

# Girls Basketball

## Midseason Report

*-Jay Knaak*

The Girls Basketball team has been struggling all year with their shooting and with turnovers. We currently have a record of 2-11, as Jan. 21, with four regular season games and the Pioneer Conference and Sub-District tournaments yet to play. The Lady Tigers have been led all season in scoring by Ashton Albers, Sydney Rees and Maggie Kramer. Brittany Thomas and Jordan Thomas round out the starting line-up with Tiffany Wiles, Olivia Dvorak and Katy Sisco seeing plenty of playing time and contributing in other ways.

### **"Read Across America Day" Planned for March 3**

*-Debbie Goossen*

Lewiston will celebrate our 11th Annual Read Across America Day on March 3. This nation-wide celebration honors the 104th birthday of Dr. Seuss.

During the school day students will enjoy a "Reading Buddy Time at Noon." The older elementary students will share a favorite picture book with younger students as they eat their lunch in the classroom.

There will be a Family Reading Night from 7 until 8 p.m. This year we are also inviting grandparents and anyone else students can read to. We will read for the first half hour and have a family activity during the last half hour.

The PTO is providing refreshments for that evening. There will also be door prizes.

## *PTO UPDATE*

*PTO will be meeting February 28 at  
7:00 p.m. to prepare for  
Teacher Appreciation on March 4.  
Everyone is welcome.*



## Notes from the Math Room

*-Jay Knaak*

All of the classes are progressing through the curriculum and have done very well on the standards testing so far. We have added a new class this semester to provide those students that have not taken the college track mathematics classes an opportunity to score well on the Nebraska State Mathematics Standards. In a small school, a few students' scores can dramatically shift the scores in the state reporting. This year's Junior class has a few that were not on the college track for mathematics. Thus far, the class has done well on the STARS standards presented. They are getting an intense and comprehensive explanation of each of the standards and then assessed on them to better help them score well. We have to report to the State of Nebraska the score on the math standards in 4th, 8th and 11th grades. We have been doing very well on those reports and hope to continue to do our best.



## FCCLA NEWS

--*Nancy Barr*

FCCLA will be busy the next few weeks. We held our Soup Supper January 25 during the Sterling/Lewiston Basketball game. Thanks to all who helped and attended.

FCCLA week will be February 11-15. Keep watching the weekly for information on activities scheduled for the week.

Just a note: The third Bloodmobile will be held at Lewiston on March 19 from 2-7pm.

## **"Take a Reading Road Trip" Book Fair at Lewiston School**

-*Deb Goossen*

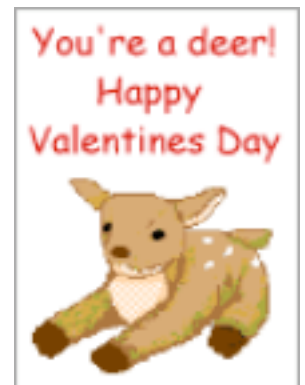
The "Take a Reading Road Trip" Scholastic book fair will be held February 4-8 in the Lewiston library. The book fair will be open each morning and during parent/teacher conferences on February 7 from 2:30-7:00 p.m.

For the past four weeks elementary students have been reading books to reach accelerated reading goals. They each had a "car" which traveled across the bulletin boards in the elementary library.

Their trip began in Nebraska and traveled to Minnesota, Vermont, and New York. Each of these destinations is the location for one of the Golden Sower books read during their library time.

Prizes were given to students each week. They received \$4.00 in coupons for the book fair and a trail bar. Those students meeting all of their goals received a one topping mini pizza and a small fountain drink from the One Stop Shop located at the intersection of Highway 136 and Highway 4. The school thanks Duaine and Robyn Arena for donating this prize.

In keeping with the traveling theme, we will be having a "Tourist Trap Tuesday" on February 5. Each elementary student is encouraged to wear a t-shirt from a tourist destination on that day.



Lewiston Consolidated Schools  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2008

A regular meeting of the Lewiston School Board District 69 was held on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 7:30 P.M., such meeting being open to the public and preceded in notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order and the Open Meeting poster acknowledged by President Steve Knoche. Roll call found the following members to be present: Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas. Absent: none. Also present: Danielle Cramer, Lee Cramer, Mark Davis and Bruce McCoy.

A request was made by Danielle Cramer for consideration of a curricular progression change so that she could be able to graduate a semester early. A lengthy discussion followed in regard to this request. The school board directed the administration to utilize an immediate measure to handle this and will have the policy committee review this particular issue.

The "chair" was then relinquished to Dr. McCoy for purposes of electing the Board President for 2008. Moved by Thomas and seconded by Bacon to nominate Steve Knoche as President. Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Husa "for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Knoche." In a voice vote, the motion carried, 5-0-1. Knoche then resumed the "chair."

Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Bacon to nominate Dean Dvorak as Vice President of the Board. Moved by Thomas and seconded by Knoche "for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dvorak." In a voice vote, the motion carried, 5-0-1.

Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Knoche to nominate Scott Thomas as Treasurer of the Board. Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Bacon "for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Thomas." In a voice vote, the motion carried, 5-0-1.

Moved by Dvorak and seconded by Thomas "to approve the minutes of the December 17 regular meeting." Those voting in favor of said motion: Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The treasurer's report was presented by Scott Thomas and Dr. McCoy went over the monthly claims. Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Bacon to "approve the January treasurer's report, January payroll and the January claims in the amount of \$17,342.75." Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Several upcoming meetings were discussed. Members will let Dr. McCoy know if they wish to attend any of them. Considerable discussion followed on the results of a survey regarding cooperatives. A committee will be formed and will meet to examine the results and Dr. McCoy was asked to provide some additional data regarding the respondents.

Starting a pre-school in 2008-09 was again discussed at length, as well as hiring of a full-time Spanish teacher. Dr. Curt Wischmeier is willing to help fund a portion of either the pre-school or the Spanish teacher. After discussing costs, needs, and other contingencies, it was moved by Knoche and seconded by Husa "to start a pre-school for the 2008-09 school year, with a first year

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limit of ten students." Those voting in favor of said motion: Knoche, Bacon, Husa. Those opposed: Lovitt, Thomas, Dvorak. Motion failed, 3-3.

Board committees were then discussed and two changes were made of members on the negotiations committee and those on the policy committee. The Power School Interlocal was briefly discussed. Moved by Dvorak and seconded by Bacon "to approve the Power School Interlocal Agreement for 2008-09." Those voting in favor of said motion: Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The principal's report was then handed out and Dr. McCoy reported on some recent and upcoming meetings and events.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Bacon "to go into executive session at 10:20 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Dvorak and seconded by Husa "to come out of executive session at 10:50 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Bacon and seconded by Dvorak "to extend Dr. McCoy's contract for an additional year." Those voting in favor of said motion: Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Dvorak "to approve the hiring of a full-time Spanish teacher for the 2008-09 school year." Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Dvorak. Those opposed: Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Bacon. Motion failed, 2-4.

Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Husa "to adjourn at 10:54 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Bruce McCoy, Board Secretary, Dist. #69

## News from Here & There..

-Natalie Sisco

I hope you were able to view the artwork at the Pioneer Conference Art Exhibit in Pawnee City. We really have a number of very talented students in our Junior & Senior High classes. We will be starting a unit on pottery in the near future. I've been trying to convince the students "if you're not getting dirty, then you are not having fun." Some of them tend to disagree with me!! We will see how the unit goes.

I still have a few t-shirts left from the school store at an asking price of \$5.00 each. We have lots of adult medium size left. If interested, please email me or call the school and let me know.

It seems impossible to think about summer when it is so cold outside, but I was wondering if anyone would be interested in some summer classes involving computers. We can cover a variety of topics such as internet searches, word processing, antivirus software...If you are interested, please call the school and let me know so we can make plans. If we don't have enough interest for a class, I would be willing to meet with you any time to answer questions or direct you to someone who can.

Happy Valentine's Day to each and every one of you.

## **“Principally Speaking”**

**-Dan Parks**

We have Parent Teachers Conferences coming up Feb. 7th from 2:30-7:00 pm. School will be dismissed that day at 1:30 pm. and we will have a 2 hr. late start the next day at 10:15 am. Elementary teachers will be located in their rooms and 7-12 teachers will be in the old gym. We hope that parents would attend the conferences to gather information about their children in their educational process. I would also encourage you to meet with all your students teachers when you come to the conference. Learning how to be a good learner is so important in today's world with people changing jobs on the average of 8 times in their life time.

This is a strong reason for our school Intervention policy. Our staff is committed to helping our children become solid students and are willing to spend extra time and effort to help them develop those characteristics which will help them become solid students a good learners. Mrs. Anderson is also working with the 7th and 8th grade with their study skills and helping students develop good assignments books, strong notes and note books, and providing some quiet study time.

I know that many people and students put alot of emphasis on activities and how the different teams are doing. I agree, having strong teams makes it easier to have a positive school climate. But winning or losing teams must not determine what kind of people we are or how we behave. Our lives should not be based on winning or losing. Our lives should be based on solid values. Here at LCS we emphasize those values in the Character Counts Program. Trust, Responsibility, Caring, Respect, Fairness, and Citizenship. We know that a person who's life is based on values is solid on a daily basis and not up and down with the daily things that happen to them. Developing the ability to be a strong student goes right along with these values. It is very difficult to be a good student without having respect or being responsible and trustworthy not to mention being a good citizen.

I hope that our students realize the most important thing that they can gain from being a student at LCS or any school is not an undefeated football team but learning how to be a good learner and learning the things that are really important, things we should base our lives on (Values). These values we can take to the bank and they will be with us throughout our lives and will help provide us a continuous light house so we do not lose our way in this complex world.

## **February Counselor's Corner**

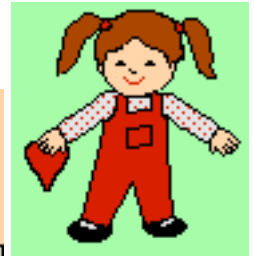
**-Larry Rathe**

Elementary counseling sessions are being held on a weekly basis during the third quarter with the third, fourth, and fifth grade classes. Currently the third grade is focusing on the Character Counts pillar of “Caring.” Books, videos, and discussions are focusing on just how important it can be to stop and consider the rights and feeling of others rather than just acting and speaking from a single perspective of one's own rights and feelings.

The fifth grade materials and discussions, on the other hand, are currently focused on the Character Counts pillar of “Responsibility” and in particular just how important it is for everyone to accept the responsibility for the choices they make and the consequences that may follow, especially when a poor choice results in actions that can bring painful, even tragic, consequences to themselves and/ or others.

While the third and fifth graders are working on the Character Counts pillars, the fourth graders are actively participating in a game of “Guess Who” designed to increase their knowledge of their classmates favorite things in comparison to their won. Finally, anything a significant adult in the student's life does to reinforce these activities will further enhance the student's character development and is both encouraged and appreciated.

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## NEWS FROM THE TIGER'S DEN

---by Dr. Bruce McCoy, Supt.

HONOR ROLL---I'd like to congratulate all the students who made the first semester honor roll. Keep up the good work! Those making the regular elementary honor roll were Kelsey Arena, Rebecca Bohanon, Lexi Jasa, Cassandra Kagy, Karlea Nouzovsky, Skylar Salts, Logan Sanford, Cole Schmale, Cajun Singleton, Leslie Sommerhalder, Dalton Anderson, Kaitlin Arena, Melinda Phroper, Sara Scholl, Stacey Sisco, Diamond Crouse, Cydney Howell, Jerica Kagy, Autumn Schmale, Brooke Wehrbein, Hannah Christen, Cutter Singleton and Paul Sunneberg. Those making the elementary high honor roll for all A's were Shelby Roschewski, Hayden Albers, Melissa Bausch, Isaac Frerichs, Connor Barr and Patrick Dvorak. Those making the secondary regular honor roll were Lyle Kwiatkowski, Isaac Rinne, Eugene McClellan, Gina Schmale, Ashton Albers, Margaret Kramer, Alisha Salts, Katie Sisco, Ines Albrecht, Kari Brunges, Hao Chang, Olivia Dvorak, Brice Kwiatkowski, Juliane Luhmann, Lisa Stewart, Tobias Stiefel, Brittany Thomas and Jordan Thomas. Those making the secondary high honor roll were Adam Frerichs, Daniel Kwiatkowski, Bonnie Sisco, Carissa Wenzl and Sydney Rees. Good job all of you! Keep it up!

WINTER ACTIVITIES---our winter activities program has had modest success. The various teams have struggled with finding wins, but have maintained a solid effort to make themselves better. The varsity girls team has been led in scoring by Ashton Albers and Maggie Kramer. Others making significant contributions are Sydney Rees, Brittany Thomas, Jordan Thomas, Olivia Dvorak, Katy Sisco and Alisha Salts. The varsity boys top scorer was Spencer Knoche, before a season ending injury. Other major contributors have been Jerrod Sisco, London Maguire, Devon Tate, Kyle Oates, Brice Kwiatkowski, Billy Gaddy, Derek Rule and T. J. Tremain.

PARLI PRO TEAM EXCELS---congratulations to the Lewiston FFA junior parliamentary procedure team for qualifying for state at the District FFA Leadership Skills contest. Team members are Delaney Rees, Ashton Albers, Erica Thomas, Kristin Wolken, Sarah Mitchell, Katy Sisco, Joey Burd, T. J. Tremain, Nick Gaddy and Eugene McClellan. Good job Mr. Wissenburg and FFA team!

SPELLING CONTEST---this year, the Pawnee County Spelling Contest will be hosted by Pawnee City. The date is Saturday, February 23. If any of you would be willing to volunteer to help with the contest this year, please call Dr. McCoy by February 8.

MATH ASSESSMENTS---we recently has our visitation from the state in regard to our Math Assessments. Our committee members, Mr. Parks, Mrs. Tennant. Mrs. Stutesman and Mr. Knaak, spend a good share of the day on January 23 going over our math assessment plan with the visitors. When they left, they indicated that we had a good plan and process. We thank the four staff members who put in all the time on this project.