



THE WOLFPACK



LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 4-1 Secondary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
Track in Elwood at 10:00AM
Golf in Cambridge at 10:00AM
Prom Work Night from 5:30 - 7:30PM
- 4-2 Secondary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
FFA State Convention
Science Fair Grades 5th and 6th
- 4-3 Secondary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
FFA State Convention
Policy Committee Meeting at 7:30AM
- 4-4 Secondary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
FFA State Convention
- 4-5 Grades 5-8 Music Contest
Loomis Prom
- 4-7 Elementary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
Public Information Meeting on Building at 7:00PM
- 4-8 Elementary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
Golf in Hi-Line at 10:00AM
Building, Grounds and Transportation Meeting at 11:30AM
JH Track in Overton at 1:00PM
Track in Adams Central at 1:30PM
STORM Volleyball Practice at 6:30PM
- 4-9 Elementary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
Monthly Booster Club Meeting at 6:20PM
- 4-10 Elementary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
Golf in Doniphan-Trumbull at 10:00AM
McDonald's McTeacher's Night from 4:00 - 7:00PM
- 4-11 Elementary MAPS/NSCAS Testing
Track in Axtell at 10:00AM
- 4-14 Elementary/Secondary Fast Bridge Testing
Grades 5/6 Field Trip to Henry Doorly Zoo
FFA Officer Interviews at 4:45PM
School Board Meeting at 7:30PM
- 4-15 Elementary/Secondary Fast Bridge Testing
Grades 5/6 Field Trip to Henry Doorly Zoo
JH Track in Bertrand at 1:00PM (Loomis Invite)
- 4-16 Elementary/Secondary Fast Bridge Testing
JV Track in Blue Hill at 11:00AM
- 4-17 Elementary/Secondary Fast Bridge Testing
Golf in Med Valley at 10:00AM
Track in Bertrand at 10:30AM
- 4-18 No School - Good Friday
- 4-20 Easter HAPPY EASTER
- 4-21 No School - Easter Monday
- 4-22 JV Track in Overton at 9:00AM
Golf in Alma at 10:00AM
JH Track in Elwood at 10:00AM
- 4-23 Track in Arapahoe at 10:00AM
- 4-24 Senior Fun Day
- 4-25 District Music Contest
Track in Lexington at 12:00PM
- 4-28 Senior Send-Off Assembly in Loomis from 9:30-11:00AM
JH Book Club Field Trip at 8:00AM
FFA Banquet at 6:30PM
- 4-29 Golf in Kearney at 9:00AM
JH Track in Bertrand at 10:00AM
JV Golf in Alma at 2:30PM
- 4-30 Last Day for Seniors!
Senior Breakfast at 7:15AM
Practice for Graduation at 8:00AM
Baccalaureate at the E-Free Church at 7:00PM

Straight from the Wolf's Den Nate Weaver

We are finally into Spring, and I am in hopes that the weather continues to improve. Hopefully our students can put their winter coats away and get their summer cloths out. I'm not sure on your thoughts, but I was over the winter weather by February. With the spring weather, brings a busy and hectic time of year.

It seems that we try to jam about 6 months of activities and things to do in the last 2 months of school. LPS is in the midst of our final MAP, NSCAS and Fastbridge testing. While this may seem like a lot of testing, we are looking for data and scores to improve. We can bridge our instruction off of the results and essentially fill in the missing pieces for students K-10. NSCAS testing only involves 3rd-8th grades. With those students taking the NSCAS, they will not have to take the final MAPS testing for the year. K-2nd grade and 9th-10th grades will be taking MAPS testing towards the end of April. I anticipate seeing growth in with our students there as well. Juniors take the ACT as their state test. I am hoping that they will look into changing this in the future because colleges don't require this test for entry.

With jamming everything into the spring, we see students out of the building frequently. Our JH students are gone for track, and quiz bowl. Our HS students are gone for track, golf, quiz bowl, and other smaller school activities. It seems like we have students out of the building daily. This is my request to make sure that your student is here and taking advantage of the time they are in their classes. Being gone during this time can be hard for them to make up. If they are gone for medical reasons, please send a Dr's note so that we can document medical leave. Students cannot miss more than 20 days a year per Nebraska law. We can, however, document the absences as excused if families follow the correct protocol. Please call the school if you have questions.

LPS is planning a Community engagement meeting on April 7th . The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the possibilities of renovating and adding onto the building. We would like to share with you the process that we have undergone to get to this point, a potential plan and potential costs. Nothing that we have is set in stone, but now is the time to share with the community and show you what we are thinking. There will be time for questions. Please see the attached flyer. We look forward to seeing you at 7:00 pm on the 7th .

It's a Great Day to be a Wolf!

The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel

Jeff Ellsworth



Hoppy April!

STATE TESTING

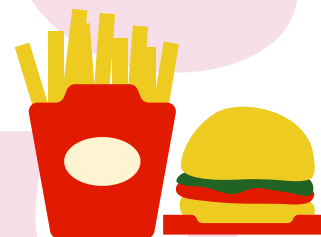
We are entering the final stretch! In April, the Easter Bunny brings state testing! Yep! That time of year again. Please encourage your student(s) to do their absolute best on the test. The NSCAS tests for 3-10 Grade students and our FastBridge testing for PK-11 Grade students give us so much information about how your student learns, what areas of their education they are strong in, and what areas they need extra help in to build foundational skills. Loomis Public Schools has always rated highly with testing results and we want to continue that tradition. It is important to make sure your student(s) get adequate rest and they are well fed. The extra encouragement from home also helps. Thank you in advance for your help.

SPRING ACTIVITIES/GRADES

April is also one of the busiest times of the year with spring sports. Between Varsity/JV Track, Golf, and JH Track, there are days where the high school looks like a ghost town. We have many students participate in these activities and they typically happen during the school day. It is important that student athletes get their assignments ahead of time and that they stay on top of their grades. It is a great time management lesson when it comes to spring sports, it also teaches a little more responsibility. Again, positive encouragement to both do well in their events and to stay on top of their grades, coming from home, is very helpful to everyone. Again, thank you for your efforts.

McTeacher Night

Thursday, April 10, we are partnering with McDonald's. From 4:00-7:00, we will receive 50% of the profits we bring in. We will have more information coming out soon about this event. Come eat and earn money for our school!



SENIORS

Unfortunately for some, April also means that the seniors will finish up their education at Loomis Public School and start to make their own way in the world. The seniors' last day will be April 30. Graduation will be May 3 at 5:00pm. They have some activities planned before their last day as well as after graduation, such as the Spring Music Concert (May 1), the Activities Banquet (May 7), among other things. Make sure you check the calendar on the website as some things may change.

Good luck to all of our Spring athletes and our seniors! April and May will go pretty fast and we will be at the end of the school year before we know it.

As always, I am available to answer questions and visit with you about any issues. Please feel free to reach out: jeff.ellsworth@loomiswolves.org (308) 876-2111.

Mr. E



Attention: Public Meeting

Loomis Public Schools - West Gym

Facility Improvement Feedback Meeting

April 7th, 7:00pm

Open to the Public and Patrons of the District

This meeting is set to discuss and share the possibilities of remodeling and expansion of the building. This meeting is intended to get community input, feedback and to help the district find a plan to move forward. Wilkins ADP, Hausmann Construction and our bond council will be in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you on April 7th!



100 YEARS ~~YEARS~~ DAYS

LOOMIS PRESCHOOL
CELEBRATES THEIR
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!
-MISS ANN ERICKSON

The 100th day of school for our Preschool class was spent counting to 100, creating fruit loop necklaces, eating 100 pieces of candy and reflecting on what we have learned. With 100 days under our belt, we are wise beyond our years.

Life is short- even in preschool! We do our best to make the most of our time together as we learn, create, and make memories. Time affects all of us, no matter our age.

Don't be afraid to fail- We learn through failure! Failure is a part of growth and the first step in learning how to solve our own problems. Don't be afraid of it, embrace it!

Say you're sorry- We are never too old (or young), to take responsibility for our actions. In doing so, we embrace humility and learn how to put the needs of others before our own. It's about kindness and the importance of relationships.

Take care of your health- Stay active, eat healthy, and rest well. Keeping a positive frame of mind is a great start to reaching the age of 100 and enjoying the life we are given.



OF PRESCHOOL

Board Meeting Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting
7:30 PM Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan St Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, March 10, 2025



Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 3-3-2025

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 3-3-2025

Kelly Anderson: Present, Farren Nelson: Present, Denny Pouk: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Present.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Farren Nelson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

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

2. Welcome Guests

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

4. Consent Agenda

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

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the Bill Roster.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes



*hello
april*

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund

Receipts \$496,608.39, expenses \$369,440.91, balance \$1,900,889.39

Through February, we are 56.57% of the general fund budget.

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$210.33, expenses \$0, balance \$1,023,959.38

Bond: Receipts \$14,204.78, expenses \$0, balance \$218,681.79

4.4.3. Activities Fund

Receipts \$18,082.30, expenses \$13,958.00, balance \$137,547.01

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund

Receipts \$24,302.12, expenses \$23,446.08, balance \$65,915.88

4.4.5. Building Fund

Receipts \$9,353.60, expenses \$420.84, balance \$174,867.15

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

Beef Committee: 1 Beef was purchased.

6.1. Negotiations

6.2. Americanism

6.3. Policy

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

6.4.1. Board Discussion on the expansion/buildings project

6.5. Preschool Advisory

31 preschool applicants, letters will be sent this week notifying families if they were accepted or not.

7. Administrative Reports

Spring sports are beginning, Mr. Benjamin will help coach golf this year.



7.1. Principal

Testing will begin soon. Parent-teacher conferences were held in February, grades K-6 had 95% attendance and 7-12 was 37%.

7.2. Superintendent

Teacher contracts are due March 15, CJUMP natural gas program, Mr. Spies will be teaching driver's education, bus 16 is waiting for a windshield that is on backorder.

8. Public Forum

9. Recess

None taken

10. Action Agenda Items



10.1. Vote to approve the contract with Hausman Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk.

Motion to approve the contract with Hausman Construction Manager at Risk. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Kelly Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.1.1. Approve the purchase of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica van from Janssen Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge for 38,359.

Vote to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Mini van from Janssen Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge. Passed with a motion by Luke Thorell and a second by Farren Nelson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.2. Vote to approve the contract for Samantha Thorell for the 1st grade position for the 25-26 school year.

Vote to approve the contract of Samantha Thorell for the open 1st grade position. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Denny Pouk.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.2.1. Non-Certified wage increase

Vote to approve a 2 dollar per hour raise for all non-certified staff. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Motion to increase Activity Bus driving hourly rate to \$20. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Mike Szekely.
Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.2.2. Administration salary increase

Vote to approve the 3.2% raise for the Loomis Administration. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

11. Closed Session

12. Next Meeting Date

13. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



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Loomis Public Schools Mission Statement

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