# THE WOLFPACK

Loomis Public School Newsletter

#### March 2023

#### **SMALL TOWN; BIG DATES**

- 3-1 Girls State Basketball
  3-1 Kindergarten Round-up
  3-2 6:30am FFA Apprec. Breakfast
- 3-2 FCA 7:30am
- 3-2 Preschool Grandma Day
- 3-4 Speech Meet @ Loup City
  3-6 District Speech Meet @ Bertrand
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- 3-7 B/G & T Committee Mtg
- 3-9 Boys State Basketball
- 3-9 American Comm. Mtg 7:30am
- 3-9 FCA
- 3-13 Board Mtg 7:30pm
- 3-14 Staff Mtg 7:45am
- **3-14 2:36 Dismissal**
- 3-14 School Improvement Mtg All Staff
- 3-15 No School
- 3-16 No School
- 3-17 No School
- 3-17 State Speech3-20 FKC Academic Bo
- 3-20 FKC Academic Bowl3-21 ACT Juniors 8:00 am
- 3-22 FKC Music Contest
- 3-22 FKC Music Contest 3-22 Dental Screening 2nd Treatment
- 3-23 FCA
- 3-23 Golf @ Overton
- 3-24 Track @ Wilcox
- 3-27 FFA Mtg 7pm
- 3-28 5th/6th Zoo Trip
- 3-28 Golf @ Cambridge
- 3-29 5th/6th Zoo Trip
- 3-29 State FFA Convention
- 3-29 School Imp External Visit
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## From the Wolf's Den

#### Sam Dunn

Welcome Spring! It won't be long and the daylight will be with us longer and the days will warm up. Congratulations to the Winter sports contestants, coaches and fans. Loomis, as always, was represented with class and respect. Thank you for your support of our students. I have had the opportunity to travel to many of our contests and watch our student athletes compete and our fans cheer. I have also been to contests that I have witnessed opposing schools and their student bodies. I must say we are blessed to have awesome students who support their school in a positive manner. As Spring rolls in and we begin to experience our extracurricular contests, remember to stay classy and respectful. That's the Loomis way!

I have three new staff members for next fall to introduce to the community. Cassidy Synder will be our new 7-12 Science teacher. Cassidy is originally from Holdrege and has been teaching in Arapahoe. Hannah Gilg is our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Hannah is originally from Cozad and has been teaching elementary in her hometown of Cozad. John Christensen is originally from Davenport, NE. John is finishing up his student teaching at Bennington and he will be our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher next fall. All new staff members are eager to start in August and be a part of our outstanding school. All three are interested in helping out in any extra-curricular area wherever they can.

Loomis School, as I have mentioned many times to my peers and potential staff, is a "hidden gem". We are so fortunate to have phenomenal teachers, and hardworking, high achieving students. Please help make our new hires feel welcome in our community and school.

## **Principal's Post-it Notes**

Nate Weaver

March is right around the corner. I am hoping that temperatures start to climb and that we get rid of this white stuff on the ground. I love snow, but after having so much, it gets tedious having to move it. If you have been around the school, we are finding it hard to find a place for it. It is time for spring weather!

I would like to thank the patrons, alumni and fans that followed Loomis during the winter activities season. The number of supporters was impressive. This speaks volumes for the quality school support that this district continues to have! Our students do not understand how lucky they are to have such a supporting fan base. This also gives them an excellent experience.

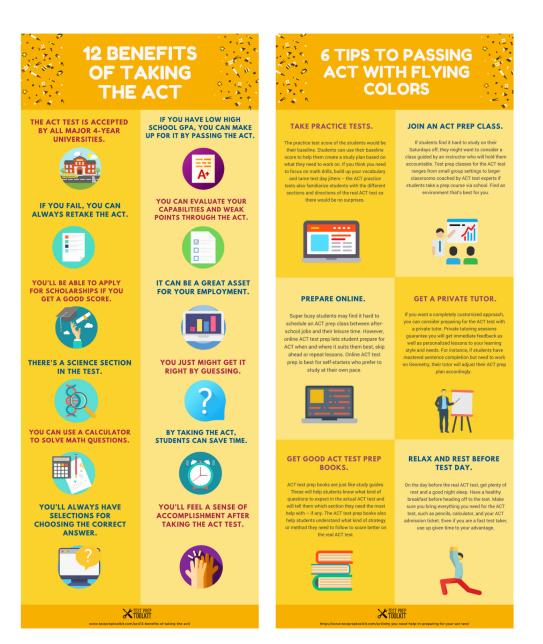
We are gearing up for our 5- year external school improvement meeting in March. Schools in Nebraska are required to break down data, look at areas of strength and areas that need improvement. We have been working for the last 5 years to produce goals, strategies and data to support our process. Our improvement goal is reading comprehension. With reading comprehension, we have utilized chunking as our strategy to improve comprehension. It has not been easy for any school to go through this process. We had to endure Covid, a year with no state testing and then revamping of state testing the following year. We had to use the data that was consistent through the pandemic, which did limit the data to less. I am proud of our staff and students for making the best of what was dealt to us. We did show good gains throughout the process.



## **Counselor's Corner**

Whitney Billeter

The Loomis juniors will be taking the state accountability test, the ACT on March 21st. The ACT offers a college admissions test, college course placement, and career planning components.



### Lady Wolves Basketball

Coach Perry

The Lady Wolves had a tough season but ended on a good note. The girls ended with a record of 6-16, while the jv went 6-5. We closed out the season with a win at Brady. Jersie Hermanson led the way with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Zeigh Booe added 13 points and 9 rebounds. The girls fought really hard in the sub-district game against Axtell but came up short, 39-48. Jersie was high scorer with 16 points and a game high 10 rebounds. Zeigh and Carly Stewart each contributed 9 points. We will miss our seniors, Jersie Hermanson and Sadie Maloley. Thanks for all the hard work you have put in and the great example you have set for future Lady Wolves!

End of year stat leaders:

Points per game Jersie Hermanson 10.3 Carly Stewart 5.7 Zeigh Booe 5.7

Assists per game Jersie Hermanson 0.8 Addison Perry 0.7 Zeigh Booe 0.6 Rebounds per game Jersie Hermanson 6.5 Carly Stewart 5.9 Zeigh Booe 4.0

Steals per game Jersie Hermanson 3.0 Zeigh Booe 2.5 Addison Perry 1.8

#### Junior High Girls Basketball

The Junior High had a great season! The A team finished with a record of 7-2 and the B team went 3-4. The A team started off the season strong with a win against rival Bertrand, 33-4. Aspen Billeter led all scorers with 16 points and Natalie Kegley added 8. Next up was a win against Overton, 37-10. Aspen poured in 20 points while Sophia Schemper pitched in with 11. The girls kept it rolling with a win against Wilcox-Hildreth, 26-10. Aspen had a team high 18 points and Lauryn Blincow had 4. Up next was the Loomis L-Club tourney. The girls had a great first game, beating SEM, 47-8. The team was led by Aspen with 20 points and Sophia added 9. Then the girls faced a tough Alma team and lost, 27-47. We hung with them the first half but just couldn't put the whole game together. Leading the way was Aspen with 20 points. They followed that game up with a losing effort at Elm Creek, 39-43. Aspen was a spark offensively, going for 28 points while Jillian added 5 points. They got back on the winning track with a great defensive effort beating Axtell, 28-12. Leading scorer was Aspen with 18 while Sophia had 6. Up next was a big win against a very good Amherst team, 24-17. Sophia had 7 points and Aspen led the way with 11. The girls ended the season with a big win against Hi-Line, 55-15. Aspen was on fire torching the defense for 32 points while Jillian Ludeke added 8 points. Overall, I thought the girls improved throughout the season and came to practice every day ready to work!

## Grapple Up

Dustin Freeman

#### **C4** District Tournament

Mitchell was the host for this year's always TOUGH C4 District Tournament. Once again the district tournament proved to have the highest of highs and the crashing lows as dreams and seasons come to an end. If you love sports and haven't experienced a Saturday at a District Wrestling Tournament you should!

It wasn't about the team race for the Wolfkings but about looking to get a handful of wrestlers to punch their ticket to Omaha and qualify for the State Tournament. The pressure and suspense started on Friday afternoon for the Wolfking wrestlers, coaches, and followers as wrestlers faced some must win quarterfinals matches in their pursuit of a top 4 finish earning that State qualification. The first of these came at 113 lbs where Tyson Freeman was in a 4-5 seed match with Williams of Valentine. With 3 of the top 4 rated guys in the state in the C4 District the winner of this match had a path to the medal rounds whereas the loser would end up having to look to upset one of those top 3 in the heartbreak round to get in. Tyson got out to an early lead but Williams controlled the second and early part of the third period to close the gap to 4-2 with just over 1 minute remaining. An escape for Freeman led to a tense takedown scramble in which Tyson was able to avoid getting chin whipped to his back and power through for the takedown and put Williams on his back in the process. Tyson would secure the pin and advance to the semifinals now needing just 1 win to qualify. Right away Carter Horner was up for his 3-6 seed quarters match with Borer of Valentine, another almost must win bout. Horner was able to

secure and finish his takedown attempt then transitioned to pinning his opponent to advance to the semis and would also only need 1 more win to qualify tomorrow. At 126 Phillip Titkemeier would lose his opening match but a win later in the day kept him alive for competition on Saturday. At 132 Elkin Reyes would fall in both of his matches ending his season on Friday. Clay Bohr faced a tough 145 bracket with 8 seeded wrestlers. Bohr would get an opening round win and then had a 3-6 matchup with Taubenheim of Amherst. Bohr had defeated Taubenheim last week at TVC/FKC in the finals but it was an exciting match. This time Taubenheim jumped to an early 5-0 lead after the first period. Bohr came back to close the gap with a takedown and nearfall of his own to make it 5-4 but within that scramble Taubenheim was able to get a reversal and cradle that led to him getting the pin. Tryston Edwards would suffer a first round loss but a gritty 7-6 win kept him alive for Saturday. At 160 Cauy Meyer faced a bracket of 11 seeded wrestlers. A first round loss would make it an uphill battle but a bye on the consolation side had him alive for Saturday as well. Kash Schoff also fell in the first round and a bye kept him in for Saturday. Clay Meyer got a big 3-6 seed win on Friday afternoon as he led 1-0 late in his match, eventually securing a pin to place himself in the semis and 1 win away from that qualifying spot. At 285 Caden Swanson was also in the 3-6 matchup but as the 6th seed. Swanson would end up falling in this match but could battle back on the consolation side tomorrow.

Saturday wrestling would open with the 2nd round consolation matches. Dylan Wendell was up right away for the Wolfkings at 106. Dylan's season

## **Grapple Up....Continued**

ended upon losing by pin. Phillip Titkemeier (126) was next and an 8-4 win kept his season alive. Clay Bohr then advanced with a pin. Tryston Edwards would have to face the 2 seed that got upset yesterday who would pin Edwards to end his chances. Cauy Meyer was up right away and also had his season ended after being pinned. Kash Schoff suffered the same with a season ending pin at 195. It was a rough opening round of consolations as the team entered the semifinals and 3rd round consolations with 6 wrestlers still alive.

Up first in the semis was Tyson Freeman but Chauncy Watson of Broken Bow with a 45-2 record secured a first period pin to send Freeman to the heartbreak round of the consolation bracket. Carter Horner would face brother Cash Watson of Broken Bow who was 43-5. It was the same result for Horner as he was pinned, moving him to the heartbreak round as well. Phillip Titkemeier was next in his consolation match. It was a close 2-3 match when Phillip ended up getting turned and pinned to end his season. Clay Bohr was next with his must win consolation bout. It was a tight 2-2 match before Clay got a reversal and near fall in the 2nd period and then secured the pin to advance to the heartbreak round and the chance at qualifying. Clay Meyer had #2 rated Peterson of Chase County in the semifinals. Peterson was able to fight of some valiant scoring chances by Meyer to take an 8-1 victory that felt closer than the scoreboard showed. Meyer would now have a tough heartbreak round matchup to qualify. Caden Swanson finished the round in exciting fashion for the Wolfkings. Swanson was able to get an escape and takedown in the final 30 seconds for a come from behind 9-8 decision to reach the heartbreak round.

Emotions were high as the team had 5 wrestlers in the heartbreak round. Win and you

reach that dream of qualifying for the State Tournament. Lose and the season is over, for seniors- their wrestling career ends. Lots of emotion in just a few hours of time would ensue. Tyson Freeman was up first and would face Roland of Amherst whom we had beaten earlier in the season at SEM. Tyson came out shooting and secured a takedown early but wasn't able to get the turn despite keeping the pressure on. In the second another takedown stretched the lead to 4-0. Freeman then worked a turn and secured the fall to qualify for the State Tournament and get the Wolfking crowd on their feet! It wasn't but just a few minutes of celebrating the moment and it was on to preparing Carter Horner to go out and do the same. Horner gave up an early takedown to trail 0-2 but that would be the only scoring for Shields of Amherst. Horner was able to get a reversal with seconds left in the first to tie it up. In the second Horner wasn't able to get the reversal but did score a locked hands penalty point to lead 3-2. Shields chose top in the 3rd but Horner didn't get rattled as he scored a reversal and near fall to finish the match 8-2. Horner was also going to the State Tournament and the Wolfkings were fired up! We then had to wait awhile for Clay Bohr to come up at 145 lbs. Bohr would face Rynearson of Broken Bow who had come back to tie the match late and then get the takedown in overtime to beat Bohr 8-6 at Ord. It was a 0-0 first period. Rynearson would get the first points as he went up 3-0 in the second after a penalty point and reversal. Rynearson seemed to gain momentum and Bohr wasn't able to come back, eventually ending his season with a tough 2-10 loss. The Wolfkings now had the other end of the emotional spectrum the heartbreak round can bring. Another long wait for 220 and Clay Meyer headed onto the mat. Meyer would face fellow

## **Grapple Up....Continued**

senior Boettcher of Ord with a 34-9 record, whom had qualified for State last season. Meyer weathered the storm early but a stalling call on a mat return attempt in the second led to a point for Boettcher and then an escape left us trailing 0-2. Meyer felt the need to push for scoring chances and that ended up allowing Boettcher to secure a takedown directly to a pin, the only time Meyer was pinned all season. Heartache hit hard as Meyer's career for the Wolfkings ended. He was 5th in a very difficult bracket in which only 4 could advance. Caden Swanson would take the mat at 285 against French of Morrill. French scored the first takedown and was able to use his weight and athleticism to keep Swanson on the mat and secure the pin, Swanson's freshman season had ended as well.

It was a back and forth struggle of emotion that seemed to persist for the next several hours as the team sat on the bus for the long ride home. There had been tears of joy and moments where heartbeats raced from excitement. Sadness had also taken its hold as it felt like it was squeezing your stomach and heart from inside for those that had come so close but landed just short. The pain of seeing brothers and teammates hurt for each other as they know the work that was put in. Despite all of this an overall sense of pride kept pushing through, memories of great moments from the season were remembered and the sense that several young Wolfkings showed a lot of positives throughout the season. There was excitement for Carter and Tyson as they looked to make noise in Omaha and battle for the chance at a State Medal!!!











Board of Education Regular Meeting Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117 101 Bryan Street Loomis, NE 68958-0250 Monday, February 13, 2023 7:00 PM

Kelly Anderson: Absent, Allan Meyer: Present, Duane Schoff: Present, Scott Schukar: Absent, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: 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 Duane Schoff and a second by Luke Thorell.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: 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
- 3. Approval of Absent Board Members

Motion to approve the absence of Scott Schukar & Kelly Anderson for personal reasons. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Luke Thorell.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: 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 Mike Szekely and a second by Allan Meyer.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the bill roster.

4.1. Agenda

#### 4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

#### 4.4. Financial Reports

- 4.4.1. General Fund Receipts \$825,754.25, expenses \$329,296.88, balance \$1,035,643.29
- 4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$79.13, expenses \$0, balance \$961,055.85 Bond: Receipts \$46,665.64, expenses \$0, balance \$223,089.90

- 4.4.3. Activities Fund Receipts \$17,626.65, expenses \$16,107.72, balance \$171,912.44
- 4.4.4. Nutrition Fund Receipts \$15,289.20, expenses \$21,177.45, balance \$100,470.85
- 4.4.5. Building Fund Receipts \$3,883.98, expenses \$0, balance \$95,703.57
- 6. Board Committee Reports
- 6.1. Negotiations

6.1.1. Certified Staff completed Administrative Salaries- Tonight Non-Certified Staff- March

- 6.2. Americanism
- 6.2.1. Next Meeting March 9 @ 7:30am

6.3. Policy

6.3.1. Next Policy Meeting- April 6th 7:30 am1) #5004 Option Enrollment2) #6025- Cell Phone

- 6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation
- 6.4.1. Discuss and Recap of the B/G & T meeting on Wed. 2/8
- 6.5. Preschool Advisory
- 6.5.1. Notes from 1/23 Meeting
- 1) Playground- Waiting on Bids
- 2) Seperate 3 yrs. On Hold until we have room
- 3) Capping the size at 19- hold one spot for move in
- 4) Adding Criteria- If you attended the previous year, you get back in the next year
- 5) Discuss and Approve the Pre-School Handbook

#### 7. Administrative Reports

#### 7.1. Principal

- 7.1.1. Principal Notes
- 1) Hazard Mitigation Meeting
- 2) ESU 11 Principals Meeting
- 3) P/T Conferences
- 4) Bus Update

#### 7.2. Superintendent

7.2.1. Superintendent Notes;
1) Continuing School Improvement March 29 & 30
2) Calendar- Approval
3) NRCSA Conference @ Kearney March 23 & 24
4) ESU 11 Master Service Agreement
5) N.A.S.B. Renewal- Discuss and Approve

6) Administrative Salaries- Discuss and Approve- Closed Session

Presented a practice run through of the Continuous School Improvement presentation.

- 10. Action Agenda Items
- 10.1. Discuss and Approve the 2023-24 Calendar

Motion to approve the calendar for the 2023-24 school year. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Duane Schoff.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.2. Discuss and Approve the Pre-School Handbook

Motion to approve the 2023-24 PreSchool Handbook Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Luke Thorell.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.3. Discuss and Approve the 2023-24 Master Service Agreement with ESU 11

Motion to approve the 2023-24 Master Agreement with ESU 11. Passed with a motion by Luke Thorell and a second by Allan Meyer.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.4. Discuss and Approve renewing our membership with NASB (Nebraska Association of School Boards) \$3,249

Motion to approve renewing our membership with NASB Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Luke Thorell.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.5. Discuss and approve the hiring of Hannah Gilg for the 2023-24 school year.

Motion to approve the elementary contract for Hannah Gilg for the 2023-24 school year Passed with a motion by Allan Meyer and a second by Mike Szekely.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.6. Discuss and approve hiring John Christensen for the 2023-24 school year.

Motion to approve an elementary contract for John Christensen for the 2023-24 school year. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Duane Schoff.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.7. Discussion of Administrative Salaries in Closed Session

Motion to enter closed sessions to discuss and approve administrative salaries for the 2023-24 school year at 8:38 p.m. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Allan Meyer.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

11. Closed Session

Motion to move out of closed session at 9:35 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Scott Schukar.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

12. Next Meeting Date The next regular meeting will be held March 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center, Rm 117

12.1. March 13 @ 7:30

13. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairperson



#### **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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