

WCES Star



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Welcome to 2020!

By: Lori Maxwell, Principal

In Hollywood, the media often creates a blend name for new couples. You're probably wondering what that has to do with the school newsletter. In Leoti, despite good intentions, the January newsletter for WCES was not written, and it is now almost February! Borrowing from the Hollywood practice, this newsletter will cover both months in one publication so I've informally named it the "Jebruary" newsletter.

With all humor aside, January has been a busy month with celebrations for the New Year, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the 100th Day of School, and Kansas's Birthday. February will bring celebrations for Valentine's Day class

parties, and Presidents' Day, which will be a day when students do not attend school. In addition, February 10th-14th will be "Kindness Week". Classrooms will focus on being kind to the community, school, and their peers. Students and teachers will also pledge to "Be the I in KIND!"

With winter weather, many of us are confined to staying inside. A solution to being inside is playing board games. Playing board games is fun, but games also present great learning opportunities that can help children develop skills needed for success at school and in life. Games teach children patience to wait to take a turn, and the ability to listen and follow directions.

They also help children practice controlling emotions and showing good sportsmanship. This leads to positive relationship-building. I challenge each family to set aside a little time each week to play a game, and see how much fun you will have!

The annual Wichita County Spelling Bee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th at 1:30 PM in the JSHS auditorium. Each grade from third through sixth will hold a class spelling bee to determine their representatives for the county bee. Seventh and eighth grade students will also have representatives at the county bee. The winner will advance to the Sunflower State Spelling Bee in March.

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KELPA (Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment) will be given to ELL students during the month of February.



Upcoming Dates:

Wichita County Spelling Bee @ 1:30	2/4
Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM	2/10
Kindness Week Activities	2/10-2/14
Valentine's Day Parties	2/14
Presidents' Day! No School	2/17
Dental Screenings	2/20
Prizes with the Principal	2/27
LOOKING AHEAD:	
End of Quarter 3	3/12
No School!	3/13
Spring Break!	3/16-3/20

The New District Website is Live!

By: Lori Maxwell, Principal

USD 467 has updated their website using SOCS. Please take some time to check out the new features of the website. The URL is: <https://www.leoti.org/>

The district calendar events are easily accessible and updated on a daily basis.

Menus and policies are also available. Each school has a page, and there is a contact page for each teacher. We are currently in the process of expanding our classroom pages, so please be patient as we learn how to fully utilize the SOCS program.

The website is adaptable for viewing on all mobile devices. You may also go to the app store on your device and search 'USD 467' to download the app. (See photo on page 2.)

Please contact me with feedback so we may improve the website to meet your needs.