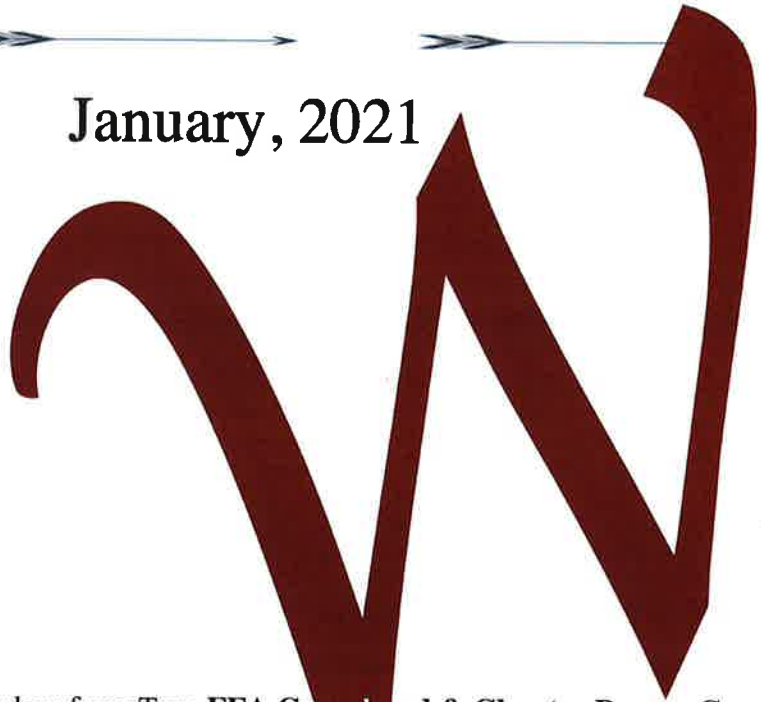


Leyton Warrior Newsletter

Leyton Public Schools, Dalton, NE-308-377-2301, Gurley, NE-308-884-2247

January, 2021



Left-Below from Top: **FFA Greenhand & Chapter Degree Ceremony on December 3rd**; **Front-Officers** Chase Rushman, Tylene Berner, Ashton Van Anne, Sage Rummel, Ella Draper, Cort Rummel & Dawson Wiggins, **Back-**Miss Wasielewski, Trenton Rushman, Natalie Reimers, Brayden Haley, Jaxson Benish, Justin Ernest & Lisa Dobrinski; Jonathan Borges back in basketball action on Dec. 4th at Kimball, after a season-long injury last year; Claire Watchorn brought down a rebound against Morrill on Dec. 5th; **National Honor Society inducted 6 new members on Dec. 7th**-**Front-**Ella Draper, Ashton Van Anne, Katy Jones, Brenton Abbott, & Ethan Eckhardt, **Back-**Hannah Vath, Cortney Holt, Zac Henke, Dominick Russ, & Jonathan Borges; **High School Band** members Cortney Holt, Brayden Haley, Chance Carter & Peyton Eckhardt at the Christmas Concert on Dec. 8th; **High School & Jr. High Choir** students also performing for a Christmas crowd, **Front-**Zaili B., Katie E., Carsyn T. & Kylie S. **Middle-**Hannah V., Desdamona H., Shawnee G., Tristan F., Shaun S. & Alex S. **Back-**Ariauna M., Sylvia M., Sydney F., Holden S. & Michael K.; Dawson Juelfs wrestling at the Gordon-Rushville meet on Dec. 12th.

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Jan. 04 – NO CLASSES – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jan. 05 – Classes Resume

Jan. 06 – District FFA Ag Ed Contest @ Scottsbluff @ 8:30 am - Vans

Jan. 08 – 4-8th Grade Spelling Bee @ 8:15 am

Jan. 09 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball @ Hay Springs @ 2 pm – **Bus-Kevin-11:00 am**

Jan. 09 – HS Wrestling @ Garden Co. @ 9 am – **Suburban-5:30 am**

Jan. 11 – BOE Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Jan. 12 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Bridgeport @ 4:00 pm – **HOME**

Jan. 13 – JH ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Potter-Dix @ 1 pm – **HOME**

Jan. 15 – JV/V ~ B/G B-ball vs. Potter-Dix @ 5 pm – **HOME**

Jan. 16 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball vs. South Platte @ 4 pm - **HOME**

Jan. 16 – HS Wrestling @ Chase Co. @ 9 am – **Suburban-5:00 am**

Jan. 18 – V ~ Boys MAC B-Ball @ Home Sites

Jan. 19 – V ~ Girls MAC B-Ball @ Home Sites

Jan. 20 – JH Boys B-Ball vs. St. Agnes @ 1:30 pm - **HOME**

Jan. 21 – V ~ B/G MAC Playoffs @ Bridgeport – **Bus-Kevin**

Jan. 22 - HS Wrestling @ Hemingford @ 12 pm- **Suburban- 8 am**

Jan. 22 – JH ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Minatare @ 2 pm – **HOME**

Jan. 23 – V ~ B/G MAC Finals @ Bridgeport – **Bus-Kevin**

Jan. 26 – V ~ Boys B-Ball @ Potter-Dix @ 5 pm – **Bus-Kevin-3:30 pm**

Jan. 27 – JH ~ B/G B-Ball @ Banner Co. @ 1 pm – **Bus-Jennifer-11 am**

Jan. 28 – V ~ B/G B-Ball @ Hemingford @ 4:30 pm – **Bus-Kevin-2 pm**

Jan. 29 - V ~ B/G B-Ball vs. Minatare @ 5 pm - **HOME**

Jan. 30 – HS Wrestling @ Mitchell @ 10 am - **Suburban**

Feb. 02 – JV/V ~ B/G ~ B-Ball @ Sedgwick Co. @ 4 pm – **Bus-Kevin**

Feb. 02 – JH ~ B/G B-Ball @ South Platte @ 1 pm – **Bus-Jennifer**

Feb. 05 – JV/V ~ BG B-Ball @ Creek Valley @ 4 pm – **Bus-Kevin**

Feb. 06 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball @ Sioux Co. @ 1 pm – **Bus-Kevin**

Feb. 06 – HS Sub-District Wrestling @ Maxwell

Feb. 08 – BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Feb. 09 – JV/V ~ B/G B-Ball Bayard @ 4 pm – **Bus-Kevin**

Feb. 11 – Girls ~ B-Ball @ Garden Co. @ 5 pm – **TBD**

Feb. 11 - JH ~ B/G MAC B-Bal @ Creek Valley @ 10 am – **Bus-Jennifer**

Feb. 13 – HS District Wrestling @ Sutherland

Feb. 13 – JH ~ B/G MAC @ Creek Valley @ 8 am – **Bus-Jennifer**

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day



ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 14, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

The Leyton Board of Education met on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, at various businesses in the community, and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before December 9, 2020. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Board President Jed Benish called the regular school board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 ROLL CALL

1.2.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None.

1.2.2 The following Administrator was present: Superintendent Chris Geary. HS Principal Nick Brost and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan attended the elementary concert and arrived late. Absent: None.

1.3 COMMUNICATIONS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Communication was received from Mrs. Jill Bartling. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

After the presentation by Julie Peetz, President Benish recognized Patron Dennis Peters to address the Board. Mr. Peters said that he had reviewed the District payables the past few months and asked the Board why the attorney bills have been so high. Mrs. Rexroth responded that a person in the audience has created turmoil for our district which has caused excess attorney bills. Mr. Peters said that he saw in the Board packet that \$125,000 was estimated for this year's attorney fees and wanted to know if that was part of the budget. Mr. Bartling responded that yes it was part of the budget and that he was the one who had suggested the amount due to unknown costs from this ongoing conflict.

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Julie Peetz, representing Rauner & Associates, presented the 2019-2020 audit, via Zoom, to the Board and reported that ours is a clean audit. She noted that deficits and segregation of duties were explained in the Management Points letter provided by Mr. Geary. Ms. Peetz reviewed the District's financial statements. There were no further questions.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

STUCO President Zac Henke addressed the Board on student activities. He reported that STUCO held four official meetings since his last report. He provided the balances of their savings and CD accounts and stated that they are researching the original intended purpose of the CD account so they can use it to benefit the student body. STUCO has been promoting the JH STUCO's "12 Days Before Christmas Break" activities. They are finalizing the design of their STUCO Hoodies which was created by Hannah Vath and will be printed by Tiffany Sage. Zac reported that STUCO is conducting student surveys for Warrior beanie designs; that they have a shoe drive in progress with collection totes at the Gurley and Dalton Post Offices and school buildings; and that they are in the process of planning a community corn hole tournament scheduled for February 20th.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Mrs. Rexroth reported that the Negotiations Committee had reached a two year agreement with the LEA. She highlighted that the base salary will go up by \$200.00 to \$35,750.00 for the 2021-2022 school year and another \$250.00 to \$36,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year. She added that other changes to the Negotiated Agreement included an increase in tuition credit reimbursements from \$350.00 to \$700.00 for each three credit hour class, an increase in teacher sub pay during their planning hour (\$40.00) and pay for game related duties such as ticket-takers,

scorekeeper, line judges, etc. (\$20.00 per day/\$40.00 for all day tournaments). Mrs. Rexroth noted that mileage terms had been clarified to include payment to teachers if they exceed one round trip from their home in fulfillment of their teaching duties.

4.2.2 Mr. Bartling provided the minutes of the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on December 10th. The committee discussed the installation of the marquee, which is now complete, and the concrete and drain repairs. The committee reviewed the long range facilities plan. Current needs include signage at both sites and interior locking for elementary/JH doors. Priorities identified for the summer of 2021 include renovation of the gym bathrooms in Dalton, renovations of the high school science room and carpet installation in the kindergarten and one junior high classrooms. Mr. Bartling suggested an improvement for safety and traffic control in Gurley by renovating the entrance and moving the main office. Further long range considerations from the committee include the addition of an Ag Lab and Greenhouse at the high school; and concessions and bathroom facilities at the track.

4.2.3 Mr. Henke reported that the Transportation Committee met on December 2nd. The committee discussed transmission repairs on a bus and using vans instead of buses because of the small number of kids on the rural routes. Mrs. Morgan requested that bus routes be revised to have students arrive ten minutes later in the morning. This will be discussed with the drivers and adjustments will be made after Christmas. Mr. Henke reported that Student Driving Forms will need to be completed for students driving themselves to basketball practice. Mr. Peters asked if the Board had considered paying mileage to parents rather than doing bus routes. The response from the Board was that surveys to bus route parents were done last year and they wanted the bus routes to continue. The Board further stated that if bus routes were discontinued, we would lose several students to other districts.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended numerous meetings including the Elementary Principals' MTSS/PBIS Leader meeting, a KSB Law Seminar on personnel, and a SPED Director meeting. She completed K-6 Acadience (DIBELS) testing; MTSS for Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; and lockdown, fire, and classroom safety drills. Mrs. Morgan filed the backpack meal report with the food bank for 132 meals September through November. She met with the JH STUCO to plan the 12 days till Christmas break activities and had lunch with the November good citizens.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended several meetings including NSAA District VI meeting, KSB Personnel Webinar, MAC AD meeting, and NDE DAC Virtual Conference. He reported that the High School students attended the NCA Sportsmanship Summit on November 10th; hosted the MAC One Acts competition on November 17th; and inducted six new NHS members on December 7th.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Geary discussed the most current COVID directives from the Governor, NSAA, and PPHD and the frustration with the lack of consistency between those offices.

4.6.1 CONTRACT DAYS

Mr. Geary completed 17.5 days in November plus an additional 12 hours. He did not count the two days (11/23 & 11/24) that all other staff had off for COVID.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the transportation, building/grounds, and negotiations committee meetings to support their planning. He served on the Cognia Accreditation Team for Lincoln Christian School and met with Scott Stemper, NDE School Safety, to discuss the Emergency Operation Plan and upcoming NDE training. Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Geary attended a meeting with the SPED Director to discuss current needs and future planning and development of a SPED Handbook to address policy requirements of NDE. He attended the National Honor Society Induction program where six deserving students were inducted. Thank you, Mrs. Hansen, for a great program and Chris Lind for making the cakes.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reviewed the action items including the audit, a teacher resignation, staff Christmas gifts, the Annual Report, a KSB Board workshop and the Negotiated Agreement. He stated that he had discussed his evaluation with Mr. Benish and made plans for his continued professional growth. Mr. Geary has reviewed policy #1002 which requires all policy to be reviewed every three years and provided a suggested policy review schedule.

4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary noted that he continues to research “excused” vs. “unexcused” absences and will update the Board as he gathers more information. He added that the Building and Grounds committee recommendations will become an action item for the January meeting.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to recognize all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, their teachers, and Mrs. Morgan for being eligible through sixteen weeks of school; to Matt Haley and the shop students for their accomplishments in the classroom and taking pride in their work; to Colleen, Kevin and Jed for their years of service to the Board; to the November Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Hemi Woods, 1st-Regan Moore, 2nd-Breckyr Cranmore, 3rd-Skylar Draper, 4th-Hadlee Guggenmos, 5th-Ann Marie Gallegos, 6th-Austin Beutler, 7th-Macey Roelle, and 8th-Zaili Benish); to Megan Rathman for helping with Acadience testing and data entry; to Jadie Beam, Kristin Kasten, and Michelle Keszler for Acadience testing 1st-6th grade students; to all staff members who donated to help a community family in need; to L-Club members for working at Junior High basketball games; to Mrs. Jones and the Leyton One Acts Team (MAC 2nd place; Districts 3rd place; MAC Outstanding Performance Awards-Ethan Eckhardt & KJ Bush; District Superior Acting Awards-Ethan Eckhardt, Cort Rummel, Katy Jones, Dawson Wiggins, Hannah Vath, & KJ Bush); to FFA District LDE Conference participants (Parliamentary Procedure-8th place; Creed Speaking: Jaxson Benish-3rd place, Trenton Rushman-9th place); to the Junior High wrestling team on the successful completion of their season; to Hannah Vath and Holden Syverson for being selected to the High Plains Music Festival in Chadron on February 3rd-4th; to Hannah Vath, Ethan Eckhardt, Cortney Holt, and Katy Jones for being selected for the Oregon Trail Honor Band on January 11th; to Hannah Vath and Katy Jones for being selected as Academic All-State for Play Production; and to Zac Henke, Dominick Russ, and Brayden Haley for receiving All-District/MAC football awards and to Scout Gamble and Mason Reimers for receiving Honorable Mention football awards. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Benish, seconded by Rexroth to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 9, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve Reports presented at this meeting. Mr. Borges noted that the Superintendent’s report should reflect that one of the newly elected Board members has 12 years of experience, rather than the two or less that was stated. Mr. Benish read an email from Jack Moles, Executive Director of NRCSA, recognizing Mr. Geary for serving on the Strategies For Helping Parents Committee and thanked him for his insight and input. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

5.5.1 Motion by Borges, seconded by Henke to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.5.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.6 2019-2020 AUDIT

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to receive the audit as presented by Rauner and Associates. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to receive the Superintendent Evaluation. Patron Russ Rushman asked if the evaluation is available to the public and the Board responded no. Mr. Benish encouraged the newly elected board members to go in and visit with Mr. Geary when they have questions or concerns. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 ANNUAL REPORT

Motion by Henke, seconded by Bartling to receive the Annual Report as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 TEACHER RESIGNATION

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to accept the resignation of Mrs. Christy Lecher as elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, and thank her for her service. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to approve Gift Certificates to local businesses as the staff Christmas gift for 2020 and to include the community coaches as part of staff. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 POLICY REVISION SCHEDULE

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to adopt the Policy Revision Schedule as presented. Mr. Borges verified that they could still review and revise policies when they needed to and the response was yes. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.12 KSB SCHOOL LAW BOARD WORKSHOP

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to table the approval of a KSB School Law training in January 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.13 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the 2021-2023 Negotiated Agreement as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Benish, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Benish stated that this was his 144th meeting and he appreciates what they've accomplished and the programs that our school offers for a small district. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.


Ryan Borges, Board Secretary


Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - December 2020

Brenna Adams	Mileage	\$ 331.20	Faith Jones	Mileage	\$ 107.81
Jill Bartling	Supplies	\$ 40.81	Jones School Supply	Supplies	\$ 135.96
Best Plumbing	Kitchen Cooler Repair	\$ 286.26	Jostens	Diplomas	\$ 84.77
Black Hill Energy	Utilities	\$ 2,100.17	Junior Library Guild	Library Books	\$ 464.10
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 187.20	Kid's Korner Childcare	Tuition	\$ 351.26
Heather Bowen	Mileage	\$ 815.35	Koke's NAPA	Transportation Supplies	\$ 156.96
Leo Bowen	Mileage	\$ 2,668.00	KSB School Law	Legal Services	\$ 403.00
Vonnie Brown	Accounting Services	\$ 550.00	Mid American Research	Supplies	\$ 132.00
Capital Business	Copiers	\$ 1,383.36	Marick's Waste Disposal	Utilities	\$ 130.00
Cardmember	Miscellaneous	\$ 6,497.86	Matheson	Shop Supplies	\$ 479.64
Cheyenne Co. Clerk	Election Costs	\$ 1,871.63	Mid American Books	Library Books	\$ 227.40
Commercial Lighting	Supplies	\$ 580.49	Mobius Communications	ESI Comm Server & Repair	\$ 3,004.66
Cranmore Pest Control	Services	\$ 110.00	Chris Morgan	Supplies	\$ 47.99
Crescent Electric Supply	Supplies	\$ 217.37	NASB	Board Virtual Workshops	\$ 400.00
Crossroads Music	Repair	\$ 81.00	Nebraskaland Tire	Tires & Labor	\$ 860.94
Colleen Cruise	Supplies	\$ 9.65	NIBC	Equipment Rental	\$ 85.00
Dalton Telephone	Telephone	\$ 665.54	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 103.50
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 232.49	One Source	Service	\$ 80.00
Dell Marketing	Tech Hardware	\$ 1,131.00	Allie Primm	Mileage	\$ 69.00
DP Electronics	Services	\$ 35.00	Rauner & Associates	Audit Report	\$ 10,162.00
ESU #13	Services	\$ 17,774.48	Safelite Fulfillment	Windshield	\$ 309.97
Ewell Educational	Subscription	\$ 175.00	Christy Schumacher	Mileage	\$ 127.65
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 9.99	Sidney Regional Medical Center	OT Services	\$ 1,752.65
Frenchmen Valley	Fuel	\$ 4,176.36	Sidney Sun Telegraph	Minutes, Payables, Notices	\$ 247.04
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 51.75	Smart Apple Media	Library Books	\$ 219.66
Chris Geary	Mileage + Phone	\$ 120.70	SOAR	PT Services	\$ 2,406.57
Grace Gardens Preschool	Tuition	\$ 175.00	Jamie Thompson	Supplies	\$ 65.84
Great American Financial	Copiers	\$ 339.00	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 93.72
Gurley Diesel	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 10,076.98	VIG Solutions	Tech Hardware	\$ 1,055.00
Alison Haley	Mileage + Supplies	\$ 102.76	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 395.25
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	\$ 131.10	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Amy Henke	Mileage + Supplies	\$ 118.40	Weyerts Electric	Parts & Labor	\$ 664.78
Homestead Market	Supplies	\$ 35.16	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 4,078.94
			WPCI	DOT Services	\$ 295.00
	Column Total	\$ 53,081.06		Column Total	\$ 29,887.19
				Monthly Total	\$ 82,968.25

A Message from the Superintendent

Happy New Year! Time marches on...COVID and all. And one thing remains...CHANGE is an ever present force with which we always wrestle. Change can be fruitful and some may even be painful. Nevertheless, change is a sign of growth. I'm sure we all hope one change comes sooner rather than later. The change I'm talking about is that COVID loses its grip! There are so many (ever changing) rules and requirements that steal our time. There have been so many lives lost. I, for one, am ready for COVID to be defeated – by any means necessary – and for 2020 to be forever in the rearview mirror! Hang in there, everyone, we'll get through this together. In spite of the impact of COVID, there continue to be positive things happening in our district.

The new marquee has power and is up and running. In the November Update, I mistakenly recognized the wrong visionary for this project. I apologize for the error. Sue Arndt, a longtime Leyton teacher and National Honor Society sponsor, had the vision for a marquee and fundraising happened as early as 1994. Some graduating classes also set money aside for this project. The National Honor Society funds used for this project were raised years ago because of Sue's commitment and dedication to Leyton. Thank you, Sue, and your NHS students, for having a vision for a positive future for Leyton and your dedication to raising funds to see it through! The Leyton Public Schools Foundation also donated to this project. Their annual fundraising campaign, #GiveBackHome, is ongoing. If you would like to support the Foundation as they raise funds for scholarships and school improvements, please visit their Facebook page or website at www.leytonwarriorfoundation.org for more details. I would also like to recognize Alan Berner and Terry Deaver for helping with the sign installation. The City of Dalton and Wheatbelt Public Power also collaborated for the success of this project. Thank you everyone! As you can see, many people in our community have all come together to make this project a success – and I'm grateful for every one! If there is something you would like to see on the sign, please contact me or one of the principals.

The annual report for the 2019-2020 school year is available on our website and included in this newsletter. As you can see, our students are improving academically – in spite of COVID! There are a couple of areas that need additional improvement and those topics are addressed in our School Improvement Plan. The board also received the district audit produced by Rauner and Associates. A hard copy is available in the office if you would like to review it. The auditor affirmed that our district is in a strong position financially. If you would like more information about our district finances, I would be happy to provide you with the appropriate reports to answer your questions. I invite you to stop in and have a chat...the coffee is always on!

Best wishes for a blessed and successful 2021!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris". To the left of the name is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with closed eyes.

A Message from Mrs. Morgan

Happy 2021 Leyton Families! I am hopeful with the New Year there will be great things to come and some respite from COVID. I have included numerous pictures in my article to show you some of the happenings going on at Leyton Elementary/Junior High. I would first like to **BRAG** about my 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. These students went for a very long **16 WEEKS** without having a single student on the ineligible list. I cannot tell you how proud of them I am. If you see a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student, please **CONGRATULATE** them on this monumental achievement! Next I would like to recognize the hard work of the staff in the building. Every staff member has gone above and beyond our first semester to keep our students in school to experience in-person learning. **THANK YOU** all for your dedication!



Our November Good Citizens are pictured here. Kindergarten-Hemi Woods, 1st-Regan Moore, 2nd-Breckyr Cranmore, 3rd-Skylar Draper, 4th-Hadlee Guggenmos, 5th-Ann Marie Gallegos, 6th-Austin Beutler, 7th-Macey Roelle, 8th-Zaili Benish. It was a little windy for our picnic with the principal, so we decided to borrow Mrs. Hansen's art room to enjoy our lunches together. I thoroughly enjoy visiting with these students and having the opportunity to recognize their accomplishments.

Thank you for sharing your children with me. ☺ I have

also included a picture below of our lunch. I ate at the table with first grader, Regan Moore, what fun!

Important dates to remember for January: Spelling Bee-January 8; Junior High Basketball vs. Potter-Dix @ Home-January 13; Junior High Basketball vs. Minatare @ Home-January 22; Junior High Basketball vs. Banner County (Away)-January 27; MAP Testing Window for Winter MAP-January 18-February 5.

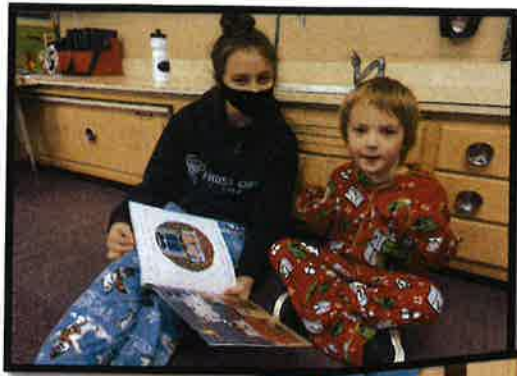


On the picture to the right, our JH student council sponsored by Mr. Coffey joined forces with our HS student council sponsored by Mrs. Henke to organize a canned food drive. The JH student council helped load the canned goods received into Mrs. Henke's car to deliver to the Community Shepherd's food bank. What a great and needed project during these very difficult times. Thank you student councils and their sponsors!



As always if you need to reach me for any reason, please feel free to call the school at 308-884-2247 or email me at dana.morgan@leytonwarriors.org. Hoping for a more normal 2021! Dana M.

Dana Morgan



Pictured here: some of our 8th grade students came down to partner read with our kindergarten class. Top (L): Shawnee/Judah, Zaili/Honor/Whitlynn; Sydney/Sophia; Wyatt/Hemi/Ella. To the right, we have sisters, Leah and Nora Jenson all dressed up in Warrior gear including cardinal and gold hair for Spirit Day. Below are the door winners: 1st -4th Mrs. Schumacher, 2nd -5th Mrs. Bartling, 3rd – SPED Mrs. Rios and Ms. Fort.



January 2021

High School Principal/AD Newsletter

I hope our January newsletter finds you enjoying some much needed time with your close family and some respite from all of the hustle and bustle of school activities. Winter activities are well underway as we head into the second semester. I am very proud of our students and staff and their flexibility and resiliency as we closed out the first semester. We had many adjustments to schedules and procedures due to some unexpected COVID-19 issues and changes to the Governor's DHM and NSAA guidelines and our students and staff handled those changes with ease. Thank you for your continued support and patience while we navigate these ever-changing challenges. It is inevitable that our activity calendar will continue to change. Some changes occur early enough to be published in the newsletter. Last minute changes will be communicated through our coaches to our students, on the Leyton facebook page and on the activity calendar on the school website.

The NSAA has updated their Winter Season Guidelines to include possible sanctions for schools for noncompliance. The NSAA is requiring all spectators, coaches and non-active participants to wear a mask at all times and for spectators to social distance from other household groups. The sanctions the NSAA will impose are reprimands, fines and exclusion from post season events. We must all do our part to protect our kids and the hard work they have put into their activities. Please wear a mask and social distance from other households while in attendance at school events. When protocols from the NSAA and schools we visit change, we will update our patrons through our coaches, the school's website and the school facebook page.

I am very proud of our students and their involvement in activities. During the first semester, every student at the high school was involved in one or more extracurricular activities including athletics, fine arts and performing arts. Involvement in school activities is one of the major indicators for success in school. Involvement in activities contributes to an increase in attendance, engagement, social connectedness, and academic success. In addition, students who are involved in activities learn time management skills and social skills that will benefit them for a lifetime. However, when students are involved in multiple activities, they spend more time out of the classroom. It is important for students and parents to look ahead and prepare for planned absences to ensure our grades are not negatively impacted by the additional time missed because of school activities.

As a reminder, the December moratorium is from December 23rd through December 27th. During this time school facilities will be closed to high school student-athletes.

Go Warriors!

Nick Brost



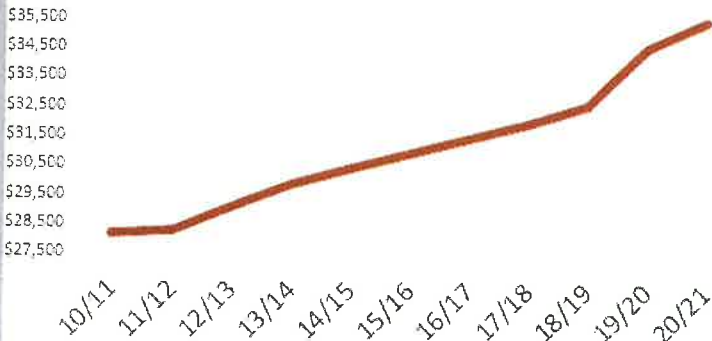
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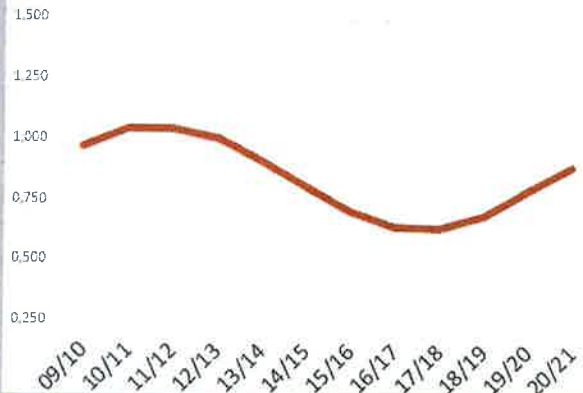
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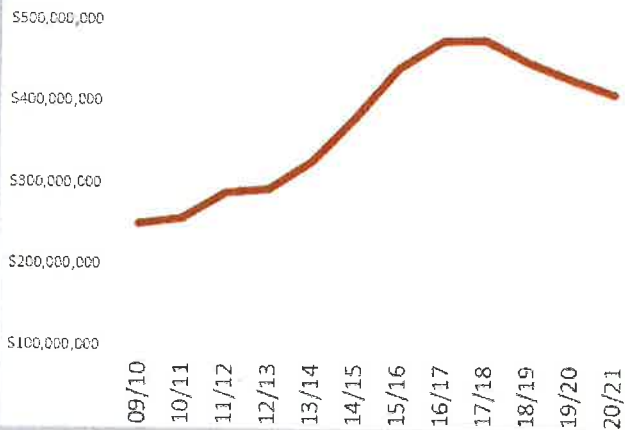
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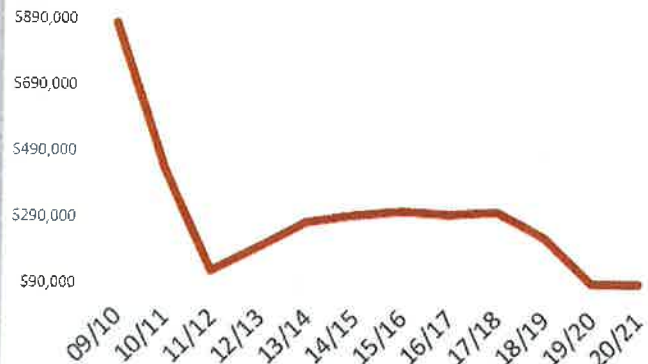
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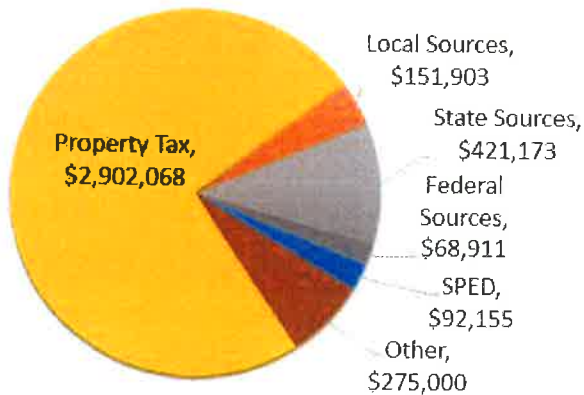
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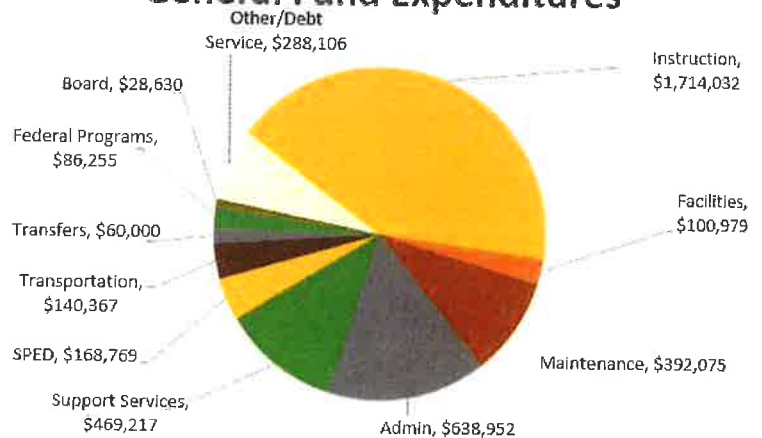
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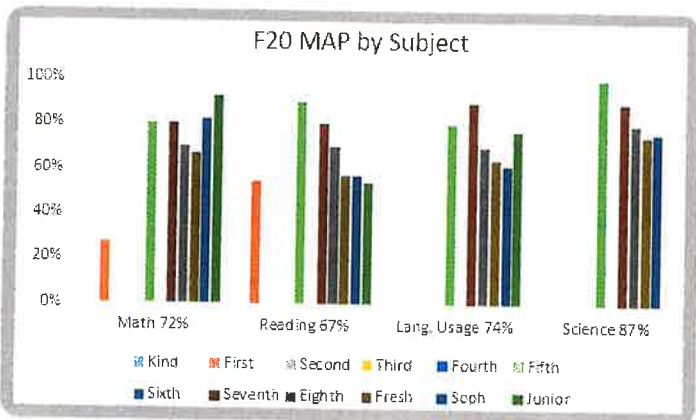
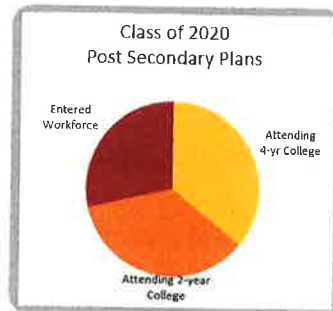
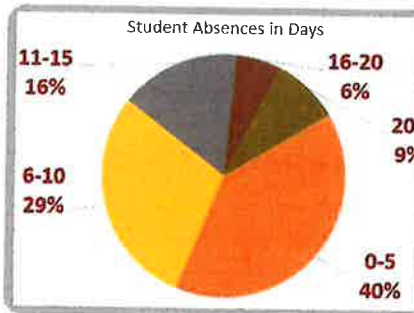
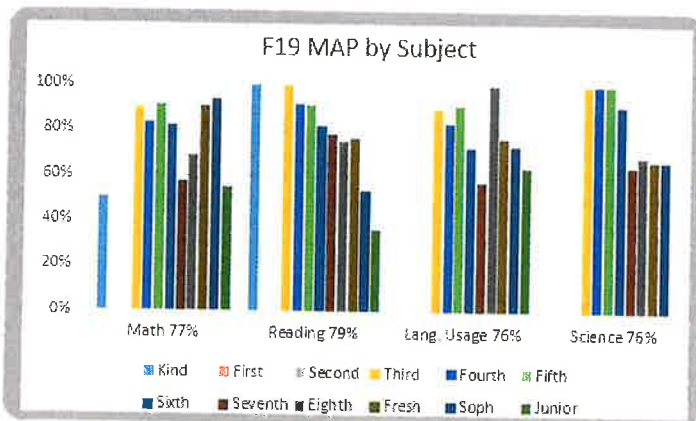
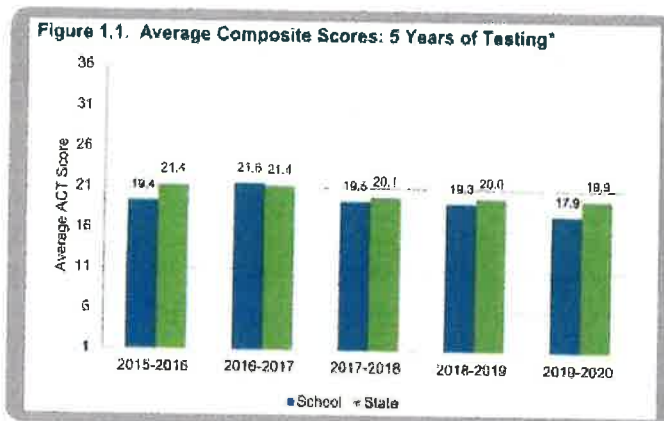
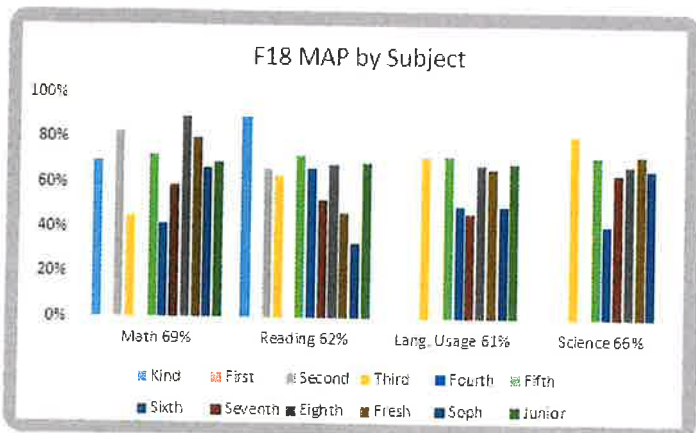
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2019-2020 Annual Report

This Annual Report is intended to provide a "snapshot" of information for district patrons. Unless otherwise noted, the information is based on data for the 2019-2020 school year. We encourage you to visit our schools and to take an active role in Leyton Public Schools. This report is produced by the Superintendent. All comments and questions concerning this report should be directed to the Superintendent at 308-377-2301. Thank you.

Each year assessments are given to students in grades K-11 in four subject areas. The graphs show the percent of students who scored at or above proficient. NOTE: Because of COVID, Spring 2019 data are not available, so a comparison of fall data is provided. Classes with fewer than 10 students are not reported.



7:1 student/teacher ratio

166 Enrollment
64 High School
102 Elementary/JH
48% Female
52% Male

100% Graduation rate

25 Teachers
7 Masters Degrees
3 Share time at both sites

.072% Minority Students
OPTION STUDENTS
39 in
31 out
net 8

1:1 Devices Districtwide

14 years Average teacher tenure

37% Free and reduced lunch

School Improvement Goals
*Provide opportunities for stakeholders to receive accurate and in-depth information in an effective manner
*Enhance daily attendance buy-in for students and their parents
*Provide support for English Language Arts cross-curricular education to improve student achievement

District Website
www.leytonwarriors.org

LEYTON FOOTBALL 2020



As the 2020 year comes to an end, playing during a covid-19 pandemic was a season that we'll never forget. The coaches and I are very proud of all of the accomplishments that the football players achieved this season. The measure of success shouldn't be measure on statistics and wins rather they are on life lessons, maturing as a person by accomplishing your goals, and selfless commitment or bond to the team. In the last three years, we had a lot of adversity to over-come which ended up making us a better team. I think the success we had this year was accomplished by these lessons, by believing in their teammates, confidence, and abilities. I'm very proud of the seniors' leadership, their desire for the game, and their self-determination over the last four years. Seniors I would like to thank you for being part of this team. As for the underclassmen, I'm very proud of your desire, dedication, and your determination for the game of football. You were not only working together to achieve a goal for the present, but you were also, and more importantly, setting standards that this team will live by for the future of this program and thus ensuring future success. I'm very excited to see what next season has in store for us, keep being a band of brothers by pushing each other forward and not leaving anybody behind. Embrace what you learned from this season and always look for guidance within our core values. FAMILY, DISCIPLINE, GRIT, INTEGRITY, and COMMITMENT. Always strive for your goals.

I would also like to thank my coaching staff for the long hours of preparation during the season. Your determination to make these young men better football players and individuals is much appreciated. To the student body, teachers, parents, fans, and the community thank you for your support throughout the 2020 season. A special thanks to the people that helped behind the scenes, we couldn't have done it without you:

Clock: Matt and Bud Gillespie

Announcer: Mr. Geary

Chain: Weston McConnell and crew

Painting the Field: AD-Mr. Brost

Sandwiches/Donations: Kyle Foster (Crossroads Coop) and Bridgeport Ethanol

Making the Sandwiches: Dalton Market

Filmer/Streamer: Logan Borges

Leyton Booster Club

Others that I forgot.

Post Season Honors:

All-District/MAC Conference

Zach Henke

Dominick Russ

Braydon Haley

All-District/MAC Conference-Honorable Mention

Scout Gamble

Mason Reimers

Coach Lipska





**Leyton High
School Student
Council**



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**HELP THE STUDENT COUNCIL RAISE FUNDS
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**COLLECTION DATES:
FROM December 7th-January 15th**

**DROP-OFF LOCATION:
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**MORE INFORMATION: Ashley Hopkins (308) 249-2372 or
Amy Henke (308) 250-0719**

Leyton Warriors Highest Weight Room Gains through the beginning of PLT4M app. (PLT4M program began in 2019)

The students maxed out on bench press, leg squat, and power cleans. Not all the athletes had a chance to re-max on the 3 Olympic style lifts.

The gains that are seen are the 3 Olympic lifts combined together. (Bench press, squat, cleans)

Jr Abbott	Dom Russ	Tyler Bayne	Dawson Juelfs
+345	+285	+280	+250
Kaleb Borges	Damyn Russ	Scout Gamble	Trenton Rushman
+245	+225	+165	+150
Justin Ernest	Brenton Abbott	Sage Rummel	Chase Rushman
+125	+125	+125	+120
Dillon Juelfs	Jonathan Borges	Ethan Eckhardt	Jonathan Kruse
+115	+110	+100	+100
Ella Draper	Brayden Haley	Levi Weyerts	Alex Jeppson
+85	+80	+60	+45
Claire Watchorn	Jaxon Benish	Zander Schoolcraft	Kaitlyn Craig
+45	+30	+20	+20
Natalie Riemers	Trinity Beutler	Axi Benish	Michael Kepler
+20	+15	+10	+10



January

2021

Leyton Elementary/JH & High School Menu

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!


Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray.

Unlimited fruit and vegetables are offered daily.

Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily.

An assortment of fresh and canned fruit are available every morning as well as fruit juice up to twice a week with breakfast.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	31	1	
	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
4	5	6	7	8
NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	B: Biscuits and gravy L: HB or CB, baked bean	B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Pulled pork sandwich, French fries	B: PB & J L: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, peas
11	12	13	14	15
B: Breakfast burrito L: Turkey & noodles, mashed potatoes, cornbread	B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Pizza, green beans	B: French toast, bacon L: Smoked turkey croissant, sweet potato fries	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Beef & bean burrito, rice, corn	B: Scrambled eggs, tater triangle, toast L: Goulash, breadstick
18	19	20	21	22
B: Pancakes, sausage patty L: Popcorn chicken bowl, biscuit	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Cavatini, garlic bread, peas	B: Breakfast sandwich L: Baked potato or tot bar, muffin	B: Biscuits and gravy L: Chicken fried steak, hash browns, roll	B: PB & J L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup
25	26	27	28	29
B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Chicken alfredo bake, roasted broccoli, bread stick	B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Chili, cinnamon roll	B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: Hot ham & cheese, green beans	B: French toast, bacon L: Soft shell taco, rice, corn	B: Breakfast burrito L: Pigs in a blanket, peas, SunChips

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