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Labette County Schools

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Thankful for our Support Staff



During the month of November, we are highlighting the great people that help make every school day and activity possible. From our Custodians, Maintenance folk, Para-Educators, Cooks and Transportation staff, they all keep USD 506 running smoothly. Next time you see a support staff member, please make sure and thank them for all they do.

WINTER SPORTS MEETING

WHAT: High School Winter Sports
Parents Meeting
WHEN: Monday, November 8th at 6pm
WHERE: Boys Basketball- Harrison
Girls Basketball- Cafeteria
Boys Wrestling- Little Theater
Girls Wrestling- Weight Room
Cheer- Mrs. McMunn's Room
Dance- Library

See you there!

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Altamont Grade School



Parent Teacher Conferences

Altamont Grade School is happy to report that during our fall conferences we had 96% of our families attend. It was nice to have parents back in the building for these very important meetings.



Eagle Trot 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run

Don't forget to sign up for the Eagle Trot 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run on November 20th. Registration is from 8am-8:45am with both runs starting at 9am from the south side of Altamont Grade School. You can find a downloadable entry form as well as more information on our homepage at usd506.org

Pre-K Pumpkin Investigations

Pre-K Pumpkin Investigations were the focus for Mrs Allison's PreK classes this week. The preschoolers all brought pumpkins to school and did some cross-curricular activities with their pumpkins. Students measured the height of their pumpkins using unifix cubes. The class tied in some math by measuring the circumference of the pumpkin using links and weighing their pumpkins. They tied in some art by drawing a picture of their pumpkin. Lastly, they wrote a sentence about their pumpkin.



Bartlett Grade School



Kindergarteners Explore Nature

The kindergarten class has been exploring the outdoors and different aspects of nature. They will use the leaves to study shape, color, size and texture in the classroom. Bartlett Grade School is always looking for ways to make learning more interactive and this outdoor nature lesson is one example of that. The kids are also fortunate enough to explore the lake and everything it has to offer. Mrs. Thompson is doing a great job of getting the kids involved with nature and teaching them their responsibility when it come to the outdoors.



Social-Emotional Support

One of the many great things that takes place at Bartlett is the social-emotional support that we offer our students. We have a school based therapist and a school counselor who meet with students regularly to help them cope with different aspects of their life. As a district we understand that if kids basic needs are not met then they can't learn to their full potential. In the picture you can see a class counseling lesson. Each class has a monthly visit the counselor where they discuss topics ranging from bullying to career interests. In this lesson, second grade was discussing the importance of stopping and thinking before they act. The kids love these lessons and look forward to them.



Halloween Activities at BGS

Last week, Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders had the chance to participate in some fun Halloween activities. Parent volunteers helped set up a spooky obstacle course, a race track, a scavenger hunt and an art station to make masks of their own. Everyone had a great time!



Bartlett Grade School



Junior High WILD Program

Bartlett Grade School has long been known for getting kids involved in outdoor activities and helping kids learn through projects. Our junior high WILD program was recently able to purchase some canoes, life vests, and fishing equipment with donations in memory of Tony and Terrie Swanwick. With the lake being right behind the school we knew we needed a way to store the canoes securely on site. When the kids were presented with the challenge a few of the eighth-grade boys jumped immediately and said they could weld a storage rack.



After more discussion with Carolyn Waugh (teacher and WILD Leader), they decided it would be a good idea to have someone outside of school lead them through the design and construction process. Luckily, Carolyn's husband Jerry is a welder by trade. A group of three boys, Tayton Claibourn, Justin Nash, and Carter Hentzen met with Jerry and created a plan as well as a materials list. After this meeting, they reached out to the LCHS welding program and were able to source their material from the high school since it was for BGS. Two of the boys were able to rejoin Jerry and weld up the racks that will eventually hold up to 6 canoes. These students along with Carolyn and Jerry Waugh were able to stretch these donations further by building something themselves instead of just purchasing a rack. They all did a great job of going above and beyond what is required to solve this problem and help the entire school community.

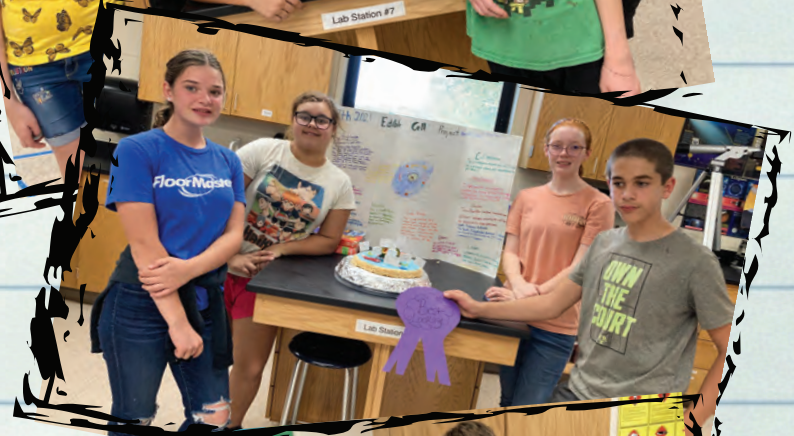
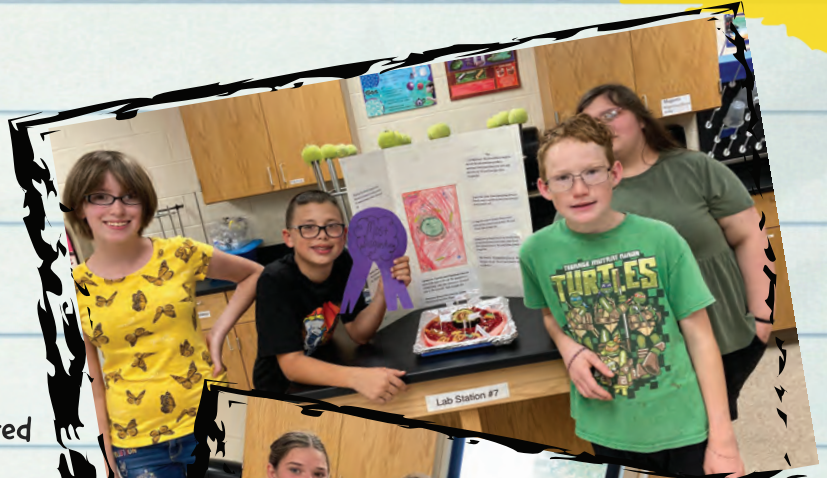




Edna Grade School

7th Grade Edible Cells

Edna 7th Graders recently completed their Edible Cell projects. They made an animal or plant cell from food items to represent the various organelles of the cell. Then they shared the organelles they were responsible for by reporting what they brought to represent the organelle and its function. Finally the Third - 8th-grade students voted for the Most Disgusting Cell and the Best Looking Cell.



Thanking our Bus Drivers

Here at Edna Elementary we would like to thank our 506 Bus Drivers for their dedication to the families and kids in our building. We have four awesome drivers that meet our kids first thing in the morning and are the last ones to wish them a good night. Wednesday October 20th we recognised our four drivers: Denise Mahan, Chelsey Vanatta, Judy Penrod, and Deb Smith. Thank you again for all you do!

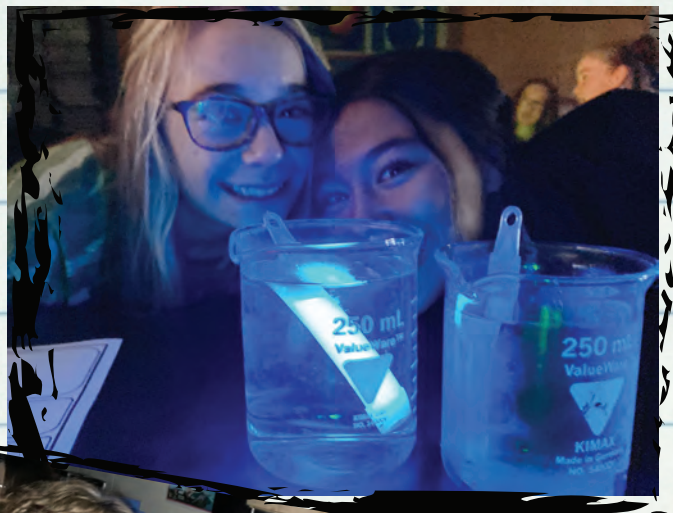


Edna Grade School



8th Graders Observe Glow Sticks

Edna 8th Graders recently completed a Claim, Evidence, and Reasoning activity by observing and comparing a glow stick in hot water to one in cold water. Students claimed the glow stick was brighter in the hot water beaker, because the water molecules were moving faster, and the heat was transferring from the hot water to the glow stick, because energy moves from a warmer object to a cooler object until equilibrium is reached.



Pumpkin Day at Edna

This month Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students had a Pumpkin Day at Edna Grade School. Students got to pick pumpkins and try apple butter. Then they took a ride in a kiddie train, played in a bounce house and got to play fall themed games. The 7th graders helped run the games and activities. It was a fun filled afternoon for all the students involved.



Meadow View Grade School



Kindergartners Celebrate Johnny Appleseed's Birthday

Mrs. Gilpin's class celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday! They learned about orchards, made their very own Johnny Appleseed Pot Hats, learned about the different types of apples, discussed different ways to make and eat apples, tried raw apples, applesauce and apple juice. They even took a class vote on their favorite way to eat apples. After they voted, they made a chart, counted each vote, and then compared the numbers to see which was the winner. Raw Apples were the class favorite. All the kiddos took home some apple seeds and will observe them to see if they have any sprout over the next few weeks!



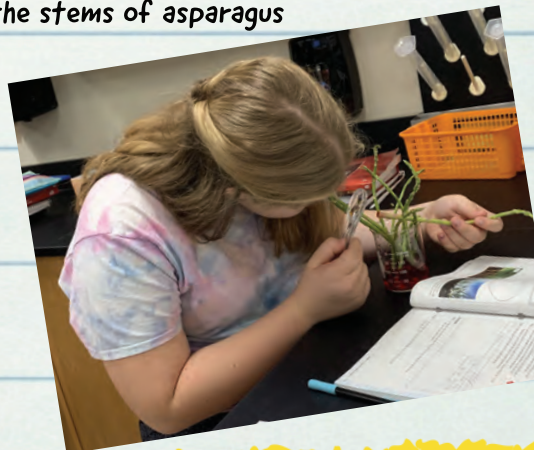
Kindergartners Learn About Pumpkins

Mrs. Fabrycky's Kindergarten class has been learning about pumpkins. The students have been discussing the steps of the Pumpkin Life Cycle, what pumpkins need to grow, all the different types of pumpkins, and all the different sizes and colors of pumpkins. The kiddos made pumpkin pie in a bag and cut open a pumpkin and removed all the "guts" (pulp and seeds). After completing their pumpkin unit, Mrs. Fabrycky's class took a trip to the Ol' Yale Pumpkin Patch. At the pumpkin patch, the kiddos got to play on all the attractions and also got to choose their own miniature pumpkin.



7th Grade Vascular Plant Investigation

7th grade investigated vascular plants. We observed red dyed water being transported through the stems of asparagus and celery over a 24 hour period.



Meadow View Grade School



First Graders Build Candy Towers

Mrs. Kearns 1st graders spent Friday doing Halloween challenges among our pod groups. We started by using our inference skills to figure out what costumes were being worn behind 16 doors. We did several math, grammar and reading challenges as well. Finally, each group tried to build the tallest structure using candy pumpkins and toothpicks. This proved frustrating for some but there were some very interesting conversations as they worked on ways to improve their structures. They had a fun day.



4th Graders Create Wacky Art

A few weeks back, students drew their faces/bodies on white construction paper like the instructions we gave. The students then went outside and chose what color they wanted for their hair. We watered down paint and used droppers to drop the paint on the students' papers, and then used straws to blow the paint away from their faces/heads. The end result is supposed to look like the kids are swinging and their hair is blowing in the wind. The students enjoyed picking different colors and blowing the paint through the straws. They all look creative and unique!



8th Grade Wins Meadow View Cornhole Tournament

During Meadow View's recent fundraiser, students got to participate in a cornhole tournament. During gym class, students competed for best in class. The top two students from each grade got the chance to compete against each other in a school-wide tournament in front of their classmates. In the Cadet tournament (Grades K-4th), 4th Graders Zoey Vollmer and Elyjah Vollmer took 1st place. In the Junior tournament (5th-8th grades), first place went to 8th Graders Lexi Ludwig and Bryson Dickens.





Mound Valley Grade School



8th Graders Study Energy Transfer

8th grade students have been learning about Energy & Energy Transfer in Science class referring to the Kansas Science Standards-MS-PS3-3 through MS-PS3-5. Students have been working on applying our knowledge of thermal energy transfer in systems. The students designed and built their own insulated cups and ran hot and cold tests on those cups. The students also designed a Solar Cooker to test the effects of heat transfer through radiation. The kids got to enjoy a warm sticky s'more as a bonus. Way to Go Mr. Pierce, what a fun way to learn science!



Red Ribbon Week at Mound Valley

Mound Valley students kicked off Red Ribbon Week last week! It was a sea of red for "Say No to Drugs" day! This year's theme was "Drug Free Looks Like Me". Students were encouraged to participate each day of the week to help remind us to "Say No to Drugs" and live a drug free life. Themes for each day were:

Oct. 26th Tuesday - Students wore Red for Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 27 Wednesday - Students wore cool shades and/ or a coolest hairdo.

Oct. 28 Thursday - "Stomp Out Drugs": Students wore mismatched shoes

Oct. 29 Friday My Dream, My Future, My Choice" Students Dresses at their future profession.

Mound Valley Gets New Playground Equipment



Check out our new playground equipment! Mound Valley Grade School Student Council members helped install a Gaga Pit on our playground. This project started with last year's student council as a suggestion and has been fully implemented by this year's council members. We are extremely proud of our student council from last year and this year. Funds for our pit came from a surplus of previous years of 8th grade Blue and Gold Fundraising, which will begin again very soon. Gaga ball is a game that many students can play at one time and is for kids and adults of all ages. Mrs. Jessica Heit is the 8th grade teacher and Student Council Leader. What a wonderful way to give back to our school and community.

Mound Valley Grade School



Mound Valley Chili Feed

What a GREAT night in the Valley for our students, families, community, and staff! Our annual Chili Supper looked a little different this year as we held the event outside in front of the school. We had games for students to play, a cornhole tournament, live and silent actions, classroom project raffles, 50/50 pots, and yummy food to eat! Families brought their lawn chairs and visited as they watched a fun evening of events. The PTO funds help support learning and school activities such as skating in PE, book fair, educational resources, and field trips.

Thanks to our sponsors!

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Labette County High School

Fall Sports Wrap Up with Multiple State Appearances



Fall sports wrapped up last week with multiple state appearances. Our Cross Country team had a great showing. Our girls qualified as a team for state, placing 11th at the state tournament. Senior Alex Meister placed 19th overall in the Boys Division finishing with a time of 17:22 and receiving All-State Honors!



The Grizzly volleyball team hosted Substate on October 23rd, beating Topeka-Hayden in the Semi-Finals, then winning a nail biter against Wamego in the finals.

While the state tournament did not go the way the Grizzlies hoped, they ended the season with a 37-6 record, having won both the SEK league title and a second consecutive Substate title.

Senior outside hitter Anna Dean recorded her 1,000th kill during the semi-finals of the Substate tournament. Congrats, Anna!

(Photos courtesy of Sean Frye/Parsons Sun)



Support Staff Highlight

Denise Spencer is a custodian at LCHS. She is constantly going above and beyond to help and get things done for students and staff.

Recently, some volleyball parents teamed up with Denise to decorate the locker room for the volleyball team during their Substate run. (See photos on right)

Denise is a great asset to our district and we are so thankful to have her as part of the USD 506 family.

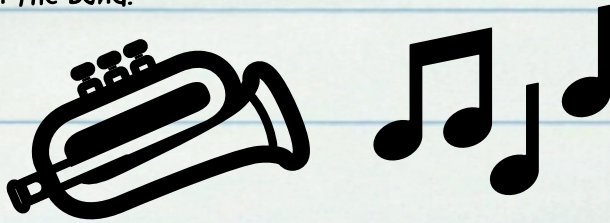


Labette County High School



Marching Band has Great Showing at Neewollah

The Labette County High School Marching Grizzlies Band had a HUGE day as they took on a full schedule of events at Neewollah in Independence. The Grizzlies received a 1 rating in the Neewollah Grand Parade and a 2 rating in the field competitions. Congratulations to all the Grizzlies in the Band!



LCHS FFA has Strong Finish at Nationals

Over the past week, the FFA program competed at the national tournament in Indianapolis, IN. Grizzly Nation is so proud of all the FFA teams and individuals that competed! A huge shoutout goes to FFA sponsors Mr. Zwahlen, Mr. Geren, and Mr. Wiley for their endless support of the FFA program.



Kylie March placed top four in the nation in Oil Crop & Fiber Production Proficiency. She earned the award based on her work on the family farm with dad Kenny and mom Angela who joined her in Indianapolis for the honor.



The Vet Science team placed in the Silver Division. Individually Lakin Giager and Dallas Hill placed in the Gold Division. Peyton Merrick and Emma George placed in Silver.



In team Agronomy, Alyssa Barragar, Kylie March, Noah Wiley, and Blaine Smith made the Silver Division.



Cecillia Newby was awarded third as an individual in the Ag Sales CDE, and the team finished in the Silver Division.



The Ag Sales Team finishes in the Silver Division overall with all team members, Alex Meister, Cecillia Newby, Alice Carnahan, and Chase Langston earning Silver.