



# Voyager

## From The Superintendent's Desk — By Mr. Freeman

It is very difficult to focus on writing this portion of the newsletter as it has been a beautiful day outside. I am sure that the weather will change to cold and snow, but until it changes I hope everyone is taking advantage of the unseasonable warm temperatures.

### WINTER SPORT SEASON

The high school winter sport season is scheduled to begin at the end of November. This will give you a chance to see our wrestlers and boys' and girls' basketball players in action. The month of December will bring us the Christmas concerts and several other fine art performances. The students and sponsors of these activities appreciate your attendance at their activities. Please consider attending one or more events.

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The school board election was held on November 6 along with many other state and national elections. Lakeview is very fortunate that there were 5 candidates running for the 3 spots

available. I personally thank everyone for running for the board seats and would offer my congratulations to those candidates that were elected.

### SCHOOL TOURS

I have had the privilege of giving two tours of some of our facilities in the last couple of months. Members of the Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs were able to eat lunch at Lakeview and tour the Shell Creek Elementary building. Six people from the Columbus Leadership Class were able to eat lunch at Lakeview and tour the junior/senior high school building. In my opinion both groups were very impressed with our students, teachers and our facilities. It was a pleasure being able to "show off" our schools. If you would be interested in taking a tour, please contact any administrator.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The State of the Schools Report just became public. You can access it by going to the Lakeview web page, going under district to school improve-

ment and then clicking on the link to the report. You can also access this report by going to the Nebraska Department of Education web page.

This year there is a new report called NePAS. This report ranks the schools from 1 to 248 in most categories. You will need to take a look at this report as it is a state ranking of schools on test scores, improvement and growth.

As I mentioned in my article last year there are many acronyms in education and in the area of student achievement this tradition continues. We have NCLB (No Child Left Behind), AYP (annual yearly progress) and PLAS (persistently low achieving school) relating to this article.

NCLB is a federal mandate that will have all students become proficient in the areas of reading and math by the year 2014. While school districts are working toward this final goal of having 100% of their students proficient, there have been yearly measurements that a district has needed to meet to

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## Lakeview Accreditation Visit

*By Steve Borer, Principal 7-12*

In Nebraska, all public schools must meet the requirements of Rule 10 if they want to be an accredited school district. Rule 10 laws are the rules, regulations and procedures required by accredited school districts.

As a part of the accreditation process every five years schools are required to host an external accreditation visit. During the accreditation visit an external team investigates, studies, interviews and analyzes our school system and school improvement processes. Lakeview Community Schools is scheduled to host our accreditation visit March 18-20, of this school year. During the visit the external team will assess and grade the Lakeview school

system based on how we are performing on the following 5 standards.

1. **Purpose and Direction:** The school maintains and communicates a purpose and direction that commits to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.
2. **Governance and Leadership:** The school operates under governance and leadership that promotes and supports student performance and school effectiveness.
3. **Teaching and Assessing for Learning:** The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning.

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be determined as making AYP. This is true for all students and for all subgroups (male, female, ESL, sped, etc.). If you have at least 30 students in each subgroup, then their score would help to determine if your school made AYP.

As the information was just released, the staff will first take a close look at the results and decide on a plan of action to improve our student

performance. More information on the test scores, how we performed on the test and our plan of action to improve will be discussed in future newsletters.

### HOLIDAY SEASON

By the time you read this article we will be in the month of December and the Christmas holiday will be just around the corner. The holiday season is very special as we all take a short break from our day-to-day rou-

tines to spend some special time with family and friends. My wife and I personally would like to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous holiday season.

### COMMUNICATION

If you have any questions about anything in this article or would just like to visit, please give me a call at school or at home.

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4. **Resources and Support Systems:** The school has resources and provides services that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.
5. **Using Results for Continuous Improvement:** The school implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and school effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.

After the external visit the external team will then provide a written report which grades Lakeview Community Schools on each of the above standards. The external report

will also provide us feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of the district. The accreditation process is an excellent way to receive feedback and expertise on areas that we are doing well in and areas that we need to improve upon. Throughout this year our school improvement steering committee and staff are preparing for the visit.

If you have any questions about our school improvement process, please feel free to give me a call or you can also access our school webpage and scroll over to the right-hand side of the page scroll over "District" and click on the "School Improvement" tab to learn more about the process we use at Lakeview Community Schools.

## New Procedure for Junior High Missing Assignments:

By Steve Borer, Principal 7-12

Often times we see our Junior High student's grades decline because they are not getting their assignments turned in on time. Sometimes these students are not handing in assignments because they struggle with organization, sometimes it is due to motivation and other times it is due to the distractions of the physical, emotional and social changes of their adolescent growth.

Regardless of the reason, if teachers and parents work together to help our Junior High kids learn the importance of turning in assignments on time the more successful our students are going to be in school and in life. Therefore we are implementing a new communication strategy at Lakeview Junior High so we can communicate with parents in a more timely manner about their son or daughter's missing assignments. The following is a description of the new procedure:

### The first step of the procedure:

When your son/daughter does not turn in an assignment their teacher is going to send home with your child a "Missing Assignment" note, on the day they did not turn in their assignment. Your child is expected to bring the note home to you. Parents, we want you to please sign the note and return the note to school with your child the next day. This way the teacher knows you, the parent, have seen the

note and we know your child has brought his "missing assignment" to your attention.

### The second step of the procedure:

Anticipating that some Junior High students may forget or not bring the "missing assignment" note to your attention, we have provided another means of communicating the missing assignment. On the day the student receives a "missing assignment" note, an automated phone call message from Lakeview Junior High will be sent to the parents of those students who did not turn in their assignment for that day. The automated phone call message will communicate the following:

Dear **Lakeview Junior High** Parent:

"Your son or daughter will be bringing home a note today, indicating that he or she did not turn in their assignment. Please visit with your child about turning in the assignment and talk with them about the importance of turning in assignments on time. If you have any questions please contact the school. Thank you."

We hope this means of communication will help our students and your child become more successful in school. Working together we can make a difference! Thank you for your support in the education of our kiddos! If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.



## In case of Inclement Weather...

If a decision is made to close school or to have a late start, the announcement will be broadcast on **KTTT, KKOT, KJSK, KZ100, KLIR, US92 radio stations and KOLN-TV, KMTV, and WOWT.** After checking with the National Weather Service, the county roads crew, the Lakeview maintenance staff, and other sources, the Superintendent of Schools will

make the decision by approximately 7:00 a.m. Please refer to the news media listed above for up to date information.

If at all possible, refrain from calling the school. In addition to the broadcasts listed above, the Lakeview Community Schools will also be using SCHOOLREACH. If you do not receive a SCHOOLREACH call, then we

do not have a working number on file.

**Parents:** You are the ones who must ultimately decide if conditions are safe for your child to travel to school during questionable weather. The school will respect your decision to keep your child home and will assist him/her in getting missed schoolwork made up.

## Keep up to date with the Lakeview Activity Website

Keep up-to-date with our sports and activity schedules at [r-school Today](http://r-school Today). This site is easy to navigate and is very user friendly. Go to the Lakeview website, [www.lakeviewcs.esu7.org](http://www.lakeviewcs.esu7.org), click on the Activities tab on the left and go to Sports Schedules on the drop-down menu. This will take you to the r-school Today website.

Once on the r-school today website, you can sign up to be notified of any schedule changes. If you have any questions, please call the Athletic Office at the high school.

**We are on the Web!**  
[www.lakeviewcs.esu7.org](http://www.lakeviewcs.esu7.org)

**Save a Tree!**

If you prefer to read the Viking Voyager online and no longer would like to receive a paper copy, please call or email Traci at the District Office (402-564-8518 or [tuldrich@esu7.org](mailto:tuldrich@esu7.org)) and we will take you off the paper mailing list.



## Change of Address, Work & Home Telephone Numbers or Employment

It is very important that we keep your child's information up-to-date in the event your child would get sick or there was an emergency at school.. Please call the Administration Office at 402-5648518 if you have any changes.

## 2013 LAKEVIEW CLUB WRESTLING!

The 2013 Lakeview Club Wrestling season preK-8<sup>th</sup> grade is around the corner. A parent only meeting will be held in the Lakeview High School library on **November 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm.** Topics will include: wrestling attire, tournament schedule, fundraisers, practice dates and times, Lakeview Invite, coaching and wrestler expectations, as well as any questions you may have. Don't miss this thrilling opportunity to expose your child to one of the oldest sports known to man!

Check it out and see if the Lakeview Wrestling Club is right for you! All skill levels are invited!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call one of the following volunteer youth wrestling coaches.

Craig Foltz- 246-4387

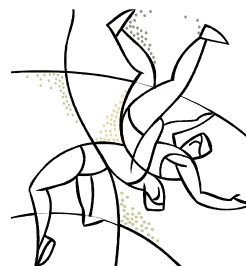
Dan Blaser- 564-2977

Matt Behlen- 564-1468

Keith Bignell- 276-6215

Josh Majerus- 741-1611

Jeff Bargaen- 440-2039



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## LAKEVIEW YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB

### 2013 REGISTRATION

Registration fee per child is \$35. Please complete this form and return it December 3, 2012 along with the registration fee payable to: Lakeview Youth Wrestling Club

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Lakeview

December, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 State FFA Chorus Auditions Applications Due 10:00am WR-B/Middle School Away vs. Schuyler Community 12:15pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Boone Central 12:15pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Boone Central 2:00pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Boone Central 3:45pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Boone Central
2 In-Service - 1:00PM Dismissal (FBLA) Secret Santa Project 4:30pm WR-B/Middle School Schuyler Community vs. Multiple Schools 6:30pm 7th and 8th Girls Basketball Practice @ West Gym BB-9th-Rescheduled-to 12-20-12 BB-9th-Rescheduled-to 12-20-12 Special Board Meeting/ Work Session — 8 PM	3 (FBLA) Secret Santa Project 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room 6:30pm 7th and 8th Girls Basketball Practice @ West Gym 7:00pm Jr/Sr Vocal Christmas Concert @ East Gym	4 (FBLA) Secret Santa Project	5 (FBLA) Secret Santa Project	6 (FBLA) Secret Santa Project 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room 6:30pm 7th and 8th Girls Basketball Practice @ West Gym 7:00pm Jr./Sr. High Band Christmas Concert @ East Gym	7 (FBLA) Secret Santa Project 3:00pm BB-G/9th Aurora 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room 4:30pm BB-B/9th Aurora 4:30pm BB-G/JV Aurora 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Aurora 6:15pm BB-B/JV Aurora 8:00pm BB-B/Varsity Aurora	8 9:30am WR-B/Middle School Away vs. Boone Central 10:00am WR-Varsity Away vs. North Bend Central 10:00am BB-G/8th Away vs. David City 10:00am BB-G/7th Away vs. David City 2:00pm BB-G/9th Wayne 3:30pm BB-G/JV Wayne 3:30pm BB-B/9th Wayne 5:15pm BB-B/JV Wayne 5:15pm BB-G/Varsity Wayne 7:00pm BB-B/Varsity Wayne
9 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room 6:00pm BB-G/9th Away vs. Central City 6:30pm 7th and 8th Girls Basketball Practice @ West Gym 7:30pm BB-B/9th Away vs. Central City Board Meeting — 7 PM	10 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room 6:30pm BB-G/7th Seward 6:30pm BB-G/8th Seward	11 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room 6:30pm BB-G/7th Seward 6:30pm BB-G/8th Seward	12	13 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room 6:00pm WR-Varsity Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools 6:30pm BB-G/9th Away vs. Norfolk	14 4:00pm JH Wrestling Practice @ Wrestling Room	15 8:30am WR-B/Middle School Away vs. Seward 9:30am WR-Varsity Away vs. Logan View Junior/Senior 3:00pm BB-B/JV Away vs. David City 3:00pm BB-G/JV Away vs. David City 4:45pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. David City 6:30pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. David City
16 6:15pm BB-G/9th Lutheran High Northeast 7:45pm BB-B/9th Lutheran High Northeast	17 7:00pm Elementary Christmas Program @ East Gym	18	19	20 BB-9th-Rescheduled-to 01-10-13 BB-9th-Rescheduled-to 01-10-13	21 Dismissal at 2:00 PM End of 2nd Qt. End of 1st Semester 4:30pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Centura Public 4:30pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Centura Public 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Centura Public 8:00pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Centura Public	22
23 No School K-12	24 No School K-12	25 No School K-12	26 No School K-12	27 TBD BB-G/JV Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools TBD BB-G/Varsity Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools TBD BB-B/Varsity Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools No School K-12 TBD BB-B/JV Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools	28 TBD BB-B/Varsity Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools TBD BB-G/Varsity Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools TBD BB-B/JV Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools No School K-12 TBD BB-G/JV Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools	29
30 No School K-12	31 No School K-12					

## January, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 No School K-12	2 No School K-12	3 Begin 2nd Semester 5:00pm BB-B/9th Away vs. Columbus	4 3:30pm WR-Varsity Away vs. Ashland- Greenwood 4:15pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Grand Island Northwest 4:15pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Grand Island Northwest 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Grand Island Northwest 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Grand Island Northwest	5 10:00am BB-G/9th Away vs. Pierce 11:30am BB-B/9th Away vs. Pierce 8:00pm Snowball Dance @ West Gym
6	7 6:00pm BB-G/9th Scotus Central Catholic 7:30pm BB-B/9th Scotus Central Catholic	8 BB-9th—(Cancelled) 4:45pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Pierce 4:45pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Pierce 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Pierce 8:00pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Pierce	9	10 6:30pm BB-G/9th (Rescheduled from 12-20-12) Away vs. Leigh 8:00pm BB-B/9th (Rescheduled from 12-20-12) Away vs. Leigh	11 4:30pm BB-G/JV Centennial Junior- Senior 5:00pm BB-B/JV Centennial Junior- Senior 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Centennial Junior- Senior 8:00pm BB-B/Varsity Centennial Junior- Senior	12 9:00am WR-Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community 9:30am BB-B/7th Away vs. Twin River Genoa 9:30am BB-B/9th David City vs. TBD 11:30am BB-B/8th Away vs. Twin River Genoa 1:00pm 5th & 6th GR Boys Club Basketball Game @ East Gym 5:15pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Fairbury 5:15pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Fairbury 7:00pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Fairbury 7:00pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Fairbury
13	14 In-Service - 1:00PM Dismissal 6:00pm BB-G/9th Raymond Central 7:30pm BB-B/9th Raymond Central Board Meeting —7 PM	15 3:45pm HAL Geography Bee 5th -6th grade @ Library 4:30pm BB-G/JV Milford 5:00pm BB-B/JV Milford 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Milford 7:00pm WR-Varsity Grand Island Northwest 8:00pm BB-B/Varsity Milford	16 (FBLA) Money \$mart Week	17 (FBLA) Money \$mart Week 6:00pm BB-G/9th Columbus 6:30pm BB-B/7th Schuyler Community 6:30pm BB-B/8th Schuyler Community 7:00pm (FBLA) State Officer Speaker/Area Meeting @ Cafeteria	18 (FBLA) Money \$mart Week 11:00am WR-Varsity Away vs. David City 6:15pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community 8:00pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Schuyler Community 8:00pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community	19 (FBLA) Money \$mart Week 1:00pm Youth Wrestling Tournament @ Multiple locations
20 (FBLA) Money \$mart Week 7:00am Youth Wrestling Tournament @ Multiple locations	21 (FBLA) Helping Hands Campaign Boone Central Choral Clinic 6:30pm BB-B/8th Away vs. Scotus Central Catholic 6:30pm BB-B/7th Away vs. Scotus Central Catholic	22 TBD BB-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD BB-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD (FBLA) Helping Hands Campaign	23 (FBLA) Helping Hands Campaign	24 (FFA) District Livestock Judging @ Norfolk (FBLA) Helping Hands Campaign TBD BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Aurora 4:30pm BB-B/7th Away vs. Seward 4:30pm BB-B/8th Away vs. Seward 6:00pm WR-Varsity Boone Central	25 (FBLA) Helping Hands Campaign TBD BB-G/Varsity Aurora vs. TBD	26 TBD BB-G/Varsity Aurora vs. TBD TBD BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Aurora 9:00am WR-Varsity Away vs. Raymond Central 1:00pm 5th & 6th GR Boys Club Basketball Game @ East Gym
27 UNK Honor Choir 6:15pm BB-G/9th Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:30pm BB-B/7th Centennial Junior- Senior 6:30pm BB-B/8th Centennial Junior- Senior 7:45pm BB-B/9th Away vs. Schuyler Community	28 4:30pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Seward 4:30pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Seward 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Seward 7:30pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Seward	29 (FFA) State Degree Conflict Night @ Schuyler	30 P/T Conferences (K-6, 4-7) (7-12 5-8) 6:30pm BB-B/7th Columbus 6:30pm BB-B/8th Columbus 7:00pm WR-Varsity Away vs. Seward	31		

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**LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 8, 2012**

**Opening Procedures**

Call to Order – Chairman Runge called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mueller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Meeting Act – Chairman Runge noted the meeting would follow the open meeting act posted in the front of the media center.

Verification of Publication and Notification – The meeting notice was published in The Columbus Telegram and posted in all school buildings.

Roll Call – All members were present.

Excuse Board Member Absence – No members absent.

Approval of Agenda – It was moved by Pabian and seconded by Mueller to approve the agenda as modified. On roll call vote, Loseke, yes; Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Schreiber, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

**Staff/Student Presentations**

Student Council Report – Lindsey Jaixen and Taylor Neuhaufen gave a verbal and written presentation on Student Council activities.

FBLA Report – Megan Humlicek and Wayde Rodehorst, also gave a verbal and written presentation on FBLA activities.

Curriculum Report – Cole Blomendahl provided the board with a handout outlining his course offerings. He also talked about the National and State FFA Conventions, poinsettia sales and the spring plant sales.

**Recognition of Visitors/  
Communications from the  
Public**

Visitors included Larry Hassebrook, patron; Eric Stuthman, patron; Lindsey Jaixen, Student Council; Taylor Neu-

haufen, Student Council; Wayde Rodehorst, FBLA; Megan Humlicek, FBLA; and Cole Blomendahl, staff; Kurt Frenzen, staff. There were no comments from the public.

**Administrative Reports**

Superintendent – Reported items included 1) A report of his vacation/sick days used during this contract year; 2) An update on elementary enrollment; 3) Both afterschool programs average 6 students per night during the month of October; 4) Participating in the Pilot Evaluation Program; and 5) Reminded board members about the State Education Conference.

Principals – Mr. Mlinar – 1) Field trips – Grade 2 to Children's Museum in Omaha on October 26, Grade 3 to the zoo in Omaha on October 29 and Grades 4/5 to Ag Park in Columbus. Past field trips: K/1 to Stuhr Museum in Grand Island and Grade 6 to Pawnee Park for a GPS learning experience; 2) Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 30 (10-7) and November 1 (4-7); 3) Past events: PTO Amazing race at Lakeview on September 22, Bullying assembly on September 27; Upcoming Events: Shell Creek Valentino's Night on October 10 and the Trunk or Treat at Lakeview on October 28, and 4) Shell Creek Veteran's Day program will be held on November 9. Mr. Schrunck – 1) Trunk or Treat on October 28; 2) Red Ribbon Week will be the week of October 22; 3) Curriculum/Assessment activities including reading review, ITBS scores and what teachers are doing with them and NeSA District Indicator Summary; 4) District preschool information and his role in the process; 5) The Platte Center playground has been open after school and on weekends, thanks to some volunteers; 6) Fire Prevention Week is October 8-12; 7) Formal observations by doing walk-throughs and using Google Docs; 8) Birthday Assembly on October 31; and 8) Parent-Teacher conferences on Octo-

ber 30 and November 1. Mr. Borer – 1) Technology committee meeting where two schools were interviewed on 1 to 1 initiatives in their schools; 2) External review will be in the spring, a parent survey will be given at Parent-Teacher conferences; 3) School improvement workshop on October 25 and 26; and 4) October 19 in-service will be a data retreat; and 5) Working on an academic records board where top ACT scores will be posted. Mr. Shadley – A handout was provided to the board which contained fall sport updates and the Central Conference website where everyone can keep up on Lakeview schedules. ([www.centralconference.org](http://www.centralconference.org))

**Action Items**

Consent Agenda – It was moved by Pabian and seconded by Korte to approve the agenda as modified. On roll call vote, Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Resignations – There were no resignations for consideration.

Approval of Contracts – It was moved by Mueller and seconded by Pabian to approve Betsy Stara as a part-time Special Education Para-Educator at the Lakeview building. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, no; Korte, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried, 5-1.

It was moved by Korte and seconded by Schreiber to approve Morgan Wurdeman and Rebecca Brockhaus as substitute teachers. On roll call vote, Pabian, yes; Schreiber, yes; Loseke, yes; Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

Board Policies – It was moved by Schreiber and seconded by Korte to waive the second reading and to approve Board Policy 706.01 "Purchasing Procedures" as presented on the first reading. On roll call vote, Schreiber, yes; Loseke, yes; Korte, yes;

Mueller, no; Pabian, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried, 5-1.

Board Advisory Council – It was moved by Mueller and seconded by Loseke to approve Rick Pilakowski and Holly Sprunk as members of the Board Advisory Council. On roll call vote, Loseke, yes; Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Schreiber, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Evaluation Document – It was moved by Schreiber and seconded by Korte to approve the Superintendent's evaluation form as presented. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Schreiber, yes; Loseke, yes; Korte, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

Shell Creek Addition/Renovation Project – The board was informed of the status of the Shell Creek Project at this time. They discussed finding a date to open the school to patrons for tours. No action was taken.

District Projects – The board discussed the following potential district projects: football field renovation or replacement with turf, the lighting project at the Lakeview building, the ventilation project for the east gym and the softball concession/restroom project.

**Discussion Items**

Board Committee Reports – No discussion at this time.

District Busing – The current busing plan was discussed. Board members requested certain information they would like to receive to help them make an informed decision on busing in future years.

Executive Session – No executive session was needed.

Adjournment – It was moved by Korte and seconded by Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. On roll call vote, Pabian, yes; Schreiber, yes; Loseke, yes; Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Traci Uldrich  
Recording Secretary





## Around Lakeview Junior-Senior High School

# Lakeview FFA Continues to , Vol. 2

## National Convention



During October 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, the Lakeview FFA Chapter attended the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the trip members attended the opening session, talent show, career fair and American Degree Ceremony. Additionally, members toured the Indy 500 Speedway, Trader's Point Creamery and Harrison College of Veterinary Technology. Lakeview was also fortunate to have one of their members, *Torie Egger*, selected nationwide, to sing in the National FFA Choir. Enjoying their trip to the Indy 500 Speedway and

attending from the Lakeview Chapter are, l to r, *Rena Garretson, Megan Coan, Keaton Lusche, Tim Kummer, Kaleb Lusche, Nick Harms, Chilton Kush and Mike Ksaizek.*

## Fruit Sales Update



The Lakeview FFA would like to send a *Thank You* out to all those who helped make our Fruit, Meat & Cheese, Butterbraid, Popcorn, Jam and Candle sales a huge success. We plan on receiving the products December 10<sup>th</sup> and then delivering them to you!

## Poinsettia Sales

The Lakeview Horticulture class is again growing poinsettias for their class project and a few remain. This year's color selection is red, pink, white and marble. If interested contact Advisor Cole Blomendahl. Please contact by December 1 if interested.



## Chapter Receives Grant

Recently, the Lakeview FFA Chapter was selected to receive the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award. To receive the competitive NIFA grant, the chapter officers completed the application packet that included a detailed plan on how to use the grant. The Chapter has chosen to purchase a chapter iPad2 and chapter camera to enhance their documentation of events and contests. They also plan to teach a workshop about career opportunities within the agricultural industry. Way to go officers!





# FBLA – Gateway To Greatness!

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## Members Attend National Fall Leadership Conference-Denver, CO

November 8-12 marked the National Fall Leadership Conference for the Mountain Plains Region held in Denver, Colorado. Forty-one Lakeview delegates attended.



Mile  
Broncos.

While at the NFLC, members toured the Hammond's Candy Factory, one of the few remaining handmade candy factories in the United States. Additionally, members toured the Sports Authority High Stadium, home of the Denver

The delegates also visited the 16th Street Mall and enjoyed some time conducting "hands on market research".

Friday afternoon, delegates attended workshops on a variety of topics including leadership, dressing for success, networking, and many others.



Friday evening it was time for the opening General Session. As always, this session was a fun and interesting way to get the delegates pumped for the next day of workshops at the Conference. Ryan Moran, Opening keynote speaker, took delegates on a wild ride filled with humor, heart, and character while also teaching about finding gifts and talents and not fearing the unknown.

On Saturday of the conference, workshops were held in the morning and afternoon. These workshops proved to be a good source of information for the members to gain ideas from other successful chapters throughout the Mountain Plains region.

The closing keynote speaker Al Duncan, used his life experiences in relating to the audience. His life story intrigued the audience as he then related how you can take what life gives you and make the most of it no matter what the situation.

The Lakeview FBLA Chapter was recognized for being a "September Sweeps" chapter for our efforts in membership and recruitment.

Delegates attending the NFLC were: Kylie Bair, Macy Bakenhus, Brittany Blaser, Austin Cassleberry, Cody Cech, Ciera Cemper, Makayla Coan, Megan Coan, Carol Crabtree, Lizzy Cunningham, Makaela Dallman, Natalie Drozd, Zach Duncan, Mallory Foltz, Ashley Gilsdorf, Monica Gotschall, Shania Griffiths, Lane Grimes, Chase Gronenthal, Kyle Grotelueschen, Madison Hilbert, Katelyn Hogeland, Megan Humlicek, Jeronimo Jimenez, Candy

Jimenez, Blair Kapels, Luke Kasik, Tessa Kurtenbach, Nick Lutjens, Jordan Morse, Tiffany Ohlrich, Nick Renteria, Wayde Rodehorst, Logan Runge, Rachel Shadley, Kylie Schnell, Derek Smith, Allie Svehla, Heidi Vargas, Jan Went, Adviser. Many thanks to Jordan Went, Lois Rodehorst and Judy Dicke for chaperoning and also Willie Grotelueschen for driving the bus.

Members are already making plans to attend the 2013 National Fall Leadership Conference to be held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas, Texas!



## Pizza Ranch Tip Night Success!

FBLA and Pizza Ranch partnered to conduct a Tip Night on Monday, October 22. A percentage of sales as well as tips were donated to our chapter. Members bussed tables and talked to the diners. Through the course of three hours we raised \$250 toward our 2012-2013 Community Service quest: FBLA Feeding Families! Many thanks to all who helped and to all patrons who attended the event!



## Dodge the Cancer Dodge Ball Tournament

A dodge the cancer dodge ball tournament is set for Saturday, November 17. Classes will form teams of both girls and boys and vie for the honor of dodge ball champion. The competition itself is very fun, but the ultimate goal is to raise money for cancer research. At the time of this printing results were not known. Watch future newsletters for updates!

## Coloring Contest Winners

A coloring contest was sponsored by our chapter to promote our "FBLA Feeding Families" Community Service Project. The pictures featured a food-related theme. The winning entries were voted upon and selected at the Tip Night at Pizza Ranch. They will be featured as dividers in our new cookbook coming Spring 2013. The Junior High winner is Maddie Hogeland and the Senior High winner is Morgan Peters. Congratulations to the Junior and Senior High Coloring Contest Winners!

## Upcoming Events

Secret Santa Project  
Monthly Meeting

December 3-7  
December 12

## CALLING ALL FBLA ALUMNI COOKS OR PARENTS OF MEMBERS!

### Recipe Submission Date Extended!

The Lakeview Future Business Leaders of America are getting rolling on our 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Cookbook! In order to make our cookbook a success, however, we need your help. Students at Lakeview will be making recipe submissions through the month of November, and now we need yours to make the book complete. All you need to do is fill out the form below with a recipe favorite. Feel free to make additional copies. Be sure to include the category name (main dish, cake, salad, etc.) and your name as well as your years of FBLA membership and office(s) held, if any. We want you to be a part of Lakeview's fourth and final cookbook!

Send the completed form to:

Lakeview High School  
Attn: FBLA  
3744 - 83d St.  
Columbus, NE, 68601

Please submit by January 4. Thank you.

Category \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Title \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_

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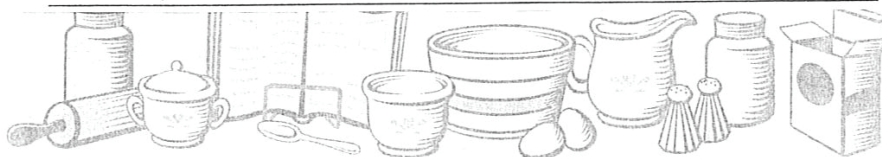
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# 7th Grade Field Trip Celebrate Creativity

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Lakeview Community Schools seventh grade students traveled to the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha for a fun-filled day of celebrating creativity. The event, sponsored by the Omaha Symphony and the Joslyn, was a day of hands on workshops and activities specially designed for middle school students. Students chose work-

shops from a wide range of topics from opera singing to stage combat and animation to juggling.

The seventh graders also were able to select a tour of the many galleries of art and enjoy a concert by the Omaha Symphony. This field trip was planned and organized by the Lakeview fine arts department – Mrs. Goedecken, Mrs. Himanga and Mrs. Noonan.



# Semester Exam Schedule

## December 20th, Thursday:

1st period — 9:00-10:05 a.m.

3rd period — 10:10-11:15 a.m.

Lunch — 11:15 p.m.-12:00 p.m.

5th period — 12:05-1:10 p.m.

7th period — 1:15-2:15 p.m.

## December 21st, Friday:

2nd period — 9:00-10:05 a.m.

4th period — 10:10-11:15 a.m.

Lunch — 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

6th period — 12:05-1:10 p.m.

**\*\*Make up tests 1:10-2:00 p.m.**

# THANK YOU

Thank you to Mendlik Orthodontics for helping support Lakeview students by starting the “Partners in Education” program.

For every child that begins treatment at Mendlik’s, they will donate \$25 towards our school.





## Notes from the Vocal Department

The vocal music students have been busy auditioning for honor choirs and preparing for the upcoming Christmas season. All three choirs will perform at the Christmas Concert that will be held on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the east gym. The women's choir will sing a variety of more traditional pieces, while the junior high choir will sing more contemporary Christmas songs. The program will also include the Viking Voices who will be singing "Christmas at the Movies". We invite everyone to come and enjoy our 2012 Christmas Concert.

## Time for Reading Practice: An Essential Ingredient for Student Success

by Kim Zach

A football coach wouldn't think of sending his team into a Friday night game without hours of practice during the previous week. Daily warm-up exercises and drills that provide plenty of reps are important to execution of plays and ultimately, the team's success.

This concept of practice can be applied to almost everything that humans learn to do. A concert violinist was once a four-year old with an eighth-sized instrument who practiced scales and bow strokes for untold hours.

A best-selling novelist more than likely practiced her craft for years by writing badly until she got the words just right. A heart surgeon did not cut a patient open his first day on the job. Many hours of practice were required to develop his precise skills and a steady hand.

Should we expect anything less for Lakeview students when it comes to development of their reading muscles? Ask any current reading expert—Kelly Gallagher, Stephen Krashen, or Nancie Atwell. After years of research and experience as teachers, all three agree on a simple formula for reading success: Give kids unlimited access to books and give them time to read books of their choice. According to these researchers' findings, this means a minimum of 30 minutes of uninterrupted free reading, consistently every day.

Last year, Mrs. Gustafson and I designed a reading program for English 10 and 12 based on this formula. Although we can't provide hard statistical data, we do have anecdotal evidence that students were reading more and enjoying it more than they had with AR. Our main goal in giving students time and choice was to change their negative attitudes towards reading. Both Mrs. Gustafson and I believe students took some big steps in that direction, largely because students actually had time to read and were reading books they had selected.

One interesting discovery we made was that reading *in class* led to more reading *outside of class*. Once students were given time to read at school, they somehow "found" time to read outside of school, too. It was a paradox of time multiplication, which we hadn't necessarily expected.

When we tried to analyze this paradox, we felt that the key was consistency of reading every day. Students read for at least 30 minutes, long enough to "get into" the story, thus

making them want to continue reading, even if it was on their own time, outside of school. As one of last year's seniors remarked: "I really enjoyed the second quarter reading program. I would carry my book or kindle with me everywhere and read every extra moment."

When students realized that their reading ability and interest grew simply by spending time reading, they were stunned. One student explained, "I can now look at a thick book and know I can get through it, no big deal. I can start a big book and then see later how much I read—well, I feel like I really accomplished something."

So, if the formula **time + choice = more reading** works (and we think it does), where do we find time in the school day for reading practice all year long? There is no escaping the current trend in education, which demands we test students and then test them some more. All that testing and test prep takes a lot of, well, . . . time. Finding time for reading might require some compromise or juggling of the schedule. However, I would argue that schools can't afford NOT to make time for reading.

A classroom of quiet students, deeply engaged in reading, looks like a classroom where nothing is going on. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. "We must realize that recreational reading actually IS test preparation," argues Kelly Gallagher, author of *Readicide: How Schools Are Killing Reading and What You Can Do About It*.

Stephen Krashen's studies show literacy develops because of regular, consistent exposure to words through reading large numbers of books. "Reading is the only way we become good readers, develop a good writing style, an adequate vocabulary, advanced grammar, and the only way we become good spellers," he explains.

We want Lakeview graduates to be fluent readers, logical writers, and critical thinkers. If we buy into the idea that 30 minutes set aside for reading every day is not a waste of time, our students will have the opportunity to "practice" this essential life skill.

Reading is the key that unlocks the future for kids—the foundation for success in everything. Schools that are best preparing their students for the world of college, career, and life will make certain that students are getting their daily dose of "reading reps."

It's a regular exercise our students can't afford to miss.

# From the Guidance Office

**December 2012**

## Prepare for the FAFSA with free programs & resources

If you are a senior, you should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) after January 1. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state and college-based financial aid. To prepare for the FAFSA, take advantage of the following *free* EducationQuest programs and resources:

## Financial Aid Programs

EducationQuest is conducting statewide Financial Aid Programs that explain the types of financial aid, how to complete the FAFSA, how colleges award financial aid, and the student loan process. The programs are free and open to the public. [Click here to find the program nearest you](#). Juniors and seniors and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend.

## FAFSA Webinars

EducationQuest will conduct free webinars on “How to Complete the FAFSA” that will cover financial aid basics and how to complete the FAFSA. Webinars are scheduled for:

**Wednesday, December 5 - 7:00 pm (CT)**

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/TS7r5Q>

**Wednesday, December 19 - 7:00 pm (CT)**

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/QSr92Q>

**Monday, January 14 - 7:00 pm (CT)**

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/SsgDSz>

**Wednesday, January 16 - 7:00 pm (CT)**

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/XToPN4>

To join the Webinar, click on the link under your desired date. The password is **Presentation**. If you have questions, call EducationQuest at 800.666.3721 or email [info@educationquest.org](mailto:info@educationquest.org).

## College Funding Estimator

To estimate your FAFSA results now, use the [College Funding Estimator](#) at EducationQuest.org. This program will ask for 2012 income tax information. You may estimate your tax information to complete the *Estimator* but should use your completed 2012 tax returns when you submit the actual FAFSA.

## Seniors...have you submitted your college applications?

If you haven't submitted your admission applications yet, it's time to get serious! Contact your top college choices to determine application deadlines and procedures. Ask if the admission application is also

the application for college-based scholarships. If not, ask about the scholarship application process.

## Winning the scholarship game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:

- **Don't pay for scholarship searches.** Use free resources such as [ScholarshipQuest](#) at EducationQuest.org with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. Free national sites include [Fastaid](#), [Scholarship Monkey](#), [ScholarshipExperts.com](#), [School Soup](#), and [Scholarships.com](#).
- **Visit your guidance counselor often** for information about local scholarships.
- **Place scholarship applications in deadline order.** Local awards and college-specific applications deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.
- **Update your activities, honors, community service or paid jobs** using the [Activities Resume](#) at EducationQuest.org.
- **Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores** by taking the exam in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.
- **Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.
- **Tailor your essay to the scholarship.** Ask an English teacher to read your essay and offer advice on making a big impact. Your essay will need to stand out from other applications.
- **Pay close attention to grammar, spelling and neatness.** Ask at least two people to proofread your entire application.

## December “To Do” List

Complete these tasks during December to stay on the right college planning track.

### Seniors:

- Submit college applications.
- Estimate your FAFSA results using the [College Funding Estimator](#) at EducationQuest.org.
- Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.

### Juniors:

- Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area.
- Search for scholarships.
- [Register](#) by December 28 for the January 26 SAT.
- [Register](#) by January 11 for the February 9 ACT.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Kearney	Lincoln	Omaha
308-234-6310	402-475-5222	402-391-4033
800-666-3721	800-303-3745	888-357-6300

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## Focus on Reading: English 9 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

This quarter, our focus will be on reading practice, with more time in class given for reading. There will be no formal instruction this quarter. Your work outside of class will be to continue reading.



At least 30 minutes per class period will be devoted to quiet, individual reading practice. During this time, there will be no leaving the classroom. This means no bathroom break or going to your locker! Part of your grade will be coming to class prepared. You must always have a book to read when you come to class as you will not be allowed to go to the library. Some writing/journaling will be done at the beginning of each period. Four typed journal entries will be turned in throughout the quarter.

You will receive a weekly grade (50 points) for class participation, coming to class prepared, reading, and writing in your journal. If you are absent from class, for whatever reason, you have the opportunity to make up reading time during homeroom, study hall, before school, or after school.

Your typed journal entries will consist of your favorite entry every two weeks, to hand in. A sample has been done and attached for you.

### Due Dates for Journals--30% of quarter grade

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

### Grading--70% of quarter grade

This quarter, you may read any book you choose; the books do not have to come from the AR list. You are not required to take an AR test (unless you want to for "fun") since points will not be used to determine grades.

Instead of points, you will read and keep track of the number of pages read. The scale is outlined below:

- A (100%) -- 2,000 pages
- (95%) -- 1,800 pages
- B (91%) -- 1,600 pages
- (88%) -- 1,400 pages
- C (85%) -- 1,200 pages
- (82%) -- 1,000 pages
- D (76%) -- 600 pages
- (72%) -- 400 pages
- (65%) -- 200 pages



**\*\*\*Please note:** If you come to class and fall asleep, or it appears you are sleeping, you will not receive the daily points. This also includes daydreaming or working on other things during reading time. The teacher will not continually ask you to put your head up, wake up, or get busy. It is up to you to stay on task and you shouldn't need reminding! The teacher must see you reading in order to give you your daily points.



## Elementary Christmas Program

On Tuesday, December 18, 2012 the Lakeview Community School's elementary students will join together at Lakeview High School to present their annual Christmas program. The students under the direction of Jen Himanga and Jill Goedeken will sing two mini musicals that will set your toe tapping and get you in the mood for the Holiday

season.

The Kindergarten through third grade students will be presenting "The Littlest Reindeer" which is a story about the littlest reindeer at the North Pole who wants to help pull Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve. She finds herself in quite a tight situation before the Christmas Eve flight is over.

The town of Graysville needs some color this holiday season and the fourth through sixth graders have just the answer. They decide to "Paint the Town December". While strolling down Main Street of Grayville they discover a wide range of traditions and cultures in their town. Come and listen as the students learn about and share the many holidays and traditions that occur in Graysville each December.



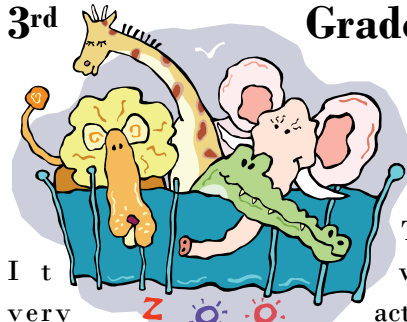




**Around  
Platte Center Elementary School**

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## **Grade Field Trip to Omaha Zoo**



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The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class from Platte Center Elementary teamed up with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class from Shell Creek to visit the Henry Doorly Zoo on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We departed from Columbus around 8:00 am and headed east to visit all the animals.

We were able to spend time in the Jungle and the Desert Dome before lunch. The students were amazed at all the different kinds of animals and where they lived. It was especially nice since we had a nice cool day. The animals, such as the cats were very active. After strolling through the cat exhibit we headed for lunch. Jenny Sloup did an excellent job at packing a great lunch for us.

Next, we were off to the Aquarium. The Penguins are always a great hit! We ended our tour with an IMAX showing of Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure. We were on the bus by 3:00 and headed back to Columbus. The students had a great time and learned so much about animals and their habitats. This field trip came at the perfect time because we are in the middle of a Reading unit about animals.

Thanks to everyone who made this trip possible. We all really appreciate it.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Visits the Children's Museum**

On Friday, October 26, 2012, the Second Grade class went to the Omaha Children's Museum with the Second Graders from Shell Creek.

While there we saw many different displays including a Haunted House, the Itty Bitty City (with displays from the fire department, police department, stores, restaurants, banks, and even Channel 6 news), The Super Graviton, a massive ball machine with pneumatic, hydraulic and mechanical sections, a carousel, and much more.

A highlight of the trip was a special class with a "real" professor teaching us about the states of matter. We even found out what happens when certain chemicals combine. (BOOM!) It was a great field trip we will remember for a long time.



# **SNOW!!**

"When will it snow?" This question is murmured in the halls every year. This year, the PTO is sponsoring a "Snowfall Contest". Every student in the school will guess the month and

# PTO News

Instead of making the students go out to the community selling items for a fundraiser, the Platte Center P.T.O. promotes "Every Dollar Counts". Tax deductible donations can be made to our P.T.O. to provide income for various activities for the students.

The Platte Center PTO would like to thank these people for their support of "Every Dollar Counts": Kristy and Jr. Lichtenfeld, JoAnn Cremers, Mr. & Mrs. Virgilio Bahena, Randy & Amber Pilakowski, Eli Morales, CeCe Dohmen, Kathy Irish, Brian & Cara Greisen, Mead Lumber, Kim Schmidt, Norbert and Georgia Kuta, Chris and Barb Johnson, Sherry Schure, Troy & JoAnn Brandt, Bryan & Christy Dietrich.

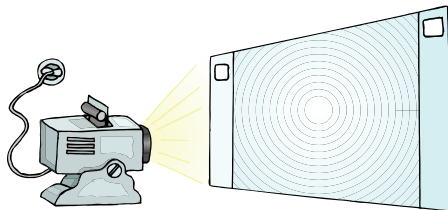
Donations will continue to be accepted throughout the school year.

## Family Movie Night

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, "Madagascar 3" was enjoyed by parents, students and little siblings at the Family Movie Night sponsored by the P.T.O.

Families brought pillows and blankets, spread out on the gym floor and watched the movie on the "big screen" that was projected onto the wall. Candy was sold by the Student Council and free popcorn was provided.

This was an opportunity for parents and children to come together in a fun atmosphere and get to know each other just a little better! Thank you, P.T.O. for a great night!!



## Veterans' Day Program~Nov. 9

Platte Center's Student Council presented the colors at our Veterans' Day Program held on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the whole school sang "The Star Spangled Banner".

A history of Veteran's Day was presented by members of the student Council, Luis Perez Jimenez, Saray Gloria

Espino, and Nathaly Loza, followed by the Veterans' Day Proclamation given by Mr. Schunk. Sgt. Amber Cramer submitted an amazing video presentation even though she could not attend.

The students then sang the song, "Thank you, Soldiers" and were dismissed quietly to their classrooms as they thought about the great sacrifice that was made by so many in the history of our country.



# Platte Center 2012 Mock Election

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class conducted a mock election for the school on Monday, October 29.

After officially signing in, each voter had the option to vote for the President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Lakeview Community Schools school board, and Platte Center Village board. The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders tallied the votes and the following candidates were declared the winner in their race. President – Barack Obama and Joe Biden, U.S. Senator – Bob Kerrey, U.S.



Representative – Korey Reiman, Lakeview School Board – Eric Stuthman, Jerry Jaixen and Larry Hassebrook, Platte Center Village Board – Sarah Cunningham and Randy Pilakowski.

Many students closely followed the official election on Nov. 6, to see how our results compared to the actual results. All the students are looking forward to the first time they will be able to vote in the presidential election which will be in 2020!



## 2nd Grade Field Trip

*By Jennifer Osten and April Seiler*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Platte Center and Shell Creek went on a field trip to the Omaha Children's Museum on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed a traveling exhibit called the "Itty Bitty City", the Cobweb Castle, a class put on by scientist Tom about the states of matter, and other various areas of the museum.



In the Itty Bitty City the kids were able to BE BIG in this 10,000 square foot metropolis. The kids got to explore police stations, banks, and other things that make up a city. Some even created their own masks and capes, as they became the superhero of the city.

The Cobweb Castle was a not-so-scary haunted house where kids got to have some fun seeing different themed rooms. The black-lighted areas were favorites of the kids because their clothes "glowed".

Each group also had a 40-minute educational class about solids, liquids, and gases. The students did three experiments, one for each state of matter, and talked about how the molecules are different in each state.

A special thanks goes out to the parents that came with us on the trip, the lunches that were provided by the school, and all the staff at the museum that made it a great day!

## Henry Doorly Zoo Trip — 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Shell Creek third graders had a beautiful fall day for their trip to Henry Doorly Zoo on October 29. As the third graders arrived, volunteers took our group on a special tour. The guides gave us a unique tour of special items. We were shown how the electrical cords are hidden in the jungle, how animal pelts looked and felt, we were able to compare the size of the giraffe's feet, and much more information about the habitats of animals at the zoo.

Comments that the students shared about the trip. "The giraffe's are really tall." "The hippos were really fat." "The monkey made so much noise that we could hear him all over the zoo." "We liked the jungle, and the big black gorillas." "The IMAX was awesome," and many more comments too numerous to mention.

Some of the small groups were able to watch the zoo personal feed the animals. Others enjoyed the aquarium as we watched the fish, shark and all of the other sea creatures. Of course everyone loved the penguins.

After enjoying the animals in their habitats, we attended the IMAX theatre. The students loved wearing the 3-D glasses and felt like we were actually in the movie.





# Halloween Party

On Wednesday, October 31, Shell Creek students enjoyed games and treats provided by the PTO. On Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Trunk or Treat was held at Lakeview High School in the faculty parking lot for Shell Creek/Platte Center elementary students.



## BUG AWARDS!



Bring Up Grades, or BUG is a program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and designed to provide recognition to students who raise their grades to an acceptable range, and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. The following students were recognized at our November 5<sup>th</sup> Assembly with Mr. Freeman presenting awards.



## 1st Quarter AR.....

The following students earned their individual AR class goal for first quarter and were recognized at our November 5<sup>th</sup> Assembly.

**1-2 ~ Osten:** Sophia Bender, Alexis Bennett, Nathan Delaney, Taitum Klug, Dustin Molt, David Montano, Rylie Neuhalfen, Juan Rodriguez

**1 ~ Paben:** Blake Anderson, Elaina Bloebaum, Taylor Helms, Kyle Olmer

**2 ~ Seiler:** Josie Bentz, Sidney Jaixen, Annie Lange, MaKenna Lutjelusche, Joshua Neave, Niels Schmidt, Taylor Stahl, Ava Tessendorf

**3 ~ Livermore:** Zach Anderson, Jorge Garcia, Tristen Kleckner, Mason Klug, Eli Osten, Mya Saxton, Carly Schaad, Emily Schaad, Hunter Schoch, Travis Schoch, Abbie Scholl, Kanen Shemek, Macy Stock

**3 ~ Anderson:** Cody Adle, Kolby Blaser, Jessica Kouma, Emely Montes Rodriguez, Elizabeth Rowe, Cooper Tessen-dorf

**4 ~ Linder:** Samantha Benavidez, Matthew Bennett, Reed Blaser, Sydnie Briggs, Sabrina Delaney, Jose Gallegos Lueuano, Kailyn Hancock, Logan Jaixen, Elizabeth Sand, Payton Lotspeich, Abigail Lutjelusche

**5 ~ Terry:** Ashley Behlen, Landon Bignell, Macy Blaser, Jocelyn Bloebaum, Andrew Brockhaus, Aaron Chin, Veeramma Lange, Endy Leon, Kaylee Olmer, Evan Tessen-dorf, Jose Valdivia

**5 ~ Zabawa:** Laura Bennett, Cole Hobza, Francisco Jimenez, Adam Nelson, Emily Stevenson, Dawson Wurdeman

**6 ~ Kjergaard:** Gracie Borer, Cameron Drozd, Seth Gerkensmeyer, Chris Jover, Britney Kouma, Gabriel Manak, Andrea Rendon, Alex Ruelas, Jessica Sand, Cody Schaad, Madison Schwarz, Mason Stahl, Emily Van Cleave

**6 ~ Bentz:** Brook Behlen, Jordan Hancock, Andrew Herley, Axel Juarez, Makenna Klug, Alex Pacheco, Mattie Purcell, Brianna Reeg, Elizabeth Rendon, Kelli Schoch, Britney Stock, Brittany Yates