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Phone: (308) 987-2424 • Fax: (308) 987-2349 • www.ovr.esu10.k12.ne.us Greetings from the Principal's Office

It seems like each year goes by faster than the previous. Is it really almost time for volleyball sub-districts and football playoffs? Good luck to both the volleyball and football teams as they wrap up their regular seasons and prepare for the post-season. Good luck to our One-Act team as they begin their performances. Congratulations to the marching band on their successful marching season.

Class College Visits:

We are wrapping up our college visits for our 9th – 11th grade classes. The freshmen have visited UNK and CCC-Hastings in September. The juniors visited UNL on October 8th. The sophomores will be visiting Concordia on October 29th. Thank you to these institutions for showing our students the opportunities available to them with a little hard work. The visits were informative and hopefully eye-opening to the career field available to our students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st from 3:00 – 8:30 PM. School is dismissed at 11:30 on this day. Please make every attempt to attend conferences to discuss the progress your child is making in their classes. Positive communication and parental support is vital for student success.

Powerschool Parent Access:

Hopefully everyone is able to access their student's Powerschool information. Remember that you are able to access your student's grades, lunch information, attendance, and many other items. You can also access their teacher's email address. This is an excellent way to keep in communication with the teachers. Thank you for supporting your child's education by staying involved.

Weather Reminders:

With the seasons changing, I would like to remind parents to help us by ensuring your child is prepared properly for the elements. Hats, gloves, heavy coats, boots, etc. need to be worn when necessary. We try to have outside recess as much as possible. A quick check of the weather in the morning will allow you to properly prepare your child for the day's weather. If there is snow on the ground, students need to have snow pants and boots to be able to play in the snow. If they do not have these, they will have to stay out of the snow at recess. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Reminder:

When students are going to be gone from school, they need to come to the office to get an advanced make-up slip. We also need a note from the parents stating the reason they will be gone. Homework must be done prior to the absence or it will be subject to grading as a late paper. Another reminder, if siblings wish to attend their older/younger siblings events, they need to bring a note from home at least 2-days prior to the event. They will also need to have their homework made up ahead of time. Please remember to call the school when your child is ill and will not be at school. This eliminates the school having to make phone calls to check on student absences. Thank you for your cooperation.

Technology items:

As many of you, or your relatives, have noticed we have been streaming our home athletic events on High School Cube. Hopefully this experience has been positive for those viewing from home. We are happy to be able to provide this service to our Eagle fans. Mr. Little and myself also provide Twitter updates at events. You can follow us to receive these updates at the following accounts @OvertonEagles or @brian1handicap.

Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal 308-987-2424 x206

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On September 19th the fourth grade attended the 11th annual Nebraska Kids Fitness and Nutrition Day at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. They were joined by approximately 700 other fourth grade students to learn about nutrition and physical fitness.

The morning activities including learning about energy balance, making healthy snacks, label logic, portion distribution, MyPlate, and the importance of food safety and washing hands. The afternoon was spent on Foster Field doing physical activities including step aerobics, teambuilding, participating with members of the UNK baseball team, obstacle courses, and parachute fun.

Mrs. Eilers









jHOLA from the Spanish Department!

Spanish 1 is off to a great start as they have been experiencing the Total Physical Response method of teaching for the first several weeks. The students learn lots of vocabulary and train their cars for Spanish by following commands given by the teacher. First, the action is modeled by the teacher. Next, students are given a verbal command and the teacher again models for students to follow. Finally, students are able to respond to commands with just verbal input. Sometimes I give them unusual commands to make sure they understand. In a recent quiz they accurately translated the command to touch the from with their shoulder!

Spanish 2 has completed a review oblast year's learning and is now learning about dates, months, seasons and weather. We have enjoyed listening to some popular music in Spanish and translating the lyrics for fun. The class has been reading a short, simple novel which gives us opportunity to learn even more vecabulary.

Both Spanish 1 and 2 have recently demonstrated their knowledge of the 20 Spanish countries, their capitals and locations. We also learned a few interesting facts about each one. A music chant and an interactive map website were helpful in our study. Let your student amaze you with his/her exportisely

Spanish 3 has been honing their skills in many different areas. We have been reading a simple novel and watching episodes of a Spanish video series hesides learning more vocabulary and grammar from our textbook. The students have a so composed scenarios in which Spanish could be used in one's work. Soon, we are hoping to take a field mip to examine the role of Spanish in those same careers. Of course, we have not neglected the very serious business of cultural study. This involved some yummy tacos and salsa propared and consumed by the class. We definitely plan further iresearch in this area!

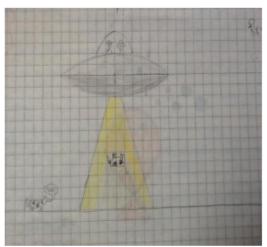
Thanks for your interest in our classes and your support of the students. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the parent/teacher conferences which are coming up soon.

Hasta Idego,

Sra. Roos

Mrs. Bowie's Math Classroom

So far this year the students have been doing fairly well. They seem to have finally gotten back into how school works and many of them are doing a great job working and making sure they understand the concepts that we discuss. We have done some little projects in class that relate to our discussion, but we will be doing many more in each class as the year progresses. One of my favorite projects that we do in the upcoming months is the robot project in Geometry, which relates specifically to the shapes.



One project that we have already done in class is creating pictures based off of graphs that we have discussed in Trigonometry. The students had to draw a picture using the graphs from the chapter and then had to write the equations that

related to the graphs that they created. Once completed, I had the students get creative and create backgrounds for their pictures. Here are a few of my favorites from the class.

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The students did a great job being creative as well as making sure they understood everything we were doing. I always try to make the math classroom a fun and inviting place for students to feel welcome, which is why I like to show off student work in the



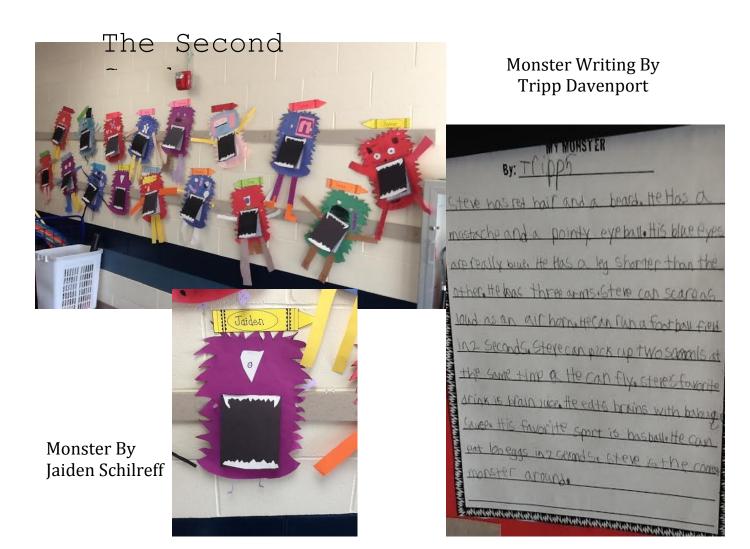
classroom. There are examples of projects that we have done throughout my years in Overton all over my classroom that the students seem to enjoy.

In class we will be doing many more projects and I am excited to see how some of my new classes will do in being creative and having to think outside the box. Math is not a scary subject and hopefully doing fun projects will help students to see this. My goal is to really try to have students understand that math is not the enemy and that many times they do understand the concept but they let their fears get in the way. Mrs. Bowie

2nd Grade News by: Miss Losey

The 2014-2015 school year has been flying by. We are learning new and exciting things every chance we get. In Reading we are learning about the parts of speech, singular and plural nouns, sequencing, and the different genres of a story. In Math we are focusing on the different strategies we can use to solve both addition and subtraction problems. Problem solving has also been a focus of ours; whether it is at P.E, recess, lunch, in the classroom, or at home. In Science we have learned about plants and animals, their habitats, and how living things can change and adapt to survive. In Social Studies we have been learning about the government of a town, state, and country.

The main focus of this year has been to incorporate writing into all aspects of our learning. We do this by journaling, writing quick responses to texts that we read, responding to questions at the end of chapters, and coming up with our own story problems to a math sentence. Our latest writing project was a descriptive writing activity. Students were asked to create their very own monsters out of construction paper. Later, they described their monsters by telling what it looked like, could do, and liked. The students used their imaginations and came up with some amazing things. Below you will find a few of the students' work.



New Venture Adventure Day

Seven students attended the New Venture Adventure day, which was held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney on October 9th. This event is designed to help students develop their entrepreneurship skills and gain a sense of what it really takes to create a new business venture in today's competitive environment. Students were put into groups, in which they were to create a new business in the manufacturing, service, or retail industry. The groups, then, met with a real banker to obtain a loan for their business venture and a realtor to select a site for their business. Other tasks the groups had to complete included creating a mission statement, radio jingle, company logo, and updating financial statements. All in all, students left the event with a much greater appreciation and inspiration for entrepreneurship.

Pictured below are the students who attended the event (from left to right): Courtney Johnson, Morgan Area, Shannon Callahan, Justin Hodgson, Dani Jewett, Paxton Huckins, and Ronie Light.



FBLA Fall Leadership Conference

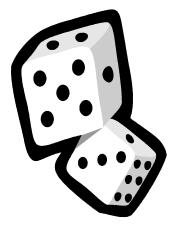
On Tuesday, September 23rd, four of the Overton FBLA officers attended the Fall Leadership Conference held in Kearney. Dani Jewett attended as President, Shannon Callahan as Vice President, Courtney Johnson as Secretary, and Morgan Area as Treasurer. The conference began with an opening general session, featuring keynote speaker Jonathan Sprinkles, who talked about how you can be the one to rise to the occasion and get others to follow your lead. Following the opening session, students attended smaller workshops, which focused on their roles as officers. They were able to attend such workshops as: "Step Up, Be Involved!", "Effective Communication for Tomorrow's Business Leaders", and "How to L.I.V.E. Like a Real Leader". Overall, these officers stepped up as leaders by attending this conference in order to enhance their leadership skills.

Pictured below are the FBLA officers at the Fall Leadership Conference (from left to right): Morgan Area, Dani Jewett, Shannon Callahan, and Courtney Johnson.



Box Tops for Education

We will be saving box tops again this year to help provide additional supplies for our classrooms. Box tops can be left at the office or given to an elementary student or teacher. This is a year round program so please continue to clip and save. Thank you to everyone who helps support this program.



Game Night at the Library!

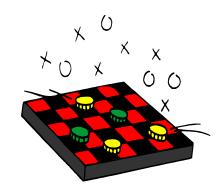
By Mrs. Lassen

I recently submitted a project to the website DonorsChoose.org. This is a place where teachers can submit plans for projects/supplies they need for classrooms and people, businesses and corporations can donate money towards specific projects or just to the website in general. Limeades for Learning is a way that Sonic determines who gets donations from them. A big thank-you goes out to everyone who voted for my project. It was not funded by Sonic, but was funded by an NEA grant and U.S. Cellular.



My project was "Going to Game Night?" and I requested about \$300 worth of new board games. I have received most of them and now I am excited to announce Game Night at the library. Students, parents, and anyone else may join us in the library from 3:30-5:00 for snacks and board games. We have games for many different age levels. The first game night will be held on Tuesday, November 18. One of the conditions for accepting the donations is to put together a thank-you package to the donors. As part of the package, I need to get photographs of my project in action. I also need to have parent permission to post those photos on the internet. Otherwise, students are welcome to come down to the library and enjoy some social time and learn a new game, or two.





Overton FCCLA Pop Tab Donations

The Overton FCCLA chapter is collecting pop tabs and money for the Ronald McDonald House Charity Organization. We will have a few donation areas around the school for students and staff to donate pop tabs to the charity. Ronald McDonald Houses are located near certain hospitals for family to have a close place to stay while their child or family member is going through surgery or treatment. Ronald McDonald Houses are "a home away from home" for the family. These houses include a kitchen, bedrooms, living room, bathroom, as well as other services for the family. The Ronald McDonald Houses have kept millions of families together during rough emotional and financial times.

Help the FCCLA group to reach their goals by supporting this cause. Please try to donate either pop tabs to a donation box or money to a FCCLA member. This goes to a good cause and we would love to collect as much in donations as possible. Keep your eye out for an upcoming challenge from the Overton FCCLA Chapter.

Character Clip from the Counselor

Empathy (recognizing and understanding other's feelings) and the ability to communicate effectively are the key qualities children need in order to get along with others. Before we teach children to be assertive, they should recognize the causes and effects of negative attitudes and behaviors. They need to realize that they have the power to choose how to respond to conflict. Being "emotionally fit" helps children face daily challenges in positive ways. The skills that we have worked on this month also lead into Red Ribbon Week, and having the skills and courage to say no to drugs, alcohol, and any unwanted activities or circumstances children face.

Ms. Stevens

The Key of Ownership

In the past month students have discussed:

- * Identifying their feelings, using "feeling words".
- * Using the "I Message". (I feel _____ when you. I need _____.)
 Taking Ownership for their own feelings first, then asking for a change.
- * Problem Solving Choices: Talk it Out, Share, Ignore It, Walk Away, Ask them to Stop, Apologize, or Make a Deal (agreement).
- * Knowing when to blend in like a chameleon, and when to stand out. There is an appropriate time to "blend in", following rules, and an appropriate time to stand out, being yourself. We also talked about making sure to follow the "right leader".

Important Information for Seniors and Senior Parents

APPLY

Apply to the top three colleges you are considering attending. Go to the Admissions page of the college of your choice, you will find all of the information you need. If there are scholarships from the school that you are eligible for, most schools will send you scholarship information, so that you can complete the scholarship if you choose to. Scholarship information is also available on almost all college websites, and is often on the Financial Aid or Admissions page, which you can search, review, and apply for as you find scholarships that you qualify for

SCHOLARSHIPS

Remember to check my website for scholarship information and use the search sites to search for other scholarships that you qualify for. The deadlines are quickly approaching. The information is available to you, make sure to invest time now in looking for the scholarship possibilities that best match you!

To access my website with scholarship information, you can use the link below, or go to the Overton Public School Homepage, click on Student/Parent Lesson Plans, then click on my name.

http://www.oncoursesystems.com/school/webpage.aspx?id=12785995

SENIOR PICTURES

Just another reminder that senior pictures are due on Monday, November 3rd. A total of 5 pictures need to be turned in to Ms. Stevens. These are for the yearbook, the Beacon, the Clipper, the graduation slide show and the composite for the commons area. Please label your pictures with your name (printed first & last), and which picture you would like to appear where. Head & shoulders shots are best for the papers. Pictures for the yearbook and the composite (entryway photo gallery) need to be vertical.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT:

We will have a Financial Aid night at Overton High School, offered by EducationQuest, on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00. This is for Junior and Senior parents. This presentation will be very important, crucial information will be provided for you that will determine not only the financial aid your child could receive, but the scholarships as well. Even if you do not believe that you will qualify for financial aid assistance, please attend this meeting! Many scholarships still require that you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and require your income taxes be completed early (by February).

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:

Hasty Meier Rudeen Walahoski

Notification: The October 15, 2014 meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School web site, Beacon Observer, Post Office, R & S Market, and the Security First Bank

Open Meetings Information: To be in compliance with LB 898, The Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Board President informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter.

Administration Present: Mark Aten, Superintendent, Brian Fleischman, Principal

Guests Present: Christian Seberger and Mason Area

Public Comments: None

Reports: Student Council members Christian Seberger reported on council activities.

Communications: Thank you (1)

Other:

a. The board excused the absence of member Johnson

Action Items:

- 1. **Agenda** Moved by Meier, seconded by Hasty to approve the agenda of the October 15, 2014 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Motion 4-0-1. Voting Yes: (4) Hasty, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski Voting No: (0), Absent: (1): Johnson.
- 2. **Minutes** Moved by Hasty, seconded by Walahoski to approve Budget of Expenditures and Tax Request Hearings and September 8, 2014 regular monthly board meeting. Motion 4-0-1. Voting Yes: (4) Hasty, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski Voting No: (0), Absent: (1): Johnson.
- 3. Claims Moved by Meier, seconded by Walahoski to pay the October General Fund bills in the amount of \$49,000.70. Motion 4-0-1. Voting Yes: (4) Hasty, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski Voting No: (0), Absent: (1): Johnson..
- 4. Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Meier to approve the resolution to take any necessary action regarding cancellation of a certificated staff member contract. Motion 4-0-1. Voting Yes: (4) Hasty, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski Voting No: (0), Absent: (1): Johnson..
- Moved by Hasty, seconded by Walahoski to approve the contract with TASC to administer the 125 Plan. Motion 4-0-1. Voting Yes: (4) Hasty, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski Voting No: (0), Absent: (1): Johnson.

- 6. Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Meier to recognize the Overton Education Association (O.E.A.) as the official bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion 4-0-1. Voting Yes: (4) Hasty, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski Voting No: (0), Absent: (1): Johnson.
- 7. Moved by Hasty, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion 4-0-1. Voting Yes: (4) Hasty, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski Voting No: (0), Absent: (1): Johnson.

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

- 1. Board Reports:
 - a. Upcoming Meetings:

State Conference

b. Negotiations:

Schedule First Meeting

- 2. Discussion Topics:
 - November regular board meeting date and time: November 10, 2014 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
 - b. Parental Involvement Hearing date and time: 7:15 p.m. November 10, 2014
 - c. ALICAP Insurance Review
 - d. Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Lunch
 - e. Veteran's Day Program
 - f. OCR Update
 - g. BCBS Update

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report:

- 1. Upcoming Events and Calendar
- 2. Enrollment Update
- 3. Gym Wall Mats

Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Enrollment Option Report
- 2. Option Enrollment-

Out –

a.

In -

a. b.

Change of status -

a.

- 3. Budget Review
- 4. Financial Summary
- 5. Valuation Report
- 6. ALICAP Insurance Visit
- 7. Threat Assessment Team
- 8. Superintendent Transparency Act
- 9. Short and Long Term Project List

November 2014

Overton School Activities

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2 Daylight savings ends.	3 Student Council @ lunch room 208. VB sub-districts.	Election Day Nurse AM. Swing Choir 7AM. VB sub-districts.	5 2nd round FB playoffs. Jazz band 7:15AM.	Cheer @ lunch. One-act practice 7AM. VB district finals.	Dance @ lunch. One-Act @ Elm Creek 1PM. Sing Around NE Honor Choir.	8 Craft/vender show 9AM (south gym). Sing Around NE Honor Choir.
9	Music boosters mtg. 6:30 PM. NO SCHOOL- Teac her Inservice. School board mtg. 7:30 PM.	FB quarterfinals. Nurse AM. Swing Choir 7AM. Veteran's Day Veteran's Day program.	APL training. Jazz band 7:15AM. NSAA Regiong IV mtg. 1PM @ ESU 10.	APL training. Cheer @ lunch. One-act practice 7AM. State VB @ Lincoln North East.	14 Dance @ lunch. Newsletter articles due. State VB @ Devaney Sports Center.	15 State VB @ Devaney Sports Center.
16 American Education Week	FB semifinals. First day of winter practice. Senior cinizens Thanksgiving lunch 12:30PM. VB All-Conference selection mtg. 7PM.	18 ABC/PTO mtg. 7PM. Ed Quest Fin. A'd 6PM, room 304. FKC Choral dinic @ Eustis-Farnam. LMC game night 3:30-5PM. NurseAM. One-Act practice 6:30PM. Overton Upward Scholarships mtg. 6:30PM. Swing Choir 7AM.	19 Jazz band 7:15AM.	3rd grade to Hastings Museum. Cheer @ lunch. FBLA mtg. 6:30PM. One-act practice 7AM.	21 Dance @ lunch. School One-Act performance 1st period.	22
23 Community One-Act perfor- mance 7PM.	24 State FB finals D2/D1/B.	FKC One-Act @ Holdrege (Overton). Nurse AM. State FB finals C2/C1/A. Swing Choir 7AM.	2:30 dismissal. Jazz band 7:15AM.	27 NO SCHOOL. Thanksgiving Day	28 NO SCHOOL.	29
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Overton School Breakfast (*)/Lunch Memus

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2	*Breakfast pizza Chicken fried stead, mashed potatoes & gravy, com, peaches, applesauce, dinner roll	*Breakfast on a stick Soup bar, grilled cheese, relish tray, oranges, pineapple	*Biscuits & gravy Super nachos, shredded romain, tomatoes, salsa, jello, strawberries	*Cinnamon roll & ham Schredded pork, sweet potatoe fries, peas, tropical fruit salad, bananas	*Banana bread & eggs Little Caesar's pepperoni pizza, salad mix, Catalina veggies, jello apples.	
9	10 NO SCHOOL	*Muffins & sausage Chicken nuggets, fries, green beans, pears, grapes, brownies	*French toast sticks & ham Mandarin chicken stirfry, rice, jello, grapes	*Donut holes & omelet Crispitos, shredded lettuce, refried beans, apricots, pears	*Breakfast pizza Pigs in a blanket California blend, cherry tomatoes jello, kiwi	
16	*Waffles & eggs Roast turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cranberry jello, baked apples, dinner rolls	*Oatmeal bar & yogurt Taco in a bag, shredded lettuce, salsa, oranges, cherry crisp	*Sausage & cereal bar Spaghetti & sauce, broccoli & cheese, appricots, tropical fruit salad	*Biscuit sandwich Potato soup, grilled cheese, relish tray, jello grapes	*Breakfast on a stick Cheeseburgers roasted carrots, coleslaw, applesauce, peaches	
23	*Breakfast pizza PreK-4: mashed potatoes. 5-12 Mini baked potato bar, chicken tenders, broccoli, applesauce, mandarin oranges	*Yogurt parfait & cina-mini Super nachos, shredded lettuce, black bean & corn salad, bananas, strawberries	26 *Chocolate donut & sausage Chicken patty sandwich, baked beans, jello applesauce	27 NOSCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	
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