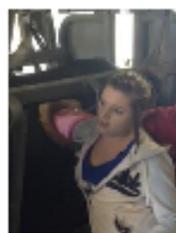


Happy Holidays from the Principal's Office

Where in the world did this semester go to? Before you know it we will be preparing for semester tests and the beginning of second semester. Congratulations to both the Volleyball and Football teams for very successful seasons. You should be very proud of your accomplishments. Good Luck to the Basketball teams and Wrestlers as you begin your seasons.

Upcoming Events:

November 21st: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Hasting Museum
November 21st: Juniors to Mid-Plains Community College
November 24th: Community One-Act Performance 7PM
November 25th: Science Day at UNK (Seniors)
November 26th: FKC One-Act in Holdrege
November 27th: 2:30 Dismissal
November 28-29th: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
December 2nd: Winter Sports Pictures 1:30 PM / Booster Buttons 7th Period & After School
December 4th: District One-Act Performance at Southwest HS (we perform at 12:45)
December 5th: GBBB vs. Arapahoe 4/5:30/7 PM (Parent's Night)
December 6th: GBBB @ Loomis 4:30/6/7:30 PM
December 7th: WR @ Broken Bow 9:30AM
December 7th: Dollars for Scholars 3-on-3 BB Tourney
December 9th: School Board Meeting 7:30 PM
December 10th: JHBB @ SEM 12:30 PM
December 10th: JVBB @ Kearney High 5 PM
December 12th: K-8 Winter Concert 7 PM
December 13th: WR @ Sargent 1 PM
December 13th: GBBB @ Axtell 4:45/6:30/8PM



College Visitations: Again this semester, we have taken our 9-11th grade classes on campus visits to surrounding colleges and universities. The freshmen have gone to CCC-Hastings and UNK, the sophomores just finished their tour of Concordia, and we took the juniors to NCTA in Curtis. We changed up the rotation this year to try and include different options for the students. Each trip was informative and we hope the students came away with a better understanding of the preparations needed during their High School careers. The highlight of the trips had to be when the staff at NCTA allowed our juniors to experience their "Learning Window Cow" (Yes, that is a real cow they are putting their hand into). I

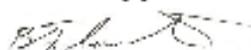


have included some photos from this experience.

Reminders for Students:

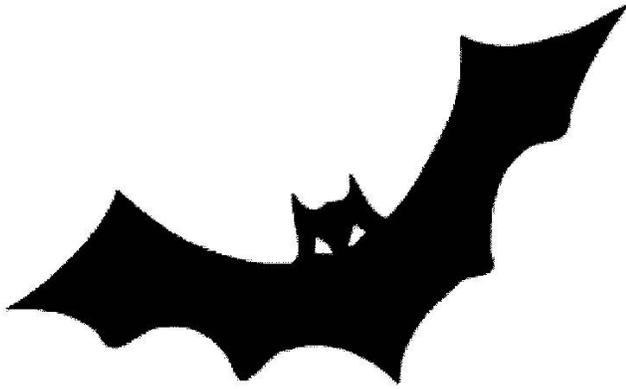
As we begin Basketball games, please remember that students are not allowed to leave the game after you have arrived. If you do leave, you will not be able to re-enter the building. Remember to dress appropriately for the weather as we move in the winter months. Hats and gloves are a necessity when it gets colder. Remember to try your best throughout the remainder of the semester and through next semester.

Educationally yours,


Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal
308-987-2424 x206

brian.fleischman@overtoneagles.org

**Sunday, November 24, 7:00
PM**



**overton
one-ACT 2013
Presents:**

seven

WIVES

FOR

Dracula

A COMEDY BY TIM KELLY

Dracula and his wife, the Countess, take up a secret residence near a sanatorium outside London. The sanatorium, run by Dr. Seward, features a cast of unusual characters including the Odd Sisters who poison people, Mrs. Half-Nelson who knits invisible scarves, and Renfield who collects and eats spiders. Aside from the kooky characters, all is well at the sanatorium until the ladies, including Dr. Seward's own daughter and employees, come down with a mysterious "illness" which leaves them pale and lifeless. With the help of Dr.

Van Helsing, famed vampire hunter, the cast discovers the true source of the "illness" and the culprit's identity.

CAST

MRS. HALF-NELSON.....DESIREE HAUSSLER

MISS HEARSE.....MIKAYLA THORNE

RENFIELD.....TANNER RYAN

LILY.....KINZY ENOCHS

SISTER 1.....TARA LISS

SISTER 2.....ALYSSA BOURBON

DR. SEWARD.....CHASE HORN

JONATHAN.....JOEL SHAFER

VAN HELSING.....DYLAN WHITE

LUCY.....DANI JEWETT

DRACULA.....DYLAN GRAYEK

COUNTESS.....ADDY FISHER

WOLF-CREATURE.....JOSEPH ALUMIT

CREW: MADISON BEAVERS, MATT DOLAN, KAYLA GRUBB, SHANNON CALLAHAN, MACKENZIE BEAVERS, TAYLOR KIZER, MONICA MEIER, HANNAH WEAR, JAMES ANDERSON, MADISON BOURBON, COURTNEY JOHNSON

DIRECTOR: MS. EMILIE POWERS

Thank you to the Athletic Boosters for purchasing the "Home of the Eagles" sign for the Football field fence. This is an awesome addition to our Athletic complex. Thank you for all you do for our Athletic programs!!



Band Happenings

The Overton Marching Eagles had a GREAT marching season this past year. We competed in three parades and performed very well in all three. At the Harvest of Harmony parade in Grand Island, the band placed 10th out of 42 in class D. At the Minden BandFest, we received a Superior rating. I am very proud of all of their hard work this year.

The Overton Music Boosters would love to invite all parents of students involved in band, choir and swing choir in grades 7-12 to our monthly meetings. If you don't already know, you all are members of Music Boosters. Our meeting dates and times are in the monthly calendars. We would love to have your ideas and involvement in making the music department here at Overton the best it can be. Please come to a meeting and see what you can do to help your child succeed in music here at Overton.

The Overton Music Department has two winter concerts coming up in the month of December. On December 12th, the K-6 will be presenting their Winter Concert beginning at 7 PM. On the following Thursday, December 19th, the 7-12 Grades will be presenting their Winter Concert at 7:30 PM. I highly encourage and invite you to attend both concerts and see what the students of Overton can do!

Tech Tidbits

I would like to thank all of the parents of students in 9-12 for being supportive of our 1-to1 iPad initiative. The teachers have really been using these new tools in unique ways to help these students learn in new ways.

Technology has become such a huge part of our lives that we often don't realize how much we use it during a single day. A great tip is to make sure that you devote at minimum 3 hours per day where you do not use your smartphone, tablet or computer. Using your phone to make a call would not be considered using your smartphone. Studies have shown that constantly using these types of devices can lead to addiction type symptoms for these devices. Constant use of anything can cause the part of your brain that is triggered during addiction to be triggered. This can lead to withdrawal symptoms when you do not have these things. They have found children as young as 3 being addicted to tablets. Please remember to limit time on these devices when your children are at home.

Mr. Brumm

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

It is that time of year again—we will be collecting donations for Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Nebraska!!! We hope everyone has been saving their pennies and loose change over the last year. Students may bring money for their class jars from January 13th through January 31st. Students in grades 5-12 should watch the announcements for their jar locations. As in the past, we will award a pizza party to the class that collects the most money. If anyone in the community has change that they would like to donate, they may contact Jill Luther at the school at 987-2424 ex

OVERTON BLOODMOBILE IS COMING!!!

Mark your calendars—our next community bloodmobile will be on Thursday, February 13th from noon to 6:00 p.m. Please contact Jill Luther at 987-2424 ext. 204 or jill.luther@overtoneagles.org to make your appointment!! We will have an appointment table set up during the Eustis-Farnam basketball games on Friday, January 24th. Our goal is 25 units. Each pint of blood has the potential to help three different 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!!!!

FITNESS CENTER

With winter sports, the Fitness Center is very busy. It is necessary that everyone do their part in keeping it clean. If you are using the Fitness Center, **YOU MUST CHANGE YOUR SHOES**. If you are bringing your child to a practice in the Fitness Center, **YOU MUST CHANGE YOUR SHOES** or stay on a rug. The rocks, dirt and snow that are tracked in on to the special flooring damages it much sooner than if everyone follows the rules. It will be very costly when this needs to be replaced.

Chris Johnson

ABC/PTO

The next ABC/PTO meeting is November 21, 2013 at 7o'clock in the commons area. Upcoming events are:

Jan. 20 : Teacher In-service Lunch

Jan. 24 : Concession Stand (fundraiser)

Jan. 27 - Feb. 10 - Valentine Raffle tickets for sale (Fundraiser)

Feb. 11- 14 : Book Fair

Many people signed up at conferences to help and we appreciate that. If you did not get a chance to sign up, please call Mrs. Wallace (987-2424 ext. 105) or Heather Brennan. You can also sign up at the meeting. We have other activities later in the school year but wanted to make sure all are aware of the next few event

Peanut Allergy

An allergic response to peanuts usually occurs within minutes after exposure, and symptoms range from mild to severe. Exposure is not just eating but physical contact as well. Peanut allergy is the most common cause of food-induced anaphylaxis, a medical emergency that requires treatment with an epinephrine (adrenaline) injector (EpiPen, Twinject) and a trip to the emergency room.

Overton Public School has a student with peanut allergies. Precautions are taken to eliminate any nuts from being brought into the school either in cooked or uncooked form. Cookies, candies, desserts, etc that come into the school could cause a reaction. We ask that you do not send anything to school as treats or in lunches or bring anything in to school activities that contain nuts. You will see signs posted that say "**Nut Free Zone**" in the school. Please help us keep our school a safe environment for all people. Thank you.

OVERTON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The Overton Dollars For Scholars 3-on-3 basketball tournament is going to be held December 7. Registration forms are in both of the offices at Overton Public School. There are both boys and girls teams grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8. Medals will be given out again for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and t-shirts will be given to everyone who registers.

This tournament is our annual fund raiser for scholarship dollars that are given out to all seniors who qualify. Our sole purpose is to help our graduated seniors with furthering their education. All of our profit goes back into these scholarships. We would like to welcome any new members. If there are questions on the tournament you can call Jackie Benson 308-987-2574 or Nancy Ginkens 308-987-2440. We hope to see you at our tournament!



OVERTON DOLLARS
for SCHOLARS

*****REGISTRATION FORM *****

"3 on 3" Basketball Tournament
Saturday, December 7, 2013
Overton High School

Registration deadline: November 21, 2013
(\$75 team registration fee must accompany this registration form)
Make checks payable to "Overton Dollars for Scholars"
and mail your entry fee and registration form to:

Overton Dollars for Scholars
c/o Jackie Benson
75304 Drive 441
Overton, NE 68863

Weather announcements will be on KRVN and the Overton Public School website.

Tournament includes 6 divisions:

3 rd & 4 th grade boys	3 rd & 4 th grade girls
5 th & 6 th grade boys	5 th & 6 th grade girls
7 th & 8 th grade boys	7 th & 8 th grade girls

*Teams may have up to 5 players (players should compete within their grade level, but may 'play up' as needed...identical colored game shirts are recommended for each team)

*Depending on the number of teams registered for each division, we will follow a 'double-elimination' or 'round-robin' form (tournament brackets and rules will be mailed out the week of the tournament)

***Medals awarded** for 1st and 2nd place in each division, and **all participants receive t-shirts** at the end of the tournament.

*Unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, and fans will not be tolerated. The team captain/coach will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team. Overton Schools and the Overton Dollars for Scholars will not be held responsible for injuries or accidents.



OVERTON DOLLARS
for SCHOLARS

*****REGISTRATION FORM *****

"3 on 3" Basketball Tournament
Saturday, December 7, 2013
Overton High School

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 21, 2013

Team Name: _____

Coach: _____

Coach's Mailing Address: _____

Coach's Phone #: _____

Player #1 Name: _____

Grade: _____ Shirt Size (Adult Sizes): S M L XL

Player #2 Name: _____

Grade: _____ Shirt Size (Adult Sizes): S M L XL

Player #3 Name: _____

Grade: _____ Shirt Size (Adult Sizes): S M L XL

Player #4 Name: _____

Grade: _____ Shirt Size (Adult Sizes): S M L XL

Player #5 Name: _____

Grade: _____ Shirt Size (Adult Sizes): S M L XL

Mail this completed form (with your \$75 team registration fee) to:

Overton Dollars for Scholars

c/o Jackie Benson

75304 Drive 441

Overton, NE 68863

Questions? Contact Jackie Benson (308) 987-2574 or Nancy Ginkens (308) 987-2440
nancy.ginkens@overtoneagles.org



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS
ON THEIR SUCCESS THIS SEASON!! THANKS TO ALL OF OUR FANS WHO
CAME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

The Veteran's day program was a hit again! The elementary sang songs, there was a slideshow, and the veteran's told their story. Every year National Honor Society helps serve the coffee and rolls to the veterans and their families. This is the least our student body could do to thank our veterans! We thank all the veterans for what you have done to protect our country!

Reported by Dani Jewett

Latex Allergy

Latex allergy is a reaction to certain proteins found in natural rubber latex, a product manufactured from a milky fluid that comes from the rubber tree. If you have a latex allergy, your body mistakes latex for a harmful substance. Latex allergy may cause allergic reactions ranging from sneezing or a runny nose to anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening condition.

Anaphylactic shock symptoms

The most serious allergic reaction to latex is an anaphylactic (an-uh-fuh-LAK-tik) response, which can be deadly. It's rarely the first reaction to latex exposure. Anaphylactic reactions develop immediately after latex exposure in highly sensitive people. Signs and symptoms include:

Difficulty breathing Wheezing Drop in blood pressure Dizziness Loss of consciousness Confusion Rapid or weak pulse

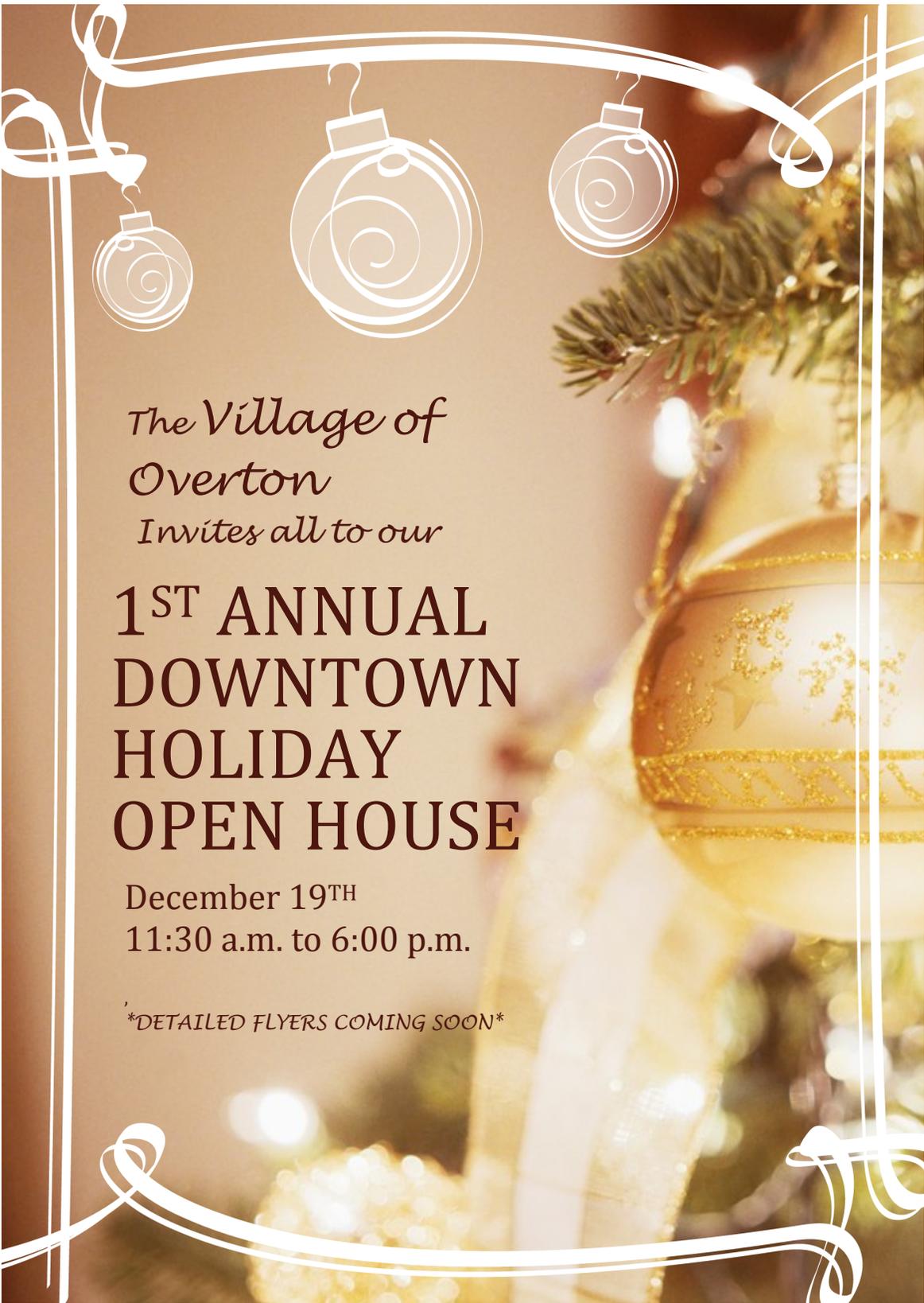
Overton Public School has a student with Latex allergies. We have signs posted on the doors that state that we are a “**Latex Free Facility**” which means you cannot bring anything with latex into the school. Please help keep our student safe by not bringing items such as balloons into the school. We appreciate your cooperation.

Shop Notes

Welding has been a top class this quarter. We have many new welders who are getting a lot of good welds done. T&I class has done a lot of projects and repairs; from table carts to a casket for one act. 8th Grade shop students have worked very hard at welding, have been learning about small engines, and have been introduced to wood working. Next year, when they come to shop, they will have some basic knowledge. It looks like there are a lot of talented students in shop who will be in one of my classes next year.

We are off to a great start!

Mr. McClain



*The Village of
Overton
Invites all to our*

**1ST ANNUAL
DOWNTOWN
HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**

December 19TH
11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DETAILED FLYERS COMING SOON

What is happening in First Grade!

The first graders have been working hard on lots of different things! We have started Rocket Math and Accelerated Math. Rocket Math is going well and the kids are always so excited to pass and get to the next level. I love to see their bright, smiling faces when they succeed. They are also very excited about getting to work on the iPads to do Accelerated Math.

We have also been learning about animals and habitats! The students are so enthusiastic and eager to show what they have learned! We recently did a group project using what we have learned about animals. The students worked together to write facts about an assigned type animal and then they presented their work to the rest of the class. They enjoyed "being the teacher."

We will be taking our STAR Reading test soon and then we will be starting Accelerated Reader. The students are ready to start and to want to be like their older siblings and to be "just like the big kids."

We are also preparing for Thanksgiving. We are going to try out our first Readers Theatre. The kids are excited and nervous. It should be a fun time! First grade is pretty busy but is lots of fun!

Mrs. Cordes





The Hot Lunch line was a spooky place to be on Halloween. The Kitchen employees made sure the kids had a fun time at lunch and the food was a little questionable from reading the menu. Only the tough dared eat lunch on Halloween!!





Overton Early Learning Center came Trick-or-Treating at school on Halloween. They were excited to get all dressed up and come visiting. Isn't it great to see them having so much fun?





It is hard to tell who is having the most fun here; the teachers or the students!! The Overton Preschool students came to see us on Halloween also. They are always so excited to come visit and we had fun sharing our treats. Thanks to all who got so dressed up for us!

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S DESK:

DECEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAITS:

This Is It & Responsibility

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA!!! UNO will no longer accept ACT or SAT scores sent from high schools starting with students entering in the summer or fall of 2015. These test scores MUST be sent to UNO DIRECTLY from the testing agency! Any student interested in attending UNO should make sure they choose UNO's code when registering for these tests. The scores will be sent to UNO for free. UNL already follows this policy for ACT scores. If any parent or student has any questions about this policy, please ask Mrs. Luther.

SENIORS: Have you checked out Overton's website? Click on the "College Information" link.

JUNIORS—it's never too early to look at this yourself! Another site available is SchoolSoup.com. It is supposed to be the largest scholarship database in the world. We have added this link to our website, as well.

SENIORS: If you think you might do your FAFSA online, you need to register for a PIN.

Dependent students must have their parents register. This may be done at www.pin.ed.gov. FAFSA is the form that allows you to receive college grants and loans from the government. You will not fill out the form until after the first of the year, but you can apply for your PIN anytime.

POTENTIAL COLLEGE ATHLETES: register with the NCAA clearinghouse! Come see me if you have any questions. ACT scores must be sent to the clearinghouse via ACT, not our school.

PLEASE NOTE!!! The NCAA is changing eligibility rules beginning with this year's senior and freshmen classes. Division II schools have increased the number of core classes from 14 to 16. Division I has increased its minimum core class GPA from 2.0 to 2.3. They will also require that 10 of the 16 core course requirements be finished before the beginning of the student's 7th semester, or at the beginning of their senior year.

The NAIA has started a registration process for potential athletes, much like the NCAA. If you have a student interested in playing for one of these colleges, check out their website at www.playnaia.org.

The next ACT TESTING DATE is December 14th. Registration for that test is past, with late registration available until November 22nd. ACT tests will be given in Overton in December, April, and June. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch prices may be able to receive a fee waiver from ACT. Remember you now MUST upload a picture to your application!!!! See Mrs. Luther for more information.

ACT reports that 70% of all test-takers now register online. They are encouraging as many students as possible to sign up in this manner. Information is in Mrs. Luther's office; or you may go to act.org for details or to set up a free account.

MIDLAND UNIVERSITY is now offering Trapshooting as a scholarship sport at the school, fully sanctioned by the NAIA. See Mrs. Luther for more details if you are interested!!

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES: See Mrs. Luther for registration information.

UNL Red Letter Days: Dec. 6

UNO: Be A Mav Day: Dec. 13th; Jan. 31st; Junior Day: April 18th; UNO will be hosting a housing
Open House and a Peter Kiewit Institute Open House on Feb. 22nd & April 6th

WAYNE STATE: Fridays @ WSC: Jan. 31; Feb. 14 & 21; March 7 & 28; April 18;

JUST JUNIORS: March 22nd

NCK: Spring Spotlight: March 11 (Beloit) & 13 (Hays)

SETON HALL: Open Houses: Feb. 16

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE: Visit Days: Jan. 17; Feb. 14; April 7-11 & 14-17; Junior Visit Days:
April 4 & 25

BRYAN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES: Ultrasound Evening Visit: Dec. 5th (6:30-8:00);
Register to attend at bryanhealthcollege.edu.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES AT OHS:

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- * NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM: Governor's Opportunity Award application is due Dec. 1st and covers half of in-state tuition over 4 years. You must have an ACT between 21-24 and complete an essay. They also offer a BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP for students with ACT scores at 25 or above. The application is due January 15th and requires a letter of recommendation. This award covers full tuition for 4 years.
- * UNL's scholarship deadline is January 15th. Students must be admitted to UNL by this date.
- * KHOP scholarship applications are due to UNK by November 15th. RHOP applications to Chadron, Wayne, and Peru are due by December 1st. Please see Mrs. Luther ASAP if you are interested in applying to one of these programs!!!
- * The MARTHA AND DON ROMEO SCHOLARSHIP is available for Buffalo County 4-Hers. This application is due to the extension office by 5 p.m. on December 2nd. See me for details!
- * The KEARNEY ELKS LODGE is offering several scholarship programs. The Most Valuable Student scholarship will offer 2 awards in our area, valued at \$1600 and \$1400. The top applications will also be forwarded to the state level for further competition. These applications are due December 6th. The J.B. Ferguson Golf Scholarship, worth \$500, is available to students who plan to play golf in college. This application is due January 15th. The Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship application is open to any high school senior. Three different awards will be given to both boys and girls. This application is based on financial need and is due January 15th. The Elks Vocational Scholarship is for students planning to attend a vocational or community college. This application is also need-based and is due January 4th. See Mrs. Luther for applications and more information!!!

* The UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY HONORS' PROGRAM is offering the Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Scholarships for students with an ACT score of 30 and in the top 10% of their class. To apply for this scholarship, applications to the Honors' Program must be completed by November 15th. Students may apply to just the Honors' Program with a minimum ACT of 27 and be in the top 25% of the class. All Honors' Program applications are due by February 1st.

* I received a fax with all of the following scholarship applications listed on it. The fax did not have a lot of information about each one, but if you are interested, it might be worth looking up the websites and seeing what is involved.

ODENZA MARKETING GROUP VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 due Dec. 30th; You must be between the ages of 16 and 22 on December 30th, 2013; have at least a 2.5 GPA in the past year; and contributed a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service in the last 12 months.

Applications are at www.studentscholarships.org/college.php

PETER PASULA STUDY HABITS SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 due April 1st: Student must be enrolling in any program that is at least 2 years in length by the fall of 2014 and answer an essay question on the online application, which can be found at: www.mortgagebrokerscoquitlam.com.

MAPLE LEAF DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 due May 30th: Student must be enrolling in any program that is at least 2 years in length by the fall of 2014, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and has to have recorded at least 100 volunteer hours over the last 2 years.

Applications are at: www.peterboroughdentists.com.

* The AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps offers a full-time, 10-month, residential service program for 2,800 young adults between the ages of 18-24. Students receive room and board, a small living stipend, and leadership development, in addition to \$5550 to help pay for college or pay back existing school loans. See Mrs. Luther for further details.

* The SUSAN THOMPSON BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP website is now LIVE for students to start the application process!!! If you are interested in this scholarship, PLEASE start early on the application, as it is lengthy and detailed!! Most components of the scholarship must be electronically submitted by February 1st. Students are required to submit a FAFSA, as well. The Student Aid Report (SAR) needs to be submitted for the scholarship application by March 15th. Please see Mrs. Luther with any questions!! The website for this scholarship application is www.buffettscholarships.org.

* MONSANTO is sponsoring \$1500 scholarships for students planning to enter ag-related fields. The "America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders" scholarship went online on November 15th and is due by February 1st, 2014. The application is on the website GrowAgLeaders.com. Each application needs to be endorsed by 3 active farmers.

* RHOP scholarship applications for Wayne State College and Chadron State College are due December 1st. If you are interested in entering a health-related field, see Mrs. Luther for details!!

- * ACACIA FRATERNITY at UNL is offering several scholarships to young men planning to attend UNL next fall. Applications must be submitted by January 31st at http://bit.ly/acacia_unl.
- * The GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM gives out 20 \$10,000 scholarships, which are renewable up to 4 years, to students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, citizenship, and integrity. Applications are due January 9th and may be found at: www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships.
- * NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY is taking applications for music scholarships. Paper application materials must be submitted by January 24th. Auditions will take place on campus in February, 2014. See Mrs. Luther for more details.
- * TITAN MACHINERY is offering a SPONSORSHIP for students interested in the diesel mechanics program at Central Community College. This sponsorship covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and tools, but not the cost of room and board. Upon completion of the program, students would be asked to work for Titan Machinery for two years. Please see Mrs. Luther for details.
- * LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS can be found on the Overton Public School website. Click on the "College Information" tab, then the "Scholarship Application" tab. There should be a list of applications available there! Please take note of qualifications of applicants, as well as the DUE DATES!! Many are due April 15th, but a few have different due dates. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Luther! There are also scholarship applications you can check out on the Lexington High School Guidance page. They list some applications that are open to all Dawson County residents!

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SITES:

- * www.Fastaid.com
- * www.scholarships.com
- * www.fastweb.com
- * www.educationquest.com
- * www.scholarshipmonkey.com
- * www.ScholarshipExperts.com
- * www.Schoolsoup.com
- * www.CollegeBoard.com

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 11, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:

Dolan
Hasty
Johnson
Meier
Rudeen
Walahoski

Notification: The November 11, 2013 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, President 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: Kristian Seberger, Dillon Margritz

Public Comments: None

Reports: Student Council representatives Kristian Seberger and Dillon Margritz presented information on Council activities.

Communications: Thank you (2)

Other: None

Action Items:

1. **Agenda** - Moved by Hasty, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda of the November 11, 2013 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes: (6), Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent: (0).
2. **Minutes** - Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Dolan to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 regular monthly board meeting. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes: (6), Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent: (0).
3. **Claims** - Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Johnson to pay the November General Fund bills in the amount of \$44,422.92. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes: (6), Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent: (0).

The Board voted to: approve the school audit from Eugene V. Ulmer, CPA, LLC. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent (0), approve the 2014-2015 Master Agreement with the Overton Education Association. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent (0), approve the first reading of the board policy 1000 series. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent (0), approve the purchase of a school bus from Omaha Truck Company. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent (0), approve the first reading of the Notice of Non-Discrimination board policy. . Motion 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent (0), to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Dolan, Hasty, Meier, Johnson, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0), Absent (0).

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

1. **Board Reports:**

- a. Upcoming Meetings: NASB/NCSA State Conference
- b. Negotiations: Complete
- c. Interlocal: Joint Village and School board Annual Meeting

Discussion Topics:

- a. December regular board meeting date and time. December 9, 2013 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
- B. Reviewed Board Policies 2000 Series

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report:

- 1. Upcoming Events and Calendar
- 2. Enrollment Update
- 3. Parent Teacher Conference Summary
- 4. School Picture Update

Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Enrollment Option Report

- 2. Option Enrollment-
 - Out -
 - a. None
 - In -
 - a. Caden Trew - grade 3 from Lexington
 - b. Taigan Trew - grade 5 from Lexington
 - Change of status -
 - a. None

- 3. Budget Review
- 4. Financial Summary
- 5. eteran's Program
- 6. Thanksgiving Lunch
- 7. OCR Update
- 8. 3000 Series Board Policies
- 9. Food Program Summary

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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

November 2013

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Reading at home boosts your child's vocabulary and leads to success

Children need to be able to read words, sound them out and pronounce them correctly. But they also need to know what those words mean. Otherwise, they'll struggle to understand what they have just read.

Reading at home is one of the most effective ways to boost your child's vocabulary. Best of all, you can do it as part of your regular read-aloud time. Here are some ways you can increase the number of words in your child's vocabulary:

- **Read a variety of books.** If you usually read fiction together, try a book that explains how something works. Check out a book about a country you'd like to visit. Or read a biography about a person your child admires.
- **Look for new words as you read.** "President Lincoln grew up in a *cabin*. What do you think that word might mean?" Look for pictures that can help your child figure out new words.
- **Help your child create** his own dictionary. All you need is a notebook with a page for each letter. When you discover a new word that he wants to remember, have him write it and its definition in the notebook.
- **Listen for interesting words** as you're watching TV. News programs often include words your child may not know. "Do you know what a *hurricane* is? Let's look it up."



Source: S. Darling, "Strategies for Engaging Parents in Home Support of Reading Acquisition," The Reading Teacher.

Protect your child from cyberbullies

Your child would probably tell you if she got a bad grade on a test. But what if she's being cyberbullied? Many children keep that information a secret. As a result, parents don't find out until the bullying has gone on too long.

Here are some tips to protect your child from this kind of bullying:

- **Talk about cyberbullying.** Discuss how bullying isn't always done in person. Let her know that no one should put up with bullying.
- **Monitor computer time.** In elementary school, you should know the password for any website your child visits.
- **Support your child.** She needs you to be on her side.
- **Document cyberbullying.** Save screen shots of comments made to or about your child. Share them with the school and with law enforcement.

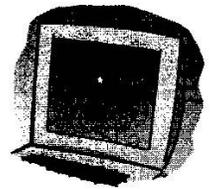
Source: Department of Health and Human Services, "Stop Bullying: What Parents Can Do," www.stopbullying.gov/topics/cyberbullying/parents/index.html.



Three ways to celebrate Geography Awareness Week

Geography is more than maps and state capitals. It's about how places shape people—and people shape places. During Geography Awareness Week (Nov. 17-23), here are some things to do at home:

1. **Map it!** Keep an atlas nearby when you watch the news. Look up unfamiliar places.
2. **Go on a virtual trip.** Visit the library and check out books about a country you'd like to visit. Then go online to look at more pictures.
3. **Learn about your community.** Who first settled in your town? How are you connected to the rest of the world?



Source: National Geographic, "My Wonderful World," www.mywonderfulworld.org/parents_welcome.html.

Make book reports a success

Book reports can be intimidating. Help your child break them into manageable parts:

- **Choose a book** that interests him.
- **Talk about what** book reports include.
- **Ask questions** to help your child focus his writing.



Homework can improve your child's education

Studies show that homework teaches students numerous things, including:

- **Reliability.**
- **Time-management.**
- **Persistence.**
- **Study skills.**

Source: "What research says about the value of homework: At a glance," The Center for Public Education, <http://tinyurl.com/b8auqdh>.

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Is my daughter old enough to handle a cell phone?

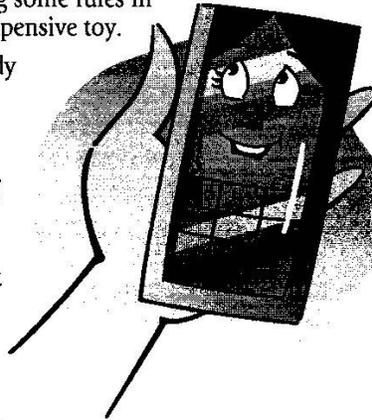
Q: My child wants a cell phone. She says her friends all have them. I'm worried that she's not old enough for the responsibility. On the other hand, I would feel safer if I could call her. Is she too young? How can I help her use technology responsibly?

A: Many parents feel the same way you do—that a cell phone would give them peace of mind. But without putting some rules in place, a cell phone can become a very expensive toy.

If you do decide your daughter is ready for a cell phone, consider a step-by-step approach:

- 1. Allow your child to only call** family members at first. At the end of the month, check the cell phone bill with her. It's good for her to know that you can always check to see what she's been doing with the phone.
- 2. Consider adding texting** if you see that she is using her phone responsibly. But remind your child that her phone should never detract from her schoolwork. Give her a limited number of texts per month. Again, check the bill together at the end of the month.

She may make mistakes. When she does, take a step back on your plan. Help her understand that having a cell phone is a privilege.



Is your child responsible for homework?

When your child completes his homework every night, he's not just memorizing spelling words and math facts. He's also learning to take responsibility for his work and his learning. Help your child build responsibility by putting him in charge of homework time. Answer *yes* or *no* to the following questions:

- 1. Does your child know** that homework is his responsibility?
- 2. Do you have** a regular study time every day? Your child knows that he has to do something academic during that time.
- 3. Do you give** your child some choice in how he does homework? He can choose which subject to study first, for example.
- 4. Do you look** over your child's homework to see that it's finished?
- 5. Do you encourage** your child to talk with his teacher if he faces regular struggles with homework?

How well are you doing?

Each *yes* means responsibility for homework is where it belongs. For each *no*, try that idea from the quiz.

“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mistakes can be great learning opportunities

Research shows that making mistakes is often one of the best ways to learn.

Sometimes, it's best to let your child make mistakes. Don't keep nagging him to write the book report that's due on Friday. Instead, let him find out what happens if he doesn't finish it.

Help your child identify his own mistakes. What different choices might he have made?

Source: University of Exeter, “Why We Learn From Our Mistakes,” *Science Daily*, July 3, 2007, <http://tinyurl.com/3bvhhmm>.

Prepare for test success

When kids do well on tests, it shows they've learned the material—and it makes them feel great! This confidence leads to future success. Encourage your child to:

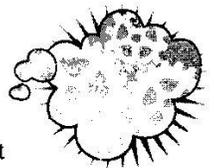
- **Play ‘Beat the Clock.’** Can your child complete 10 math problems in 15 minutes?
- **Memorize lists** using acronyms, such as HOMES for the Great Lakes.
- **Use a study plan.** Studying over several days reduces stress and boosts grades.

Source: A. Dolin, M.Ed., “10 Tips to Help Your Elementary School Daughter Study,” *Parenting Pink*, <http://parentingpink.com/?p=13063>.

Help your child build critical thinking skills

Critical thinking skills are essential for your child's academic success. To help her build these important skills:

- **Talk about future events** to practice planning ahead.
- **Encourage her to catch “mistakes”** that you make in grammar and math.
- **Engage in activities** that include building and sorting.



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Overton School Activities

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1 FCA 7PM.	2 One-Act practice 6:30PM. Winter sports pictures 1:30PM.	3 8th grade parents mtg. 6:30PM, commons. School nurse AM. Swing choir 7AM.	4 District One-Act @ Southwest (we perform at 12:45).	5 Cheer practice @ lunch. GBBB vs Arapahoe 4/5:30/ 7:00PM (Parents night for BB and WR).	6 Dance practice @ lunch. GBBB @ Loomis 4:30/5:30/ 6/7:30PM.	7 Dollars for Scholars 3-0n-3 basketball tourney. WR @ Broken Bow 9:30AM.																																																																																																		
8	9 School board mtg. 7:30PM.	10 JHBB @ SEM 12:30PM. JVBB @ Kearney 5PM. School nurse AM. Swing choir 7AM.	11 Jazz Band 7:15AM.	12 Cheer practice @ lunch. K-6 winter concert 7PM. State One-Act A/D1/D2.	13 Dance practice @ lunch. GBBB @ Axtell 4:45/6:30/8PM. Newsletter articles due. State One-Act B/C1/C2. WR @ Sargent 1PM.	14 ACT test @ Overton.																																																																																																		
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Overton School Breakfast (*)/Lunch Menus

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1 ALT MEAL: corn dogs	2 *Breakfast pizza Breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy, com, applesauce, strawberries, dinner rolls	3 *Griddle Sandwich Walking tacos, lettuce seasoned rice, jello peaches	4 *Biscuits & gravy Soup bar, grilled cheese, relish tray, pears, kiwi	5 *Scrambled eggs Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, California blend veggies, oranges, grapes	6 *Donut holes & eggs Little Caesar's beef pizza, lettuce, cheese stuffed celery, peaches, applecrisp																																																																																																		
8 ALT MEAL: pizza	9 *Breakfast burrito Chicken strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans & cheese, peaches, mandarin oranges, biscuits	10 *Egg, cheese breakfast muffin Cheeseburger, sweet potatoe fries, baked beans, jello, pears	11 Chocolate donut & omelet Tomato soup, ham & cheese wrap, relish tray, banana, apple slices	12 *Breakfast biscuit casserole Schredded pork sandwich, sweet potatoe fries, broccoli & cheese, jello, bananas	13 *Pancakes & sausage Corn dogs, baked beans, peas, Amanda banana salad, applesauce																																																																																																		
15 ALT MEAL: chicken patty sandwich	16 *Oatmeal bar & egg patty Tatertot casserole, green beans, jello, strawberries, dinner roll	17 *Waffles & sausage Crispitos & cheese, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, refried beans, tropical fruit salad	18 *Breakfast pizza Chicken nuggets, fries, roasted carrots, peaches, cherry salad, biscuits	19 *Breakfast combo Spaghetti & meat sauce, lettuce, jello, apples, garlic toast	20 *Blueberry muffin & omelets NO LUNCH																																																																																																		
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