



February 2012 — Issue 6

Voyager

From The Superintendent's Desk — By Mr. Freeman

The weather has been very favorable so far this winter. Our temperatures have bounced between 5 degrees and 50 degrees the past two weeks. Hopefully, the rest of winter will be kind to us. If not, please remember that on days of inclement weather a decision will be made around 7:00 a.m. concerning the status of school for the day. If the weather has made the roads in your area unsafe, then you need to make the call if it is safe for your student(s) to attend school.

ELEMENTARY PROJECT

The Shell Creek Addition/Renovation Project continues to move forward. The good weather has played a factor in the progress that has been made up to date. A couple of items that you will need to be aware of during the next few weeks are as follows.

The gym will be closed for all afterschool activities so they can put in the sprinkler pipe and install the new lights. This is tentatively scheduled for the week of January 30 if all goes as planned.

The current kitchen and surrounding area will be removed around the second week of February. This will cause some creative thinking from our cooks. Students and their parents will be informed of the plan for lunch in the very near future.

We thank the parents, students and staff for their patience as this project moves forward. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Mlinar, Mr. Runge or Mr. Freeman.

NEW TEACHER

At the January meeting the board approved the hiring of Caitlin Ludden as an interventionist at Shell Creek for the remainder of the school year. Caitlin will be working with a small group of students to help them improve their test scores. Please welcome Caitlin to our staff.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The school board members and the administration are working on a short term and long term plan for facility improvements. This plan will be discussed at the February and/or March school board meetings.

WINTER SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

The high school winter sports and activity seasons are rapidly coming to a close. Regular scheduled events and state sanctioned tournaments are just around the corner in most activities. The coaches, sponsors and participants would appreciate your presence and support at any future contests.

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Where in the World?

By Steve Borer, 7-12 Principal

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? It is a fun and interesting question to ponder. What if you had the money to travel the United States and see the National treasures and historical sites of our country? What if you could visit Mount Rushmore? What if you



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could investigate the National Archives in Washington D.C.? What if you could tour Pearl Harbor Monument and visit with actual soldiers who survived the Pearl Harbor attack? What if you could visit NASA and see their amazing contributions in science?

Don't like to travel so far....well how about visiting Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha and learning more about the great white shark. Or how about doing all this and never leaving Lakeview Jr.-Sr. High School! Sounds impossible, but it's not! With today's technology we can now bring these places and their experts to Lakeview Community Schools in Columbus, Nebraska.

Several years ago with grant money, our school was able to purchase a mobile distance learning cart, or Polycom cart. With this cart we are able to connect with anybody in the world who has a similar cart.

All you have to do is connect the cart to an internet port, dial up an IP address and..... Shaazam! You're there! It really is very easy. You can see, hear, and communicate with an expert on the other side of the Polycom cart connection. All the places listed above are actual places our students can go plus many, many, more.

This type of technology literally breaks down the barrier of distance and allows our kids to see and communicate with people from anywhere in the world. On January 18th, Mrs. Birkel took her American History class to Dallas, Texas, and connected with the experts of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealy Plaza. The students participated in a program entitled "Conflicting Evidence." Experts at the museum shared with our students the many less known details and some of the conflicting evidence of the JFK assassination. Was Lee Harvey Oswald acting as a lone gunman or was he a puppet in a greater conspiracy? These are the types of questions our Juniors were able to analyze and discover as they participated in the conference in Dallas. On January 24th, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Helms enriched their science classes with a visit to a rural health facility in Texas where students got to participate in a session titled, "Love Your Lungs!" Experts in the medical field shared their expertise on the human anatomy and students got the opportunity to witness real human lungs, healthy lungs and unhealthy. If you have a son or daughter who participated in one of these sessions, ask them about their trip!

If you have any questions or would like to see how our Polycom cart works just call me or Mrs. Stogdill and we can set up a time where you can take a trip. In the meantime, have a great month.

Save the Date

Thursday, Feb. 2nd

5:00-8:00pm

Parent Teacher Conferences

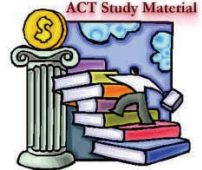
**Career/Academic Fair-
Lakeview Commons Area**

**Dual Credit Meeting-
Lakeview Library**

**ACT Test Prep Services-
JohnBaylorTestPrep**

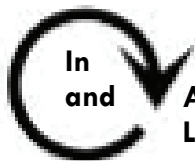
Lakeview Academic/Career Fair

Feb. 2nd, 5:00-8:00pm

- ♦ 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences are located in the teacher's classroom.
- ♦ Academic/Career Fair - Over 20 colleges and businesses will be in attendance - located and set up in the Lakeview Commons Area.
- ♦ At 6:00pm in the High School Library, John Baylor, an ACT test prep expert,  will give an educational presentation on "How To Prepare For College". Don't miss this awesome opportunity.
- ♦ Following John Baylor's presentation, CCC staff will present information on Dual Credit classes for Lakeview High School students. If your son or daughter is a Sophomore or Junior, you will want to be in attendance.

Don't Miss Out





**Around
Lakeview Jr.-Sr. High School**

Lakeview Library News...

By Mrs. Cynthia Stogdill, School Librarian

It's hard to believe the school year is half over! It's harder to believe we have been running around outside in light jackets in January! 2012 is off to a busy start with a challenge to students. They challenged me to read 200 book in 2011 and I have challenged them to set a goal for themselves in 2012. To help them along, we have been talking about the intermediate Golden Sower nominees for 2011-2012. Voting will take place in late March and the state-wide winner will be announced May 1st. I have changed our schedule just a bit to allow for some time to talk about these great books. We will pick up our Digital Citizenship unit in late February.

Senior high students were able to take part in an awesome learning opportunity in January. We were able to participate in a video conference on the JFK assassination via Polycom. Students were able to visit Dealey Plaza and interact with presenters during discussions regarding evidence and the first twenty-four hours after the shooting.

As I write this in mid-January, I am so excited for the students and pretty anxious for myself. We completed two test runs to ensure we are connected and ready to go but I always worry. The students take all these experiences in stride, and as adults, we worry. It is really pretty amazing to consider how learning has changed in just a few years. Instead of driving to a campus, I finished my teaching finals via webcam at my kitchen table as part of a pilot program. Our students are able to travel to distance locations to experience and collaborate on a national scale. We are so far out of a textbook experience it's hard to comprehend the possibilities. However, educators all over the country are creating these dynamic learning experiences every day. I am truly grateful to be a part of those experiences and love watching the students grow and become global learners.

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. When you answer the phone from Lakeview Community Schools, please be sure to say "Hello" and wait a few seconds and the automated message should begin. There is an option to listen to the English

message and an option for the Spanish message. 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.

From the Guidance Office...

It's FAFSA Time!

If you're a college-bound senior, you must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for state, federal and college-based financial aid. It's important that you submit the form before your college's FAFSA priority date because financial aid is awarded first-come, first-served. Priority dates usually fall between March 1 and April 1. To learn your college's priority date, contact the college's financial aid office.

Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA:

Request a PIN

Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for you and one for a parent at pin.ed.gov. The PIN is your signature for the electronic FAFSA and is used to track your financial aid application.

Complete your taxes early as the FAFSA requires current tax information. Approximately two weeks after you and your parents electronically file your tax forms, your IRS data will be available to retrieve and transfer into your FAFSA. See the "[Paying for College](#)" section at EducationQuest.org for more details about IRS Data Retrieval.

Gather these student and parent items:

- 2011 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2011 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2011 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2011 Workers' Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2011 such as housing/food/ living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:

Did you or anyone in your household receive any of the following federal benefits?

Supplemental Security Income

Food Stamps

TANF

Free or Reduced Price Lunch

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From the Guidance Office....

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Complete and file the FAFSA

Complete and file the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. The colleges you list on the application will receive the results.

If you're filing the FAFSA for the first time and would like **free** personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment. Call the Kearney office at 800-666-3721, Lincoln at 800-303-3745 or Omaha at 888-357-6300. Call **now** as appointments for January and February are quickly filling up.

Check out these **free** FAFSA tools

Visit the "[FAFSA Tools](#)" section at EducationQuest.org where you'll find:

College Funding Estimator – estimates your FAFSA results

FAFSA Demo – walks you through the FAFSA

"FAFSA Made Easy" video – demonstrates that the FAFSA isn't as difficult as it seems

FAFSA Podcasts – explain what the FAFSA is and how to apply

FAFSA Checklist – provides a list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA

FAFSA Tutorial – explains each FAFSA question

If you are filing a FAFSA for the first time and would like free personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to make an appointment. Kearney: 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721; Lincoln: 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745; Omaha: 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300.

February "To Do" List

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

Seniors:

- ___ Apply for a Department of Education PIN (one for you and one for a parent) at pin.ed.gov.
- ___ Complete student and parent 2011 tax returns.
- ___ Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov.
- ___ Continue to apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- ___ Register by February 10 for the March 10 SAT.
- ___ Register by March 9 for the April 14 ACT.

For free help with college planning, contact the EducationQuest location nearest you:

Kearney

308-234-6310

800-666-3721

Lincoln

402-475-5222

800-303-3745

Omaha

402-391-4033

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**LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: December 12, 2011

Presiding Officer: Keith Runge

Member Roll Call

Jerry Korte Present
Ryan Loseke Present
Tim Mueller Present
Dan Pabian Present
Keith Runge Present
Mary Ann Schreiber Present

Others Present

Russ Freeman, Superintendent Present
Steve Borer, Principal Present
Daryl Schrunck, Principal Present
John Mlinar, Principal Present
Jake Shadley, Asst. Principal/Activities Director Present
Rita Wilke, Recording Secretary Present

1. Opening procedures
 - 1.1 Call to Order – Chairman Runge called the regular meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
 - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Mueller led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - 1.3 Open Meeting Act – Chairman Runge noted the meeting would follow the open meeting act posted in the front of the media center.
 - 1.4 Verification of Publication and Notification – The meeting notice was published in The Columbus Telegram and posted in all school buildings.
 - 1.5 Roll Call – All members were present.
 - 1.6 Excuse Board Member Absence – No members absent.
2. Approval of Agenda – It was moved by Korte and seconded by Mueller to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote, Loseke, yes; Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Schreiber, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.
3. Staff/Student Presentations
 - 3.1 Student Council Report – No report was available.
 - 3.2 FBLA Report – Amy Chin reported about FBLA activities and provided the board with a handout.
 - 3.3 Curriculum Report – Ms. Jill Novicki provided the board with information concerning how her students were using the ipad and ipod in her classroom. She also allowed the board members an opportunity to test out their skills on the technology during her report.
4. Recognition of Visitors – Visitors included Larry Hassebrook, Amy Chin, Jill Novicki, LeAnn Kjergaard, Roger Goedeken and Tyler Ellyson. No comments were received from the public during this time.
5. Administrative Reports
 - 5.1 Superintendent – Reported items included 1) Gym Ventilation – we are still waiting on an estimate on air conditioning the east gym, 2) Platte Center Building – Mr. Freeman would like one or more board members to take a look at the ceiling in the elementary building, 3) Evaluation Workshop – Mr. Freeman reported that he received a lot of useful information at the workshop that he attended last week, 4) Spanish Trip – Mr. Freeman reported that he approved the trip scheduled for spring of 2013, 5) Team Mates – They are offering to make a short presentation at a future board meeting, 6) NASB – the Legislative Issues Conference (January 22-23) & the Leadership Workshop (February 22) are coming up for those who might wish to attend and 7) Board Meetings – the January, February & March meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.
 - 5.2 Principals – Mr. Mlinar – 1) C4L – Mr. Mlinar gave a brief overview concerning the C4L process and training, 2) Holey Cards – a sample of a Holey Card was passed around – the elementary schools are using these for math practice, 3) Christmas Program – the Board is invited to attend on December 20 at 7:00 p.m., 4) ITBS assessment reports have been ordered, 5) Report cards will be distributed on January 6 and 6) the 2nd quarter awards assembly will be at Shell Creek at 2:40 p.m. on January 6. Mr. Schrunck – 1) Platte Center student council is wrapping up their food/clothing drive, 2) PTO displayed a wall Christmas tree with ornaments to provide help in purchasing items for the classrooms, 3) Teacher in-service on December 23 where teachers will work on grades and prepare for the 3rd quarter, 4) In-service on January 3 will focus on School Improvement, revised AdvanceEd Standards, 5) Music concert on December 20, 6) December 22 is the last day for students this semester, 7) School resumes on January 4, 8) Explained the procedure being used to review math textbooks. He also briefly described the companies that we are looking at for the math resources and 9) Report cards will be sent home on January 6. Mr. Borer – 1) Semester exams for high school are scheduled for December 21 & 22, 2) Google Forms – Mr. Borer explained how we are using these forms and the potential of the forms for future use, 3) Mr. Borer shared the steps of the school improvement process. Mr. Shadley – 1) A handout was provided to the board giving the initial reports on the winter sports, 2) visited about the upcoming speech season and 3) provided the board a list of the fall activities honors and awards. Building Administrators – Gave a report on the results of the parent survey.

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6. Action Items

- 6.1 Consent Agenda – It was moved by Schreiber and seconded by Loseke to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call vote, Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.
- 6.2 Approval of Resignations – It was moved by Korte and seconded by Loseke to approve the resignations of Brittany Niedbalski as assistant 8th grade volleyball coach and Judy Ditter as special education para and thank them for their service. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.
- 6.3 Approval of Contracts – It was moved by Schreiber and seconded by Pabian to approve a contract for Arlee Schafer as a part-time, short-term teacher. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mueller and seconded by Korte to approve Zach Lesiak and Braxton Staack as assistant boys' soccer coaches. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Loseke and seconded by Schreiber to approve Aaron Legenze and Brandy Held as local substitute teachers and Kim Loseke as a substitute teacher. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

- 6.4 Board Policies – It was moved by Loseke and seconded by Mueller to waive the 2nd reading and approve board policy 503.01 (Compulsory Attendance) on the first reading. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schreiber and seconded by Korte to waive the 2nd reading and approve board policies 4201 (At-Will Employees) and 4210 (Hiring/Dismissal) on the first reading to replace 414.03, 414.04 and 414.05. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

- 6.5 Shell Creek Project – The board reviewed the status of the project. It was moved by Korte and seconded by Mueller to release Bierman Contracting, Inc. from the obligation of providing the 10% GMP bond, (saving the district approximately \$6,000). On roll call vote, Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.
- 6.6 Guaranteed Maximum Price - It was moved by Loseke and seconded by Pabian that the Board of Education of this School District should and does hereby approve the "Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal" of Bierman Contracting, Inc. for the Renovations and Additions to the Shell Creek Elementary building in the form attached to this Motion as Attachment No. 1, and hereby authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the "agreement on Guaranteed Maximum Price of Construction Manager as Constructor for Construction of the Renovations and Additions to Shell Creek Elementary building," in the form attached to this Motion as Attachment No. 2, and to take all other action necessary to carry such agreement into effect. On roll call vote, Korte, yes; Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.
- 6.7 Student Achievement – After a discussion about potential ways to improve student achievement, the board gave the superintendent the direction to hire an additional elementary teacher for the 2nd semester and to work on changing the bus pick up schedule to allow more time to work on reading and math skills at the Shell Creek site.
- 6.8 Lunch Program – The Board heard a report from Mrs. Jenny Sloup concerning the lunch program. Mr. Freeman reported that there may be a cash flow problem and suggested that the general fund may need to supplement the program at the end of the year. The board reviewed the current lunch prices at Lakeview and the lunch prices of a few area schools. Mr. Freeman recommended that the board wait until this year ends to determine if the lunch prices would need to be increased for the next school year. The board by consensus agreed to wait until the end of the year to be given actual costs, etc. before making a decision on lunch prices.
- 6.9 School Board Elections – Mr. Freeman indicated that the terms of Korte, Pabian and Mueller would end. He encouraged them to consider running for re-election and passed out papers to them. Incumbents need to file by February 13 and others by March 1.
- 6.10 School Calendar – They visited about adding one day to the current school calendar. It was moved by Mueller and seconded by Loseke to approve the revised 2011-2012 calendar as presented. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

7. Discussion Items

- 7.1 Board Committee Reports – The building committee will plan to review the ceiling issue at Platte Center Elementary with Mr. Freeman sometime next week, if possible. The policy committee will review the superintendent's evaluation form so that it can be distributed in January. The curriculum committee met before the regular board meeting, where the administration presented a review of the AR program.
- 7.2 Board Workshop – The board scheduled a full board workshop for Wednesday, January 18 to discuss facility and technology needs. The board asked Mr. Freeman to invite Mr. Thomas and Mr. Briggs.

- 8. Adjournment – It was moved by Loseke and seconded by Schreiber to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote, Mueller, yes; Pabian, yes; Loseke, yes; Schreiber, yes; Korte, yes and Runge, yes. Motion carried.

President Runge declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Wilke
Recording Secretary

February Activities					
DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	DETAILS
Thurs	02-02-12	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:00 dismissal			
	02-02-12	Vocal		Hastings Honor Choir	
	02-02-12	FBLA Local Industry Tours	10:00AM		
	02-02-12	Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th	4:00PM	Columbus Middle School	
	02-02-12	Wrestling: Varsity	7:00PM	Lakeview	vs. Seward
Fri	02-03-12	Speech		Kearney	
	02-03-12	Vocal		Hastings Honor Choir	
	02-03-12	Basketball: Boys JV	4:30PM	Twin River Genoa	
	02-03-12	Basketball: Girls JV	5:00PM	Twin River Genoa	
	02-03-12	Basketball: Girls Varsity	6:15PM	Twin River Genoa	
	02-03-12	Basketball: Boys Varsity	8:00PM	Twin River Genoa	
Sat	02-04-12	Vocal		Hastings Honor Choir	
	02-04-12	Basketball: Girls 9th	10:00AM	Seward	
	02-04-12	Wrestling: Varsity	10:00AM	Fairbury	
	02-04-12	Basketball: Boys JV	3:30PM	York	
	02-04-12	Basketball: Girls JV	3:30PM	York	
	02-04-12	Basketball: Girls Varsity	5:15PM	York	
	02-04-12	Basketball: Boys Varsity	7:00PM	York	
Mon	02-06-12	Basketball: Girls 9th	TBD	Seward Tournament	
	02-06-12	Wrestling: Varsity	4:00PM	Grand Island Northwest	
	02-06-12	Basketball: Boys 9th	6:30PM	David City	
Tues	02-07-12	Basketball: Girls 9th	TBD	Seward Tournament	
	02-07-12	Basketball: Girls JV	6:15PM	Lakeview	vs. Scotus
	02-07-12	Basketball: Girls Varsity	8:00PM	Lakeview	vs. Scotus
Thurs	02-09-12	Basketball: Girls JV	6:15PM	Lakeview	vs. Central City
	02-09-12	Basketball: Girls Varsity	8:00PM	Lakeview	vs. Central City
Fri	02-10-12	Wrestling Districts	TBD	York	
	02-10-12	No School Teacher In-Service			
Sat	02-11-12	Speech		David City	
	02-11-12	Wrestling Districts	TBD	York	
	02-11-12	Basketball: 7th & 8th Boys	9:30AM	Tournament @ Lakeview	
	02-11-12	Basketball: Boys 9th	10:00AM	Seward	
	02-11-12	Basketball: Boys JV	5:15PM	Lakeview	vs. Scotus
	02-11-12	Basketball: Boys Varsity	7:00PM	Lakeview	vs. Scotus
Mon	02-13-12	Basketball: Boys 9th	TBD	Seward Tournament	
Tues	02-14-12	Basketball: Boys 9th	TBD	Seward Tournament	
	02-14-12	Basketball: Girls Varsity Districts	TBD	Columbus High School	
Thurs	02-16-12	Basketball: Girls Varsity Districts	TBD	Columbus High School	
	02-16-12	Wrestling: Varsity State	TBD	Qwest Center	
Fri	02-17-12	Speech		Battle Creek	
	02-17-12	Basketball: Boys JV	6:15PM	Lakeview	vs. Central City
	02-17-12	Basketball: Boys Varsity	8:00PM	Lakeview	vs. Central City
Fri-Sat	02-17 thru 02-18	Wrestling: Varsity State	TBD	Qwest Center	
Mon	02-20-12	No School Winter Break			
Tues	02-21-12	No School Winter Break			
	02-21-12	Basketball: Boys Varsity Districts	TBD	Columbus High School	
Thurs	02-23-12	Basketball: Boys Varsity	TBD	Columbus High School	
Fri	02-24-12	Basketball: Girls Varsity Districts	TBD	TBD	
	02-24-12	Speech Conference	10:00AM	Central City	
Mon	02-27-12	Basketball: Boys Varsity Districts	TBD	TBD	
	02-27-12	Spring Practices begin			

March and April Activities					
DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	DETAILS
Thurs-Sat	03-01 thru 03-03	Basketball: Girls Varsity	TBD	State Tournament in Lincoln	
Mon	03-05-12	Jr./Sr. High Band Winter Concert	7:00PM	Lakeview in East Gym	
Tues	03-06-12	Girls Basketball Awards Night	6:00PM	Cafeteria	
Thurs-Sat	03-08 thru 03-10	Basketball: Boys Varsity	TBD	State Tournament in Lincoln	
Thurs	03-08-12	End of 3rd Quarter			
Fri	03-09-12	No School - Teacher In-Service			
Sat	03-10-12	Alumni VB Tournament	7:00AM		
Mon	03-12-12	Speech @ Districts	TBD	Scotus	
	03-12-12	Football Fundraiser	6:00PM		
Thurs	03-15-12	Soccer: Girls	5:00PM	Auburn	
	03-15-12	Soccer: Boys	5:30PM	Grand Island Central Catholic	
Sat	03-17-12	Viking Voices Dinner Concert	6:30PM	Lakeview Commons & Cafeteria	
Tues	03-20-12	Soccer: Boys and Girls	4:30PM	Scotus	
Wed	03-21-12	8th Grade Career Fair @ CCC			
Thurs	03-22-12	State Speech @ Kearney	TBD		
	03-22-12	Track: Varsity	4:00PM	Concordia University @ Seward	Invitational
	03-22-12	Soccer: Boys and Girls	4:30PM	Wilderness Park	vs. Northwest 1/2 JV to follow
	03-22-12	8th grade Career Fair at CCC			
Fri	03-23-12	Blue Hoops Basketball Tournament			
	03-23-12	Soccer: Girls Varsity	4:30PM	Platteview	
	03-23-12	Soccer: Boys Varsity	6:30PM	Platteview	
Sat	03-24-12	Blue Hoops Basketball Tournament			
Sun	03-25-12	Blue Hoops Basketball Tournament			
Mon	03-26-12	NHS Spelling Bee	3:00PM	Lakeview East Gym	
	03-26-12	Boys Basketball Awards Night	6:00PM		
Tues	03-27-12	Track: Varsity	12:00PM	USD Indoor-Vermillion, SD	
	03-27-12	Golf: Boys Varsity	4:15PM	Schuyler Dual	
	03-27-12	Soccer: Boys and Girls	4:30PM	Wilderness Park	vs. Schuyler Full JV to follow
Wed	03-28-12	Dance Tryout Practice	7:00PM	East Gym	
Thurs	03-29-12	FBLA at SLC		Omaha	
	03-29-12	Dance Tryout Practice	7:00PM	East Gym	
Fri	03-30-12	Dance Tryouts	6:00PM	East Gym	
Sat	03-31-12	Track: Varsity	10:00AM	Conference Relays	Grand Island Northwest
Mon	04-02-12	Golf: Boys Varsity	9:00AM	Lincoln Pius	
Tues	04-03-12	Track: Jr. Hi.	9:00AM	Scotus @ Pawnee Park	
	04-03-12	Track: Varsity	1:00PM	Wayne	
	04-03-12	Soccer: Boys and Girls	5:00PM	York	
Thurs	04-05-12	Soccer: Boys and Girls JV Only	5:00PM	Wilderness Park	v. Columbus
Fri	04-06-12	No School			
Mon	04-09-12	No School			
	04-09-12	Track: Jr. Hi.	4:30PM	Lakeview	vs. CMS and Scotus
Tues	04-10-12	Track: Varsity	2:00PM	Scotus Invite @ Pawnee Park	
	04-10-12	Soccer: Boys Varsity	4:30PM	Mount Michael Benedictine	Full JV to follow
Thurs	04-12-12	Soccer: Boys and Girls	TBD	Conference Tournament	
	04-12-12	Golf: Boys Varsity	4:15PM	Lakeview @ Elks	vs. David City
	04-12-12	Soccer: Boys and Girls	TBD	Conference Tournament	York
Sat	04-14-12	Golf: Boys Varsity	9:00AM	Boone Central Invite	

Home of the Vikings

FBLA – Breaking Barriers!

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Money Smart Week



During the week of January 16-20, Money Smart Week was held. The week featured a proclamation signing by Mayor Mike Moser, Board of Supervisors Chairman, Tom Martens and greetings from Columbus Chamber of Commerce President, K. C. Belitz. Through the course of the week, personal finance trivia was included in the daily announcements and treats awarded to the first correct respondent. A "green and black" day where students were encouraged to wear positive "money" colors was also part of the week. Additionally, Mr. Nelson's personal finance

students created posters with personal finance tips. Winning submissions were also rewarded and featured on the daily bulletin.

Helping Hands



During the week of January 23-27 we embarked once again in our annual helping hands campaign for the Center for Survivors. Students brought in change to their homerooms for the cause. The response of the students rewards them with paper hands that we link together and will present on February 11 at the home basketball game against Scotus. Look for the winners of the homeroom competition in the next newsletter.

Sweetheart Raffle



Walk, run, crawl, or march on over to FBLA's annual sweetheart raffle benefiting the March of Dimes. This year it will be held on February 11th during the home basketball games against Scotus.

The March of Dimes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping premature babies and their families. Tickets are sold by the concession stand and can be bought at one ticket for a dollar or six tickets for five dollars. Winners of the raffle will receive prizes donated by local businesses and chances of winning are great. The drawing will be held during half time of the boys' varsity game. So come on out, enjoy the games, and help us help March of Dimes help preemies in need.

Upcoming Events

February 1 – Local Industry Tours

February 11 – Sweetheart Raffle

February 5-11 – FBLA Week

February 21 – Path to Success Conference at UNL



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Lakeview Community Schools

Lakeview FFA Chapter Newsletter

Lost Acres Corn Maze!! Thank You Sponsors!!

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 26—Livestock Judging @ Norfolk
- Jan 31—ALL State Degrees, Proficiencies, and Record Books are due!
- Feb 4—State Degree Interviews - location TBD
- Feb 15—National FFA Scholarship Due!
- Feb 20-26—National FFA Week
- Feb 23—FFA Breakfast—7:30 at the High School Cafeteria
- March 6—District Career Development Events.

Lakeview FFA would like to offer a HUGE thank you to those who came out and visited "Lost Acres" - and an even bigger thank you to those who helped with sponsorship or worked at the maze during the month of October.

Lost Acres was created on land generously donated by Farm Credit—Columbus Branch without them we would not have had a location for maze, if you happen to see any of the fine folks at Farm Credit, especially Dick Zach or Trent Janssen—please thank them for their vision and generosity!

Without seed—the maze also wouldn't have existed—we are very fortunate to have a great

working relationship with Rosendahl Seed and Feed—and Monsanto - Dekalb Genetics . Stan and everyone Rosendahl's have always been great supporters of the chapter and our efforts—from the test plot to the corn maze—we always know that we can count on them for support! Thank you for the generous seed donation to the maze!

We would also like to thank the Keith Runge family for graciously planting the maze, but also harvesting it! And also to the Wayne Kummer family for equipment use to create the maze!

From all of us to all of you!
THANK YOU!!!!!!



Be looking for details on next years maze and how you can be part of it!


Award Time! Don't wait to get yours done!

January and February is a busy time for any active FFA member. It is record book completion time and filling out that next award winning proficiency application. But remember it doesn't happen over night! You have to dedicate some time to the completion of

your awards. Hastily prepared applications are never winning ones. Take the time to do it right the first time. Many applications require signatures, letters of recommendation and additional information that takes time to collect from others.

DON'T PROCRASTINATE!
Make an appointment with Mr .Hilker to find out your options today! Remember your deadlines—take charge of your own destiny and success!

Alumni Volleyball



It's that time again! The
Alumni Volleyball
Tournament will be held at

10:00 am on Saturday,

March 10, 2012 at Lakeview

High School. It is \$30.00 per player to

participate in this annual fundraiser for

Lakeview Volleyball. Winners receive

the money they paid to play back! To do something a little different this year,

koozies will be given instead of t-shirts. The day will begin with pool play

followed by a single elimination tournament based on the seeding from your pool.

Enter a team with your classmates or if you don't have enough for a full team, we

will match you up with a team. Alumni, spouses of alumni, and patrons of

Lakeview are welcome to play. Your help in contacting classmates will be greatly

appreciated! All forms must be received by **March 3, 2012.** Thank you for

participating in this fun annual tournament!

Questions? Contact:

Chantelle Kush (402) 276-2102 Kushck@lopers.unk.edu

Mindy Schreiber (402) 276-1502 mindyschreiber27@hotmail.com

*****Join the event on Facebook – Lakeview Alumni Volleyball 2012!!***

Lakeview Alumni Volleyball Tournament

Name: _____ Year Graduated _____

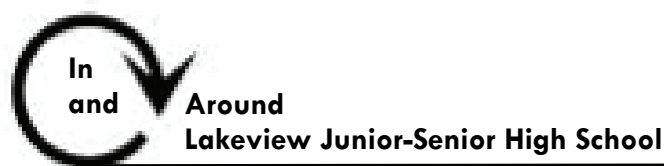
Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Year of Team You're Playing On _____

Please enclose your check for \$30.00 made out to Lighting Volleyball and mail to:

Mindy Schreiber
480 N. 16th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508



Lakeview English Teachers Alter Reading Program

AR a thing of the past

by Melanie Gustafson

"I was one of those people who would stay up til 2 a.m. reading AR the night before it was due, just to get my points. It was the worst thing in the world," complains senior Tylor Szatko.

Until this fall, the Lakeview High School English program in grades 9-12 held a lot of stake in their Accelerated Reader (AR) program. "It's a measuring tool. Students read the books and take a multiple choice test on questions testing their comprehension," notes freshman English teacher Megan Givens. "My freshmen have to get a minimum of nine points per quarter, and I give them every Friday to read," adds Givens of her program.

This year sophomore and senior English teachers, Melanie Gustafson and Kim Zach respectively, have made an adjustment to their curriculum. The program is simple. They call it Reading Practice. Both teachers admit AR is a tool they have supported in the past, but felt they were losing their readers. The students began reading for the points, not for the intrinsic love of reading. And, for these English teachers, that's a hard concept to grasp. "Last year I was getting so sick of AR, I was trying to Google AR answers," admitted Szatko.

So to work they went. Many hours during the summer were spent researching, planning, and designing a new program to show Lakeview students they could in fact love to read. What are the two key elements? Zach says, "After a lot of research, I determined that the key ingredients to any successful reading program are two

things: give kids time to read during the school day and give kids freedom of choice in what they are reading."

The teachers like to put it in terms of sports. They asked their students what their football coach would do if he only had 45 minutes once a week to help them improve upon their athletic skills. Interestingly enough, the students agreed success (of the football program) would be impossible. Thus, the emphasis must remain on calling it reading practice.

Instead of getting a total of points in AR, ranging anywhere from 13-50 depending on the student, now sophomores and senior English students are striving to read 2,000 pages of any book they choose per quarter. "Many of the books kids read were technically AR books, but since it didn't matter anymore, no one paid much attention. The thing most students complained about was the pressure of the AR tests, which, as they were reading a book, was always looming large in the back of their minds. It made reading not so pleasant and a chore. Some of the students' favorite books last quarter were the *Hunger Games* series, Terri Blackstock books, Stephen King books, *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman, and Pittacus Lore books.

"I surprised myself," claims sophomore Alicia Martinez. "I made myself a goal of 1,400 pages for the quarter and once I got there I made another goal of 1,800 pages. When the quarter was over I reached 2,200 pages. I just kept finding books I liked and hadn't taken the time to try before like *The Tenth Circle* by Jodi Picoult or *A Child Called It* by Dave Pelzer."

Even though the attitude of the reading practice program has been overwhelmingly positive, some

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students are still skeptical. In a survey taken by the sophomore class at the end of the semester, one student commented, "I like the reading program, but I feel like we should be doing more English." Gustafson and Zach will both admit they have put some of their "normal" lessons on hold, but where better to "learn English" but from some of the most well-known and well-loved writers and authors.

"Overall, this reading practice program has been a huge eye-opener to me. If teachers give kids a little freedom the possibilities are endless. I think it is amazing how just changing a few things about reading can make the kids want to read more and actually do it," adds sophomore Jack Shadley who just finished reading the *Hunger Games* series. Shadley's classmate Taylor Engel notes, "I have come to find reading a privilege. It has challenged me not only to read inside of school, but carry that self-discipline on and read outside school as well."

"I had time to find the kind of books I like because I didn't have to finish a book in order for the pages to count. In AR I focused on how big the book was and how many points I could get rather than understanding the book," explains sophomore Kylie Rollman.

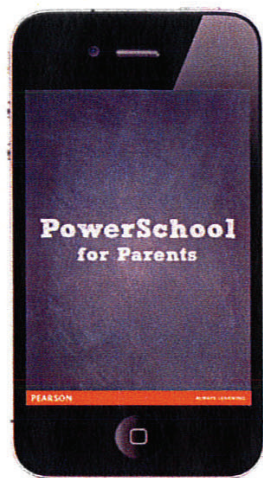
Why has this reading practice program been

successful so far, if AR was basically the same thing? "Well, it's not the same thing", senior Katie Groteluschen clarifies, "Some of us have done AR since we were in elementary school, so in our minds, AR is kiddish stuff, so we just put it on the back burner. Now, it's easy to be glad and happy, because everyone is positive about reading." Books have even proven inspirational to some students like sophomore Jade Higgins. She said, "I tend to find myself falling into these books. I dream about them, put myself into them."

For some students, like senior Josh Thomas, reading isn't on his list of high priority. But he did admit to leaving the library with his library book open. "Well," chuckles Thomas, "the bell rang, and I wasn't finished with my page." The time in class has helped the students get motivated to read their books. "I wanted to read. I even read before bed; I felt like I had to do it, like the characters in my book needed me," explains senior Abbie Soulliere.

It wasn't an easy fix. It took some convincing at first, like for sophomore Courtney Sempek. "Mrs. G. made me read *Firefly Lane* and then I read more of Kristin Hannah. I find myself not hearing anything my mom is saying, because I'm reading."

The practice isn't perfect yet, but these Lakeview teachers have helped their students see reading doesn't have to be a chore; it's a necessity.



Two new apps are now available in the Apple iTunes® App Store: **PowerSchool for Parents** and **PowerSchool for Students**.

These new apps will allow parents and students to access all the same information they would normally access from a browser, but with the ease and convenience of an app installed on their Apple mobile device.

Facebook and Twitter integration, automatic login, a family overview, simplified "one-thumb" browsing, and other features make accessing PowerSchool on the go faster and easier than ever before.

The apps are **FREE** and available for download from the iTunes store. Version 1.0 of the apps will be supported on any Apple iPod Touch, iPhone, and iPad running iOS version 4.0 or higher

SEASON REVIEW**GAME 1** LHS 29 Ashland 10

On the road we came out very strong and handled the #5 team in the state all four quarters.

GAME 2 LHS 6 Norfolk Cath 51

We did not play up to our standards and the eventual state champs took it to us.

GAME 3 LHS 27 Boone 21 OT

We played our third straight ranked opponent to start the season. It was a great high school football game.

GAME 4 LHS 27 North Bend 6

We fought through adversity in the first half and pulled away in the second half to beat 3-0 NB.

GAME 5 LHS 27 David City 30

We could not get out of our own way committing five turnovers. David City was able to capitalize.

GAME 6 LHS 41 Arlington 22

We were able to refocus and get back on track vs. the eventual quarterfinalist team.

GAME 7 LHS 20 Raymond 6

Our team overcame a great deal of distractions before, during, and after the game to get the victory.

GAME 8 Lakeview 28 Scotus 21

We were able to come out and play four complete quarters to beat a very talented Scotus team.

1ST ROUND LHS 53 LL 33

It was very exciting to be back in the playoffs vs. Lincoln Lutheran.

We were able to get our first playoff victory since 2006. Our players were really focused and got it done.

2ND ROUND LHS 40 OR 20

We hosted and won our second straight playoff game. Our team was able to wear down Roncalli.

QUARTERS LHS 0 Platteview

42 Although our season did not end the way we wanted it to it was still very memorable.

Lakeview High School

VIKINGS EARN POST SEASON HONORS

The Lakeview football team had many players earn post season honors.

ALL DISTRICT FIRST TEAMOFFENSE

Jack Shadley QB
Preston Luedtke RB
Mark Jarecki RB
Logan Paben WR

DEFENSE

Jacob Jarecki MLB
Breson Pillen MLB

HONORABLE MENTION

Cade Behlen OL
Trey Jenkinson OL
James Rohwer TE
Anthony Roth DE
Angel Sanchez DL
Nathan Thege WR

ALL STATE 1st TEAM

Logan Paben WR
Preston Luedtke DB

ALL STATE HONORABLE MENTION

Jacob Jarecki
Mark Jarecki
Breson Pillen
Jack Shadley

ACADEMIC ALL STATE

Logan Paben
Breson Pillen

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE SENIORS

Jacob Jarecki Logan Paben
Emil Staroscik Breson Pillen
James Rohwer Max Lestenguet



THANK YOU TO THE FOOTBALL CAFE

The football team would like to take this opportunity to thank the "Football Cafe" for all of the wonderful meals this past season. The meals after school were always delicious and the sack lunches after road games hit the spot. Thank you to Kevin and Illena Jarecki and all the parents who helped.

JV FOOTBALL REPORT

The 2011 JV team was very successful. The JV season was highlighted with victories vs. David City, Columbus High, and Columbus Scotus. The JVs lone loss came to Norfolk Catholic. The JV team played with good effort every week and had an enjoyable season.

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL REPORT

The Freshmen team finished with a 2 and 3 record with its losses coming from Columbus High, Norfolk Cathloic, and Aquinas JVs. The Frosh finished the season with two straight wins vs. Wayne and Central City. The frosh took the field this season with a new sense of confidence and it was showcased the last two weeks of the season. The frosh team gathered great experience during their season and are ready to contribute at the varsity level next season. Congrats to Coaches Krueger, Bubak, Staack, and Lesiak for a fine season.

2006 TEAM HONORED

The 2006 C-1-5 District champs were honored at halftime of the Homecoming game vs. David City. Players and coaches were honored and then gathered at Country Shadows after the game for a trip down memory lane.

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VIKING FOOTBALL

JANUARY 2012

FOOTBALL HONORS NIGHT

The Football Honors Night was held in November. The night gave us a chance to honor the football team for all of their hard work this past year. Each player was honored individually and then special awards were given out. Those awards were as follows-

Pancake Award – Breson Pillen

Practice Player – Anthony Roth

Most Improved – Evan Dewald

Defensive MVP – Breson Pillen

Team MVP – Logan Paben



Hit Man Award – Preston Luedtke

Scout Team MVP – Darin Wiemer/Angel Sanchez

Special Teams MVP – Preston Luedtke

Offensive MVP – Jack Shadley

Viking Pride Award – Jacob Jarecki

TEAM STARTS OFF-SEASON CONDITIONING

Off-season football conditioning started in December for the football players who are not involved in a winter sport. It is very important that our team keeps working hard this off season. The following players are doing their part to make sure that we get back to the level of play that our school, community, and alumni expect.

SENIORS - Angel Sanchez and Trenton Peters

JUNIORS - Levi Bakenhus, Taylor Engel, Mark Jarecki, Austin Urkoski, and Nathan White-Leever

SOPHOMORES - Ethan Gilsdorf, Kail Lichtenfeld, Dalton Saltz, Phillip Oehlich

These players are going through an extra lifting and agility cycle each day after school. In lifting we focus on a specific muscle group each day that will benefit them in all athletics. We also take them through different agility drills that improve quickness, strength, and flexibility. I have seen good improvement overall. However there is always room for us to improve our work ethic. It will be important for our athletes to understand that if we work hard now that it will pay dividends next season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL UPDATE: CASTILLO, CHOCHON, and MATTESON ALL HELPING TEAMS

Braulio Castillo, Eric Chochon, and Jacob Matteson's teams enjoyed very successful seasons. Braulio Castillo and the Hastings Broncos had another winning season and barely missed the playoffs. Eric Chochon and the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats were knocked out of the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs. Jacob Matteson was a freshmen this past season at Midland University and contributed on the JV team.

SPECIAL THANKS

The coaches would like to thank Zac Hoadley, Ryan Stegeman, and Cody Molt for serving as coaches aides this past year. These three young men have a great deal of pride in their school and their work is much appreciated.

SPRING SPORTS

Please encourage your son to participate in spring sports. It is very important for our student athletes to stay involved in competition year around. It is important to have them continue to gain a competitive edge by being a part of a team in the spring. Whether its track, soccer, or golf, your son can benefit greatly by being involved.

SPRING MEETING DATES SCHEDULED

The winter season will be wrapping up soon and the spring season will be starting. We have scheduled meetings in between the two seasons the best that we can. The three following dates are very important and we would appreciate all team members that are going to be in high school next year to attend. All meetings will be held at night in the weight room starting at **6:00 pm and lasting until 8:00 pm.**

SPRING MEETING FOR PLAYERS – TBA

Players will turn in goal/info sheets and we will hand out summer info. The upcoming season will be discussed with the team.

FUNDRAISING NIGHT - March 12, 2012

Coaches will take the team into Columbus and sell our coupon booklets. Pizza will be served when they return to the weight room.

FOOTBALL BLITZ NIGHT - March 19, 2012

Coaches will take the team into Columbus and sell our coupon booklets. Pizza will be served and prizes handed out when they return to the weight room.



LAKEVIEW VIKING FOOTBALL ON YOU TUBE: CLICK ON THE LINK ON OUR FOOTBALL WEB PAGE

Music Notes from the Vocal Department

Congratulations to Carlos Alarcon and Megan Albracht, Senior Viking Voices members who auditioned for and were accepted into the Hastings College Honor Choir. They will attend rehearsals on February 2-4 in Hastings and perform in a concert on Saturday afternoon, February 4th.

Upcoming Events

February 2-4 Hastings Honor Choir

February 12 Viking Voices Progressive Dinner

March 17 Viking Voices Dinner Concert

Viking Voices Progressive Dinner

Raffle tickets are now available from any Viking Voices member for the "Viking Voices Progressive Dinner". The dinner is to be held on Sunday, February 12th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Here's how it works: You purchase a ticket from any Viking Voices member for the dinner. A drawing will be held on Monday, February 6th, to determine the winner.

The winner and five of their friends will receive an evening of food and entertainment. (A total of six people.) These six people will be picked up at Lakeview High School and transported to three locations. At the first location, the group will be served appetizers and salads or soup by the Viking Voices. The second stop will feature the main course of the meal, again served by the Viking Voices, and finally, the winners will be entertained by the Viking Voices and served dessert. They will then all be transported back to Lakeview High School at the end of the evening.

So find a Viking Voices member now and purchase your raffle ticket so you will be eligible to be the winner of this fabulous evening. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The proceeds from the Progressive Dinner will be used to help defray the cost for the group to attend Branson-On-Stage Live in May.

Lakeview Community Schools Band Notes

January 2012



Elementary Band Spotlight:

The first semester of Elementary Band at Shell Creek and Platte Center as well as Christ Lutheran and St. John's has been a successful kick-off to the students' musical careers in the Lakeview Community Schools. Students have been working hard through the squeaks and squawks of learning a new instrument and the difficult task of learning the language of music. It has been a great experience for all involved. Please continue to encourage your child to practice and to remember their instruments on band days.

Band Days are as follows:

Mondays at St. John's
Tuesdays & Thursdays at Platte Center
Mondays & Wednesdays at Shell Creek
Thursdays at Christ Lutheran

Keep up the great work! Remember, studies have shown that students involved in the fine arts like music are more well-rounded students who do better in core classes.

Mark your calendars for the
Elementary Band's Spring Concert:
Monday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Junior High Band Keeps on Rollin'

The first semester is in the books for the Junior High Band and they have much to be proud of. The twenty-eight students completed a great Holiday Concert in December where they played a variety of music ranging from traditional Christmas carols to well known pop songs. This semester, the band will be focusing on literature where they will be exposed to a wide range of styles including: rock, jazz, classical, traditional American music, marches, Japanese music, and pop music.

Mark your calendars for the
Junior High Band's Spring Concerts:

**Monday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. and
Monday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.**

Senior High Band Prepares for Busy Spring

The Senior High Band completed the first semester with the 3rd Annual Christmas Concert where they presented the audience with musical selections covering all varieties of Christmas music. Students in Senior High Band were involved in playing pep band for football and volleyball during the first semester.

Second semester is going to be just as busy. Students have been providing the pep band entertainment for the home boys' and girls' basketball games. In April, the students will be participating in District Music Contest which runs from **April 19th-21st.**

There will be also two concerts on
**Monday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. and
Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m.**

Amy Chin selected to UNK Honor Band

Congratulations to Amy Chin who was selected to play in the Festival Honor Band at the University of Nebraska-Kearney Honor Band and Choral Clinic on January 23rd. Amy attended rehearsals throughout the day on Monday and the clinic ended with a 6:00 p.m. concert featuring two honor bands and three honor choirs.

Annual Frozen Food Fundraiser Set to Kick-Off

The annual Deli International frozen food fundraiser is set to kick-off Tuesday, January 31st. Students in both Junior and Senior High Bands will be selling frozen food to raise money for expenses for current and future trips. Students will be selling food through the second week in February.



Maps Testing in January

Measures of Academic Progress®

The students participated in MAPS January 16 – February 3rd. It is a computerized adaptive assessment that will provide the teachers with detailed information so they can build a curriculum to meet students' needs, one child at a time. The tests the students completed were Language Arts, Math, Science and Reading. Since each student completed the tests online, teachers and students were able to receive immediate feedback. The students will also be tested at the end of the school year. This is important so that student growth is seen.

Basketball season is underway!

The students at Christ Lutheran and St. John's schools have started their basketball season. The boys are coached by Pastor Brad Birtell and the girls' coach is Phil Buhman. Each team has been practicing very hard. Both teams won their first game and look forward to the coming season.



Science in action at Christ Lutheran School



Rock Star Jordee Korte and her mom

Second Quarter Honor Roll

Students that earned honor roll are as follows:

- 3rd Grade – Reese Janssen and Aubrey Stromberg
- 4th Grade – Amber Buhman, Carsten Loseke and Kade Stromberg
- 5th Grade – Julee Jaixen and Julia Witt
- 7th Grade – Jessica Buhman, Jordee Korte and Addie Wilke



The winter weather is upon us. Please make sure to dress your students warmly. They can play in the snow at recess **ONLY** if they have snow pants and snow boots.

2nd Semester Student Council Members Elected. Congratulations to the following students: 4th Grade: Endy Leon-Pedraza and Whitney Kuta, 5th Grade: Emily Cunningham, Jackson Loseke, Brayden Gronenthal and Kolton Zurcher, 6th Grade: Fatima Ayala, Marshall Lutjens and Krystian Szatko.

Thank you to all who helped with the parent Christmas gifts: Thank you to Glen Schmidt for getting and cutting all the wood, to Mrs. Schmidt for organizing everyone and to all the helpers for their great work with the kids!





Readers Honored



Sixty Platte Center students, grades first through sixth, made their Accelerated Readers goals for first semester. On January 6, these students were honored at a luncheon in the library with our



principal, Mr. Schrunk. Melinda Dykstra spoke to the group about her horses, horseshoes, and her favorite childhood book, Sea Star, Orphan of Chincoteague, by Marguerite Henry. Mrs. Dykstra also decorated the tables in a western theme for the event. Mrs. Wessel, school librarian, Mrs. Schure, AR coordinator, and Mrs. Terry, Title I teacher, were also present to honor our “Rootin’, Tootin’ Readers”.

Title 1 News

Our Title 1 program will now add a monthly article to the Platte Center Elementary newsletter called, “Parent and Child Activity Calendar”. There is an activity for every day of the month. Please post this and help your child make learning fun! This calendar will also be added to our website.

“Caught Being Good” Winners for January are: Rieley Holyoak, Alfredo Payon-Espino, Micah Veal, Boston Barcel, Savanna Denton, Emily Rodriguez, Kolton Zurcher, Kaleb Buck, Emily Cunningham, and Luke Rollman, Diego Becerra, Grace Berke-land, Alison Loseke, Allison Jaixen, Luke Sliva, Whitney Kuta, Edna Rosales. Congratulations Students! Continue your kind acts to students and teachers!

AR Christmas Baskets

If you’ve seen your children reading more AR books in December it’s because they had a new incentive to strive for. We had our AR Christmas Basket Contest! I believe this is our 4th year of the contest. The rules state that the children read an AR book in their level. If they score 80% or higher on the AR test, they get to put their name in their class level jar. The tests had to be taken between Nov. 28, 2011 –Dec. 22, 2011. There were over 300 tests taken in that time. This year was a little different as the teachers generously donated enough items to make 3 baskets. Some of the items in the baskets were books, games, toys, candy, book bags and lots of other treasures. We had a basket for K-2, a basket for 3rd & 4th and a basket for 5th & 6th. We also had second place prize for each division, plus extra prizes. So we had a lot of winners. The kids really enjoyed this as I had a pile of AR tests in my library every time I turned around. We are very proud of them all! Following is a list of the winners:

1 st place basket K-2	Damion Sapp
1 st place basket 3 & 4	America Rodriguez
1 st place basket 5 & 6	Kaleb Buck
2 nd place prize K-2	Damon Hansen
2 nd place prize 3 & 4	Jairo Delgado
2 nd place prize 5 & 6	Axel Juarez

Thanks to all the teachers who donated to our baskets!

Happy New Year to all!

Mrs. Wessel



Mark your calendar, bring your family, and join the fun! All parents, students, and staff members of Platte Center Elementary and Shell Creek Elementary are invited to a night of playing Bingo with prizes and refreshments on **Thursday, February 16**. The event will be held at **Lakeview High School in the cafeteria** from **6:00-7:30** and is sponsored by the district's Title 1 Program. Mrs. Honold and Mr. Mlinar will give a short informational talk on Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Nebraska State Assessments. We hope to see you there!



Platte Center Elementary PTO meeting

December 6, 2011 @ 4 pm

Attendance:

Kim Schmidt, JoAnn Cremers, Jody Jarecki, Debbie Bryan, Sylvia Walters, LeAnn Kjergaard, Guadalupe Nieto, Sarah Steffens, Daryl Schrunck, Maria Martinez, Jan Zurcher, Virgilio and Olivia Bahena, Elli Mason

Treasurer Report:

\$102.00 in savings was closed and moved into our checking due to lack of activity

\$1348.94 in checking

\$460.00 from Every Dollar Counts donations

Sarah Steffen reported on...

Land O'Lakes – earned \$1025 (goal is \$2000) – Elli will make an extra thank you card for Chantel Albee who has been bringing in gallon bags full from work

Super Saver - \$13,000 (a lot slower than usual)

Box tops, soup labels, best choice labels – no count right now

Old Business:

Every Dollar Counts: Elli will make some thank you cards that the kids can sign during lunch the next few weeks and then we will put receipts in them and send them to people who have donated so far.

Snowfall contest: Winners will be announced Friday. One winner from each class.

Movie Night – great showing (about 100 people) and received about \$63 in donations. Awesome turnout and thanks to everyone that helped and Mr. Schrunck for popping all the popcorn!

New Business:

Giving Tree – PTO wanted to know if the teachers would like the rest of their wish items bought for them. It was decided not to do this, but to spend that money on something else maybe a hot dog lunch. Guadalupe is going to make a list of items for teachers and send home a note in the Friday folders for the families that don't make it up to the building.

Large item needed – Last meeting, it was discussed that people might donate more if we had a goal in mind. Mr. Schrunck would like document cameras and projectors for more classrooms. This could be something that PTO and student council help with buying. Possibly get businesses to help donate if we have a larger item in mind.

Box Top contest – each class is going to compete in January to see who can collect the most box tops. The winning class will have a pizza party on Feb 3rd. A note needs to be sent home about this.

February Family Event – Beach Party – Feb. 24th 6:30 – 8:00 – Will discuss more at our January meeting, but will need people to help with volleyball, music, books, twister, lemonade and ice cream, hoola-hoops, beach related craft, etc.

Next PTO meeting will be in January 24 at 3:30. All Teachers and Parents are WELCOME!!



Bug Awards-2nd Quarter

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. Recognition includes the presentation of certificates and stickers to students who qualify.

1st Grade—Paben:

Josie Bentz, Elly Luchsinger, Sidney Jaixen, Christopher Howland, Aydin Hawley

2nd Grade—Livermore:

Damien Lockner, Emely Montes-Rodriguez, Ayanna Barragan Morales, Erick Bello-Solis

2nd Grade—Seiler:

Alejandra Antonio Gaspar, Ben Drozd, Kailyn Marker, Abbie Scholl

3rd Grade—Anderson:

Matthew Bennett, Sydnie Briggs, Sabrina Delaney, Logan Jaixen, Elizabeth Sand

4th Grade—Linder:

Dawson Wurdeman, Evan Tessendorf, Landon Bignell, Jacob Cruikshank, Kaylee Olmer

5th Grade—Zabawa:

Brooke Behlen, Gracie Borer, Mattie Purcell, Kelli Schoch, Mason Stahl

6th Grade—Bentz:

Cailin Briggs, Karen Effa, Mallory Gotschall, Maddie Hogleland, Matrix Kleckner

6th Grade—Beller:

Hayden Nelson, Ashley Riojas, Javier Alarcon, Kevin Burkhardt, Luis Neave



Student Council Can Food Drive...

Shell Creek Students made their goal of 862 cans collected for the Salvation Army food drive. Mr. Bentz's 6th grade class was the winner of the pizza party with Mr. Beller (6th) second and Ms. Seiler (2nd) in third place. Thank you to all the students who brought food so we could make our goal.



AR Ice Cream Party...



Shell Creek Students were treated to ice cream sundaes on Friday, January 13th. Classes had to meet 85% of their AR total points for their class to participate. All classes met their goal and were able to participate.



Thank you from the Shell Creek PTO . . .

to all who have donated to the "Every Dollar Counts" Fundraiser. So far this year your donations have totaled \$1123 and have been greatly appreciated! This "no selling" way of fundraising allows you to donate and know that 100% of your tax-deductable donations help the students and staff at Shell Creek.

So far this year we have used the funds to purchase: 50 Seat Sacks, snacks for the 3rd through 6th Graders during ITBS Testing week, 185 AR T-shirts, donuts, milk and juice for the students and families during Donut Delight, plus snacks and supplies for the Open House and the Halloween Party.

Some of the things that the remaining funds may be used for through the rest of the year include: purchasing Golden Sower Books for the Library, donation to allow the students to enjoy a half day of fun and exercise at our local YMCA for Y-Day, purchasing supplies for the End of the Year Party, and bringing in an Artist in Residence for the students.

The PTO, students, and staff want to thank the families who have made generous donations to "Every Dollar Counts." Many of you have chosen to contribute anonymously; we want to say a big thank you to you as well.

Mr. Beller

Maria Lemus Benavidez

Mrs. Brunt

Mrs. Flodman

Greg & Marla Gerkenmeyer

Ben & Crystal Klug

The Lange Family

Korlin & Michelle Lutt

John & Jane Mlinar

Lisandro Montes

William & Eileen Purinton

Norman & Jami Schoch

Mark & Amanda Schwarz

Carol Smith

Joe & Shari Stahl

Jim & Shayla Stock

Mrs. Terry

Travis & Abbie Tessendorf

If you would still like to donate, you can contact Crystal Klug, PTO President, Amanda Schwarz, PTO Treasurer, or stop in the office to pick up a form. If you have new ideas of how you would like to help support Shell Creek or help in any future events please contact Crystal or join us on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012 at 6:30 pm for our next PTO Meeting. We appreciate any and all help and support!

Happy New Year from the Shell Creek PTO

For more info, Crystal Klug at 402-564-6671 or Amanda Schwarz at 402-563-0343.