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Greetings from the Principal's Office

As we approach springtime, please remember to watch the weather forecast. Spring weather can become very volatile. Thank you for ensuring your children are sent to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

Upcoming Events:

February 18th – 20th: State WR @ Omaha February 19th: BBB vs Gibbon 6/7:15 PM

February 20th: Speech @ Loup City

February 23rd: BBB Sub-Districts @ Kearney Catholic 6/7:45 PM

February 23rd: JHWR @ Wilcox-Hildreth 12:30 PM

February 24th: FKC Speech @ Wilcox-Hildreth February 25th: BBB Sub-Districts @ Kearney Catholic 7PM

February 29th: 1st Day of Spring Sports Practice March 1st: High School Academic Bowl @ ESU10

March 2rd: JHWR @ Wilcox-Hildreth 12:30 PM

March 4th: NO SCHOOL

March 5-6*: Strongman Shootout BB Tournament @ Overton

March 8th: Middle School Academic Bowl @ ESU10

March 9th: Todd Becker Foundation Presentation for Grades 9-12 @ Elwood 1PM

March 11th: NO SCHOOL

March 13th: Daylight Savings Time (Set your clocks ahead 1-hour)

March 14th: JHWR @ Overton 12PM March 14th: District Speech @ Axtell

March 14th: Music Booster Meeting 6:30PM

March 14th: School Board Meeting 7:30PM

School Happenings: It is that time of year again for testing. You might notice on the calendar that on March 21st, the NeSA window opens. This is the statewide assessment that all students grades 3-8 and 11 will be taking. The following subject areas are tested: Reading, Math, and Science. Student performance is vital on these assessments as we are compared with all other schools and students across the State. Please ensure that your students are well prepared during these testing periods with a good nights rest and balanced breakfast. The teachers have done a wonderful job providing our students with the information necessary to be successful on these assessments. Thank you for giving your best effort on the assessments.

Congratulations to all our wrestlers and basketball players on their seasons. Though you may not have achieved the success you wanted, the improvements made throughout the season have laid the groundwork for successful seasons in the future. Remember the work you put into the off-season, especially summer, will pay large dividends next year.

Educationally yours,

Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal

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100th Day of School!

On Friday, January 22nd, 2016, we celebrated the 100th day of school! It is hard to believe that we have been in school that long already. Time flies when you're having fun!

The first grade class collected 100 items of their choosing and created posters out of them. It seems that they had a lot of fun while doing this project. They did a great job on their posters!



We then created a necklace with 100 pieces of Fruit Loops on them. They created patterns and fun combinations of colors for their necklaces. We had to skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s to make sure that we had 100 Fruit Loops. The 1st graders worked together to make sure everyone got their necklace done.

The 1st graders also wrote about what it would be like to be 100 years old! It was very amusing and interesting to hear what they came up with. Some of them said that they would hurt, wear plaid and have to use a walker, while others thought it would be splendid (a vocabulary word from that week) because they would have lots of grandchildren and would just get to relax all day long! I love all of their ideas!



ABC/PTO Happenings

The ABC/PTO has been extremely busy. We had the Christmas Raffle, the teacher lunch, the Valentine Raffle, Book Fair, and are still running the Hy-Vee Challenge.

The current class totals for the Hy-Vee challenge are as follows:

PreK \$2287.15

K \$400.55

1 \$395.64

2 \$289.48

3 \$2216.42

4 \$1871.25

5 \$1095.77

6 \$95.58

Keep collecting. The top collecting class will get Eileen's cookies and a drink! Pick up day is February 29 for this challenge. The entire event runs through April.

Book Fair was a great success. We were able to donate \$500 worth of books to the PK-6 grade classrooms, and \$500 worth of books to the Library.

Thank you to all the parents that helped to set up, work, and clean up book fair. We are always looking to get more parents to help. If interested please volunteer!

Our next big event is the Reading Carnival. We will need lots of parent volunteers to help with this. There will be more information about this coming soon!

On February 11th, Overton hosted the FKC North Quint Honor band all day with a concert at 5 PM. The schools involved were Overton, Pleasanton, Amherst, SEM and Elm Creek. The students worked all day long and presented an AWESOME concert for a large crowd of supporters. Thank you to everyone who helped with the concert especially Merle, Mr. Little, Brenda, Mr. Fleischman and Mr. Aten.





Spring Showcase

This year's Spring Showcase will be held on March 19th and will feature all choral and band students that are participating in FKC music contest held in Elm Creek on March 23rd. There will be a variety of solos, duets, and small ensembles as well as our Jazz Band and 7th Street Singers. This will be a great opportunity for these performers to share the music they have worked so hard on to the community but especially their loved ones and friends. As always, a fantastic multi course meal will be served by our students. Ticket prices are \$12 with proceeds going to Overton Music Boosters who are dedicated to supporting our music programs and our students. It is my hope we will fill the seats and show these musicians how proud we are of their efforts and dedication in representing Overton Public School.

Spring Showcase

March 19th

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Show starts at 6:30 pm

Tickets go on sale Monday, February 22nd. Tickets may be purchased from any Overton music student, Mrs. Kidder, or Mr. Brumm. If you would like to purchase an early ticket, you may call or text Alias Margritz at 325-2678.

National Ag Week March 13-19

Dawson County Farm Bureau, Tyson, and Dawson County Cattlemen are teaming up this year to feed all of the school students in Dawson County for a day to celebrate National Ag Week. In all, they will fee approximately 4600 students. National Ag Week and Ag Day are dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the abundance provided by agriculture. Dawson County Farm Bureau, Tyson and Dawson County Cattlemen are donating the beef to promote healthy benefits of beef in the diet. Overton will serve the donated beef on March 17th during Ag Week. We would like to thank them for their generous donation.



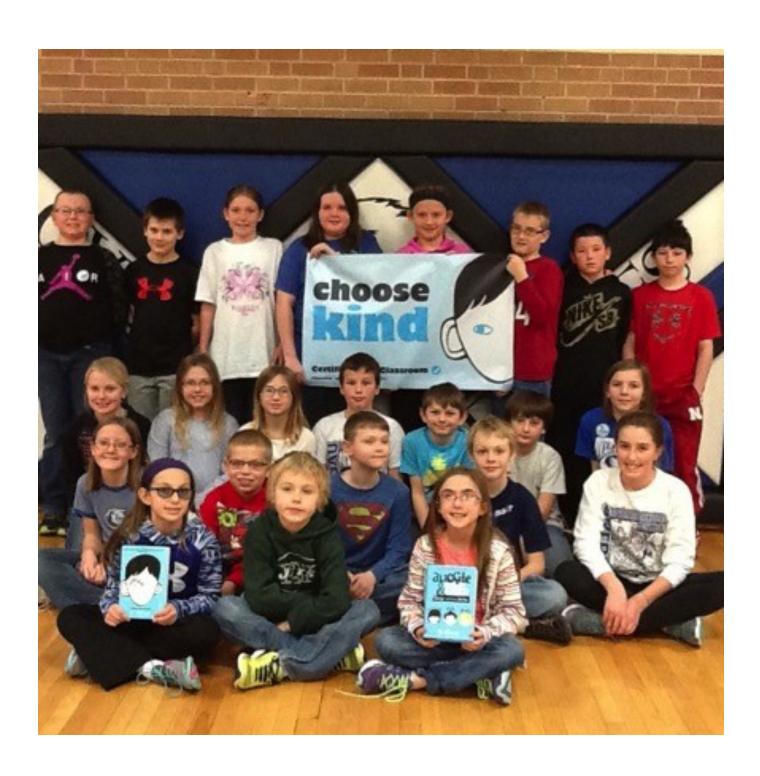
A novel the fourth grade really enjoys hearing aloud is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. August (Auggie) Pullman was born with rare facial deformities that kept him home-schooled. Then in 5th grade he decides to attend Beecher Prep. This would be hard for anyone, however, Auggie is not an ordinary kid. His adjustment, along with his family and classmates, is chronicled in this very moving story. It helps us all realize that we should not judge people by their looks, and kindness should always be the choice. It is a book that even adults would find hard to put down.

This year the book's publisher, Random House along with the author, issued a Certified Kind Classroom Challenge. The class had to perform random kind deeds, and also recognize kindness around them. We kept track of our kind acts recognized by others by putting beads in a jar while posting our progress throughout the challenge on our Twitter account. We finally filled our jar just before Christmas break.

We were soon notified that we were one of the first 500 classes to complete the challenge. To commemorate our achievement, we received an official Choose Kind banner and a signed certificate of recognition from author R.J. Palacio. We have also been entered into a sweepstakes to be one of 5 lucky classrooms to receive an exclusive video message from R.J. Palacio and a pizza party to celebrate our achievement!



The above recognition is fantastic, and it was great to see the class working so hard to earn those beads. However, the best part is everything we learned, not only from the book, but also from each other. You can follow our class on Twitter @mrs_eilers or watch other classrooms' progress by using the hashtag choosekind.



2016 Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, February 16, the 5th annual school spelling was held. Approximately sixty students braved the stage to test their spelling skills. Congratulations to all participants for giving it their best effort. Special thanks to Mr. Brumm for use of the stage and microphone set-up, Mr. Heusinkvelt for chair and table set-up and take-down, Marlene Blythe and Mary Cook- judges, and Mrs. Marshall, announcer and judge. Results were:

3-4 grade division winner: Braden Fleischman, runner-up: Savannah Potter

Winning words: relief, correct

5-6 grade division winner: Addison Luther, runner-up: Garrett Converse

Winning words-skeletal, exhaustion

7-8 grade division winner: Andrea Gaston, runner-up: Austin Nelson

Winning words-monopoly, caricature



Overton FCCLA Competes at District STAR

On Wednesday January 27th the Overton FCCLA Chapter competed in the District 10 STAR competition in Maxwell. Earning Top Gold medals and advancing to state are Jordan Bidwell in Health and Wellness, Senior with her presentation on depression and Hannah Smith in Family Challenges and Issues, Junior with her speech on sibling rivalry. Receiving gold runner-up medals were Taylor Kizer and Sidney Enochs in Illustrated Talk, senior with their project "Take a Shot for Multiple Sclerosis". Silver medalists were Kamryn Harms and Candelaria Bueno in Health and Wellness, Junior with their speech on self-harm. Ashley Carlson earned a bronze medal in Chapter Service Project, Senior with her project "Block Out Cancer". These young ladies did an excellent job of representing Overton at the district competition. They also learned very valuable skills such as organization, time management, researching and developing a speech and public speaking, throughout the entire process of planning their projects and presentations. Through their various projects, our chapter was able to raise over \$4,700 to be donated towards breast cancer outreach and multiple sclerosis research. Thank you to the school and community for helping make that possible. The State STAR competition will be held on April 4th in Lincoln, in conjunction with the State FCCLA Leadership Conference.



Character Clip from the Counselor

Kindness is Contagious! Generosity and cooperation, in the form of kinds spreads by good deeds and positive interactions. Students will continue to focus on seeing the good in others, not just doing good deeds, but also practicing giving the compliments and noting when others do something well or helpful. Too often we see good, but we don't stop to acknowledge and promote the good around us.

This will also help us focus on our next skill: Conflict Resolution. When people have multiple positive interactions first, it is easier to problem solve and work together during difficult times. Conflict is part of everyday life, students need to recognize when conflict begins and learn how to handle this through active listening, self-control, and respectful communication.

Ms. Stevens

Senior Parents:

Have your taxes completed as soon as possible. Your child's scholarships and financial aid will depend on you having your taxes completed by March 15^{th} .

Schedule an appointment with EducationQuest to complete the FAFSA!

Continue to have your child look for scholarships! I have given several resources to the students and links are on my website as well. They also have a folder of local scholarship that they can complete. Almost all students will qualify for almost all of the scholarships in the folder they were given. There are also a variety of college major or career specific scholarships available on my website. Students need to stop and visit with me about these to pick up the application.

Junior "To Do List"

Juniors and Junior Parents,

It is difficult to believe that it is time to start planning for college, but it is! The more prepared you are for your senior year, the more you will all enjoy it. Your senior year will go fast and there will be many important deadlines for you to be prepared for so that you are best prepared for college. I have provided you a variety of activities to start considering and planning for over the next few months.

ACT:

It is time to take the ACT test. The test will be offered in April and June. It is important to take it once or twice before your final test opportunities in the fall of your senior year. Dates are posted on the ACT site, and Overton Public School is a testing site. You must take the test by December to be considered for academic scholarships. Have your scores sent directly to the college(s) you are considering attending. College codes can be found on the ACT website, on my website, or I can help you find them. Register at http://www.actstudentorg

College Visits:

Colleges offer many group tours throughout the spring and summer. Check out the website and admissions page of the college you are interested in to find out about tours they are offering. Some colleges even offer \$500 or \$1,000 off of your tuition if you attend a college tour day!

Get Familiar With My Website:

I have provided detailed and specific information on my website for college planning and scholarships. Please take time to look at the information provided as you plan and prepare for next year.

Financial Aid & Scholarships:

The financial aid process is changing. You will actually be able to apply for financial aid in the fall (of your senior year), using your current income tax information. Having the financial information earlier may help you decide which college is the best fit for you. This also means you have one more thing to do in the fall of your senior year. Many of the major scholarships and individual college academic scholarships are due by November 15th. I provide a general list of scholarships, not a complete list or individualized list. You can begin to look at scholarships that best fit your experiences and interests so you know what scholarships to focus on and apply for.

Job Shadows and Career Exploration:

Over the summer, after school, or on the weekends, consider volunteering or asking for a Job Shadow Experience at a business or company that you are considering a career in or are interested in learning more about. Also ask to have time to visit with someone about careers and the job skills and education needed to become successfully employed with their company or in that career field.

Senior Pictures:

The summer between your junior and senior year is a great time to get your senior pictures taken. You will need to be able to turn your picture in to me by December 1st. It does indeed seem like a long time away, but plan ahead, photographers are busy people too.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who donated blood at the National Honor Society Blood Drive! We met our goal, which helps make our students eligible for a scholarship from the American Red Cross. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped make this event a success too!

Pennies for Patients

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Pennies for Patients. Whether it was one penny or several dollars, modeling generosity, sharing, and compassion for others is a character trait that creates a positive environment. THANK YOU!

Overton Public School K - 6th grade students collected \$467.54.

Our Donations Totals by Grade

K	\$196.79
1 st	\$32.40
2 nd	\$90.30
3^{rd}	\$16.03
4 th	\$23.79
5 th	\$19.78
6 th	\$38.45

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:

Brennan

Johnson

Luther

Meier

Rudeen

Notification: The February 11, 2016 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, 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: Alisha Remmenga, Chelsey Losey, Jake Lammers and Hannah Wolfe

Public Comments: None

Reports:

- a. Ms. Stevens reported on School Counselor activities and responsibilities
- b. Student council members Jake Lammers and Hannah Wolfe presented on council activities

Communications: None

Other:

- a. The board excused the absence of board member Walahoski. 5-0-1.
- b. Board President appointed board member Brennan as the board Secretary for the meeting

Action Items:

- Agenda Moved by Johnson, seconded by Luther to approve the agenda of the February 11, 2016 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- 2. Minutes Moved by Meier, seconded by Brennan to approve the January 11, 2016 regular board meeting minutes. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- Claims Moved by Brennan, seconded by Johnson to pay the February General Fund bills in the amount of \$57,348.17. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- 4. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Meier to approve the contract with the ESU 10 for Special Education Supervision, Psychology Services, Physical and Occupational Therapy and Audiology. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.

- Moved by Luther, seconded by Johnson approve the Principal's contract. Motion 5-0-1.
 Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1)
 Walahoski.
- Moved by Meier, seconded by Luther to approve second reading of board policy 2008.
 Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0).
 Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- Moved by Brennan, seconded by Rudeen to approve second reading of board policy 3003.
 Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0).
 Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- Moved by Brennan, seconded by Rudeen to approve first reading of board policy 4025.
 Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0).
 Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Meier to approve first reading of board policy 4058. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Meier to approve first reading of board policy 4059. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- 11. Moved by Meier, seconded by Luther to approve the expenditure of three thousand dollars for the interlocal grounds and facilities. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- 12. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Brennan adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

- 1. Board Reports:
 - a. Meetings Attended

Reviewed upcoming calendar activities

- 2. Discussion Topics:
 - March board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2016 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
 - b. Reviewed 5000 board policy series
 - c. Projects Update

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report:

- 1. Upcoming Events
- 2. Enrollment Update
- 3. Math Resource Purchase Update

Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Enrollment Option Report
- Option Enrollment-

Out -Ash Lopez - moved into the district a. a. b. b. In a. Change of Status a. None ¢.

- Financial Summary & Update Projects Update Financial and Budget Review Interlocal Update 2016-2017 State Aid Draft 3.
- 4.
- 5.
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March 2016

Overton School Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Strongman Shootout.	FCCLA mtg. 6:30 PM. Student Council mtg. @ lunch.	Cheer 6:30PM. MS Acadomic Bowl @ ESU 10 UNK. SAT mtg. @ 3:45PM.	Jazz band 7:15AM. Todd Becker Foundation presentation @ Elwood 1PM, grades 9-12. Evening concert 7PM.	IO End of 3rd quarter. State BBB at Lincoln.	11 NO SCHOOL. State BBB at Lincoln.	12 State BBB at Lincoln.
13 Daylight savings time starts.	BB All-Conference mtg. @ Elm Creek. Distric Speech @ Axtell. JHWR at Overton 12:30 PM. Music booster mtg. 6:30 PM. School Board mtg. 7:30 PM.	Cheer 6:30PM. Newsletter articles due.	16 Jazz band 7:15AM.	17 Cheer 6:30PM. FKC JHWR at Axtell 9AM. St. Patrick's Day.	18 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service.	19 Spring Music Showcase.
20 Palm Sunday. Severe Weather Awareness Week.	21 NeSA - R/WS opens. Spring sports pictures.	22 Cheer 6:30PM.	FKC Music Contest @ Elm Creek. Jazz band 7:15AM.	GO quad at Overton 4PM. State speech @ UNK. TR @ Wil/Hil 10AM.	25 NO SCHOOL Spring Break.	26
27 Easter Sunday	28 NO SCHOOL Spring Break.	29 Dance 6:30PM. TR @ Cozad 4:30PM.	30 GO at Cambridge 10AM. Jazz band 7:15AM.	31 Dance 6:30PM.		7 T F S 1 2 7 8 9 3 14 15 16 9 21 22 23

March 2016

Overton School Breakfast (*)/Lunch Menus

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í	7	8	Q	10	11
ALT MEAL: Pork egg roll	*Breakfast on a stick Stuffed pasta shells & sauce, salad mix, relish tray, apple slices, oranges, garlic toast	*Oatmeal bar and sausage Super nachos, salad mix, diced tomatoes, yoguri, mandarin oranges,	*English muffin and omelets Soup bar, grilled cheese, celery & peanut butter, bab y	*Donutholes and ham Chef salad, cottage cheese, relish tray, peaches, pears,	NO SCHOOL
3 ALT MEAL: Pizza *Breakfast combo and cereal bar Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, com, tropical fruit salad, oranges, dinner roll		grapes 15 *Funnel cake and egg Crispitos & cheese, shredded romaine, green beans, oranges, bananas	carrots, jello, applesauce 16 *Breakfast pizza Chicken nuggets, fries, peas, strawberries, pineapple, biscuits	*Eggs, toast, and tri-taters Potato soup, grilled cheese, relish tray, jello, mandarin oranges	18 NO SCHOOL
0	21	22	23	24	25
ALT MEAL: Cheese- burger	*Banana muffins and sausage Walking taco, shredded romaine, shredded cheese, corn, applesauce, pears	*Breakfast cookies and ham Lasagna roll ups, salad mix, California blend veggies, oranges, apricots, garlic toast	*Glazed donut and sausage Chicken patty sandwich, fries, relish tray, strawberries, kiwi	*Breakfast on a stick Pigs in a blanket, baked beans, roasted carrots, jello, oranges	NO SCHOOL
7 LT MEAL: Com dog	28 NO SCHOOL	*Cinnamon rolls and egg Goulash, peas, salad mix, banana, peaches, dinner roll	*Donut holes and yogurt Shredded pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, Catalina veggies, peaches, strawberries	3 I *Biscuits and gravy Pizza salad mix, relish tray, pears, applesauce	Apr 2016 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30