



Lewiston Consolidated School District Newsletter March 2015



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Superintendent's Message

On February 4th, a 4-2 vote by the Board of Education approved a new construction project and several new life safety systems. The project will include four classrooms, a kitchen mechanical hood and exhaust system, a fire alarm system, a fire sprinkler system, and ceiling mounted electrical receptacles for projectors.

The cost of the base construction for the project is \$1,133,000, other costs include \$66,000 for a kitchen mechanical hood and exhaust system, \$79,000 for a fire alarm system, \$330,000 for a fire sprinkler system, and \$6,400 for ceiling mounted electrical receptacles for projectors, for a total project cost of \$1,614,400.

The Board of Education will be approving a financial payment schedule for the project at their regular March meeting. Construction is scheduled to begin in early March with a completion date of July 31, 2015. More information regarding the payment schedule for the project will be provided in the April newsletter. Plans for the project may be reviewed at the Superintendent's office.

Jim Gustafson, representing the Nebraska Community Foundation on behalf of the anonymous donor that previously donated \$250,000 to the construction project was also in attendance at the February 4th meeting. He informed the Board of Education that the anonymous donor wished to make an additional donation of \$100,000. This money is for the remodeling and equipping of current spaces reassigned due to the new construction plan. This will allow those spaces to be utilized upon the completion of the new construction.

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.

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, March 5 --
FCS Bloodmobile 2-7 p.m.

Thursday, March 5 --
Family Literacy Night - 6-8
p.m. in south gym

Friday, March 6 --
NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 6 --
PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten
Roundup (new students only)

Thursday, March 12 --
End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, March 13 --
NO SCHOOL

Thursday, March 19 --
12:30 p.m. Dismissal/No PreK

Lewiston Consolidated School

Vision

Every Lewiston Student
Educated for Success!

Mission

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

March 2015 Lunch Money Amounts

Full Breakfast	Pre-K to 6th Lunch	7th to 12th Lunch	Reduced Breakfast	Reduced Lunch	Snack Milk
\$30.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) Test Information

In February, Lewiston 4th, 8th, and 11th graders took the NeSA-Writing test. In the month of April, Lewiston 3rd through 8th graders and 11th graders will take both the NeSA-Reading and Math tests. In addition, the 5th, 8th, and 11th graders will take the NeSA-Science test. Below is information about the NeSA tests from the Nebraska Department of Education.

What are the NeSA Tests?

- NeSA tests are state-developed tests in the subjects of reading, mathematics, science, and writing.
- Most NeSA tests are administered online. Fourth grade writing is administered paper/pencil.
- NeSA test results are publicly reported each fall in the State of Schools report.
- NeSA test results are used for both state and federal accountability reports.

How can parents help their children with NeSA Tests?

- Parents should make certain their children attend school regularly.
- Parents should monitor to be sure students complete homework.
- Parents should communicate regularly with the school.
- Parents can be sure students are rested before the tests.

~Counselor Connection~

By: Ms. Hermsmeier

Junior and Senior Information

Juniors and Seniors can pick up an updated scholarship list from the guidance bulletin board outside Ms. Hermsmeier's office. You can also visit my website for more information. The following scholarships are due:

- Independent Insurance Agents -- Chet Linder Scholarship -- Due March 1
- Nebraska Wesleyan Full Tuition Program -- Due March 1
- Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship -- Due March 1
- Titan Machinery Sponsorship Program through CCC -- Due March 1
- Marilyn Spiker and Sheila Massey Memorial Scholarship -- Due March 1
- SENCA Community Leadership Scholarship -- Due March 2
- Cabela's Women in Leadership Scholarship -- Due March 7
- Merlyn Anderson Memorial 4H Scholarship -- Due March 15
- Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants -- Due March 31
- Nebraska Legal Professionals Association -- Due March 31
- Lincoln Community Foundation Scholarships -- Due March 31

The next ACT dates are as follows:

April 18 -- Registration due March 13 -- Late Registration due March 27
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 February, we talked about caring. Caring means to be kind and compassionate, to express gratitude, to forgive others, and to help people in need.

The lower elementary learned of Karina (from Spanish for "caring") the Kangaroo. Kangaroo has a seemingly endless supply of "things" inside her pouch, including a special box of little hearts for children she meets on her travels.

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

*Employment Opportunities *

Lewiston Consolidated Schools is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2014-2015 school year. Applications can be picked up at the school office.

The district will pay for all expenses associated with attaining a bus driver permit.

Substitute Bus Drivers
Substitute Food Service
Substitute Paraprofessionals
Substitute Teachers

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Rick Kentfield at (402) 865-4675.

WANTED: EMPTY INK JET CARTRIDGES

Please give your used ink jet cartridges to any Lewiston student and have them deliver them to the library. Lewiston HAL receives cash to donate towards Earth Day projects.

Each student that donates an ink cartridge will receive a prize from Mrs. Goossen's prize box.



Wanted: Box Tops for Education

Please give your Box Tops for Education to any Lewiston student and have them deliver them to the pink box in the office to be counted and submitted. Lewiston Consolidated School gets 10 cents for each Box Top we submit. Thanks for all your help and support!



LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
Annual Report to the Patrons

This report is published to provide patrons of Lewiston Consolidated Schools information about their school. It is through this report that community members can become better informed about their school, the programs offered to students, and how their students are performing academically. While this report has been prepared as a comprehensive picture of education in this district, we realize that the total picture cannot be told in numbers and charts. The Board of Education, administration, teachers, and support staff hope this report will not only answer questions about our school, but that it will also foster a keener interest in the school and its students.

Please keep in mind as you read this report that most of the information and data are based on the 2013-2014 school year, not the school year in progress. Should you have questions about this report, please contact Superintendent Rick Kentfield at the school office.

Vision Statement

Every Lewiston student educated for success.

Mission Statement

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

District Goals

Provide programs and courses that inspire and prepare Lewiston students for success in learning, work, and life.

Establish high expectations for all students and provide support and resources to create positive, safe, and successful learning environments.

Develop systems of support that build collaborative learning among parents, students, and staff.

School System Demographics

Lewiston Consolidated School is a D-2 school with a rural population from parents of many small surrounding villages. Communities located within the district's boundaries include Burchard, Crab Orchard, Lewiston, Liberty, and Virginia. Grades PK-12 is housed at Lewiston. The district is a member of Educational Service Unit #4 which is located in Auburn, Nebraska. The main services provided by ESU #4 include special education resources, staff development training, and leadership in assessment development and technology resources.

Board Members

Current school board members and board officers are:

Terry Howell – President
Dylan Little

Neil Woofter – Vice-President
Dennis Schuster

Spencer Anderson – Treasurer
Aaron Rule

State Report Card Information

Each year the Nebraska Department of Education releases its State Report Card and State of the Schools Report which show student performance and school district information. Below is a summary of some 2013-2014 data contained in those reports. The complete state reports can be found on the Nebraska Department of Education's website at reportcard.education.ne.gov.

<u>Demographic Characteristics</u>	<u>Lewiston</u>	<u>State</u>
Free/Reduced Lunch Percentage	49.48%	44.93%
Mobility Rate	11.39%	12.10%
English Language Learners Percentage	*	6.04%
Special Education Percentage	34.81%	15.74%
Dropout Rate Percentage	*	1.11%
Four-Year Graduation Rate	100%	89.68%

* Data have been masked to protect the identity of students because fewer than 10 students were reported in these groups.

Nebraska State Assessment Tests

All students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 are tested with the Nebraska State Accountability, NeSA tests. NeSA-Reading was first administered in 2010. NeSA-Mathematics was administered in 2011 to all students in grades 3 through 8 and 11. NeSA-Science was administered in 2012 to students in grades 5, 8, and 11. NeSA-Writing was administered to grades 4, 8, and 11, and all were scored analytically in 2013.

Total scores and sub scores in NeSA Reading, Math, and Science tests are reported. Scale scores range from 0-200 on all three tests. Three levels of proficiency are determined by state cut scores and reported: “Exceeds the Standards, Meets the Standards, Below the Standards.” The scale scores and the proficiency levels on the Reading, Math, and Science tests are as follows:

- Exceeds the Standards: 135-200
- Meets the Standards: 85-134
- Below the Standards: 0-84

The scale score and the proficiency levels on the NeSA Writing test is as follows:

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|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Grade 4 | Grade 8 | Grade 11 |
| • Exceeds the Standards | 57-70 | 55-70 | 53-70 |
| • Meets the Standards | 40-56 | 40-54 | 40-52 |
| • Below the Standards | 39 and below | 39 and below | 39 and below |

NeSA Scores

Table of Students who Meet/Exceed Standards

	<u>NeSA-Reading</u>		<u>NeSA-Math</u>		<u>NeSA-Science</u>		<u>NeSA-Writing</u>	
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State
2009-2010	56% (69%)		-		-		-	
2010-2011	63% (72%)		62% (63%)		-		-	
2011-2012	66% (74%)		58% (67%)		50% (67%)		45% (73%)	
2012-2013	75% (77%)		59% (69%)		53% (70%)		51% (68%)	
2013-2014	78% (77%)		67% 71%		60% (72%)		N/A (N/A%)	
	<u>NeSA-Reading</u>		<u>NeSA-Math</u>		<u>NeSA-Science</u>		<u>NeSA-Writing</u>	
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State
Grades 3-5	104.69	117.77	96.52	111.95	*	106.49	36.80	43.13
Rank/Total	(218/248)		(227/248)		(*)		(198/223)	
Grades 6-8	115.00	119.75	102.10	106.89	81.00	105.18	NA	
Rank/Total	(152/249)		(176/249)		(209/224)			
Grades 9-12	102.82	117.58	99.29	102.09	95.45	103.13	NA	
Rank/Total	(208/249)		(175/230)		(213/230)			
District (Gr. 3-12)	108.99	114.54	99.46	108.45	97.30	104.97	NA	
Rank/Total	(154/249)		(217/249)		(220/249)			

* Data have been masked to protect the identity of students because fewer than 10 students were reported in these groups. NA – The NDE website has not displayed writing results

American College Test (ACT)

Each year juniors and seniors who are considering attending college are encouraged to take the ACT test. The test is designed to give an indication of how well a student will perform academically in college. The table below shows how Lewiston students scored on the ACT test compared to other students in Nebraska.

Year	English		Math		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State
2008	22.7	21.8	20.7	21.8	22.5	22.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.1
2009	24.4	21.9	22.2	21.8	24.2	22.5	22.8	22.0	23.7	22.1
2010	20.7	21.8	20.2	21.6	20.6	22.4	20.6	22.0	20.7	22.1
2011	21.5	21.8	20.6	21.7	22.9	22.3	22.3	22.0	21.9	22.1
2012	19.5	21.8	18.9	21.7	20.1	22.3	19.9	21.9	19.9	22.0
2013	20.3	21.1	19.3	21.1	23.8	21.8	20.5	21.5	21.3	21.5
2014	21.9	21.3	19.9	21.1	22.6	22.0	22.0	21.7	21.8	21.7

Graduate Follow-Up

The secondary curriculum of the Lewiston Consolidated Schools focuses on college preparation courses. However, programs of study are also offered in vocational areas, including vocational agriculture, business, and family and consumer science. A high percentage of our graduates continue their education at some type of post-secondary institution.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Four Year College	6	3	5
Trade/Tech School	3	6	6
Armed Services	1	0	0
Employment	0	6	5
Other	3	0	1

School Enrollment

	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
Grades K-6	87	97	101	89	88	109
Grades 7-8	28	29	29	32	29	17
Grades 9-12	78	70	77	69	68	66
Totals	193	196	207	190	185	192

Financial Information

The information below gives the Lewiston Consolidated School's audited expenditures for the 2009-2014 school years based on the Nebraska Department of Education Annual Financial Report.

Expenditures by Fund

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
General	\$2,846,773	\$2,744,805	\$2,693,603	\$2,626,003	\$2,718,390
Special Building	\$00	\$00	\$13,852	\$41,816	\$136,192
Depreciation	\$00	\$90,870	\$00	\$00	\$40,000
Employee Benefit	\$00	\$00	\$00	\$00	\$00
Activity	\$446,832	\$392,150	\$286,526	\$222,197	\$238,697
Lunch	\$116,952	\$131,232	\$120,552	\$119,653	\$130,315

Tax Levy per \$100 of Assessed Valuation

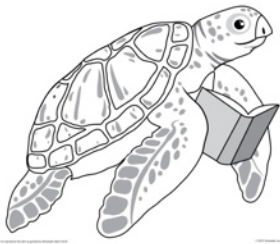
The information below gives the Lewiston Consolidated School's tax levies for the 2009-2014 school years. The Board of Education certified a .699 General Fund levy, a .065 Special Building Fund levy, and a .008 Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund levy the 2014-2015 budget year.

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
General Fund	\$0.96	\$0.95	\$0.96	\$0.95	\$0.88
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.09
QCPUF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Property Tax Dollars Received

The information below gives the Lewiston Consolidated School's revenues received from property tax for the 2009-2014 school years. The Board of Education has requested \$2,410,816 dollars for the General Fund, \$227,272 dollars for the Special Building Fund, and \$30,303 for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund for the 2014-2015 budget year.

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2013-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
General Fund	\$1,642,479	\$1,822,744	\$2,107,284	\$2,116,959	\$2,504,837
Building Fund	\$00	\$00	\$00	\$76,021	\$231,653
QCPUF	\$00	\$00	\$00	\$00	\$00



YOU ARE INVITED
"Ocean of Books" Literacy Night
Thursday, March 5, 2015



Registration, Dinner, Book Fair	6:00-6:45
Welcome	6:45-7:00
Fun, Educational Activities	7:00-7:45
Closing & Prize Give-a-ways	7:45-8:00

FREE Subway Sandwich Dinner!

Learning!

Prizes!

Free \$4.00 Book from the Book Fair
to all students who attend!!!!

Educational Activities!

Games!

Books!

"Book Fair Under the Sea" Will Be March 3-5

By Debbie Goossen

"Book Fair Under the Sea: Explore an Ocean of Books!" is the theme for the spring Scholastic Book Fair. It will be held March 3-5 in the Lewiston Library.

The book fair will be open during the "Ocean of Books" Family Literacy Night March 5. Each student attending will be given a \$4.00 coupon to use that night at the book fair.

Our "All of Books" program will be a pufferfish lollipop pull. Students will be able to purchase lollipops for 50 cents each. They will have a chance to win a prize if the lollipop stick is painted!

The on-line book fair will be open from February 25 through March 18. We encourage students to tell grandparents and others to purchase books on-line. Students can provide a wish list of books to those who may enjoy purchasing books for them. The on-line fair is located at www.scholastic.com/fair. Books are shipped free to the school!

All proceeds from the book fair will be used to purchase books for Lewiston School.

Spelling Bee Winners



(Left to Right) Jonathan Janssen -- 1st Place 6th Grade Winner; Tristen Ray -- 3rd Place 3rd Grade Winner; Shaylyn Salts -- 2nd Place 7th Grade Winner; Reesa Wilcox -- 2nd Place 8th Grade Winner; Austin Knauss -- 1st Place 7th Grade Winner; and Danny McMurray -- 3rd Place 7th Grade Winner





Forces of Nature: This workshop involves fun, hands-on activities that teach basic science principles. Earthquakes, floods, fires, and extreme weather conditions are all forces of nature found on Earth that we will explore. The workshop runs from after school to 5:30pm on March 10. It is open to students grades K-2 and only costs \$5. Please contact the Pawnee County Extension office at 402-852-2970.



2014-2015 Lewiston Track Schedule

High School Track

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thursday	March 19	Doane Indoor Invitational	Crete	12:00 PM
Thursday	March 26	Pioneer Conference Indoor Meet	Crete	8:30 AM
Tuesday	April 7	JCC Invitational	Pawnee City	9:30 AM
Tuesday	April 14	Lewiston Invitational	Pawnee City	9:30 AM
Tuesday	April 21	Sacred Heart Invitational	Syracuse	9:30 AM
Saturday	April 25	MUDECAS Track Meet	Tecumseh	9:00 AM
Tuesday	April 28	Pawnee City Invitational	Pawnee City	3:00 PM
Saturday	May 2	Pioneer Conference Meet	TBD	9:00 AM
Tuesday	May 5	Freeman Invitational	Freeman	9:00 AM
Wednesday	May 13	District Track Meet	TBD	TBD
Friday-Saturday	May 22 & 23	State Track Meet	Omaha Burke	TBD

Junior High School Track




Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thursday	April 9	HTRS Invitational	Pawnee City	10:00 AM
Thursday	April 16	Pawnee City Invitational	Pawnee City	10:00 AM
Saturday	April 18	MUDECAS Conference Meet	JCC	9:00 AM
Wednesday	April 29	Lewiston Invitational	Pawnee City	9:30 AM
Tuesday	May 5	Sacred Heart Invitational	Falls City	9:30 AM
Saturday	May 9	Pioneer Conference Meet	TBD	9:00 AM

2014-2015 Lewiston Golf Schedule




Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday	March 30	Auburn Invitational	Auburn CC	9:00 AM
Wednesday	April 8	Lewiston Invitational	Hidden Acres	9:30 AM
Tuesday	April 14	HTRS Invitational	Kirkman's Cove	9:00 AM
Wednesday	April 29	Palymra Invitational	Woodland Hills	8:30 AM
Tuesday	May 5	Elmwood-Murdock Invitational	Grands Woods	10:00 AM
Thursday	May 7	JCC Invitational	Tecumseh CC	9:00 AM
Monday	May 18 / 19	District Golf Meet	TBD	TBD
Tues-Wed	May 27-28	State Golf Meet	Kearney	TBD

Home & School

Working Together for School Success

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March 2015

Lewiston Consolidated Schools



SHORT NOTES

That's a record!

Suggest that your youngster start a notebook of personal records to keep track of her accomplishments. For instance, maybe she did five pull-ups in PE or got 100 on her spelling test two weeks in a row. Challenge her to beat her own records, and she'll learn to set and work toward goals.

Backpack safety

To avoid straining his back, encourage your child to bend his knees (not his waist) when he picks up his backpack. Also, the weight of his backpack should be less than 15 percent of his body weight. *Hint:* Have him pack items so the weight is evenly distributed.

Celebrate spring

Spring begins March 20. As a family, plan a mini celebration to ring in the new season. Your youngster could make invitations ("Meet in the living room on Friday after dinner") and check out library books of spring crafts to do together. You might bake cookies or cupcakes that family members can decorate with flowers or raindrops.

Worth quoting

"Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except the best."

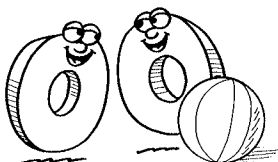
Henry van Dyke

JUST FOR FUN

Tyler: I can tell you the score of tonight's big game before it starts.

Dad: Really? What is it?

Tyler: Zero to zero!



Respect at home, respect at school

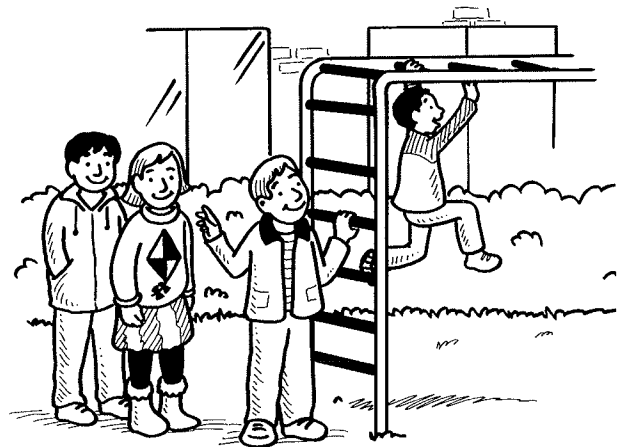
A child who treats people with respect at home is more likely to be respectful in school. These tips can help your youngster learn what respect is and inspire him to show it.

Define

Explain that respect includes valuing others' needs and wishes, showing consideration for people, being tolerant of differences, and using good manners. Then, have your youngster write his own recipe for respect. *Example:* "Mix together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup caring, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup good manners, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup self-control, and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup tolerance. Makes as many servings as you need—and stays good forever!"

Spot

"I spy...respect." Together, look and listen for people showing respect. Your child may notice students listening quietly as the media specialist reads a book or classmates speaking politely to each other. Have him name someone he respects at



school, like a teacher or classmate—why does he respect that person? Also, as he reads or watches movies, he could be on the lookout for characters he thinks are worthy of respect.

Show

Can your youngster think of instances where he was or wasn't respectful this week? Encourage him to come up with three ways he will behave respectfully at home and at school next week. For example, he could ask his sister before touching her guitar or wait patiently for smaller kids who need more time to cross the playground monkey bars. ♥

Test-week success

How can you help your youngster stay focused yet relaxed during standardized test week? Share these strategies:

- Suggest that she pack a "test kit" the night before each day of testing. She should put in everything that she'll need, such as sharpened pencils, a calculator, a water bottle, and a snack. *Tip:* Make sure she gets 10–11 hours of sleep so she'll be alert.

- Let your child plan enjoyable activities for after school. She may not have homework during test week, so she could use that time to unwind by playing board games, reading comic books, or visiting a park. ♥



When I grow up...

Help your youngster see the connection between what she's learning in school and the future career she dreams of with these ideas.

Think about jobs. How could your child use reading, math, or science in a future career? Ask her to name a job she might enjoy and match it with a skill she learned in class. For example, reading with expression will come in handy if she becomes a TV news anchor



someday. Or if she'd like to be a fashion designer, the measurement unit she's doing in math can help her measure fabric correctly.

Talk to workers.

Let your youngster interview people about their jobs. Maybe your neighbor is an electrician or your sister is an orthopedist. Encourage her to ask how they use school subjects at work.

She may discover that electricians read manuals and diagrams and that orthopedists need science to understand patients' bones and to diagnose and treat injuries.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Put salad on the map

What does your child's dinner salad have to do with geography? Make one together, and he can find out.

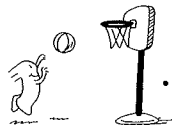
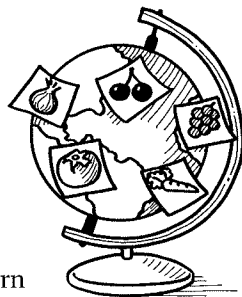
1. Ask your youngster to write a shopping list for salad ingredients.

2. At the grocery store, have him read stickers to learn where each ingredient comes from (tomatoes from Mexico, cucumbers from California). Can he find anything grown in your area?

3. At home, encourage him to look at a world map and locate the state or country where each ingredient was grown. He could sketch each food on a sticky note and place it where it belongs on a globe, an atlas, or a map.

4. Let your child help you wash the vegetables, slice them, and toss with his favorite dressing. Now it's time to eat!

Idea: Next time, let him make and map a fruit salad.♥



Q & A

Keeping track of papers

Q: My son's room is a mess—which wasn't a big problem until he started losing schoolwork and getting frustrated when he couldn't find things. How can I help?

A: The good news is that even if your son's room is cluttered, he won't lose papers if he keeps them in his backpack.

He should take homework assignments out of his bag when he's ready to work on them and put them right back in after he's finished. If he has a graded test or a permission slip for you to sign, have him hand it directly to you instead of putting it in a pile where it may get overlooked.

You could also help your son develop a system for organizing work that he needs to keep. He might use stacked plastic trays or file folders—one for each subject.

Once he sees how much easier it is to find papers, he just may be ready to tackle the rest of his room so it's organized, too!♥



A co-parenting team

If you're divorced, you may worry about how the situation will affect your child's schooling. Youngsters tend to adjust better if they see their parents working as a team, so try these suggestions for building a good co-parenting relationship:

● Find a way to communicate about your child's schooling. For example, some parents feel email works best. *Tip:* Mention your conversations to your youngster. ("I told your dad about your citizenship award. We're both proud of you!")

● Attend school events. Your child will probably want to hang out with both of you during a math night or an art fair. Focus on her, and avoid bringing up difficult subjects (finances, custody).

● Be sure to both look over report cards and other important papers that come home. You might

make a copy for the other parent or ask if the school will send home duplicates. Try to agree on a plan for handling grades.♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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FACS SPOTLIGHT

PBL (Project-Based Learning)

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

Home Living - color harmonies, flooring, and wall coverings.

Senior Skills - financial units covering banking, savings, investing, and credit

Foods 2 - meat, poultry, fish preparation skills

8th Grade Careers Class - Exploring IT and Manufacturing Careers

Child Development class - Prenatal development and the stages of pregnancy. Students will be “parents” as part of this unit.



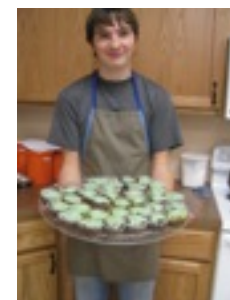
The class competed in “Choice of Chocolate” Junior contest and placed first place.



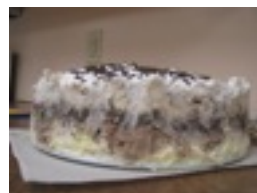
Making slime



Making sand bottles



Amazing Mint Oreo Cupcakes



Ice Cream Cake

Check out my school website for more class pictures!

**February LCS Week Events
February 9-13**



Green Shirt Day

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast



Spoons Tournament



Valentine Balloons

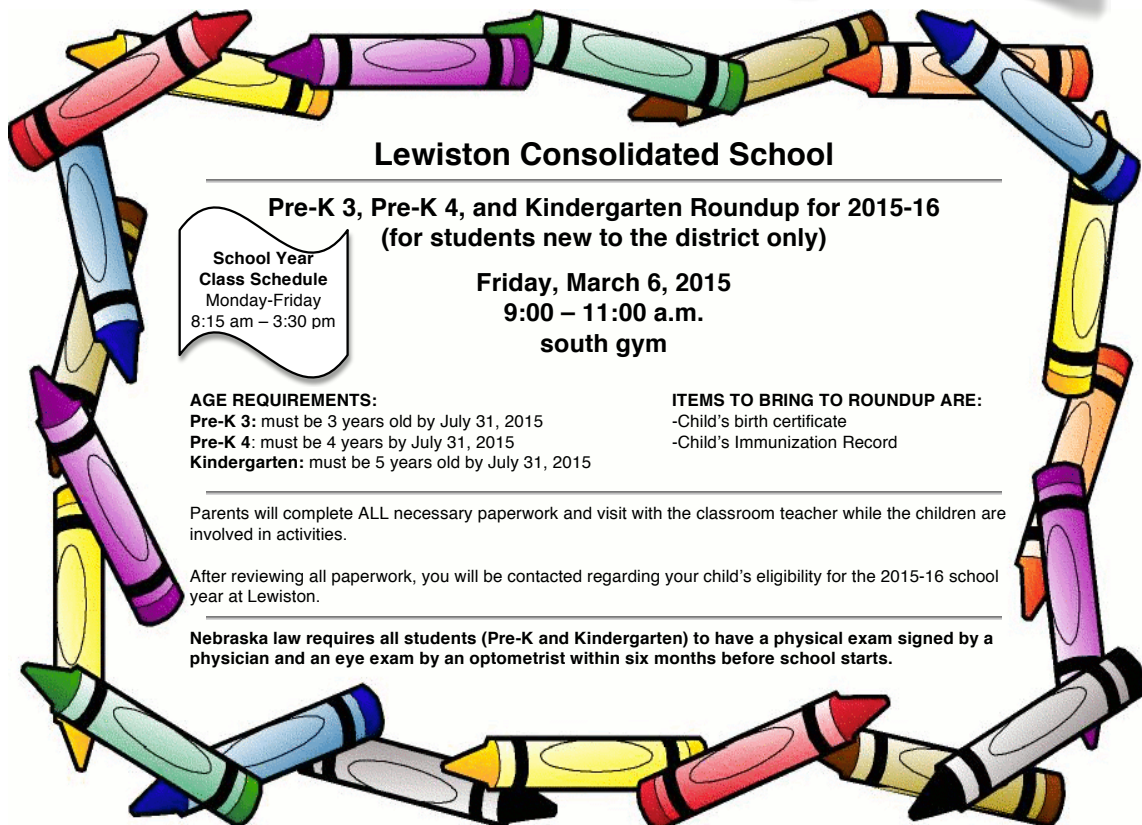


Health and Hygiene

by Ms. Kuhns

PreKindergarten 3

With February being Dental Health month, Pre-K 3 took the opportunity to learn about their teeth and other body parts. As part of this unit, students spent time completing the following items: making mouths, painting with toothbrushes and floss, breathing in and out with straws, checking heart rates, creating skin, matching weights, washing hands with the proper sequence, smelling different scented cotton balls, and tasting various foods. One of the biggest projects students had a hand in involved soaking eggs and candy in vinegar and cola to see the effects of sugar and acid on our teeth. The other major science project involved learning about our stomach and making "vomit." To the right are a few pictures of all the fun we had learning!



Lewiston Consolidated School

Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten Roundup for 2015-16
(for students new to the district only)

School Year
Class Schedule
Monday-Friday
8:15 am – 3:30 pm

Friday, March 6, 2015
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
south gym

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Pre-K 3: must be 3 years old by July 31, 2015
Pre-K 4: must be 4 years old by July 31, 2015
Kindergarten: must be 5 years old by July 31, 2015

ITEMS TO BRING TO ROUNDUP ARE:

-Child's birth certificate
-Child's Immunization Record

Parents will complete ALL necessary paperwork and visit with the classroom teacher while the children are involved in activities.

After reviewing all paperwork, you will be contacted regarding your child's eligibility for the 2015-16 school year at Lewiston.

Nebraska law requires all students (Pre-K and Kindergarten) to have a physical exam signed by a physician and an eye exam by an optometrist within six months before school starts.



FFA NEWS



Vet Supply Company Offers FFA Assistance

The veterinarian supply company Zoetis is offering financial assistance to area FFA Chapters. The new program is called, "The Industry Support Program" and is going on now until April 30, 2015. Producers with cattle and equine who use Zoetis products can indicate the company donations go to the FFA Chapter of their choice.

Lewiston FFA Advisor Dave Barnard has additional information including the national chapter number that would be needed to make a donation. Since 2008, Zoetis has donated over \$6.5 million to FFA Chapters. More details regarding the program can be obtained by visiting zoetisUScom/industrysupport.

Lewiston FFA Competes At District Contests

The Lewiston FFA Chapter had a fine showing at the District 1 FFA Leadership Skills Events on Jan. 27th. The competition was held at the SCC-Beatrice campus. There are 15 Southeast Nebraska schools in the District. The contests were State Qualifying events for the April 8-10th, 2015 Nebraska FFA Contests in Lincoln. The top two teams or individuals qualify for state. The top three team members or individual received medals. Thirteen contests were conducted.

The Lewiston Ag Demonstration team of Cari Howell, Brooke Wehrbein, Ryan Husa and Dalton Anderson brought home the championship and a purple ribbon. Their topic was, "Problem Birth in Cattle".

In Creed Speaking, Megan Wehrbein earned a 4th place blue ribbon and Miah Fulton earned a red ribbon.

Dalton Anderson qualified for state with his 2nd place purple in Cooperative Speaking. Skyler Salts earned a 4th place blue in Natural Resources Speaking.

Sophomore Cari Howell placed 2nd in Junior Public Speaking and qualified for state. She received a purple ribbon.

Junior High students Dana Christen and Reesa Wilcox qualified for state with 1st and 2nd purple ribbons in AG Literacy Speaking. Dana spoke on the "Beef Industry" and Reesa's topic was on, "GMO's".

Eighth grader, Logan Anderson, placed 3rd and received a blue ribbon on his "Dairy Industry" topic.

In the Job Interview competition seniors Brooke Wehrbein and Tyler Keyes received blue ribbons and Trevor Husa earned a red.

The Junior High Ag Quiz Bowl Team of Treyton Hippen, Dana Christen, Ryan Hunt, Reesa Wilcox and Logan Anderson won the championship and will go to Lincoln.

The Lewiston FFA thanks all the individuals who helped prep the agriculture education students.



(Above) District Championship Ag Demonstration Team: Ryan Husa, Cari Howell, Brooke Wehrbein, and Dalton Anderson -- State Qualifier

(Below -- L to R) Skyler Salts; 4th Place Blue in Natural Resources Speaking; Cari Howell: 2nd Place Purple in Junior Public Speaking and State Qualifier; Dalton Anderson: 2nd Place Purple in Cooperative Speaking and State Qualifier



(Above) District Champion Junior High Ag Quiz Bowl: Back row -- Logan Anderson, Ryan Hunt, Treyton Hippen; Front Row -- Dana Christen and Reesa Wilcox --State Qualifier



FFA NEWS



FFA State Officer Visits Lewiston

The Lewiston FFA Chapter hosted State FFA Vice-President, Brandon Nichols at Lewiston Schools February 16th. Mr. Nichols is a freshman Ag Economics major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His hometown is Bridgeport, NE.

Brandon spent the day visiting junior and senior high classes. His topics centered on careers, interviewing and transitions to college. He assisted Advisor Dave Barnard at the school honors convocation in the morning.

Brandon and his 2014-15 Nebraska State FFA Officer team will retire at the April 10th FFA Convention in Lincoln. There are seven state officers. The statewide visits are funded in part by the Nebraska Corn Board.



Wehrbein, Keyes Apply for State FFA Degree

Two Lewiston High School Agriculture Education students have applied for the State FFA Degree. The seniors are Brooke Wehrbein, daughter of Jeff & Tracie Wehrbein of Burchard and Tyler Keyes, son of Darren & Johanna Keyes of Tecumseh.

The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Nebraska State FFA Association can bestow. A member must be a senior or one year out of high school to apply. They must have a "C" academic average, submit two years of financial record books, interview with a board of ag education instructors and pass an oral and written test. In addition the applicant must earn 500 leadership points, participate in ten school and/or community activities, serve as an officer or committee chair and volunteer for 25 hours of community service. The student must be versed in parliamentary procedure and public speaking.

The Lewiston Chapter has not had a State Degree recipient since 2005 according to the Nebraska Dept. of Education. State Degree ceremonies will be conducted at the State FFA Convention in Lincoln on April 10th at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Mr. John Robison and Mr. Dave Barnard have served as the candidates Advisors.



March





2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 --BBB District Final TBA --District CDE's	4	5 --Bloodmobile 2-7 pm lunch room --Family Literacy Night 6-8 pm in south gym --Girls State Basketball Tourney	6 -- NO SCHOOL --Teacher In-Service --PK 3, PK 4, and Kindergarten Roundup 9-11 am south gym (new students only) --Girls State Basketball Tourney	7 --Girls State Basketball Tourney 
8 --Daylight Saving Time Begins 	9 --Pioneer Speech at Lourdes Central 9 am	10	11	12 --End of 3 rd Quarter --Boys State Basketball Tourney	13 -- NO SCHOOL - vacation day --Boys State Basketball Tourney	14 --LCS at Kawasaki Walk at Filley 9 am --Boys State Basketball Tourney
15	16 --Begin 4 th Quarter --LCS March of Dimes Fundraiser (Monday-Friday)	17 --District Speech at Meridian --St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 -- 12:30 Dismissal --Pioneer Conf. High School Quiz Bowl at Lewiston 2 pm --HS Track at Doane Indoor 12 pm	20 --Reading Classic at Pawnee City Library 9am 	21
22	23 --Pioneer JH Quiz Bowl at Johnson-Brock TBA	24 --MUDECAS Music at Pawnee City	25 --MUDECAS Quiz Bowl at SCC 10 am	26 --HS Track at Pioneer Indoor at Doane 9 am	27 --D1/D2 State Speech at Kearney	28
29	30 --HS Golf at Auburn Invite 9 am	31				

LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

MARCH 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 CHICKEN NUGGETS BAKED BEANS VEGETABLES/FRUIT	3 CHEESEBURGER BISCUIT BAKE VEGETABLES/FRUIT	4 RIB SANDWICH IN WG BUN SUNCHIPS VEGETABLES/FRUIT COOKIE	5 BEEF FIESTADA PIZZA SALAD MIX VEGETABLES/FRUIT	6 NO SCHOOL ☺
9 LASAGNA SALAD MIX GARLIC BREAD VEGETABLES/FRUIT	10 HOT HAM/CHEESE IN WG BUN VEGETABLES/FRUIT BROWNIE	11 BEEF/CHEESE ENCHILADA SALAD MIX VEGETABLES/FRUIT	12 CHICKEN SANDWICH IN WG BUN DORITOS VEGETABLES/FRUIT	13 NO SCHOOL ☺
16 CHICKEN NOODLES OVER POTATOES VEGETABLES/FRUIT DINNER ROLLS	17 MEAT LOAF SCALLOPED POTATOES BREAD/BUTTER VEGETABLES/FRUIT	18 TACO CASSEROLE SALAD MIX BREAD/ STICKS VEGETABLES/FRUIT	19 SUB SANDWICH CHEETOS VEGETABLES/FRUIT	20 BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH ☺
23 RUNZA CASSEROLE SALAD MIX VEGETABLES/FRUIT CAKE	24 CHICKEN MANDARINE PK TO 5 CHICKEN NUGGETS RICE VEGETABLES/FRUIT	25 MINI CORN DOGS HASH BROWN PATTY VEGETABLES/FRUIT	26 HAMBURGER ON WG BUN BAKED BEANS VEGETABLES/FRUIT COOKIE	27 SPAGHETTI AND SAUCE/NO MEAT SALAD MIX GARLIC/STICKS
30 TACO SOFT SHELL SPICE FRIES VEGETABLES/FRUIT BROWNIE	31 PIG IN A BLANKET SMILEY FRIES VEGETABLES/FRUIT			

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-FRIDAY
CHOICE OF CEREALS, JUICES, YOGURT, FRUIT, AND HOT BREAKFAST ITEM

**Milk served with all meals

**Menus subject to change

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Thursday, March 5 – Family Literacy Night – 6 to 8 p.m. in South Gym

Friday, March 6 – NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 13 – NO SCHOOL

Thursday, March 19 – 12:30 Dismissal / NO PreK