange carpools for driving to camps or day care.

Find low-cost camps. Check into city or county camps, where prices are typically lower than at private camps. You might qualify for help with fees or be able to use flexible spending account funds or earn dependent-care tax credits. ♥

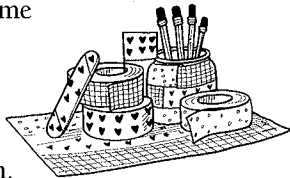
ACTIVITY CORNER

Stuck on crafts

Duct tape is all the rage these days. Look for it in fun patterns and colors, or let your child add stickers to plain duct tape. Then, encourage him to be creative with projects like these.

Bookmarks

Wrap duct tape around and around a craft stick to make a bookmark. Or cut two strips the same size, stick them together, and punch a hole in the top to tie a ribbon through.



Party decorations

Form miniature flags on toothpicks, and put each one in a cupcake. For place-mats, cut the front and back panels from cereal boxes. Add strips of tape arranged in different patterns and designs.

Containers

Cover baby food or canning jars with colorful duct tape to create pencil holders or vases. Make fun storage containers for small toys by decorating shoe boxes with duct tape. ♥



Q & A

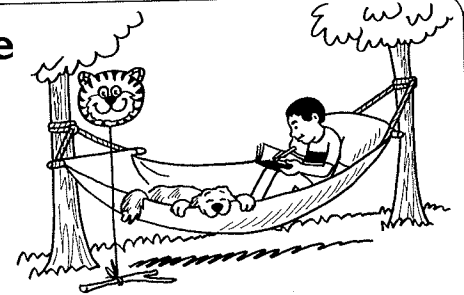
Avoid summer slide

Q: I've been hearing about how children often lose skills while school is out. How can I keep my son from experiencing this "summer slide"?

A: It's true that students tend to forget some of what they learned during the school year. Talk to your son's teacher to see if there are specific subjects he should work on, such as writing or math.

Then, use summer activities or time in the car to practice. You could give him a journal, and after a trip to the zoo or a museum, he can write about what he saw. Or as you drive, he might count red and green lights and say what fraction each color represents of the total.

Also, sign your child up for your library's summer reading program. Have him check out books and read at least 20–30 minutes a day. Ask him to tell you about the books, and talk to him about your own reading, too. ♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Back-to-school prep

Last year, I made the mistake of waiting until the last minute to prepare my kids for back-to-school. This year, with my younger daughter starting first grade and my older one going to middle school, we're going to try a few changes.

First, I will schedule their physicals right away, since their doctors' calendars filled up fast last year. Also, we'll shop early for school supplies to take advantage of

sales and make sure the kids get the colors they want.

Finally, we let the girls stay up later during summer, and last year they had a hard time adjusting to their school-year bedtime. So in August, we'll gradually move bedtime a little earlier each week.

We'll see if my plan works. I'm sure every year I'll learn something new about helping two kids get ready for school! ♥



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FACS SPOTLIGHT

Home Living

JH Study Hall - students meet three times a week and use the 50 minutes to get ready for their day.

Senior Skills - grocery shopping, simple food preparation, ready for graduation

Foods 2 - foods from other lands, individual presentation of cooking/baking skills

8th Grade Careers Class - Business/Marketing Career Cluster, planning for high school

Projects Based Learning - Reading with Kindergarten, Decorations for Athletic Banquet, Graduation, Textiles, etc

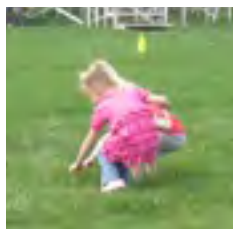
Child Development class - the importance of play, finding day care, careers in Child Development

Students in the Home Living class learned about flooring, paint, and furniture on their field trip the end of March. Using the information they gathered, they designed an apartment for “Janie”, a 25-year-old professional on a budget. Students were responsible for finding furniture, paint, flooring that would meet “Janie’s” criteria.

The finishing touch to a decorating project is adding the accessories to make a room feel like a home. Students created tiles and pillows to accent their rooms.



April LCS Events



PreK-3, Pre-K 4, K, 1 Easter Egg Hunt

May Points Trip

**May 14 - After School
Miniature Golf
Valentino’s Buffet**



FFA NEWS



Lewiston Attends 87th State FFA Convention

Lewiston Agriculture Education students were well represented at the 87th State FFA Convention held in Lincoln April 8th-10th. The convention headquarters were at the Pinnacle Bank Arena and surrounding downtown hotels.

The Lewiston FFA Chapter had a good state showing. The Chapter received a silver National Chapter rating placing them in the top thirty Nebraska chapters. The membership earned a gold rating and a plaque in community service and silver rating in safety activities.

The Chapter was awarded first place in the state "Helping Communities Grow" competition sponsored by the Nutrients for Life Foundation. The local group received \$3,000.00 for their efforts.

In the Leadership Skills Events, the Agriculture Demonstration team placed tenth and earned a silver plaque for their "Problem Births in Cattle" demonstration. Cari Howell earned a gold medal in Junior Public Speaking. Her topic was on the goat industry. Junior Dalton Anderson was awarded a silver medal in Cooperative Speaking. Junior High Ag Literacy Speaker Dana Christen was presented a bronze medal and Speaker Reesa Wilcox was presented a gold medal for their efforts. Junior High students Dana Christen, Reesa Wilcox, Logan Anderson, Treyton Hippen, Hannah Rinne, and Ryan Hunt competed in the State Ag Quiz Bowl on Friday.

Tyler Keyes and Brooke Wehrbein had the State FFA Degree bestowed on them in ceremonies Friday. They are the first Lewiston members since 2005 to earn the degree. Their parents were in attendance for the ceremonies. Tyler Keyes, Trevor Husa and Cari Howell served the Chapter as convention delegates. Cari attended a legislative breakfast on Thursday.

Brooke Wehrbein and Cari Howell finished as sectional alternates in the Ag Science Fair with their study on soil erosion. Ryan Husa and Dalton Anderson also competed in the Ag Science Fair.

Dalton Anderson was awarded the second place plaque and a cash award for his finish in the State Dairy Placement Proficiency on Friday. Dalton and his parents attended a recognition banquet on Thursday.

Other convention highlights were attending a state career show, a Thursday evening dance at Pinnacle, and convention sessions.



Lewiston FFA Celebrates National Ag Day

The Lewiston FFA Chapter observed National Agriculture Day recently with an elementary literacy program. Lewiston pre-K to third graders enjoyed visiting the agriculture education department.

Each elementary student received a take home bag of Nebraska agriculture commodity promotional materials. FFA members contacted the state commodity boards for items and organized the program. The event was called, "Food for America". Eight learning centers were set up and the elementary students rotated through the stations. Many of the stations featured live animals.

FFA members participating and their topics were:

- Trevor Husa & Richard Keyes, Nebraska Crops and Water Use
- Ryan Hunt & Ryan Husa, Farm Machinery
- Dalton Anderson & Logan Anderson, Dairy Industry
- Megan Wehrbein & Treyton Hippen, Beef Industry
- Karen Keyes & Tyler Keyes, Poultry
- Skyler Salts & Cari Howell, Goat Industry
- Brooke Wehrbein & Colten Baker, Vaccinations and Canine Care
- Miah Fulton & Austin Zyla, Greenhouse



Helping provide educational materials were Farmers Cooperative, Keyes Family, Wehrbein Family and Steinacher Family.

Tractor Safety Training - 2015

Training Dates & Locations

- May 27-28: Fairgrounds, Kearney
 - June 1-2: Fairgrounds, Valentine
 - June 4-5: Event Center, Lincoln
 - June 8-9: Farm/Ranch Museum, Gering
 - June 11-12: WCREC, North Platte
 - June 15-16: Fairgrounds, Wayne
 - June 17-18: College Park, Grand Island
- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm each day



All youth aged 14 and 15 and working on a farm or ranch other than their own **MUST** be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course. Successful completion of the course will allow trained youth to operate a tractor 20 PTO horsepower, or to connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from a tractor.

Appropriate Dress Required.

Parent Permission: All participants must have a release form signed by a parent.

Tractor Safety Course Registration Form

Return to: **Extension Office at Training Site..**

[Advanced Registration Required](#)

For more information: Contact Sharry at 308-832-0645 or snielsen1@unl.edu

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I plan to attend (List date/place) _____
 COST: \$60, payable to UNL Extension on or before first day of training. Includes materials, lunch both days and breaks.

ART NEWS

Natalie Sisco | Art Educator | nsisco@lewistonschool.net

Pioneer Conference Winners

Tyler Keyes

1st Place-Photography

Brianna Barker

1st Place-Sculpture

Sophia Pyle

3rd Place-Acrylic Painting

Congratulations to all of the students who entered work, and especially to the three students mentioned above for placing in their respective areas out of over 300 pieces of work submitted by Pioneer Conference Schools!

Thank you!

To the students who displayed art work during the Expo night and to the parents who attended the events of the evening. We have some very talented students, and I was very encouraged by comments that I heard during the evening!! We all appreciate the exposure and the praise!

Rockin' the Arts!

It has been a common question over the last 25 years- "Why is Art so important?" I would like to share some information about Art and Arts Education.



The arts transform the learning environment. When the arts become central to the learning environment, schools and other settings become places of discovery, school culture and learning is improved.

The arts reach students who are not otherwise being reached. Young people who are disengaged from schools and other community institutions are at the greatest risk of failure or harm. The arts provided a reason, and sometimes the only reason, for a student to engage with school or other organizations.

The arts reach students in ways they are not otherwise being reached. Recent educational research has produced insights into different styles of learning. The theory of multiple intelligences illustrates that students learn in a myriad of ways: linguistically, logically, spatially, kinesthetically, etc. This means that conventional classroom practices do not engage students with different learning styles. And education rich in the arts is more likely to reach more students in more ways.

The arts connect students to themselves and each other. Creating an artwork is a personal experience. The student draws upon his or her personal resources to generate the result. By engaging his or her whole person, the student feels invested in ways that are deeper than "knowing the answer." Experiences such as this enable young people to grow and connect with one another in new ways.



The arts provide new challenges for those students already considered successful. Boredom and complacency are barriers to success. For those young people who outgrow their established learning environments, the arts can offer a chance for unlimited challenge.

Know the Facts:

The arts are recognized as a core academic subject under the Federal Elementary & Secondary Education Act, and **48 states** have adopted standards for learning the arts. (Nebraska just adopted State Standards for the Arts in March of 2014)

Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are **more than twice as likely** to graduate college as their peers with no arts education.

The Arts help our students:

Stay in School: *Low socioeconomic status (SES) students with a high participation in the arts have a drop-out rate of 4%, but their peers with a low participation in the arts have a drop-out rate of 22%*

Succeed in School: *4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair, 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance, 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, 3 times more likely to be selected to class office*

Succeed in Work: *72% of business leaders say that **creativity** is the number one skill they are seeking when hiring.*




While employers say creativity is of primary concern when they're hiring 85% of the employers can't find the creative applicants they seek* (***Ready to Innovate**, Lichtenberg, J., Woock, C., & Wright, M. (2008) **93% of Americans believe that the arts are vital to providing a well-rounded education.**

Looking ahead to NEXT YEAR!!

We have so much to look forward to-new room, new furniture, pottery kiln, potter's wheels, track lighting, glass fusing, oil painting in a properly ventilated room!!! The art experiences our students will be having are only limited to their imagination-I can't wait to see you all in the fall!!

LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

MAY 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1, COOKS CHOICE ☺
4, COOKS CHOICE ☺	5, COOKS CHOICE ☺	6, COOKS CHOICE ☺	7, COOKS CHOICE ☺	8, COOKS CHOICE ☺
11, COOKS CHOICE ☺	12, COOKS CHOICE ☺	13, COOKS CHOICE ☺	14, COOKS CHOICE ☺	15 COOKS CHOICE ☺
18 COOKS CHOICE ☺	19 COOKS CHOICE ☺	20 		

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-FRIDAY

CHOICE OF CEREALS, JUICES, YOGURT, FRUIT, AND HOT BREAKFAST ITEM

**Milk served with all meals

**Menus subject to change

May



2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 --7-12 Athletic Banquet in north gym – meal at 6:30 pm / program at 7:00 pm	2 --HS Track at Pioneer Conf. Meet at Auburn 9 am
3 --High School Music students to Worlds of Fun	4 --FFA Banquet 6:30 pm in north gym 	5 --HS Track at Freeman Invite 9 am --JH Track at Falls City Sacred Heart 9:30 am --HS Golf at EM Invite 10 am	6 	7 --Seniors Last Day of School --HS Golf at JCC Invite 9 am --7-12 Honors Night 7 pm	8 	9 --JH Track at Pioneer Conf. Meet at Pawnee City 9 am
10 --2015 Graduation 2 pm  --Mother's Day	11	12 --Sports Physicals at school 8:30 am – grades 6-11 – bring signed form, \$10, and glasses/contacts	13 --HS District Track Meet	14	15 --Elementary Field Day - PK – 10:00am / K-6 – 1:00pm 	16
17	18 --District Golf --Elementary Field Day – rain date --Board Meeting 8 pm 	19 --District Golf --Elementary Awards in north gym 9 am 	20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL --12:30 pm dismissal – NO Pre-K --End of 4 th Quarter / 2 nd Semester	21 --Teacher In-Service	22 --Teacher In-Service --State Track Meet in Omaha	23 --State Track Meet in Omaha 
24	25 Memorial Day 	26	27 --State Golf	28 --State Golf	29 	30
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The 52nd Annual Nebraska Youth Range Camp will be held June 8-12, 2015 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Students need to be 14-18 years old to participate. Registration fee assistance is available through local NRD's. Mr. Barnard has more information.

The Ag Education Greenhouse has the following items on a first come basis for sale:
Broccoli, Tomatoes (Roma, Beef Steak, Rutgers, Cherry, and Celebrity), Peppers – 25 cents/each
Herbs – Basil, Chive, Oregano, Cilantro – 25 cents/each
Geraniums – 4" pot for \$2.50
We are out of hanging baskets!