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Greetings from the Principal's Office

January, as with August & September, is a very important month for our students. The first couple weeks after the break are some of the most crucial. It can be difficult for students to get back into the swing of classes, but getting themselves going sooner rather than later is critical. It takes a great deal more work to raise a grade than it does to lower one. Starting strong will help ensure a positive second semester. I look forward to the remaining five months of school this year.

Upcoming Events:

January 16th: GBBB vs. Hi-Line 4:30/6/7:30PM
January 16th: GBWR @ South Loup 6PM
January 18th: GBBB @ Brady 5:30/7PM (No JV)
January 19th: BWR @ South Loup 11AM
January 19th: GWR @ Lexington 2PM
January 19th: GBBB vs. Ansley-Litchfield 4:30/6/7:30PM
January 22nd: District FCCLA STAR @ Thedford
January 23rd: GBBB @ Shelton 4:30/6/7:30PM
January 24th: JHBB @ Kearney Catholic 1PM
January 24th: HS Quiz Bowl @ Shelton 4PM
January 25th: Athletic Booster Meeting 6:30PM
January 26th: WR @ Central Valley 11AM
January 26th: GBBB @ Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:30PM
January 27th: GWR @ Amherst 10AM
January 27th: FKC GBBB 1st Round @ TBD
January 29th: FKC GBB Quarterfinals @ TBD 6/7:30PM
January 30th: FKC BBB Quarterfinals @ TBD 6/7:30PM
January 31st: FKC/TVC GBWR @ Wilcox-Hildreth 10AM
January 31st: 2:30 Dismissal (JHBB vs. Axtell 3PM)
February 1st: FKC GBB Semi-Finals @ Kearney High 6:30/8PM
February 2nd: FKC BBB Semi-Finals @ Kearney Catholic 6/7:30PM
February 2nd: GWR Sub-Districts @ Gothenburg
February 3rd: FKC GBBB Consolation & Finals @ Kearney High 2/4/6/8PM (FKC Art Show @ Kearney High)

Honor Roll: Congratulations to all of the students who made the Honor Roll and Honorable Mention for 1st Semester. This is great honor and proves that your hard work has paid off. Keep up the good work. A quick reminder that report cards are not mailed home for grades 5-12. Grades are available on PowerSchool or you can obtain a printed copy by contacting the school.

Cold Weather & Illness: Thank you for ensuring your child is properly dressed for school during the cold winter months. This time of year brings around an uptick in illnesses. Thank you for contacting the school when your child is sick. We are happy to gather homework for students also when this is requested. Students must be fever free for 24 hours, without medicine, before they can come back to school. Remember to wash your hands regularly to help prevent the spread of germs. Thank you for all your efforts to keep our students learning within our building.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Fleischman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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February Senior Spotlight

Ashlyn Florell



Future Plans

Attend Avila University in Kansas City for Business Administration and play Volleyball

High School Memory

2023 State Tournament where we swept and won the state title with my best friends

Activities Involved In

Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Quiz Bowl and NHS

Favorite Movie/TV Show

Game of Thrones

Harmony Martinez



Future Plans

Tattoo Apprenticeship and then attend college in the Fall of 2025

High School Memory

My senior year - I can't pick just one

Activities Involved In

Caretaker

Favorite Movie/TV Show

Gia (1998)



February Senior Spotlight

Noah Lees



Future Plans

Working Construction

Activities Involved In

Football and Basketball

High School Memory

Great Gatsby Musuem

Favorite Movie/TV Show

Shameless

Gracyn Luther



Future Plans

Attend Grand Canyon University in Arizona and major in Early Childhood Education and Special Education

Activities Involved In

Volleyball, Basketball, Dance, FCCLA, FCA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and Youth Group

High School Memory

Winning the State Volleyball Championship

Favorite Movie/TV Show

Greys Anatomy





ORANGE OUT

SUPPORT
ANTHONY HAMMOND

WEAR ORANGE
FRIDAY JAN. 19TH
VS. ANSLEY-LITCHFIELD

DONATION BUCKET LOCATED
AT THE GAME

SHIRTS AVAILABLE ONLINE
DUE BY THE 15TH

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE
DONATED TO THE FAMILY.

SPELLING BEE CONTEST



FEBRUARY 15
AT 1:00



SOUTH GYM
GRADES 3-8



More Information
Contact Mrs. Lassen



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT FOR KEEPING OVERTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OUR
COMMUNITY SAFE 24/7/365.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2024, WAS LAW
ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY.
PICTURED BELOW IS OFFICER
KOSTRUNEK FROM DCSO WITH
OVERTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.
THE DCSO WAS GIFTED EILEEN'S
COOKIES FROM THE SCHOOL IN
APPRECIATION FOR THEIR
SERVICE AND BRAVERY.**

**LET'S HONOR OUR
LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER**



FKC Art Show 2024

The 2024 FKC art show will be displayed during the FKC consolation and finals on February 3rd at Kearney High School. The show is only one day, instead of all three days of the FKC tournament like in the past few years. Please take the time to view the show if you attend the games on Saturday. Here are some of the past award winners from Overton.



Helping Children Learn[®]

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Title I-Educational Service Unit 10



January 2024

Reinforce learning and academic skills in six simple ways at home

Incorporating learning into your child's time at home is one of the most important ways you can support success in school. Here are six easy ways:

1. Expose your child to new things.

Every meaningful experience your child has—from observing a construction site to visiting a museum—has an impact on learning. On your next outing together, discuss how some of the things you are seeing relate to what your child is learning in school.

2. Have conversations about what your child is doing in classes. Show enthusiasm and interest. Find out what your child thinks about school.

3. Ask your child to teach you.

Have your child show you how to solve that math problem on today's worksheet, or tell you about a historic event the class is learning about.

4. Talk together about all sorts of topics.

Really listen to what your child says, and ask follow-up questions to keep the conversation going.

5. Encourage deeper thinking.

Discuss similarities and differences between things. Ask your child to give reasons for opinions.

6. Put your child's abilities into action.

Let your elementary schooler use knowledge and skills to help you around the house. Ask for your child's advice when you are making a decision or solving a problem.



Breakfast is a smart start

Studies show that eating breakfast improves students' focus, alertness, comprehension and memory. Whether your child eats it at home or at school, breakfast provides essential fuel for learning. If time is an issue, offer grab-and-go options like an apple and a piece of cheese.



Why handwriting matters

Writing by hand helps children learn reading skills faster than typing on a keyboard. Seeing and feeling the letter shapes reinforces letter knowledge. To boost handwriting skills:



- **Make sure your child's feet** rest on the floor. Place a box under them if necessary. This anchor makes writing easier.
- **Help your child** find the right amount of pressure. Pushing too hard tires out hand muscles. Experiment with different tools, like gel pens that glide smoothly.
- **Offer chances to write.** Together, write letters to relatives. Dictate your grocery list for your child to write down.

Sources: R. Wiley and B. Rapp, "Handwriting beats typing and watching videos for learning to read," Johns Hopkins University; L. Brukner, "Tips to help students with their handwriting," Edutopia.



Addition facts can be child's play

Memorizing addition facts frees up brainpower so your child can focus on solving multi-step problems and word problems efficiently. To strengthen your elementary schooler's addition fluency in fun ways:

- **Play board games** with two dice. At first, your child may need to count every dot on each die. With practice, your child will immediately recognize the number of dots on one die (say, 3), then count the dots on the second die (say, 5) on from 3 ("4, 5, 6, 7, 8") to find the total number of spaces to move. Soon, your child will simply recall that $3 + 5 = 8$.
- **Build with blocks** to practice making 10. Help your child learn number combinations that equal 10 by building two-color block towers (1 blue block + 9 red blocks = 10, 2 blue + 8 red = 10, etc.). Later, your child can use this knowledge to learn "neighboring facts." (" $5 + 5 = 10$. So $5 + 4$ must equal 9, since 4 is one less than 5 and 9 is 1 less than 10.")

Encourage organization

Elementary schoolers are just developing the organizational skills they need to think ahead. Help your child learn to:

- **Use a calendar** to track assignments, test dates and activities.
- **Break big projects down** into parts to complete over several days.
- **Tidy up after study time** so supplies will be easy to find when next needed.



My child's clowning is a serious issue. What can I do?

Q: My first grader is a real class clown. The teacher says this behavior is disruptive. At home, my child also uses laughs to get out of doing things. But how am I supposed to impose discipline when I am laughing myself?

A: Children often make jokes and behave like clowns to gain status with peers—and it works. Or they are rebelling against adults or rules, but in such a way that adults react to the humor instead of the misbehavior.



To put an end to your child's antics, change your response:

- **Don't use labels** like "the class clown" or talk about how funny your child is to others—it will only reinforce the silliness.
- **Ignore your child's efforts at humor** when they are inappropriate. Leave the room if you can't avoid laughing. Clowns need an audience in order to continue their performance.
- **Establish rules and consequences in advance**, and apply them consistently. If your child is clowning to avoid a responsibility, enforce the consequence for shirking. If your child is trying to manipulate you into a *yes* when your answer is *no*, stick to your *no*.
- **Talk with your child** about better ways to make friends. Smiling and showing interest in others is a great way to start.



Are you teaching your child new words?

Communication skills improve when your child can use just the right word to express an idea. Are you helping your child build a large vocabulary that supports academic success? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

- ___ **1. Do you discuss** unfamiliar words and their meanings when you and your child read together?
- ___ **2. Do you introduce** new words for familiar ideas? "Let's use big blocks at the bottom so the tower will be *sturdy* and won't fall down."
- ___ **3. Do you choose** word games often when playing games as a family?
- ___ **4. Do you help** your child make and add to a personal dictionary of new words?

- ___ **5. Do you post** a new word each day that family members try to use in conversation?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are adding to your child's word power. For each no, try that idea.

"A child needs a forest of words to wander through, a sea of words to splash in."

—Frank Bruni

Keep on reading aloud

No matter how old students are or how well they can read to themselves, family read-aloud times are effective and fun ways to build reading skills. For the best results:

- **Choose a regular time.** Reading aloud with your child daily demonstrates that reading is too important to miss.
- **Read books you like.** Your enjoyment can increase your child's enjoyment.
- **Emphasize the first line** to grab your child's attention.
- **Use distinct voices** and expressions for each character to bring them alive.
- **Stop reading** for the day at a point where your child is eager to hear what happens next.

Offer reasons to persevere

Learning isn't always easy, which is why it's so important for students to develop persistence. To encourage your child to persist:

- **Offer reminders** of times persistence has helped your child master a skill.
- **Offer encouragement.** Say things like, "You are making progress. Keep at it, you'll get it."
- **Discuss the rewards.** It feels great to be able to go into a test with confidence, knowing you've studied hard. Even better, it feels great to learn and get smarter!

Unlock cooperation secrets

Give your student two keys to working well with others in the classroom:



- 1. Controlling others** is impossible, but your child *can* control personal actions and reactions.
- 2. Responsibilities** are like promises. They are things that must be done, especially when others are counting on your child.

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MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2024
7:30 p.m.

Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:

Brennan
Jeffries
Lassen
Meier
Rudeen
Walahoski

Notification: The January 15, 2023 meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, Beacon Observer, Overton 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: No Guests.

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Reports: No Reports.

Communications: No Communications.

Board of Education Election of Officers: 2023 Board of Education was adjourned and the 2024 Board of Education was convened. Board elected the following officers: Board President, Joel Meier (6-0), Board Vice-President, Gordon Lassen (6-0), Board Secretary, Jared Walahoski (6-0), Board Treasurer, Heather Brennan (5-1).

2024 Committees:

Committee on American Civics:	Heather Brennan, Clayton Jeffries, and Jared Walahoski
Transportation:	Gordon Lassen, Keith Rudeen, and Jared Walahoski
Interlocal:	Clayton Jeffries and Joel Meier
Curriculum:	Heather Brennan, Gordon Lassen, and Jared Walahoski
Facilities and Property:	Joel Meier, Keith Rudeen, and Jared Walahoski
Negotiations:	Gordon Lassen, Joel Meier, and Jared Walahoski

Other: None.

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Rudeen to approve the agenda of the January 15, 2024 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

2. **Minutes:** Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 regular board meeting and Parental Involvement Hearing minutes as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims:** Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Walahoski to pay the January General Fund bill roster in the amount \$62,245.85. Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information on several of the bills. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
4. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Meier to approve the committee on American Civics which includes board members Brennan, Jeffries, and Walahoski. Discussion: Board members agreed to serve on the committee. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
5. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Jeffries to authorize the superintendent to use facsimile signatures for Board President, Board Treasurer, and the Board Secretary. Discussion: No Discussion. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
6. Moved by Meier, seconded by Walahoski to approve the enrollment option limits. Discussion: The limits of twenty-five for K-4 and thirty for grades 5-12 was deemed to be appropriate. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
7. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Rudeen to designate the KSB Law firm to provide the school district with legal counsel. Discussion: Board agreed that KSB would be the appropriate choice. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
8. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to approve the Master Agreement with the O.E.A. for the 2024-2025 school year. Discussion: Board and O.E.A. agreed to the agreement. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
9. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Discussion: Limited discussion as the board agreed it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

1. **Board Reports:**
 - a. Interlocal: The annual interlocal meeting with the Village of Overton board is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the school commons.
2. **Discussion Topics:**
 - a. February meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
 - b. Board Election Date

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report:

- a. Calendar update
- b. Enrollment update
- c. Teacher Evaluation

Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Enrollment Option Report
- 2. Option Enrollment -
 - Out:
 - a.
 - In
 - a.
 - Change of Status a.
- 3. Financial Information
- 4. Budget Review
- 5. Project Update
- 6. Technology Plan
- 7. Safety and Security Update



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 FKC GBB Semifinals @ Kearney High 6:30/8PM.	2 GWR Sub-Districts @ Gothenburg. FKC BBB Semifinals @ Kearney Catholic 6/7:30PM.	3 FKC Art Show. FKC GBBB Consolation & Finals @ Kearney High 2/4/6/8PM.
4 Cheer 6PM.	5 Students Council mtg. @ lunch. FFA mtg. 7PM. FCCLA mtg. 7PM.	6 GBBB vs. Wilcox-Hildreth 4:30/6/7:30PM.	7 FCA 7:30AM. JHBB @ SEM 1PM.	8 Dance practice 11:45. 11:30 Dismissal. P/T Conf. (12:30-6:30PM) (Bloodmobile 12-5PM). FKC Honors Quint @ Elm Creek & Loomis.	9 NO SCHOOL GWR Districts @ Broken Bow 2PM. BWR Districts @ Shelby/Rising City 2PM. GBBB vs. SEM 4:30/6/7:30PM.	10 ACT Test Date @ Overton . BWR Districts @ Shelby/Rising City 9AM. Youth BB vs. Amherst 10AM.
11 Dance 4PM. Cheer 6PM.	12 Lions Screenings PM (Grades 1-4, 10). Music Booster mtg. 5:30PM. GBB Sub-Districts @ TBD. School Board mtg. 7:30PM.	13 GBB Sub-Districts @ TBD.	14 Cheer 6:45AM. FCA 7:30AM. Dawson Co. Career & College Fair. Singing Valentines. JHBB @ Elm Creek 2:30PM.	15 State WR @ Omaha. Spelling Bee 1PM. GBB Sub-Districts @ TBD.	16 State GBWR @ Omaha. State Cheer/Dance @ GI. BBB vs. Gibbon 6/7:15PM.	17 State GBWR @ Omaha. Youth BB @ Pleasanton 10AM.
18 TVL Tourney @ Overton.	19 MS Quiz Bowl @ Amherst 4PM. BBB Sub-Districts @ TBD,	20 BBB Sub-Districts @ TBD.	21 NO SCHOOL — Teacher In-service. FFA District CDEs @ Broken Bow. FKC Speech @ Overton. JHBB @ Pleasanton 3PM.	22 BBB Sub-Districts @ TBD.	23 GBB District Finals.	24 BBB District Finals.
25 TVL Tourney @ Overton.	26 1st day of Spring Practice. FCCLA Peer Ed. Conf. @ Kearney.	27 FFA Frontier Co. Invite @ Eustis.	28 FCA 7:30AM. Cheer Informational mtg. 3:30PM.	29 State GBB @ Lincoln.		

February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cream cheese bagel Potato Soup Nebraska Thursday	2 Little John Hot Dog	3
4 Alternate: Ham and cheese sandwich	5 Breakfast cookie Chicken drummies	6 Waffles Pulled Pork Sandwich	7 Cinnamon Roll Breakfast for lunch	8 English Muffin	9 Tornado Fiestada	10
11 Alternate: Bosco stick & marinara	12 Chocolate donut Goulash	13 Biscuits & gravy Au Gratin potatoes & ham	14 Churros Make your own sub	15 Blueberry pancakes Beef enchiladas	16 Poptart Little Caesars - Cheese	17
18 Alternate: Corn Dog	19 Cherry frudel Cheeseburger	20 Breakfast pizza Chicken stir fry	21 Cinimini Lasagna	22 Cinimini Lasagna	23 Donut holes Fish sandwich	24
25 Alternate: Chicken patty Sandwich	26 Breakfast pizza Pig in a blanket	27 French toast Spaghetti w/ meat sauce	28 Chocolate chip muffin Chicken noodle soup	29 Sausage biscuit Tacos		
						*Milk and fruit is offered with all breakfast. *Milk, fruit and vegetable is served with all lunches.