

Leyton Warrior Newsletter

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

November, 2020



Above Right: Jr. High MAC Volleyball Champs on October 10th-Row 1- Shawnee Gamble, Zaili Benish, Sydney Fortune, Jaiden Schilreff, Josette McConnell & Macey Roelle. Row 2-Coach Lindie DeBlois, Katie Eckhardt, Hope Lee, Ella Haley & Karsyn Fiesterman. Above: The 2020 High School Football Team at Mullen on October 8th. Above Left-Top to Bottom: Sage Rummel with her family on Volleyball Parents' Night October 20th, Yearbook students Sylvia Moreno & Ella Draper at the newly redecorated FFA Garden on October 13th, Staff members Nick Brost, Ryan Coffey, Irma Rios & Jourdan Schumacher at the inservice on October 16th. Below-Kindergarten-8th Grade students and staff show care and support for Breast Cancer Awareness with a Pink-Out Day on October 23rd.



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- Nov. 05 - JH Wrestling @ Gordon-Rushville (MS) @ 1 pm – **Suburban-10:15 am**
- Nov. 05-07 – State Volleyball
- Nov. 09 – BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Nov. 10 – Sportsmanship Summit
- Nov. 10 – JH Wrestling @ Sidney @ 4 pm – **Suburban-3 pm**
- Nov. 12 – JH Wrestling @ Hemingford @ 10 am – **Suburban-8 am**
- Nov. 12 – 2019-2020 Honors Night @ 6:30 pm
- Nov. 13 – FB Semi Finals
- Nov. 16 – Start of Winter Practices
- Nov. 17 – MAC One Act @ Leyton
- Nov. 18 – District FFA @ Chadron – **Suburban**
- Nov. 20 – JH Wrestling @ Morrill @ 9 am – **Suburban-7 am**
- Nov. 23 – FB Finals
- Nov. 24 – V ~ B/G B-Ball Jamboree @ Paxton @ 4:30 pm – **Bus-Jennifer-1:30 pm**
- Nov. 24 – JH Wrestling @ Perkins County @ 3:30 pm – **Suburban-1 pm**
- Nov. 25 – Professional Development/Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov. 26-27 – NO SCHOOL ~ THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- Nov. 30 – JH Wrestling @ Bayard @ 9 am – **Suburban-7:45 am**
- Dec. 03 – Greenhand @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 04 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball @ Kimball @ 4 pm – **Bus-Kevin-2 pm**
- Dec. 05 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Morrill @ 4 pm – **HOME**
- Dec. 05 – HS Wrestling @ Mullen @ 9:30 am – **Suburban-5:30 am**
- Dec. 08 – HS/Jr. High Concert @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 09 – JH ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Creek Valley @ 1 pm – **HOME**
- Dec. 11 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball vs. South Platte @ 4 pm – **HOME**
- Dec. 12 – FFA Community Garden
- Dec. 12 – HS Wrestling @ Gordon-Rushville @ 10 am – **Suburban-5:30 am**
- Dec. 14 – BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 14 – Elementary Concert @ 6:30- pm
- Dec. 15 – HS Wrestling Triangular @ Chase Co. @ 4 pm – **Bus-1 pm**
- Dec. 17 – JH – B/G B-Ball @ Garden Co. @ 1 pm – **Bus-11 am**
- Dec. 19 – HS Wrestling @ Sutherland @ 9 am – **Suburban-4:30 am**

~ HAPPY FALL ~ HAPPY FALL ~ HAPPY FALL ~ HAPPY FALL ~ HAPPY FALL ~



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
October 12, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. 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 October 6, 2020. 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 7:30 p.m.

1.2 ROLL CALL

1.2.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None

1.2.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary, HS Principal Nick Brost, and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.

1.3 COMMUNICATIONS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A thank you from the Bridgeport Public Schools' Senior Football Moms was acknowledged. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

STUCO President, Zac Henke, and Vice-President, Brenton Abbott, addressed the Board on student activities. Zac reported that STUCO had held six official meetings regarding Homecoming activities and one unofficial meeting to write thank you cards. The winners of the Homecoming activities were announced: 1) Hallway Decorating - Sophomores; Sheet Decorating – Seniors; Float Decorating – Seniors; and Dress Up Contests - Seniors. Overall, the Senior class received the most points and will enjoy a pizza meal at a later time. STUCO worked concessions on September 25th with the help of the JH STUCO, who received a percent of the profit. Zac also reported that STUCO will be sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest beginning next week.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Mrs. Rexroth attended the NASB Virtual Membership Meeting. She said that it was very "viewer engaged" for a Zoom meeting and that several "A-Listers" presented.

4.2.2 Mr. Borges provided the minutes of the Technology Committee Meeting on September 21st. Access points were moved in the building to provide stronger signals to the classrooms and new access points were added in the gym to help live stream games and activities. It was noted that the A/C in the computer room in Gurley was not working properly and a service call was placed to work on it. The committee reviewed and approved purchases that needed to be placed by September 30th for the 2019-2020 REAP funds. I-pad replacements will be considered for the 2020-2021 REAP funds. The committee reviewed Policy #3439 (Drones) after Mrs. Schumacher asked about the use of drones as part of her classroom activities.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended numerous meetings including the HAL forum and JH STUCO officer speeches. She started the backpack program for the 20-21 school year and set up the K-6 Acadience database, entered scores, and printed reports for the teachers. She completed five formal teacher observation/evaluations, SafeSchools/Jason Foundation training videos and tests, and started the Title IX Decision Maker training. Mrs. Morgan also held an evacuation drill to the Gurley Community Hall. She reported that Parent-Teacher conferences were held earlier today

and that she would have attendance percentages available at the next meeting. Mrs. Morgan acknowledged all the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students for being academic eligible for six straight weeks – zero ineligible students so far this year.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended several meetings including an English Language Learners meeting with ESU #13, two Collaborative Plan meetings with the county attorney, and the JH MAC Volleyball Tournament. He administered the ACT test to the seniors and is in the process of conducting NWEA MAP tests at the high school. He noted that Mr. Matt Haley completed a FFA training to become a FFA-Partner; and therefore welding classes can now count as a FFA class. Mr. Brost reported that ineligibility is much better than it was for the same time period last year, reducing ineligibles by approximately 50% compared to last year. He contributed that success to the use of the "Warrior Period" and the MTSS team.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Geary congratulated both principals for having a successful 1st Quarter by reducing the number of students who were ineligible.

4.6.1 CONTRACT DAYS

Mr. Geary completed 21 days of his 2020-2021 contract in September, plus an additional 29 hours. For the first quarter, he completed 59.5 days and an additional 65 hours. He asked the Board to help him define a "working day". The current definition being used is 7-10 hours, including supervising activities and other duties as necessary, i.e. driving bus, etc.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the ESU Superintendent Advisory Council and NRCSA West District meeting. He also attended the Technology Committee and the NASB Virtual Area Membership meetings. He reported that the DL bill has expired and that ESUCC is creating a video to highlight the value of Distance Learning. He filmed a segment with Andrew Eastman and will announce when the video is complete. Mr. Geary stated that his office time in Gurley is valuable as he is visible to the students and able to celebrate the teachers and support staff.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reviewed the action items including legislative changes to policies #2008; #3001; #3004.1, #4043, #5018 and #5067. He stated that in order to effectively "supplement, not supplant" regular district funding, the technology committee is recommending the purchase of items through REAP funding. Mr. Geary reported that Leyton will host the MAC One Act competition on November 17th and requested that there be no school for high school students only on that day. He noted that the COVID resolutions that were passed in March were never used and have expired. These resolutions can be terminated to make in clear that they are no longer in force.

4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary noted that his evaluation will be an agenda item for the December meeting and that survey/evaluation forms for Board members will be distributed at the November meeting. He stated that negotiations will need to begin before the end of the month. Mrs. Rexroth and Mrs. Cruise are on that committee and will need to meet with the LEA to discuss a new Negotiated Agreement. The Board will be using a new software program from Sparq to input the information needed for negotiations. Mr. Geary provided a handout to show what property taxes pay for at the ESUs. He stated that the ESUs are able to hire the personnel that individual schools can't afford to hire, i.e. school psychologists, speech therapists, etc.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

- 5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to recognize Mr. Dan Carlson for sharing his weather knowledge with the 5th grade students; to the September Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Sophia Luna, 1st-Kasen Miller, 2nd-Adyleigh Rushman, 3rd-Skylar Draper, 4th-Kennedy Roelle, 5th-Colt Van Anne, 6th-Madison Frerichs, 7th-Alec Watchorn, and 8th-Shawnee Gamble); to Kristin Kasten and Michelle Keszler for completing Acadience testing; to Jourdan Schumacher for picking up MAP snacks for our students; to Megan Rathman for assisting in the re-testing of Kindergarten and 1st grade in Acadience; to Ms. Cindy, Ms. Heidi, and Grandma Annie for always being so flexible with the schedule; to Coach D and the JH Girls' Volleyball team for winning the MAC Tournament; to the HS Student Council members, adviser and community members for all of their work in planning and facilitating activities during homecoming week; to the 11 first year STS students who have completed their five hours of OSHA certification; to the L-Club members who have volunteered to help host Junior High volleyball and football games; to Ms. Primm for assisting with the administration of the ACT test for seniors; to the E-Sports Team on their first win in Rocket League on September 23rd and their first Starcraft II team win on September 29th, and to Zander Schoolcraft who is currently ranked 3rd in the state for small schools. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 14, 2020 and the Special Board Meeting on September 17, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to approve reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS
- 5.5.1 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. Mr. Geary noted that the month-to-date and year-to-date reports will be available at the next meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.5.2 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.6 APPROVAL OF PROPERTY TAX RESOLUTION
- 5.6.1 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve 2020-2021 Tax Request Resolution as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.7 APPROVAL OF 19-20 REAP EXPENDITURES
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the REAP purchases as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.8 APPROVAL OF MASTER CALENDAR AMENDMENT
Motion by Bartling, seconded by Henke to approve NO SCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY on November 17, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.9 TERMINATIONS OF COVID RESOLUTIONS
Motion by Borges, seconded by Bartling to terminate COVID resolutions: "Emergency Expenditures and State or Federal Relief", "Return to Work Agreement, in Exchange for Leave During COVID-19 Closure", and "Board/Superintendent Authority". (See March 27, Special Board Meeting Packet.) ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 APPROVAL OF POLICIES

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

5.10.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve policy #3001 (Budget) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.3 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve policy #3004.1 (Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.4 Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to table policy #4043 (Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships between Employees and Students) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.5 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve policy #5018 (Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices) as presented. Mr. Geary noted that while this allows parents to opt their child out of the state assessments, the student will receive a zero on the test. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.6 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve policy #5067 (Student Assistance Team or Comparable Problem Solving Team) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 The Board reviewed the District Safety Plan. No action was necessary.

5.12 The Board reviewed the Nebraska Accountability Disclosure Commission Opinion. No action was necessary.

5.13 APPROVAL OF NASB VOTING DELEGATE

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve Mrs. Rexroth as the 2020 NASB Voting Delegate. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.14 APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING

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

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Please note the winter time for this meeting and subsequent meetings through March 2021.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:53 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.


Ryan Borges, Board Secretary


Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

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ACT	On-line Program	\$ 873.00	T'Neal Lind	Mileage	\$ 48.30
Award Emblem	Supplies	\$ 40.86	Marick's Waste Disposal	Trash	\$ 130.00
Best Plumbing	Walk-in Freezer	\$ 1,665.00	Matheson	Supplies	\$ 89.65
Black Hill Energy	Utilities	\$ 624.26	NASB	Conference Registration	\$ 550.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 9.79	NE Safety & Fire	Supplies	\$ 275.00
Heather Bowen	Mileage	\$ 952.20	NIBC	Equipment Rental	\$ 85.00
Leo Bowen	Mileage	\$ 3,501.75	NWEA	Supplies	\$ 225.00
Nick Brost	Mileage	\$ 312.80	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 172.50
Capital Business	Copiers	\$ 1,719.39	One Source	Service	\$ 40.00
Cardmember Services	Miscellaneous	\$ 3,491.75	Peterson's LLC	Supplies	\$ 40.31
Cranmore Pest Control	Services	\$ 110.00	Power School Group	On-line Program	\$ 930.85
Daktronics	Scoreboard	\$ 175.00	Allie Primm	Mileage	\$ 89.70
Dalton Telephone	Telephone	\$ 632.15	Pyramid School Products	Supplies	\$ 50.99
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 232.49	Irma Rios	Mileage	\$ 59.80
Deaver Tire Company	Labor-Tire Repair	\$ 15.00	Safelite	Bus Windshield	\$ 639.97
DP Electronics	Sound System; Camera	\$ 150.00	School Specialty	Supplies	\$ 51.84
ESU #13	Services	\$ 12,050.02	Schumacher, Christy	Mileage	\$ 117.30
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 177.88	Sidney Region Med Center	OT Service	\$ 859.20
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 138.00	Sidney Sun Telegraph	Legal Notices	\$ 561.22
Chris Geary	Mileage/Phone	\$ 269.63	SOAR	PT Service	\$ 2,950.03
Great American Financial	Copiers	\$ 339.00	Kathy Surber	Mileage	\$ 6.90
Gurley Diesel	Brake shoes; Maint.	\$ 1,691.68	Jamie Thompson	Supplies	\$ 118.26
Alison Haley	Mileage	\$ 86.25	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 1,067.85
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	\$ 106.95	Uptown Image	Other	\$ 30.00
Amy Henke	Mileage	\$ 96.60	Van Pelt Fencing	Supplies	\$ 70.74
Faith Jones	Mileage	\$ 75.90	VIG Solutions	Printer	\$ 263.04
JW Pepper	Supplies	\$ 175.34	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 628.41
Kelley, Scritsmier, & Byrne	Legal Fees	\$ 6,346.00	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Kid's Korner Childcare	Tuition	\$ 132.50	Weyerts' Electric	Parts & Labor; Inspections	\$ 2,564.45
KSB School Law	Supplies	\$ 6,782.00	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 5,045.21
	Column Total	\$ 42,973.19		Column Total	\$ 18,450.65
				Monthly Total	\$ 61,423.84

Superintendent Notes; November 2020

What a complicated year! 2020 will definitely be one for the history books. As we navigate the COVID waters there are some things to keep in mind. First and foremost, keeping our students and staff safe is a priority for our District. Also, guidance from Panhandle Public Health District and other governmental agencies changes...it feels like it's "ALWAYS" changing, but I know that's an overstatement. The most current public health GUIDANCE can be found on the Panhandle Public Health District website, www.pphd.org. School specific information can be found here: http://pphd.org/COVID-19_schools.html

So here's the summary of our current understanding.

1. PPHD is legally empowered to order quarantine and/or isolation for individuals based on the Governor's Directed Health Measure (DHM). A current copy of the DHM is available on the PPHD website as well.
2. Quarantine: Who? Anyone who is a close contact to someone who tests positive. How long? 14 days.
3. Isolate: Who? Anyone who tests positive. How long? 10 days minimum, fever free for 24 hours and significantly reduced symptoms.
4. Self-Monitor: Who? Anyone who was exposed but both parties were masked. How long? 14 days from first exposure. Record temperature twice per day and get tested if symptoms develop.

As we encounter more challenges, especially students who are identified as close contacts, we will continue to monitor and/or adjust our Return to School plan in conjunction with PPHD guidance. With the current surge in cases, we may have to implement some level of masking protocol that complies with Board policy, but extends protection to our students and staff. In short – I encourage you to have your students VOLUNTARILY mask. The COVID-19 School Investigations describe why that's important – Please read it carefully. Simply stated, the only way to NOT be identified as a close contact, who MUST quarantine, is for all parties to be wearing a mask. The more students we have wear masks, the longer we'll be able to have students stay in school and avoid "Virtual Instruction." Students who have already been quarantined have access to the school curriculum virtually. We will continue supporting our students to the best of our ability. In the event that a teacher is not able to be in school, there is a good chance that they could teach from home. Your child's principal will inform you when the teacher is teaching from home.

ATTENDANCE: When students must stay home for a COVID related absence, we will do the best we can to keep them "in school." Virtual Instruction is available – students will be expected to participate in ZOOM class sessions. The building principal will contact parents to make sure students' needs are met. It is VERY IMPORTANT to remember: We need parents to call the school EVERY DAY - IF students are quarantined and are unable to participate in Virtual Instruction. If you have any questions, please ask.

We'll get through this...together.

All the best ~



COVID-19 is spreading in Nebraska

Here's what you can do to stay safe and stop the spread:

Avoid the Three Cs

1. Crowded Places



Avoid gathering in groups where you can't maintain 6-foot distance from others.

2. Close Contact



Wear a mask or maintain 6-foot distance when you're with people you don't live with.

3. Confined Spaces



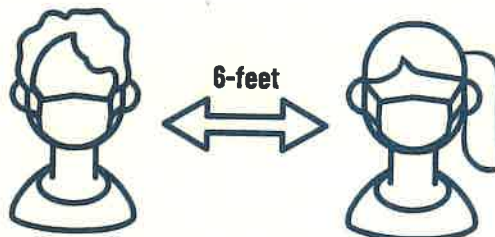
Avoid enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.

AT WORK, AT SCHOOL, AT SMALL AND LARGE GATHERINGS, AND EVERYWHERE YOU GO

WHEN YOU SPEND MORE THAN 15 MINUTES WITH OTHER PEOPLE ...



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces.



Wear a mask over your nose and mouth or maintain 6-foot distance from people you don't live with.



Wash your hands often.

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Everybody wear a mask to stay in school!

ISOLATE



COVID POSITIVE

SELF-MONITOR
no quarantine



CLOSE CONTACTS

Everyone Masked

When a masked child tests positive and close contacts are wearing masks

ISOLATE



COVID POSITIVE

QUARANTINE



CLOSE CONTACTS

Close Contacts Masked

When an unmasked child tests positive and close contacts are wearing masks

ISOLATE



COVID POSITIVE

SELF-MONITOR
no quarantine



CLOSE CONTACTS

QUARANTINE

Close Contacts Unmasked

When a masked child tests positive and those exposed are not wearing masks

ISOLATE



COVID POSITIVE

QUARANTINE



CLOSE CONTACTS

No One Masked

When an unmasked child tests positive and close contacts are not wearing masks

WITH NO DOCUMENTED TRANSMISSION IN A CLASSROOM SETTING

Guidance for masks/face coverings including cloth.

Close contact = a person within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more



A Message from Mrs. Morgan

Welcome to winter! I believe it has officially arrived. Please make sure your students are dressed for going outside daily. We start our day off as soon as buses arrive on the playground and it is very chilly. We also have recess after lunch and want to make sure everyone is dressed to stay warm and enjoy our playground. Thank you for your attention to this.

We have completed all of our MAP testing. Many of you had the opportunity to discuss your student's scores with your classroom teacher. If you did not have that opportunity and would like to see a MAP score report, please email the teacher and they can get that out to you. Thank you all very much for attending parent/teacher conferences! We had a great turnout and enjoyed having the high school teachers in our building so parents that have children in both buildings could visit with all of our Leyton teachers in one place.



Our September Good Citizens are pictured here. Kindergarten-Sophia Luna, 1st-Kasen Miller, 2nd-Adyleigh Rushman, 3rd-Skylar Draper, 4th-Kennedy Roelle, 5th-Colt VanAnne, 6th-Madison Frerichs, 7th-Alec Watchorn, 8th-Shawnee Gamble. This year students get their lunch trays and we have a picnic with the principal outside-weather permitting. These students are also delivering sunshine to our staff members throughout the week. The



picture on the right is our "sunshine cart" and each week two or three good citizens for the month will deliver snacks to our staff. Friday, October 23, our kindergarten (Sophia), 3rd grade (Skylar) and 8th grade (Shawnee) good citizens brought lots of sunshine up and down the halls.

Important dates to remember: Junior High Winter Sports' practice will begin on Monday, November 9. Our Thanksgiving break for students will be November 25-27 with no school. Enjoy your family time!

2020 JH MAC Volleyball Champions



Pictured: Coach Lindie DeBlois, Katie Eckhardt, Hope Lee, Ella Haley, Karsyn Fiesterman, Front Row: Shawnee Gamble, Zaili Benish, Sydney Fortune, Jaiden Schilreff, Josette McConnell, and Macey Roelle

As always, if you ever need to contact me, please don't hesitate to call the school at 308-884-2247 or email me.

Lana 😊

November 2020

High School Principal/AD Newsletter

Dear Leyton Families,

We have barely made it to November and have already had our first snow day. When school is cancelled due to weather, information is communicated out through the school website (leytonwarriors.org), Leyton Public Schools facebook page, local radio stations (KNEB and KSID) and through the EZ message communication system. If you are not receiving the EZ message phone calls, please contact the school office.

At the end of the first quarter we held parent-teacher conferences at the Elementary/Junior High School in Gurley. This was a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss curriculum, classroom expectations and student performance. The high school had 38% of our parents in attendance. Parent-teacher conferences is not the only time to meet with your child's teacher; if there is ever a need, you can contact the teacher through email or by calling the school.

One of the greatest indicators of student success in school is attendance. There are already a number of students on pace to exceed the number of excessive defined by the state. The school is required by law to report instances of excessive absenteeism to the County Attorney. While some absences are unavoidable, such as severe illness or family issues that require the student to be absent, many others absences are avoidable. Please work with your doctors, dentists, etc. to schedule appointments when school is not in session, or at the beginning or end of the school day. One of our school improvement goals is to increase student attendance. At the high school, there are incentives for students who are in attendance more than 90% of the school days, some incentives are receiving a homework pass, dropping the lowest daily grade, or a concession stand voucher, to name a few.

At the beginning of our fall sports season, I thought it was likely that we would encounter some Covid-19 related cancellations. But here we are at the end of our season, successfully completing them without a significant impact from Covid. Our students, staff and patrons did a wonderful job throughout the fall sports seasons to keep students safe, keep students in school and participating in activities. As we enter our winter activity season, it is important to continue to be diligent in adhering to school protocols for Covid at both home and away contests. **The NSAA is requiring masks for all spectators at indoor events for the winter activity season.** Additionally, several schools have enforced more strict guidelines for attendance at contests, such as limiting the number of fans based on the number of players on the roster, or even restricted attendance to only home fans, or no fans at all. We will communicate the guidance from other schools as we receive them. Thank you for honoring their protocols as you travel to away games.

Stay Safe, and Go Warriors!

Nick Brost



2020-21 NSAA Winter Season Guidelines

Circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic are constantly changing and the circumstances vary from community to community. Difficult decisions will have to be made from week to week or even day to day. The health and safety of students, staff, and local communities remain the priority of the NSAA as we provide opportunities to participate in the winter sports season.

Each school has the authority to determine if it will participate in the 2020-21 Winter Season. During the season it will be the responsibility of the host school to provide administrative oversight in compliance with established COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with their local health departments and facilities.

Additionally, the NSAA is requiring the following of host schools for all winter season contests:

- Participants are permitted, but not required, to wear face coverings during competition.
- Coaches and non-active participants are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Spectators are required to wear face coverings at all times while attending indoor events.
- Host school requirements must be the same for all schools, officials, judges and spectators.

All participating schools, officials, judges and spectators are expected to adhere to these requirements.

The host school should make every effort to mitigate risk and provide adequate opportunities for physical distancing procedures for the visiting schools, officials, judges and all spectators.

Protocols for winter contest hosts to consider:

- Restrict attendance/seating areas
- Create separate points of entry for home and visitor teams/spectators
- Provide no concession stands or separate/multiple concession stands for home and visitor spectators
- Provide separate/multiple restrooms for home and visitor spectators
- Communicate availability of locker room space for the opposing team and officials
- Implement diligent and effective cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces

During practice, coaches should make accommodations for physical distancing whenever possible. Provide adequate spacing when participating in stretching, instructional time and drills. Conduct workouts in small groups whenever possible.

During competition, the team and bench areas should be restricted to essential personnel only. Coaches, officials, and players should be cognizant of physical distancing guidelines when interacting before, during, and after contests.

Schools are encouraged to play their regularly scheduled competitions unless a COVID-19 issue prevents them from playing. Member schools shall be solely responsible for determining whether a scheduled game, match, contest, or other activity is cancelled or postponed due to a COVID-19 related issue in consultation with their local health departments. Member schools shall notify the NSAA of any cancellation or postponement.

The NSAA has great appreciation for all its member schools and their tireless efforts to provide opportunities for learning and participation in NSAA activities. Communication, flexibility, and patience will be key in supporting our high school student participants as they participate in activities this winter season.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

NOV. 2020

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH TO REMIND US TO BE THANKFUL FOR THE MANY POSITIVE THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR LIFE.

TIPS FOR MANAGING STRESS & ANXIETY THIS WINTER

FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL

Try not to get caught up in worse case scenarios. Instead, engage your kids in planning the things you can control: What fun indoor activities can we do this winter? How about new traditions if holidays look different this year?

MAINTAIN SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Connect with family and friends with short phone calls or distanced walks. Consider doing an inventory of everyone's winter gear so you can plan outdoor activities to do with friends to keep the family moving.

SET GROUND RULES EARLY- AND STICK TO THEM

It can be tempting to loosen family rules, but in order to keep everyone safe this winter it's important to know what your family's boundaries are. Begin to have these conversations now to avoid stress and awkwardness with extended family down the road.

BUILD YOUR SELF-CARE TOOLKIT

This might include mindfulness practices, breathing exercises, favorite songs, short exercise videos, coloring books, or activities like baking and playing with pets. Encourage everyone in your family to make their own list of stress reducing techniques.

DON'T HESITATE TO SEEK HELP

If you or your child are experiencing signs of anxiety, it might be time to get support from a professional.

What has your student been exploring in guidance class?

The EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE Mindset!

We have been discussing how these 4 strategies help us achieve our biggest goals and believe that anything is possible.

1. Dream Big
2. Embrace Creativity
3. Think Positive
4. Act & Adjust

Top 5 Do's and Don'ts at Home to support the EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE mindset.

1. Don't be a dream snatcher.
2. Do celebrate and support innovation and creativity at home.
3. Do model self-compassion.
4. Don't foster perfectionism.
5. Do celebrate risk-taking and failure.

ATTENTION: SENIOR FAMILIES

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov

For free help with the FAFSA visit EducationQuest.org or call the nearest location at 308-708-7199 ex.207

Hey Leyton Families!

It's so exciting to have a moment with you! I want to give a quick 'thank you' to all who have welcomed me to the Dalton & Gurley communities, and a 'hello' to all I have yet to meet!

It has been my goal to introduce the students to new material and new methods. So far they have been graceful to the changes. Our class periods in English 9, 10, 11, and 12 begin with grammar. The students take a single sentence and break it down four different times: Mondays focus on parts of a sentence, Tuesdays focus on phrases and subject-verb agreements, Wednesdays we label clauses and declare what kind of sentence the line is, and Thursdays is punctuation and capitalization. In this way we learn a little less through textbook regurgitation and a bit more through application. We also continue to do vocabulary from an online e-book.

Current units include *Where the Red Fern Grows*, Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *Lord of the Flies*, and a new unit to Leyton English students—podcasts and investigative journalism. The juniors are taking on the challenge of creating their very own podcast episodes. We are in the stages of making group storyboards. Podcasts are an auditory experience, so the storyboards require the students to make a visual product that they will use to introduce their episode to their peers. While I have no students enrolled in literature class, I do have seven students in my speech class. Right now we are beginning to include formal debates, and will move onto reading one-acts. They have conquered speech in business and impromptu podium work this first quarter.

Perhaps the newest class to the Language Arts department (and to the high school) is German! I think this has been quite a successful addition. The students have been picking up on simple thoughts, family terms, time, and the basics (ABCs and 123s). They are beginning to woodshed the nominative case and articles, along with simple present verb conjugations. At the moment we are focusing on culture and geography. The students have done research on points of interest in Germany and are presenting their findings to the class. Ask about Hohenzollern Castle, Dachau, Fasching, Schützenfest, or der Nationalpark Sächsische Schweiz! They might be able to give you some insight!

It has been quite a journey this first quarter. I certainly look forward to all the classes—each have distinct personalities. It's been an enjoyable experience. I continue to look forward to our time learning together.

Happy November!

Best,

Miss Winckler

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2020 Homecoming events

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 Sponsor-Amy Henke.

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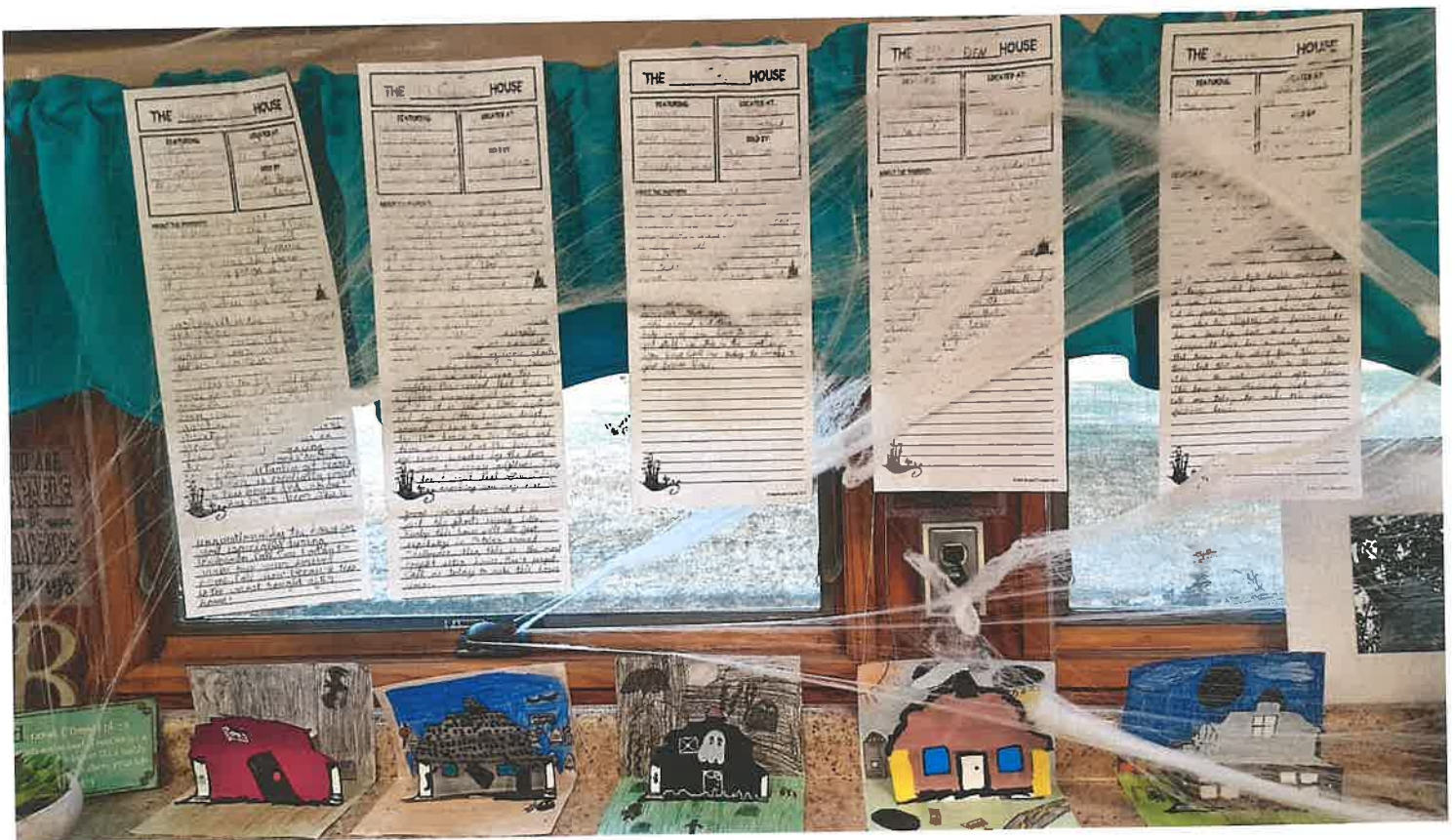


Yummy!

5th Grade News

The 5th graders have been busy this first quarter! We are all so glad to be back in the classroom learning new things together. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Amy Neumann to our classroom while she completes her student teaching assignment. Mrs. Neumann just completed teaching a multi-media cross curricular assignment that included technology, art, persuasive writing, and speaking. The assignment asked the students to sell a haunted house to unsuspecting buyers. The students used new language and their persuasive skills to sell their dilapidated, scary dwellings. They had a great time with this project and learned several different skills. Halloween is such a fun time to do creative assignments. Thank you, Mrs. Neumann, for sharing your fun and creative ideas! We hope you all had a Happy Halloween!

Mrs. Bartling and Mrs. Neumann



THIRD GRADE TIMES

The Third-grade class has been busy learning and growing this year as we make the transition from primary to intermediate students. We said goodbye to Mrs. Neumann, our teacher intern from Chadron State College on October second. We loved our time with her and look forward to when she will be back in our classroom in November.

Each day we start with Handwriting and have learned all our cursive lowercase letters and are now working on learning our upper-case letters. Next, we move into Math. We have been learning more about the calendar, telling time, reading thermometers, adding and subtracting up to three-digit numbers with regrouping, working with money, graphing, etc. We then roll into Reading which also includes Phonics and Spelling. In Third grade we are making the transition from learning to read to reading to learn.

One activity we recently completed in Reading were Main Idea Mystery bags. We had to look at the contents (our details) of each bag to figure out it's topic/main idea. We then wrote a main idea sentence for each bag. We later used those bags to write a well-developed paragraph. We used the analogy of a hamburger. Do you want a plain hamburger or a hamburger with a lot of goodies (details)? The students also had the chance to bring in their own Mystery bag for the class to determine the topic of each other's bag.

After lunch we have our Grammar and Writing classes. We completed Writing Boot Camp to learn about the Writing Process. We've also been leaning to write personal narratives and different types of poems. Currently we're writing an acrostic poem and cinquain about our favorite animal.

We end the day with Science or Social Studies. We completed a Geography unit and are currently learning about balanced forces in Science. One topic we have been exploring is the non-touching forces of magnets and using our STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) skills to invent a magnetic lock to a "secret room."

This year we have also been working more on learning how to complete some of our lessons using technology in Google Classroom. We are looking forward to Halloween, where we will get to participate in Mrs. Murray's annual Glow Day, where we will get to complete our lessons under black lights. We look forward to learning even more as the year continues.

November

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Leyton Elementary/JH & High School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Give Thanks!!

- 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.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 B: Yogurt, granola, toast L: Soft shell taco, refried beans, rice	3 B: Pancakes, eggs L: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes	4 B: Breakfast burrito L: Chicken noodle soup, mixed veggies, muffin	5 B: Bagel, cream cheese L: Mini corn dogs, baked beans	6 B: Cereal, Pop Tart, toast L: HB or CB, green beans
9 B: French toast, bacon L: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, peas	10 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread	11 B: Cereal, Pop Tart, toast L: Breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes, roll	12 B: Pancake on a stick, tater tri L: Chicken fajita, black beans, churro	13 B: PB & J L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup
16 B: Bagel, cream cheese L: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans	17 B: Breakfast sandwich L: Chicken alfredo flatbread, corn	18 B: Waffles, bacon L: Hamburger stew, cornbread	19 B: Cereal, Pop Tart, toast L: Thanksgiving dinner (SORRY...NO GUESTS)	20 B: Yogurt, granola, toast L: Hot beef & cheddar sandwich, roasted broccoli
23 B: Pancake on a stick, eggs L: Chili, cinnamon roll	24 B: French toast, bacon L: Pizza, green beans	25 NO SCHOOL Professional Development	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
30 B: Scrambled eggs, tater tri, toast L: Beefy nachos, corn, churro	1 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Hot ham & cheese, tater tots	2 B: Cereal, Pop Tart, toast L: Chicken bacon wrap, peas	3 B: Waffles, sausage links L: Cavatini, green beans, breadstick	4 B: PB & J L: Pulled pork sandwich, mixed veggies

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