### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Principal's Office

I simply cannot believe that we are half way through December and the end of the first semester is only a few days away. It literally feels like we just started this school year and here we are ready to close the first semester. Good luck and continued success to all of our winter sports teams and athletes. Your hard work will pay off in the end.

#### Upcoming Events:

December 17th: 2:30 Dismissal (Semester Tests Periods 2-4-6-8)

December 17th: 7-12 Winter Concert 7PM

December 18th: Last Day of 1st semester (11:30 Dismissal)

December 18th: GBBB @ Pleasanton 4:45/6/7:30PM

December 19th: WR @ Cambridge 10AM

December 21st: GBBB vs. Kearney Catholic 4:30/6/8PM

December 21st - January 3st: NO SCHOOL

December 23 – 27th: NSAA Moratorium (Gyms Closed)

December 28th - 29th: GBBB @ Ravenna Holiday Tournament 1:00/2:45/4:30/6:15PM

December 29th: WR @ Pleasanton Holiday Tourney 10AM

January 4h: 1st Day of 2nd Semester (Regular Schedule)

January 4th: Athletic Boosters Meeting 7PM

January 5th: GBBB vs. Anselmo-Merna 4:30/6/7:30PM (Rescheduled from 12/15)

January 7th: JHBB vs. Axtell 12:30PM

January 7th: WR Triangular @ Axtell 4PM

January 8th: GBBB @ Amherst 4:30/6/8PM

January 9th: WR @ Amherst 10AM

January 9th: GBBB vs. Maxwell 2/3:30/5PM (Jr. Cheer Camp)

January 11th: Inter-local Meeting 6PM; School Board Meeting 7:30PM

Instructional Practices: I would like to give a huge round of applause to Mr. Brumm and Mrs. Kidder for the Holiday Concerts this year. The hard work of the students and leadership of our teachers ensured that both concerts were a huge success. All of the students should be very proud of their performances, you did an excellent job.

Report Cards: Just a reminder that report cards are not mailed out for grades 5-12. They will be available through Powerschool with your parent login. If you would like a printed copy, please call or email me at school and I will print on to send home with your child.

Thank you to all parents for ensuring your children were dressed appropriately for the cold weather during the December blast we endured. Thank you for your continued efforts with this.

I hope that everyone has a good break and returns to school refreshed and ready for another great Semester. 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,

Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal

308-987-2424 x206

brian.fleischman@overtoneagles.org

The yearbook is having a 50/50 raffle and will have its first drawing on December 21 at the basketball games, during the boy's halftime against Kearney Catholic. There will be a second drawing January 19th during the boy's halftime against Elwood. The final drawing will be February 12 during the halftime of the boy's game against S-E-M. You may purchase a ticket at all home games or from a yearbook representative from Overton High School. The tickets are as follows: 1 ticket is for \$5.00, 2 tickets \$7.50, 3 for \$10.00, 5 tickets for \$15.00 and 10 tickets for \$20.00. We will split the pot of money and 50% will go to the winner and 50% will go to the yearbook fundraiser. If you win, you will receive a gift certificate from either a local business in Overton or a Visa Gift Card to be able to be used anywhere. We would appreciate your support.

The FBLA Organization is hosting a dinner for the public January 19, in the commons area of the school during the basketball games against Elwood. It will fun from 5-8 pm. You are encouraged to purchase a ticket from a FBLA representative and then you will give it at the door of the kitchen to be able to eat your dinner. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and you will either be able to choose a hamburger or two hotdogs with your meal. A dessert will also be included. Proceeds will go to the FBLA Fundraiser to help earn their trip to state. You may also purchase them at the basketball game during that time also. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tory Gilson

**Business Teacher** 

Overton High School

### WHAT'S NEW IN SECOND GRADE?...

On Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> the second graders took a field trip to The Stuhr Museum to experience life on the prairie in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. While we were at the museum we toured the facility and saw artifacts from the pioneer days. We also walked around a real life replica of what a railroad town would have looked like long ago. After lunch, we attended a class teaching us about life on the prairie. Our instructor, Ma as we called her, led us through the everyday life of a pioneer family. We started out by hauling in wood for the cast iron stove, Millie. Then we learned about the chores that the children would be required to complete from day to day. The students took turns washing clothes on a washboard, ironing clothes by using the heat from the stovetop, and sewing. After that we had a "family Christmas" by making popcorn over the stovetop, stringing popcorn on thread for tree decorations, and making our own paper chain with homemade paste. To conclude our "family Christmas" the students got to open gifts that families long ago often received on Christmas morning. They learned that many of the gifts would have been homemade and usually had an important purpose to the child's chores or duties around the home.

As the day went on students were surprised to learn about the living situations of the families long ago. They learned that indoor plumbing was none existent which meant that going to the bathroom required boots, coats, and maybe even a big brother or sister to go along. They learned that bath time came once a week and having your own bed was out of the question. One student was even lucky enough to experience how a man would get his face shaved.

The students had a wonderful time at the Stuhr Museum. They learned how very different life today is from long ago and how fortunate they are to have the little things in life such as heat, running water, and machines to wash their clothes.





## **ABC/PTO Happenings**

Hy-Vee receipt challenge was won by the fourth grade. Congratulations! The next challenge will start in January ---- keep saving those receipts.

Thank you to Brian and Leah Fleischman for donating the cookies!

The wreath raffle winners were Kevin Converse, Traci Muirhead, and Debbie Jehorek. Congrats! We will be having a Sweetheart Raffle in February. So be looking forward to that.

### NEXT meeting is January 11, 2016 at 7:00.

We need lots of help the next couple months. Here are our upcoming events:

Teacher Lunch: January 18, 2015.

\*Need volunteers for salads and desserts

\*Need volunteers to serve and clean up

Book Fair: February 8, 9, 10.

\*Need volunteers to work shifts.

Valentine Raffle: January 25 - February 9

\*Need volunteers to ask for donations for the raffle.

\*Help with getting tickets ready.

### Take a Shot for MS

Overton FCCLA is sponsoring two upcoming events led by Taylor Kizer and Sidney Enochs to bring awareness to multiple sclerosis. Multiple Sclerosis or MS is a disease in which the body's immune system wrongly attacks the protective outer covering of the nerves, disrupting the flow of information from nerves to the brain. This can bring about a wide variety of harmful symptoms. There are over 2 million people diagnosed worldwide and as of now there are medicines to help slow the process and block the symptoms but there is no cure. On January 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be an alumni and friends basketball tournament held at Overton High School with all the proceeds going to MS research. There are both men's and women's divisions, with an entry fee of \$10 per player. All team members must be out of high school and everyone will get a t-shirt just for participating. To sign-up your team you can contact Taylor at taylor.kizer@overtoneagles.org or Sidney at sidney.enochs@overtoneagles.org. All registrations are due no later than December 21<sup>st</sup>.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, the chapter will also be sponsoring a black out at the basketball games with Elwood to once again Take the Shot for MS. T-shirt orders will go out on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> and will be due to Mrs. Ehlers at the school no later than Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>. FCCLA will have other activities going on during the game to help raise awareness and funds for multiple sclerosis research. We invite the community to come out to both of these events and support this very worthwhile project. FCCLA is also looking for sponsors for both of these events. If you would like to sponsor an event please contact Taylor Kizer, Sidney Enochs or Angie Ehlers.



# Character Clip from the Counselor

# Ring in the New Year with a few of these character development strategies!

- 21 Strategies to Help Your Child Develop Good Character By Dr. Helen R. LeGette, published by Character Development Publishers
- 1. Model good character in the home. As William Bennett observes in The Book of Virtues, 'there is nothing more influential, more determinant in a child's life than the moral power of a quiet example.' It is critically important that those who are attempting to influence children's character in positive ways 'walk the talk.'
- 2. Be clear about your values. Tell your children where you stand on important issues. Good character is both taught and caught. If we want children to internalize the virtues that we value, we need to teach them what we believe and why. In the daily living of our lives, there are countless opportunities to engage children in moral conversation.
- 3. Show respect for your spouse, your children, and other family members. Parents who honor each other, who share family responsibilities, and who resolve their differences in peaceful ways communicate a powerful message about respect. If children experience respect firsthand within the family, they are more likely to be respectful of others. Simply stated, respect begets respect.
- 4. Model and teach your children good manners. Insist that all family members use good manners in the home. Good manners are really the Golden Rule in action. Whether the issue is courtesy or other simple social graces, it is in the home that true thoughtfulness for others has its roots.
- 5. Have family meals together without television as often as possible. Mealtime is an excellent time for parents to talk with and listen to their children and to strengthen family ties. Whether the meal is a home-cooked feast or fast-food from the drive-through, the most important ingredient is the sharing time the time set aside to reinforce a sense of belonging to and being cared about by the family.
- 6. Plan as many family activities as possible. Involve your children in the planning. Family activities that seem quite ordinary at the moment are often viewed in retrospect as very special and memorable bits of family history. A dad's 'date' with a teenage daughter, a family picnic in the park, or a Sunday excursion for ice cream can provide a meaningful time for being together and sharing as a family.
- 7. Worship together as a family. Recent studies verify that youth who have strong religious convictions are less likely to drop out of school or engage in delinquent behavior. Shared worship experiences help to strengthen family unity and provide a moral foundation for its members.
- 8. Don't provide your children access to alcohol or drugs. Model appropriate behavior regarding alcohol and drugs. Despite peer pressure, the anxieties of adolescence, a youthful desire for sophistication, and media messages that glamorize the use of drugs and alcohol, the family is the most powerful influence on whether a young person will become a substance abuser. Nowhere is the parents' personal example more critical than in the area of alcohol and drug use.

- **9. Plan family service projects or civic activities.** At the heart of good character is a sense of caring and concern for others. Numerous opportunities for family service projects exist in every community, and even young children can participate. Simple acts like taking food to a sick neighbor, mowing an elderly person's yard, or collecting outgrown clothes and toys for charity help youth learn the joys of assisting others and develop lifelong habits of service.
- 10. Read to your children and keep good literature in the home. Great teachers have always used stories to teach, motivate, and inspire, and reading together is an important part of passing the moral legacy of our culture from one generation to another. Children's questions and comments about the stories offer parents important insights into their children's thoughts, beliefs, and concerns.
- 11. Limit your children's spending money. Help them develop an appreciation for non-material rewards. In today's consumerist culture, youth could easily come to believe that image wearing the 'right' clothes, driving the 'right' car, etc. represents the path to success and happiness. Parents can make strong statements about what they value by the ways in which they allocate their own resources and how they allow their children to spend the funds entrusted to them.
- 12. Discuss the holidays and their meanings. Have family celebrations and establish family traditions. Abraham Lincoln observed that participating in national celebrations causes Americans to feel 'more attached the one to the other, and more firmly bound to the country we inhabit.' Observing holidays and celebrating family traditions not only develop these feelings of attachment to and kinship with others, but they also serve as a special kind of glue that binds us together as human beings, as family members, and as citizens.
- 13. Capitalize on the 'teachable moment.' Use situations to spark family discussions on important issues. Some of the most effective character education can occur in the ongoing, everyday life of the family. As parents and children interact with one another and with others outside the home, there are countless situations that can be used to teach valuable lessons about responsibility, empathy, kindness, and compassion.
- 14. Assign home responsibilities to all family members. Even though it is often easier to clear the table, take out the trash, or load the dishwasher ourselves than to wait for a child to do it, we have an obligation to help children learn to balance their own needs and wishes against those of other family members and ultimately, other members of society.
- 15. Set clear expectations for your children and hold them accountable for their actions. Defining reasonable limits and enforcing them appropriately establishes the parents as the moral leaders in the home and provides a sense of security to children and youth. It also lets them know that you care enough about them to want them to be or to become people of good character.
- 16. Keep your children busy in positive activities. Children and youth have remarkable energy levels, and the challenge is to channel that energy into positive activities such as sports, hobbies, music or other forms of the arts, or church or youth groups like the Scouts. Such activities promote altruism, caring, and cooperation and also give children a sense of accomplishment.
- 17. Learn to say no and mean it. It is natural for children especially teenagers to test the limits and challenge their parents' authority. Despite the child's protests, a parent's most loving act is often to stand firm and prohibit the child's participation in a potentially hurtful activity.
- 18. Know where your children are, what they are doing, and with whom. Adults need to communicate in countless ways that we care about children and that we expect the best from them, but also that we take seriously our responsibility to establish standards and to monitor, chaperone, and supervise. At the risk of being perceived as 'old fashioned,' insist on meeting your children's friends and their parents.

- 19. Refuse to cover for your children or make excuses for their inappropriate behavior. Shielding children and youth from the logical consequences of their actions fails to teach them personal responsibility. It also undermines social customs and laws by giving them the impression that they are somehow exempt from the regulations that govern others' behavior.
- 20. Know what television shows, videos, and movies your children are watching. While there are some very fine materials available, a proliferation of pornographic and hate-filled information is easily accessible to our youth. By word and example, teach your children responsible viewing habits. If you learn that your child has viewed something objectionable, candidly share your feelings and discuss why the material offends your family's values.
- 21. Remember that you are the adult! Children don't need another buddy, but they desperately need a parent who cares enough to set and enforce appropriate limits for their behavior. Sometimes being able to say, 'My dad won't let me' provides a convenient escape for a youth who really didn't want to participate in a questionable activity.

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### Senior Parents:

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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!

# MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2015 7:30 p.m.

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

Brennan

Johnson

Luther

Meier

Rudeen

**Notification:** The December 14, 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, 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: Clint Little and Caleb Lempka

Public Comments: None

Reports: None

Communications: Thank you (2)

Other:

1. Appointed Superintendent January 2016 President Pro-Tem

#### **Action Items:**

- Agenda Moved by Luther, seconded by Brennan to approve the agenda of the December 14, 2015 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.
- Minutes Moved by Brennan, seconded by Meier to approve the November 9, 2015 Parental Involvement Hearing and regular board meeting minutes. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- 3. Claims Moved by Meier, seconded by Johnson to pay the December General Fund bills in the amount of \$45,843.42. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Brennan to approve the first reading of board policy 2006.
   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 the 2014-2015 school audit. Motion 5-0-1.
   Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1)
   Walahoski.

- Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Johnson to approve renewal of the superintendent's contract. Motion 5-0-1. Voting Yes: (5) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, and Rudeen. Voting No: (0). Absent: (1) Walahoski.
- 7. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Johnson to approve the superintendent's evaluation. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes: (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).
- 8. Moved by Luther, seconded by Johnson adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes: (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).

#### **Board Reports and Discussion Topics:**

- 1. Board Reports:
  - a. Meetings Attended
     b. Upcoming Meeting:
     Annual Interlocal Meeting January 11, 2016
- 2. Discussion Topics:
  - a. January board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
  - b. Reviewed 3000 board policy series
  - c. Projects

#### **Administrative Reports:**

#### Principal's Report:

- 1. Upcoming Events
- 2. Enrollment Update
- 3. Parent Teacher Conference Report
- 4. 2016-2017 Calendar

#### Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Enrollment Option Report
- 2. Option Enrollment-
  - a. Out a. Hannah Keim grade 8 to Elm Creek
     b. In a. Mycah Holbrook grade K from Lexington
     c. Change of Status a. None
- 3. Financial Summary & Update
- 4. Projects Update
- 5. Financial and Budget Review
- 6. 2016 Board Election Filing Date

# January 2016

## Overton School Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Dance 4-6PM.	4 1st day of 2nd semester. Fullday. Athletic Booster meeting 7PM. Student council mtg. @ lunch.	5	FKC quarterly mtg. 5:30 PM. Jazz band 7:15 AM.	7 Cheer @ lunch. JHBB vs Axtell 12:30 PM. WR Tri @ Axtell 4 PM.	AR popcorn. Dance @ lunch. Feb. ACT registration deedline. GBBB @ Amherst 4:30/6/8PM. Last day to drop/add classes.	GBBB vs Maxwell 2/3:30/ 5PM. Jr. cheer camp. WR @ Amherst 10AM.
10 Dance 4-6PM.	ABC/PTO mtg. 6PM, room 105. FCCLA mtg. 6:30PM. Interlocal mtg. 6PM, School Board mtg. 7:30PM.	Jr. class officer mtg. 4th period, room 103. SAT mtg.	13 Jazz band 7:15AM. JHBB vs Loomis 1PM.	Cheer @ lunch. LMC game night 3:45-5PM (gr. 1-3). Music booster mtg. 6PM.	Dance @ lunch. GBBB vs North Platte St. Pat's 4:306/8PM. Newsletter articles due. WR @ Elm Creek 2:30PM	GBBB @ Bertrand 2/3:30/ 5PM. WR @ Kenesaw 10AM.
17 Dance 4-6PM.	18 JHBB @ Elm Creek Toumey 12:30 PM. Martin Luther King day. NeSA WR opens. NO SCHOOL Teacher in Service.	19 GBBB vs Elwood 5:30/7 PM.	20 Jazz band 7:15AM.	Cheer @ lunch. LMC game night 3:45-5PM (gr. 4-12).	22 Dance @ lunch. GBBB vs Eustis-Farnam 5/6:30/8PM.	23  JHBB@ Overton Tourney 9AM.  WR@ Mullen 10AM (MT
24 Dance 4-6PM.	FCCLA STAR presentation night 7PM.	26 GBBB @ Shelton 67:30PM. JHBB @ Keamey Catholic 1PM.	FCCLA District STAR @ Maxwell. Jazz band 7:15AM.	28 Cheer @ lunch.	Dance @ lunch.  GBBB @ Elm Creek 4:30'6' 7:45PM.  JHBB @ Loomis Tourney 1'2PM.  WR @ Central Valley (Scotia) 11AM.	FKC GBBE Buriny Brackets 6/7:30PM € TBD. JHBB @ Loomis Tourney 10/11AM.
31 Dance 4-6PM.						

# January 2016

# Overton School Breakfast (\*)/Lunch Menus

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3 ALT MEAL: Chicken patty sandwich	*Breakfast on a stick Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad mix, cottage cheese, oranges, applesauce, garlic toast	*Griddle sandwich Taco in a bag, refried beans, shredded romaine,shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, peaches, bananas	*Oatmeal bar and egg Soup bar, cheese bread, relish tray, jello, fruit cocktail	*Breakfast pizza Chicken patty sandwich, fries, baked beans, strawberries, mandarin oranges	*Donut holes and ham Hot dog bar, broccoli, celery & peanut butter, pears, cherry crisp
10 ALT MEAL: Com dogs	*French toast sticks and sausage Lasagna rollups, salad mix, oranges, apples, garlic toast	12 *Waffle and yogurt Potatoe soup, grilled cheese, relish tray, bananas, tropical fruit salad	13  *Funnel cake and egg Cheeseburger, tri-taters, green beans, peaches, cranberry sauce	14 *Cinnamon roll and ham Crispitos, shredded romaine, refried beans, salsa, jello, apples	*Breakfast pizza Little Caesar's pizza,salad mix, cottage cheese, mixed veggies, pineapple, kiwi, no-bake cookie
17 ALT MEAL: Pizza	18 NO SCHOOL	* Egg sausage and cheese tornado Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, apple sauce, apricots, dinner roll	*Sausage gravy and biscuits Macaroni & cheese, little smokies, green beans, celery & cheese, jello, mandarin oranges, brownie	21  *Yogurt parfait and granola  Homemade pizza, salad mix, cauliflower & cheese, peaches, pineapple	*Breakfast on a stick Corn dogs, fries, peas, yogurt, oranges, brownie
24 ALT MEAL: Pork egg roll	*Banana muffin and sausage Chicken & noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, relish tray, apple sauce, peaches	26 *Griddle sandwich Chicken nuggets, fries, roasted carrots, jello, tropical fruit, dinner	*Funnel cake and egg Shredded pork sandwich, green beans, pickles, pears, pineapple	28  *Chocolate donut and ham  Super nachoes, shredded romaine, diced tomatoes, re & green peppers, mandarin oranges, fruit cup	*Breakfast pizza Pigs in a blanket, potato salad, pears, grapes
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	*Milk and choice o	fruitor juice each break	<b>_</b>	Milk served each mea	

