# Lewiston Consolidated Schools Newsletter



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## **Grab And Go Meals!**

Lewiston Consolidated Schools COVID-19 Breakfast and Lunch Program

Free breakfast and lunch will be provided until school resumes or the 19-20 school year ends.

Free breakfast and Lunch will be provided for any child between the age of 1-18.

A parent or guardian must notify the school how many children you need meals for.

Once you have reported the number of children you need meals for, you will not have to call in again, simply show up on Tuesday to pick up your meals.

5 days' worth of breakfast and lunch meals can be picked up every Tuesday at Lewiston Consolidated Schools from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM or 5:00 PM -7:00 PM.

There is NO application process and EVERY child is eligible regardless of income.

Questions, please call the school and leave a message at 402-865-4675 or e-mail crowland@lewistonschool.net





These students dressed up as "Cat in the Hat" characters during Dr. Seuss week for Theodore Thursday.



Eight "Cindy Lou" girls came to school On March 5 in celebration of Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

## Lewiston Consolidated 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Superior Honor Roll**: Levi Meybrunn, Shaylyn Salts; **Honor Roll:** Caleb Bredemeier; **Honorable Mention**: Dana Christen

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Superior Honor Roll: Masyn Arena, Jaszmyne Charles, Hayden Christen, Jonathan Janssen; Honor Roll: Savannah Anderson, Kelsay Bledsaw; Honorable Mention: Mathew Barker, Autumn Packett.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Superior Honor Roll:** Kienen Creek, David McKay; **Honor Roll**: Madison Baker, Case Carel, Rebecca deKoning; **Honorable Mention**: Ethan Bohling, Abel Gonzalez, Ethan Horne

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Superior Honor Roll**: Emma deKoning, Jaqueline Mullins, Katelyn Sanders, Carleigh Weyers, Persefenie Woutzke; **Honor Roll**: Ty Arena, Ean Rule, Meagan Sanders

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Superior Honor Roll**: Leah Christen, Jaxon Janssen; **Honor Roll**: Tristan Ray, Caleb Rule, Mikayla Woutzke; **Honorable Mention**: Brady Bledsaw, Charidise Minzel

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Honor Roll: Ashlynn Anderson, Lillian Hines; Honorable Mention: Elijah Bredemeier, Ashton Sanders

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Honor Roll**: Taven Borcher, Madeline Janssen, Jayden Nickels, Bo Parde, Cooper Swendener, Jazmine Thomsen

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**High Honor Roll**: Tana Antons, Darrien Howe, Adelyn Sisco; **Honor Roll**: Aisilynn Campbell, Evan Christen, Justice Currie, Brady Nelson, Brenan Nickels, Libby Smith, Cashton Steinacher

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**High Honor Roll**: Savannah Cutshall, Brock Janssen, Kessa Phillips, Colter Steinacher, Camden Swendener; **Honor Roll**: Bryleigh Crouse, Payton Heideman, Adrianna Lampe, Devyn Shepherd, Jordan Turner, Grady Weyers

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

High Honor Roll: Adelai Meyer, Issabel Meyers, Mia Shinn; Honor Roll: Ethan Peck

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**High Honor Roll**: Kason Deane, Brooklyn Eggert, Blake Parde, Ruby Rinne, Aubrey Sisco; **Honor Roll**: Braxton Eagleburger, Dalton Heideman,, Kaitlyn Lehmann, Jake Tinsley

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

High Honor Roll: Chloe Bogues, Sunday Bowhay; Honor Roll: Landon Rohmeyer, Michael Schwandt, Liam Swendener, Kason Virden



## Lewiston FFA State Qualifers

Eleven Lewiston FFA members competed at the District Career Development Events on Tuesday, March 3rd at Southeast Community College in Beatrice. Several teams earned state qualifying honors.

The veterinary science team of Dana Christen, Masyn Arena, Kelsay Bledsaw, and Emma deKoning placed 2nd. Masyn won the individual portion of the vet science event, and Dana placed second overall.

In agricultural technology and mechanics, the team of Levi Meybrunn, Caleb Bredemeier, Chaz Wilgers and Cayd Wilgers placed 4th in the team rankings and qualified for the state event.

The livestock management team also qualified for state. Team members include Becca deKoning, Masyn Arena, Kelsay Bledsaw, Emma deKoning, and Dana Christen.

On February 26th, the welding team of Levi Meybrunn, Caleb Bredemeier, Cayd Wilgers, and Daniel Gonzalez also punched their ticket to the state event with a 5th place finish in the district competition at SCC-Lincoln.



The Lewiston FFA Welding team: Daniel Gonzalez placed second in SMAW, Levi Meybrunn placed 7th in TIG, Caleb Bredemeier placed 11th in MIG, and Cayd Wilgers finished 7th in Oxy/Acetylene.



The Lewiston FFA Livestock Management team of (L to R) Dana Christen, Masyn Arena, Kelsay Bledsaw, Emma de Koning, and Becca de Koning placed 4th at districts. Dana, Masyn, Kelsay, and Emma were also a part of the 2nd place Veterinary Science team.



Placing fourth and qualifying for the state FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanics CDE is Levi Meybrunn, Caleb Bredemeier, Chaz Wilgers and Cayd Wilgers, of the Lewiston FFA Chapter.

#### Lewiston Consolidated Schools School Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Lewiston School Board District 69 was held on Monday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was open to the public and preceded in notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Rule and he verbally acknowledged the Open Meetings Law poster on the wall and that the meeting was recorded. Roll call found the following members to be present: Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey and Sisco. Excused Absence: none. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Jay Spearman from Piper Jaffary, and several visitors.

The agenda was reviewed. Moved by Schuster and seconded by Searcey "to approve the agenda as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Husa "to approve the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The treasurer's report was presented by Steve Janssen, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Discussion was held. Moved by Husa and seconded by Sisco "to approve the March treasurer's report, March payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$311,546.71, and the transfer of \$3,500.00 from Main Street Bank General Fund to the Main Street Bank Lunch Fund and \$12,100.00 from Pinnacle Bank General Fund to Pinnacle Bank Nutrition Fund." Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen, Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Sisco "to approve the 2020-2021 Negotiated Agreement as presented and approved by the Lewiston Education Association." Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

No action was taken regarding the 2019-2020 master school calendar.

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Moved by Searcey and seconded by Husa "to approve the low bid submitted by Johnson Controls Inc. in Omaha, NE in the amount of \$353,510.00 to replace HVAC rooftop units." Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

No action was taken regarding 2019-2020 extended summer contracts.

Moved by Husa and seconded by Janssen "to approve a resolution approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the lease-purchase agreement between the Board of Education of Pawnee County School District 0069 (Lewiston Consolidated Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") and NASB Leasing Cooperation with respect to the acquisition and financing of HVAC equipment for use by the District and approving and adopting a tax-exempt financing compliance procedure". Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, and Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

No action was taken regarding the Lewiston Pee Wee Basketball Program.

Discussion was held reading the proposed new track, the proposed new football field, and the proposed new AG building.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent provided information from the Commissioner of Education and the Governor of Nebraska regarding the state recommendations and the district's COVID-19 plan of action. It was discussed and determined that all certified and none certified school employees will continue to receive their regular pay and an action plan will be created by each employee. The impact of COVID-19 on the district's day to day operations and its employees will be reviewed at the regular board meeting in April, 2020.

Juli Smith, Principal, shared several informational items related to student activities and achievement.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, shared information about the upcoming board election, NRCSA Spring Conference, Lewiston's Facebook page, and the district's reserves.

Board Committee report – No reports at this time.

Moved by Husa and seconded by Sisco "to adjourn at 9:29 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield Board Secretary, Dist. #69

# Híghlíghts from Read Across Ameríca Week!



Payton Hurley, third grade, reads to Juslynne Thomsen, kindergarten, during the DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time March 2.



Fifth graders Addie Sisco and Evan Christen performed as green eggs and ham during the play March 6<sup>th</sup>.





Maddie Janssen and Taven Borcher, sixth graders, were "Sam's friend" and "Sam I Am" for the play which was shared with the elementary.



Cashton Steinacher, fifth grade, reads to Brekyn Weyers, kindergarten, in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.





This group of students performed "Green Eggs and Ham." Two students from each grade practiced for several weeks with the help of Pandora Worthey, Coutney Elle, and Allana Deane.

#### **Students Reaching AR Goal**

Twenty-four students reached their Accelerated Reading goal for third quarter. The elementary students will receive a free taco from Taco Johns, and the high school students will receive a \$5.00 gift card to Taco Johns.

The 2nd grade class will receive donuts for having the highest percentage reaching their goal. Cooper Swendener will receive a \$10 gift card to Taco Johns for having the most points (67.1) and for reaching the highest percentage of his goal (244.8%).

These rewards will be distributed once school is back in session.

1st Grade: Liam Swendener, Kason Virden. 2nd Grade: Kason Deane, Braxton Eagleburger, Brooklyn Eggert, Dalton Heideman, Trenton Laflin, Kaitlyn Lehmann, Blake Parde, Ruby Rinne, Aubrey Sisco, Owen Wehrbein. 3rd Grade: Adelai Meyer, Issabel Meyers, Chase Rule. 4th Grade: Jacelynn Cloyd, Savannah Cutshall, Colter Steinacher, Camden Swendener, Jordan Turner 6th Grade: Maddie Janssen, Cooper Swendener 9th Grade: Lynn Blanchard. 10th Grade: Rebecca deKoning

### 2019-20 Lewiston Reading Classic Teams



### **READING CLASSIC**

Fifteen Lewiston students were planning to compete in the Pawnee County Reading Classic competition March 20. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the contest had to be canceled.

The elementary teams had been meeting weekly during their noon recess since the beginning of October to review the books they had been reading for the contest.

I am so proud of their willingness to read and compete for our school!

#### **Division I Teams:**

"Imagine Dragons"Adelai Meyer, Issabel Meyer, Ethan Peck, Mia Shinn"Rad Readers"Jacelynn Cloyd, Bryleigh Crouse, Jordan Turner

Division II Team:

"Wild Readers"

Tana Antons, Justice Currie, Carly Furrow, Adelyn Sisco, Jazmine Thomsen





## Counselor's Currents



#### Seniors...It's decision time!

Here's how to make your final college decision.

Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:

**Location** – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

**Cost** – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in student and parent loans will you need to borrow to cover expenses?

Academic program – Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?

**Student life** – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? If you plan to live on campus, do you like the housing arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.





#### April "To Do" List

#### Seniors

- \_\_\_\_ Continue applying for scholarships.
- \_\_\_\_ Make your final college decision.
- \_\_\_\_ Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- \_\_\_\_ Start looking for a summer job.

#### Juniors

- Register by May 8 for the June 13 ACT.
- Start looking for scholarships.

# Juniors... these questions will help you narrow your college choices

By picking your top colleges now, you'll be better prepared to apply for the financial aid and college application processes early next fall. Start by answering these questions:

#### What do you want to study?

Explore your career interests and then research colleges that offer programs in areas you may want to pursue. Use college selection tools like College Profiles at **EducationQuest.org**.

#### What kind of school do you want to attend?

Do you prefer a large university or a small college? Are you interested in a community college? What kind of student/teacher ratio do you want?

#### Where do you want to go to college?

Do you want to live close to home or far away? Do you want to be in a major city or a small town? How big of a factor is out-ofstate or private school tuition? If you want to go out of state, investigate programs like the Midwest Student Exchange Program which may provide discounted tuition.

#### What can you afford?

Consider overall costs: tuition, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses (see "Nebraska College Costs" at EducationQuest.org). Determine what you and your parents can afford to pay out-of-pocket and plan to apply for financial aid to help make up the difference. Calculate the loan debt you and your parents may need to incur to pay for your college education.

For more details, see Selecting a College at **EducationQuest.org**.



### READING ENRICHMENT IDEAS MS. DEANE - TITLE I

#### KINDERGARTEN

NISTON

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Have your child find as many things in a room that start with a specific letter sound. Ask your child to break up all the sounds in words. (cat = /c/ /a/ /t/) Make flashcards with letters and practice the name of the letter and the sound it makes.

#### **1**ST GRADE

Make flashcards using the following sight words. See how many words your child knows in a minute. You can also make 2 sets and have your child play the memory game with them.

always, about, is, could, our, we, light, people, want, along, every, only, air, right, water, many, said, were, might, saw, what, most, give, who, something, great, because, there, would, year, of, they, away, often, any, your, high, you, here, both, night

#### 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH GRADES

Make a chart that shows how many words your child can read in one minute. Each day, challenge him/her to beat their last score. Ask your child to tell you what the story is about.

#### Goals for each grade based on DIBELS testing

Grade level	Words per minute	Words when retelling a story
2 <sup>nd</sup>	87	27
3 <sup>rd</sup>	100	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	115	33
5 <sup>th</sup>	130	36
6 <sup>th</sup>	120	32

If you are looking for parent resources, I recommend this website. The At-Home-Plan has a lot of great ideas and games to help students continue to build reading skills during this time. https://www.education.ne.gov/nebraskareads/communication-resources/#parents

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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# **BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!**



Hunter Wiles checks out the book fair. A big thanks goes to everyone for helping us reach our \$2500 goal. We were able to get \$1750 in books for our classroom libraries, school library, and the books given to students that reached their AR goal!



Camden Swendener won the jar of peanuts for the book fair challenge. He guessed 495 and there were 492!

# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE READING CHALLENGE



Ms. Lick's 3rd grade class at Lewiston Elementary is participating in an Idita"Read" challenge. The challenge is a reading project, held during the time of the Iditarod Dog Sled Race, that challenges students to read. For approximately three weeks, students will keep track of the numbers of minutes read. For every minute a student reads, they move their sled one mile closer to the finish line. To reach Nome, the finishing point for the Iditarod, students must read close to 1000 minutes.

Students have also chosen a musher to follow during the actual race. They researched a musher and wrote a biography about him/her. Each day, students use their Chromebooks to see which checkpoint their musher is at, how many dogs they have running, and what place their musher is in.

According to Ms.Lick, students have excitedly embraced this activity. They created a poster to hang in the hallway showing the checkpoints along the race route and wrote an explanation of how the challenge works. Students are working hard to move their sled, mile by mile (or minute by minute) closer to the finish line. LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL County of Pawnee School District #69 306 Tiger Avenue Lewiston, NE 68380 402-865-4675

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