

THE WOLFPACK

Loomis Public School Newsletter

January 2023

SMALL TOWN; BIG DATES

1-2 No School
 1-3 No School
 1-3 BB @ Brady 4:30pm
 1-4 No School—Teacher workday
 1-4 Safety Committee Mtg 9am
 1-4 Board Goal/Visions Mtg 6pm
 1-5 School Resumes
 1-5 Wrestling Triangular @Axtell
 1-5 Elem Boys BB Games 6:30
 1-6 Wrestling 11:30 @ Burwell
 1-6 BB vs Elm Creek 4:30pm
 1-7 PIE Basketball Tournament
 1-8 Cheer & Dance Showcase
 1-9 Jr BB Vs Bertrand
 1-9 Board Mtg 7pm
 1-10 Staff Mtg 7:45am
 1-10 BB @ Arapahoe 4:30pm
 1-11 Jr & Sr High Quiz Bowl
 1-11 Jr High BB vs Overton
 1-12 Elem Boys BB Games 6:30
 1-13 Wrestling @SEM
 1-14 BB vs Dundy County
 1-15 Cheer Practice 2pm
 1-16 Elem Boys BB Game
 1-17 BB vs Southwest
 1-18 Cheer Practice 6:45am
 1-18 FFA District Leadership #2
 1-18 Jr High BB vs Axtell
 1-19 BB @ Alma 4:30
 1-20 RPAC Wrestling @Southwest
 1-20 BB vs Hi-Line
 1-22 Cheer Practice 2pm
 1-23 Pre-School Advisory Mtg 6:30
 1-24 BB vs Franklin
 1-25 Cheer Practice 6:45am
 1-25 Jr High BB vs Wil-Hil
 1-26 Elem Boys BB Games 6:30
 1-27 School dismisses @ 11:50
 1-27 Wrestling 11@Ord
 1-27 L Club BB Tournament 1pm
 1-28 FKC BB
 1-28 Wrestling @ Ainsworth
 1-29 Cheer Practice 2pm
 1-30 FKC BB

From the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I have a motivational calendar that has a saying each day. The message on January 1st is; “Your future lies like a clean fresh snow, be careful where your path leads”. I hope our students continue to make a path for their future. High school is a series of choices that help determine your path. Challenge yourself to help make your life trail one you can be proud of. Take those tough courses, join that extra-curricular activity and make sure along the way you remember those memorable experiences. I am proud of the experiences Loomis Public School offers to our students. They are pushed to complete courses, carry extra-curricular loads, and for many, maintain a job. Us old timers like to compare our upbringing with today’s children. You know how the old story goes; “We had to walk to school, uphill both ways”. The work the students are completing nowadays is a daunting task. Students are able to complete college course work while attending high school, play their favorite sports/activities (year around if they are involved in club and school sports), not to mention how education has increased to meet the demands of accountability on the state and federal level for testing. All these extras were not available to us old timers. So as I reflect on the 1st semester I begin to see how demanding life is for our modern day students. Therefore, I wish them the best in all they do.

I hope and pray all students and their families have a wonderful Christmas break and that they come back refreshed, renewed and ready to take on the challenges of the 2nd semester.



Principal's Post-it Notes

Nate Weaver

Hello Wolves!

Just like that, the semester is nearly over, and a new year is coming quickly. Our staff and students have done a wonderful job, and the end of the year has proved it. We recently finished MAPS testing, and our preliminary numbers show that our students have made significant strides.

Our incentives offered for the month of December were met, which allowed us to fulfill our promise of no school on the 20th. I am proud of the hard work that the students and staff put into fulfilling the goals. I was impressed with the teamwork that the students had with each other to help each other to achieve the goals. The accountability was incredible, and I look to offer more group effort incentives in the future. While it affected the school, each goal had a significance to certain classes. The staff did a wonderful job as well with attaining their goals and getting business taken care of.

Christmas break is coming at the right time this year. It seems the sickness bugs have hit LPS hard. The break will give our custodians a chance to do a deep cleaning to help with sickness. With the cold weather and dry air, we ask parents to keep their students home fever free for 24 hours when they are sick. Students need to wear pants to school and when they leave. We do not mind if they wear shorts in the building. They also need to wear a winter coat and use hats and gloves. Sleep and nutrition are vital to staying healthy this time of the year. Our staff needs the students in the building and healthy to ensure they get the best opportunity for their education. With a shortage in subs, it is also important to keep our staff healthy.

2022 has been a great year for LPS. Being a part of the student's growth and academics is one of the best parts of my job. I look forward to seeing what 2023 brings for our staff and students. Have a wonderful holiday break. I hope everyone has a chance to celebrate family and get some much-needed rest and relaxation. Best of luck to the students that compete in the holiday tournament in Brady and in Pleasanton for wrestling.

Counselor's Corner

Whitney Billeter

The holidays are a fun and joyous time but also a very busy one, and holiday stress and anxiety in children can and does happen! During the holidays, there are lots of fun activities and events going on. And while that can be a good thing, the reality is that all that hustle and bustle means schedules are often out of whack, bedtimes get pushed back, and routines are disrupted. As a result, it's inevitable that kids may feel some degree of holiday stress.



Lady Wolves Basketball

The Loomis Lady Wolves have had a tough start to the season but have faced some pretty tough competition. Their record is 2-4, with the 4 losses coming from teams with a combined record of 18-4. They started off against a tough Overton team and lost 29-53. Carly Stewart had a team high 12 points, followed by Jersie Hermanson with 6. Next up was a trip to SEM which resulted in a 26-48 defeat. The girls were led by Zeigh Booe with 10 points and Brooklyn Wiese with 9. Then they had a home battle against Kenesaw and came away victorious 40-34. It was fairly even with 8 girls scoring points but Zeigh led the way with 7. The lady wolves faced another tough test in Amherst, losing 31-61. Jersie, Brooklyn, Zeigh, and Addi Perry each had 6 points. Up next was a thrilling 36-35 victory over Bertrand. Jersie scored in the last seconds of the game to get the win. Jorjanna High had a career day with 15 points, followed by 6 for Zeigh. The girls had to get back at it on Tuesday against Cambridge. While the girls fought hard, they came up short 38-46. Jersie was all over the place and ended up scoring 23 points. The girls have been working really hard and have had to battle through some injuries and sickness but appreciate all the support. Go Wolves!!

Girls JV Basketball

The JV girls basketball season is underway and the girls have gotten off to a great start going 4-1. Due to low numbers we have only been able to play 2 quarters and had 2 games canceled. The season started with an overtime win, 21-19 over a very good Overton team. Chloe Anderson led the way with 8 points and Kinsey Lauby added 6. Next, was a road test against SEM. We came away with the victory, 19-7. The scoring was pretty even with every girl scoring, but Clydie Kegley had the most with 5. Then we had a home game against Kenesaw and won, 24-15. Addison Perry and Chloe had 7 points a piece to lead the team in scoring. Up next, was another overtime victory against Amherst, 20-18. Jorjanna High had 8 points and up next was Autumn Holt with 5. Then came our first loss in overtime against Bertrand, 14-16. Addi had 5 points and Chloe added 4. We hope some girls get healed up and healthy so we can get some games in January. Thanks for all of the support!



Boys Varsity Basketball

The Loomis boys' basketball team is currently 2-4 on the season. We've played a very tough schedule to start the year, 2 of the four 4 were in overtime. The boys are playing extremely hard and have represented the school and community extremely well. They will continue to get better and improve throughout the season. We are a very young and inexperienced team, and my hope is that we will continue to improve each game.

We started the year off with a win over Overton 64 to 43. Cale Nelson led the way with 19 points, followed by Wes Trompke with 16 points. The next night we played SEM, and we did not shoot the ball very well and they did. The leading score was Wes Trompke with 9 points followed by Cale Nelson with 8 points.

The next weekend we took on a very good Amherst team and were beaten by a score of 74 to 33. The boys played them very tough for a half but were not able to keep up with the top rated C2 team. Gunner Hadley led the team with 12 points, followed by Tyson Essex with 10 points. On Saturday, December 10th, Loomis fell to Bertrand in overtime by a score of 36 to 34. Loomis was led by Wes Trompke with 11 points followed by Cale Nelson with 9 points.

On Tuesday, December 13th Loomis hosted Cambridge and came away with a 60 to 40 win. Loomis was led by Wes Trompke with 19 points, followed by Cale Nelson with 13 points. The boys played a very good game and never trailed in that contest. On Friday, the boys lost another heartbreaker to Ansley-Litchfield in overtime by a score of 57 to 48. Loomis was led by Cale Nelson with 15 points, followed by Wes Trompke with 11 points.

I feel we could easily be 4-2 right now. We've had some unfortunate bounces and breaks, but it will only make us stronger as the season continues. I'm very proud of how hard they're playing and competing. We have a great bunch of kids that are doing the best they can. As the season goes along, they will continue to get better and improve.

Loomis will take on Hitchcock County in the first round of the Brady Holiday tournament 12/29/22. The girl's game will start at 1:00PM with the boys to follow. Please continue to support the boys and the team. We appreciate everyone that comes out and cheers on the team.



One-Act

The Loomis One-Act team completed their 2022 season at the District Competition on November 28th. The team received 4th place at the contest, performing the play titled "Ghost House" by Rachel Bublitz. We had a very successful season, with many cast members receiving outstanding performance awards. Members receiving these honors are as follows:



Wilcox-Hildreth Festival - Cassandra Shultz, Torrin Donaldson, and Ashlea Booe

Cozad Festival - Ashlea Booe and Torrin Donaldson

Holdrege Festival - Torrin Donaldson, Cassandra Shultz, Chloe Anderson, and Ashlea Booe

FKC - Chloe Anderson, Torrin Donaldson, and Ashlea Booe

Districts - Ashlea Booe, Torrin Donaldson, Cassandra Shultz, and Clydie Kegley



Congratulations to these girls and all of the cast and crew members for a successful One-Act season!

Solid Start for Wolfking Wrestlers

Southwest Quad

The Loomis-Bertrand wrestling team has had a successful opening three weeks. This year's squad has increased in size and with 16 members wrestling the team has been competitive in the team race at tournaments as well as in dual action. The Wolfkings opened their season with a quad at Southwest. It was a good start to the season as the team finished 2-1 in their duals. Loomis-Bertrand began the evening with a close dual win over Arapahoe in which every match win and pin proved to be valuable team points. Next was a win over a short-handed Southwest team without a lot of actual bouts. The Wolfkings ended the evening falling to Cambridge in the final dual.

Ravenna Invite

The following day the wrestlers traveled to Ravenna for what is always a tough opening tournament. The Wolfkings found themselves in the race for a team plaque early on. In the end they would come up just short as the semifinals rounds saw some teams make a move up the leaderboard. Loomis-Bertrand finished the meet a respectable 5th place out of 17 teams with 99 points, only 4 short of Burwell at 103. The top three had some separation with Amherst winning the meet with 221, Ravenna runner-ups at 144, and close behind was Wood River in third at 139.

Individually the Wolfkings had four medalists and a few others that just missed out coming up a win short. A trio of second place medalists lead the Wolfkings. Sr. Kellan Brown was 2nd at 132, Jr. Clay Bohr was 2nd at 152, and Sr. Clay Meyer finished 2nd at 220. Fr. Tyson Freeman took 4th place at 120. Several others picked up wins with some even reaching the consolation semis before being eliminated: Carter Horner (So. 120), Phillip Titkemeier (Fr. 126), Cauy Meyer (Fr. 160), Tryston Edwards (Jr. 170), Walter Kenney (Fr. 220), Caden Swanson (Fr. 220), Riggin Ludeke (Jr. 285).

Southern Valley Invite

Next up was the Southern Valley Invite with 21 teams and a lot of full brackets. Once again the Wolfkings were in the hunt to be able to finish within the plaques early on. The team wasn't able to keep pace in the later rounds and finished up a solid 6th place with 85.5 points in a tough meet. York took the title with 122 just ahead of Sutherland with 114 and third place finisher Hitchcock County at 103 in a close team race.

Loomis-Bertrand brought home four medalists again. Tyson Freeman at 113 and Clay Bohr at 152 both finished the day as runner-ups. Kellan Brown at 132 and Clay Meyer at 220 brought home a pair of 3rd place medals. Carter Horner (120) and Cauy Meyer (160) both battled back to the consolation semis before being eliminated one win short of the medals. Phillip Titkemeier (126), Elkin Reyes (132), Caden Swanson (220), Walter Kenney (220), and Riggin Ludeke (285) also picked up wins on the day.

Kenesaw Tri and Cambridge Invite

Another couple of dual wins over Palmer and Kenesaw on Thursday evening gave the Wolfkings some momentum to build on for the tournament in Cambridge on Saturday. The team took advantage of a good start this time and accomplished one of their goals in bringing home a team plaque before the holiday break. The Wolfkings found themselves with a comfortable gap of 20 points for 3rd place entering the final round. They needed almost every point of that to hold off Twin Loup for the 3rd place plaque 119 to 115. Minden easily captured the championship with 198.5 and Cambridge locked up runner-up honors with 165 in the 20 team tournament. The plaque was the first for the Wolfkings since the 2019-2020 season.

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The medal count increased to 5 at Cambridge with 4 of those being runner-up honors. Tyson Freeman took 2nd at 113 and Clay Bohr added another 2nd place medal at 152. Clay Meyer had multiple close matches on the day: beating a returning state medalist and then a 1-0 decision to get to the finals before falling by 1 point to another state medalist to finish runner-up at 220. Riggan Ludeke came through big at 285 getting to the finals and finish runner-up as well. Kellan Brown got a big pin for the lone Wolfking win in the final round to finish in 3rd place. Valuable team points also came from Carter Horner and Clay Meyer as they made it into the consolation semis and picked up multiple victories. Tryston Edwards and Dylan Wendell also added points with a victory each. Walter Kenney and Caden Swanson also picked up victories to help out the team.

It has been a good start to the season for the Wolfking wrestlers. The team will compete Friday December 30th in Pleasanton and then have a Thursday Triangular in Axtell on January 5th before going to Burwell on Friday the 6th.



NCPA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on being named to the Nebraska Activities Association All-State Award. These students are recognized for their individual academic excellence, leadership, and significant contributions in their NSAA activity.

Wesley Trompke--Boys Cross Country

Torrin Donaldson--Girls Cross Country, Play Production

Gunnar Hadley--Football

Zac Rademaker--Football

Adeline Larson--Volleyball

Jersie Hermanson--Volleyball

Ashlea Booe--Play Production

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2022 7:00 PM

Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan Street
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 12-6-2022

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 12-1-2022

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

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Dale Gray: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: 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

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 Gary Regelin and a second by Allan Meyer.

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

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund Receipts \$168,568.94, expenses \$353,961.84, balance \$667,987.78

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$103.19, expenses \$24,792.95, balance \$962,695.42

Bond: Receipts \$1,821.15, expenses \$0, balance \$175,672.94

4.4.3. Activities Fund Receipts \$44,180.71, expenses \$ 38,214.71, balance \$170,136.93

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund Receipts \$23,062.01, expenses \$18,183.39, balance \$84,130.04

4.4.5. Building Fund Balance \$91,819.59

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

6.1.1. The Board has made a counterproposal to LEA and are awaiting the next meeting on Dec. 15th @ 7:15

6.2. Americanism

6.2.1. Next Meeting March 9th at 7:30 am

6.3.1. Next Meeting April 6th @ 7:30

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

6.4.1. 1) Discuss and approve the purchase of a used Scissor lift, 2) Still waiting on a bid from the bleacher company from McCook on visitor bleachers, 3) Playground site is determined and we are waiting for the bids to come in. Probably won't be anything done until summer. 4) Discuss and approve the recommendation to pursue the installation of LED safety lights on the outside of the building.

6.5. Preschool Advisory

6.5.1. Next meeting January 23rd at 6:30 pm

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Principal

7.1.1. Mr. Weaver Report- 1) Pre-School Playground, 2) School Improvement, 3) LB 1184 Meeting, 4) Bus Update, 5) MAPS Testing

7.2. Superintendent

7.2.1. 1) Christmas Concert Re-Scheduled, 2) Finals Test 12/16 & 19, 3) Moratorium 12/23- 12/27, 4) Holiday Tournaments BBall @ Brady 12/29-30 and WR @ Pleasanton 12/30 5) Jan. Board Meeting will include Oath, Election of Officers, Committee Assignments, 6) Vision and Goals Meeting on Jan. 4th 6:00- Supper will be served, 7) Staff/Board Christmas Meal scheduled for 12/19 at 6:30

Honored Dale Gray & Gary Regelin for their years of service as school board members. The time and date for the staff Christmas meal will have to be rescheduled due to the music program being postponed to 12/19/22. Discussed coaching positions.

8. Public Forum

9. Recess None taken

10. Action Agenda Items

10.1. Approve the Teaching Contract for David Squiers.

Motion to approve the teaching contract for David Squiers Passed with a motion by Dale Gray and a second by Kelly Anderson.

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

10.2. Discuss and approve the recommendation of the purchase of a scissor lift from Ogorzolka Enterprize, \$6700.

Motion to approve the purchase of a scissor lift from Ogorzolka Enterprize . Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Allan Meyer.

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

10.3. Discuss and approve the recommendation to pursue the Grant from Southern Public Power to install LED Safety lights on the outside of the building.

Motion to approve pursuing the Southern Public Power Grant to install LED Safety Lights on the outside of the school. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Gary Regelin.

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

11. Closed Session

12. Next Meeting Date

A Board Workshop will be held January 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

13. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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.

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