THE WOLFPACK

LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2026

October Recap

October was a busy month at Loomis! We wrapped up the volleyball and cross country seasons and celebrated Red Ribbon Week. We're proud of our students and all they accomplished this month!

Volleyball Finishes their Season

The Lady Wolves wrapped up their season with an 18-13 record! We want to thank our three seniors, Elliana, Sophia, and Natalie, for their hard work, dedication, and contributions to the team. Thank you for a great season, Lady Wolves!

Elementary Happenings

October was a great month for our elementary students! We celebrated Red Ribbon Week and congratulated our elementary Quiz Bowl team on earning 3rd place at the tournament hosted by Holdrege. Way to go, Wolves!

Cross Country Sends 1 to State

Both teams competed at Districts in Ogallala, where Kendra qualified for the state meet. She did a great job representing the Wolves at state against some tough competition. Thank you to our seniors, Jonah and Kendra, for your hard work and contributions to the team!

Football Competes in Playoffs

Football has finished their regular season 9-0, qualifying them for the state playoffs! They won the first round against Neligh-Oakdale and will play Lourdes Central Catholic on November 6th in Loomis.

Dates

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STRAIGHT FROM THE WOLF'S DEN

MR. NATE WEAVER

Hello Wolves,

It's that time of year... yep, cold and flu season seems to have arrived sooner than expected! Please remember to keep students' home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours. Make sure they are getting plenty of rest and good nutrition so we can keep our school as healthy as possible. These illnesses can make it challenging to fill needed positions with our limited number of substitute teachers and paraprofessionals. Maintaining good health is important every day! A healthy diet, warm coat, and adequate sleep are some of the best defenses as we head into the winter months.

It always feels like a mad dash to Christmas after Thanksgiving! During the first week of December, we will begin Fast-Bridge testing. This program is individualized for each student, helping identify strengths and areas of need while providing targeted interventions for those who need additional support. Students have opportunities to build skills in specific areas, and the program also includes a valuable social-emotional learning component. MAP testing will also take place in early December.
All of this will happen before we head into our holiday break on December 17th.

Semester finals will be held on December 15th and 16th, with December 17th set aside for reviewing finals and, of course, enjoying a few fun activities. We look forward to seeing the growth and improvement our students have made since their fall assessments!

With fall sports wrapping up, we're heading into a busy November with **One-Act season**! This dedicated group of students works together to bring the production to life. Upcoming performances include:

- **Wilcox – November 12th**
- **Holdrege – November 17th**
- **Conference (Holdrege) – November 23rd**
- **Districts – December (date TBD)**

We will also have a dinner theatre event scheduled soon, so be watching for more information! Winter sports practices begin November 16th. Many students participate in both One-Act and winter sports, which is a great testament to their dedication, hard work, and involvement in school activities.

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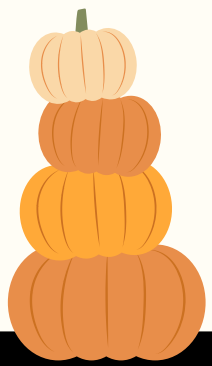
MR. NATE WEAVER

Our Cross-Country team wrapped up its season with Kendra Porteck qualifying for the State Meet. The team continued to improve throughout the season, and it was exciting to watch them compete. Our Volleyball team also had an excellent season. Although they came up short in districts, the improvement and progress they made this year were great to see. The Football team continues to compete in district play. Best of luck to them as they finish out their season!

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Best of luck to all of our students participating in postseason fall activities and getting started with winter activities. Time continues to fly by, and there is always something exciting

Go Wolves!
Mr. Weaver





PRINCIPAL'S PACK UPDATE

MRS. SAMANTHA THORELL



As we head into November, there is a lot happening at Loomis Public Schools! The weather is getting colder, fall activities are wrapping up, and we are looking ahead to a busy and exciting winter season. We are also continuing to focus on supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally as we move through the school year.

Supporting Every Student Through MTSS

One of the ways we support student success at Loomis Public Schools is through our **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**. MTSS is a framework that allows us to look at the individual needs of our students and provide additional support when needed. Our MTSS process uses student data, teacher observations, assessments, and other information to help us identify what is working for students and where additional support may be beneficial. Rather than waiting until a student is struggling significantly, MTSS allows us to be proactive and provide support early.

Throughout the school year, our staff use designated MTSS days to review student data, discuss student progress, identify areas of need, and plan appropriate interventions or enrichment opportunities. These conversations allow teachers and staff to work together to make informed decisions about how we can best support each student. Our goal is simple: **to make sure every student has the support and opportunities they need to be successful.**

Celebrating a Healthy, Drug-Free Lifestyle

October also brought **Red Ribbon Week**, a time when our school focused on making healthy choices and celebrating a drug-free lifestyle. Mrs. Meyer planned a variety of activities to help students think about the importance of taking care of themselves and making positive choices.

Elementary students participated in dress-up days, a coloring contest, and other activities throughout the week. We also had a fun door decorating contest, with classrooms creating displays that reflected the Red Ribbon Week theme. **Thank you to Mrs. Meyer** for putting together such a fun and meaningful week for our students and staff!

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MRS. SAMANTHA THORELL



First Quarter Complete!

It is hard to believe that our first quarter has already come and gone! The first quarter ended in October, and we are already well into our second quarter, which will end on December 17.

As we move through the second quarter, we encourage families to continue communicating with teachers, checking student progress, and helping students stay on top of their schoolwork. These final weeks before Christmas break can move quickly, so now is a great time to make sure students are finishing the semester strong.

Preparing for Colder Weather

As temperatures continue to drop, please remember to send students to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Coats, hats, gloves, and other cold-weather clothing will become increasingly important as we move into the winter months. With colder weather also comes cold and flu season. We ask that parents and guardians please keep students home when they are sick and **call the school office to report their child's absence**. If your child has a fever, they should remain home until they have been **fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication**. This helps protect your child, their classmates, and our staff from the spread of illness.

Honoring Our Veterans

One of the most meaningful traditions at Loomis Public Schools is our **Veterans Day Program**, which will be held on **November 11 at 10:00 a.m.** Veterans Day gives us an opportunity to recognize and thank the men and women who have served our country. We are grateful for the sacrifices made by our veterans and their families, and we are proud to provide our students with an opportunity to learn about the importance of service, courage, and gratitude.

We invite our veterans, families, and community members to join us as we honor those who have served our country. A breakfast will be held at **9:00 a.m.** for our veterans and a guest.

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Winter Activities Are Here!

Fall sports are winding down, but there is no shortage of activity at LPS! **Winter sports practices begin November 16**, and we look forward to cheering on our students as they begin a new season.

We also want to remind families who attend school activities to please make sure children remain seated and supervised during sporting events and activities. As our fall activities come to a close and winter sports begin, many of our events will take place indoors. We want our activities to be enjoyable for everyone, and helping younger children remain seated and respectful during events makes a big difference. Thank you to our coaches, sponsors, families, and community members who continue to support our students and activities. School activities are an important part of the student experience, and we appreciate everyone who helps make them possible.

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- **November 30–December 4:** Elementary MAP and FastBridge Assessment Testing

As always, thank you for your continued support of Loomis Public Schools. Our students benefit tremendously from the partnership between our school, families, and community. We are grateful to be part of such a supportive community and look forward to a great month ahead!

Go Wolves!
Mrs. Thorell

NOVEMBER

Bermis FFA newsletter

SIGN UP

Livestock Judging Contest

We need both members and parents to help out with the contest that day.

Only if you are NOT judging!

SIGN UP HERE!

HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH

Sports You Code:
UQQ3WBH6

Facebook:
BerMis AgEducation

Instagram:
BerMis FFA

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DATES TO KNOW

Nov. 2 – Officer Meeting

Nov. 10 – Chapter Meeting

Nov. 10 – Fruit Sales Due

Nov. 14– BerMis Livestock Judging Contest

Nov. 18 – CDE #1

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Our first CDE competition is coming up. Make sure you have everyhting you need for official dress. Also make sure you have at least 5 HOURS of practice time before the competition.

OCTOBER RECAP

Mrs. Lavene and Ms. Siebrant took their Ag leadership classes to Connecting Chapters in Arapahoe. The students learned how to involve their elementary in agriculture.



The Bermis FFA Chapter provided lunch to hard working farmers during their busy season. We were able to show our appreciation to the people who put food on our plates.



Freshman and Sophmores went to the Franklin area to compete in the area land judging compitition.



Some Bermis FFA members went to National FFA convention in Indiana and reprented the state of Nebraska.



WOLVES IN ACTION

October Recap













BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2026 at 7:40 PM - Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Discussion:

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. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Consent Agenda

Discussion: Reviewed Bill Roser, fund balances.

5.1. Agenda

5.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

5.3. Bill Roster

5.4. Financial Reports

5.4.1. General Fund

Discussion: Receipts $630,524.15, expenses $394,704.68, balance $2,202,347.02

5.4.2. Investment Fund

Discussion: Depreciation: Receipts $139.27, expenses $0, balance $1,714,627.73

Bond: Receipts $44,820.81, expenses $0, balance $381,398.16

5.4.3. Activities Fund

Discussion: Receipts $36,663.79, expenses $40,266.15, balance $104,002.16

5.4.4. Nutrition Fund

Discussion: Receipts $20,941.40, expenses $26,246.47, balance $(10,549.46)

5.4.5. Building Fund

Discussion: Receipts $26,575.01, expenses $0, balance $499,465.56

6. 2026 School Census

Discussion: Attached are the Census reports from 2025 and 2026. There are 10 less children age 5-18 in 2026 than there was in 2025.

7. Introduction of Speakers

8. Board Committee Reports

8.1. Negotiations

Discussion: We will need to have our first meeting this month. I did contact Denny and Lindsey to open the door to a meeting, and then also brought up that we will need to add FFA and possibly the AD position to the extra duty schedule.

8.2. Americanism

Discussion: Waiting to hear from Offutt AF Base for a Veteran's Days speaker.

8.3. Policy

Discussion: We discussed 3 policies during the meeting. 4028 has a paragraph being added back in to designate substitute pay. 5056 - We discussed how and why it changed and the main emphasis was to not open it up to things that aren't healthy for the school district. We also discussed 5099 and what we are open to do as far as testing. The policy does give us choices, which is good due to one of the tests not being 100% effective.

8.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

Discussion: Denny and Luke were in attendance. We discussed the list and how we wanted to address the items on the list. Notes are provided below. The shredding company has been contracted and we are currently using their services. We plan to wait to see what the state does for sure with the S.S. standards before we address curriculum.

8.5. Preschool Advisory

8.6. Beef Committee

Discussion: Over $24,000 in the PCCF account for Beef for Schools.

9. Administrative Reports

9.1. Principal

Discussion: Mrs. Thorell's Board Report

October 12, 2026

1. Crisis Team Meeting

On September 29th, I took our Crisis Team to the ESU to receive updates and training on current school crisis protocols. We had several great discussions while there and revisited our updated Board Policies 3040 and 3041. After compiling the information we gathered at our ESU meeting, we returned to Loomis and took a closer look at some of the things we currently had in place. From there, I combined all of that information into an updated Crisis Manual for Loomis Public Schools staff. A few of our team members are also working on an updated informational pamphlet that will be sent out to families at the beginning of next school year to share our basic crisis protocols and keep families informed.

2. McTeacher's Night

Last Monday, October 5th, Loomis Public Schools partnered with the local Holdrege McDonald's for our annual McTeacher's Night, where our school received 50% of all digital sales made. The money earned from this fundraiser will go into our Sunshine Committee fund. There was a great turnout of Loomis families, and it appeared to be a great night overall for our school family.

3. UNK Partnership

On October 13th, several students from the UNK Teacher's College will be coming to Loomis to visit with Mr. Weaver and me about our school. They will receive a tour of our building and have an opportunity to visit classrooms, shadow teachers in their areas of interest, and experience an afternoon as a "Wolf." This not only creates an authentic experience for upcoming teachers, but also helps keep our pipeline strong for future educators who may be interested in LPS. Additionally, these same students will eventually be able to substitute later in their program, which is a valuable asset for us.

4. Family Literacy Night

On October 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, we will be hosting a Family Literacy Night with experts from Just Right Reader. There will be information about the research behind the Science of Reading and language and reading development in children, hands-on games and activities for families to participate in together, and practical strategies for parents to use to support reading with their children at home.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9.2. Superintendent

Discussion: Woodword Disposal Service -

Surplus items - swingset, lunchroom tables, welder, projectors

Safety inspection - classroom doors should be locked during the day, space in the shop classroom, signage for gas shut-offs.

Project updates - TL Sund is behind schedule, the building should be arriving in the next couple of weeks.

Labor Relations - predictions of health insurance increasing 13%,

Bus Update - bus 19 4 new tires being replaced, air conditioning doesn't work very well in any of them

Give to Grow - November 12th, 2026 for Beef in Schools

10. Public Forum

11. Recess

Discussion: None taken

12. Action Agenda Items

12.1. Discuss and vote to approve the sale of surplus items.

12.2. Discuss and vote to approve the monthly policy updates as presented.

12.3. Vote to approve the 26-27 Budget due to the tax asking and budget not being posted in the newspaper.

13. Closed Session

14. Next Meeting Date

Discussion: The next regular meeting will be held November 9, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center, Room 117, at Loomis Public Schools.

15. Adjournment

Discussion: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.