

THE WOLFPACK

Loomis Public School Newsletter

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SMALL TOWN; BIG DATES

1-1 **No School**
 1-2 **No School**
 1-3 **No School**
 1-3 Wrestling Quad @ Elwood
 1-5 Cheer Practice 2pm
 1-6 Teacher Workday 8am
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 1-6 Safety Committee Mtg 2pm
 1-7 **School Resumes**
 1-8 JH BB vs Bertrand (boys) 1pm
 1-9 School Board Goals Mtg 6pm
 1-10 Wrestling 11:30am
 1-10 Basketball @Elm Creek 4:30
 1-11 Basketball vs Arapahoe 2:30
 1-13 Board Mtg 7pm
 1-14 FFA Mtg 6:30
 1-15 JH BB @ Overton
 1-16 Jr High Quiz Bowl @ Bertrand
 1-17 Wrestling
 1-17 BB vs Wil-Hil (Parent's Night)
 1-17 Academic Recognition Night
 1-18 Basketball @ Silver Lake 11:30
 1-19 Cheer Practice 2pm
 1-20 Preschool Advisory Mtg
 1-21 Basketball @ Southwest 4:30
 1-22 FFA District Leadership 7am
 1-22 JH BB @ Axtell 1pm
 1-22 Preschool Grandpa Day 2:15
 1-23 Basketball vs Alma 4:30
 1-24 Wrestling RPAC 1pm
 1-24 BB @ Highline (Elwood) 4pm
 1-28 Basketball @ Franklin 4:30
 1-29 JH BB @ Wil-Hil 1pm
 1-29 Preschool Grandma Day 2:00
 1-30 Basketball @ Axtell 4:30
 1-31 **11:50 Dismissal**
 1-31 JH BB L-Club Tournament
 1-31 Wrestling 2pm

From the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn

Happy Holidays to all! I'm hoping the holidays bring you rest, relaxation and wonderful times with your families.

I would like to wish a continued successful season to all winter activities.

As I reflect on the 2019 year, I find myself feeling blessed to have an outstanding staff, productive students and supportive parents. What a community! It is certainly a community to be proud of! I think about all the support from volunteers in the community that have given time to our school. I feel blessed to have Board of Education members who are devoted to serving the students, staff and community.

Thank you for all your support and for the positivity that this town represents. The saying, "It takes a village to raise children" rings true in Loomis.

As we look to the New Year, 2020 will be full of challenges: state testing, retaining quality staff members, and maintaining a fiscally responsible budget. These, with many other challenges, will greet us yearly. As I have noticed during my time in education, these demands are met and conquered yearly by hard working students, staff, and a supportive community.

Sam Dunn



Principal's Post-it Notes

Nate Weaver

December is here! It always seems like a mad rush after Thanksgiving before Christmas break. Winter activities are in full swing. Kids are excited for Christmas break and excited for time with their families.

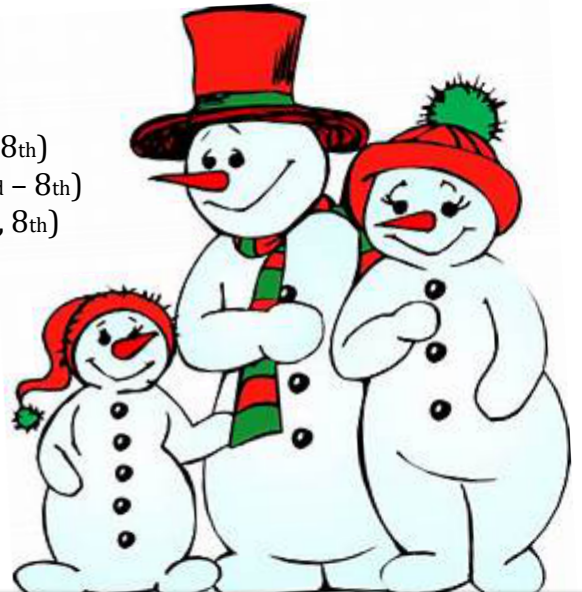
This time of the year is a great time for reflection for me. I think of all the positive things that happen here at the school. All the student accomplishments, life lessons and growth made over the school year. Our overall goal is to have the students ready for the next level of their life, whatever that may be. Life presents many avenues along the way, and if there happens to be a bump in the road, we hope that our students can make the correct decisions to fix the issue. Kids make mistakes; every student will make a mistake sometime while they are in school. It is our job, as a whole, to show them the correct way, and then hope that they have learned a lesson and that it will not repeat itself. If it does happen again, it gives us an opportunity to re-teach the expected outcome. The great thing about LPS is that we have many people that care and influence students to make good decisions daily.

The Elementary is currently taking donations of games for indoor recess carts. In the event of cold temperatures, the students stay inside for recess. We have a cart full of games appropriate for the kindergarten through 3rd grade classes, and also a cart for 4th – 6th grades. The upper level cart could still use some age appropriate activities, games, cards or anything that they would enjoy for their indoor recess time. Your willingness to donate is appreciated.

With December coming to an end and January right around the corner, I will be pulling test scores for Academic Awards night. The criteria is listed below. Our students always do a wonderful job and it is only right that we recognize them for their achievements with testing. We will present the awards at the varsity halftimes vs. Wilcox/Hildreth on January 17th. A letter will be sent home with the information.

Have a great Christmas!

Top 25% on the MAP math assessment
Top 25% on the MAP reading assessment
Top 25% on the MAP science assessment
Exceeded Standards on the Nebraska State math assessment (3rd – 8th)
Exceeded Standards on the Nebraska State reading assessment (3rd – 8th)
Exceeded Standards on the Nebraska State science assessment (5th, 8th)
ACT (Juniors only) 24 or above
Perfect Attendance



Counselor's Corner

Whitney Billeter

SCHOLARSHIPS!! SCHOLARSHIPS!! SCHOLARSHIPS!!

Scholarships provide an opportunity for many people to earn an education. Without assistance from an outside source, students may have trouble paying for the degree they need in order to enter the workforce and become a contributing member of society.

Our seniors have hundreds, thousands of scholarship opportunities! We are presently using our Senior Seminar class time to work on these scholarships. Currently we are focusing on the scholarships Phelps County Community Foundation have to offer. Students have been working hard getting their accounts set up and now are jumping into specific scholarships they are applying for through the website.

Parents I encourage you to check in with your senior and help them in the process of applying for scholarships. It is a struggle for students to see the benefit of applying for something that isn't guaranteed.

Scholarship Tips for Parents and Students

- *Block off time for the scholarship search
- *Use free scholarship search sites
- *Check with your employer
- *Don't ignore scholarships with smaller award amounts
- *Have your child write one really good essay
- *Proofread your child's application and essay
- *Don't miss the deadline



FFA News

October, November, and December have been busy for the BerMis FFA Chapter. On October 19th, the BerMis FFA Chapter helped out at the Bertrand Craft show by handing out meals to the vendors and selling fruit, meat and cheese, popcorn, coffee, and cookie dough.

We had our second annual farmer feed

October 26th, we passed out around 200 meals to farmers around the area. We handed out meals at the Bertrand, Loomis, and Smithfield cooperatives.

On October 29th, seven BerMis FFA members loaded the bus at Kearney to head to the 92nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. We arrived in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 31st. On Thursday, we went to the Second General Session and listened to the New York Times Best Selling Author, Bob Goff. It's safe to say that we all enjoyed listening to him speak, he had great insight on life and was really interesting. Following the session, we got to visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. We all got to walk on the track and go inside the museum with the old race cars and race suits in it. Finishing up the day Thursday, we attended the Expo Center and got to visit with business' in agriculture and colleges that we could potentially attend someday. Thursday night concluded with the Nebraska Dance at our hotel, it was great to catch up with some friends around the state! Friday morning we were up early to get a spot in line to attend the Blue Room. The Blue Room is a room sponsored by Microsoft that shows how modern-day agriculture integrates technology into their practices. We got to visit with companies like Grain-Bridge, Corteva, Merck Animal Health, Sealed-Air, and Blue River Technology. They only let 400 people in at a time so it was cool to be a part of that. After concluding at the Blue Room, we walked over to Victory Field to eat lunch and go to the National Day of Service. We loaded the bus with a few members from Florida and headed to the Maple



Leaf Farm, about 45 minutes out of Indy. We arrived and got to work right away. We put rock around the outside and inside of the barn, built fence, and dug up some sod to create a bigger garden for them. When we got back we got some supper and went to the session at Lucas Oil Stadium and listened to Michelle Polarski speak. She described to us how for 100 days she did something outside of her comfort zone and how it has helped her grow. Friday concluded with the Nebraska Dance. Saturday we loaded up our bags and went to the convention. We walked around the expo center and took it easy until we loaded the bus at 10:30 a.m. We headed back to Nebraska and got back at around 1 a.m. We had a great experience, and are grateful to attend this convention!

We are very thankful for the BerMis FFA Alumni, Viking Booster Club, and Loomis Partners in Education for their generous donations to help defray our expenses to attend the convention.

November 16th, Abby Scholz attended the Pathways to Careers (P2C) Conference at the Younes Center in Kearney. The conference hosted business professionals within the agriculture field for students in high school to get some ideas for what they might want to do in the future. Abby comments that the conference was really informational and that she got to connect with business leaders about her future career plan.

The BerMis FFA just finished up fruit sales, and we want to extend a HUGE thank you if you supported our chapter in any way. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive community.

For the December meeting, we went to the Bertrand Nursing Home to Christmas Carol. I think we all can agree that it's a nice change of pace for us, and the elderly are always so fun to be around.



Lady Wolves Basketball

The Lady Wolves started off their season on December 6th with a hard fought game against the Overton Eagles. Senior, Darla Thorell led the team with 13 points and 11 rebounds, but the Wolves fell short with a score of 37-51.

On Saturday, the ladies were back in action on their home court with S.E.M. The Wolves again played tough, but struggled to hold onto the lead when a Mustang hit a final shot to win the game 56-54. The Wolves shot 55% from the field and were led by Alexis Billeter who scored 19 points and had 11 rebounds, Hanna Stewart with 17 points, and Darla Thorell with 13 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 assists.

Finally on Tuesday, the Wolves headed to Kenesaw with a full team ready to compete. The ladies led the game the whole way through and came out with their first win of the season with a final score of 53-45. Darla Thorell's senior leadership led her team with 19 points, 13 rebounds, and 4 assists. Followed by Hanna Stewart who had 15 points and 9 rebounds and Alexis Billeter who had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Wolves had some youngsters step up and help in these first few games and they will only get better with more experience. Continue to cheer for the Wolves as we head into the holiday break, as we always appreciate the support from this great community!



Wol\$king Wrestlers With Strong Start to Season

The 10-member Loomis-Bertrand Wrestling team opened up the season with a Quad at Southwest. It was a very successful outing for the team as well as many individuals. Up First for the WolVking was a dual against Arapahoe. The dual started at 195 lbs and was a back and forth battle early. The WolVking trailed 12-6 entering 113 lbs before reeling off 5 straight to take a 36-12 lead and would hold on to win the dual 42-30. Up next would be Cambridge with a starting weight of 220 lbs. Clay Meyer and Alex Booe gave the team big pins to get to a 12-0 lead. After giving up a forfeit at 106 lbs the WolVking got a couple more pins. The teams then traded wins through the middle weights. It was 36-30 WolVking before Joel Abramson secured a pin out of a wild scramble that secured the win for the WolVking with a Vinal of 42-36. The Vinal dual of the night had the WolVking taking on Southwest. This dual had a few double opens early before John Kenney got a big win for the WolVking in a tough matchup to give the WolVking momentum to take through the completion of the dual. The Vinal score was 40-24 for the WolVking as the team completed the night having gone 3-0 in the dual competitions.

The following day the team was up early to compete in the always tough Ravenna Invite. The WolVking entered 9 wrestlers into the 17 team tournament and were able to Vinish in 5th place with 97 points. The 5th place team Vinish is the highest the team has had at the Ravenna Invite. The solid team Vinish was a result of having 6 individuals in the semi-Vinals and bringing home 5 medalists. Trevin Edwards (106) and John Kenney (138) took runner-up honors and Kellan Brown (126), Joel Abramson (182), and Alex Booe (285) all earned 4th place medals. Jacob Hilmer (120) and Clay Meyer (195) both came up just short of the medal round being eliminated in the consolation semi-Vinals. The opening weekend was great for providing momentum towards a strong season.

On December 13th the team travelled to Southern Valley for their 19-team invite. The team would be a little short due to a few minor injuries from practices and would enter only 7 wrestlers thus robbing some of the momentum built from the previous week. The WolVking would end the pool format tournament scoring 112 points putting them in 6th place. Leading the charge were weight class champions Trevin Edwards (106) and Kellan Brown (126) both having gone 5-0 on the day. Joel Abramson would take a 4th place medal having gone 3-1 before having to take a medical forfeit in his Vinal match.

The team will compete in the Cambridge Invite on Saturday, December 21st before the holiday break. They will then have a Quad in Elwood on the 3rd before coming back to school in January. Current WolVking records are:

106	Trevin Edwards	11-1	195	Clay Meyer	5-2
113	Jacob Hilmer	5-2	285	Alex Booe	4-7
120	Dalton Breinig	1-0			
126	Kellan Brown	10-3			
138	John Kenney	9-3			
152	James Pazdernik	3-7			
160	Justice Wissmann	3-7			
182	Joel Abramson	8-3			

Boys Basketball

The Wolves remain unbeaten!
Congrats on a superb start. Be
sure to come and cheer on the
MIGHTY WOLVES!

December Highlights



2019 D2-7 All District Football Announced

Loomis High School had 3 players honored with selection to the D2-7 All District Football team.

2nd Team Linebacker – Cristian Blincow
Honorable Mention – Joel Abramson and Carson Orcutt



NEWS FROM LOOMIS COMMUNITY CLUB

The Loomis Community Club will be holding their Annual Business Meeting on Monday, January 20th at 7:30pm at the Loomis Community Building. If there is a change in date or time, it will be noted on the "LIFE IN LOOMIS" Facebook page. We will be electing officers at this annual meeting. If you would like to be a part of a "club" that benefits the community and has fun doing it, please join us!

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
LOOMIS SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
101 Bryan Street
Loomis, NE 68958-0250**

Monday, December 9, 2019 7:00 PM

Kelly Anderson: Present, Dale Gray: Present, Allan Meyer: Present, Gary Regelin: Present, Duane Schoff: Absent, Scott Schukar: Present.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Gary Regelin.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea
Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, 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. Welcome Guests

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

Motion to approve the absence of Duane Schoff. Passed with a motion by Gary Regelin and a second by Kelly Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea
4. 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 Kelly Anderson and a second by Allan Meyer.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea
Had a beef that was going to be donated that but it didn't work out. Another beef is planning to be donated in January. One beef has been donated and is being processed in Beaver City.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1 General Fund Receipts \$93,489.23, expenses \$285,114.80, balance \$144,717.0

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: receipts \$348.12, expenses \$10,611.73, balance \$1,080,681.79 Bond:
receipts \$3,288.94, expenses \$0, balance \$119,628.50

4.4.3. Lunch Fund Receipts \$16,656.71, expenses \$15,915.01, balance \$17,672.53

4.4.4. Building Fund Receipts \$0, expenses \$0, balance \$284998.53

4.4.5. Activities Fund Receipts \$32,278.12, expenses \$3,153.59, balance \$127,808.23

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

6.1.1. Update on Negotiations

Three meetings have been held. Another meeting will be held Dec. 18, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

6.2. Americanism

6.2.1. April 2nd @ 7:30 am

6.3. Policy

6.3.1. Policy revision to #6014 to reflect handbook and board suggested changes.

Next Meeting March 5th at 7:30 am

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

6.4.1. Update from B/G & T meeting on 12/3

2 tires will be purchased from North Platte for bus 16B it possibly needs to be aligned. Quotes were
presented to re-finish the west gym floor.

A tree needs to be removed by the north parking lot.

6.5. Preschool Advisory

6.5.1. Next Meeting Jan. 20 @ 6:30 pm

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Principal

7.1.1. Test Scores comparison
Academic Achievement Night

Bus Update

7.2. Superintendent

7.2.1. Staff Christmas Breakfast Thank you Cards
Update from Activities Director
Feb 5 ESU 11 will host KSB Law to present information to area school boards

7.2.2. Jan. 9th 6:00 pm Goals and Vision Meeting

7.2.3. 2- Student Teachers 2nd Semester

7.2.4. Beef Inventory; 2- Roasts, 14 Pack. Hamburger Patties(20), 8-10 lb Ground beef, 6
steaks Discussion was held about aide absences and substitutes for aides.
Science teacher interviews are complete the position has been offered to Clinton Anderson.

8. Public Forum

-Rick Jeffery spoke about what an excellent facility we have with the exception of
the track& field facilities.

-Micki Booe spoke about the Accelerated Reader program. Concern about the number of
points that is required of the seniors to earn the fun day at the end of the year.

9. Recess None Taken

10. Action Agenda Items

10.1. Purchase Fritz Meats - gift cards for the staff

Motion to approve the purchase of a \$25 gift card from Fritz Meat for the staff. Passed with
a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Kelly Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea

10.2. Motion to Approve Teaching Contract

Motion to Approve the teaching contract for Clinton Anderson the 7-12 science teaching position for the
2020-21 school year. Passed with a motion by Gary Regelin and a second by Kelly Anderson. Kelly
Anderson: Yea, Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea

11. Closed Session None

12. Next Meeting Date The next regular meeting will be held January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the media
center.

13. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:34 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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