

Leyton Warrior Newsletter

Leyton Public Schools, Dalton, NE-308-377-2301, Gurley, NE-308-884-2247



February, 2019



Left & Below:

Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams from Leyton and South Platte unite in school spirit after their games on December 7th. Kindergarteners ready to watch the Spelling Bee on January 18th. 3rd grader Josiah Kepler, working in class. A classroom activity for the 2nd graders. 4th graders Madison Frerichs and Dominic Gallegos on their iPads. A large crowd for the junior high basketball games against Potter-Dix.



February Newsletter – 2019

- Feb. 01 – B/G B-Ball @ Creek Valley @ 4 pm – Bus – Bill-1:45 PM
Feb. 02 – B-V/G-JV/V B-Ball @ Sioux Co. (Harrison) @ 12 pm–Bus-Bill-9 AM
Feb. 02 – FFA State Degree Interview & Proficiency @ Alliance
Feb. 03 – H.S. Wrestling @ Bayard @ 10 am–Suburban-8 AM
Feb. 04 – NO CLASSES ~ Teacher Meeting 8-12 pm
Feb. 04 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-7 pm
Feb. 05 – B/G B-ball @ Bayard @ 4 pm–Bus-Bruce-2:15 PM
Feb. 06 – FFA District 12 CDE II @ Gordon–Bus-Gerald
Feb. 07 – MAC Jr. High B/G B-Ball TBD-Both Gyms
Feb. 07 – G-JV/V ~ B-Ball @ Garden Co. @ 5 pm – Bus-Mark
Feb. 08–09- District Wrestling @ Sutherland
Feb. 09 – MAC Jr. High B/G B-Bal –TBD – HOME-Both Gyms
Feb. 09 – Speech @ Bridgeport – Bus-Jennifer
Feb. 11 – BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Feb. 12 - Girls Sub Districts @ Ogallala-Bus-Jennifer-TBD
Feb. 14 – Girls Sub Districts @ Ogallala-Bus-Jennifer-TBD
Feb. 14–16 - State Wrestling @ Omaha
Feb. 15 – B - JV/V ~ B-Ball vs. Garden Co. @ 5 pm–HOME
Feb. 15-16 – State Cheer & Dance @ Grand Island
Feb. 18 – Teacher Meetings @ Chadron Bus-6:45 AM
Feb. 18 - NO CLASSES
Feb. 19 & 21 - Boys Sub Districts @ Sidney-Bus-Jennifer
Feb. 18-22 – FFA Week
Feb. 20 – MAC Speech @ South Platte–Bus-Gerald
Feb. 21 – Leyton Science Fair (See Flyer)
Feb. 21 – Boys Sub Districts–TBD-Jennifer
Feb. 22 – Girls District Finals–TBD-Jennifer
Feb. 23 – Boys B-Ball District Finals–TBD-Jennifer
Feb. 22-23 – FFA @ Kearney Van
Feb. 26 – Lions Club Hearing & Vision Screening
Feb. 28 – Girls State Basketball @ Lincoln
Mar. 01 – Girls State Basketball @ Lincoln
Mar. 01 – 5th Grade Mardi Gras @ 2 pm
Mar. 02 – Speech Meet @ Mitchell–Bus-Jennifer
Mar. 05 –End of 3rd Qtr.
Mar. 05 – Regional Science Fair
Mar. 6-8 – Spring Break ~ NO CLASSES

ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 14, 2019 – 4:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, January 14, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. in the District's Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, at various businesses in the community, and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before January 7, 2019. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Board President Jed Benish called the regular school board meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

1.2 REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

1.2.1 OATH OF OFFICE

New Board Members, Galen Bartling, Ryan Borges, and Anne Rexroth, recited the Oath of Office.

1.2.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1.1.2.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to re-elect Mr. Jed Benish as President of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Benish abstaining.

1.1.2.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Borges to elect Mr. Kevin Henke as Vice-President of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Henke abstaining.

1.1.2.3 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Benish to elect Mr. Ryan Borges as Secretary of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Borges abstaining.

1.1.2.4 Motion by Benish, seconded by Rexroth to re-elect Mrs. Colleen Cruise as Treasurer of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Cruise abstaining.

1.2.3 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to appoint Board Members to the following committees:

Budget/Negotiations (3): Benish, Cruise, Rexroth

Building/Grounds (2): Cruise, Henke

Curriculum/Americanism (3): Bartling, Borges, Henke

Safety (1): Rexroth

Security (1): Henke

School Improvement (1): Cruise

Transportation (1): Henke

Technology (1): Borges

Wellness (1): Rexroth

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

1.3 ROLL CALL

1.3.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth.

1.3.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary, HS Principal Lance Howitt and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.

1.4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

1.5 COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read from Jill Bartling, Chris Lind, Dana Morgan, and Anna Faye Van Anne.

- 2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
- 2.1 Mr. Russ Rushman addressed the Board with his concerns on the new track and how there was not enough time for the public to express their opinions.
- 2.2 Mrs. Janella Kruse addressed the Board with her explanations of why she is against moving the JH to the HS.
- 2.3 The Board received other patron letters opposing the track and the move of the JH.
- 3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD
- 3.1 Mrs. Jill Bartling, 5th grade teacher, and her students: Halle Carter, Dagen Lee, Faith Lee, Josette McConnell, Macey Roelle, Aidan Teters, Quinten Tretter, and Alec Watchorn presented "movie trailers" that they had created on their I-Pads for the book, Canyons, which they had read in class.
- 4 REPORTS
- 4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT
- None
- 4.2 BOARD REPORTS
- 4.2.1 The Negotiations committee settled a two year contract with the LEA in December.
- 4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT
- 4.3.1 Mr. Jesse Henderson, HS Science Teacher, presented a car robot to the Board that the seniors' physics class had completed using the 3D printer. He also presented his ideas for the science room remodel.
- 4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
- Mrs. Morgan reported that she conducted interviews for the first grade teacher position, served on the principal interview committee, and had lunch with the December good citizens. She also attended two IEPs, first grade story presentations, and fourth grade national park presentations in December. Mrs. Morgan stated that 50 books have been catalogued in the libraries and that winter MAP testing and DIBELS testing were complete.
- 4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
- Mr. Howitt reported that the NSAA meeting on January 9th indicated that there would be a 90-day ineligibility period when option students return to their home district. He also stated that FFA had attended the Stock Show in Denver this past weekend and that the MAC basketball tournament is this week. Mr. Howitt listed the following upcoming activities/events: MAC Music Clinic on January 21st in Bayard; staff meetings and parent teacher conferences on February 4th (no classes); and that we will host the JH MAC BB Tournament at both sites on February 7th and 9th.
- 4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- 4.6.1 Meetings/Travel
- 4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary was able to secure a complete refund for the disappointing conference he attended last month with Mrs. Morgan. He attended ESU/MAC Superintendent meetings on December 12th, attended several festivities in the elementary, and met with several donors to the HS gym floor. Mr. Geary held two Superintendent Scoop meetings and met with a patron on the discussed levy increases, proposed budget for the track project, and goals for our district. He will also serve as a team leader on the Centura Public School accreditation team. Mr. Geary would like to schedule a Board Retreat to discuss our Strategic Plan. He would also like the Board to consider moving the March regular meeting due to schedule conflicts with spring break.
- 4.6.2 Construction Updates
- 4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that the teacher workroom in Gurley is nearing completion and thanked Ms. Megan Gipfert, Mrs. Dana Morgan, and Mr. Chris Morgan for volunteering. The track project will be put out for bid in February and there will be a proposal at the March meeting. Mr. Geary stated that the boiler in Gurley is not in use and asked the Board for recommendations on its removal as well as ideas for excess inventory.
- 4.6.3 Action Items

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary stated that the Negotiated Agreement constitutes the largest raise in recent history and that the resulting need will require less than 2 cents increase in the levy. He also discussed administrative contracts, counselor resignation, and recommendations for an elementary teacher and counselor. Mr. Geary sold two title sponsorships for the gym floor and the refinish project will begin May 20, 2019. He also discussed changes to policies #2004 and #2008, pending Board approval.

4.6.4 Other Items

4.6.4.1 Mr. Geary has completed 118 service days of his contract. In regards to moving the JH students to Dalton, he has collected information from the community, teachers, principals, and read the recommendations/report from 1986. Although he feels that moving these grade levels has its advantages, his recommendation is to place this decision on hold. He handed out his report to the Board.

5 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting and to approve all reports.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

6.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to recognize the Village of Dalton and the Village of Gurley for supplying apples at the holiday concert and goodie bags for Santa to hand out; to everyone who made the Senior Citizens' Luncheon possible; to PAC for hosting the Christmas store; to the Leyton Foundation for the upgrades to our break room; to Virgil Schumacher for being Santa Claus; to Mr. Cooper and his Woods class for making new nameplates for the Board; to Mr. Henderson for his commitment and vision in using technology in his classrooms; to the following students for receiving the Nebraska Chiropractic Association Fall Academic All-State awards (Football: Josh Kruse & Jeremy Carley, Volleyball: Janessa Carley & Danielle Higgins, Play Production: Hannah Vath & Alyson Holt); to the Oregon Train Honor Band participants (DJ George, Josh Kruse, Ethan Eckhardt, Cassidee Murray, Janessa Carley, and Cortney Holt); to Alison Haley for designing flyer; to Mrs. Bartling and her students for their presentation to the Board; and to the following students for being named December good citizens by their classroom teachers: (Kindergarten-Camden Lee, 1st grade-Cainyn Rushman, 2nd grade-Hadlee Guggenmos, 3rd grade-Auvi Cranmore, 4th grade-Riley Benish, 5th grade-Halle Carter, 6th grade-Zaili Benish, 7th grade-Trinity Beutler and 8th grade-Lisa Dobrinski). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.3 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

6.3.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.3.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.4 APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Henke to approve the Negotiated Agreement for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years as negotiated by the Negotiations committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5 APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

6.5.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Borges to enter Executive Session at 5:30 P.M. to discuss Administrative Salaries. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5.2 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to re-enter Open Session at 5:50 P.M. No action was taken in executive session. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5.3 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve the contract with Mrs. Dana Morgan as Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director and K-12 Librarian. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5.4 Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to approve the contract with Mr. Nick Brost as the Secondary Principal/AD. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.6 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to accept the resignation of Mrs. Ashley Lindholm, school counselor, and to thank her and wish her the best. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.7 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHER AND COUNSELOR FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

6.7.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to table the contract for the elementary teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.7.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve the contract for Allie Peters for the 2019-2020 school year as K-12 guidance counselor. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.8 APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 MASTER CALENDAR

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Benish to approve the Master Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.9 APPROVAL OF DALTON GYM FLOOR REFINISH

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges, to approve the bid from J&J Flooring in the amount of \$15,785 to refinish the Dalton gym floor after the completion of the 2018-2019 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.10 APPROVAL OF POLICY #2004 – OATH OF OFFICE

Motion by Borges, seconded by Henke to approve policy #2004. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.11 APPROVAL OF POLICY #2008 – MEETINGS

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve policy #2008. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

7 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Next Regular Board meeting: February 11, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

8 MEETING ADJOURNED

8.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 6:05 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.



Ryan Borges, Board Secretary



Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

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Jill Bartling	\$ 32.72	Frenchmen Valley	\$ 3,353.34	MidAmerica Books	\$ 201.96
Black Hills Energy	\$ 3,975.29	Cody Gamble	\$ 77.39	Dana Morgan	\$ 450.03
Bomgaars	\$ 99.83	Chris Geary	\$ 623.77	Nebraska Safety Center	\$ 75.00
Bonnie Terry Learning	\$ 76.47	Great American	\$ 934.00	Nick Newkirk	\$ 45.78
Leo Bowen	\$ 1,242.60	Gurley Diesel	\$ 19,187.98	NIBC	\$ 85.00
Heather Bowen	\$ 457.80	Wendy Hansen	\$ 35.97	Outlaws Meat Company	\$ 30.00
Cardmember	\$ 245.91	Harris	\$ 333.05	Sidney Regional	\$ 830.96
Compton Electrical	\$ 336.06	Amy Henke	\$ 98.10	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	\$ 225.31
Computer Connection	\$ 423.68	Jodie Holthus	\$ 364.42	SOAR	\$ 1,066.59
Crescent Electric	\$ 145.62	Homestead Market	\$ 224.32	Uptown Image	\$ 40.00
Dalton Telephone	\$ 570.72	Lance Howitt	\$ 6.54	Village of Dalton	\$ 465.88
DAS State Accounting	\$ 229.49	Ideal Linen	\$ 2,197.99	Village of Gurley	\$ 687.13
Dell Marketing	\$ 1,497.34	Infinite Graphics	\$ 64.00	Weyerts Electric	\$ 2,347.07
DP Electronics	\$ 1,324.98	Kimball Public Schools	\$ 5,475.00	Wheatbelt	\$ 4,774.74
Bruce Ernest	\$ 34.22	KSB School Law	\$ 1,140.00	WNCC Bookstore	\$ 1,116.19
ESU #13	\$ 13,562.17	Cary Linton	\$ 611.03	WPCI	\$ 34.00
Finney's	\$ 41.18	Marick's	\$ 110.00		
Column Total	\$ 24,296.08	Column Total	\$ 34,836.90	Column Total	\$ 12,475.64
				Monthly Total	\$ 71,608.62



IT'S STORY HOUR TIME!

**It's
hour**

**time for story hour! Story
is an opportunity for**

**preschool children, ages 3-5 to come to the Gurley
Elementary Library to hear stories, complete crafts, and
participate in hands-on activities that accompany the
stories. Story hour meets for 1 hour from 8:30-9:30 AM on
Fridays, beginning March 15 and running through April 12.
Please call either school to register your child at 377-2301
or 884-2247. We can't wait to see you!!**

February 2019

A Message from the Superintendent

We had our first snow day last month. According to my weather sources, the storm missed us by 10 miles. (I'm really glad I don't have to try to predict weather!) My philosophy regarding snow days is that it is always better to err on the side of caution. We have a number of students who drive and their safety is a priority for me when I make these kinds of decisions. Thanks for your understanding.

Last month I promised an update on our student achievement and the related topic of moving the junior high students from Gurley to Dalton. It has been brought to my attention that some were concerned that my January article cast a negative light on our junior high. I'm sorry for that perception – in no way do I feel negatively about our junior high – and I certainly did not want to communicate that things there are bad. I strive to make recommendations and decisions based in data and I only wanted to highlight the answer to the question, "Why move the junior high?" The answer: To increase student achievement. After careful study (Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas and concerns at the Superintendent Scoop meetings last month!) I have submitted my recommendation to the board NOT to move the junior high at this time. The high school system is not prepared to have those additional grades. Until sufficient improvements are made in the system at the high school, seventh and eighth grade students are best served in Gurley. I shared my full report with the board at the January meeting. If you'd like a copy of my report, please ask. We'll be happy to send you a copy.

Now for the data! You can find all this information on the website: <http://nep.education.ne.gov/> This is a comprehensive and insightful website. I encourage you to look over our results. Schools are rated in four categories; Needs Improvement, Good, Great, and Excellent. There are a number of factors used to determine a school's (and district's) rating. Students' academic performance is a major contributor. There are also ways for schools/districts to earn "bonus" points to increase their rating. We were one of only a handful of schools who earned a bonus point for growth! (Thank you Mrs. Bartling and Mr. Gamble for all your hard work) Here's our breakdown:

Leyton Elementary:	Great	(Wonderful work elementary teachers!)
Leyton Junior High:	Good	(+1 point for growth); which means this school is rated Great
Leyton High School:	Good	Leyton Public Schools: Great

You may be wondering why there is concern when our school is rated "Great." However, when you look at the data, you can see that our students are behind their peers from other schools in English and Science and slightly above them in math. When approximately ½ of our students have not demonstrated proficiency, there is cause for concern which prompts study for how we can do better. Our students will also be taking the NWEA MAP tests this spring. We use the data from these assessments to help our teachers know what's working in their classes and what we can improve. There is also a personal component in the assessment which helps students identify which areas of the curriculum they are most successful and where they can most improve. Students who are below the benchmark will be given additional instruction – called Intervention Class - to ensure we have done everything possible to provide them with the high-quality education they deserve.

My goal for our district can be summed up in one word...BETTER. I'm not suggesting, in any way, that we are "Bad" or "Unsatisfactory." However, there are areas we can, and will, improve. We have an obligation to reach all learners and, in the words of our Mission Statement: help them "successfully transition into our diverse world." Please let me know if you have other ideas to make our district BETTER!

Regards,


Chris

FEBRUARY 2019
HS PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

Why All the HS Classification Differences???

I have been asked several times this school year about how are students are classified for the various activities that we offer at Leyton High School. I will try to explain the changes to the NSAA classification system that have gone into effect this year but remember this is done at the state level so nobody probably really understands it even the people that wrote it!

Classifications have always been determined by the NSAA based on gender. In the past, you added together the number of male students and the number of female students and that determined your classification. Really straightforward and simple! In recent years some schools raised a concern over the fairness of counting using that method if your had an imbalance in the male to female student ratio in your school. The initial concern was over football. Many schools questioned why they should be placed in a larger classification for football if they had more female students than male students. Many schools could not compete if the other schools in their classification had twice as many boys in the student body and in turn twice as many boys playing football. Out of a concern for student safety, schools were forced to forfeit football games and in the extreme case their entire seasons due to low numbers.

To solve this problem, a classification committee was formed. The committee recommended that the NSAA start classifying based on gender on those activities that are clearly defined by gender participation. At Leyton, for example, we classify by gender for volleyball, football, boys and girls basketball, and wrestling. Right now at Leyton, we currently have a larger female student population so that has resulted in our girls being classified as a D1 school for volleyball and basketball while the boys have been D2 for football and basketball. Our wrestling and track teams are in Class D because wrestling and track only have four classes while football, volleyball, and basketball have six. Activities at Leyton such as speech and one-acts will still count the combined girls and boy enrollment to determine classification. Everyone totally confused now? I hope I have helped clear up some of the questions about classification in the state of Nebraska and at LHS.

New Rule for Option Students & Eligibility in 2019-2020

A rule regarding the eligibility of option students will have been an impact on students in 2019-2020. The old rule allowed a student to return to their "home district" without a penalty. In 2019-2020, a student that enrolls in another district and then returns to their home district will be ineligible for 90 school days upon their return. I don't believe this is a rampant problem in western Nebraska but it is in the metro districts in our state. The member schools of the NSAA are trying to limit students transferring strictly for participation in activities.

This rule also applies to a student moving from the 8th grade to be a freshman in high school. As long as the student does not enroll in another district he or she is eligible as a 9th grader. However, if the student does enroll at another school between junior high and high school and then returns to their home district they would be ineligible for 90 school days. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me, or you can just wait because the rules will most likely change in the very near future.

A Message from Mrs. Morgan

Happy February Leyton Families! I would first like to extend a HUGE thank you to PAC! If you haven't been to the Elementary/Junior High, you should drive around to our front office and look at the FABULOUS Warrior design PAC has purchased and assembled for our chain link fence surrounding our playground. It looks incredible and our students and staff really appreciate PAC's time and dedication to school improvements. Thanks for all you do!

Important February Dates at the Elementary/Junior High: February 4/Parent-Teacher Conferences; February 7/JH MAC Basketball; February 18/Teacher Meetings-No School for Students; February 21/Science Fair

Our selected January citizens' of the month are pictured below. Please congratulate our good citizens when you see them out and about in our community! These students will be treated to lunch with the principal on Friday, February 8. Congratulations to all of our winners: kindergarten: Brooks Frerichs (Not Pictured), first grade: Avery Adams, second grade: Connor Rieken, third grade: Lucy Tretter, fourth grade: Brody Turman, fifth grade: Quinten Tretter, sixth grade: Ella Haley, seventh grade: Aidan Golden, and eighth grade: Justin Ernest. Congratulations students! Thank you! Job well done!



Left to right: Avery, Ella, Lucy, Justin, Brody, Aidan, Connor, and Quinten (Not Pictured, Brooks)

Respectfully, Dana Morgan ☺ K-8 Principal

Dana



Spotlight on a Staff Member

In an effort to help our community get to know our Leyton Public School Staff better, we are going to introduce a new staff member each month in our newsletter and tell you a little about them. Our first staff member to be introduced is Mrs. Wendy Hansen. Mrs. Hansen is our K-12 Art teacher this year. This is Wendy's first year at Leyton. Last year she taught in Kimball High School and prior to that she substitute taught at Leyton, Sidney, Kimball, Gering, Scottsbluff and Mitchell. Wendy earned her K-12 Art Education degree in 2011 from Chadron State College. She went to K- 12 grades at Maywood Public Schools in Maywood, Nebraska. Wendy and her husband, Jacob have been married for eight years and have a two year old son named Brayden. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, riding horses, creating art, going to rodeos and camping. Wendy is a HUSKER fan through and through!!

Some of Wendy's artists' inspirations and how they inspire her include Rembrandt in the way his influence makes her art take on a realistic look. Piet Mondrian inspires her in the use of simple colors to make bold statements. Pablo Picasso inspires Wendy to look at the world in different ways; and Wassily Kandinsky inspires her to find the greatest in all things without trying to fit them into a particular label. We are happy to have Wendy on staff. Please welcome her to the community when you see her out and about.



If you have other staff members you would like to know more about, please email Dana at dana.morgan@leytonwarriors.org. Thanks!

Dana ☺

Leyton 4-8th Grade Spelling Bee



The annual Leyton Spelling Bee was held this year on January 18, 2019. Congratulations to Holden Syverson for being this year's Leyton Spelling Bee Champion! He, and 5 other finalists, qualified for the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee in Sidney on January 24, 2019. Those finalists were: Kaleb Borges, Dawson Juelfs, Troy Weaver, Peyton Eckhardt, and Kaleb Miller. Holden was in the top 6 spellers at the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee. Great job to our Leyton spellers!



L to R:
1st Place-
Holden
Syverson,
2nd Place-
Kaleb Borges,
3rd Place-
Troy Weaver,
Finalists-
Peyton
Eckhardt,
Dawson Juelfs
& Kaleb Miller.

Leyton High School Speech Team Events

Perkins County Invite	January 26
Bridgeport Invite	February 9
Ogallala Invite	February 16
MAC @ South Platte	February 20
Mitchell Invite	March 2
Speech & Sweets-HS Gym	March 12 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Districts @ North Platte	March 15
State @ UNK Campus-Kearney	March 21-22

1ST Semester 2018-19

LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

All "A" Honor Roll

9th Grade

Brenton Abbott
Jonathan Borges
Ethan Eckhardt
Cortney Holt
Kaitlyn Jones

10th Grade

Hannah Vath

11th Grade

Megan Ernest
Alyson Holt
Madelyn Watchorn

12th Grade

Danielle Higgins

"A" & "B" Honor Roll

9th Grade

Scout Gamble
Ashton Van Anne

10th Grade

Zackry Henke
Austin Huls
Dominick Russ

11th Grade

Tyson Bayne
Jeremy Carley
Andrew Haley

12th Grade

Abbagale Bush
Mariah Draper
Carley Fortune
Dasvid George
Destinee Henke
Joshua Kruse



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

JOB WELL DONE !!!

1ST Semester 2018-19

LEYTON ELEMENTARY/JR. HIGH HONOR ROLL

All "A" Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Gracyn Abbott
Aubrianna Borges
Auvi Cranmore
Elizabeth Higgins
Carter Lipska
Lucy Tretter

4th Grade

Claire Eckhardt
Madison Frerichs

5th Grade

Halle Carter
Dagen Lee
Josette McConnell
Macey Roelle
Carlyn Thomas

6th Grade

Zaili Benish
Katherine Eckhardt
Shawnee Gamble
Ella Haley
Jaiden Schilreff

7th Grade

Jaxson Benish
Kaleb Borges
Kaitlyn Craig
Trenton Rushman

8th Grade

Logan Bartling
Axi Benish
Chance Carter
Logan Craig
Lisa Dobrinski
Justin Ernest
Alex Jeppson
Dawson Juelfs

"A" & "B" Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Ann-Marie Gallegos
Rebecca Joles
Josiah Kepler
Colt Van Anne
Maxson Wiggins

5th Grade

Faith Lee
Quinten Tretter
Alec Watchorn

7th Grade

Peyton Abbott
Hanna Berry
Trinity Beutler
Jonathan Kruse
Claire Watchorn

4th Grade

Riley Benish
Austin Beutler
Gauge Harsca
Brody Turman

6th Grade

Olivia Joles

8th Grade

Tyenne Berner
Dillon Juelfs
Jakob Kruse
Cort Rummel
Damyn Russ
Holden Syverson
Gabriel Tretter
Levi Weyerts

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BUS ROUTES FOR 2018-2019

Bruce Ernest - 250-2170 - West Route			
	Pick-up		Return
Start Time	6:30	West Gurley	3:35
Syverson	6:32	Eckhardt	3:43
VanAnne	6:36	Syverson	3:52
Reimers	6:45	VanAnne	3:59
Johnson	6:53	Reimers	4:15
Kepler	6:59	Johnson	4:23
R. Higgins	7:05	Kepler	4:30
Rushman	7:15	Higgins	4:36
Eckardt	7:25	Rushman	4:46
Slaughter	7:35	Slaughter	4:57
West Gurley	7:40	End Time	5:10

Jennifer Dobrinski-N./E. Dalton - 308-262-5490			
	Pick-up		Return
Dobrinski	6:35	Leave Gurley	3:35
Wiggins	6:45	Dalton	3:45
Rieken	7:04	Benish	3:50
Daniels	7:09	Abbott	3:56
West Stop	7:15	West Stop	4:02
Abbott	7:21	Daniels	4:08
Benish	7:27	Rieken	4:12
Leave Dalton	7:35	Wiggins	4:35
Arrive-Gurley	7:45	Dobrinski	4:45

Dave Nyffeler South Leyton - 884-2483			
Pick-up		Return	
Start Time	6:45	Gurley	3:36
Tretter	6:50	Tretter	3:46
Florke	7:10	Florke	4:06
Roelle	7:15	Roelle	4:10
Rd 34 & 139	7:20	Rd 34 & 139	5:15
Frerichs	7:32	Frerichs	4:27
Carter	7:45	Carter	4:42
Gurley	8:00	End	5:00

Kayla Wells East Dalton - 250-2463			
Pick up		Return	
Leave Dalton	6:38	Leave Dalton	3:45
Kepler	6:53	Kepler	4:00
Rushman	7:00	Rushman	4:07
Craig	7:04	Craig	4:10
Ernest	7:08	Ernest	4:13
Borges	7:20	Borges	4:24
Arrive HS	7:30	End Time	4:35

Mark Carley Sidney Pickup - 250-6838			
Pick-up		Return	
Start	6:45	Gurley	3:35
Leave Sidney	7:10	Truck Wash	3:50
Mikkelson	7:25	Watchorn	3:53
Watchorn	7:32	Mikkelson	3:56
Truck Wash	7:35	Sidney	4:10
Gurley	7:50	End Time	4:30

THE SHUTTLE BUS WILL LEAVE DALTON AT 7:35 A.M. TO GURLEY. THE SHUTTLE BUS TO DALTON WILL LEAVE GURLEY AT 7:45 A.M.

THESE ARE APPROXIMATE TIMES. ROAD CONDITIONS WILL AFFECT THE SCHEDULES.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:
PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR BUS DRIVER WELL IN ADVANCE OF YOUR CHILD'S RIDING CHANGES. **THE BUS WILL WAIT THREE MINUTES AND THEN TRAVEL TO THE NEXT PICK-UP SPOT.** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE ROUTES OR TIMES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR BUS DRIVER. THANK YOU!

Parents, please contact Kathy at 308-884-2247 if your child no longer needs transportation, or if you know of someone who needs transportation and is not on this list. Thank - you

LEYTON ELEMENTARY PARENT ~ TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

February 4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN - MS GIPPERT

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

12:00	Levi Coleman
12:15	
12:30	
12:45	Brooks Frerichs
1:00	Nova Williams
1:15	
1:30	
1:45	Zoe Tretter
2:00	
2:15	Camden Lee
2:30	
2:45	
3:00	Maycee Smith
3:15	

KINDERGARTEN - MS GIPPERT

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:30	
3:45	Adyleigh Rushman
4:00	
4:15	
4:30	
4:45	Breckyr Cranmore
5:00	
5:15	
5:30	Luke Florke
5:45	
6:00	Madilynn Mitchell
6:15	
6:30	Nathan Clawson
6:45	

3RD GRADE-MRS. MURRAY

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

12:00	Josiah Kepler
12:15	
12:30	Gracyn Abbolt
12:45	
1:00	
1:15	
1:30	Lucy Tretter
1:45	
2:00	Ann Marie Gallegos
2:15	
2:30	
2:45	Aubri Borges
3:00	
3:15	

3RD GRADE-MRS. MURRAY

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:30	Maxson Wiggins
3:45	
4:00	Colt VanArne
4:15	
4:30	Auvi Cranmore
4:45	
5:00	
5:15	Rebecca Joles
5:30	
5:45	Elizabeth Higgins
6:00	
6:15	
6:30	Carter Lipska
6:45	

1ST GRADE-MRS. JONES

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

12:00	Nora Jenson
12:15	Mason Lux
12:30	Avery Adams
12:45	Cainyn Rushman
1:00	
1:15	
1:30	
1:45	
2:00	
2:15	
2:30	
2:45	
3:00	
3:15	

1ST GRADE-MRS. JONES

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:30	
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4:45	
5:00	
5:15	
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5:45	
6:00	
6:15	
6:30	
6:45	

4TH GRADE-MRS. PETERS

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

12:00	
12:15	
12:30	Madison Frerichs
12:45	
1:00	Mason Mikkelson
1:15	
1:30	
1:45	Dominic Gallegos
2:00	
2:15	Brody Turman
2:30	
2:45	Hunter Borges
3:00	
3:15	

4TH GRADE-MRS. PETERS

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:30	Claire Eckhart
3:45	
4:00	
4:15	Riley Benish
4:30	
4:45	
5:00	
5:15	Austin Beutler
5:30	
5:45	
6:00	Gauge Harsca
6:15	
6:30	
6:45	

2ND GRADE-MS. DEBLOIS

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

12:00	
12:15	Paige Frerichs
12:30	
12:45	Olyvia Williams
1:00	Kaleb Lee
1:15	
1:30	
1:45	
2:00	
2:15	Dillon Johnson
2:30	
2:45	Trayven Smith
3:00	
3:15	

2ND GRADE-MS. DEBLOIS

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:30	
3:45	
4:00	Chase Moore
4:15	
4:30	Cooper Benish
4:45	
5:00	Kennedy Roelle
5:15	
5:30	Jonathan Reimers
5:45	
6:00	
6:15	Hadlee Guggenmos
6:30	Connor Rieken
6:45	

5TH GRADE-MRS. BARTLING

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

12:00	
12:15	Carlyn Thomas
12:30	
12:45	Faith Lee
1:00	
1:15	Quinten Tretter
1:30	
1:45	
2:00	Josette McConnell - Troy
2:15	
2:30	Dagen Lee
2:45	
3:00	Aidan Teters
3:15	

5TH GRADE-MRS. BARTLING

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:30	
3:45	
4:00	
4:15	Josette McConnell - Anne
4:30	
4:45	Macey Roelle
5:00	Halle Carter
5:15	
5:30	Kaleb Miller
5:45	
6:00	Alex Watchon
6:15	
6:30	Hayden Guggenmos
6:45	

6TH GRADE-MR. NEWKIRK

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

12:00	Zaili Benish
12:15	
12:30	Hope Lee
12:45	
1:00	
1:15	Sabrina Mikkelson
1:30	
1:45	
2:00	Ella Haley
2:15	
2:30	Kallista Hutton
2:45	
3:00	
3:15	Katie Eckhardt

6TH GRADE-MR. NEWKIRK

Febr.4th, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:30	
3:45	Shawnee Gamble
4:00	
4:15	Jaiden Schilreff
4:30	
4:45	
5:00	Karsyn Fiesterman
5:15	
5:30	Olivia Joles
5:45	
6:00	Sydney Fortune
6:15	Ashlynn Weaver
6:30	
6:45	Isaac Lipska

If these times do not work for you, please contact your child's teacher.

7th and 8th grade parents will meet with their student's teachers in their classrooms.

CHECK IN ON OUR CHAPTER

2019 FEBRUARY ISSUE

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

KELCIE VANANNE

The February Member of the Month is senior, Kelcie VanAnne. Kelcie was diligent in helping plan the Leyton FFA's trip to the Denver Stock Show. The chapter had the privilege of attending the Denver Stock Show the weekend of January 11th-13th. As head of the Denver Stock Show Committee,

Kelcie researched and presented the overall cost of the weekend festivities. This included hotel amenities, rodeo tickets and a chapter meal. Thank you for your hard work! Those that attended agree it was truly a great experience!



COMING UP:

State Degree Interview: February 2

CDE II: February 6

FFA Week: February 18-22

212*/360* Leadership Conference:
February 22-23

WLC Sign-up: February 28



FUN FACTS ABOUT FFA:

- There are over 11,000 FFA Advisors across the United States
- The National FFA Foundation has raised more than \$200 million for various FFA Chapters
- The National FFA Convention & Expo's exhibit halls are 221,000 net square feet, being able to hold more than 400 vendors



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Reporter**



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Leyton's National Honor Society will once again be having
their Valentine's Day Extraordinaire!

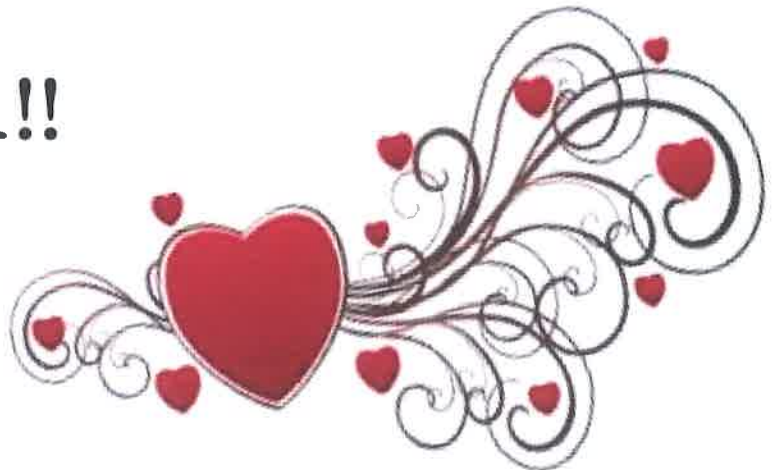
Items for sale include:

Balloons, stick balloons, stuffed animals, candy or jerky
filled mugs, tumblers, buckets, candy boxes, as well as
Bath & Body Works and Sugar Shack Candles!!

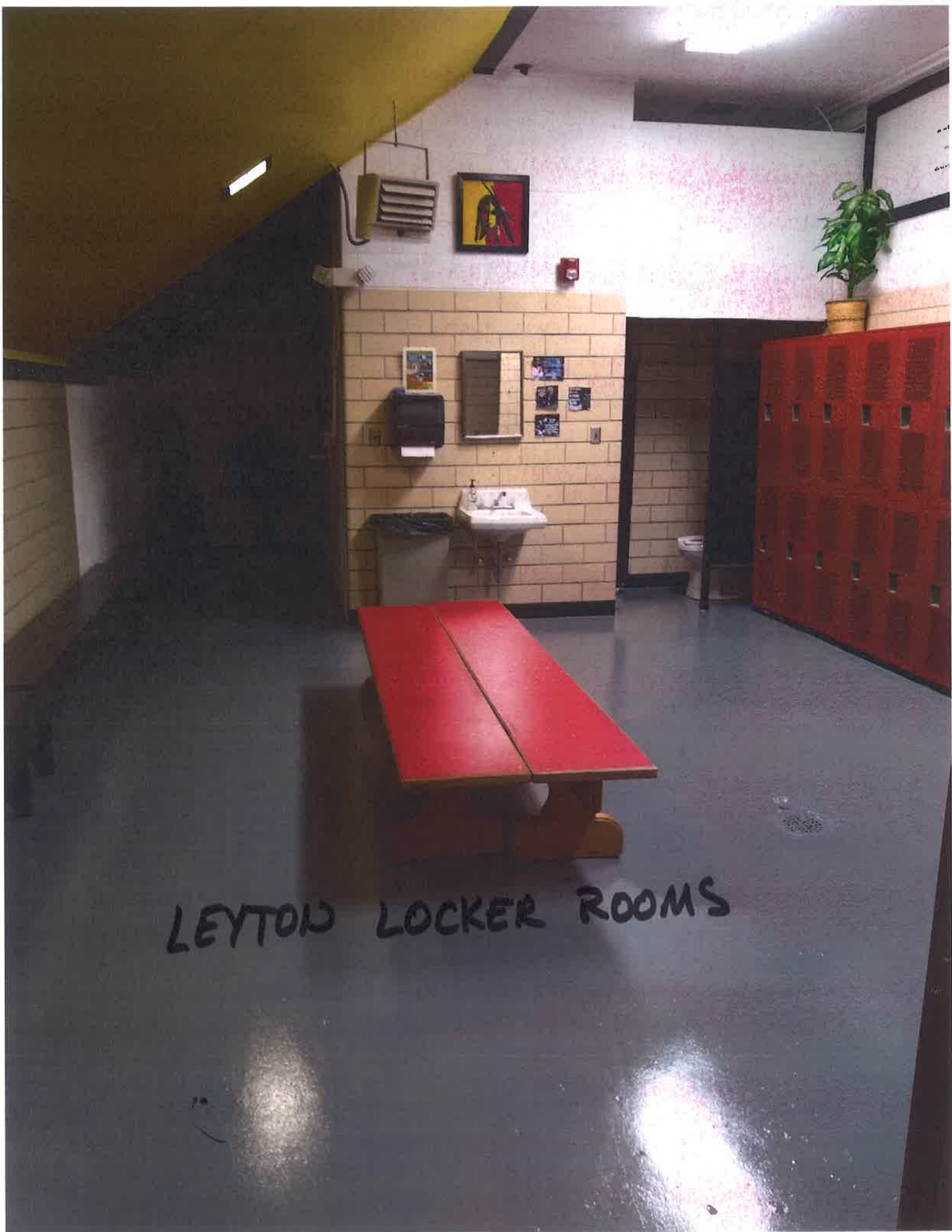
Come to the Dalton or Gurley School Library to see the
various items and place your order!

WE DELIVER!!

Questions?
Contact Mrs. Craig
308.377.2301



LEYTON LOCKER ROOMS





LOOKING GREAT!

Mrs. Pelster's Science News!



Everyone!

Come to the Leyton 2019

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade

Science Fair!

When: Thursday, February 21st

Time: 12:10 to 12:45 and

2:00 to 3:15

(12:45 to 2:00 pm reserved for judging!)

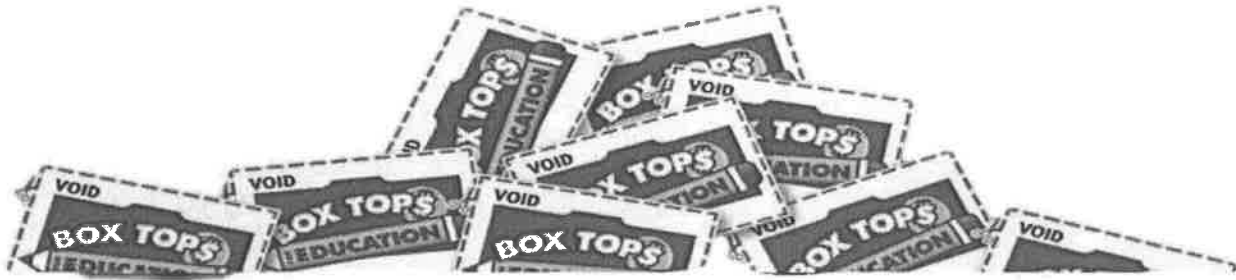
Where: Leyton Jr. High gym

See you there!!!



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OUR SCHOOL GETS CASH for every Box Top collected. All those Box Tops really do add up!



Our Coordinator this year is Melissa Roelle.

For questions or additional information please contact the School.

February

2019

Leyton Elementary/JH & High School Menu

Will the groundhog see his shadow?

Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray.





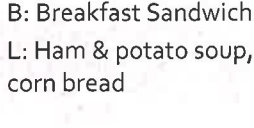
Unlimited fruit and vegetables are offered daily.

Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily.

An assortment of fresh and canned fruit are available every morning as well as fruit juice up to twice a week with breakfast.

A full fruit and salad bar is available with every lunch meal.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
NO SCHOOL	B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: Pizza, corn	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Biscuits and gravy, tater tries, juice	B: French toast, bacon L: Mini corn dogs, green beans	B: Breakfast Sandwich L: Ham & potato soup, corn bread
4	5	6	7	8
B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Chicken nuggets, corn, roll	B: Pancakes, sausage patty L: Pulled pork sandwich, peas	B: Ham, egg, & cheese sandwich L: Enchilada, refried beans, churro	B: French Toast, scrambled eggs L: Sub sandwich, sweet potato fries	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans
11	12	13	14	15
NO SCHOOL	B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: Chili, cinnamon roll	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup	B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Smoked turkey croissant, tater tots	B: Biscuits & gravy L: Hot beef, mashed potatoes, roll
18	19	20	21	22
B: Pancakes, sausage links L: Nachos, black beans	B: Breakfast sandwich L: Lasagna, peas, garlic bread	B: French toast, bacon L: Tuna salad sandwich, French fries	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Chicken fajita, corn rice	B: PB & J L: French dip, green beans
25	26	27	28	1

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