

Bobcat Briefs

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Character Word:
Peaceful -

We seek peace, knowing that peace is the climate of freedom.

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower



Mark Your
 Calendar



1/13—NO SCHOOL
 1/16— NO SCHOOL

Home Basketball Games

January 6 vs. St. Clair
 Catholic at 5:30

January 27 vs. St.
 Gertrude at 6:00
 Parents Night

Principal's Message



Welcome Back and Happy New Year to all!

I'd like to first start by saying a big thank you to everyone for all the wonderful Christmas gifts that were given to me on the last day of school. What a wonderful surprise! Very much appreciated, but not at all expected. Thank you for thinking of us in the office during the holiday season. That was very nice of everyone and I thank you for your generosity.

As we start the New Year, my hope is that each and every one of you has a personal goal in mind for yourself and/or for your family that is meaningful and attainable. A few of my personal goals this year, are to: find a better balance between work and home, spend more QUALITY time with my girls, run more, create a family budget (YIKES!), read more with my girls, attend church more regularly and get my family on a healthier meal plan without so much fast/processed food. I am a real believer in goal-setting. After all, setting goals is what puts dreams in motion. But remember..."A goal without a plan, is just a wish." - Larry Elder

Professionally, I have even more goals. I could spend a month writing out goals for myself as an educator. My number one goal is to always keep the focus on kids and to follow our district's mission and vision statements which are:

Mission: "Success-
 Nothing Less!"

Vision: To create a safe,
 engaging and positive education
 for our students.

These statements are very meaningful to me and the whole staff at Lonedell, as they were drafted by us in the past couple of years. We have since written commitments to these "goals". During this process we reflected on things such as: What does safe, engaging and positive mean to us? What do we have to do to make it happen? What are we willing to give? What is expected? How will we know when we are successful?

These are the types of learning conversations that our staff has been engaged in to ensure that we have a common goal in mind within our school and that our children reap the educational rewards. Meanwhile our staff

reaps the reward of knowing that they are making a difference and they are part of a team. It really helps keep us focused that we have a common mission and vision to guide us on a daily basis.

Apart from the district mission and vision, each staff member at Lonedell wrote their own personal goals for themselves at the beginning of the year to help guide them in an area that they would like to personally improve. I am impressed with our staff, our school and our community. I believe that together (*with a little goal-setting*) anything is possible.

If you have not yet done so, I would encourage you to set goals with/for your child and to discuss those goals on a regular basis. They could be academic, social, health-related or any type of goal you can imagine. Help them find a target to shoot for, track their progress and watch them grow!



Students of the Month for November

Congratulations to all of the students who received *Student of the Month* honors for November! We are proud of you!

Thank you for being excellent students at Lonedell R-14.

Pictured: Back Row: Cora Ashworth, Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Ulrich, and Macalyn LaCrone. Middle Row: Teresa Callaway, Abby Jenkins, Robert Rankins, Zakaria Oloyed, Lilly Long, and Myah Dierker. Front Row: Gibson Beuke.

Not pictured: Zander Arnold



A huge thank you to all parents, grandparent, and community members for taking the time to cut out box tops.

From all your hard work we have earned \$911.60 for the first semester of 2011-2012 school year. We will continue to collect throughout the year. Look at the attached sheet for all the products that have box tops. This fundraiser is sponsored by PTO. PTO purchases items for the school as they arise. PTO has purchased video cameras, other electronic equipment in the past. Most recently they purchased back drops for our morning announcements, contributed to the purchase of risers for the music program, and contributed the purchase of the score boards for the new gym.

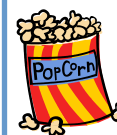
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Not pictured: Leah Dierker and Whitney Rogan



Bobcat Lock-in sponsored by Scholarship raised \$435.00.

Scholarship raises money every year to sponsor former Lonedell Student's scholarships.

Thanks to all students who participated and supported the Scholarship Committee.

Winter Concert

Students at Lonedell recently spent some time spreading holiday cheer to proud parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors. Children in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade shared some silly and traditional songs with their guests, under the direction of Miss Sarah Elliott. This is always a big event for our school, proven by kids dressing in their Christmas best and putting on a great show.



This year the event included a bake sale held by the Music Department and Scholarship Committee, a Spaghetti Dinner, and Pictures with Santa, held by the Scholarship Committee. As always our community was very generous allowing both groups to raise hundreds of dollars to benefit our school and its graduates.

Purina Pets Go To School

Students were recently treated to quite a show, a dog, cat, and pig show that is! Students in all grade levels gathered together in the new gym to view the Purina Pets Go To School Program. In this assembly, students watched, and even had the chance to participate in, pets flying, jumping, catching and rolling.



The assembly is a fun way to teach students about responsible pet care. It is sponsored by Purina Farms. For more details on Purina Farms, visit this link [Purina Farms Information](#). Thanks to our two student photographers for their great pictures, Justin L. and Jacob D.!

PBS SCHOOL



Lonedell R-14 is a PBS School (Positive Behavior Supports). Our students' goal is to be a **Lonedell Leader** which means to always be *respectful, responsible, safe and a learner*. We have identified and set up expectations that are school wide. The expectations are communicated in our PBS matrix chart. You can find this matrix in every classroom in our building as well as the cafeteria, gymnasium, library and labs. This matrix helps in communicating expectations to students and staff alike. We feel that having and communicating expectations is the key to success. Since implementation of PBS, our discipline occurrences have decreased and students are being recognized more often for their GOOD behavior. If your student comes home to report that they have received a bobcat paw and/or a classroom reward, help them celebrate at home for being a **Lonedell Leader**! It is something to celebrate!

The Lonedell Scholar Bowl Team will compete against other schools at the New Haven school district, New Haven, Missouri on January 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Scholar Members

Fifth Grade:

Sarah Reed

Destinee York-Nunn

Mathew Werner

Andrea Weston

Mikayla Dierker

Alyssa Haley

Sixth Grade:

Jaycee Mackenzie

Taylor Mays

Mikey Jones

Emily Frankenberg

Kate George

Sarah Murphy

The scholar bowl team is selling hats. They will be blue with a gold and blue fringe pompom on top. Samples are on display in the glass cabinets by the nurse's office.

The cost is \$7.00 each. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of t-shirts and a buzzer system for the Scholar Bowl Team.

Sponsors:

Joy Schnorbus, Special Education Teacher 5-8 Grade

Dave Imler, Science Teacher 5-6 Grade

TITLE I TIPS

When parents are involved in their children's education, they will do better in school. Here are some tips for parents on how you can help your child succeed in reading and math.

READING TWENTY MINUTES PER DAY IS THE INVESTMENT OF A LIFETIME.

- **Helping older children read**

Reading aloud is still a good thing with older children and families

Books can teach your children about your family's culture, values, celebrations, and even challenges. Libraries offer children's and young adult books about all kinds of people, times, and experiences.

There are now picture books for all ages, some with wonderful art in the illustrations and some that look like comic books or have great graphics.

Reading encourages your children's interests; it helps them learn through books, magazines, or even Web sites.

- **Be supportive during math homework completion**

Encourage your child to explain his/her homework assignment to you.

Help your children learn the vocabulary of mathematics. Words that are not learned should be written on note card, and you can play Go Fish or Memory with the vocabulary and definitions

Teach them how to do math in their head: Mental Math. Help them understand that if they know $2+3=5$, then they can solve $20+30=50$.

Happy New Year from your Title One Team;

Ms. Connell, Mrs. Mathers, Mrs. Seay

e-Readers

We have had a few requests from parents asking about sending in e-readers such as Kindles or Nooks, for children to use during the day. We realize that many students have received these readers for Christmas and are excited about using them. The administration has decided that your child **MAY** bring these items in to school, but we have a few rules/understandings that need to be communicated:

1. Lonedell R-14 is NOT responsible for loss, damage or stolen e-readers.
2. The e-reader is only to be used for reading and no apps or internet connection will be allowed.
3. The e-reader is only to be used by the child who brought it in. They are NOT to be shared with friends.
4. If your child does not abide by these rules, it will be treated as a discipline, under **Defiance of Authority** in the handbook, and we reserve the right to revoke these privileges and institute a discipline.



2011-2012 MEMBERS

Jackie Arnold
 Reese Arnold
 Abby Bailey
 Emily Brill
 Cyle Butenhoff
 Lawson Davis
 Hannah Dierker
 Kyle Fitzgerald
 Katelyn Guehne
 Elle Holden
 Haley Krouper
 Gabi Lindsey
 Jaycee Mackenzie-Brand
 Abby Ruck
 Alexis Turley
 Brennah Whitaker
 Bailey Womble
 Mary York

