

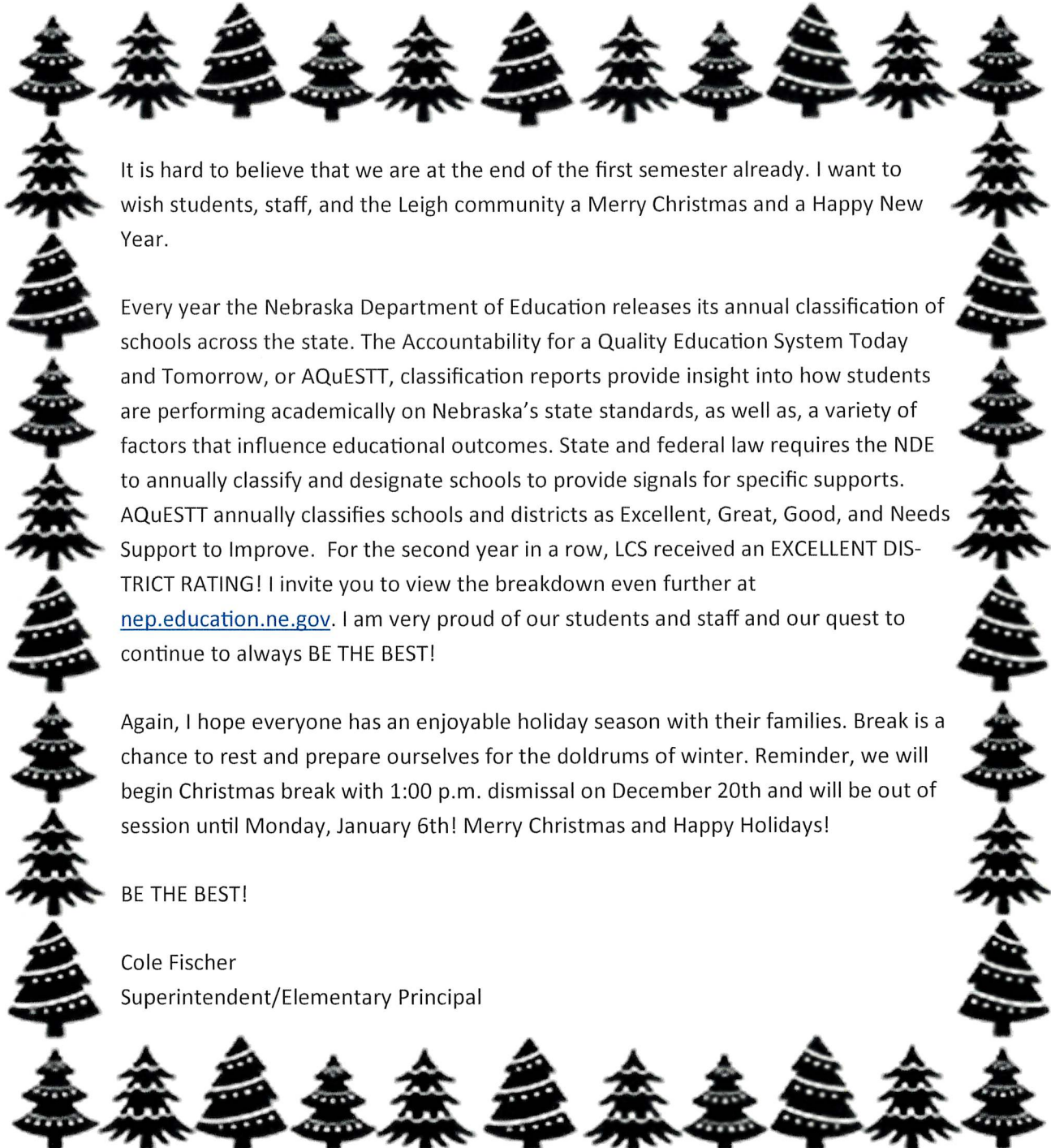
The Leigh Legend



December 2024



A Note from Mr. Fischer..



It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first semester already. I want to wish students, staff, and the Leigh community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Every year the Nebraska Department of Education releases its annual classification of schools across the state. The Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow, or AQuESTT, classification reports provide insight into how students are performing academically on Nebraska's state standards, as well as, a variety of factors that influence educational outcomes. State and federal law requires the NDE to annually classify and designate schools to provide signals for specific supports. AQuESTT annually classifies schools and districts as Excellent, Great, Good, and Needs Support to Improve. For the second year in a row, LCS received an EXCELLENT DISTRICT RATING! I invite you to view the breakdown even further at nep.education.ne.gov. I am very proud of our students and staff and our quest to continue to always BE THE BEST!

Again, I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season with their families. Break is a chance to rest and prepare ourselves for the doldrums of winter. Reminder, we will begin Christmas break with 1:00 p.m. dismissal on December 20th and will be out of session until Monday, January 6th! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2024

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on November 6th, 2024 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on November 6th, 2024 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken.

Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Higby

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment - None

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; Mechatronics; Laser Engraver; Turf Tank; JH Sports; HS Sports; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Facilities/Transportation; Snow Day Information; Veterans Day; NASB State Board Conference; Congrats to Fall Activities; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the October 9th, 2024 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Discussion Items: Negotiations Progress; Annual Audit Findings

Motions Passed: Approved NDE Safety Mapping Grant; Approved Purchase of Gravely Model 672 Mower with Bagger.

Discussion Item: Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

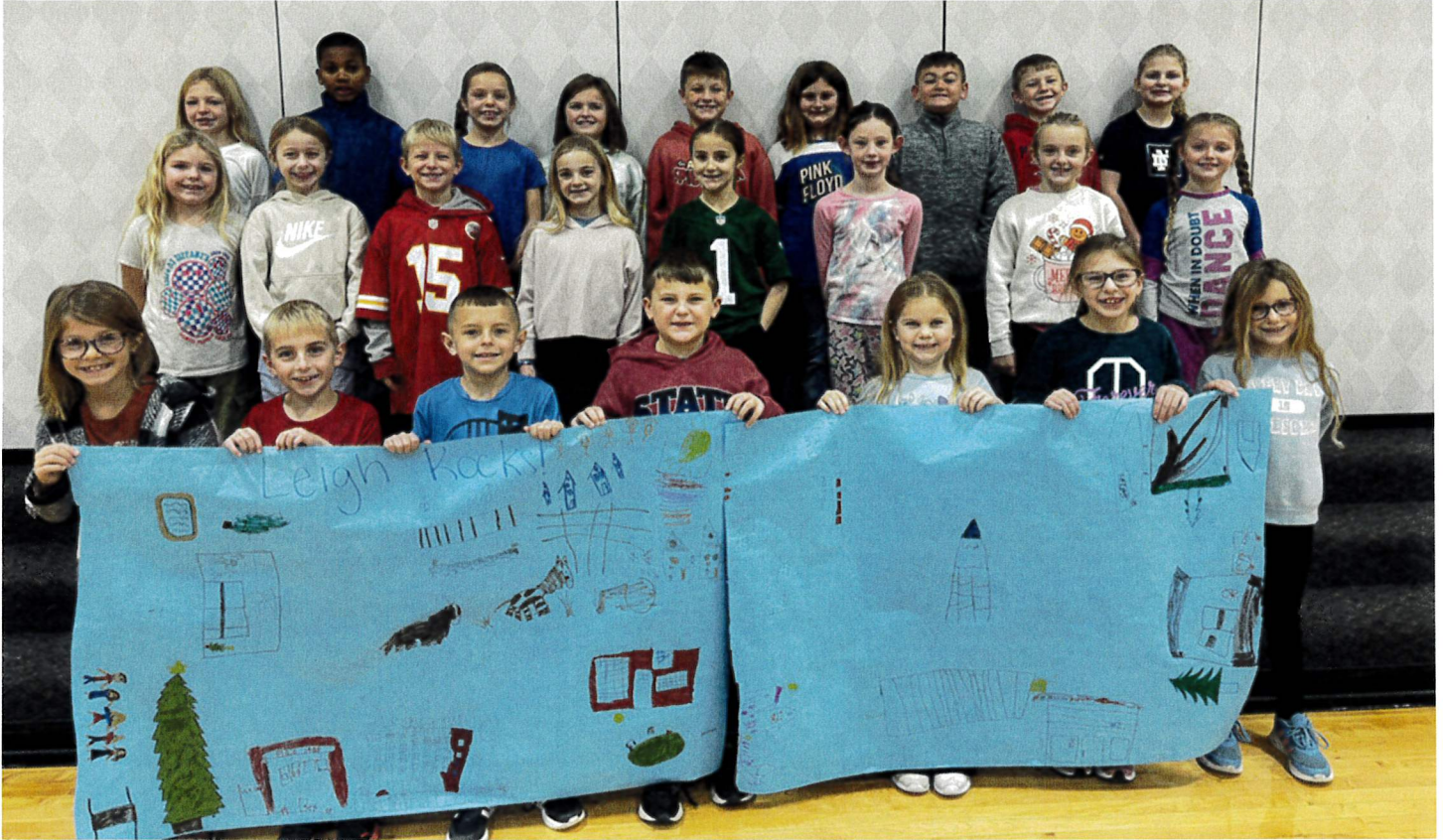
Moved by Folken, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Monday, December 9th, 2024 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

Second Grade:

The second grade is learning how to work together to better their community. We read about a community coming together to paint a mural of their town's history. This community seems similar to ours here in Leigh. I asked students to share their favorite thing about Leigh. The third graders helped them write about what makes Leigh so special. Then, the sophomore JAG students helped put our sketches together to create a Favorite Thing about Leigh mural. This mural is displayed in the hallway as a reminder of why Leigh is such a great place to live and to celebrate our amazing community.



Sixth Grade:

The 6th grade has been staying very busy with a number of different activities. Each of the students were tasked with partnering up and creating a business. They created businesses such as lemonade stands, bracelet manufacturing, snow removal, and custom sweatshirts. The students really enjoyed creating their business models and sharing how their businesses would be successful with the class. As for reading we just finished up discussing context clues and how they can be beneficial when reading a passage as well as covering different r-controlled vowels. Each year the 6th grade creates "I am thankful for" turkeys and distributes them to different staff members. A number of the students said that they are really looking forward to passing the turkeys out to the staff.

Mr. Korus' Math Classes Dialog

As we continue through the 2nd Quarter the year continues to go well.

Students new and old are accustomed to the class environment and daily routines. Students continue to share with me new vocab they have learned through Tic Toc or from their friends. Interesting I find articles in the newspapers related to this new language that is invading this generation. Feel free to ask your child some of this vocabulary. We try to have a little fun with it in class now and then. I try to introduce the students to **new math vocabulary** also that they will need to be successful in their respective classes. So **what's happening** in your child's class...

7th graders are learning about **Integers** (good for your golf game) and their properties. Then applying that knowledge to balance and solve equation/formulas. Presently we are finishing a Unit on ratio's, **unit rates** and how to set up and solve **proportions** to solve real life applications. Like mixing oil and gasoline for that chain saw or weed eater. Maybe even making cookies for your family gathering for the holidays.

Pre-alg students have reviewed **Integers**(useful with the upcoming weather) and solving equations. We just finished learning about **transformations** used in graphic design and architecture. We are presently learning a unit about geometry and **angle relationships** with parallel lines and inside of shapes. They think they are **A cute**.

Geometry students are learning about geometric shapes and notation to eventually be used in the process of creating proofs (yes **everyones favorite**) that took Geometry. They are learning about the process of **Logic** and how to not judge/interpret things without all the facts.

With the topic of **Logic** we are using a website called **Breakout** to find clues hidden in a picture to solve a code to escape from the program. This is similar to going to an **Escape Room** and finding clues to solve various puzzles and using the discovered codes to solve each puzzle.

We are using this in **all of my classes** and students seem to **enjoy the challenges** that await them. We are presently expanding our knowledge of transformations with applications to geometric shapes. So **LOTS of critical thinking** going on HERE!

Alg II students just finished up learning about a **business application** called **Matrices** and their various properties and uses. We continue to learn how to solve various equations or functions. Presently we are learning about **Quadratic functions** which when graphed forms a "U" shaped graph. To do this we are reviewing the process of **FACTORING** to break down polynomials which in turn helps find solutions. We reviewed solving **system of equations** which is used to find two unknown quantities at the same time. WE have reviewed previously taught methods like the elimination method but have learned about **other methods** that could use technology to solve these same problems, like **Cramer's rule** and **matrices**. All this information will come in handy when they take their ACT later in the 2nd semester. Of course they will need to **RETAIN** this information to be **more successful** and **hopefully earn** some \$ for **College**.

If you as a parent or patron ever have questions please feel free to reach out to me during the school year. jkorus@esu7.leigh.org

Have a Great Holiday Season with your families

Mr. Korus



January 13, 2025



6:00 pm–7:30pm



**Clarkson Public Schools
Meal Provided**



Highway 91 Parent & Student FAFSA Completion Night

Did you know that Seniors in Nebraska are now required to complete the FAFSA as a state graduation requirement?

WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ Social Security number for both student & parent/guardian
- ✓ FSA ID completed by student & parent/guardian in advance studentaid.gov
- ✓ Student and Parent/guardian federal income tax return & W-2s for 2023

***Laptops will be provided**

Get personalized assistance from EducationQuest and Northeast community college to navigate the application process, ensuring you maximize your financial aid opportunities for college. This event will be available to all Highway 91 senior parents to answer questions regarding the 2025-2026 FAFSA application!

Please reach out to your school counselor if you have any questions.

Jordan Brabec 402-986-1621
Jennifer Kappel 402-892-3454
Cami Oelsigle 402-923-1230
Maddie Gall 402-487-2228

Please RSVP if planning to attend by January 7th




Leigh Community Schools

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>Drama & Desserts One Act Performance @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>FFA - District LDE's @ Cross County</p> <p>V G & B BB Jamboree @ Leigh 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>One Act Practice - 7:00 a.m.</p>	<p>FFA Meeting</p> <p>JH Boys WR @ Battle Creek Invite 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>JH GBB vs David City Aquinas @ Clarkson 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>One Act Practice 7:00 p.m. (Practice, then remove set from stage)</p> <p>JH Girls WR @ Oakland/Craig 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NO AM PRE K Classes</p> <p>District One Act in Leigh - we perform last at 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>WR Quad @ Shelby/Rising City 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>JH GBB @ Columbus Lakeview 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JV/V BB @ Humphrey 4:00 p.m. - Broadcast on KZEN - 100.3 FM</p> <p>Patriot Period - FBLA Meeting</p> <p>2:30 p.m. - Kindergarten Grandparent Day activity</p> <p>4th-5th-6th Big Give Project</p>	<p>JH WR @ Schuyler Invite 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>WR @ Howells/Dodge Invite 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>JV/V BB vs Madison @ Leigh 1:00 p.m. (NO GJV game)</p> <p>JH GBB @ Humphrey 9:00 a.m.</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p>JH GBB vs Battle Creek @ Leigh 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>C Team G & B BB @ Humphrey 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting</p>	<p>JV/V BB @ Oakland/Craig 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>State One Act in Norfolk - D1/D2</p>	<p>JV/V BB vs Bancroft/Rosalie @ Clarkson 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Winter Sports Pictures - 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JH WR @ Centennial Invite 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>WR @ Osceola Invite 8:30 a.m.</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>Dance competition in Norfolk</p> <p>FCCLA - Family Christmas 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JH GBB vs Columbus Scotus @ Leigh - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Leigh PK-12 Christmas Music Concert (PK-6 @ 6:00 p.m. - intermission - then 7-12)</p>	<p>WR Quad @ Clarkson 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>JV/V Girls BB vs David City @ Leigh 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>JH GBB @ Schuyler 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Blood Mobile in H/S Gym 12:30-6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JV/V BB @ West Point/Beemer 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>JH GBB @ Madison 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Last Day of Semester</p> <p>1:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL</p>	<p>WR @ Wisner Invite 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>JV/V BB vs Howells/Dodge @ Clarkson 2:00 p.m.</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>NSAA Practice Moratorium</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NSAA Practice Moratorium</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NSAA Practice Moratorium</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NSAA Practice Moratorium</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NSAA Practice Moratorium</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>WR @ Newman Grove Invite 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>V G & B BB Holiday Tournament @ Columbus Lakeview - 1:00 p.m. Girls-Scotus vs C/L; 2:45 p.m. Boys-Scotus vs C/L - Broadcast on KLIR-101.1 FM</p>
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>V G & B BB Holiday Tournament @ Columbus Lakeview - TBD</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p>				

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 BR: Cereal, Cereal Bar L: Chicken Nuggets, Bun (H/S), French Fries, Green Beans, Pineapple NO SALAD BAR	3 BR: Yogurt, Bun L: Calzone, Broccoli, Tri Tater, Fresh Oranges, Mousse NO SALAD BAR	4 NO SCHOOL	5 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Peaches	6 BR: PB&J L: Hoagie, Chips, Carrots, Fruit Cups	7
8	9 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Pulled Chicken, Hash Brown, Broccoli, Applesauce	10 BR: Frudel L: Taco, Refried Beans, Breadstick, Mand. Oranges	11 BR: Yogurt, Bun L: Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Veggies, Pineapple	12 BR: Tornado L: Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Tropical Fruit	13 BR: Cinnamon Roll L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Chips, Baked Beans, Peaches	14
15	16 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: Pizza, Lettuce, Broccoli, Pears	17 BR: Muffin L: Pulled Pork, Sweet Potato Fries, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple	18 BR: Bagel Bites L: Chicken Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Hot Apples	19 BR: Nutri Grain Bar, Cereal L: Chili, Fritos, Bosco Stick, Fresh Veggies, Mixed Fruit	20 BR: PB&J L: Breakfast Sandwich, Tri Tater, Juice, Muffin	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL 	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL		Milk is included with all menus	All Breakfasts include fruit or juice	

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From the Principal's Desk:



I want to wish the winter sports teams the best of luck. The jamboree basketball game will be held in LEIGH on December 2nd vs. Wynot at 5:30. Wrestling will kick off their season December 5th in Shelby.

The One-Act team received 2nd place at the conference meet at Howells-Dodge last week. They will have a community showing on Sunday, December 1st starting at 7:00. The performers and coaches have put together a fantastic show and you do not want to miss out. District competition will be held in LEIGH on December 4th.

Also, FFA will have their district competition on December 2nd at Cross County.

With Christmas right around the corner, Mr. Bazata and the ITE classes are making laser and engraving products that can be purchased. Check out the Leigh Community Schools website to find access to the Leigh High Industrial Tech website. You can reach out to Mr. Bazata to get deadlines for ordering Christmas items. Finally, I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving! Stay warm!

Students of the Month - Brynn Settje (senior), Ava Kasik (junior), Brett Wemhoff (junior)

