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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 17<sup>th</sup>: BWR @ SEM 10AM  
January 17<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ NPSP 4:30/6/7:30PM  
January 18<sup>th</sup>: GBWR @ Shelton 10AM  
January 18<sup>th</sup>: GBBB vs. Bertrand 2/3:30/5PM  
January 20<sup>th</sup>: No School – Teacher In-Service  
January 20<sup>th</sup>: GWR @ Battle Creek 12:30PM  
January 20<sup>th</sup>: JHBB @ SEM Tourney 12:30PM  
January 21<sup>st</sup>: GBBB @ Hi-Line (Eustis) 4/6/7:30PM  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>: GBWR Dual @ Alma 5PM  
January 24<sup>th</sup>: BWR @ South Loup 11AM  
January 24<sup>th</sup>: GWR @ Lexington 2PM  
January 24<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ Ansley-Litchfield (Ansley) 5/6/7:30PM  
January 25<sup>th</sup>: GWR @ Axtell 11:30AM  
January 28<sup>th</sup>: GBBB vs. Shelton 4:30/6/7:30PM  
January 29<sup>th</sup>: 2:30 Dismissal (JHBB vs. Kearney Catholic 3PM)  
January 31<sup>st</sup>: BWR @ Central Valley (Greeley) 10AM  
January 31<sup>st</sup>: GBBB vs. Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:30PM  
February 1<sup>st</sup>: GWR @ Amherst 9:30AM  
February 1<sup>st</sup>: FKC GBBB 1<sup>st</sup> Round @ TBD  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>: FKC GBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30PM  
February 4<sup>th</sup>: FKC BBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30PM  
February 5<sup>th</sup>: JHBB @ Axtell 3PM  
February 6<sup>th</sup>: FKC GBB Semi-Finals @ Kearney Catholic 6/7:30PM  
February 7<sup>th</sup>: FKC BBB Semi-Finals @ Kearney Catholic 6/7:30PM

**Honor Roll:** Congratulations to all of the students who made the Honor Roll and Honorable Mention for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 "BF", followed by a stylized flourish.

Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal/AD  
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# FEBRUARY SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## JOSE GONZALEZ-RODRIGUEZ

### **FUTURE PLANS**

ATTEND SOUTHEAST  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FOR DIESEL TECH

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

MAKING 3RD ROUND  
PLAYOFFS IN FOOTBALL

### **ACTIVITIES**

FOOTBALL

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

SUPER BAD



## ADAM GRANDON

### **FUTURE PLANS**

ATTEND MID-PLAINS  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FOR WELDING

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

GOING TO 3RD PLAYOFFS  
WITH THE BEST TEAM

### **ACTIVITIES**

FOOTBALL AND TRACK

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

THE BOOK OF LIFE





# FEBRUARY SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## ZACH KOPF

### **FUTURE PLANS**

ATTEND SOUTHEAST  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR  
AG MANAGEMENT &  
PRODUCTION

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

SKIPPING SCHOOL  
TO GO HUNTING

### **ACTIVITIES**

FOOTBALL AND GOLF

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

DUKES OF HAZARD



## KOLT SUHR

### **FUTURE PLANS**

WORK ON A RANCH  
IN THE SANDHILLS

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

SOPHOMORE YEAR WHEN  
MRS. WYATT WOULD LET  
US MAKE FOOD

### **ACTIVITIES**

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

DUKES OF HAZARD





## LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2025, WAS  
LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION  
DAY. PICTURED BELOW IS  
SUPERINTENDENT MARK ATEN WITH  
SEVERAL OFFICERS FROM THE DCSO,  
INCLUDING SHERIFF MARK  
MONTGOMERY AND OFFICER  
KOSTRUNEK. THE DCSO WAS GIFTED  
EILEEN'S COOKIES IN APPRECIATION  
FOR THEIR SERVICE AND BRAVERY.**

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



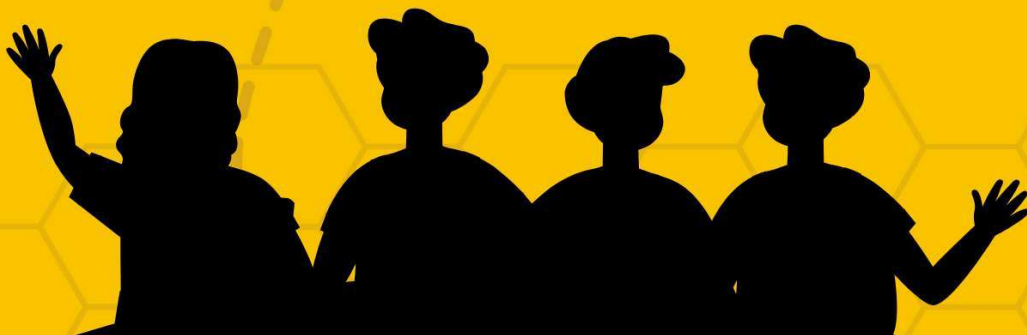






**Overton Public School**

# Spelling Bee



**WHO WILL BE THE SPELLING BEE  
CHAMPION?**

**Thursday | 1:00, old gym**  
**February 27, 2025 | Grades 3-8**



## EIGHTH GRADE ENGLISH

In December, eighth graders studied *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. They immersed themselves into Victorian England through the food and history of the time-period.

Mrs. Loudon shared agricultural information about growing and using ginger as well as the spice trade routes of the time period. Students sampled candied orange peel, ginger spice cake, and mulled cider in addition to singing an English feasting carol to celebrate the arrival of the Ghost of Christmas Present. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come visited to help the students contemplate their choices while they completed their reflection writing. To wrap up the unit, Mrs. Stelling's class celebrated Scrooge's change of heart with Christmas crackers, an English holiday tradition.







**4 SEASONS**  
FUND RAISING

# Strawberry Sales

Start January 20th 2025

Overton EF Italy Travellers

Sale Ends January 31st, Delivery the Week of Feb. 17th

Contact any traveller to place your order

Full Flat \$32, Half Flat \$20, 1/4 Flat \$15



Overton FFA  
**PANCAKE  
FEED**



*Sunday, Feb. 9th*



**OHS Commons from 9am-11am**

FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED



EF ITALY TRAVELERS PRESENT

# FEBRUARY BINGO

February 22

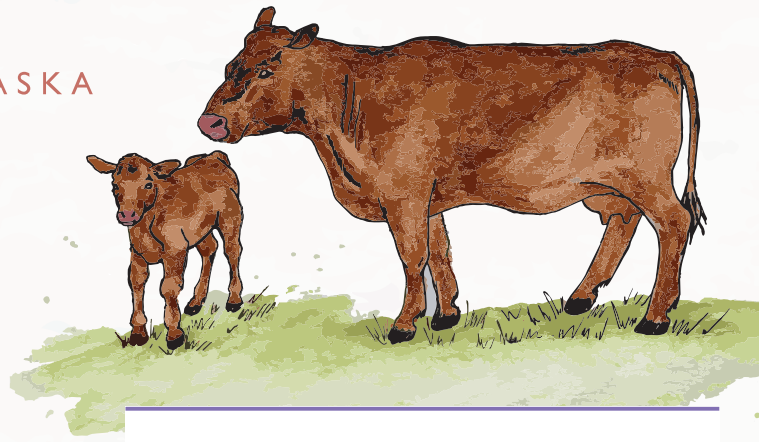
10AM-11:30AM

OVERTON FAMILY CENTER

Cards are Free Will Donation  
Concessions are For Sale  
Prizes are NOT CASH  
Families are Welcome!



# BEEF



Nebraska Harvest of the Month highlights beef this month! There's a reason we're called the "Beef State" here in Nebraska--agriculture is Nebraska's top industry and cattle production represents the largest part of the industry. Help Nebraska live up to its beefy name... try the recipe at home!

## SELECTION, STORAGE & COOKING:

- Store beef in refrigerator for up to 3-5 days before using/freezing.
- Washing meat before cooking is not recommended as it increases the likelihood of spreading bacteria.

## NUTRITIONAL VALUE

Beef is an excellent source of protein, zinc, selenium, and vitamin B12, and a good source of iron, niacin, riboflavin, and vitamin B6.

## SEASONAL AVAILABILITY:



## SLOPPY JOES ON A ROLL

Serves: 6

### Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 Tbsp distilled vinegar
- ½ cup brown lentils, uncooked
- ½ tsp mustard powder
- ¼ cup onions, raw, chopped
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 tsp garlic, minced
- 2 oz mild green chili peppers, canned
- 2 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp catsup
- 6 wheat rolls
- 1 cup + 2 Tbsp water drained

### Directions

1. Brown ground beef. Drain.
2. Cook lentils in enough water to cover them. Simmer for about 20-30 minutes. Drain excess water. Puree lentils in a food processor.
3. Add onions and minced garlic to ground beef. Cook for 5 minutes. Stir in pureed lentils. Add tomato paste, catsup, water, vinegar, dry mustard, pepper, green chilies, and brown sugar. Mix well and simmer for 25-30 minutes. Heat to 155°F or higher.
4. Portion ⅓ cup per roll.

Source: Montana's Healthy School Recipe Roundup, Montana Team Nutrition Program

LEARN MORE ABOUT HARVEST OF THE MONTH

[www.education.ne.gov/ns/farm-to-school/harvest-of-the-month](http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/farm-to-school/harvest-of-the-month)

# FUN WITH BEEF

## GET TO KNOW A FEW BEEF AND DAIRY BREEDS

In Nebraska, agriculture is the state's top industry. Cattle production is the largest part of the industry. Cattle outnumber humans nearly 4 to 1 here!

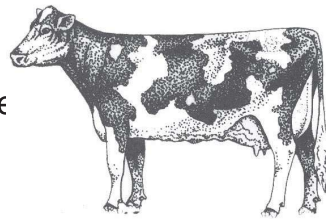
We get meat from beef cows and milk products from dairy cows. Although females from all cattle breeds produce milk and meat, some cattle are better at giving milk, and some are better at providing meat.

Dairy cows usually have very large udders. For that reason their basic shapes are different from beef cows. The basic shape of a beef cow is a rectangle. The basic shape of a dairy cow is a trapezoid.

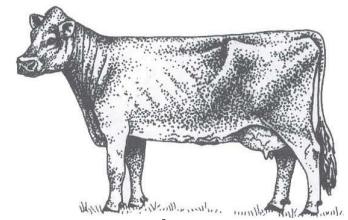
Dairy cattle must be milked every day, so they usually stay close to the dairy barn. Beef cattle do not have to stay so close to home and are sometimes moved around from pasture to pasture. Sometimes the fields are many miles away from the farm. For that reason the cattle you see in fields along the side of the road are more likely to be beef cattle.

**Activity:** Using the descriptions provided, draw a line to the correct breed on the right hand side. If you need help, the answers are below.

1. This beef breed has a reddish body and white face.

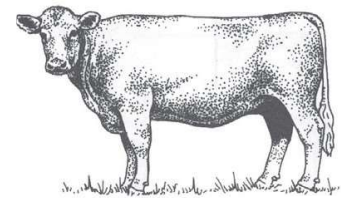


Guernsey



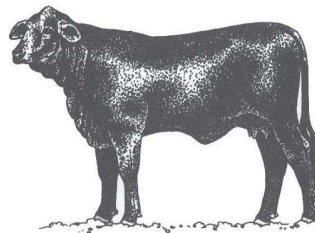
Jersey

2. This dairy breed has an orange body with white markings and white tail.



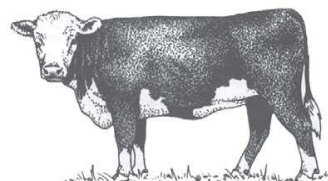
Charolais

3. This dairy breed is black and white and is one of the top producers of milk.

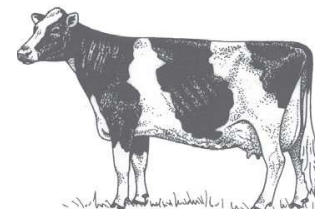


Brangus

4. This beef crossbreed is black or red with loose skin.
5. This beef breed is creamy white with a pink nose.



Hereford



Holstein

6. This dairy breed has a tan body, brown feet, and a white tipped tail.

Activity adapted from <https://cdn.agclassroom.org/ok/lessons/beef/beefdry.pdf>





## The Nebraska Early Development Network (EDN)

EDN provides early intervention services for families with children birth to age three with developmental delays and/or health care needs and connects families to needed services.

If you have concerns about your child's development and want to make a referral, please contact:

LaRae Flood

**Early Development Network at ESU 10**

Services Coordination Team Leader

308-237-2280

lflood@esu10.org

<https://sites.google.com/esu10.org/prt10nebraska>



You can also make a referral by calling 1-888-806-6287 or by going to the Nebraska Early Development Network website at [edn.ne.gov/cms/](http://edn.ne.gov/cms/).



**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 13, 2025**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Mission Statement: *The mission of Overton Public School is to provide opportunities for everyone to be Engaged, Enlightened, and Empowered.*

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

Jeffries  
Kizer  
Lassen  
Meier  
Olmstead

**Notification:** The January 13, 2025 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 and Brian Fleischman, Principal.

**Guests Present:** No Guests.

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments.

**Reports:** No Reports.

**Communications:** No Communications.

**Absence:** Board Excused the absence of member Walahoski. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.

**Board of Education Election of Officers:** The 2024 Board of Education was adjourned and the 2025 Board of Education was convened. Board elected the following officers: Board President, Joel Meier (5-0-1), Board Vice-President, Gordon Lassen (5-0-1), Board Secretary, Jared Walahoski (5-0-1), Board Treasurer, Clayton Jeffries (5-0-1).

**2025 Committees:**

Committee on American Civics:	Gordon Lassen, Jared Walahoski, and Clayton Jeffries
Interlocal:	Joel Meier and Clayton Jeffries
Curriculum:	Logan Kizer, Gordon Lassen, and Joel Meier
Transportation:	Clayton Jeffries, Jared Walahoski, and Jacob Olmstead
Negotiations:	Joel Meier, Gordon Lassen, and Jared Walahoski
Facilities and Property:	Jacob Olmstead, Jared Walahoski, and Joel Meier

**Other:** None



## Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the January 13, 2025 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
3. **Claims:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Olmstead to pay the January General Fund bill roster in the amount \$52,811.81 and the January payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$3113,631.04. Discussion: Superintendent provide additional information on the the bill roster. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
4. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Meier to approve the Committee on American Civics which includes members Jeffries, Walahoski, and Lassen. Discussion: Limited discussion as the members agreed to serve on the committee. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
5. Moved by Meier, seconded by Jeffries to authorize the superintendent to use facsimile signatures for the Board President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Discussion. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
6. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Kizer to approve option enrollment limits. Discussion. The board agreed the enrollment limits should remain the same. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
7. Moved by Olmstead, seconded by Jeffries to approve KSB School Law as the legal counsel for the school district. Discussion. The board agreed that KSB was the appropriate choice for counsel. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
8. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Lassen to approve the NSAA softball cooperative agreement with the Lexington Public School District (2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years). Discussion. The board agreed the cooperative agreement was in the best interest of the students of Overton Public School. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
9. Moved by Meier, seconded by Jeffries to approve the Overton Education Association as the official negotiating agent for the certificated teaching staff for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion. The Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
10. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Olmstead to approve the teaching contract with Juliana Loudon. Discussion. The Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
11. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.

**Board Reports and Discussion Topics:**

1. **Board Reports:**

- a. Interlocal: The annual interlocal meeting with the Village of Overton board is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the school LMC.
- b. Transportation: No Report
- c. Curriculum: No Report
- d. Facilities: No Report
- e. Negotiations: The next negotiations meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025.

2. **Discussion Topics:**

- a. Board of Education 2025 Committees
- b. Review Board Policy 2002 Board Organization
- c. Review Board Policy 2012 Board Code of Ethics
- d. Review Board Policy 2005 Conflict of Interest
- e. February Board Meeting Date and Time – Monday February 10, 2025
- f. 2025 NASB Calendar of Events
- g. Appoint Title 1 Coordinator (Principal)
- h. Appoint Title 1 Compliance Coordinator (Superintendent)
- i. Superintendent recommendation to create a new office assistant position
- j. The need for a second building principal

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principal's Report:**

- a. 2025-2026 School Calendar
- b. Upcoming Calendar Events

**Superintendent's Report:**

- 1. Enrollment Option Report
- 2. Option Enrollment -
  - Out: a.
  
  - In: a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
  - Change of Status: a. None
- 3. Financial Information & Update
- 4. Staffing Update
- 5. Grant Update
- 6. Public Comments Update





# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FKCGWR @ Amherst 9:30AM  LLBB vs. Amherst 10/11AM  FKCGBBB 1st round
2  Dance 12:30PM  FKCGheer/Dance practice 2PM @ Elm Creek  Cheer 4:30PM	3  FKCGBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30PM	4  FKCGBBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30PM  FFA mtg. 7PM	5  Cheer 6:30AM  FCA 7:30AM  FFA State Degree Review @ Shelton  JHBB @ Axtell 3PM	6  FKCG/TVC WR @ Shelton  FKCGBB Semi-finals @ Kearney Catholic 6/7:30PM	7  GWR Districts @ Ord  FKCGBBB Semi-finals @ Kearney Catholic 6/7:30PM	8 ACT Test Date  FKCG Art Show @ Kearney High  GWR Districts @ Ord  FKCGBBB Consolation & Finals @ Kearney High 2/4/6/8PM
9  FFA Pancake Feed 9-11AM  Dance 3PM  Cheer 5PM	10 FCCLA Week  FFA Week  Student Council mtg. @ lunch  HS Quiz Bowl vs. Amherst 2:30PM, room 208  FCCLA Mtg. 6:30PM  Music Booster mtg. 6:30PM  School Board mtg. 7:30PM	11  Singing Valentines  GBBB @ Wilcox-Hildreth 4:30/6/7:30PM	12  FCA 7:30AM  11:30 Dismissal  P/T Conferences 12:30-6:30PM  JHBB @ SEM 1PM	13  NO SCHOOL  Dance 9AM  FKCG Honors Instrumental @ Litchfield	14  NO SCHOOL  Speech @ GICC  Cheer 10AM  BWR Districts @ Wilcox-Hildreth  GBBB @ SEM 4:30/6/7:30PM	15  LLBB vs. Pleasanton 10/11AM  BWR Districts @ Wilcox-Hildreth
16  3/4 LLBB Tourney @ Pleasanton  Dance 3PM  Cheer 5PM	17  GBB Sub-Districts @ TBD	18  State GWR @ Omaha  GBBB Sub-Districts @ TBD	19  FCA 7:30AM  State GWR @ Omaha  2:30 Dismissal  JHBB vs. Elm Creek 3PM	20  State BWR @ Omaha  GBB Sub-Districts @ TBD	21  State BWR @ Omaha  State Cheer & Dance @ GI  BBB @ Gibbon 6/7:15PM	22  State BWR @ Omaha  Speech @ Elm Creek
23  5/6 LLBB Tourney @ Pleasanton	24  FCCLA Peer Ed. Conf. @ Kearney  BBB Sub-Districts @ TBD	25  FFA CDEs @ CCC-GI  BBB Sub-Districts @ TBD	26  FCA 7:30AM  FKCG Speech @ Pleasanton  2:30 Dismissal  JHBB vs. Pleasanton 3PM	27  Spelling Bee 1PM (Grades 3-8)  BBB Sub-Districts @ TBD	28  GBB District Finals	

# February

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Menu is subject to change.						1
2 Alternate: pizza crunchers	3 B: frudel L: Max sticks	4 B: scones L: pork nachos	5 B: bagel sandwich L: goulash	6 B: breakfast pizza L: chicken stir fry	7 B: tornado L: hot dog	8
9 No Alternate	10 B: muffin L: pizza	11 B: donut L: crisritos w/ cheese	12 B: biscuit & gravy	13	14	15
16 Alternate: Bosco stick	17 B: bagel mini L: Chicken nuggets	18	19 B: waffles L: meatball sub	20 B: cinnamon roll L: pancakes	21 B: popart or cereal L: cheeseburger	22
23 Alternate: hot dog	24 B: breakfast cookie L: Au gratin potatoes & ham	25	26 B: oatmeal L: chicken alfredo	27 B: donut holes L: taco	28 B: breakfast on a stick L: chicken patty sandwich	
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