

# May Newsletter – 2024

- May 2 - Golf @ Kimball – 9am
- May 3 - Leyton Invitational Track @ 9am
- May 6 - NHS Induction Ceremony @ 5:00 pm  
Honors Night @ 6:00 pm
- May 7 - Golf Invitational @ Bayard @ 9  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade Agsplosion @ Lodgepole – leave @ 8am  
Last Day for Seniors
- May 8 - District Track @ Creek Valley
- May 10 - Graduation Practice @ 9 am
- May 11 - Graduation @ 1 pm
- May 13 - District Golf @ TBD  
School Board Meeting
- May 14 - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip – leave @ 8am
- May 16 - Elementary Concert @ 630 pm
- May 17-18 State Track @ Omaha-Burke
- May 20 - Jr. High Awards & 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion
- May 21 - State Golf  
Elementary Field Day & Parent BBQ – more info to come!  
Last day for students
- May 22 - Last Day for Teacher



**\*ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

Also visit the Leyton School website @ [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org)



Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting - April 15, 2024  
7:00 AM

**Call to Order:**

The regular April meeting of the Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on April 15, 2024, at 7:00 A.M., in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69141. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the library. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before Thursday, April 11, 2024.

**Present Board Members:**

Benish: Present  
Borges: Present  
Ernest: Present  
Rushman: Present  
Schumacher: Present  
Wiedeman: Present

The Pledge was recited, and there was no communication from the public.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea  
Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Reports: Mr. Jones provided the K-12 Principal Report, Mr. McLaughlin provided the Superintendent Report and there was no student council report for the month.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Borges to recognize the following FFA students for their work at the state competition: Jaxson Benish (State Degree Recipient, Blue Ribbon in Farm and Ag Business Management), Trenton Rushman (State Degree Recipient, Red Ribbon in Farm and Ag Business Management), Lila McLaughlin (Purple Ribbon Food Science, Blue Ribbon Nursery Landscape), Macey Roelle (White Ribbon Food Science), Faith Lee and Mercedes Heidemann; to the Jr. High Track Help from the community for the work they did running a great track meet in Dalton; and to the 35 Leyton students who were named on the Nebraska State College System Multi-Activities Student Award list. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Rushman to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, regular meeting and the March 25, 2024 special meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest to approve the claims, warrants and transfers. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Policies 4000-4020 were reviewed.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Schumacher to approve the strategic plan for Leyton Public Schools. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Benish to approve the class roster and congratulate the Class of 2024. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the \$8200 bid from McGuire Custom Paint to paint the Gurley Gym. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Board discussed the classified salary schedule regarding when a staff member maxes out their years on the existing schedule. Suggestions were made and proposed changes will be available at the next meeting in May.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Borges to approve the resignation of Mrs. Dollerschell and Mrs. Hughes with regret. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Schumacher to hire Cooper Michelman for Junior High Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Borges, seconded by Benish to approve the funding of Smart boards with ESSER III money. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 AM
2. Preschool Meeting Tuesday April 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 AM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0

APPROVED BY,

Respectfully submitted,



Suzy Ernest, Secretary

Leyton Board of Education



Matt McLaughlin,

Recording Secretary

Proceedings of the  
Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #03  
Board of Education Special Meeting  
April 16, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.  
High School Multi-Purpose Room in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ryan Borges called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The public was informed of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the multi-purpose room. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Members present: Shad Benish, Ryan Borges, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: Suzy Ernest. Also present were Superintendent Matt McLaughlin, Principal Charles Jones, and thirteen visitors.

There was no communication. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to excuse Mrs. Ernest from tonight's meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: Benish, Borges, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. McLaughlin presented the proposed preschool program including grant and cost information.

Groups were formed to discuss the pros and cons of adding a preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. The notes from each group were then discussed.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Benish to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved by,



Ryan Borges, President  
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,



Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - April 2024

Aliens & Strangers Music	Stage Lighting	\$ 2,974.14	Tim Melton	Parts, Repairs & Maint	\$ 3,942.56
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 2,991.50	Becky Murray	Supplies	\$ 138.50
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 467.38	Napa	Supplies	\$ 607.98
Capital Business	Copiers	\$ 2,059.50	NASB	Training	\$ 100.00
City of Sidney	Service	\$ 348.00	NIBC	Equipment Rental	\$ 100.00
Cranmore Pest Control	Service	\$ 60.00	Northland Securities	Service	\$ 2,500.00
Crossroads Music	Supplies	\$ 145.00	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 124.62
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 267.63	One Source	Service	\$ 44.00
Lindie DeBlois	Mileage	\$ 76.38	Perry Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 6,202.16
ESU #13	Services	\$ 14,666.34	Megan Rathman	Mileage	\$ 58.56
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 560.08	Regional Care	Service	\$ 30.00
Frenchmen Valley	Fuel	\$ 2,817.86	Royal Flush	Service	\$ 400.00
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 120.60	Rhonda Rummel	Mileage	\$ 352.42
Allen Gross	Service	\$ 360.00	Sagebrush Bar & Grill	Other	\$ 20.00
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint	\$ 1,381.56	SRMC - Clinic	Service	\$ 296.00
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	\$ 124.62	SRMC - Hospital	OT Services	\$ 1,079.20
Highline	Telephone	\$ 526.95	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	Legal Notices	\$ 228.01
H & L Meats	Other	\$ 120.00	Simmons Olsen Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 425.00
Hometown Leasing	Equipment Lease	\$ 405.12	SOAR	PT Services	\$ 1,654.34
Charles Jones	Mileage	\$ 160.80	Student Assurance	Insurance	\$ 500.00
J.W. Pepper	Supplies	\$ 162.29	US Bank	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,606.24
Jill Lukesh	Mileage	\$ 12.06	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 510.19
Marick's	Trash Disposal	\$ 151.00	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Matheson	Supplies	\$ 77.83	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 4,245.30
Matt McLaughlin	Mileage/Phone	\$ 183.08	WPCI	Service	\$ 38.00
	Column Total	\$ 31,219.72		Column Total	\$ 26,892.21
				Monthly Total	\$ 58,111.93



We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with you all: Leyton Public School has been selected as a recipient of the Nebraska Early Childhood Grant. This grant was a competitive grant that our district applied for with the hopes of adding a much needed preschool to our school district. I realize that preschool is something that we have attempted to get off the ground before, but this time the stars appear to have aligned with community support as well as funding for the program. I would like to take some time to inform everyone on the vision of our program, the funding, program goals and most importantly how we sustain the program so our community can view this program as money well spent after the grant funding is exhausted.

Starting next year, we will be hosting a preschool in Gurley that will operate four full days a week, Monday through Thursday using the normal school hours. This initiative is a significant step forward in our commitment to providing the best possible educational opportunities for all children in our community, as well as meeting the components included in our vision “cultivate lifelong learners”. The vision we have set for this program is clear: we aim to deliver an exceptional preschool experience that equips every child with the skills and confidence they need to thrive as they transition into formal schooling. With this grant, we believe we are leveling the playing field for early childhood education in our community, ensuring that every child has access to high-quality early learning experiences. To ensure the success of this program, we are proud to announce our partnership with HeadStart, an organization dedicated to early childhood education. Together, we will combine our resources and expertise to create a nurturing and enriching environment for our preschool students.

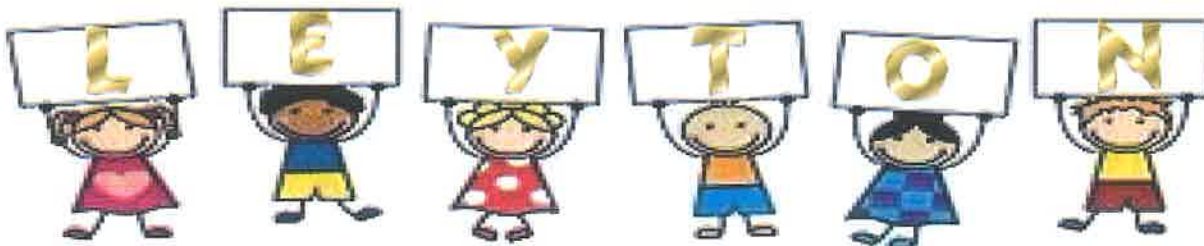
When it comes to funding the program the grant will provide the district with two critical pieces of funding: start up money as well as general funding. The start-up money will be in the amount of \$25,000 which our district will use to transform the inside area of our preschool into an amazing learning environment with learning centers where students can experience a variety of engaging activities while they learn. The start up money will also help us address some of the outdoor materials that are age appropriate for students in preschool. We plan on addressing the playground as well in order to provide preschoolers with up to date facilities for our students outside. The general funding for the grant will be in the amount of \$130,000. That portion of funding will go directly to staffing the program with quality educators. We plan on having 1 certified teacher (hired on Monday) and 1 Paraprofessional to support up to 20 students.

At Leyton Public School, we take pride in our long history of academic excellence, dating back to 1978 when our school districts consolidated. We firmly believe that the addition of this preschool program will further enhance our track record of success, setting a strong foundation for the future of our students. Angie Borgmann will be the teacher for the Preschool and she is excited to get the program off and running in the best way possible for our students. Ms. Bormann has worked with preschoolers for many years and is excited to take on the challenge of preschool teacher for us. We realize that preschool teachers put in a ton of hours with our youngest children so it was important for us to get a curriculum and assessment component that will help lead our teacher and students to quality outcomes. We are purchasing Teaching Strategies as our curriculum for preschool. Mrs. Rathman has spent a lot of time and effort setting up a curriculum purchase that correlates to the early childhood assessments that the teacher will be completing throughout the year.

When it comes to our program goals, we intend to be the best place to raise a child in the state of Nebraska. With those lofty goals, it is going to be our expectation that our teacher is extremely familiar with the community and the families of our district. We will be holding community event nights, doing home visits for all families, setting and tracking goals throughout the year, and working with families to promote our program. When we surveyed our families, we found that there were at least 20 children who could enter our program next year. We want to fill that need and deliver a quality education. In order to do this we need the support of our community, if you know a child who needs preschool services, we need them to enroll.

Sustainability is the next most important step in our plan. If we have a need now, how can we keep a program going in year four when the grant is up? That's the big question, and an important question when adding any teacher position. We have to be able to sustain this program over time, so the decisions we make now will affect the future of our district moving into the future. The best way to sustain a program is to have a program at capacity. HeadStart will be partnering with us in the amount of around \$15,000 per year as long as we fill their slots in the preschool. There will be a sliding scale for attending the preschool as far as tuition goes. Our most recent discussions on tuition will be to set tuition at \$350 per month which figures to be around \$20 per day figuring 18 school days in the month. The cost for preschool for families on reduced lunch would then be \$175 per month and those on free lunch would be free or covered by HeadStart placement. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and are grateful for the support of our community as we embark on this new chapter together. Together, we will ensure that every child at Leyton has the chance to thrive and succeed.

Matt McLaughlin  
Superintendent







You are cordially invited to a  
**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

In honor of  
LEYTON KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2024

Monday, May 20th at 9:00 am  
Gurley Gymnasium  
521 Rose Street  
Gurley, Ne





# LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL

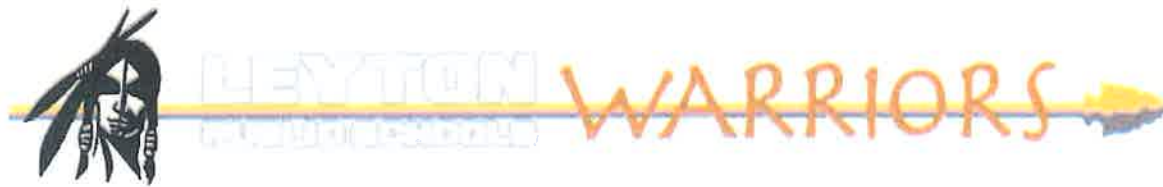
## *Honors Night*

Leyton high school students  
and their families;  
Please join us for an evening  
to recognize our students and  
enjoy a meal

Monday, May 6th at 6pm

Leyton High School  
Gymnasium

Dinner will begin at 6:00  
Program will begin at 6:30



**Reserve your 2023 - 2024 Yearbook NOW!**

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered now!

**Yearbook: \$40.00**

**With one line of personalization: \$47.50**

If you wish to order a yearbook, please fill out the order form below.

Orders, with payment, may be turned into the Dalton office (PO Box 297, Dalton, NE 69131).  
Please send to the attention of Natasha Haupt, Publications Class.

Yearbooks will be given to your student unless otherwise directed.

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVE YEARBOOK TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Yearbooks: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Yearbooks with Personalization: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$47.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

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Missing a Yearbook? There is a limited number of yearbooks from years gone by! Leyton alumni missing yearbooks should email [natasha.haupt@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:natasha.haupt@leytonwarriors.org) to inquire about availability.

I am heading to New Orleans!

I was recently notified that I was awarded a travel scholarship from the American Battlefield Trust to attend the National Teacher Institute in New Orleans this summer. Along with some amazing history presentations for teachers, I will have the opportunity to visit battlefields from the War of 1812, the Civil War and a historic plantation.

In our new English Language Arts & Reading curriculum, students are introduced to important historical topics to build background knowledge and vocabulary. In second grade, we build upon knowledge taught in earlier grades who learn about the forming of our nation. We study The War of 1812, The Civil War and Westward Expansion as we prepare students for upper elementary and beyond where they will learn even more about American history. New Orleans was the site of many important battles for these wars as well as being the location where the Louisiana Purchase was finalized.

I'm looking forward to gaining even more background knowledge to share with students and I plan to bring back photos and souvenirs.

Amy Neumann  
2nd Grade Teacher



# Message from the Library!

## ALL library books are due by MAY 10th!

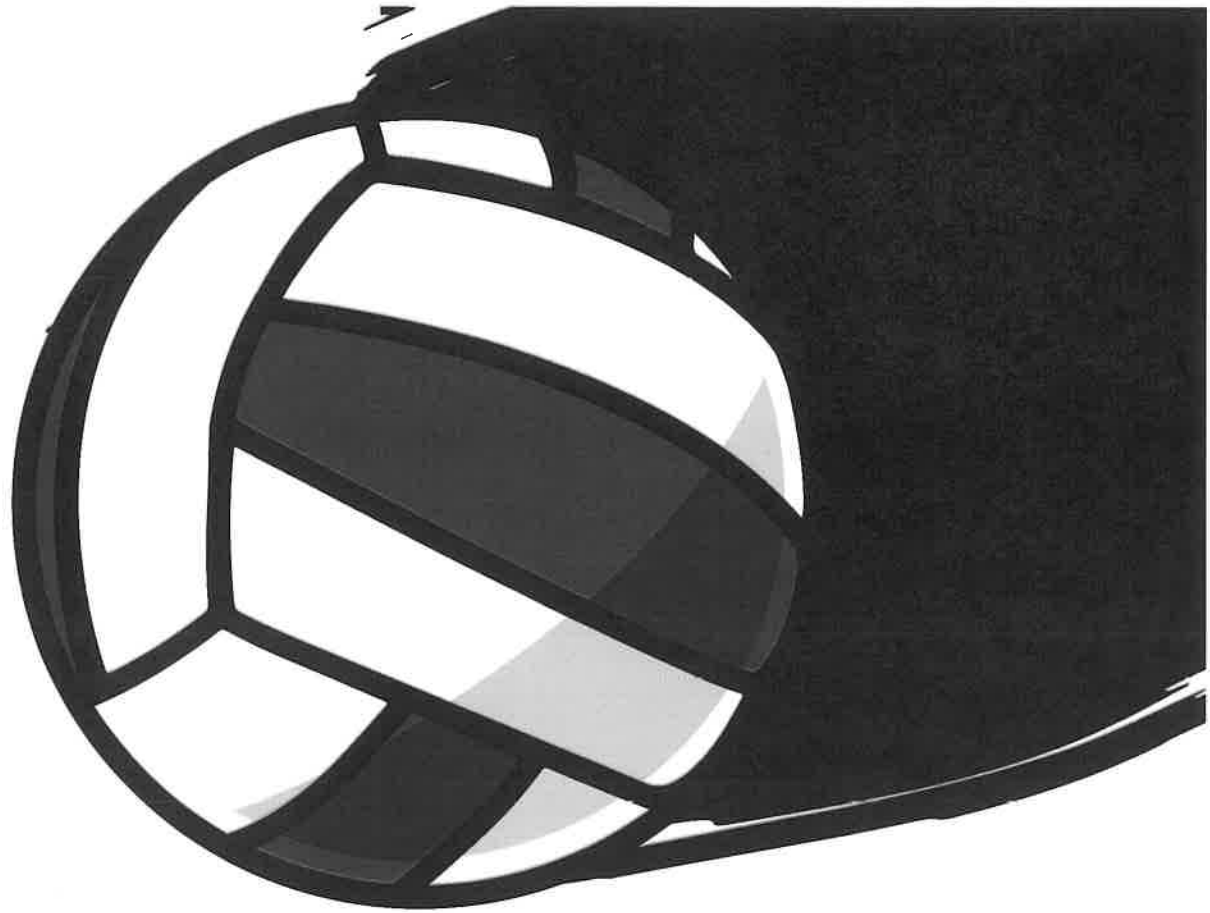
**As a reminder: All books must be turned in or replacement costs paid before signing out for the summer.**

**If parents or students have questions, please contact:**

**Ms. DeBlois [lindie.deblois@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:lindie.deblois@leytonwarriors.org)**

**or Mrs. Jones [faith.jones@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:faith.jones@leytonwarriors.org)**

**THANK YOU!**



# **VOLLEYBALL**

## **YOUTH SUMMER**

### **PROGRAM**

Come along and take part in a FREE volleyball summer program! This will be a program full of volleyball instruction for grades 2nd - 8th.

Leyton Elementary - Gurley NE

#### **PROGRAM DATES**

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Starting June 11th

To get registered or for more information: [natasha.haupt@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:natasha.haupt@leytonwarriors.org)





Reminder for the high school students who have a school issued laptop. Your payments for the 2023/2024 school year are due before the last day of school. Please contact Mrs. Haley with any questions, [alison.haley@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:alison.haley@leytonwarriors.org).



All area children who have completed preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a free VBS event at Salem Lutheran Church. This four day event will run from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> until Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

For more information or to register your child, call or text...

Sherri Rushman (308) 250-1386

Jaimee Rushman (308) 249-4546

Or visit the online registration portal located at

<https://vbsmate.com/SalemLutheranChurchGurleyNebraska>

Program and meal – Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at noon.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

**WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!**

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. The school district provides a food service program that is designed to provide adequate nutrition and an educational experience for students. Leyton Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

\*\*Menus are subject to change\*\*

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4
	B: Cheese omelet, toast L: Chicken Alfredo, peas garlic stick	B: Yogurt, mini bagels L: Hamburger / Cheese-burger, sweet potato fries	B: Bisc. & gravy L: Walking Tacos, refried beans	B: Bisc. & gravy L: Walking Tacos, refried beans	B: PBJ L: Corn dogs, french fries	B: Pancake on a stick L: Turkey / cheese croissant, broccoli	B: Cereal, mini loaf L: Sack Lunch
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	B: French toast & sausage L: Chicken sandwich, baked beans	B: Cereal, mini cinnis L: Tator tot casserole, roll	B: Breakfast Burrito L: Chicken tacos, rice, corn	B: Pancakes, scrambled eggs L: Spaghetti, broccoli, garlic L: Goulash, roll	B: Pancakes, scrambled eggs L: Spaghetti, broccoli, garlic L: Goulash, roll	B: Yogurt, granola, mini loaf L: Goulash, roll	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Chef's choice	Chef's choice					
26	27	28	29	30	31		



Sunday

Monday

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			1 B: Bacon, scrambled eggs L: Pulled Pork, mixed veggies	2 B: Pancake on a stick L: Hot dogs, baked beans	3 B: Uncrustables L: Goulash, corn	4
5	6 B: Cereal L: Hamburger / Cheesburger cooked carrots	7 B: Breakfast casserole L: Salad bar	8 B: Biscuits and Gravy L: Cavatini, garlic bread	9 B: Cheese omlet L: Chicken casserole	10 B: PB&J L: Sloppy Joes, green beans	11
12	13 B: Breakfast burrito L: Chicken sandwich broccoli	14 B: Cooks choice L: Tater tot casserol	15 B: Bacon, scrambled eggs L: Walking taco, whoopie pie	16 B: Cereal L: Ham/cheese sandwich, green beans	17 B: Mini loaf, poptart L: Corndogs, sweet potato fries	18
19	20 B: Biscuits and gravy L: Soft shell taco, refried bea	21 B: Cereal L: Hamburger / Hot dog feed	22 Have a good Summer!	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	