

Hello again and greetings from USD 467!

This week I'd like to start out by thanking two people who spend a lot of time keeping the public up-to-date—Jeannine Hassell and JoAnn Seaton. JoAnn is one of the secretaries at WCJSHS and she is the person who keeps the Nickelson Memorial digital sign current. There is always new, current information about all three levels of the school showing on the sign. If you want to know when the Junior or Senior High has a volleyball or football game coming up, look at the sign. If there is a blood drive happening soon, the sign will show the time and place. You can also find out other district activities or student acknowledgements on the sign. Jeannine Hassell is the district treasurer in addition to other duties she does for the district. She also is the person that updates the district Face Book page, along with our Twitter and Instagram accounts, so please join us on social media. She does the monthly district activity and menu calendars that your students bring home each month. One last place to get district information is on our web page: www.leoti.org. You will find staff information, forms, budget information, activities for the junior and senior high and downloadable sports schedules by each sport. You can also download copies of the breakfast and lunch menus and there is also a calendar you can scroll through that has all the district activities for the year. Please take advantage of our social media accounts and if you have comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Additional congratulations to the Junior High Braves Volleyball team that took second place at the Bazine tournament! Now they can build on that tournament success and keep improving throughout the season! Great job girls!! And chalk up another big win for the Indian Football team! 2-0!! Keep it up!

This year, the Board of Education is taking a proactive approach by taking a close-up look at each of the classroom buildings to get an idea of what areas of concern that we need to focus on repairing or replacing. For example, we know the roof at WCJSHS is causing problems and has not been replaced in more than 11 years; will it be a better choice to continue to patch the leaks, or tear off and replace the entire pitched roof, or go back to the original flat roof? We also know there are more electrical demands as technology becomes more prevalent. One of our two large water heaters at WCJSHS is not working-what is the best method to supply hot water in the building? None of us are mechanical, electrical or roofing experts, so we have contacted three companies, one from Hays, one from Garden City, and one from Wichita, to inspect the buildings and give us a priority list, along with cost estimates, to see where our biggest problems are. We chose three companies so we can compare their priority items and cost estimates and not rely on just one groups' main focus or area of expertise. We have not yet received the lists. The board is aware that many of these projects will be quite costly and are going to be the best possible stewards of tax payer dollars to try and get the most bang for the buck.

Lastly this week, I'd like to remind all the parents who pick-up your children after school every day. We ask that if you pick up children at the elementary school, please do not pull into the staff parking lot and wait there for your children. We have parents and

children cross that lot afterschool and are not looking for cars to be moving through that lot-the last thing we want is for some parent or child to be hit by a car. So please do not pull into the parking lot. Along with that, two other items I'd like you to consider is to not leave the school by driving down the alley behind the FSA office. This is a public alley, but there is a business on that alley along with two homes; we know there are pot holes on the alley but avoiding the holes may cause you to drive on those owners' grass. So please be courteous and not leave by way of the alley. The last request I have is if you are parked on the west side of Wyoming facing south, please do not go to the intersection at the highway and try to make a left-hand turn. If you go on through the intersection and go that extra block to the Methodist Church corner and then turn left, you won't have to wait or hold up traffic behind you.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have specific questions or want more information about what's happening in the buildings or district, don't hesitate to contact Lori Maxwell, WCES Principal, at 375-2314, Delbert Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, at 375-2213, or me at 375-4677. Thanks!

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