

The Leigh Legend



April 2025



A Note from Mr. Fischer..

Welcome to Spring! It is crazy to think we are already in the 4th quarter! We look forward to the warmer weather and seeing things get some color again. Spring is a season of new beginnings, and here at LCS, we plan to spend the rest of the fourth quarter embracing new opportunities and accomplishing many things to finish the fourth quarter strong!

These past 6-8 weeks have been a doozy when it comes to weather. At the end of March we had 6 closures due to weather conditions and one closure due to our sprinkler system flooding a portion of the school. At this time I do not anticipate having to make-up any days, but Nebraska weather can be very unpredictable and I hope that we can move into Spring without any more disruptions. As always, I take student and staff safety very seriously and always use caution and the resources available when making these decisions.

Similar to last year, on the last day of school, May 21st, we will combine all of our end-of-the-year activities into one day. This includes elementary awards, field day, petting zoo, town cleanup, class competitions, and as always, the school wide water fight with the help of Leigh Volunteer Fire Department. The elementary field day will again be held at the football field and fairgrounds area. The plan will be to dismiss at 2:00 p.m. We will be sending out more information as May draws closer.

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer

Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on March 12th, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on March 12th, 2025 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 Urban J, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Machmueller.
Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.
Hoffman Arrived @ 6:31 pm

Excuse Absence of Went

Approval of Agenda

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; Wrestling; FFA; MAP Testing; JAG; Spring Practices; Speech; NECC Academic Day; Pre-ACT/ACT; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Graduation; Facilities & Transportation; '25-'26 Milk & Lunch Prices; Supply Ordering; Legislative Updates; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the February 12th, 2025 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Discussion Items: '25-'26 State Aid Certification; '25-'26 State Budget Authority & Certification

Motion Passed: Approved Purchase of '12 Bluebird Bus

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Higby to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary



Spring Happenings in Mrs. Fischer's Room

Spring is always an exciting time in the English classroom! Great things are happening in room 142!

The senior English class read *Beowulf* earlier in the semester, and now just finished reading some of *The Canterbury Tales* by Chaucer. Along with parts of the "General Prologue," they read "The Miller's Tale," "The Pardoner's Tale," and "The Wife of Bath's Tale." Now they will each choose one more to read on their own and complete a project! They will next begin reading Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

The 8th grade reading group has spent most of the year analyzing classic short stories for MANY literary elements. They have read many classics including "The Ransom of Red Chief," "Gift of the Magi" "The Treasure of Lemon Brown," "The Lottery," "Lamb to the Slaughter," and "Thank You Ma'am." They have been working on dissecting everything from these stories, including examples of allusion, irony, foreshadowing, mood, tone, author's purpose, theme, and much more. They wrapped up the unit with a very big test! Now they have begun a poetry unit and are analyzing five famous poems, including "Because I Could Not Stop for Death," by Emily Dickinson, "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost, "O Captain, My Captain," by Walt Whitman, "Chicago," by Carl Sandburg, and "Still I Rise" Maya Angelou.

Poetry abounds in 8th grade! The 8th grade *writing* class recently studied the various forms of poetry as well. They wrote their own poetry including haiku, cinquain, elegy, free verse, blank verse, limerick, ballad, shape, and mimic poetry and compiled them in a portfolio. They are also reading poetry out loud and as part of the annual double-elimination March Madness Poetry challenge where one member of the class was crowned the poetry recitation champion! Congratulations to the following students who are still alive in the competition: Grayson Wragge, Avery Kuester, Averi Clausen, Oasis Tworek, Layton Held, Xavier Ross, and Wyatt Eisenmann. This year's group is extremely talented and has a bright fine arts future ahead of them in high school!

Along with the 8th graders, the 7th grade reading class has also been reading classic short stories this semester, including "All Summer in a Day," "Rikki-tikki-tavi," "Split Cherry Tree," Amigo Brothers," and "Fish Cheeks." We plan to work on vocabulary and study organizational text patterns of nonfiction text next! We will end the year with either a nonfiction research project or a novel!

Last quarter the sophomore English class did some beginning ACT prep for the test they will take as juniors. They took the PreACT earlier this month. They also completed a final grammar unit over everything they have learned all year with a few new add-ins like hyphens, dashes, ellipses, formatting quotations, and identifying misplaced modifiers. They also studied rhetorical devices used in speeches and compared and contrasted famous speeches, including President Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" speech, JFK's "Inaugural Address" and Malala Yousafzai's 2013 "United Nation's Speech." We just finished the speculative fiction novel *Fahrenheit 451*, and we still plan to read *To Kill a Mockingbird* yet before the year is over. If we have time to squeeze in some argumentative writing, we will do that as well!

The freshman speech class I teach is a one-semester only class that I had first semester. After spending some time studying speech ethics and the basics of communication, they presented introduction speeches, demonstrative speeches, informative speeches, and persuasive speeches. They were an extremely hard-working and talented group of kids! For their demonstrative speeches, I enjoyed learning everything from how to make homemade salsa, to how to hit a golf ball, to how to make balloon animals! For their informative speech, I learned about topics like the Kennedy assassination, radioactivity, narcolepsy, and even the history of nail art! For persuasive speeches, some of the creative topics included why hunting should always be allowed, why grades are not an accurate representation of learning, why the minimum working age should be lowered, and why animal products are better than meat substitutes or plant-based meat.

The journalism class is busy as ever churning out articles for the newspaper and website each week. Basketball/wrestling season was a very busy time for articles, so we are happy to have a little breathing room now that the winter sports seasons are completed. If anyone has an idea for a news or special interest article in the community, please pass it along! We would love to cover it!

Thanks to all the students in Room 142 for making this another great school year! Leigh Community Schools truly has amazing students, and I feel very fortunate to teach them!

TITLE Meeting will be on the last day of school! Watch for a letter in the mail with the details!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy during the month of March! We have been learning about pennies and dimes in math. After we finished our money unit, we walked down to the bank. The students had the opportunity to see all that goes on in the bank. They were most excited to see how the drive through works! Thank you to Citizens State Bank for hosting us!

We also celebrated National Ag Day on March 11th by having Crystal Klug from Common Ground discuss with our students about the importance of agriculture. She talked to our students about all the different types of farmers we need to make a pizza! To continue with National Ag Week, they have been doing different activities that Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation donated. Some of these activities included an activity book and a wheel identifying different types of farmers.



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Name
Address

City/Zip

Phone

Camp- June 2nd and June 3rd (two days)

T-shirt Size: Youth Adult
 M L S M L XL

Circle one

What grade will you be in next school

year?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Circle one

Entry Deadline is Friday, May 9th please send to:

Coch Rebecca Hiatt

Clarkson High School
649 Cherry Street
Clarkson, NE 68629
402-892-3454

Coch Jeff Bachman

Leigh High School
222 West 4th Street
Leigh, NE 68643
402-487-2228

Please include the **\$20.00 fee with your registration**

and make check payable to **Clarkson-Leigh Girls Basketball**

I give my permission for my son/daughter,

_____ to participate in the 2025 Lil Pats Basketball Camp and acknowledge that he/she is physically able to participate in camp activities. I further acknowledge that as with any physical activity there is a risk of injury. I will not hold the coaching staff or Clarkson/Leigh High School liable in the case of an accident or an injury.

Parent Signature

THEME DAYS!

(participation optional)

Monday

Crazy Sock, Head/Arm Band Day
Favorite Team Jersey Day

Tuesday

Patriots Day (Red/White/Blue)
Or
Camp T-Shirt Day

Keys to Success

Willingness to Learn

Strive to Compete

Always have FUN

Shirts cannot be guaranteed if you don't pre-register your child by May 9th!

Next Year's Grade

1st-2nd - 9:00am-10:00am
3rd-5th grade - 10:30am-12:00pm
6th-8th grade - 12:30pm-2:00pm

Coach Rebecca Hiatt

Phone: 402-892-3454

Email: rhiatt@clarkson.esu7.org

Coach Jeff Bachman

Phone: 402-487-2228

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2025

Lil Pats Basketball

Camp

June 2nd and June 3rd

**Leigh High School
Leigh, NE**



Clarkson-Leigh Summer Wrestling Technique Camp 2025



June 5 and June 6, 2025
8:00 am-10:00 am
Clarkson-Leigh Wrestling Room



Technique Camp Emphasizing: Basics of position, attacking, and defending. Introduction to leg wrestling and tilts, throws and counters.

Schedule: 1-8th Grade 8:00 am -10:00 am Wrestling Technique/Live Wrestling/Games

Cost: \$25 a camper

Registration: Please call or message Coach Molacek by May 1st to register. We will be accepting walk-ins. Walk-ins will not receive a camp t-shirt.

Additional Information: The intent of this camp is to instill and emphasize the importance of fundamentals in winning on the wrestling mat. There will be special emphasis placed on mat wrestling using the legs. There will be many pinning combinations and tilts being demonstrated and practiced as a part of this camp experience.

Contacts: Ryan Molacek Mobile: (402) 380-8254

-----Complete and Return to Camps First Session-----

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ T-Shirt Size _____

I certify that the above information is correct, and that the above wrestler has my permission to wrestle in the Clarkson-Leigh Wrestling Camp. I hereby release Clarkson-Leigh Public Schools and the Clarkson-Leigh Wrestling Club and their agents, from any liability for accidents or injuries occurring at this camp. I hereby authorize medical treatment administered by licensed medical personnel, in case of injury or accident. Additionally, Clarkson-Leigh Public Schools/Wrestling Club is not responsible for loss or theft of items left unattended.

Wrestler's signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Leigh Community Schools

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		Var TR @ Stanton Invite 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Softball Practice in Leigh Elem Gym	State FFA Convention in Lincoln 10:00 a.m. LATE START - Teacher Professional Development NO AM PRE K Classes Boys Golf @ David City Aquinas Invite (David City Golf Course) 10:00 a.m.	State FFA Convention in Lincoln Var TR @ Osceola Invite 9:00 a.m.	State FFA Convention in Lincoln	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
FCCLA - State Leadership Conference in Lincoln	FCCLA - State Leadership Conference in Lincoln Var. TR @ David City Aquinas 1:00 p.m. LEAP after school	FCCLA - State Leadership Conference in Lincoln Boys Golf Quad @ Leigh 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Softball Practice in Leigh Elem Gym	NECC Quiz Bowl Competition Allied Health Day @ UNK	FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney FCCLA - Officer Interviews	FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney 7-12 Music Concert 6:30pm	FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	FCCLA End of Year Banquet Spring Athletic pictures @ Leigh	Boys Golf Tri @ Madison 1:30 p.m. Var TR @ Lyons/ Decatur Invite 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Softball Practice in Leigh Elem Gym	Boys Golf - Patriot Invite @ Leigh 10:00 a.m. EHC Art Show @ Clarkson 6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting	** POSTPONED, TBD - JH TR @ Humphrey 2:00 p.m. FBLA Banquet 10:00 a.m. - 3rd Grade - Bushels of Stories with First Lady Pllien	NO SCHOOL	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	NO SCHOOL	Boys Golf Tri @ Leigh 2:00 p.m. Var TR @ Wakefield Invite 1:00 p.m. JH TR @ Battle Creek 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Softball Practice in Leigh Elem Gym		JH TR @ Lyons/ Decatur 11:00 a.m. National JAG Conference in Indianapolis JV Boys Golf @ Leigh - TBD	2nd & 3rd Gr Field Trip to SAC Museum National JAG Conference in Indianapolis Juniors - Prom Decorating District Music Contest @ Norfolk TBA	Boys Golf @ Pender Invite 9:00 a.m. JR/SR PROM @ Clarkson National JAG Conference in Indianapolis
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	JH TR @ Humphrey 1:00 p.m. PK-6 Music Concert 6:30 pm	Var TR @ Archangels Catholic Invite (Humphrey) 11:00 a.m. 3rd Gr - Ag Literacy Day @ Leigh Fairgrounds; 12:15-2:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Softball Practice in Leigh Elem Gym				

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Milk is included with all menus All Breakfasts Include Fruit or Juice	1 BR: Churro L: Breaded Beef Patty/Bun, Potato Wedges, Corn, Pineapple	2 LATE START -NO BREAKFAST L: Chicken Enchilada Calzone, Lettuce, Broccoli, Strawberry Cup	3 BR: Bagel Breakfast Pizza L: Tater Tot Casserole, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Mand. Oranges	4 BR: Cheese Stick, Bun L: Garlic Cheese Bread, Hash Brown, Mixed Veggies, Tropical Fruit	5
6	7 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Peas & Carrots, Pears	8 BR: Breakfast Calzone L: Taco, Refried Beans, Breadstick, Peaches	9 BR: Yogurt, Bun L: Chicken Nuggets, (H/S: Bun), French Fries, Broccoli, Pineapple	10 BR: Cinnamon Roll L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Chips, Baked Beans, Tropical Fruit	11 BR: Muffin, Cereal L: Ravioli, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	12
13	14 BR: Pop Tart, Cereal L: Pork Patty/Bun, French Fries, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce	15 BR: Bagel Bites L: Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Corn, Grapes	16 BR: Combo Breakfast Sandwich L: Pulled Chicken, Hash Brown, California Blend, Mand. Oranges	17 BR: PB&J L: Breakfast Sandwich, Tri Tater, Juice, Muffin	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 BR: Simone Bar L: Cheesburger Calzone, Lettuce, Broccoli, Applesauce	23 BR: Mini Donuts L: Meatball Sub, Tri Tater, Peas & Carrots, Fresh Oranges	24 BR: Pancake Sausage Sandwich L: Chicken Noodle Casserole, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Peaches	25 BR: Tornado L: Hoagie, Chips, Carrots, Tropical Fruit	26
27	28 BR: PB&J L: Chicken Patty/Bun, Hash Brown, Corn, Pears	29 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Mand. Oranges, Cookie	30 BR: Breakfast Calzone L: Spaghetti, Breadstick, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit			

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From the Principal's Desk:



Congratulations to Carter Brabec and Jared Olson on winning the Ken Iverson Sculpture Project through Nucor Vulcraft Nebraska! The two students constructed the project in Mr. Bazata's ITE class, showcasing their hard work and creativity.

With the winter sports season coming to an end, we now transition into the spring season. However, the unpredictable weather has affected many sporting events. Please check the school calendar or our Facebook page for updates on rescheduled events. Best of luck to all our spring athletes! Our FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA Chapters are preparing for their upcoming state competitions in the next few weeks. We wish them success as they represent our school at these important events.

Academically, our students are gearing up for testing season. Juniors took the ACT on March 26th, and NSCAS testing is scheduled for early April. Best wishes to all students as they strive for excellence during testing.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Reese Wiefeld, Carmen Malena, Emersyn Urban, and Kaylee Brabec for qualifying for the National JAG conference in Indianapolis the week of April 22nd! Their outstanding Project-Based Learning pamphlet earned them this opportunity, and we are excited to see them represent our school on the national stage.

Students of the Month - Emily Stender (senior), Mia Glissman-Mayner (junior), Kyle McMullin (junior)