

THE WOLFPACK

Loomis Public School Newsletter

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SMALL TOWN; BIG DATES

2-1 FKC Wrestling @Kearney
 2-4 Youth BB @Arapahoe
 2-5 Brain Games
 2-5 HS Quiz Bowl
 2-5 FFA Meeting in Bertrand
 2-6 Transition Quiz Bowl
 2-6 BB @Eustis-Farnam
 2-7 FFA Career Development
 2-7 JH BB vs Amherst
 2-8 FKC Band @Wilcox
 2-8 11:50 dismissal for PTC
 2-9 District Wrestling
 2-9 No School, winter break
 2-9 BB vs Pleasanton
 2-10 Speech Meet @Minden
 2-11 Youth BB vs Eustis Farnam
 2-12 GBB Subdistrict begins
 @Cozad
 2-12 Board Meeting
 2-13 Staff Meeting
 2-14 Valentine's Day
 2-14 JH BB vs Eustis Farnam
 2-15 State Wrestling begins
 @Omaha
 2-16 BBB @Maxwell
 2-18 National FFA Week begins
 2-18 FFA Labor Auction
 2-18 Youth BB @Overton
 2-19 BBB Subdistricts begin
 @Cozad
 2-20 FKC Speech Meet @Pleasanton
 2-21 Safety Committee Meeting
 2-22 FFA CDE Contest at @Eustis
 2-23 GBB District Finals
 2-24 PIE BB Tourney
 2-24 Speech Meet @Holdrege
 2-25 Youth BB vs Bertrand
 2-27 BBB District Finals

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
ARE ON FEBRUARY 8TH**

From the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn

Burrrr! What a welcome to the 2nd semester! I'm sure everyone has made their resolutions for the New Year and are consistently following them to create new habits.

I have adopted a resolution I would like to share with you. I want to encourage everyone to consider making "**effort**" part of our daily life. It's not as though we don't give "**effort**" in what we do. It's about giving more **effort** in what we do.

As I watched the College Football Bowl season, I couldn't help thinking about how much an inch more "**effort**" would make during each play. A pass, just an inch closer, might have been intercepted or resulted in a touchdown. Maybe a running play that gained an extra inch would have moved the chains for another first down and kept the drive going. My challenge is to give that extra **effort** in all aspects of my life, (work, relationships, spiritually, etc.).

Students who learn to give an extra effort in their schoolwork and extra-curricular activities will have a newfound success, as well as setting a pattern for a life of success. A prime example of giving the extra **effort** is reflected in our 7th-12th grade reading program, AR. Students are required to read and earn 3 AR points per month. This is an assignment. Students who do not earn the 3 points in a month will be required to make up their reading before school, at noon, or after school until it is completed. Ninety-five percent of our students make that monthly goal of 3 pts. It requires, on the average, a book of about 100 pages, and a reading level of 4th-5th grade. So, if you divide the 100 or so pages by the 30 days students are given to complete the AR assignment, there should be no reason they don't have the assignment complete. Students who give that extra **effort** in reading and complete 7 points per month for the 4-month semester are rewarded with a day off before Christmas vacation as well as before summer vacation.

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We had 85% of our students complete the 7 points per month, 28 points per semester, for the extra day off during the first semester. This has been our highest total number of students earning the day off. This is because they chose to give the extra **effort**, and by establishing these habits at a young age, it will carry over into their adult life.

Here's wishing everyone a blessed New Year!

Principal's Post-it Notes

Bob Ridenour

Fire drills, school evacuations, physicals, and immunizations are all required to keep our students safe in the school and in the community we live. During our sub-zero weather we need to add three more requirements to the list: hats, gloves, and boots. These are a few articles of cold weather gear that are often in the back seat of the car or stuffed in the closet. Proper clothing is essential to the health of our children.

We must be prepared for the cold weather! I am sure you are aware that 50 percent of the body's warmth is lost through the head. A good ball cap will help with this but my favorite is a knitted stocking cap. Keep your head warm!!!!

Your gloves, or better still, insulated mittens will trap warmth and keep your hands from getting cold. They will also prevent chapping and cracking in cold weather. Wearing boots may not seem very stylish but they'll keep your feet dry and warm and your feet need to be kept warm if your body is to be kept comfortable.

Conclusion: Dress for the weather! Remember Aaron Rodgers would like to work in this cold weather.

Loomis Boys Basketball

The Loomis boys' basketball team has been playing very well as of late, and is currently 10-4 on the season. The JV boys team has also been playing well; they have won their last three games. Both the boys' varsity and boys' JV went 3-0 in last week's games. The boys' varsity beat Silver Lake 67-30; state ranked Wilcox-Hildreth 53-40, and Elwood 79-38. Loomis still has to play Alma, Franklin and Axtell before starting the conference tournament. Loomis is projected to be a #2 or #3 seed in the tournament. The conference tournament will start on Tuesday, January 29th for the boys. Loomis is lead in scoring right now by Aaron Dow, who is averaging 19 ppg, and Drew Lauby, who is averaging 16 ppg. Josh Marcy and Aaron Dow are currently leading the wolves in rebounding, both are averaging over 7 rpg. Loomis is currently sitting 9th in wild card points at 43.071. After the conference tournament Loomis will face Eustis-Farnam, Pleasanton and Maxwell.

From the Desk of Mrs. Linda Wells

Guidance Counselor

Homework can be every parent's nightmare! Following are some suggestions for making it a bit less painful for parents and students from Education Quest.

Remove distractions.

Is it typical for your child to be doing homework at the kitchen table while a TV is on, siblings are having conversations, and you're cooking? All the stimuli can make it hard to focus. Your child may not be a fan of a completely quiet space (music may actually help), but consider what sounds and actions need to be removed. One essential item to remove: your child's phone. Difficult, I know, but consider this next alternative...

Provide rewards as your child meets homework accomplishments.

This could either be in the amount of time spent on the work or subject covered. You'll have to pick and choose this based on what motivates your teen. For example, if math homework takes over an hour every night and your child gets frustrated and gives up, it may make more sense to break every 20 minutes. But if your bigger issue is actually accomplishing the work, it may be a better idea to take a break after a subject's work is completed. One reward/break idea: give 5-10 minutes of phone time. They can text, use social media, or play games. An even better reward: send them outside for a walk around the block. Some fresh air will help their brain relax and focus.

It's important to note: do NOT mix in chores during this time. The breaks should be positive and something for your child to look forward to. Mixing in chores just makes homework a complete dread every day – and won't help your cause of hating homework less.

Be consistent with homework routines.

This is really the most difficult strategy to deploy because you're talking about doing homework at the same time in the same location. And let's be honest, this isn't realistic with a teen's busy activity schedule. Find what works best for your family, and at the very least: don't let a lack of a supply item catch your family off-guard, and ultimately derail the homework completion train. Stock the homework location with potentially needed supplies: pencils, paper, calculator, and poster board...Can we seriously talk about the number of breakdowns we'd avoid by just having poster board on hand? Put it on your grocery list today.

Do your paperwork during homework time, too.

Sit with your child if the study spot is in a common place (like the kitchen table) and go through mail, pay bills, complete the work you had to bring home, or at the very least: online shopping (hey, they don't have to see your screen...). Having you physically near them and doing your own work, makes them feel less alone in this battle.

Talk about school/teachers/homework POSITIVELY.

If you dread homework time, obviously your teen will too, so choose a better attitude. And communicate with teachers about how you can help your child in the homework area. Connect with teachers in the way that is easiest for them (phone, email, notes passed via your child). Finally, by middle and high school, parents start to be less helpful with homework because it's getting so advanced. Support your child by taking him/her to school early or pick up later so he/she can get help from the teacher.

Best of luck as you try to turn the tide of dreaded homework time in your house!

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Accelerated Reader

Award Winners

November

Senior Girl: Taryn Patterson

Senior Boy: Drew Lauby

Junior Girl: Cheyanne Brewer

Junior Boy: Payton Shultz

Sophomore Girl: Calli Terrell

Sophomore Boy: Josh Marcy

Freshman Girl: Ryann Herrenbruck

Freshman Boy: Jackson Lauby

Eighth Grade Girl: Anna Schiley

Eighth Grade Boy: Carter Hadley

Seventh Grade Girl: Lorena Morales

Seventh Grade Boy: Wes Trompke

December

Senior Girl: Julia Young

Senior Boy: Hunter Banzhaf

Junior Girl: Haley Brink

Junior Boy: Isaac Wahls

Sophomore Girl: Sarah Hemmele

Sophomore Boy: Jory Holt

Freshman Girl: Rielly Brown

Freshman Boy: Carson Orcutt

Eighth Grade Girl: Hanna Stewart

Eighth Grade Boy: Jack Ge

Seventh Grade Girl: Jersie Hermanson

Seventh Grade Boy: Kellan Brown

National Honor Society Valentine cookie sales are now in progress. Included in this newsletter is the form to use when ordering your cookies. The NHS students appreciate your support with this project and want you to know that all proceeds go to their scholarship fund. Sales must end on February 8th. Parent Teacher Conferences are February 8th and we will have order forms available then if you have not ordered. Cookies are from Eileen's in Kearney and are the standard 6" diameter for \$5/cookie.

Thank you for your support!

BerMis FFA Competes at Leadership Development Events

On Wednesday, December 13, 2017 thirteen FFA members traveled to Curtis to compete against 16 schools in the District XI Leadership Development Events. Members participated in Creed Speaking, Employment Skills, Parliamentary Procedure, and Public Speaking. Anna Pelton and Abby Scholz received purple ribbons in Creed Speaking. Abby placed 2nd, earning her spot to compete at State FFA Convention, and Anna placed 4th. In Employment Skills, Amany Pavelka received a 4th place purple ribbon, Eden McCain and Sarah Pelton received blue ribbons, and Nye Pelton received a red ribbon. The Senior Parliamentary Procedure team of Kassidy Drain, Austin Hahn, Jacob Hilmer, Jory Holt, Katrina Sell, and Lindsay Schutz received a blue ribbon. Jade Gonzalez received a purple ribbon earning 4th place for her Public Speech entitled "Crickets and the Future of Food".



Fran Jorgensen Wrestling Invitational in Cambridge




Saturday the Loomis-Bertrand Wrestlers and a good number of fans traveled to Cambridge for a 19 team tournament. Nine wrestlers would compete in the meet for the Wolfkings as the team would finish with 61 total points. The invite was won by Norton, KS with 191.5 points. Cambridge was able to come in as runner-ups with 137 and Oberlin-Decatur edged Elm Creek for third place 122 to 120.5. Neligh-Oakdale made a long trip and finished with 109 to finish out the top 5 teams.

The Wolfkings finished the day with two medalists. Sophomore Jacob Hilmer wrestled to a 3rd place medal at 106 lbs. going 3-1 on the day. The other medalist for the Wolfkings was at 182 lbs. as Junior Brock White finished with a 2-2 record and took home 4th place. The team had several wrestlers that fell just short of the medal matches but were able to wrestle an extra match as the tournament wrestled through 6th place. At 106 Freshman Trevin Edwards had a solid showing and landed in 5th place with a 3-2 performance for the day. Ethan Klingenberg (Fr.) and John Kenney (Fr.) both competed at 126 lbs and competed hard as they each reached the 5th-6th place match. At 152 Joel Abramson (Fr.) lost his first match but wrestled tough on the consolation side to make the 5th-6th match and finished 6th due to reaching his 5 match limit with a 3-2 record. Senior Cody Truex found his way to a 6th place finish at 182 lbs. going 1-2 in Cambridge. Alex Booe (So.) would finish the day with a 1-2 record at 220 lbs. Garret Wood (So.) finished 0-2 at 195 lbs coming up on the wrong side of a close consolation match that ended his day.

The Wolfkings will have an extended break from competitions now. Following the holiday break will be one of the team's toughest tests of the season as they compete in the Burwell Invite on January 5th. Then on the following Friday the team will travel to Sumner for an invite on January 12th.

Lunch Menu

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Beef n Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Salad Bar Sugar Cookie Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	2 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Carrots Salad Bar Milk	3
4	5  Spaghetti Garlic Toast Cottage Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	6 Chicken Rice Casserole Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Peanut Butter Cookie Milk	7  Meatloaf Dinner Roll Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	8  Beef Stroganoff Cherry Crisp Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	9 Pork Rib Patty/Bun Au Gratin Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	10
11	12 Hot Dog on a Bun Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13  Tater tot Casserole Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	14  Taco Bake Rice Refried Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	15  Pulled Beef Sandwich Chocolate Pudding Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	16 Chicken Strips Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	17
18	19 Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20  Lasagna Garlic Toast Fruit & Veggie Bar White Cake Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	21  Grilled Hamburger Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar Brownies Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	22  Sloppy Joes French Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Monster Cookie Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	23 Corn Dogs Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	24
25	26 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Green Beans Salad Bar Milk	27  Beef Burrito Peas/Carrots Apple Crisp Salad Bar Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	28 Breakfast for Lunch Salad Bar Milk	 Cheeseburger Mac Green Beans Salad Bar Sugar Cookie Milk <small>Est. 2016</small>	Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Carrots Salad Bar Milk	

February 2018 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				FKC Wrestling		
4 Youth BB @ Arapahoe	5 Brain Gam3s FFA Meeting@ Bertrand	6 Transition Quiz Bowl BB @ Eustis	7 FFA District XI Career @ Curtis Jr. High BB Vs Amherst	8 FKC Band 11:50 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conf.	9 No School District Wrestling BB VS Pleasanton Little Wolves Perform	10 Speech Meet @ Minden
11 Youth BB VS E-F	12 Girls Sub Districts Begin Board Meeting- 7:30	13 Staff Meeting 7:45am	14 Jr. High BB VS E-F	15 State Wrestling Girls Sub Districts	16 Boys BB @Maxwell	17 Speech Meet @ Loup City
18 National FFA Week FFA Labor Auction Youth BB @ Overton	19 National FFA Week Boys Sub Districts	20	21 FKC Speech @Pleasanton Safety Comm. Mtg. 3:45	22 Boys Sub Districts FFA CDE Contest @ E-F	23 Girls Districts	24 PIE BB Tournament Speech Meet Holdrege
25 Youth BB VS Bertrand	26	27 BB Districts	28	Girls State Basketball	No School	Speech Meet @ Doniphan-Trumbell

Learning Language

By Olivia O'Clair

As our world becomes more and more culturally diverse, I feel that it is important to learn new languages. We have so many incoming ethnicities in our country, and many people agree that it's beneficial to learn new tongues. I'm very glad schools require some amount of foreign language classes. I wish, however, that I had started learning these languages sooner.

I've recently read a study by Bjorn Carey that emphasizes the language gap. (This is a noticeably different level of comprehension of language in children.) This Stanford report details the amount of child-directed speech and adult speech that was only overheard by the toddler. During a revisit five months later, children that received a greater amount of child-directed speech had a much larger vocabulary than the children that did not experience child-directed speech.

Allow me to draw a few parallels. People that live in greater populated areas, especially those that encompass multiple language and cultural barriers, have a greater exposure to more languages. Because of this, they probably possess a better understanding of those languages. If you put me into one of the situations that some city-grown teenagers experience daily, I would doubt my ability to perform as well as they could. It's a conditioning. I have no exposure to real Spanish, but a lot of the urbanized area does.

In our elementary, there are a few opportunities for the classes to pick up some Spanish vocabulary. I think that this introduction to a new language will help them pick up the language when they take those classes. I think our school does a great job of preparing its students to be successful in whatever track they choose to do. I have no way of knowing where I will go in life, but I'd like to be prepared. There are a lot of students that feel the same way.

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018 7:30 PM

LOOMIS SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
101 Bryan Street
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Dale Gray: Present
Allan Meyer: Present
Gary Regelin: Present
Duane Schoff: Present
Scott Schukar: Present
Scott Thorell: Present

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open at 7:30 p.m. and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Scott Thorell and a second by Allan Meyer.

Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Scott Thorell: Yea

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bertrand Herald, the School District's designated method for giving notice, and posting at the Loomis Public Schools, Loomis Village Office and Loomis Post Office, a copy of the Affidavit of Publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. New Board Member Oath of Office

3. Election of Officers

Motion made to keep the officers as they were last year Passed with a motion by Scott Thorell and a second by Allan Meyer.

Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Scott Thorell: Yea

President- Dale Gray

V. President- Scott Thorell

Sec.- Duane Schoff

Treas.- Scott S.

4. Appoint Board Committee Members

Motion was made to change the committee members: Americanism-Duane, Allan, Dale Policy-Gary, Scott T. Scott S. B/G/T-Gary, Scott T. Allan Supt. Evaluation-Duane, Dale, Scott S Pre-School-Gary, Scott S., Dale Finance-Gary, Scott S. Beef-Dale, Allan, Duane Negotiations- Dale, Scott T., Duane Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Scott Schukar.

Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Scott Thorell: Yea

Americanism- Duane, Allan, Dale

Policy- Gary, Scott T., Scott S.

B/G/T- Gary, Scott T., Allan

Supt. Evaluation- Duane, Dale, Scott S.

Pre-School- Gary, Scott S., Dale

Finance- Gary, Scott S.

Beef- Dale, Allan, Duane

Negotiations - Dale, Scott T, Duane

5. Welcome Guests

6. Approval of Absent Board Members

7. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate

all the checks and warrants as presented Passed with a motion by Scott Thorell and a second by Dale Gray.

Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Scott Thorell: Yea

7.1. Agenda

7.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

7.3. Bill Roster

7.4. Financial Reports

7.4.1. General Fund

Receipts \$140,804.21, expenses \$263,413.62, balance \$1,107,889.64

7.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: receipts \$254.78, expenses \$5,580.70, balance \$708,911.85

Debt Service: receipts \$2,492.01, expenses \$0, balance \$60,642.01

7.4.3. Lunch Fund

Receipts \$15,337.33, expenses \$6,962.40, balance \$4,688.99

7.4.4. Building Fund

Receipts \$6,809.16, expenses \$0, balance \$255,445.45

7.4.5. Activities Fund

Receipts \$18,509.59, expenses \$3,392.68, balance \$111,787.12

8. Introduction of Speakers

9. Board Committee Reports

9.1. Negotiations

LEA and the Board Negotiations Committee have come to an agreement with an increase to the health insurance deductible and a 2.4% increase to the base salary.

9.2. Americanism

9.3. Policy

9.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

I have met with David Steinbrink from Big Iron Auction and discussed listing the white ford truck with him. We also discussed listing the two (2) copiers from Eakes Office as well. I plan to get a video of the pickup and copiers in their current state to show they work as expected.

We have been awarded the State Diesel clean air rebate from NDE and have a choice or two (2) options; 1) 25%, or up to \$21,000 to purchase a "new" diesel bus that meets the omissions standard for the state, or 2) 35%, or up to \$33,000 to purchase a propane bus that meets the omissions standards for the state. I have indicated to Randy Smith that we plan to utilize the grant for a new route bus. I have Steve Kreinbring from Omaha Trucking searching for a new route bus (Diesel or Propane). Steve sent an email which I forwarded to the Board in regards to a Diesel bus they have in stock around

\$82,000. I have continued to reach out to companies in regards to quotes on both styles (Diesel, Propane).

9.5. Preschool Advisory

Pre-School Advisory Meeting at 6:30

10. Administrative Reports

10.1. Principal

Weekly Down List

Current enrollment is 220. Increase from August by 3 students. 5th Grade is smallest with 12, and 1st Grade is largest with 21

10.2. Superintendent

Update Principal Search, Date for Interview, Starting Salary

Administrative Salary for February

Feb. Brd Meeting Feb. 12th, Girls Sub-District BBall, Meet earlier?

Board / Work Session and Goal Setting- Jan. 11th?

Alpha heating and air has been contacted as well as Jeff Morten in regards to a ventilation system for the east and west gymnasiums.

CJ is contacting companies to bid the ceiling tile project for the summer

The cabinets, and cupboards have been installed in the Home Ec. room, and we are planning on the Art room for this summer (May)

11. Public Forum

12. Recess

None taken

13. Action Agenda Items

Recommend a motion to approve the Negotiated Agreement between LEA and the Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Gary Regelin and a second by Scott Thorell.

Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Scott Thorell: Yea

Approve the 2018-19 Negotiated agreement with LEA as presented.

14. Closed Session

15. Next Meeting Date

Next Regular Meeting will be held at 9:00 am on February 12, 2018.

16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Loomis Public School Mission Statement

In cooperation with family and community, our mission is to prepare all students to succeed as responsible citizens in a changing world through progressive educational methods.

Loomis Public School

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