



**Lebo Schools**

January 2024

**Once A Wolf, Always a Wolf**

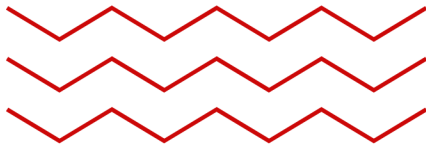
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# THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**January 2024**



**Dr. Melissa Veatch**



Hello Lebo Family!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It was truly wonderful to see the halls busy again, after a much needed Winter Break. I loved hearing the stories of time spent with family and friends, mini trips, new games played, all of the fun that was had and even the families were able to love each other through tough times. The break also created an opportunity for teachers and staff to rest, rejuvenate, and soak up time with their loved ones as well.

The second semester is off to a running start; classes are in full swing with instruction, assignments, projects, and activities. For the Junior High and High School, we began the week with revisiting expectations for engaging in academic, behavior, and attendance while also celebrating highlights in each area. So many times, it is easy to get bogged down and forget to see that we have loads to celebrate.

At all levels, our Fastbridge scores have shown levels of improvement in either reading, math, or both. Students have moved up in intervention groups, and teachers are making necessary adjustments to ensure we continue to move the needle based on individual skill levels. We are on track to meet our building goal for 80% of students receiving Tier 1 instruction for reading. This is a celebration! We also met our building goal for discipline; 90% of students with 5 or fewer office discipline referrals at both the elementary and secondary buildings.

As a school, we continue to reach toward our goal for attendance having 94% of students will miss less than 10% of instructional days. Currently, we are sitting at 89%, which includes both excused and unexcused absences.

January brings a fresh start, an opportunity to refocus our energy on ways we can level up the educational experience for our students and create meaningful ways to engage in the school community. I look forward to continuing into this semester with these goals in mind.

## Black Forrest Cake

### Ingredients (Cake)

1 Devils Food Cake Mix  
1 can Cherry Pie Filling  
1tsp almond extract  
2 eggs

- Preheat your oven to 350 degrees
- Combine all ingredients in the mixer and beat on medium until well incorporated.
- Pour into a grease bundt pan or 9x13 pan
- Bake 30-35 minutes

### Ingredients (Glaze)

1c. Sugar  
1/3c Butter  
1/3c Milk  
1/2 bag Milk Chocolate Chips

- In a small sauce pan, melt margarine.
- Add sugar and milk; stir together.
- Bring to a slow boil; stir slowing the whole time.
- Remove head and stir in 1/2 bag chocolate chips until melted.
- Pour over hot cake.

## Dr. Veatch's Kitchen

This is an easy, yet super delicious cake! This is a go-to recipe when I don't have a ton of time but want to take a homemade dessert. It's amazing if served with homemade whipped cream because it cuts the richness of the cake. This recipe is written on piece of Certified Transmission Stationary; I was in my mom's office when she started rattling it off! It was the first piece of paper I grabbed. LOL



*Creamy Sausage Potato Soup*

### Ingredients

1 lb Velveeta cubed  
1 1/2c water  
5c peeled potatoes; chopped  
2 onions finely chopped  
1/4tsp celery seed  
1/4tsp salt  
1 lb pork sausage  
1 pk kebalsa sausage  
1 qt room temp milk  
3Tbsp fresh/dried parsley

- In a pot, add a little olive oil to a pot. Brown sausage; then add kebalsa sausage. Remove from pot.
- Add water, chopped potatoes, onion, celery seed, and salt to a pot and bring to a boil until potatoes are soft.
- Add back in the sausage, velveeta, and milk.
- Cook on low-medium heat until the cheese is melted.

### Dr. Veatch's Kitchen

Serve with cornbread and you have a winner!! This is amazing on a cold day; sometimes I add carrots or frozen corn when cooking the potatoes for more of a chowder feel! ENJOY!

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

Regular school attendance is critical to the academic success of students. Regular attendance makes it possible for students to become active and involved participants in the learning process and promote the growth and development of the whole person—physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually. WE LOVE YOUR STUDENT and our school is better when their face comes through the door. Think of it like having all the kids under one roof for the holidays; the house just feels like a home when they are all there! Lebo is a very active community which keeps our students engaged and involved in so many positive ways!

Attendance is a nationwide emphasis that trickles all the way down to the local level. When we look at attendance, we consider both excused and unexcused absences. There will always be reasons students miss instructional time including illness, family emergency, doctor appointments, funerals, college visits... even school events and participating in extra curricular activities. When you have an active student, we have to work together to ensure our students are maintaining the highest levels of seat time possible. **TOGETHER** we must have regular conversations with our kids, regardless of age, about the importance of school and attendance. When we notice patterns changing in our kids, increased stressors, and shifts in mood, opening the dialogue about healthy choices and ways to manage stress/demands, can be helpful. These conversations are not always easy so please, reach out. We are here to support parents and guardians, just like we are here to support students! I have attached two handouts from the National Campaign *Attendance Works* with helpful tips!

Clear communication about the attendance policy is also the best way to ensure everyone is on the same page. Our student handbook states the following about attendance:

*Students can have 3 consecutive unexcused absences, or 5 unexcused absences a semester or 7 in a year, whether part or all of the day, before considered truant. A student is also allowed 5 excused absences within the school year. Should a student need to go beyond that, administration can excuse an additional 5 days with proper communication from parents. Each of those situation are a case by case basis. **Communication is KEY.***

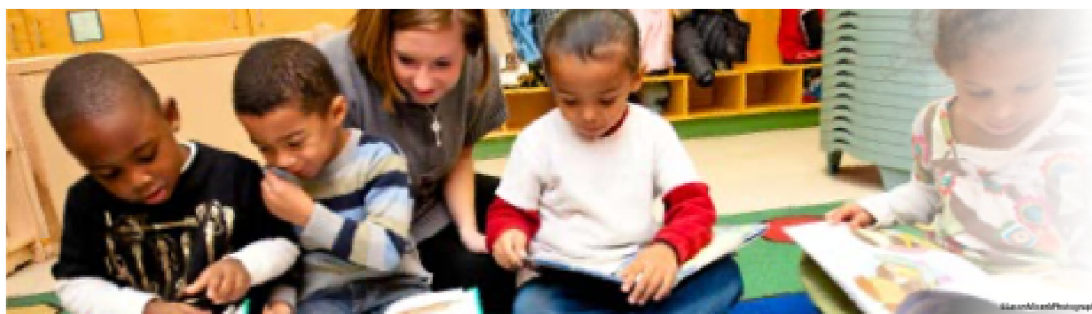
**MAKEUP WORK:** *A student is allowed to makeup assignments and receive credit for any excused absence. However, if a student has an unexcused absence, they will not receive credit for assignments missed. Additionally, each hour of unexcused absence, a student will receive a 45-minute detention. (Student Handbook, Page 5-6)*

**PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR:** *For a student to participate in any extra-curricular activity, game, or practice, a student must be in attendance for a half day. This is a KSHSAA supported policy. (Student Handbook, Page 6)*

**TARDINESS:** *School begins at 8:00am. For Junior High and High School, they must also report to their individual classes on time throughout the day. After 3 tardies, a student will be assigned a 30 minute detention. (Student Handbook, Page 6)*

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER!!! ATTENDANCE MATTERS.**

***Your students make our school a better place!***



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



## Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

*Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

#### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

#### Communicate with the school

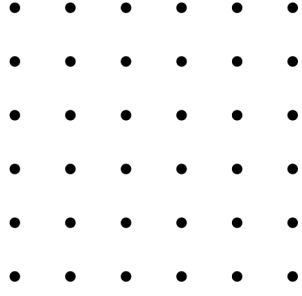
- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.

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# NEWS.



## SPELLING BEE. January 26th

Word lists will be sent home with selected classroom participants the week of January 15th.



## JANUARY 29th

Happy Birthday, Kansas!  
163 years old.  
WOW...that's a lot of candles!

## Lyon County League Basketball Tournament

Jan 22-27 (No Wed)  
White Auditorium  
Emporia, KS

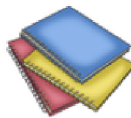
All Session Passes can be purchased at the ticket gate on Monday, Jan 22.  
\$21 Adults/ \$15 Students



# Executive Functioning Skills



**Planning** is the ability to figure out how to accomplish our goals.



**Organization** is the ability to develop and maintain a system that keeps materials and plans orderly.

**Time Management** is having an accurate understanding of how long tasks will take and using time wisely and effectively to accomplish tasks.



**Task Initiation** is the ability to independently start tasks when needed. It is the process that allows you to just begin something even when you don't really want to.



**Working Memory** is the mental processes that allow us to hold information in our minds while working with it.



**Metacognition** is being aware of what you know and using that information to help you learn.

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**Self-Control** is the ability to regulate yourself, including your thoughts, actions, and emotions.



**Attention** is being able to focus on a person or task for a period of time and shifting that attention when needed.

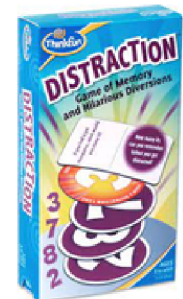
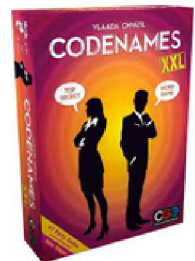


**Perseverance** is the ability to stick with a task and not give up, even when it becomes challenging.



**Flexibility** is the ability to adapt to new situations and deal with change.

[www.thepathway2success.com](http://www.thepathway2success.com)



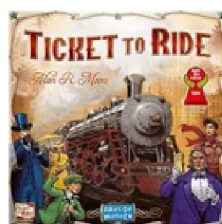
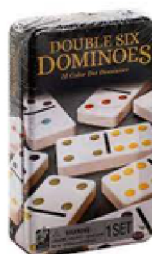
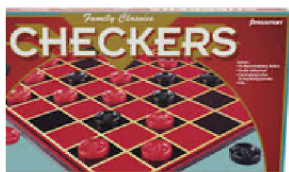
Have Teenagers? Do you ever find yourself getting frustrated with their inability to keep track of their stuff, pay attention, manage daily task or just feel like they aren't listening to you? While they might want to act grown and make their own decisions, our teens are still developing. They work to do their best but at times, they are just scattered.

Executive Skills are the functions of our brain and thought processes that help us regulate our behavior, set goals and meet them, and balance demands placed on us. Moving into the second semester, we will be helping our students learn and understand strategies to promote executive functioning skills in their own life.

Board games are excellent tools to help students work on these skills. Students have to remember directions, processes, attend to task, etc. Games promote positive peer interactions and also break up the traditional methods of learning they typically experience.

Please assist us in growing our game selection! New or used doesn't matter. If you would like to donate, please bring them to the high school office.

THANK YOU for your support!!



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**National Honor Society Recruitment**

Students who are eligible for selective membership into the Lebo High School National Honor Society are junior and senior students who have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above and have completed a minimum of 40 documented community service hours. All community service hours should be submitted to the high school office by January 1st to be considered for admission for the following school year. Each eligible student will be personally notified by email and given written instructions for applying. Students should begin working toward their minimum community service hours when they enter high school.

The Lebo High School Chapter of National Honor Society was chartered in the fall of 1987. The purpose of the organization is to honor excellence in scholastic achievement, service, character, and leadership of the students. A five-member council meets to review the applications and on individual ballots each member rates each applicant in the four areas listed above. The selected students will be inducted into the Society at a special ceremony held in April.

# SENIOR AND BABY PICTURES

## DUE JANUARY 15TH

**CLASS OF 2026**




OUR ANNUAL PULLED PORK DINNER WILL BE FEBRUARY 12TH- WE WILL HAVE TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE AS WELL! COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT ATHLETES AND GET A DELICIOUS MEAL!

Thank you for your continued support with our raffles at each home game! We are excited to continue to offer fun prizes. Your support is greatly appreciated! There are many chances to win in January!





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# **BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS**

## **JANUARY 5 – ALUMNI NIGHT AND SUPER FAN AWARD**

**Free admission for Alumni to watch the Wolves vs SCC. Come out and cheer on the Wolves and find out who this years' Super fan will be when it is announced at half-time of the boys game.**

## **JANUARY 12 – RED PRIDE NIGHT**

**Any student, staff, or faculty wearing their red pride shirt provided by booster club can get a free popcorn at the concession stand.**



# Lebo School Library Celebration Club

## Honor Special Moments and Support our school library!

Participation in the program involves a \$20 donation per child.  
Joining is OPTIONAL.

Participation in the Celebration Club includes:

- \* During the month of your celebration, club members will be invited to the library to select a new book from the pre-purchased CC book collection to "donate" to the library.
- \* A special book plate with your child's name will be placed inside the donated book.
- \* Your child will have the honor to be the first student to check out their donated book.
- \* A photo of your child and their donated book will be on the school's social media and kept on display in the library.
- \* Summer celebrations can be done any month during the school year.

**This is a very special honor and a gift that keeps on giving to all students at Lebo Elementary School!**

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**Yes, I'd like my child to join the Lebo Library Celebration Club!**

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Day you'd like to celebrate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent email** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please send \$20 cash or check payable to Lebo Activity Fund and return to your teacher or Mrs. Rosine in the library. (Mark envelope LIBRARY.) Any questions, contact Mrs. Rosine at vrosine@usd243ks.org.**

# LEBO ELEMENTARY PTO

THE PLACE TO GET  
INVOLVED

Upcoming Meetings:  
Sunday, January 7, 2024 @ 5:00 pm  
Sunday, February 4, 2024 @ 5:00 pm



## T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



We will be sending forms home and having them available on social media and at the school as soon as the design is complete! We want to produce a shirt that you can wear to all events and show your Lebo Pride! Check out the design and get your orders in!

*Thank you!*

A few thank yous for what we have been able to do so far this year!

- Walmart Emporia for their donations
- Barnhart family for donations
- Dr. Veatch for her support in all we do
- Mrs. Crystina Nolan for help and going above and beyond
- All the generous donations of items and wrapping supplies for the Christmas Shop
- The moms that have continued to show up and help and contribute to the community and school!

Deadline: February 13

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE LUNCH

Every year we have had the opportunity to serve lunch to our faculty and staff for parent/teacher conferences. We will be continuing this February 22nd! There is a signup genius on the PTO Facebook page. Your support and contribution is greatly appreciated.



## Fab Fridays in February

The last few years administration has done a fun Fab Fridays in February! This year we are going to help contribute to those again!

We are going to have a fiesta Friday- if you can help with this please let us know! Thank you!



**CAN'T MAKE IT TO A MEETING?**  
You don't have to come to a meeting to be involved! During the year there are plenty of ways to volunteer!

We will have sign ups for items needed, time slots for events that need sponsors and of course we would love your ideas as well!

Message us on Facebook or email Amanda Hopkins.

bb.amanda.hopkins@gmail.com



Baked Potato Bar fundraiser- February 6th- check out Facebook for a sign up and how you can help!

## EVENTS FOR 2023-2024

- ◆ Adult/Student Events
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa
- ◆ Testing Snacks
- ◆ Staff Appreciation Days
- ◆ Conference/Inservice Treats
- ◆ Potato Bar
- ◆ Kindness/Leader of the Pack
- ◆ Awards
- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ 5th Grade Promotion
- ◆ Hometown Christmas
- ◆ Adult Nights
- ◆ T-Shirt Sales
- ◆ Pie Sales
- ◆ Football Toss
- ◆ School and Teacher Needs



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

LEBO ELEMENTARY PTO



# STUDENT COUNCIL Lebo High School



When you see these students tell them how great they are doing! So many awesome events happening

Your STUCO is excited to get our High School home games going and show our school spirit! Let's show off our Lebo Pride!

## School Spirit at it's ALL TIME BEST

### School Spirit

Hey all you Lebo Fans...it's time to start packing the gym for the high school home games! We are going to have an elementary school spirit winner too so let's create some awesome Lebo Pride  
Keep up the school spirit WOLVES!

IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A WOLF!



### Student Sections

- 1/12 - vs Burlingame - Jersey Night
- 1/16 - vs Waverly - Rock N Roll
- 2/2- vs West Franklin - Queen of Courts - Little White Lies
- 2/6 - vs Lyndon - Camo
- 2/12- vs Olpe - Adam Sandler
- 2/20- vs Osage City - Senior Night - Senior Citizen

## Let's Go Wolves

### Upcoming Events:

- Student Sections
- Queen of Courts
- Talent Show/Variety Act/Dinner Theatre
- Teacher and Staff appreciation
- Community Wide Events
- Leadership Conference

Follow Lebo High School Stuco on Facebook and Instagram



Thank you to Lebo and Waverly communities for your generous donations to the Stand Up To Cancer event!

Thank you to Kyle and Lori Barr for teaching dance lessons and to Dr Veatch for making cookies for the cookie decorating.



# January 2024

	1 New Year's Day	2	3 Flex Day	4 Classes Resume JH BB vs. MdCV @ Home @ 5 p.m.	5	6 LCL JH BB Tourney
7 NHS Blood Drive @ 10 a.m. @ Community Building	8	9 HS BB @ Madison @ 4:45 p.m.	10	11 LCL JH BB Tourney	12 HS BB vs. Burlingame @ Home @ 5 p.m.	13 LCL JH BB Tourney
14	15 Inservice No School  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 HS BB vs. Waverly @ Home @ 4:45 p.m.  Sr. Class Soup Supper	17 HS LCL Scholar's Bowl @ 4 p.m.	18 JH BB @ Waverly @ 5 p.m.  HS BB vs. SCC @ Home @ 5 p.m.	19 KSU Concert Band Clinic	20 KSU Concert Band Clinic
21 KSU Concert Band Clinic	22 HS LCL BB Tourney	23 HS LCL BB Tourney	24	25 HS LCL BB Tourney	26 HS LCL BB Tourney	27 HS LCL BB Tourney  JH District Honor Band
28	29 Coffey County FAFSA Night	30 HS BB @ Marmaton Valley @ 4:45 p.m.	31 FCCLA District Star Events  District FBLA  JH Quiz Bowl @ Lebo			

## January 2024 Lunch Menu

			4 <b>B.</b> Tornado/Toast <b>L.</b> Mac & Cheese Smokies Roll, Apples, Peas	5 <b>B.</b> Long John <b>L.</b> Pizza Salad w/ Romaine Applesauce, Cookie
8 <b>B.</b> Choc. Chip Muffin <b>L.</b> Corn Dog Curly Q's Fresh Brocc./Caulif. Oranges, Cookie	9 <b>B.</b> Bisc. & Gravy <b>L.</b> Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Peas, Oranges Cookie	10 <b>B.</b> Br. Bites/ Toast <b>L.</b> Popcorn Chicken Rice, WG Roll Peas/Baby Carrots Apple Slices	11 <b>B.</b> Fr. Toast Stick <b>L.</b> Cheeseburger Baked Beans Doritos Grapes	12 <b>B.</b> Cinnamon Roll <b>L.</b> Chicken Quesadilla Salad w/ Romaine Corn, Mand. Oranges Cookie
15 <b>MLK Day</b>  <b>Inservice No School</b>	16 <b>B.</b> Saus./Biscuit <b>L.</b> Turkey Sand. Fr. Fries Baked Beans Apples	17 <b>B.</b> Pancakes <b>L.</b> Enchiladas Salad w/ Romaine Rice, Pineapple Cookie	18 <b>B.</b> Br. Pizza <b>L.</b> Chicken & Noodles m. Potato/Roll Gr. Beans, Peaches	19 <b>B.</b> Br. Pizza <b>L.</b> Frito Pie Corn, Banana Long John
22 <b>B.</b> Muffins <b>L.</b> Chicken Wrap M. Potato/ Gravy Gr. Beans Pears, Cookie	23 <b>B.</b> Biscuit & Gravy <b>L.</b> Spaghetti Bread Stick Salad Oranges	24 <b>B.</b> Pop Tarts <b>L.</b> Pig in a Blanket Tater Tots Veggies/Dip Grapes	25 <b>B.</b> Br. Bites/Toast <b>L.</b> Soft Taco Ref. Beans Pineapple, Long John	26 <b>B.</b> Cinnamon Roll <b>L.</b> Pizza Salad w/ Romaine Corn, Banana
29 <b>B.</b> Coffee Cake <b>L.</b> Chicken Nuggets M. Potato/Gravy WG Roll Green Beans Strwb./Banana	30 <b>B.</b> Biscuit & Gravy <b>L.</b> Saus./Biscuit Chili Cinnamon Roll Veggies/Dip Peaches	31 <b>B.</b> Waffles <b>L.</b> Chicken Tetrizzini Roll Peas/ Baby Carrots Apple Slices		

Are you looking for a job? Lebo Schools is a great place to work! We have several job opportunities available:

Daycare Aide- Join our team at Lebo Learn & Play Daycare and work with our littlest Wolves, ranging from 2.5 to 5 years of age. Contact Mitzi Carpenter at [mcarpenter@usd243ks.org](mailto:mcarpenter@usd243ks.org) or call 620-256-6161

Paraprofessional- Make a difference every day! We have multiple para positions open, ranging from elementary to high school. Apply online at [www.usd244ks.org](http://www.usd244ks.org)

Substitute Teacher- Substitute teachers are crucial for keeping the classroom running smoothly when the regular teacher cannot be there. Apply online at [www.usd243ks.org](http://www.usd243ks.org)

For more information go to <https://www.usd243ks.org/page/personnel> or call 785-733-2651. Resume and credentials can also be sent to Melissa Veatch [mveatch@usd243ks.org](mailto:mveatch@usd243ks.org)

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

<p><b>When a student misses 2 days a month..</b></p> <p>They will miss <b>20 DAYS</b> a year.</p> <p>They will miss <b>30 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.</p> <p>They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of reading &amp; writing over the school year.</p> <p>They will miss over <b>1 YEAR</b> of school by graduation.</p>	<p><b>When a student misses 4 days a month..</b></p> <p>They will miss <b>40 DAYS</b> a year.</p> <p>They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.</p> <p>They will miss <b>120 HOURS</b> of reading &amp; writing over the school year.</p> <p>They will miss over <b>2 YEARS</b> of school by graduation.</p>
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