



**Lebo Schools**

April 2024

**Once A Wolf, Always a Wolf**

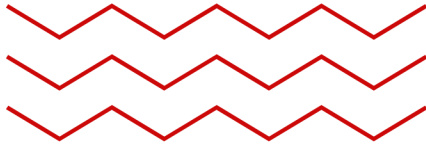
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# THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**April 2024**



**Dr. Melissa Veatch**



Hello Lebo Family!

Wow! Only seven more school weeks until Summer! That doesn't even seem possible. The weather is warming up and activities for all grades are underway; field trips, reading celebrations, music programs, learning in the outdoor classroom, baseball, softball, track and field, and who can forget... prom! We are dedicating time to cleaning up the clutter in the school to make room for summer projects. Students are planning spring community service outings and organizations are finalizing their events for the year. The energy levels of staff and students are rising with the temperatures; the school attitude is positive and vibrant!

With May on the horizon, the conversations about next year, what is to come and future plans are starting to ramp up. The talk of transition is real and so are the feelings that come with change. Students are moving classes, graduating, and even relocating. Teachers are retiring, some maybe shifting roles, and all are already reflecting on this year as they look toward next year! This is a season when kindness is especially important; understanding that the unknown, even in the midst of fun, exciting times, can be weirdly emotional. Parents, teachers, students big and small, all deserve a little extra grace during this beautiful season! My door is always open for anyone who needs space, a listening ear, or maybe just a Jolly Rancher!

From the building perspective, we are heavy into wrapping up this year and planning for the next. I continue to focus on staffing and meeting student needs. Recruitment and retention of teachers has the second largest effect size or impact on student achievement. Ensuring we have the right staff, in the right seats on the bus, is something I do not take lightly.

If you or someone you know has a passion for teaching or wants to consider education, let's talk! There are several **new avenues** into this amazing profession, and I am happy to help!! We are blessed with talented teachers, dedicated staff, and beautifully authentic students who are grounded in values and very respectful. Let's spread the word!

We are on the last leg of the 2023-2024 school year with so many exciting things in the works to round of the year. I'm confident if we can stay engaged, stay focused, and embrace all the happenings, this will have been the best year yet!

## Fruit Salas

### Ingredients

- 1 pint blueberries
- 1-2 quarts of strawberries, sliced
- 1 pint of blackberries
- 3-4 cups of green grapes
- 1 can peach pie filling

### Directions

- Wash and dry the fruit.
- Take the green tops off the strawberries and slice.
- Combine all fruit in a large bowl.
- Pour in the peach pie filling and mix gently.
- Refrigerate for an hour and serve chilled.

### Dr. Veatch's Kitchen

I'm a huge fan of fruit salads! Fruit goes with everything and people always gobble it up. I make this one in the spring when the summer fruits aren't in season. The peach pie filling is unexpected and is SO good when it's cold!! TRY IT!



## Sweet and Spicy Pecans

### Ingredients

- 3 cups pecan halves
- 3 cups water
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp white sugar
- 3 Tbsp chili powder

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Soak pecans in water for 20 minutes.

Drain pecans and place in large bowl. Add sugar, chili powder. Toss to coat.

Place coated pecans on a large baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes, stirring midway through baking time. Remove from oven and cool.

### Dr. Veatch's Kitchen

It is salad season and these make the BEST salad topping! Sometimes I add a 1/2tsp of cayenne pepper for a little extra heat. SOOO yummy!

# STATE ASSESSMENTS

The Kansas State Assessment window opens March 18th- April 19th. All students in the following grades will engage in testing during this time accordingly:

Grades 3-8 : Math and English  
Grades 5 and 8 : Science  
Grade 10: Math and English  
Grade 11: Science and Social Studies

While state assessments often get a bad wrap, with many questioning the relevance of these tests, the assessments are the one of the only comparative measures we have as schools to see how we measure up!

According to *Public School Review*, Lebo is in the top 50% of the 1,264 schools in Kansas. *US News Best High Schools* reports Lebo as the 40th best high school in Kansas and ranked us 5,489th in the Nation.

Our 2023 State Assessment Scores were above the state average in all areas, including the number of students scoring in the proficient range at levels 3 and 4. Reading is our strong area with science showing the most area for improvement.

As we move into the next month, teachers will share the schedule for when your student will be testing! As a team, we can work together to ensure our students feel prepare and are encouraged to do their best! Just like on the court... LET'S GOOOOOOO!!! I cannot wait to see our students show up and show out in the BEST ways!





# 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](mailto:vrosine@usd243ks.org).**



Three cartoon rabbits are depicted in a row, each wearing a light pink tutu and a crown of pink and white flowers with green leaves. The rabbit on the left is in a ballet pose with one leg raised. The rabbit in the middle is standing with arms slightly out. The rabbit on the right is in a similar ballet pose. The background is a soft pink watercolor wash with floral illustrations in the corners.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

WHEN: FRI APRIL 19TH

TIME: 6:30-8:30

WHERE: LHS COMMONS

COST: \$10

DADS GRAB YOUR DAUGHTER(S)  
FOR A NIGHT OF DANCING.

A FUNDRAISER FOR LHS CHEER

Mrs. Hampton's Public Service class is doing a community service project to benefit animal shelters in our area. They have posted donation boxes around town and will be having a class competition for grade K-12 beginning March 25. Donations will be accepted through April 24. The winning class will receive ice cream sandwiches. They look forward to taking donated items to the shelters and would greatly appreciate any help the community can give for this cause. A donation box will also be set up at the home baseball/softball games on April 8 & 12 and the Elementary Career Day on April 24.

# COMFY CRITTERS

## HELPING ANIMAL SHELTERS

### COMFY CRITTERS

We are a group of Junior High Students who have lots of love, and passion for helping those in need. So we are asking for your donations to help the Animal shelters in our community.

**MAR 24**  
to  
**APR 24**

#### Donation List

**Cats:**  
Wet food  
Dry food (Adult & Kitten)  
Litter  
Toys  
Treats

**Dogs:**  
Wet food  
Dry food (Adult & Puppy)  
Toys  
Treats

**Misc:**  
Blankets  
Laundry  
Detergent  
(Sensitive Skin)

#### Shelters

Humane  
Society of the  
Flint Hills

Emporia  
Kansas Animal  
Shelter

Burlington  
Kansas Animal  
shelter

#### Donation Locations

**Lebo:**  
Library,  
Pharmacy,  
School,  
Casey's,

**Emporia:**  
Petsense



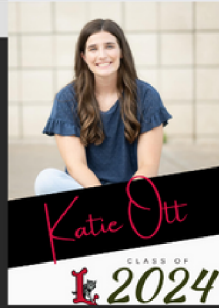
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 620-256-6341  
Ask for Misti Hampton



# STUDENT COUNCIL

## Lebo High School



Be on the lookout for the NEW Senior banners that will be on display on the light poles. Thank you to our donors that made this possible.

Good luck to our forensics team, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, band members, scholars bowl participants, athletes and all students in the upcoming competitions!

### School Spirit



Join us on April 15th for the High School Awards Banquet. We will be honoring all students and their accomplishments from this school year. It will be a great time. Excited to showcase our school and their great year they have had.



## TACO & BINGO NIGHT

Prizes awarded for each round

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some amazing prizes at this fun-filled event. We will be serving tacos beginning at 6:00 and then the bingo games begin at 7:00!

SATURDAY | TACO DINNER BEGINS 6 PM  
**APRIL 6TH** | BINGO BEGINS 7 PM

2 tacos or burrito bowl with fixings & 2 bingo cards - \$15  
 kids plate & 1 bingo card - \$8  
 dinner only - \$10  
 bingo cards \$3/piece

LEBO SCHOOL COMMONS AREA  
 This is a fundraiser for Lebo Student Council

### Upcoming Events:

- Taco & Bingo Night
- Teacher and Staff appreciation
- Community Wide Events
- Senior Fun
- School Spirit and Activities
- Penny Jar Wars

Follow Lebo High School Stuco on Facebook and Instagram

Join us on April 6th for a fun night of tacos and bingo!



# LEBO ELEMENTARY PTO

THE PLACE TO GET  
INVOLVED

Upcoming Meetings:  
Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 pm



## THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS NEAR



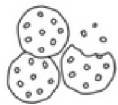
The end of the school year brings busy days and crazy schedules. Please stay up to date on social media with all upcoming events. We will be celebrating teachers and support staff the last few weeks of school! So please be following for ways you can help with this! Thank you.

### Lebo Shirt Sales

Shirt sales were awesome! Thank you for the continued support and we hope that you love your Lebo gear!  
Thank you Slingin Ink!



Testing snacks will be starting the end of March! It is because of the fundraisers that we are able to do this for our students! Thank you.



PTO is teaming up with the library again this year to help provide lunch to the students on the last day of school. If you are able to help provide chips or cookies please contact Amanda Hopkins. We will be taking donations for May 17th



### 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



Paraprofessional Day - April 3rd  
School Librarian Day - April 4th  
After School Professional Day - April 22nd  
School Bus Drivers' Day - April 23rd  
Administrative Professional Day - April 24th

### 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

MEETING

We would love to see you at our next monthly meeting! Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 pm at the Lebo Commons area. We meet the first Sunday of the month at 5:00!  
Join us!

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

LEBO ELEMENTARY PTO

LEBO HIGH SCHOOL

# AWARDS BANQUET

Join us in celebrating this years  
accomplishments in academics, athletics  
and clubs .

Date: Monday, April 15th,  
Dinner served at :6:00 PM

The booster club will provide fried chicken



Families: A-P provide a side dish,  
S-Z provide a dessert.

## April 2024

	<b>1</b> Donate Life Assembly NHS Induction Ceremony @ 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> HS Track @ Osage City @ 3:30 p.m. BB/SB vs. Central Heights @ Waverly @ 4 p.m.	<b>3</b> State FBLA	<b>4</b> State FBLA	<b>5</b> Kindergarten Round-Up @ 8:30 a.m. State FBLA HS Track Meet @ Lyndon @ 3:30 p.m. HS Track Meet @ Marion # 3:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> HS Forensics @ Osage STUCO Tacos & Bingo Night @ 6 p.m. KSU Open House- Juniors
<b>7</b> FCCLA State Conference	<b>8</b> FCCLA State Conference In-Service No School JH Track @ 2 p.m. BB/SB vs. Lyndon @ Lebo @ 4 p.m.	<b>9</b> FCCLA State Conference 5-12 Music Concert @ 7 p.m.	<b>10</b> JH Track @ ESU @ 9:30 a.m. Senior Supper @ Baptist Church @ 6 p.m.	<b>11</b> HS Track @ Chase County @ 3 p.m. 8th Grade Student/Parent Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Happy Bear Pre-K-2nd BB/SB vs. Burlingame @ Waverly @ 4 p.m.	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Tax Day HS Awards Night @ 6 p.m.	<b>16</b> HS Track @ Burlington @ 10:30 a.m. JH Track @ Lyndon @ 2 p.m.	<b>17</b> Food Science & Livestock Judging @ Alma	<b>18</b> BB/SB @ West Franklin @ 4 p.m.	<b>19</b> JH Track @ Osage City @ 10 a.m. Daddy/Daughter Dance @ 6:30 p.m. in Commons	<b>20</b> ESU JH Music Festival HS Regional Forensics @ Neodesha
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> BB/SB @ Wabaunsee @ 4:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> BB/SB vs. Osage City @ Lebo @ 4 p.m.	<b>24</b> FFA Work Auction @ 6:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> JH Track @ Burlingame @ 11 a.m.	<b>26</b> HS Track @ Madison @ 3 p.m.	<b>27</b> Prom Prom Walk-In @ 6 p.m.
<b>28</b> NHS Blood Drive	<b>29</b> HS BB/SB vs. Erie @ Chase County @ 4 p.m.	<b>30</b> HS Track @ Burlington @ 3 p.m.				



## April 2024 Lunch Menu

1 <b>B.</b> Coffee Cake <b>L.</b> Crisпитos Salad, Rice, Cookie Mand. Oranges	2 <b>B.</b> Sausage/Biscuit <b>L.</b> Turkey Sand. Chips Baked Beans, Apples	3 <b>B.</b> Fr. Toast Sticks <b>L.</b> Frito Chili Pie Corn, Grapes Long John	4 <b>B.</b> Br. Burrito <b>L.</b> Chicken & Noodles M. Potato WG Roll, Gr. Beans Peaches	5 <b>B.</b> Cinnamon Roll <b>L.</b> Pizzaburger Curly Fries Salad, Pears
8 <b>In-service</b> <b>No School</b>	9 <b>B.</b> Choc. Muffin <b>L.</b> Tator Tot Cass. WG Roll Peas, Apples	10 <b>B.</b> Biscuit & Gravy <b>L.</b> Lasagna Roll-Up Salad, Pears Choc. Cake	11 <b>B.</b> Br. Bite/Toast <b>L.</b> Chicken Fry Steak M. Potato/Gravy Gr. Beans/Roll Peaches	12 <b>B.</b> Br. Pizza <b>L.</b> Hot Dogs Baked Beans, Chips Strwb./Bananas
15 <b>B.</b> Cereal/Toast <b>L.</b> Chicken Wraps M. Potato/Gravy Gr. Beans, Oranges Cookie	16 <b>B.</b> Saus./HB/Toast <b>L.</b> Corn Dogs Fr. Fries Peas, Apples	17 <b>B.</b> Fr. Toast Stix <b>L.</b> Cheeseburger Chips, Baked Beans Applesauce	18 <b>B.</b> Bagel Sand. <b>L.</b> Chef Salad PB & J Sand. Potato Salad Grapes, Cookie	19 <b>B.</b> Br. Pizza <b>L.</b> Pizza Salad Veggies/Dip Strwb. Shortcake
22 <b>B.</b> Muffin <b>L.</b> Burrito/Cheese Salad/Rice Oranges, Cookie	23 <b>B.</b> Pop Tarts <b>L.</b> McRib Sand. Au Gratin Potato Baked Beans Strwb./ Banana	24 <b>B.</b> Biscuit & Gravy <b>L.</b> Mac & Cheese Smokies Peas/Carrots Grapes	25 <b>B.</b> Br. Stick/Toast <b>L.</b> Chicken Nuggets M. Potato/Gravy Roll, Corn, Peaches	26 <b>B.</b> Br. Pizza <b>L.</b> Spaghetti Br. Stick Salad, Banana
29 <b>B.</b> PB&J/ Yogurt <b>L.</b> Chicken Fajitas Lettuce/Tomato Ref. Beans, Pears Long John	20 <b>B.</b> Biscuit & Gravy <b>L.</b> Chicken Nuggets M. Potato/Gravy Gr. Beans/Roll Fruit Cup			

**SCHOLASTIC**

# It's **BOOK FAIR** time!

BOGO (Buy a book and get a FREE book of equal or lesser value)

Lebo Public Library Meeting Room  
April 29 & May 1: 9 - 6  
April 30, May 2, & 3: 9-5  
\*\*Credit or Debit Cards only

Dates / Times / Place

**COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE**

Check out with eWallet—the convenient, cash-free digital payment system.  
Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! **Woo hoo!**



DOG MAN, CAT KID COMIC CLUB © Dav Pilkey.

# 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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