

Lewiston Consolidated Schools Newsletter

Lewiston Consolidated School
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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 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 Mondays to pick up your meals.

5 days' worth of breakfast and lunch meals can be picked up every **Monday** at Lewiston Consolidated Schools from **5:00 PM -7:00 PM**.

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

If you know of anyone unable to pick up their meals on Monday evenings, please have them contact the school for assistance.

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



YEARBOOK



Yearbook Sales

If you would like to order a 2019-2020 Yearbook send a check in the amount of \$25 per annual to

Lewiston Consolidated Schools, 306 Tiger Ave. Lewiston, NE 68380.

Checks must be written to Lewiston Consolidated Schools **YEARBOOK**.

Juniors and Seniors will again receive one yearbook at no cost.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Asche
kasche@lewistonschools.net

A graphic for Teacher Appreciation Week featuring a red apple with yellow stars, a yellow pencil, and a white notepad with a pencil. The text "Teacher Appreciation Week" is written in large, colorful letters: "Teacher" in green, "Appreciation" in orange, and "Week" in blue.

Teacher Appreciation Week

A decorative border on the left side of the page consists of a vertical string of colorful balloons (red, yellow, orange, red, blue, green, yellow) and confetti. On the right side, there are more balloons (yellow, blue, red) and confetti scattered around the text.

Let's Celebrate!

T hank you for all the
H ours you spend,
A ttention you give,
N eeds that you tend,
K nowledge you pass on,

Y our special touch,
O ffering guidance,
U ndaunted by much,

T ime you spend planning,
E fforts you make,
A ngles to learning,
C hances you take.
H ere's to our teachers,
E ach one a gem.
R ecognized now; we
S alute them!

Lewiston Consolidated Schools School Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Lewiston School Board District 69 was held on Tuesday, April 14th, 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 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, and one visitor.

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

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Searcey “to approve the Masrch 16th, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa, and 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 Schuster “to approve the April treasurer’s report, April payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$268,933.43.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Janssen and seconded by Husa “to approve the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and Epidemic Sickness Resolution as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Husa and seconded by Schuster “to approve a resolution allowing Lewiston Consolidated Schools to shift the district’s student learning from the physical classroom to a distance learning setting from March 16, 2020 to May 19, 2020.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Sisco. Those opposed: none. Motion carried,

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Sisco “to pay all classified staff members their regular wages through May 19, 2020 in exchange for a “return to work agreement”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, and Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Sisco and seconded by Husa “increase all classified staff salaries by an increase of 2% for the 2020-2021 school year”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa and Janssen. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Schuster “to approve the gym floor resurfacing quote provided by Eagan Supply Company in the amount of \$2,366.44”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa, and Rule. Those opposed: Janssen. Motion carried, 5-1.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Husa “to approve the quote provided by Diode Technologies in the amount of \$18,726.53 to replace the district’s telephone system”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the Lewiston Pee Wee Basketball Program. The Lewiston Board of Education and the Lewiston School Foundation will work collaboratively to create bylaws, appoint a program director, and support future programming.

Moved by Rule and seconded by Janssen “to proceed with the planning, designing, and construction of a new vocational / industrial arts building and football field not to exceed a total project cost of 1.1 million dollars”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Sisco, Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the 2020-2021 scheduling of Junior High students and scheduling weight training as part of the Junior High rotation. No formal action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding extra duty summary reports. No formal action was taken.

Juli Smith, Principal, prepared a written report highlighting various educational formats and strategies Lewiston staff are utilizing to continue educational opportunities and enrichment activities for students.


Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, shared information about end-of-year planning, Superintendent’s action plan, Integrity Cleaning’s action plan, proposed buildings and grounds position, and reserves.

Board Committee report – No reports at this time.

Moved by Husa and seconded by Schuster “to adjourn at 10:24 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Sisco. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield
Board Secretary, Dist. #69



Counselor's Currents



College-prep resources to help you through COVID-19

If you need help with the college planning or financial aid processes during these unusual times, check out these resources:

Free help from EducationQuest – Even though their offices are temporarily closed, their college-planning specialists are available to help you. Contact the Lincoln office (402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745) for a free appointment via phone or computer.

Weekly Countdown2College emails for juniors & seniors – Sign up to stay on track to college (<https://www.educationquest.org/countdown2college/>).

Virtual campus tours – Since you can't visit college campuses right now, check out the following list of Nebraska schools that provide virtual tours. (http://www.educationquest.org/pdfs/VirtualTours_NebColleges.pdf)

The college you plan to attend – Check the college's website for COVID-19 information and contact the school if you have questions. Most colleges are providing one-on-one assistance via tools like Zoom, Skype, and FaceTime.

Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

Review these tips before you decide how much to borrow in student loans:

- Borrow only what you need, even if it's less than the amount offered in your award letter.
- Try to use your student loan money *only* for tuition, room and board, books, and fees. Get a part-time job during college to pay other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the FAFSA.
- Continue to look for scholarships while you're in college.
- Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at nsls.ed.gov.

To learn more, read the EducationQuest Blog article: "What is This Student Loan on My Award Letter?" and see the "Paying for College" section at EducationQuest.org.

Juniors... here's your to-do list for May

Narrow your college choices to three or four. If you haven't visited your top choices, take a virtual tour.

Update your *Activities Resume* at EducationQuest.org. Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and part-time jobs.

Look for scholarships. Check out *ScholarshipQuest* at EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships, and pay attention to scholarships current seniors have received.





Tips for Parents During COVID-19 Pandemic

1. **Limit Media and Social Media Exposure** – This is good advice for people of all ages. The target audience of media outlets is adults, so their broadcasts can cause even more confusion and anxiety for younger children.
2. **Have a Routine** – With school out it is important to establish a new daily routine. Wake up, get dressed, complete distance learning school work, eat meals, and go to bed at the same time each day. Create a schedule that includes these things plus relaxation time, chores, exercise, creative time, etc.
3. **Allow Your Child to be in Closer Proximity to You** – With so much change and uncertainty, children may need additional reassurance.
4. **Make Time to Allow Your Child to Talk About How They are Feeling** – Ask open ended questions, listen without interruption and avoid the temptation to quickly provide a solution to their concerns.
5. **Provide Factual Reassurance AFTER They Have Had a Chance to Express How They are Feeling** – Honesty and accuracy is critical. Facts to consider sharing:
 - Most people do not have COVID-19 and most people who have it don't get seriously ill
 - We can control the spread of the disease by washing our hands and avoiding contact with people who have it
 - The nation's best medical professionals are working to help people with COVID-19 some of which are right here in Nebraska.
 - If true, remind them that everyone in their family is fine.
6. **Tell Your Children You Love Them and Spend More Time with Them** – Make more time than usual to share activities together; play games, read to each other, watch a movie or TV show, create art, make crafts, sing and dance, go for a walk outside. There are many free online resources to help generate ideas.
7. **Encourage Teens to Do Stress Reducing Activities** – read, journal, write poetry or short stories, draw, exercise, listen to music, or simply close their eyes and focus on taking slow deep breaths.
8. **As Much as Possible Have Your Child Eat Healthy Well-Balanced Meals** – this has an impact on mental and physical health.
9. **If You Have Concerns Reach Out to Your Child's School Counselor** – If their district is doing some kind of distance learning, chances are their school counselor is working from home and is prepared to support you and your child during this difficult time. Reach out to them via their school email address. Keep in mind each school district has its own set of criteria for school counselor ability during this time.



READING ENRICHMENT IDEAS MS. DEANE - TITLE I

KINDERGARTEN

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.

1ST 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 nd	87	27
3 rd	100	30
4 th	115	33
5 th	130	36
6 th	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.

ALLANA DEANE
TITLE I READING TEACHER
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Employment Opportunity

Lewiston Consolidated Schools is seeking qualified applications for a full time
“Buildings and Grounds Director”

- \$30,000 - 35,000 salary based on experience/skills
- Single BC/BS Health Insurance
- Single Dental Insurance
- Bus Drivers License (not required at time of hire)

Interested applicants are encouraged to e-mail a letter of application and resume to rkentfield@lewistonschool.net by Friday, May 8, 2020.

Contact Rick Kentfield at 402-865-4675 or 402-326-8867 with questions.

Superintendent's Message:

The administration would like to say THANK YOU to the staff, students, and parents that have worked hard to continue providing learning opportunities for our students. We also want to encourage everyone to continue staying healthy and safe during this challenging time.

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, there are many questions about “traditional” activities and/or ceremonies and if they can or will take place. As we continue to communicate with state and local officials about COVID-19 data and receive guidance from Southeast Health Department, the Commissioner of Education, and the Governor, these questions will eventually be answered. At the date of this mailing, there remain many unknowns. Below is list of those “traditional” events and what we do know at this time.

Seniors Last Day May 6, 2020

PK-11 Student Last Day May 8, 2020

Graduation: To be determined, the hope is to have a traditional graduation ceremony at a later date. This decision will be based on guidance from the Southeast Health Department, Commissioner of Education, and the Governor.

Preschool Registration, that process will be identified in the June Newsletter.

School Meals Last Day, to be determined, updates will be posted on the district's website.

National Honor Society Induction will be held in the fall.

High School Academic and Athletic Banquets and 8th grade graduation, cancelled.

Elementary Awards Day and Field Day, cancelled.

Student Checkout, to be determined, updates will be posted on the district's website.

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