



Lewiston Consolidated School District Newsletter September 2014



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Superintendent's Message

Six years ago a commitment was made by the board of education and Lewiston alumni Dr. Curt Wischmeier and his wife Susan to start a 4 year old pre-school program. The goal at that time was to increase the number of students attending elementary at Lewiston and to provide educational opportunities for pre-school age students. The impact of that initiative and the board's decision last year to expand early childhood programming, again with the generosity of Dr. Curt & Susan Wischmeier has resulted in the number of early childhood students in pre-school and Kindergarten reaching an all time high, with the Kindergarten class now holding the distinction of being the largest class in the district.

To continue increasing the number of students attending the district and improve academic offerings the board of education passed a motion at their August board meeting to approve a 1.2 million dollar facility improvement project. The project will include the addition of two new early childhood classrooms, science room, art room, and life safety systems. Preliminary plans for funding the project will include a \$250,000 anonymous donation, approximately \$300,000 levied in the Special Building Fund, and approximately \$500,000 levied in the QCPUF Fund. The number of years the project will be financed has yet to be determined by the board of education. Drawings of the new facilities may be viewed and picked up at the school office.

Another exciting change for the district is the new web page. Starting September 2nd access to the district's new web page can be located at www.lewistonconsolidated.org. I encourage you to tour the site and become familiar with its content. As we progress through the school year, teachers, administration, school related organizations, and links to important sources of information will be added to the site. The new web page will provide you all the news, scheduling, and data information necessary to stay informed.

Lastly, once again the news media has reminded us of the importance of transporting children to and from school safely. The district's bus drivers and administration review and revise current practice and procedures to ensure student safety. I would like to encourage parents to take time to discuss these safe transportation related rules with your children. A few important rules to remember while riding the bus are listed on the next page and a complete listing of transportation information is included in your child's student handbook. Parental support is a key ingredient for keeping our students safe on the bus.

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Lewiston Consolidated
School's new website will be
up and running on
September 2, 2014.



Check it out at
www.lewistonconsolidated.org

Superintendent's Message *continued*

WHILE RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

- The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students. Students shall comply promptly and cheerfully with the drivers requests.
- Upon entering the bus, the student shall immediately be seated. The driver may assign seats to the students. Seats may not be reserved by students. Students are to remain seated. Arms and legs are not to be extended into the aisle.
- Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed by students. Any pupil who is guilty of unbecoming conduct may forfeit the right to ride on the bus.
- During the bus trip, students must remain in their seats.
- Teasing, scuffling, grabbing, hitting or using hands, feet or body in an inappropriate manner which can cause distraction or injury to occupants of the bus is not permitted.
- No part of a student's body shall be extended through a bus window. Windows and doors are opened or closed only by permission of the bus driver.
- Damage to the bus by a student shall be reported to the driver. In cases of malicious damage, the school district expects to be compensated for the damage.
- Students wishing to ride the bus on a temporary basis are required to get permission from the principal's office by submitting a written request stating the date, time, and reason for the request prior to boarding.
- It is important to remember that pick up times may vary depending on the number of students riding each day. The number of students riding each day "does" vary and this "does" impact times, please be advised of this fact and plan accordingly.

Lastly, one of the most important factors regarding the safety of our children is communication. The administration encourages bus drivers to keep the lines of communication open with parents regarding day to day occurrences on the bus when necessary and we encourage parents to contact bus drivers and administration anytime you have questions or concerns.

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.



Book Fair Set for September 29 through October 3

By Debbie Goossen

"Sir Readalot's Castle: Enter the Kingdom of Books" Scholastic book fair will be held September 29 through October 3 in the school library. Students will be able to purchase books during the school day.

The book fair will be held during parent/teacher conferences October 3. The proceeds from the fair are used to purchase books for classroom libraries and the school library. Parents may purchase books for their student's classroom through the "Classroom Wish List" program.

Books may also be purchased through the scholastic webpage: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/lewistonelementaryschool1>

Any parent who would be willing to volunteer with helping at the book fair can notify me at the school.

~Counselor Connection~

Junior and Senior Information

All Lewiston juniors and seniors were given a "to do" list in August to help them prepare for their post-high school plans. Extra copies are on the bulletin board outside the counselor's office. In addition, any junior or senior planning to take the ACT can pick up an ACT booklet and ACT testing schedule from Ms. Hermsmeier. The booklet contains sample ACT questions as well as information on how to prepare for the test day.

Elementary Guidance

The elementary has had a great start to the school year in guidance class. In August, some of the topics we covered in guidance class were following directions, listening, and goals for the school year. In September, we will be starting our Character Counts topics with trustworthiness. I am looking forward to have another great year with your elementary student in guidance class.



Colter Steinacher works on a craft with his mom, Dana Steinacher, during the "Fizz, Boom, Read" summer reading program. Twenty-seven children participated in the four sessions held in the school library.

Important Dates to Remember

Mon., Sept. 1 -- NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Thurs. Sept. 4 -- PTO Meeting in library 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 10 -- Red Cross Bloodmobile 2-7 p.m. in lunchroom

Friday, Sept. 19 -- 12:30 Early Dismissal (No Pre-K)

Tues., Sept. 30 -- Lifetouch School Picture Retakes 8 a.m.

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.



September 2014 Lunch Money Amounts

Full Breakfast	Pre-K to 6th Lunch	7th to 12th Lunch	Reduced Breakfast	Reduced Lunch	Snack Milk
\$31.50	\$47.25	\$57.75	\$6.30	\$8.40	\$8.00

Professional development this summer centered around CTE (Career Technical Education) and Marzano Learning Workshops. The following are key developments from the summer:



First Semester FACS Classes:

- ◆ Nebraska FCS has a new look this summer. FCS is now Family And Consumer Sciences (FACS) to better align with the national FACS. A new logo and mission statement was released at NCE in June.
- ◆ Family and Consumer Science standards tied to Career Education Standards and Nebraska State Standards have been completed and classes are becoming aligned to these standards.
- ◆ Nebraska Career Education Conference in Kearney workshops stressed the importance of student input, high expectations, and encouraging students to acquire specialized skills needed in the work force.
- ◆ Nine staff at Lewiston was privileged to be one of the 10 schools that are learning Marzano strategies to increase student learning and achievement. Continued trainings are scheduled in September and February.

JH Study Hall
 Teen Living
 Textiles
 Foods
 Quick-n-Easy Foods
 Intro to Food Service
 Family Relationships



LCS Summer Activities by Students for Communities

June 18 Blood Drive

Chairman: Brianna Barker
 Assistants: Anastasia Barker, Krystal Neumann, Kaitlin Areana

Collected 20 units of blood for the Red Cross.

July 9,16 Donations for Wisner-Pilger Middle School

Chairman: Cydney Howell
 Assistants: Cari Howell, Krystal Neumann, Brianna and Anastasia Barker, Taylor Swisher, Kaitlin Arena, Tyler Keyes, Dalton Anderson, Karlea Novousky, Brooke Wehrbein

Collected school supplies and donations for the W-P Middle school totaling more then \$1400.



Future Blood Drive Dates:

***September 10 in the School Lunchroom**
Call 402-865-4675 for appointment



LEWISTON FFA CONDUCTS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Lewiston FFA Chapter welcomed a new Advisor, conducted monthly meetings and planned a full year of events for the new school year this summer.

President Brooke Wehrbein called to order three monthly meetings this summer. In June the Chapter invited incoming eighth graders to the meeting. An officer workshop in June was used to outline the 2014-15 Program of Activities. Mr. Dave Barnard was introduced as the new FFA Advisor. Other members on the officer team include Vice-President Trevor Husa, Secretary Dalton Anderson, Reporter Megan Wehrbein, Treasurer Tyler Keyes, Sentinel Austin Zyla, and Parliamentarian Ryan Husa.

In June, the membership picked up trash along Hwy 4 north of town for four miles. A hotdog lunch followed the activity.

In July the membership entered a float in the Pawnee County Fair. Mr. John Robison pulled a hay rack through the parade in Pawnee City with eight members on board. The hay rack was a spring renovation project in the Lewiston Ag Shop. Mr. Robison's tractor was a John Deere that the Ag Mechanics class reconditioned last year. Six members exhibited livestock at the fair.

Mr. Robison sponsored an officer outing to Lincoln where six members enjoyed laser tag in July.

At the August Executive meeting the officers planned an Ag Orientation for 8th and 9th graders on August 21st, set-up a monthly Safety Promotion agenda and discussed fund raising.

Kindergarten 2014-2015 is a mighty class of 18! There are 11 boys and 7 girls who are very energetic and busy! So far, we have been refreshing our memories on how to write our names, reviewing letters and numbers and the correct formations, relearning the uppercase and lowercase letters, and working on writing numbers on a calendar.

We have a busy, but fun schedule! Our para this year is Amanda Rath, and she is a wonderful asset to the Kindergarten classroom. We plan to have a great school year filled with activities to make us awesome readers by the end of the school year!



Back row, left to right: Addy Sisco, Dru Breeden, Tana Antons, Ethan Cerveny, Zackery Ayala, Brady Nelson, Libby Smith, Calla Harris
Middle row: Braxton Houseman, Evan Christen, Zeus Phroper, Tyson Cerveny, Edynne Chace,
Front row: Colt Little, Sara Wiles, Justice Curry, Brenan Nickels, Cashton Steinacher






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 library 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

SEPTEMBER 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 	2 CHICKEN SANDWICH BAKED FRIES FRUIT/VEGETABLES CAKE	3 TATER TOT CASSEROLE SALAD MIX SOFT BREAD STICKS FRUIT/VEGETABLES	4 HAM POTATOES/GRAVY DINNER ROLL VEGETABLES/FRUIT	5 SMOKIES STEAK FRIES BAKED BEANS VEGETABLES/FRUIT
8 MEATBALL SUB SALAD MIX FRUIT/VEGETABLES	9 CHEESEBURGER BISCUIT BAKE VEGETABLES/FRUIT CAKE	10 CHICKEN NOODLES OVER POTATOES DINNER ROLL VEGETABLES/FRUIT	11 OVEN BAKE FRITO PIE SALAD MIX VEGETABLES/FRUIT	12 CHICKEN NUGGETS BAKED FRIES BAKED BEANS FRUIT
15 SLOPPY JO WG BUN CHIPS VEGETABLES/FRUIT COOKIES	16 BREADED PORK PATTY SCALLOPED POTATOES BREAD/BUTTER VEGETABLES/FRUIT	17 POTATO TOPPED BEEF BOWL VEGETABLES/FRUIT BROWNIE	18 LASAGNA SALAD MIX BREAD STICKS VEGETABLES/FRUIT	19 SUB SANDWICH WG CHIPS VEGETABLES/FRUIT
22 CHICKEN MANDARIN PK-5 CHICKEN NUGGETS RICE VEGETABLES/FRUIT	23 CHICKEN ALFREDO WITH&TWIST SALAD MIX VEGETABLES/FRUIT	24 MEATLOAF POTATOES/GRAVY BREAD/BUTTER VEGETABLES/FRUIT	25 CHILI BOAT SALAD MIX CINNAMON ROLL VEETABLES/FRUIT	26 CHICKEN STRIPS BAKED FRIES VEGETABLES/FRUIT NO BAKED COOKIE
29 DORITO CHEESY CHICKEN CASSEROLE SALAD MIX VEGETABLES/FRUIT	30 TACO SOFT SHELL REFRIED BEANS VEGETABLES/FRUIT			

BREAKFAST

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




**Milk served with all meals

**Menus subject to change

September



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 --NO SCHOOL -- LABOR DAY	2	3	4 --VB Triangular at Lewiston w/ Southern and Parkview 5 pm --PTO Meeting in library 6:30 pm	5 --NO FB - BYE week	6
7	8 --JH FB at Palmyra 5 pm	9	10 --JH VB vs. Freeman 1 pm --Bloodmobile 2-7 pm in lunch room 	11 --JV/V VB vs. Diller-Odell 6 pm	12 --V FB at Axtell, KS 7 pm	13 --ACT Test Date --V VB at HTRS Tourney 9 am
14	15 --JH FB at Southern vs. Tri County 4:30 pm --MUDECAS VB Tourney in Beatrice	16 --MUDECAS VB Tourney in Beatrice	17 --SCC College Fair 8:30-10:30 am --JH VB vs. Pawnee City 2:00 pm --Area Range Judging – Johnson Co.	18 --MUDECAS VB Tourney in Beatrice	19 --12:30 pm Early Dismissal --Teacher In-service 1-4pm --NO PRE-K --V FB vs. Meridian 7 pm	20 --JV VB Tourney at Lewiston 9 am --Out of Darkness Walk (LCS) 1-3 pm
21 --Alzheimer's Walk - Lincoln	22	23 --JH VB at NE City Lourdes 3:30 pm --JH FB at Southern vs. Fairbury 4 pm --JV/V VB at Johnson-Brock 6 pm	24	25 --JV/V VB vs. HTRS 5:00 pm	26 --V FB at Lawrence-Nelson 7 pm	27 --V VB at Axtell, KS Tourney 9 am
28	29 --JV VB at JCC Triangular with Sterling 5:30 pm	30 --Lifetouch School Picture Retakes 8 am --JH/JV/V VB at Falls City Sacred Heart 4:30 pm				

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