



THE WOLFPACK



LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 10-2 **No School - ESU Conference**
- 10-2 JV VB/FB vs Alma 5:00
- 10-3 Bldg, Grds, & Transp Mtg 11:30am
- 10-3 VB vs Harvard 5:30/6:30
- 10-4 JH VB/FB in Bertrand 1:00
- 10-4 Safety Comm. Mtg 3:45
- 10-5 Two Rivers Flu Shot Clinic 9:00am
- 10-5 RPAC CC in Alma/SV 4:00
- 10-5 VB Triangular vs A-L & Overton 5:00
- 10-6 **Homecoming**
- 10-6 Policy Mtg 7:30am
- 10-6 Plum Creek Literacy Festival 8:00am
- 10-6 VB vs Medicine Valley 4:30/5:30
- 10-6 FB vs Medicine Valley 7:00
- 10-7 VB Skills Grades 3-8
- 10-9 FKC VB
- 10-9 School Board Mtg 7:30
- 10-10 FKC VB
- 10-12 District CC
- 10-12 FKC VB
- 10-13 **End of Quarter 1**
- 10-13 FB in Bertrand 7:00
- 10-14 FFA Bertrand Craft Show
- 10-16 JH VB/FB vs Hi-Line 1:00
- 10-16 Mental Health Awareness Mtg 3:15
- 10-17 VB in Blue Hill 5:30/6:30
- 10-18 Career Day - Sophomores 8:30am
- 10-18 Flu Shot Clinic 1:00
- 10-19 FB Playoffs
- 10-20 **No School - Fall Break**
- 10-20 State CC
- 10-27 FB Playoffs
- 10-31 **Halloween**



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FALL

Straight from the Wolf's Den Sam Dunn

Teacher Shortage, and Burnout

Nebraska, as well as many other states, are currently suffering from a teacher shortage. At the end of the 2021-22 school year, over 1800 teachers were surveyed with 1/3 reporting they were leaving the profession. That's roughly 900,000 of the nations teachers. Reasons for the mass exodus include; pay, burnout, more and more top down mandates. In Nebraska during the 2022-23 school year, compared to the 2021-22 year, the figures related a 60% increase in vacancies.

Teaching is a tough job! We are blessed with awesome teachers here at Loomis. Although I'm sure they go through the same thoughts and feelings of our nations' educators. Please take time to thank our staff.

*Sam's Checklist for staff and students battling being worn out:

- Set Goals
- Review your mantra of why you went into education
- Develop a network of friends
- Exercise
- Read a book
- Create Check Lists
- Reframe - Thoughts such as "It's going to be a Great Monday", rather than "Oh No, not another Monday"

Beef in School

Help Wanted!! Our annual Give 2 Grow campaign will soon be upon us. Feeding our students nutritious, locally grown beef is our goal. The lunch program uses local beef 5 times in a 2 week span. We are seeking donors as well as grillers. You can donate a Hamburger Day once a month by purchasing the hamburger patties for one of our monthly grill days. You can donate a cow, grain, or just volunteer to help out with the program. Loomis has been fortunate to have an area acclaimed Beef in School Program. We are often called from other schools wanting to know how we manage our beef program. If you are interested in helping, volunteering or donating please contact LPS @ 308-876-2111.

Thank you in advance.

The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel

Nate Weaver

October is here! It is an exciting time of the year for our students. Fall activities are geared up. With that, I have a couple of reminders. With the weather changing, and becoming cooler, we ask that you please dress your student in appropriate clothing. We ask that they have a jacket, and if the weather is cold that they wear pants instead of shorts. We want the students to be able to go outside for fresh air and play as much as possible. With cold and flu season right around the corner, we would like parents to take the necessary steps to ensure their students are healthy. We ask that students wear pants to and from school.

Casey Krolkowski, a former Hasting College Volleyball player, and a nutrition major is coming to Loomis in November. She will be presenting on healthy eating habits, bad habits and myths in the nutrition area. She will present to our 4th-8th graders and our 9th – 12th graders including break out group activities. Students need to have good habits to be the best they can be both physically and academically.

Powerschool houses all of our student information including grades. Parents are able to contact the school for a log in for powerschool to check grades at any time. I encourage all parents to check grades frequently to make sure students are taking care of their responsibilities.

**Have a wonderful month,
GO WOLVES!**





FALL



As we embark on a new school year I am thrilled to be the new guidance counselor at Loomis Public School. This new role has been very rewarding for me and I am learning a great deal. The beginning of the school year is a time for reconnection and renewal. It is a moment to reunite with friends, teachers, and familiar routines. However, it is also an opportunity to set new intentions and create positive changes in our academic and personal lives. Throughout this year, I encourage all students to reflect on their goals and aspirations for the school year. Are there specific challenges you hope to overcome? Are there dreams you want to pursue? Together, we will explore strategies for personal growth and academic success. This year, we will emphasize the importance of mindfulness and well-being. We will share resources and techniques to help you manage stress, build resilience, and maintain a healthy work-life balance. As we engage on this exciting journey into the new school year, remember that I am here to support you every step of the way. Together, we can make this year a memorable and successful one. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and achievement.





FROM THE UNSUNG HERO: SCHOOL SECRETARY

Cheryl Dunn

HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES IN SCHOOL

Winter weather is just around the corner and with it come sickness. Two Rivers Health Department will be in the school on Wednesday, October 18th, giving influenza vaccinations to staff and students who want them. Parental consent forms are available in the school office. They will bill your insurance company. Please provide a copy of your card. If you are uninsured or under insured, they will not turn anyone away. Influenza is a respiratory virus that is highly contagious and can make you sick with cough, congestion, fever, body aches, etc. It is not the stomach flu.

The health professional in the dental division of Two Rivers will be here on October 30th to do dental screenings. They will screen all students in the elementary as required by NDE. This will also be the fluoride treatment and sealants for students with parental consent. Again, they will bill your insurance. No student will be turned away. Permission notes were sent home with all elementary student and need to be returned. High school students can receive the exam and treatment with parental permission. Forms are available in the office.

Both of the services are beneficial and convenient, as students don't have to miss school for them. Please contact the school or email me at cheryl.dunn@loomiswolves.org with questions or to request forms.

2023 Lady Wolves Volleyball Carrie Trompke

The Lady Wolves Volleyball Team has one regular season match left before heading into post season and they are playing their best level of ball of the fall.

Currently sitting with a record of 16-12, we are right where we want to be heading into Sub Districts. We fell short of our FKC goals, but the girls did not go down without a fight. We came in as the 7 seed despite having an impressive record. They first took down the Hi Line Bulls in 2 sets then went on to play the #2 seed and state ranked Amherst Broncos. The girls came out determined, taking the first set but then dropping the next two. Though we were disappointed to be out of the tournament, the girls took full advantage of a much needed break and have been working hard at practice with their goal of a Sub District Championship on their minds.

The fall volleyball schedule can be exhausting with matches up to 4 nights a week, but the girls have pushed through both mentally and physically. Our Subdistrict location is yet to be determined, but as of now we should be the #3 seed in D1-10 along with Alma, Arapahoe, Axtell, and Southern Valley. All 5 teams have very comparable records, and it looks to be a great set of matchups on October 23 & 24.



2023 VARSITY STAT LEADERS TO DATE

KILLS

Team - 689

Jorjanna High - 163

Autumn Holt - 151

Zeigh Booe - 143

BLOCKS

Team - 72

Autumn Holt - 29

Sophia Schemper - 20

Brooklyn Wiese - 13

ASSISTS

Team - 578

Brooklyn Wiese - 578

Carly Stewart - 24

Zeigh Booe - 12

DIGS

Team - 1202

Sydney Harris - 270

Jorjanna High - 227

Carly Stewart - 197

Zeigh Booe - 197

ACES

Team - 190

Brooklyn Wiese - 47

Jorjanna High - 46

Carly Stewart - 30

Autumn Holt - 28

SERVE %

Team - 89%

Chloe Anderson - 96%

Sydney Harris - 95%

Jorjanna High - 94%

Brooklyn Wiese - 93%

Varsity Results

16-12

Won vs Wilcox- Hildreth 3-0

Lost to Pleasanton 1-2

Lost to Overton 0-2

Won vs Maywood HC 2-1

Won vs Arapahoe 2-0

Won vs Franklin 2-0

Lost to Maxwell 1-2

Lost to Hampton 1-2

Lost to Cambridge 1-3

Won vs Hi-Line 2-0

Lost to Axtell 1-2

Won vs Bertrand 2-0

Won vs Franklin 1-2

Won vs Elm Creek 2-0

Lost to Pleasanton 0-2

Won Bertrand 2-0

Won vs Kenesaw 2-0

Lost vs Wauneta-Palisade 1-2

Won vs Arapahoe 3-2

Lost to Amherst 0-2

Won vs Wilcox-Hildreth 2-0

Won vs Harvard 3-0

Won vs Ansley-Litchfield 2-0

Lost to Overton 0-2

Won vs Medicine Valley 3-0

Won vs Hi-Line 2-0

Lost to Amherst 1-2

JV Results

7-3

Won vs Southern Valley 3-0

Won vs Maywood HC 2-1

Lost vs Arapahoe 1-2

Won vs Hi Line 3-0

Won vs Cambridge 2-0

Lost vs Overton 0-2

Won vs Bertrand 3-0

Lost vs Arapahoe 1-2

Won vs Alma 2-0

Won vs Harvard 2-0

Reserve Results

2-4

Lost to Pleasanton 0-2

Won vs Maywood HC 2-0

Won vs Hi-Line 2-0

Lost vs Axtell 0-2

Lost vs Arapahoe 0-2

Lost vs Amherst 0-2

2023 JH WOLVES FOOTBALL RECAP

Casey Vrbka

The 2023 JH Wolves Football season has come to a close. The boys improved each and every week! The boy's schedule this year was very competitive. The boys end of the year record is 3-3. Coach Freeman and Coach Vrbka would like to thank everyone that attended the boys games and supported the team. Below is a recap of the games this season. Thanks again for all the support!

**Loomis 40
SV 20**

**Loomis 20
Hi-Line 34**

**Loomis 32
Overton 26**

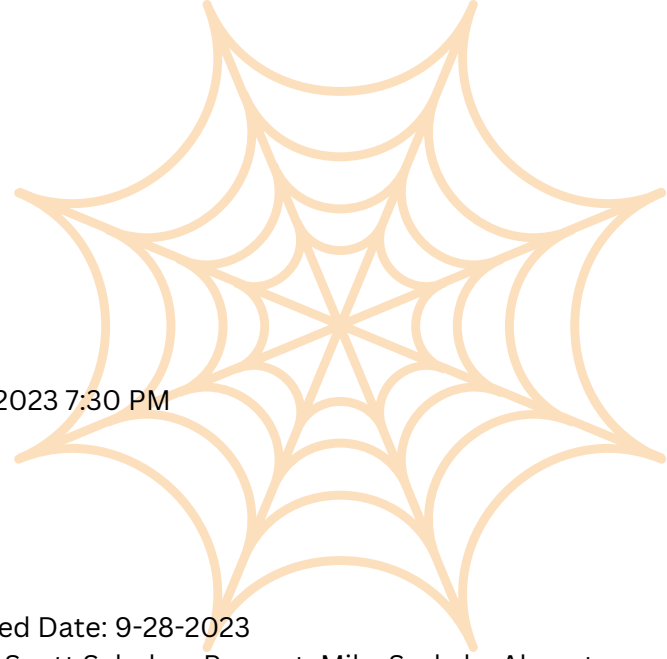
**Loomis 44
Arapahoe 0**

**Loomis 28
Bertrand 50**

**Loomis 20
Alma 40**



Board Meeting Notes



Board of Education Regular Meeting
Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan St
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, October 9, 2023 7:30 PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 10-2-2023

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 9-28-2023

Kelly Anderson: Absent, Allan Meyer: Present, Duane Schoff: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Absent, Luke Thorell: Present.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advanced notice at 7:30 pm. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Scott Schukar.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the School District's designated method for giving notice, and posting at the Loomis Public Schools, Loomis Village Office and Loomis Post Office, a copy of the Affidavit of Publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. Welcome Guests Kelsey Steinbrink

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

Motion to approve the absence of Mike Szekely & Kelly Anderson for the purpose of attending volleyball game Passed with a motion by Allan Meyer and a second by Luke Thorell.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Luke Thorell.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the bill roster.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund Receipts \$775,308.53, expenses \$321,945.89, balance \$1,192,267.19

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$5,094.17, expenses \$0, balance \$1,077,860.01

Bond: Receipts \$42,231.37, expenses \$0, balance \$381,794.04

4.4.3. Activities Fund Receipts \$51,293.40, expenses \$65,508.14, balance \$139,549.06

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund Receipts \$16,116.04, expenses \$20,993.98, balance \$97,472.27

4.4.5. Building Fund Receipts \$0, expenses \$1500, balance \$92,941.00

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

6.1.1. Update Discussion with Principal Financials- LTD, STD & Insurance 6.2. Americanism

6.2.1. Meeting Sept. 7th Still looking to book a speaker

6.3. Policy

6.3.1. Update to Option Enrollment Policy

Recommendation for Discussion and Take Appropriate Action 10/14

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

6.4.1. No Meeting on Oct. 3rd

Next Project Fence around the FB Field

PK Playground is finished

6.5. Preschool Advisory

6.5.1. Advisory Meeting Sept. 26

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Principal

7.1.1. Principal Notes from Mr. Weaver 1) PD & MTSS day, 2) Formal Observation, 3) Student Health, 4) PT Conferences, 5) Bus Update

7.2. Superintendent

7.2.1. Mr. Dunn Notes; 1) Labor Relations- Encourage attendance, 2) ESU 11 Supt's Meeting & NRCSA Meeting 10/11, 3) No School 10/20- Fall Break, 4) Option Enrollment Resolution

8. Public Forum

9. Recess None taken

10. Action Agenda Items

10.1. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution for Option Enrollment Applications

Motion to approve Option Enrollment Resolution Passed with a motion by Allan Meyer and a second by Scott Schukar.

Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

11. Closed Session

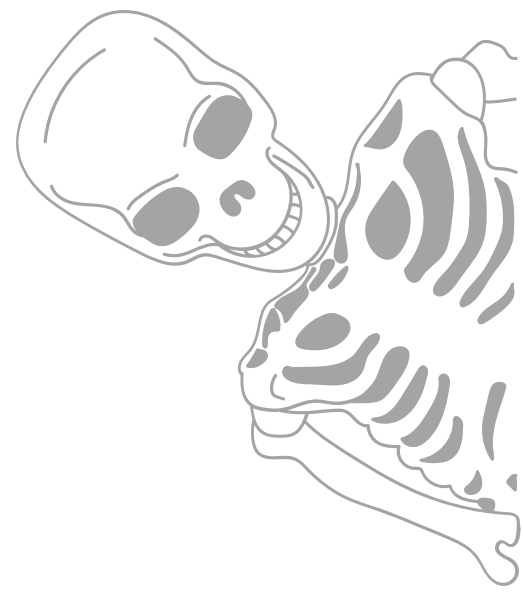
12. Next Meeting Date The next regular meeting will be held November 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairperson

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Loomis Public Schools Mission Statement

In partnership with family and community, our mission is to prepare all students to succeed as responsible citizens in a changing world through evolving educational methods.