LENNOX ELEMENTARY
605-647-2203, option 3

ORIOLE NEWS

October 20, 2026

School hours: 8:20 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Doors open: 8:00 a.m. • Tardy bell: 8:25 a.m.

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Drop-off and Pick-up | Illness Policy | Elementary Website | Backpack Program

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PLEASE LABEL THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR YOUR STUDENT TO HELP US RETURN THEM TO THEIR OWNER WHEN MISPLACED:

COATS/ JACKETS, HATS, GLOVES, LUNCH BOXES, BOOTS, SNOW PANTS, BACKPACKS

THIS WEEK AND COMING UP

DATE	WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
Friday, October 23	**Last day to wear shorts!!! Pants required starting Monday!**
Friday, October 23rd- Last day of 1st Quarter	Regular dismissal time- Report cards will be sent home on Nov. 3rd
Wednesday, November 4th	**3 Hour early Dismissal for Teacher Common Planning**
Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 pm	**3rd Grade Folk Dance Concert at the Elementary gym – 6:30 PM**
Wednesday, November 25th	**3 Hour early Dismissal to begin Holiday Break**
Thursday, Nov. 26th & Friday Nov. 27th	**NO SCHOOL Holiday Break- Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**
Thursday, Dec 3rd at 6:30pm	**1st and 2nd grade Christmas Concert at the Lennox High School Performing Arts Center (PAC)**

FAMILY ACTION ITEMS

End-of-Day Plan Changes **PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL PRIOR TO 3:00PM**	Please notify the school office and your child's teacher of any changes to your child's dismissal plans **before 3:00 p.m.** With 330 students preparing to head home—and some students at specials or outside their classrooms until 3:30—delivering last-minute messages becomes challenging. Advance notice helps us communicate changes to students and staff and keep dismissal safe and organized. Thank you for your help!
Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program	Could your student benefit by receiving a bag of nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods sent home from school to eat during weekends to prevent them from being hungry? Click this link for the form and more information. Backpack Food Form

Free Lions Club Vision Screenings were held today for all Lennox Elementary Students	See below for more detailed information.
Please VOTE EVERY DAY!!! T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights	https://fn5gl.t-mobile.com/vote/lennox-high-school Help us win $250,000 for our school! Every vote counts! T-Mobile Friday Night Lights Leaderboard- Keep Voting!!!
Friday, October 23rd- Last day of 1st Quarter **Last day for Shorts, Sandals and Capris**	The fall weather has arrived start dressing in layers, **starting Monday, OCTOBER 26th- Lennox Elementary will require students to wear long pants, socks and shoes in accordance with our outdoor gear policy posted below.**
Free & Reduced Qualification from the 2025-26 School year EXPIRED October 2nd - Families **MUST** apply EVERY school year unless you receive a notice of Direct Certification. Click this link to print the application: Free & Reduced Meal Application	**From Food Service: Reminder that Last year's Free-Reduced application expired on Oct. 2. Please re-apply to continue benefits for this school year if you haven't done so already. If we don't receive a new app, for October you will switch to a paid status. We have the free/reduced app on our food service web page. https://www.lennox.k12.sd.us/o/lennox/page/food-service** **If you qualify for a free or reduced application, it covers lunch and breakfast. The state of SD will be paying the parent's co-pay for our reduced families, which is $.40 for Lunch, $.30 for breakfast. Please email if you have any questions.** **Becky.Jorgensen@k12.sd.us** **Robbin.Symens@k12.sd.us**

POLICY AND PROCEDURE SPOTLIGHT

Attendance Policy **"Every day counts, and every minute matters—come to school each day, on time and ready to learn!"**	**Missing 10% or more of the school year can significantly affect a student's learning. Families will receive attendance notices after a student's 5th, 10th, and 15th absence. After 10 absences, parents/guardians will be asked to attend a meeting; continued or unaddressed absences may be referred to the State's Attorney.** **Students are marked unexcused when the school is not informed on or before the day of the absence by parents or guardians the reason for the absence.** **Please call or email the school each day your student is absent.**

Questions? Email Angela Smit or call 605-647-2203, option 3.

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ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.	Students may not enter earlier unless enrolled in the paid Totally Kids program.
Main entrance	All JrK-4 students, including breakfast students, use the 5th Avenue entrance with the upward-angled orange canopy unless arriving by bus.
After school	Students in grades 1-4 who are picked up or walk home exit the main entrance. Preschool and kindergarten students dismiss from Door 3, just west of the main entrance.
Traffic flow	Approach on 5th Avenue from Elm Street toward Cedar Street. Use diagonal parking for longer stops; use the curb lane only for quick loading or unloading while remaining with your vehicle.
Tuesday folders	Check your child's folder each Tuesday for school papers, forms, and information sent home. Send the Tuesday folder back to school empty and signed each Wednesday.

STUDENT SAFETY

Visitors	All exterior doors remain locked. Enter through the Elementary Office; visits must be scheduled with the teacher in advance.
Deliveries	Leave treats and forgotten items in the Elementary Office. Angela will notify the teacher.
Late arrival	Bring late students to the office. Staff will help students reach their classroom if needed.
Early pick-up	Call the office in advance, 30 minutes or more are appreciated. Your child will come to the office at the requested time and will be dismissed when you arrive.

LUNCH CHOICE

Student choice	Students may decline certain items, such as a vegetable or milk, as long as the meal includes the required components under federal meal guidelines.
Goal	The choice format gives students flexibility and helps reduce unnecessary food waste.

LINKS AND CONTACTS

Traffic Procedures	**Illness Policy**	**Lunch Menus**
District Events	**School-Year Calendar**	**Email Angela**

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

LENNOX LIONS CLUB

FREE VISION SCREENINGS

Helping children see their best.



Tuesday, October 20th

During the school day

For students at Lennox Elementary, Sunshine Preschool, and Early Childhood Preschool

HOW THE SCREENING WORKS

The SPOT Vision Machine takes a picture of your child's eyes. Using these images, the technology can detect potential vision problems, including:

- Near-sightedness
- Far-sightedness
- Astigmatism
- Lazy eye
- Pupil size deviations
- Eye misalignment

GLASSES & CONTACTS REMINDER

Children who wear prescription glasses or contacts will be screened with them on. Please make sure they have them at school that day.

SCREENING RESULTS

If your child does not pass, a note with the results will be sent home that day recommending follow-up with an eye doctor.

DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE?

Please contact us by Monday, October 19th.

Call school secretary Angela: 605-647-2203
or email Renee Johnson: renee.johnson@k12.sd.us


THE LENNOX COMMERCIAL CLUB INVITES YOU TO THIS YEAR'S
TRUNK OR TREAT
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT 1201 S MAIN ST.
OCT. 25
5-7PM
COME DRESSED, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, AND ENJOY A NIGHT FULL OF TREATS!

Clover Stitchers: Analog Hobby Workshops





Cross Stitch (left): Nov. 16-18 | 3:30-5 p.m.

Crochet: Dec. 8-10 | 3:30-5 p.m.

Lennox Community Library, 208 W. 5th Ave., Lennox

Put down the screen & engage your brain through hands-on activities!

Sign up for one or both FREE hands-on needlework opportunities at the Lennox Community Library! In the cross stitch class, students will learn how to do counted cross stitch and make their own backpack keychain. In the crochet class, students will learn how to crochet and make their own washcloth.

Sign up by Nov. 9 at: https://www.lincolncountysd.gov/FormCenter/4H-7/Clover-Stitchers-Analog-Hobby-Workshops-116. *Limit of 10 students per event. Open to youth in grades 3-6.

Funding provided by the Lennox Area Community Fund.

CONTACT
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Recess Temp Guidelines

MAGIC 5

Are You Recess Ready?

If the temperature is...	You should be wearing at least...	This looks like...
32 Degrees or below *Use best judgement on weather to use actual temp or windchill	**SNOW or NO SNOW** 1. Coat 2. Hat/Hood 3. Mittens/Gloves 4. Boots 5. Snow pants	 
33-45 Degrees *Use best judgement on weather to use actual temp or windchill	**SNOW** 1. Coat 2. Hat/Hood 3. Mittens/Gloves 4. Boots 5. Snow pants are required for the grass and playground. (Otherwise blacktop only) **NO SNOW** 1. Coat 2. Hat/Hood 3. Mittens/Gloves *Wear what they bring- (no gloves mean hands in pockets)- natural consequences will cause no harm and teach responsibility.	 
46-49 Degrees *Use best judgement on weather to use actual temp or windchill	**SNOW** 1. Coat 2. Hat/Hood 3. Mittens/Gloves 4. Boots 5. Snow pants are still required for the grass and playground. (Otherwise blacktop only) **NO SNOW** 1. Coat *Wear what they bring- natural consequences will cause no harm and teach responsibility.	 
50-59 Degrees	**Long sleeves only allowed**	
60 Degrees & above	**Short sleeves allowed**	

***Shorts, capri's, dresses, and sandals will be allowed at the principal's discretion, depending on weather forecasts, and generally are NOT allowed from mid-October through Mid-April. ***

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STRONG SUGGESTION: When the temperature is under 50 degrees at any point in the day long pants or leggings are recommended outside if you wear a skirt or shorts. DRESS IN LAYERS !!

When in doubt wear it out!