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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. Good luck to all our students as they tackle their semester tests. You will do awesome.

Weather Reminder:

Thank you to all parents for ensuring your child is dress appropriately for the weather as winter has been here for some time now. As a reminder, we try to have outside recess as much as possible. Heavy coats, hats, and gloves are essential for your child each day. Thank you again for your help with this.

Report Cards: Just a reminder that report cards are not mailed out for grades 5-12. Student grades are 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 one to send home with your child.

Attendance:

Student attendance at school is essential for their success. As we move into the flu season, please help your child to remain healthy by encouraging healthy habits such as hand washing and eating healthy. Our custodial staff does a great job of cleaning and disinfecting each night to help during this time of year. Remember to contact the school if your child is ill and will not be in attendance at school.

Lunch Balances:

As we move to a new semester, remember to maintain a positive lunch balance to help our lunch program run effectively. Students with a balance of -\$25 will be provided with a sack lunch until their balance is brought up to date. If your financial situation has changed, please contact the office to receive a free/reduced lunch form. Thank you.

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, teachers, coaches, and students. 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". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of the principal's name and contact information.

Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal/AD
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Latest News from First Grade!

For Thanksgiving, we celebrated by portraying the pilgrims and the Kindergarteners were the Native Americans. We walked through as a group during the Thanksgiving lunch. Then, we had a "feast" together and watched Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving.

Lately, we have been working on camouflaging in science and how and why animals and plants do this or have this adaptation. We had a "forest" in our room and the students had to find all the camouflaged moths. Then, they had to pick a spot in the room and camouflage their own moth in the classroom. Finally, we had to find all of the moths. They did an excellent job camouflaging their moths throughout the classroom. I couldn't find three of them!



Circle of Friends

The elementary Circle of Friends group has been meeting to have lunch, play games and engage in conversations. The group meets over lunch times throughout the school year. We talk about appropriate social skills, upcoming events, and celebrations. When there is time, we play games and do other activities. Students have the opportunity to learn about each other and build an acceptance for one another. This is a great program that develops social skills, manners, and peer relationships.

Emerging research indicates Circle of Friends programs can:

- Increase the quality of social interactions for children with disabilities
- Replace physical-only inclusion with true social inclusion
- Prevent bullying
- Develop empathy and caring in peers
- Give group facilitators confidence in teaching social skills
- Support parents in their quest to meet their children's social needs
- Increase academic classroom participation



Elementary Circle of Friends



1st Grade

2nd Grade

FBLA

FBLA has gotten off to a great start for the school year. We have 4 returning people along with 4 new students. The new officers are: **President-Austin Haussler, Vice President-Hailey Wagener, Treasurer- Melissa White and Reporter-Megan Zulkoski. New Members this year are: Monica Sarratt, Peyton Eby, Jordan Jeffries and Violet Nelms.**

This year we already have had our 3rd annual Career Day that had 18 different people and colleges come into Overton and talk about different careers and colleges. We are in the process of doing concession stands for fundraisers to raise money for State FBLA. We will be donating to the March of Dimes again as well as the FBLA Foundation for State Leadership. This year, I am requiring new students who join to participate in Business Achievement Awards. This will require them to go out into the community and connect with our Business Leaders in Overton as well as the community and we will reach out to the school and community to strengthen our Businesses in Overton. If you are a Business in Overton and would like to network with our FBLA members please contact Mr. Gilson, otherwise our students will be reaching out to you at sometimes. These students will do individual tasks to earn awards locally, statewide as well as nationwide. These tasks will help grow our organization and community.

YEARBOOK

The 2019-20 Yearbook class is a very strong dedicated class that is putting the yearbook together with good leadership and outstanding students. We started off in August selling advertisements for our yearbook and we are in the process of right now selling yearbooks to students and families for the upcoming year. If you would like to purchase one, you may purchase a yearbook with your student's name on the front cover for \$32 or you may purchase a yearbook without a name on the front cover for \$26 dollars. We are still in the process of lowering our yearbook price to all families and \$26 dollars is the lowest it has been in many years. Our goal was to lower the yearbook price to \$25 dollars by 2025 and maintain that price for years to come to keep costs down for our customers. As you see, we are in 2019 and we are very close to reaching our goal of cutting the cost down to \$25 dollars. We are currently 5 years ahead of schedule and looking to reach our goal next year. This is a testament to all of our current yearbook students and past yearbook students for putting the time in to fundraise and help take accountability of the yearbook program. We are also in the process of selling Senior Advertisements out to parents. You should have received a letter from Mr. Gilson explaining the price and information needed for our Senior Advertisements. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are a little short on Business Advertisements this year and still have a little room for more advertisements, so please get in touch with Mr. Gilson if you would like to purchase an advertisement.

Thanksgiving dinner with our Senior Citizens





The JH girls performed a cheer and a dance at half time of the Overton/Axtell game. This is a two week cheer/dance unit they do in PE to give the girls some exposure to what cheer and dance requires in high school. They all did a wonderful job during practice and performing. Thank you to Mrs. Shubert and the cheerleaders and Mrs. Kizer and the dancers for all your extra work helping us! It was a lot of fun.



Overton FCCLA Heads to Dallas
By: Samantha Sarratt, Public Relations Officer

So far, 2019 has been a busy year for Overton FCCLA! This November, a small group of our members including Deakon Lauby, Emma Weiland, Caroline Vance, Shaylee Lux, Samantha Sarratt, Calli Weston, Hannah Smith, Rebecca Zeleski, and adviser Angie Ehlers made a huge addition to ALL of our stories. This year, from the 15th-17th, we attended the first FCCLA National Fall Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas. This was a significant step for all of us, especially for our members that had never attended a national conference before.

The conference attracted over 2500 attendees from all across the country. Members were to get inspired by being in a foreign city, and experiencing different cultures on a mass scale. We were also encouraged to use the “Your Story- Our Story” theme to help us shape our trip. Our story in Dallas began with a 10-hour bus ride from Nebraska through Kansas and Oklahoma to Texas.

The first stop of our journey was the Sixth-Floor Museum. The museum examines the life, times, death, and legacy of United States President John F. Kennedy and is located at the very spot from which Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed the President on November 22, 1963. Nebraska FCCLA members got to walk through and examine the life of President John F. Kennedy and gained a new perspective of a historical event we had heard referenced so often.

After The Sixth-Floor Museum, we explored the Perot Museum of Natural Science. Here, we ate lunch at the cafe, examined fossils and replicas of dinosaur bones, learned more about stars and the solar system, viewed jewels and rock formations from all across the world and got to shop in the gift shop!

Once we finished at the Perot Museum, we checked into our hotel- The Omni Hotel. After settling in for a little while, we headed to the Opening Ceremony. There, we got updates on a national scale and got to hear from Sandy Spavone- The Executive Director of FCCLA. After, we got to hear from our first keynote speaker of the conference. The next morning, we woke up bright and early in order to attend a knowledge bowl against almost all of the other conference attendees. Throughout the day, we attended many Teen Talk sessions that strengthen leadership skills including sessions about Dating Violence, Stress Management, Dressing for Success and Writing Your FCCLA Story.

To close our trip, we attended the closing general session, where many of Nebraska’s delegates were awarded prizes for Skill Demonstration Events. Then we hopped on the bus and made the journey home. We learned so much from this trip and can’t wait to share our experiences with our fellow FCCLA members.



Hannah Smith, Shaylee Lux, Caroline Vance, Deakon Lauby, Emma Weiland, Rebecca Zeleski, Calli Weston, & Samantha Sarratt



At Opening Session



The 6th Floor Museum



Perot Museum of Science



FFA News

Merry Christmas! This year, for the first time ever, FFA put on a Christmas Party to help celebrate the holidays – and to help de-stress from everything going on. We had a gift exchange, gingerbread contest, pizza, ugly sweaters, and of course, treats and hot chocolate!

We also had our Leadership Development Events this month, with 2 state qualifiers! Overall, we improved a lot from last year. Last year, we had 3 purples, 4 blues, and 6 reds. This year we had 5 purples, 6 blues, and 2 reds! We improved so much from last year, and hoping to improve even more for next year! Full results from LDE's are below. Great job Everyone!

- Spencer Walahoski - Junior Public Speaking - District Runner up - STATE QUALIFIER
- Parker Walahoski - Discovery Speaking - District Runner up - STATE QUALIFIER
- Abby Lawton - Extemporaneous Speaking - Purple (3rd place)
- Christian Smith - Employment Skills - Purple (3rd place)
- Emma Luther, JoLee Ryan, Cassidy Pazdernik, Ashlyn Florell, Grace VonLoh, Tripp Davenport, Parker - Conduct of Chapter - Purple (3rd place)
- Siarra Potter - Natural Resources Speaking - Blue (4th place)
- Jacob Surrridge, Dalton Carlson - Ag Demo - Blue (6th place)
- Austin Kennicutt - Natural Resources Speaking- Blue (7th place)
- Addison Luther, Wyatt Ryan, Cinch Kiger, Ryan Lauby, Spencer, Abby Lawton - Senior Parli Pro - Blue
- Sydnie Brown - Career Poster - Blue
- Aybrie Snider - Career Poster - Blue
- Violet Nelms - Creed - Red
- Jada Araujo - Creed - Red

~ Addison Luther ~
Chapter Reporter



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FFA Upcoming

Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / TIME
January 15th	Chapter Meeting	School / 7:00 AM
February 19th	Chapter Meeting	School / 7:00 AM



The gingerbread contest was really intense with lots of people getting their creative sides out to try and win...

... with some people really going all out!



But only one team could come first, and they did a great job too!



Parker Walahoski is going to Lincoln!! Along with Spencer Walahoski!!



Everyone did a great job in their contests!

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:

Brennan
Lassen
Luther
Meier
Rudeen
Walahoski

Notification: The December 9, 2019 meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, 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 Present Rudeen 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: Aaron McCoy and Seth Ehlers

Public Comments: None

Reports: None

Communications: Thank You (1)

Other: Appointed the Superintendent to serve as the President Pro-Tem to begin the January 13, 2020 board meeting.

Action Items:

1. **Agenda** - Moved by Luther, seconded by Brennan to approve the agenda of the December 9, 2019 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
2. **Minutes** - Moved by Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019 Parental Involvement Hearing and the November 11, 2019 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims** - Moved by Meier, seconded by Luther to pay the December General Fund bills in the amount of \$52,815.66 . Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
4. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Lassen to approve the contract renewal for the superintendent. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).

5. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to approve the 2018-2019 school audit. Motion 6-0. Yes (6)
Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0)
6. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Lassen to approve the superintendent's evaluation. Motion 6-0. Yes (6)
Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
7. Moved by Luther, seconded by Brennan to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

1. Board Reports:

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| a. Upcoming Meetings: | State Education Conference Information |
| b. Committee on American Civics: | December 9, 2019 Meeting Update |
| c. Interlocal: | Interlocal Meeting |

2. Discussion Topics:

- a. January Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2020 beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- b. Projects Update

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report:

1. Enrollment Update
2. Calendar
3. Teacher Evaluation
4. 2020-2021 School Calendar

Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment Option Report

2. Option Enrollment-

a. Out -	a.
	b.
b. In -	a.
	b.
	c.
c. Change of Status	a.

3. Financial Update
4. Budget Review
5. Projects Update
6. Dawson County Election Commissioner Election Information

From the Guidance Counselor

A New Year is upon us, and I hope everyone feels the sense of new opportunities. I hope your holidays were a great time spent with family and friends!
-Mrs. McCoy

Juniors

-Colleges. It is never too early to start looking into colleges. Start considering where your future plans might take you and start looking into what the requirements are to be accepted. Go on campus tours and ask questions. If you feel overwhelmed come talk to me and we can discuss it.

Seniors

-FASFA- Use your tax information from 2017 to file this. Your results will be sent directly to the colleges you applied and were accepted to. The colleges will put together a scholarship/financial package and email it to you. Look at what the college(s) are offering to compare how much each school is going to give you and use that number to help decide on future plans. If you have any more questions, feel free to contact me.

-Pictures- If you have not gotten baby, toddler/elementary, and senior pictures to Mrs. McCoy, you NEED to.

-Scholarships- Due dates are going to start approaching. Ask questions or ask for help if you need to! Check the Google Document often for new local scholarships. If you need transcripts or ACT scores send me an email and I can get them to you immediately.

-Graduation- Keep preparing for graduation. Focus on classwork and getting everything in line to graduate. Time is going so fast, don't let it slip away!



Holiday To-Do List

1. ^{Be} ~~Buy~~ Presents
2. ~~Wrap Gifts~~ someone in a hug
3. ~~Send Gifts~~ Love
4. ^{Donate} ~~Shop for~~ Food
5. ~~Make Cookies~~ Memories
6. ^{Be} ~~Hang~~ the Lights

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>*=Breakfast</i></p> <p><i>Milk served each meal.</i></p> <p><i>Milk & fruit served each PK meal.</i></p>			1	2	3	4
5 ALT MEAL: Corn dogs.	6 *Cinnamon little John & sausage. Chicken & Noodles, mashed potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, peaches, dinner roll.	7 *Waffles & omelets. Crispitos & cheese, shredded lettuce, refried beans, mandarin oranges.	8 *Oatmeal bar & ham. Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad mix, peas & carrots, grapes, pineapple.	9 *Banana muffins & yogurt. Chicken sandwich, fries, pickles, tomato slices, banana, pears.	10 *Breakfast pizza. Little Caesar's pepperoni pizza, yogurt, salad mix, green beans & cheese, jello, oranges.	11
12 ALT MEAL: Cheeseburger.	13 *Breakfast pizza. Beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, grapes, dinner roll.	14 *Cinnamon roll & yogurt. Breakfast on a stick, hash browns, yogurt, orange, juice, bananas, strawberries.	15 *French toast & ham. Taco in a bag, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, seasoned rice, salsa, jello, oranges.	16 *Breakfast tornado. Goulash, peas, shredded cheese, mixed berries, baked apples, dinner roll.	17 *Chocolate donut & sausage. Pigs in a blanket, chips, baked beans, coleslaw, jello, applesauce.	18
19 ALT MEAL: Pepperoni pizza.	20 NO SCHOOL.	21 *Funnel cake & ham. Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, oranges, pears, brownies.	22 NO SCHOOL. STAR FCCLA. Teacher workday.	23 *Donut holes & sausage. Fiestadas, shredded lettuce, salsa, jello, yogurt, strawberries.	24 *Cinnamon little John & yogurt Sloppy joes, chips, corn, relish tray, bananas, peaches.	25
26 ALT MEAL: Hot dog.	27 *Biscuits & gravy. Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, pears, mandarin oranges, dinner roll.	28 *Breakfast pizza. Soup bar, grilled cheese, relish tray, jello, bananas.	29 *Breakfast combo & apple muffin. Tater tot casserole, peas, applesauce, peaches, dinner roll.	30 *Breakfast on a stick. Cheeseburger, fries, peas, pickles, fruit cocktail, pineapple.	31 *Glazed donut & ham. Pepperoni pizza, green beans, celery & cheese, cottage cheese, strawberries, apples.	



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 WR @ Pleasanton 9:30AM.
5 Dance 7PM.	6 1st day of S2. Student Council mtg. @ lunch.	7 GBBB vs. Ansley- Litchfield 4:30/6/7:30PM (WR Parents Night).	8 FFA Officer mtg. @ lunch. FKC Quarterly mtg. 5:30PM.	9 WR @ Astell 5PM (Maxwell). ABC/PTO mtg. 7PM.	10 Last day to drop/ add classes. GBBB @ Amherst 4:30/6/7:30PM.	11 WR @ Amherst 10AM. GBBB vs. Maxwell 2/3:30/5PM. Jr. Cheer camp AM (perform halftime boys game). LLBB @ SEM.
12 Dance 6:30PM.	13 JH Quiz Bowl @ Amherst 4PM. Music Booster mtg. 5:30PM. FCCLA mtg. 7PM. School board mtg. 7:30PM.	14 GBBB @ Brady 4:30/6/7:30PM.	15 FFA mtg. 7AM. JHBB vs. Loomis 1PM.	16 Senior Post Prom mtg. 7PM.	17 WR @ SEM 12PM. GBBB vs. North Plate St. Pat's 4:30/6/7:30PM (KODY 1240).	18 WR @ Shelton 10AM. GBBB @ Bertrand 2/3:30/5PM. LLBB @ Elm Creek.
19 Dance 6:30PM.	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. NO SCHOOL— Teacher In- Service. JHBB @ SEM Tourney 12:30PM	21 GBBB vs. Hi-Line 5/6:15/7:30PM.	22 NO SCHOOL— Teacher Workday. FCCLA District STAR @ Overton.	23 Overton HS Quiz Bowl Invite 4PM. Athletic Booster mtg. 7PM.	24	25 JHBB Overton Tourney 9AM. WR @ Mullen 9:30AM (MT). LLBB @ Ansley- Litchfield.
26 Dance 6:30PM.	27 UNK Women's Honor Choir.	28 JHBB @ Kearney Catholic 1PM. GBBB @ Shelton 4/5/6/7:30PM. TE 100 students.	29	30	31 WR @ Greeley 11AM. GBBB @ Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:30PM.	