



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

I cannot believe that we are half way through December and the end of the first semester is only a few days away and what a unique first semester it has been. 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.

Thank You:

When we started this school year, many people said we wouldn't make it to Labor Day and here we are ready to celebrate the holidays and we are still in the building. Thank you to all our students and staff for making this possible. You have been asked to perform tasks no one could have imagined but we have persevered through these trials and will be stronger for it. Thank you very, very much for helping keep us learning inside the classroom.

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 "B. Fleischman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Thank you to everyone who came to our ABC/PTO book fair in November. We were able to purchase about \$1000 in books for Prek-8 classrooms at the fair. Thank you to all the volunteers and students who helped man the fair and keep it running. Your support of reading in our school is appreciated.

Science

The first semester has come to a close, and it was a great one! Our 5th and 6th grade students worked through interactive storylines that asked students to use real world applications to solve problems. 5th grade learned about our water systems by discovering where our dirty water ends up. They finished their 2nd quarter working for *Good Food Production Inc.*, solving issues with matter at the nanoscale. 6th graders worked with thermal energy during 1st quarter, coming up with ways to create a drinking cup that would keep liquids cold. They finished up the 2nd quarter by working with metabolism and discovering the impacts that body systems, oxygen, glucose, and other molecules have on the body. 8th grade focused underground 1st quarter. They worked as paleontologists, digging up fossils and coming up with strategies on how to find the relative and absolute age of them. They also used their creativity to tell a story about what happened to different species in the past by studying rock strata and natural selection. 8th graders finished the year looking to the sky, studying astronomy. Our physical science class started the year by learning about the basics of the periodic table. Students have worked with chemical bonds, reactions, nuclear fission/fusion, and finished the semester working with the electromagnetic spectrum. Students were able to create holograms after working with light waves.

Overton FFA and Ag. Ed. Update

What a December we have had!

Our Ag. Leadership class, as part of a service learning project, started a food drive. We received over 100 items to donate to local food pantries!

The Intro to Ag class dabbled a bit in breeding cattle judging as part of a unit on cow-calf operations. This January we will be starting learning about FFA history and crops grown in our area.

The Agronomy class finished their semester with a study on erosion control and irrigation. This next semester it will become Biotechnology!

The middle school classes (7th and 8th) have been learning about corn. They too will start the semester learning about FFA in time for National FFA week in February!

Our big news is from our District 8 LDE contest (speaking contests). We had two parli teams and 3 individuals competing. Our Red Ribbon winner was Katriena Coover in Employment Skills. Our Blue Ribbon winners were Sydnie Brown with her poster and the Conduct of Chapters Team (Jolee Ryan, Daisy Ryan, Emma Luther, Ashlyn Florell, Braelyn Florell, Natalie Wood and Parker



Walahoski as chair). Our Purple Ribbon winners were also District Champions and earned a chance to



compete at our State Convention! Congratulations to Parker Walahoski with his speech on beef imports and the Senior Parliamentary Procedures team! Members include: Abby Lawton, Ella Luther, Cinch Kiger, Dalton Carlson, Riley Pooschke, Wyatt ``Ryan and Addy Luther as chair.

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 (virtual online options available) and ask questions. If you feel overwhelmed come talk to me and we can discuss it.

Seniors

-FASFA- Use your tax information from 2018 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 and email often for new 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

Leadership Class Service Project

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

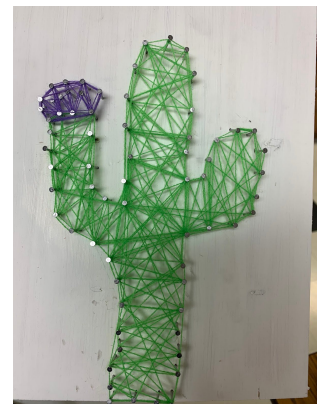
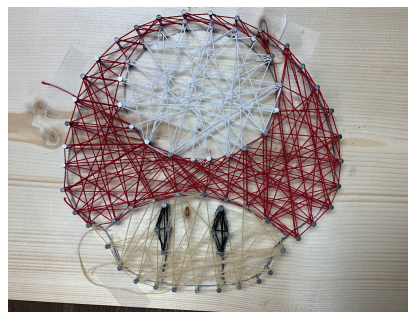
-Winston Churchill

The Leadership Class has been busy working on care packages to send to local nursing home residents. They enlisted the help of the kindergarten and 2nd grade classes to help make cards. They also made ornaments and fleece blankets. The care packages will go out to residents at the end of the semester.



Intro. to Design Class

The design class has been working on string art designs as a final project in class. Each student was able to pick their own design and complete it. Some students are sharing their pieces as gifts for the holidays.



FCCLA Projects



FCCLA member Abby Lawton put together Thanksgiving Meal Kits and distributed them to several families in the community. Abby was also featured in the NTV News segment, "Show Me Something Good".

Jaelynn Roberts wanted to help others for her FCCLA project. She created handmade signs that she sold at a local craft fair. She used part of the money that she made to buy new sheet sets and donate to a local organization HOMES, which helps individuals and families in need.



To bring awareness to human trafficking the the number of cases that fall through the cracks, Jada Araujo's brought the Red Sand Project to Overton. After school on November 17, several FCCLA members met and poured red sand into the cracks in the cement. Jada also shared facts on social media about human trafficking in Nebraska.



One Act

Congratulations to the following actors/actresses and groups for receiving awards this one act season.

Elm Creek Early Bird One Act Festival

Outstanding Actress Award:

Emma Luther
Anna Brennan
Rebecca Zeleski
Jada Araujo

FKC One Act Competition

Outstanding Actress Award:

Rebecca Zeleski
Emma Luther
Jada Araujo
Emma Weiland
Anna Brennan

District One Act Competition

Technical Crew Award:

3rd Place in Technical Competition

Outstanding Actress Award:

Blair Brennan
Natalie Wood
Anna Brennan
Rebecca Zeleski
Jada Araujo
Emma Luther
Aven Zimmerman



Eagle Spotlight

Celebrating Eagles showing great Character!



Elementary Student Successes:

4th Grade: Trevor Borgmann *Trevor is celebrated because he is always a kind classmate and has a great attitude. He goes out of his way every single day to help others without being asked. A couple of weeks ago he was spotted helping another student at the drink machine, and making sure that student received the proper change.*

2nd Grade: Lilian Meyers: *Lily is always kind, helpful, and always using her manners. Lily spreads kindness throughout our classroom and brings many smiles to faces because of it. She is always wanting to help with things in the classroom or other students. There isn't a time you pass out a paper where you don't hear Lily saying "thank you."*

Middle School Student Successes:

8th Grade: Jace Jeffries - *for always being willing to be a team-captain in class (and being a great student manager for basketball!)*

7th Grade: Jaycelea Shubert - *for being a great role model in class (turns things in, uses best manners, always communicates positively)*

6th Grade: Lilly Palmer: *Great attitude in science. Been giving great effort. Kind to others.*

5th Grade: Chelsy Gonzalez: *Great leader, is willing to work with anyone. Great effort*

High School Student Successes:

12th Grade: Katriena Coover - *Leadership Class for putting together the Food Drive*

11th Grade: Riley Pooschke - *Agronomy for stepping up and trying Parli Pro in class so that she could compete for FFA*

10th Grade: Josh Henry - *Agronomy for stepping up and trying his hand at extemporaneous speaking*

9th Grade: Cassidy Pazdernik: *Hard worker. Asks great questions*

Mrs. McCoy's Shout Outs!

- K-2** **Kindergartener: Audra Cordes** *for always being kind and having great integrity.*
- 3-6** **5th Grade: Tinleigh Roberts** *for helping her peers and working hard to get homework done online during Covid.*
- 7-8** **8th Grade: Gage White** *for working hard and getting homework done.*
- 9-12** **9th Grade: Creighton Elfgren** *for helping a MS student who was struggling.*
- Staff** **Mr. Harvey** *can be seen with his hands full of PE Equipment gearing up for another great PE Class. He puts his heart and soul into his students and classes.*

SOMETHING YOU
CAN COUNT ON FOR

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SAFE, NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEALS



In this time of great uncertainty, one thing children and their families can count on is **the availability of healthy school meals** that ensure students are nourished and ready to learn. Research shows the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs play a critical role in supporting academic achievement and combatting childhood hunger and obesity. That's why school nutrition professionals are working to ensure every child continues to have access to safe, nutritious school meals, whether students are attending class in-person, online or a combination of the two.

SCHOOL MEALS ARE SAFE



Food safety is our top priority. **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC), the **Food & Drug Administration** (FDA) and the **World Health Organization** (WHO) all stress that there is no evidence COVID-19 spreads via food or food packaging. Whether meals are served in school or at a grab-and-go pick up location, school meal preparation is conducted in strict adherence with federal, state and local food safety regulations. In addition, CDC and FDA procedures are in place to protect school nutrition staff and the students they serve, including the use of Personal Protective Equipment, additional cleaning of food preparation and service areas, and regular training on proper hygiene practices and food safety measures.

SCHOOL MEALS REMAIN HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS

Healthy food fuels students for learning.

That is why school meals continue to meet strict federal nutrition standards during the pandemic. School nutrition professionals are working hard to develop delicious meals that meet federal regulations and can be safely served to students whether they are dining in the cafeteria, the classroom, or picking up their meals to eat at home.



Feeding Bodies. Fueling Minds.®

schoolnutrition.org

Brought to you by the **School Nutrition Association**

#SupportSchoolMeals

to support your family and your community.



Everything you need to know about free school meals.

WHY IS IT AVAILABLE?

To help ensure children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 in 4 kids in the U.S. could face hunger this year because of COVID-19.¹

WHO IS IT FOR?

Any child age 18 and under.

WHERE?

Check with your school district to learn more about free meals this fall.



Why you should participate:



Picking-up or eating free meals supports the school nutrition program.



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Every day,

30 MILLION

kids rely on school meals for their daily nutrition.²



Ensures the whole school community has access to nutritious meals.

Free meals help lower your grocery budget



and reduce the stress of meal preparation.



FAMILY BENEFITS

YOU GET FREE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN while supporting your community.



Research shows that students who participate in the school meal programs consume more milk, fruits, & vegetables during meal times.³

MORE MEALS
=
MORE FUNDING

MORE FUNDING means we can serve **MORE STUDENTS.**

1 <https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus>
2 <https://frac.org/programs/national-school-lunch-program>
3 <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/npao/schoolmeals.htm>

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:

Brennan
Lassen
Luther
Meier
Rudeen
Walahoski

Notification: The December 14, 2020 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 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: Seth Ehlers, Aaron McCoy, Alisha Remmenga, and Alisha Lassen

Public Comments: None

Reports: Mrs. Remmenga and Mrs. Lassen presented on CIP update

Communications: None

Other: Board appointed the superintendent to act as president pro-tem for the January 2021 board meeting

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to approve the agenda of the December 14, 2020 regular month board meeting as presented. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Luther, seconded by Meier to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular board minutes as presented. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims:** Moved by Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to pay the December General Fund bill roster in the amount \$50,744.86. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
4. **The board voted to:** approve the contract renewal for the superintendent. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0), approve the 2019-2020 school audit. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0), not renew the cross-country coop agreement with Elm Creek Public School for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0), renew the softball coop agreement with Lexington Public School. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0), to approve the sale of used iPads. Motion 6-0. Yes (6)

Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0), approve the superintendent's evaluation. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Lassen, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0), adjourn at 9:12 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:**
 - a. Negotiations: December 21, 2020 Meeting
 - b. American Civics: November 9, 2020 Meeting
 - c. Interlocal: January 11, 2021 Meeting with the Village

2. **Discussion Topics:**
 - a. January Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 beginning at 7:30 p.m.
 - b. State of the School Report
 - c. January Board Reorganization and Committee Selection

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report:

- a. Enrollment and Calendar Update
- b. NSAA Winter Sports Protocol

Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment Option Report

2. Option Enrollment -
 - Out a.

 - In a.

 - Change of Status a.

3. Financial Update
4. Budget Review
5. Projects Update: Second greenhouse, new phone system, upgrade to sound and lighting in the south gym, and track information



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO SCHOOL	2 WR @ Pleasanton Invite 9:30AM.
3 Dance 4:30. Cheer 6:30.	4 FCA 7AM. 1st day of S2. Student Council mtg. @ lunch.	5 FBLA 7:30AM.	6	7 WR vs. Maxwell, Sandhills/ Thedford 5PM (Parents Night).	8 Last day to drop/ add classes. GBBB vs. Amherst 4:30/6/7:30PM.	9 WR @ Amherst 10AM. GBBB vs. Maxwell 2/3:30/5PM.
10 Dance 4:30. Cheer 6:30.	11 FCA 7AM. Music booster mtg. 5:30PM. FCCLA mtg. 6:30PM. School board mtg. 7:30PM.	12 GBBB vs. Brady 4:30/6/7:30PM.	13 JHBB @ Loomis 1PM. FKC quarterly mtg. 5:30PM.	14	15 WR @ SEM 12PM. GBBB @ North Platte St. Pat's 4:30/6/7:30PM.	16 WR @ Shelton 10AM. GBBB vs. Bertrand 2/3:30/5PM.
17 Dance 4:30. Cheer 6:30.	18 NO SCHOOL — Teacher In-Service.	19 GBBB @ Hi-Line (Eustis) 3:30/4:30/6/7:30PM.	20 FCCLA STAR @ Thedford.	21 Athletic booster mtg. 7PM.	22 WR @ South Loup 11AM. GBBB @ <u>Ansley-</u> Litchfield 4:30/6/7:30PM.	23 JHBB Overton Tourney 9AM.
24 Dance 4:30. Cheer 6:30.	25 FCA 7AM.	26 GBBB vs. Shelton 4:30/6/7:30PM.	27 JHBB vs. Kearney Catholic 3/4PM.	28	29 WR @ Central Valley 1PM (Greeley). GBBB vs. Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:30PM (Senior Night).	30 FKC 1st Round GBBB.
31 Dance 4:30. Cheer 6:30.						

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Milk and fruit served each meal.					1 NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 Cinnamon rolls & ham Beef & noodles	5 Breakfast cookie & yogurt Taco in a bag	6 Banana or zucchini bread & scrambled eggs French toast sticks	7 Donut holes & sausage Lasagna	8 Biscuits & gravy Cheeseburger	9
10	11 Funnel cake & sausage Macaroni & cheese/little smokies	12 Breakfast pizza Chicken nuggets	13 Cinnamon little Johns & yogurt Goulash	14 Griddle sandwich Fiestadas	15 Breakfast combo & frudel Breakfast on a stick	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL	19 Oatmeal bar & yogurt Crispitos	20 Waffles & ham Chili soup	21 Chocolate donut & sausage Chicken patty sandwich	22 Pretzels & cheese Little Caesars beef pizza	23
24	25 Breakfast pizza Chicken stir fry	26 French toast sticks & eggs Corn dogs	27 Glazed donut & sausage Tater tot casserole	28 Breakfast tornado or wrap Soup bar	29 Breakfast on a stick Pepperoni pizza	30
31						