

Leyton Warrior Newsletter

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

December, 2020



Above Right-Clockwise: MAC One Act Runner-Up Team competed on November 17th-Ethan Eckhardt-acting award; K.J. Bush-acting award; Cort Rummel, Hannah Vath & Katy Jones; Dawson Wiggins. Above Left from Top: Halloween fun on October 30th: K-Whitlynn Boman & Miss Thompson, 1st-Kasen Miller & Averi Twarling, 2nd-Teagan McCormick, 3rd-Zayden Slaughter & Skylar Draper. Above Middle from Top: 4th-Kennedy Roelle, 5th-Isabella Fischer, Auvi Cranmore & Ann-Marie Gallegos, 6th Riley Benish. Below Top: 7th-Faith Lee, Josette McConnell, Carlyn Thomas, Macey Roelle & Halle Carter. Below Bottom: 8th-Ella Haley, Katie Eckhardt, Hope Lee, Sydney Fortune, Zaili Benish, Jaiden Schilreff, Shawnee Gamble & Jasemine Moore. Below Right: Ariauna Maestas in her last volleyball game as a Leyton Warrior, blocking with teammate Kaitlyn Craig.



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- Dec. 01 – District One Acts @ Creek Valley – **Bus-8 am**
- Dec. 02-03 – Mini Cheer Camp after school
- Dec. 03 – Greenhand @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 04 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball @ Kimball @ 4 pm – **Bus-Kevin-2 pm**
- Dec. 05 – Mini Cheer Camp Performance
- 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. 07 – NHS Induction @ 6:30 pm
- 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 Work Day
- Dec. 12 – HS Wrestling @ Gordon-Rushville @ 10 am – **Suburban-5:30 am**
- Dec. 14 – BOE Meeting
- Dec. 14 – Elementary Concert @ 6:30-pm
- Dec. 15 – HS Wrestling Triangular @ Chase Co. @ 4 pm – **Suburban-1 pm**
- Dec. 17 – JH – B/G B-Ball @ Garden Co. @ 1 pm – **Bus-Jennifer-11 am**
- Dec. 18 – End of 1st Semester
- Dec. 19 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball @ Hemingford @ 1 pm – **Bus-Kevin-9:30 am**
- Dec. 19 – HS Wrestling @ Sutherland @ 9 am – **Suburban-4:30 am**
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 01 – SCHOOL CLOSED ~ CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- Dec. 22 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Arthur Co. @ 3 pm **HOME**
- Dec. 23-27 - MORATORIUM**
- Jan. 04 – NO CLASSES – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- Jan. 05 – Classes Resume**
- Jan. 06 – District FFA Ag Ed Contest @ Scottsbluff @ 8:30 am - **Vans**
- Jan. 09 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball @ Hay Springs @ 1 pm – **Bus-Kevin-10:00 am**
- Jan. 09 – HS Wrestling @ Garden Co. @ 9 am – **Suburban-5:30 am**
- Jan. 11 – BOE Meeting
- Jan. 12 – JV/V ~ BG B-Ball vs. Bridgeport @ 2:30 pm – **HOME**
- Jan. 13 – JH ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Potter-Dix @ 1 pm – **HOME**
- Jan. 15 – JV/V ~ B/G B-ball vs. Potter-Dix @ 4 pm – **HOME**
- Jan. 16 – HS Wrestling @ Chase Co. @ 9 am – **Suburban-5:00 am**



MERRY CHRISTMAS ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR

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
NOVEMBER 9, 2020 –6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 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 November 4, 2020. Said posting gave the 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 6:30 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

1.3.1 President Benish read a thank you from Cassandra Hopwood for the school's donation of the metal backboards and nets for her Girl Scout project at the park.

1.3.2 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

3.1 Amy Neumann addressed the board thanking them for the opportunity to complete her internship as a student teacher at Leyton Public Schools. She said she looks forward to being a Substitute teacher next semester and hopefully an employee at Leyton someday. Mr. Benish posed a question to Mrs. Neumann asking what happened to other student teachers that weren't able to complete a teaching assignment due to COVID? She stated that they were put on pause.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

None.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Mrs. Rexroth reported that the negotiations committee meetings are going well and they have another meeting scheduled in a couple weeks.

4.2.2 Mr. Henke reported on the Security/Crisis meeting and reviewed key points from the minutes.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended numerous meetings including the HAL and SEL NDE meetings. She completed three formal teacher observations/evaluations. Mrs. Morgan also held a shelter in place drill and two fire drills. She reported that Parent-Teacher conferences attendance was the highest it has ever been during her tenure, with the K-6 attendance at 100% and the JH attendance at 70% and a combined total of 92%. Mrs. Morgan provided seven tours to possible option students and reported that six of those students have enrolled. Mrs. Morgan also reported that she has investigated thirty-seven behavior incidents since 10-12-2020.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended several meetings including the MAC AD meeting, one MDT Meeting and several admin team meetings. He reported that we will be hosting the MAC One Act competition on November 17th. Some changes have been made and teams will show up, perform and then return home. Mr. Brost reported that the 2019-2020 honors night is scheduled for Thursday the

12th and asked the Board's opinion on having it with the recent COVID-19 guidelines. He will ask parent's opinions and make a decision from that.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 CONTRACT DAYS

Mr. Geary completed 20 days of his 2020-2021 contract in September, plus an additional 3 hours.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the ESU Superintendent Advisory Council, met with both principals to review and complete the Rule 10 Assurances Statement. Mr. Geary also led the staff professional development day on October 16th. This was a planned day off but most of the staff requested to have it this day and have the day before Thanksgiving off. Mr. Geary let staff choose which day they wanted to attend the training. He will conduct the training for the remainder of the staff on November 25th.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reviewed the action items including changes to policies #4043; #5001; and #5012. He stated that some of the changes to Policy #5001 were changes he requested and some were at the request of the County Attorney. The requested change to Policy #5012 is so that the information for our annual report is not available until November 1st and changing the month in the Policy to December will allow sufficient time to report current and relevant information to the Board. He also reported that there is a great need for a paraprofessional at the high school. He also thinks there is a need to review our reopening Resolution and Return to School Plan. He also reported that Mr. Haley has resigned as the Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach.

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 were in the packet. He stated that after COVID began in March he cancelled our Linen Service with Ideal and provided an update to the board on the matter. Mr. Geary has been updating job descriptions, conducting evaluations for classified staff and training staff who supervise others to conduct their evaluations. Mr. Geary reported that our audit is complete and submitted to NDE. Julie asked if the Board would like her report in person or if she could present via ZOOM. The Board approved a report via ZOOM. Mr. Geary also reported on the Fall Maps Testing and provided the Board with a five year history of ACT scores. He pointed out that the average ACT scores for Leyton graduates are below the state average in almost every category for the past five years. He encouraged everyone that we need to do better; aligning curriculum, prioritizing attendance, instituting ACT prep, and improving instruction.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Henke, seconded by Bartling to recognize Janet Waite for donating hats and gloves to the elementary/junior high; to the October Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Honor Syverson, 1st-Brennan Rieken, 2nd-Madilyn Mitchell, 3rd-Nora Jenson, 4th-Jonathon Reimers, 5th-Elizabeth Higgins, 6th-Brody Turman, 7th-Carlyn Thomas, and 8th-Jaiden Schilreff); to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for being eligible the entire first quarter; to Tiffany Sage for making and donating Warrior t-shirts to kindergarten and new students at the elementary; to Ms. Primm for organizing Red Ribbon Week; to the L Club members for working at the Junior High football and volleyball games; to the high school Volleyball team for 3rd place finish at MAC; to the HS Football team for making the state playoffs; to all fall sports teams on successful completions of their seasons; to Bill Murray

for allowing the use of his digger and Chris Morgan for his organization and help with the new Marquee; and to Vonnie Brown for all her help in Janella's absence. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Henke and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 12, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Bartling, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

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

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

5.6 APPROVAL OF POLICY UPDATES

5.6.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve Policy #4043 as amended. Discussion was held and Mr. Brost expressed his opinions as to what should be in the policy. The board agreed and also added the language "other apps as approved". ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES - Borges, Henke, Benish, Bartling, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.6.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve Policies #5001 and #5001B as amended. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the wording of Policy #5001. Borges expressed his opinion that the COVID attendance portion was a great addition but the remaining changes were not needed. Mr. Geary reminded the board that the proposed changes regarding attendance incentives, one on one contact to parents from the school, and student accountability were recommendations from a meeting he had with the County Attorneys, and clarified that the Nebraska Department of Education does not consider "excused" and "unexcused" absences. The board went through all of the recommended changes and revised some of them. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES -Cruise, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Henke. VOTING NO – Borges. MOTION CARRIED: 5-1.

5.6.3 Motion by Bartling, Seconded by Rexroth to approve Policy #5012 as amended. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Bartling, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF HIRING A 1.0 FTE PARAPROFESSIONAL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the hiring of a 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional at the High School. Borges asked if this Paraprofessional was going to be a SPED Para as requested by Mrs. Rios at the last meeting. Mr. Geary stated that this Para will be primarily a SPED para but will help in other areas as well. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Henke and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 REVIEW OF REOPENING RESOLUTION

Discussion was held on the Resolution and re-opening plan. Some changes were suggested to the plan. Borges suggested using the same standards in "Orange" and "Red" risk levels in light of the current direction from Panhandle Public Health. The Board and Admin team were all in support of that recommendation. The Admin team will make the necessary changes.

5.9 CONSIDERATION OF COACHING RESIGNATION

Motion by Benish, seconded by Rexroth to accept the resignation of Mr. Matt Haley as Boys' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach with regret and thanks for all he does for all of our students. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Bartling, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

Motion by Benish, seconded by Rexroth to table the approval of the annual report until the December meeting.

5.11 APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Borges stated that he didn't believe this was needed as we approved the payment of a bill for the same amount earlier in the meeting. Mr. Benish stated that he had contacted the school attorney and he said this was needed to be consistent. Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to indemnify Chris Geary for attorney fees in the amount of \$1,756.00 pursuant to Section 79-516 and Mr. Geary's employment contract as Mr. Geary was made a party to a threatened, pending, or completed administrative or investigative proceeding, he incurred the fees in connection with the proceeding, and he acted in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the district. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish Henke. VOTING NO – Borges. MOTION CARRIED: 5-1.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: December 14, 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 Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 9:13 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Bartling, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.



Ryan Borges, Board Secretary



Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

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Brenna Adams	Mileage	\$ 220.80	Homestead Market	Supplies	\$ 176.47
Jill Bartling	Supplies	\$ 13.92	Kid's Korner Childcare	Tuition	\$ 132.50
Best Plumbing	A/C Server Room	\$ 2,768.88	KSB School Law	Legal Services	\$ 882.00
Black Hill Energy	Utilities	\$ 1,698.99	Marick's Waste Disposal	Trash	\$ 130.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 106.14	Matheson Tri-Gas	Supplies	\$ 666.02
Krystal Borges	Mileage	\$ 25.30	Dana Morgan	Mileage	\$ 24.15
Heather Bowen	Mileage	\$ 836.05	NASB	Conference-Bartling	\$ 275.00
Leo Bowen	Mileage	\$ 2,668.00	National Art & School Supplies	Supplies	\$ 52.20
Nick Brost	Mileage	\$ 141.45	Nebraska FFA	Membership	\$ 252.00
Capital Business	Copiers	\$ 1,406.48	Nick Newkirk	Mileage	\$ 6.90
Mark Carley	Mileage	\$ 71.88	NIBC	Equipment Rental	\$ 85.00
Cline Williams, Wright	Legal Services	\$ 1,756.00	Jacob Noel	Mileage	\$ 18.40
Crossroads Music	Supplies	\$ 135.00	NSIAAA	Membership Dues	\$ 250.00
Dalton Telephone	Telephone	\$ 592.18	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 165.60
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 232.49	One Source	Service	\$ 50.00
Deaver Tire Company	Repair	\$ 15.00	Allie Primm	Mileage	\$ 79.35
Dell Marketing	Supplies	\$ 41.99	Pro Sports	Supplies	\$ 999.66
District 12 Ag Teachers	Dues/Fees	\$ 150.00	Irma Rios	Mileage	\$ 37.95
Jennifer Dobrinski	Bus Wash	\$ 10.00	School Specialty	Supplies	\$ 4.80
ESU #13	Services	\$ 9,520.49	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	Legal Notices	\$ 65.16
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 104.02	Townsend Press Book	Supplies	\$ 126.98
Frenchmen Valley Coop	Fuel	\$ 2,030.64	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 11.98
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 96.60	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 470.82
Chris Geary	Mileage + Phone	\$ 171.30	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Grace Gardens	Tuition	\$ 437.50	Matt Wells (Gurley Diesel)	Oil Change/Wiring Repair	\$ 323.96
Great American Financial	Copiers	\$ 339.00	WheatBelt	Electricity	\$ 4,546.06
Alison Haley	Mileage	\$ 69.00	Young's Plumbing	Replace Rooftop Motor	\$ 848.80
Amy Henke	Mileage	\$ 96.60			
	Column Total	\$ 25,755.70		Column Total	\$ 11,370.89
				Monthly Total	\$ 37,126.59

December 2020

A Message from the Superintendent

It is amazing to me how fast the year flies by! We are nearing the midway point of our school year...only 15 school days remain in the semester. It has been an interesting few months. COVID has impacted all of us...some in small ways, and some in significant ways. We have taken a couple of days off of school, just before Thanksgiving, because of COVID. Hopefully we can have all of our students and staff be healthy for the remainder of the semester. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best for students and staff alike. I continue to be blessed by the faithfulness of our custodial staff. Thank you Mark, Bruce, and Jacob for keeping our buildings clean and sanitized!

Our first snow and very cold temperatures prompted me to have a two hour late start. I reserve these situations for times when travel is extremely dangerous – especially for our bus riding students. As a result, I've been considering how to best serve our working families when weather creates a need for a late start. I understand that can significantly impact our working families with young children. If you have a special situation with respect to late starts, please contact your building principal. We can arrange for your child to be at school so you can get to work in a timely manner. Please ask for the "Late Start Supervision Request" and discuss the best way for us to serve your family when that happens.

You may have noticed the new marquee that has been placed in downtown Dalton – just across the street from the bank. We are waiting for a few details to fall into place before we can wire it up. Thank you to Sue Kandle for her vision, to Kayla Wells for hosting the site, to the Board for supporting the project financially, and to Chris Morgan for organizing all the details. We are excited to have another way to communicate to you, our stakeholders, about what is going on in our District. There will also be community event reminders and celebrations proudly displayed. Please contact your principal or me if you'd like to have something on the sign.

Finally, Merry Christmas! I hope you and your family enjoy precious time together celebrating the Reason for the season.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris".

December 2020
High School Principal/AD Newsletter

Dear Leyton Families,

First of all, thank you for being patient and understanding through the first part of the school year as we are all navigating through these uncharted waters of COVID-19. It seems like we are getting new guidelines and restrictions from NSAA, NDE, PPHD and the Governor's office daily. So, Thank You for your continued support as all of us at school are facing new challenges.

At the November board meeting, the Leyton School Board made changes to the attendance policy. The most important changes to the policy are:

- 1) Virtual Attendance: When Panhandle Public Health has required a student to stay home, the student will be counted as present if they participate in virtual instruction.
- 2) Attendance Incentives: Students who have met an attendance goal such as 90% or 95% may earn incentives such as: excusal from a classroom assignment, concession stand voucher, dismissed to lunch early, extra recess or movie day.
- 3) Response to Absences: Students who are absent from any course are expected to meet with his or her teachers upon return. After a student's third absence in a quarter, the principal will meet with the student and the student's parents to develop a collaborative plan to assist in improving attendance. Students who are absent more than 10% of the days they have been enrolled may be referred to the county attorney. Students must not miss more than seven days in a quarter to earn academic credit for that course. However, students who lose credit due to absences may appeal the loss of credit to his or her principal.

If you have any questions regarding the attendance policy, please contact your building principal.

Also, at the November board meeting, masks were discussed in response to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in the area. The Return to School Plan, which can be found on the Leyton Warriors website, was updated to include requiring masks during certain parts of the school day. Masks are now required in the hallway and anytime students are within 6 feet of each other. Students at the high school have been doing a terrific job of wearing masks when masks are required. Please remind your student to remain diligent in wearing their mask to keep themselves and others from being quarantined by PPHD. Most students at the high school have been wearing masks they bring from home. I would encourage all students to begin bringing a personal mask to school because the supply at school is limited.

At the beginning of November, the NSAA updated their protocols for winter activities including basketball, wrestling, speech and play production. According to their updates, masks are **REQUIRED** by all spectators and nonactive participants at events, attendance will be limited at all indoor events and concessions will only be available where facilities permit. We will continue to update our patrons as we receive updated information.

Finally, congratulations to Leyton's One Act team. Leyton placed 2nd at the MAC Competition. Also, I want to extend a BIG Thank You to our One Act team and staff for assisting in hosting the MAC One Act Competition. The event was a success, and it wouldn't have been possible without their help.

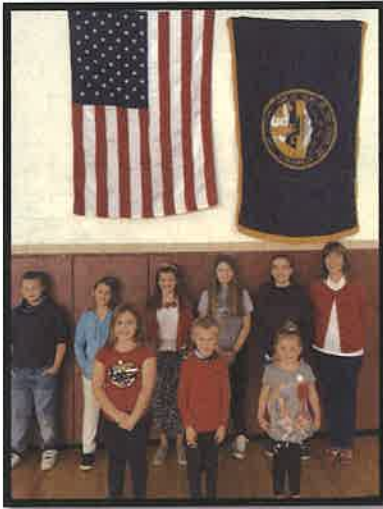
Stay Safe, and Go Warriors!

Nick Brost

A Message from Mrs. Morgan

Hello Leyton Families, I just want to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for your flexibility and assistance in helping us keep our students in school. There have been and will continue to be changes in our building as we work through keeping everyone safe. Our students and staff have been remarkable in their efforts to help. As we continue moving through COVID, if you all could please continue sending masks from home for your student to wear on the bus, in the hallways, in small groups, and whenever your child is within the 6 foot social distancing requirement, that would be great. Also, please look around and see if you have any extra of our school provided black masks that have made their way into your laundry pile. If so, please send the school masks back in so we can wash them and put them back into our supply closet to keep on hand. Thank you for your help with everything!

We will be completing our kindergarten through sixth grade Acadience (formerly known as DIBELS) reading tests on December 8. Please make sure your student gets plenty of rest and a hearty breakfast that morning to ensure they have everything they need for optimal testing.



Our October Good Citizens are pictured here. Kindergarten-Honor Syverson, 1st-Brennan Rieken, 2nd-Madilynn Mitchell, 3rd-Nora Jenson, 4th-Jonathon Reimers, 5th-Elizabeth Higgins, 6th-Brody Turman, 7th-Carlyn Thomas, 8th-Jaiden Schilreff. Fortunately the weather has been cooperative and we were able to have our picnic outside with our school lunch. Our good citizens continue to deliver sunshine from the sunshine cart each week to all staff members in the building. I have included a photo below.



Important dates to remember: K-6 Acadience (DIBELS) Reading Tests-December 8; Junior High Winter Concert @ 6:30 PM-December 8; Junior High Basketball vs.Creek Valley-December 9; Elementary Winter Concert @ 6:30 PM-December 14; End of the 1st Semester-December 18.



Our students and staff do amazing things in the community. Mrs. Bartling's fifth grade students submitted entries to the annual Wheat Belt holiday drawing competition. Leyton had two winners in the contest. Elizabeth Higgins won Grand Champion and her design will be featured on the front page of the December Wheat Belt Connection newsletter. Auvi Cranmore won Honorable Mention and her drawing will also be featured in the Wheat Belt Connection.

Congratulations! As always if you need to reach me for any reason, please feel free to call the school at 308-884-2247 or email me at dana.morgan@leytonwarriors.org. Have a great Christmas and holiday break!



Dana ☺

Allie Primm

Holidays During a Pandemic

1. Making plans ahead of time helps create some predictability.
2. Give your kids a voice. When it comes to planning and activities, find out what would make it special for them in a positive way.
3. Let kids express disappointment. Giving your kids a chance to express their frustrations and validating them goes a long way in bringing down those feelings.

What has your child been exploring in Guidance class?

The Passion First Mindset! We have been discussing how combining these four elements allows us to identify our passion and live by making sure our passion is a driving force in what we do.

1. Focus on Your Strengths
2. Explore Your Interests
3. Take A Stand
4. Be Authentic

Senior Updates

- Make sure to complete the FAFSA www.studentaid.gov as many scholarships require this report.
- "Apply To College Days" were a huge success. Our 11 seniors put in **25 applications** across the state and country!!
- Check emails, school mailboxes, and the website for SCHOLARSHIPS!
- Consider whether or not you will take courses for college credit next semester.
- December 12th - ACT

Top 5 Do's and Don'ts at home to support the Passion First mindset.

1. Do recognize your child's strengths and passions.
2. Do spend time with your child discussing core values.
3. Don't berate a child for dreams or passions that you do not agree with or find interesting.
4. Don't discourage them with talk about how passions won't result in financial gain.
5. Do fun things and understand every moment is a teaching moment.

Taking Care of BUSINESS

We've been taking care of business (every day)

Taking care of business (every way)

We've been taking care of business (during class)

Taking care of business and working really hard.

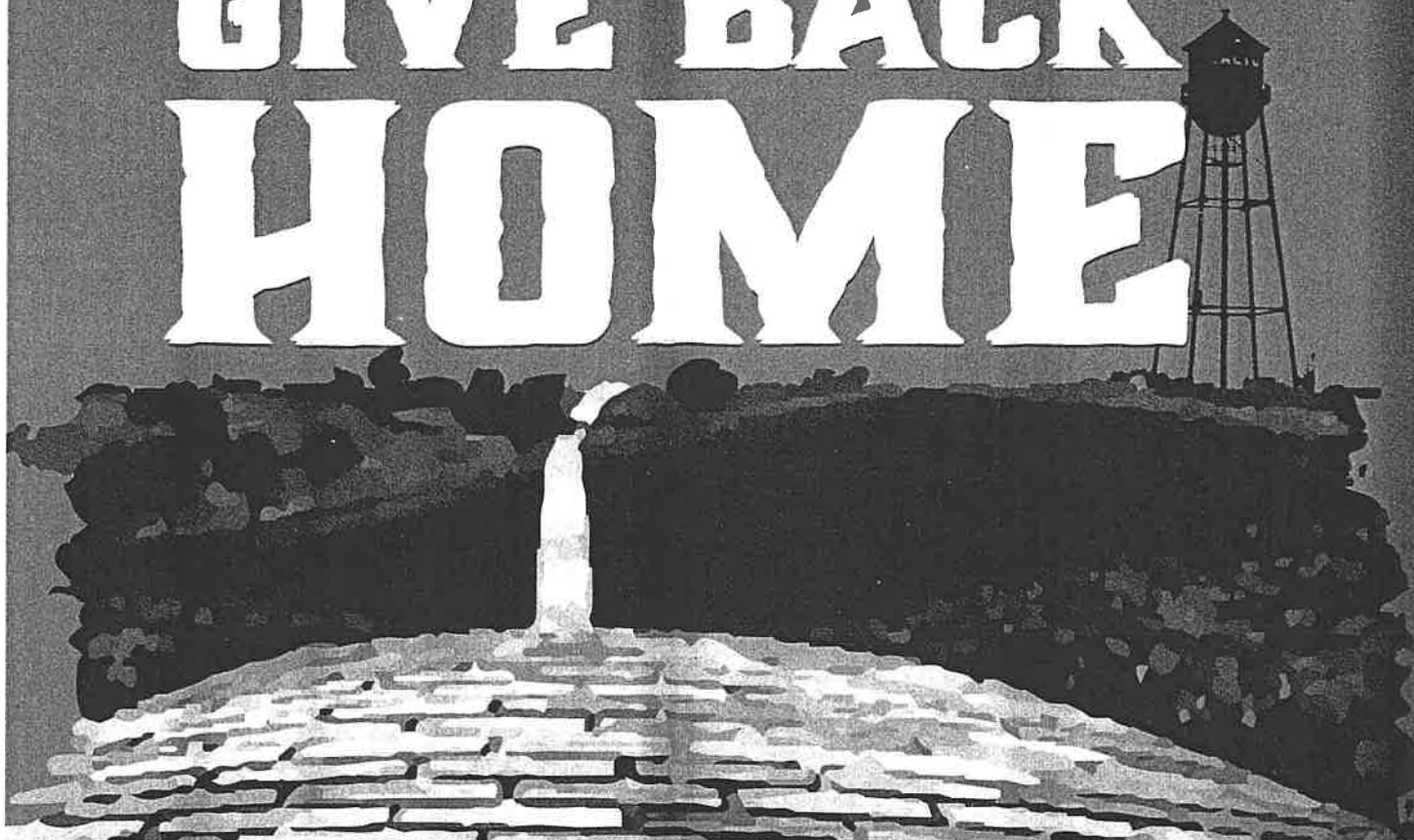
It has been wonderful to be back in the classroom with students in our presence. So much more teaching and learning can take place in an "in person" environment. Thank you to students and parents for accepting the changes necessary in making this happen!

Introduction to Business students are exploring the economy and how it works while putting finishing touches on their scholarship resumes` and cover letters. Accounting students are being held "accountable" for double entry accounting. What better way to know how interest works for and against you than doing the math yourself in Business Math? We are researching various types of businesses to own and operate in Entrepreneurship, and applying many different Microsoft Word concepts in Information Technology.

As this semester flies by, we wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. We are looking forward to sharing our projects with you next semester!

Mrs. Craig ☺

GIVE BACK HOME



There's no place like home.

Together, all of us - Warriors Past, Present and Future - continue to create a Warrior Legacy that will last for generations to come. Since 2005, the Leyton Public School Foundation has funded projects and initiatives that support that Legacy.

It's YOUR generosity that enables us to expand our giving priorities AND enrich the student and community experience.

Will you #GiveBackHome ?

Donate online at
leytonwarriorfoundation.org

~ OR ~

Send your check to:
Leyton Foundation
PO Box 297
Dalton, NE 69131

LEYTON
FOUNDATION



Payments for the high school 1:1 program by December 15th. Students will have to leave their device at school for the holiday break if payment is not received. Please contact Mrs. Haley if you have any questions.

Thank you for support the Leyton Booster Club



Booster Club stadium chairs are waiting for you! We still have 6 seats available. They are \$30 for the pair for \$20 for one for the rest of the school year. They are a lifesaver during those basketball games! Contact Alison Haley or Kelly Reimers if you need them!

308-249-4198

303-881-8170

LEYTON BOOSTER CLUB

POPCORN SPIRIT BUCKETS



POPCORN SPIRIT BUCKETS ARE \$20.00!

You will receive **FREE REFILLS** for the lifetime of your bucket at **ALL** high school sporting events that sell popcorn at concessions! Each bucket also comes with a lid! The buckets hold roughly 4 bags worth of popcorn.

They will be available for purchase at every volleyball/football/basketball game!

They make great gifts!

**NEW!!!
CHRISTMAS**

**COME AND
SHOP**

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 (5:30-8:30)

In conjunction with the JH/HS Music Concert!

Where: Multipurpose Room

Sponsor: Leyton Entrepreneurship Class

Sugar Shack Cents

Candles

Melting

Wax Tarts

Ornaments

EVERYTHING CASH & CARRY!



**LEYTON FFA ALUMNI CLUB
HOLIDAY SEASON 2020**



Hello to all our Leyton families and community members!

We hope this finds you happy and healthy as the fall season is in its last weeks.

It is time for an update on the newly-formed FFA ALUMNI CLUB at Leyton Public Schools. We meet on a monthly basis, discussing our primary role as supporters of the Leyton FFA program, and our other important role as supporters of our communities. Cody Dykman was elected as our club president at our September meeting.

We would like to inform you all on our current and upcoming events.

- Club members are selling breakfast burritos. These are made by our members—ingredients come from our local markets and donors. They will be made throughout the year. We have three flavors: sausage, ham, and Combo (ham and sausage). These burritos are sold by the ½ dozen and dozen. See prices below:
 - Ham (only), Sausage (only)—1/2 doz \$18, dozen \$36
 - Combo—1/2 doz \$21, dozen \$42
- This Holiday season, we will be selling live Christmas trees at the Homestead Market. Stop by and see the selection of beautiful fir trees. Different sizes available—you might find one that is perfect for your home.

****ALL profit goes right back to our LEYTON FFA Club and community. We are working towards providing better opportunities for our FFA kids. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.**

- Our next scheduled meeting is December 9th at 7pm. This is open to community members who want to join in. Please consider coming to our next meeting to help us go forward. (A reminder to all that you do not need to be a past FFA member!) More support from our community means more support for our FFA club and advisor.

Thank you folks for taking time to read this. Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support our kids and our FFA club.

Wishing all continued health as we near the holiday season.
See you at the Homestead for Christmas tree shopping!

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FFA ALUM

Farm Fresh

CHRISTMAS TREES



— FOR SALE —

This Holiday Season
at the Homestead
Market!

Thank you for supporting FFA!

December

2020

Leyton Elementary/JH & High School Menu

Merry Christmas!!

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

Unlimited fruits 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.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 B: Scrambled eggs, tater tri, toast L: Beefy nachos, black beans, churro	1 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Hot ham & cheese, tater tots	2 B: Pop tart, cereal, 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
7 B: Pancakes, bacon L: Chili, cinnamon rolls	8 B: Breakfast burrito L: HS: Baked potato bar Elem/JH: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, cornbread	9 B: Pop tart, cereal, toast L: Breaded or spicy chicken sandwich, roasted broccoli	10 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Pizza, green beans	11 B: Pancake on a stick L: Ham slice, cheesy hash browns, cornbread
14 B: Bagel, cream cheese L: Breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes, roll	15 B: French toast, bacon L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup	16 B: Pop tart, cereal, toast L: CHRISTMAS DINNER (SORRY NO GUESTS)	17 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, peas	18 B: Breakfast sandwich L: HB or CB, baked beans
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SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Due to the recent rise in Covid -19 cases, we have made the very hard decision to cancel our dinner this year. We want to keep everyone healthy and safe. We will look forward to seeing you all next year. Thank you.

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