

Litchfield School
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October 2020

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SMALLTOWN TIMES



2020 Homecoming King and Queen: Derik Linden and Sydnee Sweley

Crownbearers were Trace Mack-Sekutera and Taya Mack-Sekutera

Important events at
Litchfield:

**School Pictures October
1st**

**FBLA Canned Food Drive
Grades k-12; Oct 26-30**

**FBLA Trick or Treat for
Cans Community Drive
October 29th**

**FBLA Adopt-A-Highway
Trash Pickup
October 17th**

No School October 19th

**First round of Football
Playoffs October 22nd**

**Volleyball Sub Districts
October 26th**

**FFA Fruit Sales Begin
October 15th—end of
month**

Fall Break October 30th



October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 JHVB @ Broken Bow 4:30</p> <p>VB @ Litchfield vs Central Valley</p> <p>School Pictures</p>	<p>2 CC TBD</p> <p>VB @ Sandhills</p> <p>JV 4:00/ V5:00</p> <p>VFB @ Sandhills 7:00</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 VB @ A/M</p> <p>JH 3:00/ JV 4:00</p> <p>JH/JV FB @ A/M</p> <p>JH 5:00/ JV 6:00</p>	<p>6 JR's ASVAB testing</p> <p>VB @ Bertrand, 5:00</p>	<p>7 Flu Shot Clinic 1:30</p>	<p>8 JV/V Volleyball @ Loomis</p> <p>5:00 with Overton</p> <p>Pre ACT testing Sophomores</p>	<p>9 Varsity Football VS South Loup @Ansley 7:00</p> <p>Youth VB 3:00 pm @ Litchfield</p>	<p>10 JV VB @ Ansley 9:00</p> <p>JH VB@ Litchfield 9:00</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 JH VB@ Ansley 1:00</p> <p>JH/JV Football @ Burwell 4:00/6:00</p> <p>V VB FKCTourney TBD</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Cross country VS TBD</p> <p>FBLA Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>16 Football VS Sandhills Valley Coop @ Stapleton 7:00</p>	<p>17 Minden Band Fest</p> <p>FBLA Trash pickup, 9 am</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 JH football vs Amherst @ Ansley 3:00</p> <p>JH Volleyball VS Amherst @ Ansley 3:00</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>20 Varsity VB Triangular</p> <p>Brady/ Hi Line @ Litchfield 5:00</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 First round football playoffs TBD</p>	<p>23 State Cross country @ Kearney Country Club</p> <p>JV/V VB Vs Loomis @Ansley 5:00 5:00</p>	<p>24 JV VB @Sargent 1:00</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 TBD Volleyball Varsity Sub districts</p> <p>Class completion week for FBLA Food drive</p>	<p>27 TBD Volleyball Varsity Sub Districts</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 FBLA Community Canned food drive collection; 7:00 pm</p>	<p>30 Second Round of Football Playoffs TBD</p> <p>No School Fall Break</p>	<p>31 TBD Volleyball Varsity Districts</p>

October 2020 Lunch menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Runza casserole Corn on the cob Dinner roll Cantaloupe	2 Nachos Green beans Mixed fruit Apple crisp	3
4	5 Chicken nuggets Mac-n-cheese Peas	6 Sub sandwich Smiley fries Baked beans Peaches	7 Shepard's Pie Beets Dinner roll Grapes	8 Roast pork Mashed potatoes Carrots Dinner roll	9 Crisпитos Cottage cheese Green beans Strawberries &	10
11	12 Pulled pork sand French fries Peas-n-carrots	13 Fajitas Refried beans Corn Watermelon	14 Spaghetti Lettuce Garlic bread Pineapple	15 Teriyaki chicken Fried rice Stir-fry veggies	16 Pizza Green beans Tropical fruit Cookie	17
18	19 No School	20 Enchilada casserole Corn Peach cup	21 Hamburger Sweet potatoes Baked beans Fresh pineapple	22 Meatloaf Baked potato Green beans Dinner roll	23 Chicken terrazini Broccoli Garlic bread	24
25	26 Taco Tater tots Cucumbers Banana	27 Lasagna Garlic bread Carrots Mixed fruit	28 Chicken noodle or Chili soup Cinnamon roll	29 Popcorn chicken & Mashed potato bowl	30 No School	31

Homecoming 2020

By Zyruss Fauss, newsletter staff

Homecoming 2020 was just as exciting like it normally is. During homecoming week the student council members set up dress days for students and staff to participate in. The days were: Pajama day, game board day, beach day, and Spartan spirit day. This years pep rallies were held separately at each school due to COVID but it was still very exciting and entertaining.

To kick things off at the pep rally the band played the school anthem. For the homecoming games the seniors played the teachers in frisbee kickball with the teachers winning by one point. The volleyball players ran a relay race with football gear and the football players played a short volleyball game.

The Spartan football team played an amazing homecoming game winning 44-8 against Axtell. The crown bearers were Trace and Taya Mack—Sekutera. Last years royalty handed off the crowns to this years Homecoming King and Queen which was Derik Linden and Sydnee Sweley

The volleyball team played one game during Homecoming week against Axtell. They played well but lost a very close game in the 5th set



Left to right:

Kaleb Rosentreader, Ethan Sohrweid, Seth Willenberg, Trace Mack-Sekutera, Derik Linden, Sydnee Sweley, Taya Mack-Sekutera, Rebecca Mostek, Kayden Lucas and Rilee Howard

ALL SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

WHEN

October 26-30

Items will be collected and counted by FBLA members on Nov. 2

WHERE TO TAKE ITEMS

ALL ELEMENTARY:

SUPPORT STAFF AND ADMIN:

7TH GRADE:

8TH GRADE:

FRESHMAN:

SOPHOMORE:

JUNIOR:

SENIOR:

HOMEROOM CLASSROOMS

HS OFFICE

MR. KASLON

MRS. SLOCUM

MR. MOSER

MR. KASLON

MRS. FINLEY

MRS. POLAND

All items must be non-perishable goods and in sealed original package. Please make sure the expiration date is not past due. We cannot accept items past the expiration.

BENEFITTING:

ALL ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO LITCHFIELD BACKPACK PROGRAM AND SHERMAN AND CUSTER COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES.

ALL CLASS COMPETITION CLASS WINNER

(by number of items collected)

Receives choice of a pizza or ice cream sundae party courtesy of FBLA.

COLLECTION CATEGORY DAYS

Monday

Canned meats or soups, peanut butter, crackers

Tuesday

Canned fruits/vegetables

Wednesday

Hygiene and toiletry products

Thursday

Baking items and boxed goods (pasta, cake/muffin mix, stuffing, rice)

Friday

Breakfast or Cereals





Sports Shorts



By Shamane Zentz, sports writer

Spartans Vs Anselmo Merna

On Thursday, August 27th the Spartan football team traveled to Anselmo-Merna to play their first game of the season. Ansley-Litchfield took the advantage early in the game due to turnovers by the Coyotes. The Spartans went up 14-0 on a pair of Hunter Arehart touchdowns. Midway through the second quarter, the Coyotes tied the game 14-14. Merna was in a crisis in the fourth quarter due to Calvin Finley's 60-yard touchdown off a fumble recovery. His touch down put the team ahead of Merna and the next play by Cooper Slingsby gave the Spartans a 34-22 lead. In the end, Ansley-Litchfield was able to run the clock and get the ball back, but was unable to score. With five seconds remaining in the game, the Spartan defense was scrambling to end the game. Kolby Larson came up with an interception and return for a touchdown on the final play of the game. The Spartans won the game 40-28 as a season opener.



Above: #2 Calvin Finley zero's in for the tackle with #17 Caden Holm getting past his block (picture courtesy of Mike Bailey)

Homecoming Game Highlights Spartans Vs. Axtell

On September 11th the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans hosted a game against the Axtell Wildcats. Spartan players Calvin Finley and Hunter Arehart were both sidelined with ankle injuries. This game was the homecoming game, so the Spartans were determined to win. In the first quarter the Spartans scored two touchdowns made by Tycen Bailey and Leyton Rohde. The quarter score was 12-0 with the Spartans ahead. Quarter two we scored two more touchdowns, once again by Tycen Bailey and a run in by Cooper Slingsby. The Wildcats scored on a long drive and the second quarter ended 24-8. In the third quarter the Spartans and Wildcats both went scoreless. The last quarter the Spartans managed to score a total of three touchdowns. The first touchdown was made by Leyton Rohde, followed by Cooper Slingsby and then a short run in by Sam Loy. The Spartans captured their second win of the season with 44-8 victory. The Spartans definitely followed the homecoming theme of "Caging the Cats." The Spartans will be in action next against neighboring rival Pleasanton on September 18 at Pleasanton.



Above: #15 Gavin Cole going in for the sack against Merna (picture courtesy of Mike Bailey)

Sports Recap Volleyball

On September 1st, the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans Volleyball team hosted game against the Shelton Bulldogs. The Spartans came out fired up and took the first set 25-19. Roles reversed in the second set as the Bulldogs took control and won the set 25-22. The Spartans gained some momentum and was able to still win in the third set 25-23. In the fourth set Ansley-Litchfield lost their momentum, with Shelton taking advantage of it and winning the set 25-13. During the fifth set with the Spartans were determined to win, but the Bulldogs were just as determined. Shelton taking the set 15-12. Head Coach Jamee Smith said, "Our serving was much more effective and our scrappy game play kept us competitive." She was also very impressed with the turnaround performance that Audrey Hogg and Mariah Brott did great off the bench. Coach Smith included; "We struggle with finishing our games. We have shown good skills and have the capability to win, we just need to have confidence in ourselves." Good job Lady Spartans. The Spartans are in action September 10 against Axtell at Axtell.



Above: Katherine Paitz sets the ball for teammate Audrey Hogg (picture courtesy of Mike Bailey)

Student Poll

What was your favorite Halloween costume you dressed up in as a kid?



Sydnee Sweley

When I was in 6th grade and dressed up in my sisters cheer uniform.



Nathan Wardyn

When I dressed up as a gorilla or skeleton.



Kaylee Rohde

When I dressed up as a Little Indian.



Ava Paitz

When I dressed up in my chicken costume.



Five seniors completed 15 college Applications on Apply 2 College Day. Thanks Mrs. Poland for getting these kids a head start.

Senior Spotlight

Sydnee Sweley



Birthday- December 10, 2002

Nickname- Syd, Squid, Supersyd, Syd kid

Favorite TV show- Supernatural

Favorite Subject- Math

Extracurricular Activities- Gymnastics, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheer, Dance, FFA, One Act

Favorite color- Hunters orange

Favorite Song- Replay by Iyaz

Favorite Hangout- Deer stand in pasture/ anywhere outdoors

Most Prized Possession- A quilt in memory of my grandparents

Favorite High School Memory- Van rides to cheer at a football game



Body Butter or “Bug Butter”

The Spartan Travelers are selling The Epoch Body Butter, otherwise known as Bug Butter. Cost is **\$35.00** a tube and to mail anywhere an additional \$4.00 Thanks for your support!!

You can contact Ansley or Litchfield Schools.

OR a Spartan Traveler.

Mrs. Parr Gradie Cunningham

Mrs. Evans Jocelyn Ambriz

Audrey Hogg Cody Nelson

Chancey Hoblyn Bittner

Chloe Ellison Kaylee Rosentraeder



Varsity Football 2020

Left to Right Front Row: Karter Moore, Ely Dehart, Joshua Lewis, Pacen Trent, Ryan Bailey, Kaden Stunkel, Cody Nelson
 2nd Row: Owen Hartman, Jacob Heapy, Sam Loy, Chase Racicky, Ashton Behmerwohld, Calvin Finley
 3rd Row: Nathan Wardyn, Cooper Slingsby, Leyton Rohde, Gavin Cole, Mike Smith, Dillion Haines, Zach Loy
 4th Row: Hunter Arehart, Garrison Fernau, Jackson Henry, Evan Samuelson, Tycen Bailey, Collin Arehart
 5th Row: Coach Jeffery Cunningham, Coach Cannon Blauvelt, Caden Holm, Coach Kurt Kulhaneck, Kolby Larson, Coach Garrod Fernau, Coach Neil Kaslon



JR. High Football

Left to Right Front Row: Landon Johnstone, Luke Bailey, Bently Dehart, Kaedun Goodman, Kolten Clay
 2nd Row: Owen Cunningham, Isaac O'Brien, Chayton Jensen, Wesley Fowler, Lane Slocum, Jacob Hoblyn-Bittner



Left to Right Front Row: Carli Bailey, Syndee Sweley, Halie Racicky, Starla Divine, Brandi Slocum
 2nd Row: Student Manager Lakota Jenkins, Katherine Paitz, Hannah Speer, Peyton Henry, Shamane Zentz, Student Manager Crystal Brott
 3rd Row: Student Manager Caydence Feldman, Student Manager Ava Paitz, Kaylee Rosentreder, Mariah Brott, Lyndsie McAuliff, Student Manager Brooke Fecht
 4th Row: Coach Lindsey Kulhanek, Coach Bevin Drew, Gradie Cunningham, Chloe Ellison, Audrey Hogg, Chancey Hoblyn-Bittner, Kaylee Rohde, Head Coach Jamee Smith



Front Left to Right: Bailey Hawkins, Tyra Sekutera, Topanga Boyles, Jordyn Ellison, Clysta Brott, Jessi Carr
 2nd Row: Ida Gross, Kailea Vogel, Caydence Feldman, Gracie Ritchie, Brooke Fecht, Ava Paitz, Gracie Reitz
 Back Row: Coach Linsey Kulhanek, Mahaya Jones, Klarissa Dowdy, Kerry Ryan, Malynn Boyles, Coach Bevin Drew
 Not pictured: Candance Poff

October 2020 Counselor Corner

Happy Fall!

Five Ways to Protect Students from Social Media

- Establish Clear Boundaries
- Think Substitutes
- Teach Moderation
- Ready them for Face-to-Face Relationships
- Enable Them to Discover Purpose

Worry time technique for anxious or worried kids.

- Decide on a worry time period.
- Set aside your worries.
- Use coping strategies and mindfulness activities to return to the present moment.
- Use that designated worry time to discuss the worries.

October testing

Juniors will be taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. ASVAB is the military placement test but also measures student knowledge and ability in several areas. This has a career exploration section which gives students an opportunity to learn more about themselves and the world of work, to identify and explore potential goals, and develop a strategy to help get to those goals.

Sophomores will be taking the PreACT on October 8th. This test is very similar to the ACT test but shorter in length. It tests on all four ACT test subjects: English, math, reading, and science. The results predict future success on the ACT test, provide current achievement as well as projected ACT scores (1-36) on the ACT test they take as juniors. Students may begin sharing their information with colleges and scholarship agencies. The interest inventory provides students with a personalized view of colleges and career alignments. Sophomores may study for the PreACT as they would for the ACT. Sophomores, you have an OnToCollege account where you can prepare for the PreACT test. Please see Mrs. Poland for more information.

College Tours

The Juniors and Seniors attended the EducationQuest sponsored Virtual College Fair September 27-September 31. They had the opportunity to meet with over 90 colleges. The Virtual College Fair recordings will be available until December 1, 2020. There were also webinars covering applying to colleges, financial aid, choosing a major, and paying for college held. We encourage all seniors and juniors to tour colleges of their interest. This provides additional information to parents and students as students begin to decide where they wish to attend college. Remember, 2-year and 4-year colleges are important to visit.

ACT Test Dates

Registered for October 10th, 17th, 24th, or 25th national ACT test? Remember to study with our OnToCollege ACT Test preparation, ACT online or ACT Academy. December 12th registration deadline is November 6th. Go to www.act.org to register.

Some students may qualify for an ACT fee waiver. Please have your student contact Mrs. Poland to inquire. *Seniors*, remember to use the John Baylor OnToCollege website and ACT Academy to review for your ACT test. *Juniors*, keep up on your ACT Academy class and review any material as we go. Utilize Khan Academy to help review material, too.

Scholarships

There is a scholarship opportunity for students taking dual-enrollment college courses. Students participating in dual-enrollment college courses or early admit programs are encouraged to apply for the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship if they show financial need. This state and federally-funded scholarship will pay tuition and mandatory fees at participating Nebraska colleges. Applications will be reviewed by Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). If you have questions, contact myself or Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator, CCPE, ritchie.morrow@nebraska.gov or 402.471.0032.

For local and state scholarships, visit *Scholarship Quest* at **EducationQuest.org**. It is never too early to begin searching for scholarships as well as making your list of strengths, volunteer activities, and other notable characteristics about yourself.

Prepare for the FAFSA with *free* programs and resources

If you're a senior, it's time to start preparing for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You'll complete the form after *October 1* and typically, before April 1 depending on your college's priority deadline. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state and college-based financial aid.

The following Education link will help you learn more about the financial aid process and the FAFSA <http://www.educationquest.org> **Kearney office** 308-234-6310. **Follow them on Facebook and Twitter!**

Apply 2 College day (sponsored by Education Quest) at our school was held Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Students completed over 20 applications to colleges. Nice job Seniors for getting a jump start on your future!! Many have been accepted into colleges!!

Education Quest's Financial Aid Night (Junior/Senior parents) was held on Monday, September 14, 2020, in the High School Library. Education Quest specialists were via distance learning ready to answer questions. They took students and parents through the FAFSA application processes, the FAFSA form, as well as answered any general questions.

NAME: Susan Poland

SCHOOL: Litchfield Public Schools

CLASS: PreK-12 School Counselor

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LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

President Mitch Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, April Gross, Steve Heapy, and Marie Sweley.

Administration Present: Wade Finley

Visitors: Rebecca Vega and Katheryn Sauer

Wade Finley went over the budget and numbers for the 2020-2021 School year.

Steve Heapy moved to recommend that the district approve the 2020-21 budget and tax asking as published, with the budget total of all funds set at \$3,953,868.00 and a total tax asking of \$2,464,646.00.00 with a tax levy of .936655. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 4-0.

April Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 19, 2020. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary

**2020/2021 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 82-0015**

WHEREAS, public was given at least four days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2020/2021 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, Special Building Fund, and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of Sherman School District 82-0015; and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Sherman School District 82-0015 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by -4%; the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be \$ 0.906396 per \$100 of assessed value; the Litchfield School District proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$ 0.936655 per \$100 of assessed value.

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Litchfield School District will exceed last year's by 7 percent.

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2020/2021 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$2,333,333; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set \$0.00; (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$50,505 and (4) the Tax Request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$80,808.

It is so moved by April Gross and seconded by Steve Heapy this 14th day of September, 2020.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Mitch Feldman	<u>YES</u>	NO
Bill Howard	YES	NO - Absent
Marie Sweley	<u>YES</u>	NO
Steve Heapy	<u>YES</u>	NO
Jim Holm	YES	NO - Absent
April Gross	<u>YES</u>	NO

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Sherman County School District 82-0015, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

Marie J. Suxley Secretary

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 2020

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Marie Sweley, April Gross, and Steve Heapy.

Visitors: Rebecca Vega ,and Katheryn Sauer

President Mitch Feldman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and also indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

April Gross made a motion to excuse Jim Holm and Bill Howard from the meeting. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 4-0.

April made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 4-0.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$564,673.35 in total of LPS accounts. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$270,108.63 were presented for payment. April Gross made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Drew discussed P/T Conferences upcoming next Thursday, Professional Development on Friday, Completed MAP Testing and Fastbridge, COVID Protocols, Access Update, and AD stuff.

Wade Finley reported Enrollments Numbers for the 2020-2021 as of September 10th, 2020, NASB New title IX Policy Updates, Long range Planning, Covid 19 Update: 2020-2021 School year Plans.

Steve Heapy made a motion to Approve the New Title IX Sexual Harassment for Personnel and Students. These are the following : Policy 404.12 for Personnel and Policy 504.24 that have been prepared by NASB, and approve the Revised Policies as presented 103.00,402.01,402.15,403.03,404.06,405.00,501.00,504.03,504.14,504.18,504.20,504.21,505.03,612.05,and 1004.03 Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 4-0.

Enrollment numbers are Pre-K 14, Kindergarten 6, 1st 16, 2nd 9, 3rd 6, 4th 9, 5th 7, 6th 5, 7th 9, 8th 6, 9th 14, 10th 6, 11th 9, and 12th 6.

Discussion was had on projects to keep in mind for long range planning and what needs top priority and what needs tabled and Board also discussed Covid Protocols why we are where we are and what is being done to keep us in school and how the kids are going about following the protocols.

Marie Sweley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 4-0.

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Marie Sweley

Board Secretary

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01	GENERAL FUND
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		376.22
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		46.46
Ansley Public Schools		3,299.93
Beaver Bearing Co		6.14
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		331.49
Carolina Biological Supply		589.55
COLE ELECTRIC		811.97
Custer Public Power		3,562.28
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		232.49
Educational Service Unit 10		1,084.48
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		194.50
HOWARD HAY COMPANY, INC.		1,546.58
IPEVO, INC		527.00
Island Supply Welding Co.		114.75
Jim's Trenching & Plumbing		2,401.95
JW Pepper & Son Inc		282.83
Litchfield Hot Lunch		30.00
Menards		225.26
Menards		177.51
NASB ALICAP		63,474.00
Nebraska Central Telephone		199.49
Nebraska Life Magazine		24.00
Nebraska Safety Center		100.00
OfficeNet		546.05
P & D MARKET		70.86
PETTY CASH FUND		2,948.78
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC		3,600.68
Pyramid Art Supply		227.85
RIDDELL/ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP		14.40
School Mate		357.00
Sherman County Times		13.27
Shiffler		134.99
SWIFTREACH NETWORKS, LLC		350.00
TRADE WELL PALLET, INC		1,700.00
US FOODS		410.20
Village Of Litchfield		691.80
WEX BANK		650.23
Zaner-Bloser		289.96
Fund Number 01		<u>91,744.95</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>91,744.95</u>

September Superintendent Report

Litchfield Public Schools

September 14, 2020

Enrollment Numbers for 2020-2021 as of September 10, 2020

Pre-K	14	7 th Grade	9	Total Enrollment	107
Kindergarten	6	8 th Grade	6	Last Year	121
1 st Grade	16	9 th Grade	4	2 yrs. ago	121
2 nd Grade	9	10 th Grade	6	3 yrs. ago	118
3 rd Grade	6	11 th Grade	9	4 yrs. ago	101
4 th Grade	9	12 th Grade	<u>6</u>		
5 th Grade	7	7-12 total	35 (-9 to last year)		
6 th Grade	<u>5</u>				
PK-6 th	72 (-5 to last year)				

NASB New Title IX Policy Updates

-404.12 Title IX Sexual Harassment (Personnel Section)
404.12E1 and 404.12R1 Administrative Regulation and Forms.

-504.24 Title IX Sexual Harassment (Student Section)
504.24E1 and 504.24 R1 Administrative Regulation and Forms.

NASB Revised Policy Updates

- 103.00 Equal Educational Opportunity
- 402.01 Equal Educational Opportunity
- 402.15 Staff Conduct with Students
- 403.03 Abuse by Employees
- 404.06 Harassment by Employees
- 405.00 Employee Conduct and Appearance
- 501.00 Equal Opportunity for Students
- 504.03 Student Conduct
- 504.14 Hazing, Initiation, Secret Societies or Gang Activity
- 504.18 Harassment by Students
- 504.20 Bullying Prevention
- 504.21 Dating Violence Prevention
- 505.03 Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- 612.05 Individual Education Program and Family Services Plan
- 1004.03 Live Broadcast or Videotaping

Long Range Planning

Long range planning update for the board to discuss future plans.

Covid 19 Update: 2020-2021 School Year Plans

-Why yellow.

-Essential Worker

-Covid Leave-10 covid leave days until December 31st, 2020.

I have enclosed the response from the lawyer on how we will administer these.

-Coaches Pay

Principal/AD Report

Matt Drew

9.14.20

1. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - a. September 24 4-7
 - b. Elementary signup
 - c. Will make available via zoom
2. Completed MAP Testing and Fastbridge
 - a. Intervention groups have been assigned
 - b. Nebraska Reads protocols followed
3. COVID Protocols
 - a. Routines for lunch established
 - b. Keeping groups separated the main objective
4. Access Update
 - a. IXL and SEL
5. AD Stuff
 - a. Band, finding a parade
 - b. COVID protocols for home events
 - c. Winter Sports- Boys & Girls D-1
 - d. One-Act all but 4 students signed up



Litchfield Parents and Guardians:

Litchfield Schools have applied and are confident that we will receive a federal grant that will allow for all students to receive a free breakfast and lunch. The grant is being offered due to the COVID. This will not include seconds.

This grant will allow us to provide free breakfast and lunch from September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 or until funding runs out. This may occur before December 31st.. We will be crediting your lunch account for meals paid between when we receive the grant and September 1.

This is a great opportunity to encourage your student to try our breakfast and lunch program, if not used in the past.

I would also like to encourage you to fill out the attached Free/Reduced application. Although this COVID program is not related to Free/Reduced there are many benefits to the school if we have people sign up for the program. For example, this summer we were allowed to provide lunches to everyone because we were over 50% free/reduced. The threshold for Free/Reduced is much lower than one would think, please think of this as helping the school and not as an unneeded subsidy.

Thank you,

Matt Drew



July 1st, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Litchfield Public School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **Adult \$2.15, HS \$1.70, Elem \$1.55, PreK \$1.55**; lunch costs **Adult \$3.55, HS \$2.80, Elem \$2.55, PreK \$1.80**. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 28th, 2020** in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Litchfield Public School, danielle.mcauliff@litchfieldps.org**.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Litchfield Public School, 500 N Main, Litchfield Ne 68852, 308-446-2244**.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Litchfield Public School, 500 N Main, Litchfield, Ne 68852, 308-446-2244** immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if your school district makes this option available. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Litchfield Public School, 500 N Main, Litchfield, Ne 68852, 308-446-2244** if you have any questions about the online application.

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