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# Lewiston Consolidated Schools

## Newsletter

### June 2023

#### Important Dates and Upcoming Events

6/5	Slime Time Summer Learning in the school Library 10am-12pm
6/12	Slime Time Summer Learning in the school Library 10am-12pm
6/14	School Board Meeting 7:30pm
6/19	Slime Time Summer Learning in the school Library 10am-12pm

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#### \* Head Girls Basketball Coach \*

Lewiston Consolidated Schools is accepting applications for a Head Girls Basketball Coach for 2023-2024.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact:  
 Rick Kentfield for information regarding the position.  
 (402) 865-4675

Please see school website for Summer Weights and Sports schedules.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Football Practice Girls Basketball Weights Humphrey	Weights Asche	Weights Asche	Boys Basketball		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Girls Basketball Weights Humphrey	Weights Asche	Weights Asche	Boys Basketball Weights Callan		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Weights Callan	Weights Asche	Weights Asche	Weights Callan		



Dear Parents or Guardians,

I am very excited to announce that for the 2023-2024 school year, Lewiston (K-3) will be participating in the WORDS Project. We would like to give you a little information on what our teachers and students will be provided through this program.

### **Background on WORDS**

WORDS (Workshops on Reading Development Strategies) is a program designed to improve reading instruction for students in grades K-3. It was developed by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education and is aligned to Nebraska Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Framework (*NeMTSS*). Some important notes about the project include:

- It is a multi-year, research-based project.
- It facilitates high-quality, standards-based reading instruction and intervention.
- It is designed to align with the 2018 Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, the NebraskaREADS initiative, and Nebraska’s College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts using the *NeMTSS* framework.
- It is designed to flexibly meet the needs of our school and population.
- It is free for participating schools and provides funds to support reading tutoring.

### **Research-driven WORDS components that align with NebraskaREADS:**

#### *Teacher Professional Development Opportunities*

WORDS provides teachers with flexible and ongoing professional development opportunities to help them confidently deliver evidence-based, effective reading instruction and intervention.

#### *Assessment Training & Support*

WORDS provides professional development and training on how to administer, analyze and interpret reading assessment data, and to reliably identify students who need extra reading support.

#### *Reading Leadership Training*

WORDS builds capacity among local leadership to implement professional development in your school, district, or statewide.

#### *Reading Tutoring Program*

WORDS offers paid opportunities for teachers to implement instructional practices that they are learning from the program by providing after school tutoring for students, who qualify for the program, at no cost to families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juli Smith".

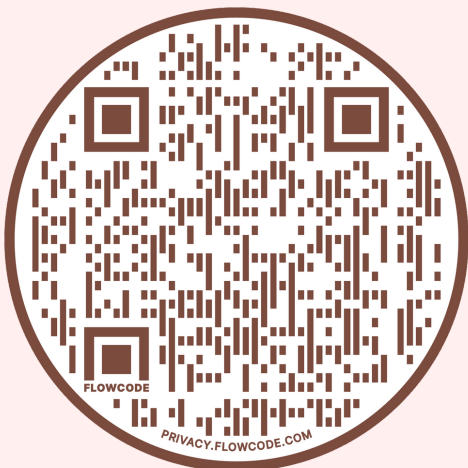
Juli Smith  
PreK-12 Principal

# Slime Engineers

- Youth are introduced to the underlying basic chemistry of slime, including mixtures and solutions, solubility, and the difference between physical and chemical reactions
- Youth then explore a variety of slime and slime-like substances before engineering their own recipes.



Use this link or QR Code to register for the workshop:  
<https://forms.gle/zRP4ZU3FULvcwSEe6>



## Dates & Times

June 5, 2023

June 12, 2023

June 19, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Students will meet in the Lewiston School Cafeteria

More information :

[mary.moser@unl.edu](mailto:mary.moser@unl.edu)

402-852-2970

**N** EXTENSION  
4-H Youth Development

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**“What Does Patriotism Mean to You?”**

**2023 Americanism Essay Contest Winners- Sorenson Keiber Unit 336**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rexton J. Busing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trenton Laflin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Owen Wehrbein

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- \*1<sup>st</sup> Madison deKoning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenneth Peck
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chase Rule

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- \*1<sup>st</sup> Camden Swendener
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payton Heideman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Adrianna Lampe

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Justice Currie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Darrien Howe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Zackery Ayala

\*Essay sent to Department from each Division

**2023 Americanism Essay Contest Winners- Burchard**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ayden Hunzeker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper Swendener

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- \*1<sup>st</sup> Jenna Anderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashton Sanders
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashlynn Anderson

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Caleb Rule
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaxon Janssen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Leah Christen

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- \*1<sup>st</sup> Carleigh Weyers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma deKoning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Katelyn Sanders

\*Essay sent to Department from each Division



Photo compliments of Mandy deKoning

Ms. Liberty's 5th grade class created a collaborative tiger mural. Each student was tasked with coloring a section of the tiger.

Each piece of the tiger was first printed out on a standard 8.5x11" paper, and then pieced together to reveal the face of the tiger.

They were very proud of the final result!



LCS (Leadership-Character-Service) members received a much deserved mini golf trip in May!



Photos compliments of Leann Baker



## From the Desk of Mr. Barnes

Congratulations to 7th grade students Camden Swendener, Grady Weyers, and Sutton Morris on winning the Quarter four “Just” Jar competition in Mr. Barnes’ room. This year the 7th grade students agreed to have a “Just” jar to encourage the improvement of their word choice while they continue to develop writing skills. Much like the concept of a “swear” jar, each time the students submit a homework assignment Mr. Barnes reviews it for any non-professional words that seek to detract from the intended meaning of the sentence. For example, if words such as “things”, “just”, “got”, or “get” to list a few, are found in the assignment, that student will have their name placed in the jar. The student at the end of the Quarter with the least amount of names in the jar is awarded the prize which happens to be - JUST A BUNCH OF CANDY!

In addition to the overall champion of the quarter, an award for the most improved in reducing the frequency of non-academic words in writing from Q3 to Q4 is also given. The Q4 recipient of the Most Improved award in Q4 was a tie between Grady Weyers and Sutton Morris. The overall champion was Camden Swendener. Congratulations to all the students this year for their continued efforts at improving their writing skills in Social Studies! I look forward to seeing you all next fall. Have a great summer!



Photo compliments of Mr. Barnes



Photo compliments of Miss Crowe

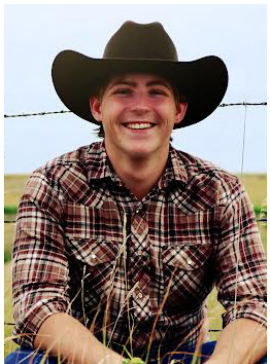
**Congratulations to the Class of 2036 on their Preschool Graduation!**

# Congratulations to the Class of 2023

Graduation commencement was held May 13th, 2023



Class photo compliments of Mrs. Campbell



Ty  
Arena



Lynn  
Blanchard



Emma  
deKoning



Freddie  
McMurray



Jaqueline  
Mullins



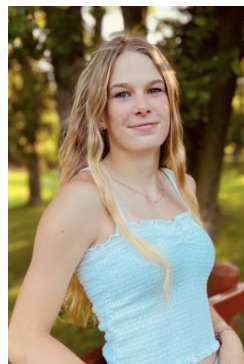
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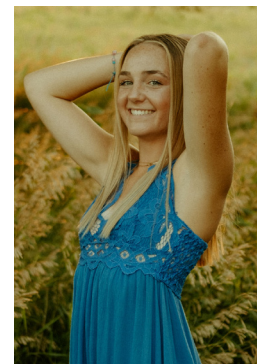
Katelyn  
Sanders



Meagan  
Sanders



Jip  
Van deVoort



Carleigh  
Weyers





## LEWISTON FAMILY HOUSING, LLC

Lewiston Family Housing, LLC is proud to announce the construction and sale of a second house in Lewiston, NE.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss purchasing a new home and having that home customized to fit your needs, please call Larry Husa at (402) 696-4564.

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**Lewiston Consolidated Schools  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2023**

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Wednesday, May 10th, at 7:30 p.m., the meeting being open to the public and proceeded in notice as required by law. Notice of this meeting was given to the President and all members of the Board and a copy of the acknowledgement of notice and the agenda is noted in the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the public in advanced notice and to the President of the Board and all Board members. The meeting was called to order, the Open Meetings Law poster recognized, and verbal notice that the meeting was recorded was given by the Vice President and on a roll call vote, the following members were present: Bredemeier, Howell, Mencl, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: Rule. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, and two visitors. The agenda was reviewed. Moved by Howell and seconded by Bredemeier "to approve the agenda as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Howell, Mencl, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

There were no visitor comments.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Mencl "to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 which included the April 13th board meeting minutes. May treasurer's report with noted correction to the general fund starting balance, May claims in the amount of \$52,999.04, May payroll in the amount of \$257,326.93, extended contract for Michele Houston and extended contract for Kurt Wissenburg. Those voting in favor of said motion: Mencl, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Bredemeier "to approve the employment agreement for Juanita Shrader, Librarian, as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier Howell and Mencl. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Bredemeier "to approve the employment agreement for Cari Burris, AG Teacher, as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell and Mencl. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mike Fakler presented architectural plans for

a new press box, restrooms, concessions stand, and bleachers at the track/football field location. Discussion took place. No formal action was taken.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Bredemeier "to approve Michael Fakler's proposal for architectural services in the amount of \$25,500.00 as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Bredemeier, Howell, Mencl. Searcey, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Bredemeier "to approve the 2023-2024 master calendar as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Howell, Mencl, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Mencl "to approve the proposed master bell schedule for 2023-2024." Those voting in favor of said motion: Mencl, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Bredemeier and seconded by Howell "to approve the extra-duty assignments as presented for 23-24." Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Mencl. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Bredemeier and seconded by Howell "to approve board policies 5000 thru 5030 as presented with changes discussed." Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, Mencl, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Juli Smith, K-12 Principal, reported on programming, successes, and upcoming events.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, reported on staffing, facility planning, scholarships, budget review, sale of old vans, and graduation. Board Committee Report – There were no reports at this time.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Bredemeier "to adjourn at 9:23 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Howell, Mencl, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, June 14th, at 7:30 p.m.

Rick Kentfield  
Board Secretary, Dist. #69



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