

THE WOLFPACK

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SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 10-1 Building, Grounds, and Transportation Meeting 11:30am
- 10-1 Reserve Volleyball vs Arapahoe - 4:45pm
- 10-1 JV Volleyball vs Arapahoe - 5:30pm
- 10-1 V Volleyball vs Arapahoe - 6:30pm
- 10-1 Volleyball/Cross Country Parents Night
- 10-2 FFA Area Land Judging
- 10-2 JH Volleyball in Arapahoe - 1:00pm
- 10-2 JH Football in Arapahoe - 1:00pm
- 10-3 Policy Committee Meeting - 7:30am
- 10-3 Volleyball Triangular in Amherst
- 10-3 Football vs Hitchcock County - 7:00pm
- 10-4 FKC Cross Country in Overton - 12:30pm
- 10-5 FFA Farmer Feed
- 10-5 Youth Volleyball for Grades 3-6 - 9:00am
- 10-7 JV Football in Franklin - 5:00pm
- 10-7 Volleyball Triangular vs Doniphan Trumbull/Bertrand - 6:00pm
- 10-8 Flu Vaccine Clinic by Two Rivers
- 10-8 Grades 11 and 12 to Holdrege Area College Fair - 1:00pm
- 10-9 Facilities/Bond Planning Meeting - 7:00am
- 10-9 JH Volleyball vs Bertrand - 1:00pm
- 10-9 JH Football vs Bertrand - 1:00pm
- 10-9 Monthly Booster Club Meeting - 6:20pm
- 10-10 Volleyball Triangular in Overton
- 10-10 RPAC Cross Country in Maywood-Hayes Center - 4:00pm
- 10-10 Football in Bertrand - 7:00pm
- 10-12 FFA Bertrand Craft Show
- 10-14 FKC Volleyball Tournament - TBD
- 10-14 School Board Meeting - 7:30pm
- 10-15 FKC Volleyball Tournament - TBD
- 10-16 Grade 10 to Connecting the Dots/Career Exploration Day
- 10-16 Digital Citizenship Symposium in Kearney - 10:00am
- 10-17 FKC Volleyball Tournament - TBD
- 10-17 Cross Country Districts in Cambridge
- 10-17 Photography Workshop at the ESU in Holdrege - 9:00am
- 10-18 Football in Overton - 7:00pm
- 10-19 Youth Volleyball Tournament
- 10-21 JH Volleyball in Hi-Line - 12:00pm
- 10-22 JV Volleyball vs Blue Hill - 5:30pm
- 10-22 Varsity Volleyball vs Blue Hill - 6:30pm
- 10-23 FFA National Convention
- 10-24 First Round of Football Playoffs - TBD
- 10-24 FFA National Convention
- 10-25 State Cross Country in Kearney
- 10-25 No School - Fall Break
- 10-25 FFA National Convention
- 10-26 FFA National Convention
- 10-28 Volleyball Subdistricts - TBD
- 10-28 No School, MTSS/Professional Development
- 10-29 Volleyball Subdistricts - TBD

Straight from the Wolf's Den

Nate Weaver



October is here! It is an exciting time of the year for our students. Fall activities are nearing the end and post season is right around the corner. With that, I have a couple of reminders.

With the weather changing, and becoming cooler, we ask that you please dress your student in appropriate clothing. We ask that they have a jacket, and if the weather is cold, that they wear pants instead of shorts. We want the students to be able to go outside for fresh air and play as much as possible. The sickness is here. Nothing specific, but it seems that students are coming down with many different illnesses.

Reflecting on September, I want to send a shout out to the LPS staff. They went above and beyond to assist our students with Homecoming week. While this may not be the staff's favorite week, it was definitely an awesome week for the students. From hallway decorating, to dress up days and then capped off with a small parade and an outdoor pep-rally. The school spirit and support from the community was nothing short of amazing. We plan to add a little bit to the parade every year and hopefully make it into a tradition. If you see a staff member, please thank them for all they do for our students. Their efforts are a wonderful attribute to this school.

On September 25th, the Phelps Co. Safe Communities Coalition organized an assembly at the Tassel in Holdrege for all Phelps Co. students from Holdrege, Bertrand and Loomis. The speaker was Coach Potter. He spoke about the pressures of being a student, mental health and taking the right steps when help is needed. This was a wonderful presentation for all involved and I feel fortunate that we have organizations that are willing to organize important subjects like this. Mental health among the staff and students has been an emphasis for LPS. We currently have a mental health practitioner in the building 2 days a week. We are fortunate to provide this service to our students.

September was a busy month. We were able to get all the students in the building MAPS tested and tested in Fast-bridge. Both are tests that we use to monitor needs in academic areas. The results drive our process of supplying students with interventions to improve in the needed areas. We have a fantastic team that meets to discuss and tier the students with the staff. This is the MTSS – Multi-tiered system of supports. The process is time consuming, but is always geared to do what is best for the LPS students.

October looks to be jam packed for activities. Our Cross-Country team continues to improve. The Volleyball team has been playing well and the Football team has competed well. I am always impressed at how well the students juggle both academics and activities! Best of luck to them this month! It's always a great day to be a WOLF!



The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel

Jeff Ellsworth

Happy Halloween! Well, almost! Thank you to all of you that could make it to Parent/Teacher Conferences last week. It is always a crazy week as it is a short week and we still have activities to work around. We appreciate all of your support for all of our events all year long. Loomis has always had great supporters of all activities and programs. A big THANK YOU to all of you.

Street Crossings

With harvest underway and more trucks on the roads, please beware of students and any other pedestrians walking before and after school. We are working to get our crosswalks repainted so they are more visible, but please, just be cautious.

Games/Activities

We would like to ask you to please be aware of where your students are during activities. We would like them to be in the stands with you during the game that you are attending. We have asked the students to be in the gym or the cafeteria when activities are in the building. If activities are outside, we would still like them to sit with you in the stands. However, as long as they are not playing football, tossing balls around, or rough-housing during the game they can be in the end zone and scattered around the concessions, etc. So far things have gone well. We have about four weeks until sub-districts, districts, and hopefully State competitions start happening. Keep encouraging your athletes to believe in themselves and keep improving. Hard work pays off.

Testing

The first round of school-wide testing wrapped up last week. I would like to give a big shout out to our teachers, paras, Title I and Math Interventionist, SPED teachers and everyone else that had a hand in helping students to find success in their testing. Parents also make a big impact as they encourage their students to do their best! So thank you to all of you!

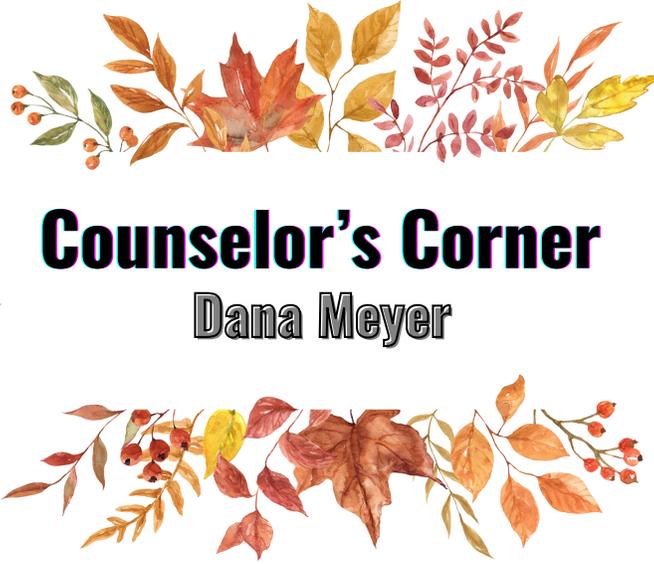
Cooks & Custodians

I would like to recognize our cooks and custodians for the “Thankless” jobs they do for us. I have been in education for 31 years. The food at Loomis is hands down the best food I have ever had in any school district. We are very lucky to have Silver and her crew. They do an outstanding job of preparing our food.

Our custodians do a great job of keeping our facilities looking great, too! From the football field to the gyms, and the classrooms to the hallways, they deserve a lot of credit! Thank you to all of you!

Contact Info

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached (308) 876-2111, here at school, or by email, jeff.ellsworth@loomiswolves.org.



Counselor's Corner

Dana Meyer

As we dive into October, I am excited to announce several important events and initiatives for our school community.

Red Ribbon Week: October 28th --November 1st

We will be observing Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 28th to Nov. 1st, a time dedicated to promoting drug awareness and healthy choices among our students. Throughout the week, various activities will take place aimed at fostering a drug-free lifestyle.

College Visits

Seniors and Juniors are encouraged to be scheduling college visits to explore their options on which college is right for them. They are allowed two excused absences for these visits. This is a great opportunity to see campuses and learn more about potential futures!!

Upcoming College Fair and Career Exploration Day

We are thrilled to announce two key events that our upperclassmen will be attending. Our juniors and seniors will attend the Holdrege Area College Fair. This event will feature a variety of colleges and universities, giving students a chance to connect with admissions representatives, gather information about programs, and explore scholarship opportunities.

The sophomores will participate in the Connecting the Dots Career Exploration Day. This event is designed to expose students to various career paths and help them understand the skills and education needed for future success.

Mrs. Meyer



Volleyball

Carrie Trompke

2024 Lady Wolves Volleyball

The Lady Wolves have kicked off their season with a great start! As of the end of September, the Reserves are 1-4, Junior Varsity is 6-1 and the Varsity is posting an impressive 12-5 record. This is the best start to the season the program has had in quite a few years. The girls have had some tough matches keeping the scores close, but making sure they push to make sure they are 2 points better than their opponents at the end of the match.

At our home 9/11 tournament, the girls went 2-1 on the day bringing home second place falling to C-2 Maxwell in the finals. The girls came out with an impressive win beating #2 ranked SEM in 2 sets at the Elm Creek Triangular in late September. October's schedule stays busy with a lot of tough matches on the calendar, but the girls are ready for the competition. The FKC tournament will be competitive as always and the Lady Wolves have big goals to push far into the bracket. Mark your calendars to join us for Parent's night on October 1st vs Arapahoe then our Pink Out matches Monday, October 7th vs Bertrand and Doniphan Trumbull. We will wrap up the season at home on Tuesday, October 22nd as we celebrate Senior Night on our final home dual vs Blue Hill.

Varsity Stat Leaders to Date

KILLS

Team - 473

Jorjanna High - 100

Ella Ellsworth - 97

Autumn Holt - 83

Sophia Schemper - 77

Zeigh Booe - 75

DIGS

Team - 914

Zeigh Booe - 210

Sydney Harris - 203

Jorjanna High - 188

Autumn Holt - 91

Sophia Schemper - 72

ACES

Team - 90

Sophia Schemper - 21

Jorjanna High - 15

Ella Ellsworth - 14

Zeigh Booe - 11

Autumn Holt - 11

ASSISTS

Team - 434

Autumn Holt - 192

Sophia Schemper - 156

Kinsey Lauby - 51

SERVE %

Team - 92%

Natalie Kegley - 100%

Jorjanna High - 96.7%

Sydney Harris - 95.9%

Sophia Schemper - 95.3%

BLOCKS

Team - 63

Ella Ellsworth - 31

Autumn Holt - 23

Sophia Schemper - 17

Natalie Kegley - 17



Board Meeting Notes

Kelly Anderson: Present, Gary Regelin: Present, Duane Schoff: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Present.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Luke Thorell and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: 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

Jackie Johnson, Lindsey Hays, Clydie Kegley, Sydney Harris, David Squiers, Lacey Keeshan

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

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 Duane Schoff.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the bill roster.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund

Receipts \$49,452.84, expenses \$366,929.41, balance \$1,372,199.66

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$150,315.91, expenses \$0, balance \$1,047,528.29 Bond: Receipts \$2,191.58, expenses \$0, balance \$326,777.71



4.4.3. Activities Fund

Receipts \$17,609.58, expenses \$32,577.65, balance \$117,185.50

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund

Receipts \$9,335.00, expenses \$19,330.12, balance \$91,396.84

4.4.5. Building Fund

Receipts \$370.57, expenses \$0, balance \$130,715.41

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

6.2. Americanism

Social Studies standards will be coming out and we will be looking at a new curriculum.

6.3. Policy

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

Conduit needs to be repaired, a suburban has been located.

6.5. Preschool Advisory

Getting some stock tanks for a sand box and flower planter and a swing set for the PK playground

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Principal

MAPS testing is going on.

7.2. Superintendent

County tax proposal meeting will be held at 6:30 on Sept 18. Explained bus 18 repairs.

8. Public Forum

Student Council members Sidney Harris and Clydie Kegley spoke about the parking lot and having signs showing students and guests how to park. Booster Club member Lindsey Hays spoke, they have their 501c3 tax exempt status. Their goal is to save their funds and have a capital funds campaign to build a track. They are going to replace the honor roll board with a tv to display honor roll students. Other ideas are to put tv screens in the foyer, gym, possibly eliminating the signs and display corporate sponsorship on the tv screens.

9. Recess

None taken

10. Action Agenda Items

11. Annual CD renewal

Motion to renew the 12 month CD at 4.65%. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Duane Schoff.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Renewal of Annual CD at 4.65% for the next year



12. Van replacement

To approve the purchase of a 2024 Suburban and trade the 2020 van. Passed with a motion by Gary Regelin and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

The federal government no longer deems the Ford vans safe for student transport.

13. Van #2 replacement

To approve the purchase of the 2025 Chevrolet Minotour mini bus to replace the silver van. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

The federal government no longer deems the Ford vans safe for transport of students.

14. Annual Adoption of Emergency Safety Plan

Recommend to approve the 24/25 Emergency Safety Plan with updates. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Scott Schukar.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

15. Closed Session

16. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be held October 14, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



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