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# February 2015 Newsletter

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### Greetings from the Principal's Office

January, as with August & September, is a very important month for our students. The first couple weeks after the break are some of the most crucial. It can be difficult for students to get back into the swing of classes, but getting themselves going sooner rather than later is critical. It takes a great deal more work to raise a grade than it does to lower one. Starting strong will help ensure a positive second semester. I look forward to the remaining five months of school this year.

#### Upcoming Events:

January 20<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ Elwood 3:30/4:45/6:15/8 PM  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>: GBBB @ Eustis-Farnam 4/5/6:30/8 PM  
January 24<sup>th</sup>: WR @ Mullen 10 AM (MT)  
January 24<sup>th</sup>: JHBB Overton Tourney 9 AM  
January 26<sup>th</sup>: UNK Choir & Band Festival  
January 27<sup>th</sup>: JHBB vs. Kearney Catholic 1 PM  
January 27<sup>th</sup>: GBBB vs. Shelton 4:30/5:45/7:30 PM  
January 30<sup>th</sup>: WR @ Central Valley (Greeley) 11 AM  
January 30<sup>th</sup>: JHBB @ Loomis Tourney 1:00/2:00 PM  
January 30<sup>th</sup>: GBBB vs. Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:45 PM  
January 31<sup>st</sup>: JHBB @ Loomis Tourney 10:00/11:00 AM  
January 31<sup>st</sup>: FKC BB Bunny Brackets 6/7:30 PM  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>: FKC GBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30 PM  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>: NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>: FKC BBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30 PM  
February 5<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – FKC WR @ Overton 10 AM  
February 5<sup>th</sup>: FKC GBB Semi-Finals @ Viaero Event Center  
February 6<sup>th</sup>: FKC BBB Semi-Finals @ Viaero Event Center  
February 7<sup>th</sup>: Speech @ Gothenburg  
February 7<sup>th</sup>: FKC GBBB Consolation & Finals @ Viaero Event Center  
February 10<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ Wilcox-Hildreth 4/5:15/6:30/8 PM  
February 12<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 Dismissal (P/T Conferences 3-8:30 PM)  
February 13<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL

**CALENDAR CHANGE:** There will be NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for making the necessary arrangements for your children on this day.

Congratulations to all of the students who made the Honor Roll and Honorable Mention for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. This is great honor and proves that your hard work has paid off. Keep up the good work. A quick reminder that report cards are available on Powerschool for grades 5-12. These are not mailed home. If you need help accessing these reports, please contact me at school.

Thank you for your support of the school. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or stop by and visit.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Fleischman", written in a cursive style.

Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal  
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[brian.fleischman@overtoneagles.org](mailto:brian.fleischman@overtoneagles.org)

## **Parents Encouraging Parents (P.E.P.) Conference**

The annual Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) conference has been scheduled for March 19-21 this year at Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. This conference is open to all Nebraska parents who are raising a child with a verified disability and have an active IFSP or IEP. The purpose of PEP is to bring parents of children with disabilities together in an accepting environment. A major objective of the three day conference is to help parents realize that each is doing the best they can at this time along with sharing ideas, feelings and information. There is no registration fee, but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants to register. If you have attended a PEP conference in the last ten years please do not register. For more information or a brochure, please contact Hayley Ryan at 987-2424 ext. 108 or stop into room 108 at the school.

## **ABC/PTO**

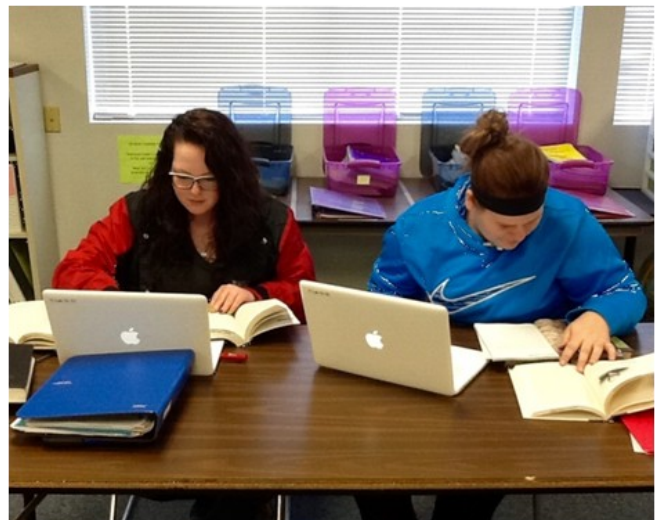
**THE NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 22 at the Overton Golf Course at 7:00. Please consider joining us.** We just had our first book swap. Students could bring in to five books that they had read. The books had to be in good condition. We then put pretend money in an envelope, the students then got to come into the library and spend their pretend money on books that other students had brought in. It was a great way to get “new” books without having to spend any real money. We hope to do this again and hopefully get a little better turn out. The kids that participated also enjoyed cookies and got to watch a little movie!

# Working Hard in the Social Studies Classroom!

Hello from Ms. Brittany Chramosta and the High School Social Studies classroom! It is good to be back to school after the long holiday break. We are starting to get back in the swing of things, and the students are certainly working hard.

There is a lot of hard work being done in the senior Modern Problems class. The seniors are beginning to write their Modern Problems Term Paper, and it has been a busy couple of weeks! Every year, the senior class is required to write a term paper in Modern Problems. This year's theme for the research paper is: "Iconic in American History". Students are required to choose a topic that was important to our country's history and that changed the course of history in the future. We have a wide array of topics this year—everything from Judge Judy to John Deere. The class will spend the majority of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter working on their paper—researching, writing, and presenting their projects.

On January 14, the seniors took a trip to the UNK's Calvin. T. Ryan Library to find sources and check out books for their papers. We were given a presentation on the resources available to students in the library, and students also received help finding books and journal articles from the thousands available in the library. It was a good experience for the senior class to visit a college library. We can only hope this experience will encourage them to use the library at their future colleges of choice!!



## February Music Notes

Second semester has taken off quickly, as usual. We have elementary students (k-4) scheduled to sing at the senior center once a month, starting with fourth grade next week. Please watch the announcements and calendar to see when your student sings.

Four high school students were selected through audition to sing at the UNK Festival Choir on Monday, January 26th. Tara Liess (12th), Mackenzie Beavers (11th), Peyton Zimmerman (11th), and DJ Anderson (11th) will perform on a concert at the UNK Health and Sports Arena beginning at 6pm.

The music department and the music boosters would like to invite you to attend the Spring Showcase (formerly Dinner Theater) on Saturday, March 21st at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available mid-February from any band or swing choir member. Thank you for supporting music in our school!



## Book Swap in The Library

My name is Irma Morales. I moved from California with my family when I was 4 and grew up in Lexington, NE, where I graduated high school in 2007. I have attended college at UNK and recently transferred to Chadron State College in the summer of 2013.

I have worked as an elementary special education Paraprofessional with Lexington Public Schools since 2008. There I have worked with mild, moderate, and severe disability students. I have also had the privilege to observe a high school life skills setting.

Furthermore, I have been able to sit in on several IEP/MDT meetings throughout my working experience, as I interpreted for parents, and I have had assignments in writing and mock IEPs. Writing and leading IEP meetings are areas where I feel I would need more guidance.

My favorite hobbies include spending time with my boyfriend Gustavo and 6-year old son, Alessandro. I also like to attempt Pinterest crafts and read a book during my spare time.

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## Character Clip from the Counselor

### *Kindness is Contagious!*

*Kindness and Cooperation are lifelong values and skills we all continue to use and work to improve. Cooperation is the ability to work well with other in order to get something done. Children need to understand early on that cooperation is a valuable skill. They also need to learn that accountability, responsibility, being a good team-player, and communicating effectively are all part of getting along. Cooperation and kindness go hand in hand.*

### *The Key of Ownership*

We will continue to work on:

- \* *Learning about responsibility and accountability, as an individual and in groups.*
- \* *Working together with kindness and compassion for others.*
- \* *Choosing to share and give to others.*
- \* *Communicating and encouraging others.*

### *Senior Parents:*

*Just another reminder to schedule to have your taxes completed, even if you don't have all of the items yet, make the appointment now so you are ready to go as soon as you have all of your income tax items.*

*Schedule an appointment with EducationQuest to complete the FAFSA!*

*Continue to have your child look for scholarships! I have given several resources on my website.*

*Ms. Stevens*

### Susan T. Buffett Scholarship

The Susan T. Buffett Scholarship became available on November 1<sup>st</sup> and is due on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please start working on it now, get your taxes done early, and complete the FAFSA!

### Pennies for Patients

Students at Overton Public School are collecting donations for Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Nebraska!!! Students may bring money (pennies, nickels, dimes quarters, or dollars) for their class jars through January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The classes in the elementary and middle school that collect the most money will celebrate with a class party! If anyone in the community has change that they would like to donate, you may send it with a student or bring it to the school for our collection. Thank you!

### National Honor Society Bloodmobile

Please consider joining us! Our next community bloodmobile will be on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m. We will be calling to make appointments soon. You may also sign up for an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Each pint of blood has the potential to help three individual patients. The blood we collect is used at hospitals all over the Mid-West from Denver to Chicago. The National Honor Society is hoping you will consider participating in this life-saving event—please help us meet our goal!!!!

If you are unable to give blood, but are willing to help the National Honor Society with our bloodmobile, you can help us be successful by volunteering to help check in donors or to help monitor donors while they enjoy a snack after they have donated blood. If you would be willing to volunteer an hour of your time on February 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact Michelle Stevens at the school, 308-987-2424 x204 or [Michelle.Stevens@overtoneagles.org](mailto:Michelle.Stevens@overtoneagles.org).

### Providing Local Scholarships

Local businesses or groups wanting to offer scholarships to our Overton High School Seniors, please contact me so that I can share scholarship information with students. Thank for supporting our students in their future endeavors!

Michelle Stevens, School Counselor 308-987-2424 x204

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**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 12, 2015**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:**

Brennan  
Luther  
Meier  
Rudeen  
Walahoski

**Notification:** The January 12, 2015 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:** Bricen Margritz and Mackenzie Beavers

**Oath of Office:** Board members Brennan, Luther, and Walahoski completed the oath of office.

**Board of Education Election of Officers:** Board of Education elected the following officers for the 2015 term: Board President, Keith Rudeen 4-1, Vice-President, Rex Johnson 3-1, Secretary, Jared Walahoski 4-1, Treasurer Joel Meier 4-1.

**2015 Board Committees:**

**Americanism:** Heather Brennan and Jared Walahoski  
**Transportation:** Rex Johnson, Jared Walahoski and Doug Luther  
**Interlocal:** Doug Luther and Joel Meier  
**Curriculum:** Joel Meier, Heather Brennan and Rex Johnson  
**Facilities & Property:** Keith Rudeen, Jared Walahoski and Joel Meier  
**Negotiations:** Keith Rudeen, Jared Walahoski and Joel Meier

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports:** Student Council members Bricen Margritz and Mackenzie Beavers reported on council activities.

**Communications:** KSB/Harding & Shultz Law Firm and Kelley Baker

**Other:**

1. Board excused the absence of board member Johnson (5-0).

**Action Items:**

1. **Agenda** - Moved by Meier, seconded by Walahoski to approve the agenda of the January 12, 2015 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.



2. **Minutes** - Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Luther to approve the December 8, 2014 regular board meeting minutes. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.
3. **Claims** - Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Brennan to pay the January General Fund bills in the amount of \$30,559.11. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.
4. Moved by Meier, seconded by Luther to authorize the Superintendent to use facsimile signatures for the Board President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.
5. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to approve the enrollment option limits as presented. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.
6. Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Meier to purchase a school bus from Coach Masters. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.
7. Moved by Luther, seconded by Brennan to approve first reading of board policy 2009. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.
8. Moved by Meier, seconded by Walahoski to designate KSB School Law as the law firm who are authorized to provide the school district with legal counsel. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.
9. Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Johnson.

**Board Reports and Discussion Topics:**

1. **Board Reports:**
  - a. Upcoming Meetings: NASB Meetings Calendar
  - b. Interlocal: January 12, 2015 Meeting
2. **Discussion Topics:**
  - a. February regular board meeting date and time: February 9, 2015 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
  - b. Projects

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principal's Report:**

1. Upcoming Events and Calendar
2. Enrollment Update
3. 2015-2016 Calendar
4. Student iPad Update

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Enrollment Option Report
2. Option Enrollment-
 

Out -	a.
In -	b.

  
 Change of status -
 

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3. Budget Review
4. Financial Summary
5. Project Summary

# February 2015

## Overton School Breakfast (\*)/Lunch Menus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 ALT MEAL: Corn dogs	2 *Breakfast cookie & omelet  Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, apples, oranges, dinner roll	3 NO SCHOOL	4 *Breakfast on a stick  Soup bar, grilled cheese, relish tray, jello, bananas	5 NO SCHOOL	6 *Breakfast pizza  Fiestadas, shredded lettuce, salsa, corn, peaches, kiwi
8 ALT MEAL: Pizza	9 *Oatmeal bar & egg  Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, pears, fruit cocktail, dinner roll	10 *French toast sticks & sausage  Crispitos & cheese, relish tray, strawberries, pineapple	11 *Breakfast combo & pop lart  Stromboli, salad mix, roasted carrots jello, marinara sauce, apple sauce	12 *Donut holes & ham  NO LUNCH	13 NO SCHOOL
15 ALT MEAL: Cheese-burger	16 *Banana muffins & sausage  Chicken noodles & mashed potatoes, peas, mandarin oranges, cherry crisp, dinner roll	17 *Waffles & yogurt  Chicken stir fry, stir fry veggies, roasted carrots, grapes, pears	18 *Egg & bagel sandwich  Taco in a bag, shredded lettuce, refried beans, bananas, oranges	19 *Griddle sandwich  Chicken patty sandwich, potato salad, pickled beets, grapes, pears	20 *Breakfast burrito  Cheese calzones, salad mix, Italian blend veggies, kiwi, applesauce
22 ALT MEAL: Corn dogs	23 *Breakfast pizza  Lasagna, salad mix, green beans, pineapple, oranges, garlic toast	24 *Chocolate donut & ham  Chicken strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, pears, mandarin oranges	25 *Oatmeal bar & sausage  Pizza burger, sweet potatoe fries, broccoli salad, applesauce, peaches	26 *Biscuits & gravy  Pigs in a blanket, green beans, relish tray, jello, grapes	27 *Cinimini & yogurt  Fish sandwich, tri-taters, coleslaw, tropical fruit salad, strawberries

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\*Milk and choice of fruit or juice each breakfast.

Milk served each meal.

# February 2015

## Overton School Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FKC GBB @ top 2 seeds 6/7:30PM. Groundhog Day Student Council @ lunch room 208.	3 FKC BBB @ top 2 seeds 6/7:30PM. NO SCHOOL.	4 Jazz band 7:15AM.	5 FKC GBB semi-finals @ Viaero Event Center. FKC WR @ Overton, 10AM. NO SCHOOL -- Teacher workday.	6 Dance @ lunch. FKC BBB semi-finals @ Viaero Event Center. NeSA-WR closes.	7 ACT test date. FKC consolation and finals @ Viaero Event Center. Speech @ Gothenburg.
8	9 Music boosters mtg. 6:30PM. School board mtg. 7:30PM.	10 GBBB @ Will/Hil 4/5:15/6:30/8PM. JH Swing Choir 3:30PM. Nurse AM. Swing choir 7AM.	11 Jazz band 7:15AM.	12 11:30 dismissal. Cheer @ lunch. FKC Honor Band @ Amherst. P-T conferences 3-8:30PM. Speech 7AM.	13 GBBB @ SEM 5/6:15/8PM. Newsletter articles due. NO SCHOOL. WR districts @ Elm Creek.	14 Speech @ Burwell. Valentine's Day WR districts @ Elm Creek.
15	16 GBB sub-districts @ Kearney Catholic. President's Day	17 GBB sub-districts @ Kearney Catholic. JH Swing Choir 3:30PM. Nurse AM. Spelling Bee gr. 3-8 1PM. Swing choir 7AM.	18 Ash Wednesday. Inter-High Day @ North Platte. Jazz band 7:15AM.	19 Cheer @ lunch. GBB sub-districts @ Kearney Catholic. Speech 7AM. State WR @ Omaha.	20 BBB @ Gibbon 6/7:15PM. Dance @ lunch. State WR @ Omaha.	21 Speech @ Loup City. State WR @ Omaha.
22	23 BBB sub-districts @ Kearney Catholic.	24 BBB sub-districts @ Kearney Catholic. JH Swing Choir 3:30PM. Nurse AM. Swing choir 7AM.	25 FKC Speech @ SEM. Jazz band 7:15AM. JH WR @ Ky Catholic Quad 12:30PM.	26 BBB sub-districts @ Kearney Catholic. Cheer @ lunch. Speech 7AM.	27 Dance @ lunch. GBB district finals.	28

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