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Happy Spring from the Principal's Office

Welcome to the final quarter of the school year. With the end of 3rd Quarter, basketball and wrestling shoes have been traded in for track and golf spikes. Good luck to all of these participants during their seasons. Let's have a great end to the school year.

Upcoming Events:

March 17th: Spring Sports Pictures AM
March 17th: FKC Quiz Bowl @ SEM 4PM
March 24th: HS Quiz Bowl @ UNK 9AM
March 25th: Statewide ACT Test for Juniors
March 26th: FKC Music Contest @ Ansley
March 27th: GO Quad @ Overton 4PM
March 28th: TR @ Wilcox-Hildreth 10AM
April 1st: GO @ Cambridge 10AM
April 2nd-4th: State FFA @ Lincoln
April 4th: TR @ Pleasanton (Kearney High) 10AM
April 6th-8th: State FCCLA @ Lincoln
April 7th: Athletic Booster meeting 6:30PM
April 8th: GO @ Hi-Line (Lakeside) 10AM
April 8th: 12:45 Dismissal (Overton JHTR Invite 1PM)
April 10th: GO @ Overton 4-Ball Invite 10AM
April 10th: FFA Banquet
April 11th: TR @ Axtell 10AM
April 12th: Prom @ Overton Family Center (Pictures-6PM, Dinner-6:45PM, Dance-7:30-10:30PM)

Kindergarten Enrollment Requirements: Students must be 5 years of age by July 31 to be allowed to attend Kindergarten. If your child turns 5 between August 1st and October 15th, you may request your child be assessed on their readiness for Kindergarten work. There is paperwork that must be completed prior to this assessment. You will need to contact the school to receive and complete the Written Request for Consideration of Early Kindergarten Entrance. The testing will take place this summer on a date to be determined. All students will need a Kindergarten physical before beginning school in the fall. If your child was enrolled in our Pre-Kindergarten (4-year preschool) during the 24-25 school year, they do not need to complete further enrollment paperwork to attend Kindergarten. You will just need to bring their completed Kindergarten physical to the school. Students who were not enrolled in our Pre-Kindergarten class during the 24-25 school year will need to visit the school, after the school year has completed, to complete the enrollment paperwork prior to enrollment in the fall.

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.

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APRIL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

WHITNEY PALMER

FUTURE PLANS

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-
KEARNEY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

SPENDING MY SENIOR YEAR
WITH DESTINY

ACTIVITIES

BAND

FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW

SPONGEBOB



PARKER WALAHOSKI

FUTURE PLANS

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-
LINCOLN FOR FISHERIES AND
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

WHEN WE FIT FIVE PEOPLE IN
THE FORD RANGER AND
HAYDEN PUT IT IN PARK WHILE
I WAS DRIVING, AND IT DIED

ACTIVITIES

FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, 4-H,
FFA, QUIZ BOWL

FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN



APRIL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

GAGE WHITE

FUTURE PLANS

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-
LINCOLN FOR ANIMAL
SCIENCES

HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

WHEN BRADEN WRECKED A
DIRT BIKE AT LUNCH DURING A
QUIZ BOWL MEET

ACTIVITIES

FOOTBALL, WRESTLING,
TRACK, QUIZ BOWL

FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW

BLUE MOUNTAIN STATE

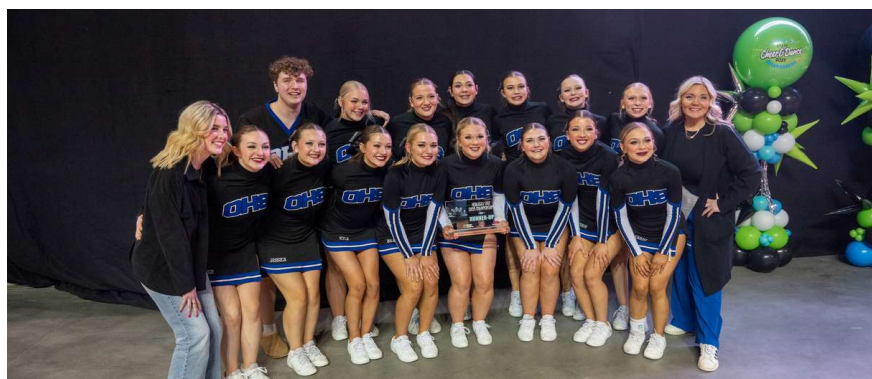


STATE RUNNER-UP

OVERTON CHEER

TRADITIONAL

Overton competed in traditional which includes a cheer combined with a dance. A requirement of traditional routines is tumbling and stunting.



GAME DAY

Overton competed in Game Day which is set up to mirror a game day performance like at a football game. This consists of a band chant, cheer, a situational side line, and school fight song.

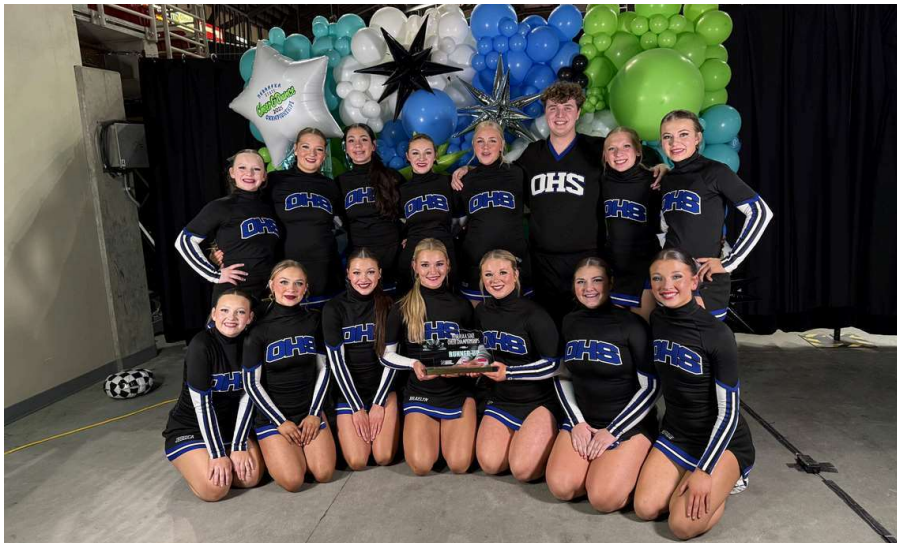
GROWTH

Last year Overton earned top 5 in Game Day. This year without deductions they would have also earned a top 5 finish. This helps us grow and learn for next year.





TRADITIONAL STATE RUNNER-UP



This year was our first year tackling a new division called traditional. Overton earned state runner up just behind Loomis! Huge success for the FKCs! We are unbelievably proud of this team with all of their growth and accomplishments in the last two years. To earn top 5 and state runner up in your first two years competing says a lot about our team and program. We can't wait to see what next year has in store for Overton Cheer.

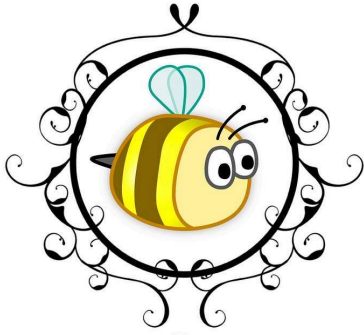


Overton also earned an academic excellence award for a 3.30 team cumulative GPA.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped support Overton cheer throughout the year. Overton Athletic Boosters, administration, Amy Barnes, Shalee McCarter, Heather Larson, Angie Elfgren, Lorna Lawton, any friends or family who donated or came to support, and all of our corporate sponsors who help make this all possible!

W-I-N-N-E-R



The annual school spelling bee was held on February 27. Students in grades 3-8 could participate. Students started off spelling in a written round of 10 words. Scores on the written round determined how many came up on stage for the oral spelling.

In the 3rd/4th grade division, we had some great spellers and went through over 40 words in the oral spelling in order to get a winner. Grady Myers spelled “province” and “healthy” correctly to become the winner. Theo McCarter was the runner-up.

In the 5th/6th grade division, Gavin Myers finished at the top with Marryn Zerr as the runner-up.

The 7th/8th grade division had some tough words; siphon, chrysanthemum, and silhouette. Alexis Lessig came out with the win and Emerson Luther was the runner-up.

Mrs. Lassen would like to thank those that helped with the spelling bee: Marlene Blythe and Theresa Aten-judges, Mrs. Katie Christiansen-announcer/judge, and Mr. Neben and Miss Bruntz-sound and stage set-up.

CONGRATULATIONS

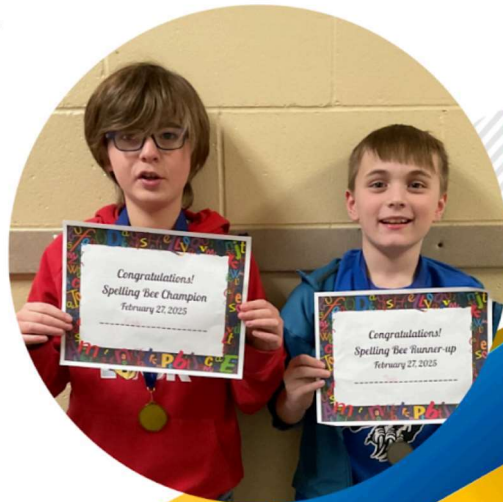
Spelling Bee winners and runners-up!



7/8th grade: Alexis Lessig and Emerson
Luther



5/6th grade: Gavin Myers and
Marlyn Zerr



3/4th grade: Grady Myers and
Theo McCarter



Overton Educational Greenhouse Hours

everything is
\$2

*more hours may be added, please check
our Facebook page

April 26
Athletic Banquet
3-5pm

May 1
Spring Concert
4-7pm

May 5
Cinco de Mayo
4-7pm

May 8
Honors Night
4-6:30pm

May 10
Graduation
9am-noon

May 15
Field Day
8am-11:30am

Plants Available

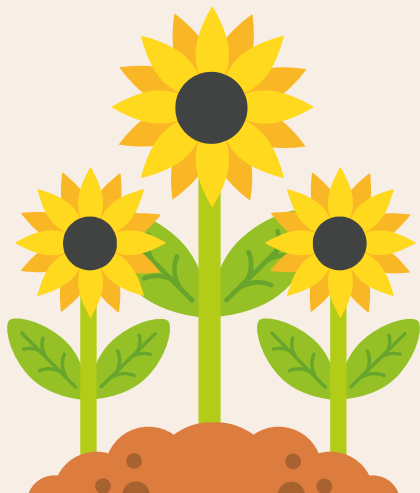
Coleus

Begonias

Succulents

Fancy Petunias

*LIMITED veggies





Spring Bingo

April 26 @ 10am

Overton Family Center

Proceeds benefit Italy Trip Students

Cards are Free Will Donation

Concessions are For Sale

Prizes are NOT CASH

Families are Welcome!



***Overton Farm
to Schools***

Greenhouse

Summer Dates



Who: Any PreK - 5th grade student
When: 9:30am - 10am
Where: School Greenhouse
Cost: Free and No Registration Needed!

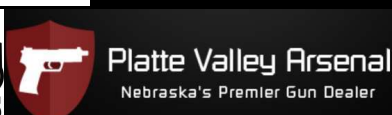
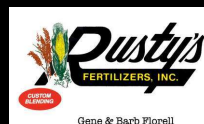
- ✓ May 29 - Planting in Garden Beds
- ✓ June 10 - Father's Day Workshop
- ✓ June 24 - Lime-ades with Fresh Limes
- ✓ July 10 - Local Farm Visit
- ✓ July 24 - Succulent Workshop



THANK YOU SPONSORS

Overton Cheer would like to thank everyone who donated to our fundraiser! This helps our team tremendously with costs throughout our season for not only cheer, but all of the support we give the other athletic teams!

We could not do it without you!



Exploring Our Nebraska History

On February 19, the Freshmen class visited the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege. The visit concluded our Holocaust unit. Students read the novel *Night* by Elie Wiesel and, through his story, learned about life in Jewish ghettos and Nazi concentration camps. Our visit to the museum was a chance to learn about one of Nebraska's most important services during the war: Prisoner of War (POW) camps.

Overton alum Samuel Banzhaf, now curator of the museum, spoke to the Freshmen about the POW camp near Atlanta. Through a presentation and his explanations of the POW exhibit, students learned about the role played by POWs during their stay, their living conditions, and the lasting connections made between the prisoners and Nebraska farm families. Following the talk by Mr. Banzhaf, students had time to explore the rest of the museum. They enjoyed exhibits highlighting the progression in Nebraska from past to present.

Students are currently working on taking their knowledge from the book and their discoveries from the museum visit to write an essay comparing and contrasting life in the Nazi concentration work camps to life in the POW camps. In addition to being an excellent way to practice writing, learning to compare/contrast is a valuable skill that will benefit them the rest of their lives.



FFA Updates

Spring brings a busy season to the FFA. We celebrated National FFA week with our annual pancake feed, thank you so much to those who came! We also volunteered at the Lexington Majestic movie theater. Our spring CDE (career development events) were held on February 25 in Grand Island. Our welding team didn't place, but good job to Trinity Cowett, Adam Grandon, Quinton Anderson and Toby Orvis. Our meats team won districts and is headed to state. Congrats to Parker and Paige Walahoski and Neveah and Leah Sauer. Finally, we have 3x District Champion Natural Resources team! Way to go Parker and Paige Walahoski and Toby Orvis and Mason Dutro!



MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 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
Walahoski

Notification: The March 10, 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

Guests Present: No Guests.

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Reports: No Reports.

Communications: Resignation (1).

Other: None

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to approve the agenda of the March 10, 2025 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): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0): None
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Jeffries to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 regular board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to pay the March General Fund bill roster in the amount \$43,642.07 and the March payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$325,807.43. Discussion: Superintendent provide additional information on the bill roster. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

4. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the resignation of Madalyn Brugh effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Discussion: Limited discussion as Madalyn met the policy deadline. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
5. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to approve the teaching contract for Haeley Folk beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. Discussion. Administration recommended the board approve the contract. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
6. Moved by Olmstead, seconded by Meier to approve the principal contract for William Johnson effective July 1, 2025. Discussion. The superintendent recommended the board approve the contract. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
7. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the contract with ESU 10 for Dead Education Services for the 2024-2025 school year. Discussion. Student needs drove the decision to contract with the ESU 10. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
8. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Jeffries to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, Olmstead, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

1. **Board Reports:**
 - a. Transportation: No Report
 - b. Curriculum: No Report
 - c. Facilities: No Report
 - d. Negotiations: No Report
2. **Discussion Topics:**
 - a. April Board Meeting Date and Time: Monday, April 14, 2025 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
 - b. Development of Project List
 - c. Board Reviewed Board Policy 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism as required by Nebraska Statute.
 - d. 2025-2026 School Calendar Update was Reviewed
 - e. Limited Discussion on Prek Enrollment
 - f. Board Members on Stage at Graduation Ceremonies

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report:

- a. No Report

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. State Aid Certification
6. Property Tax Authority
7. Projects Update
8. AFLAC Financial Report



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 GO @ Cambridge 10AM	2 FCA 7:30AM State FFA @ Lincoln	3 State FFA @ Lincoln Pre-School Field Trip to Children's Museum	4 State FFA @ Lincoln TR @ Pleasanton 10AM (Kearney High)	5 ACT Test Date MS Speech @ North Platte
6 State FCCLA @ Lincoln	7 State FCCLA @ Lincoln Athletic Booster mtg. 6:30PM	8 State FCCLA @ Lincoln 12:45 Dismissal Statewide ACT Make-up Day GO @ Hi-Line 10AM (Lakeside) JHTR Overton Invite 1PM FFA Officer Interviews 7PM	9 FCA 7:30AM Juniors to Dawson Area College & Career Fair FKC Quarterly mtg. 5:30PM	10 GO @ Overton 10AM (4-ball) FFA Banquet	11 TR @ Axtell 10AM	12 MS Speech @ Maxwell Prom @ Overton, 6PM Pictures, 6:45PM Dinner, 7:30-10PM Dance
13	14 Spring MAP Testing Opens Student Council mtg. @ Lunch Music Booster mtg. 6:30PM School Board mtg. 7:30PM	15 JHTR @ Loomis 1PM (Bertrand)	16 FCA 7:30AM Pre-Act for Sophomores AM NSCAS Testing Grades 5-8 (10:00 Start Grades 9, 11, 12)	17 GO @ Hershey 10AM (Rivers Edge) TR @ Sutherland 10AM NSCAS Testing Grades 5-8 (10:00 Start Grades 9-12)	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL TR Overton Invite 9AM JHTR @ Hi-Line 10AM (Elwood) GO @ Alma 10AM	23 FCA 7:30AM District Music @ Elm Creek FFA Officer Interviews 7PM	24 Music Small Ensemble Night 7PM	25 TR @ Lexington (Don Bader)	26 Athletic Banquet 5:30PM
27	28 FCCLA Banquet 7PM	29 GO @ Pleasanton 9AM JHTR @ Bertrand 10AM	30 FCA 7:30AM State Envirothon @ Omaha			

April

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Alternate: hot dog	1 B: breakfast on a stick L: meatball sub	2 B: scone L: burrito	3 B: cereal bar L: breakfast- pancakes	4 B: cinnamon roll L: fish sandwich	5
6 Alternate: egg roll	7 B: muffin L: hamburgers	8 B: frudel L: pizza NO ALTERNATE	9 B: waffles L: chicken stir fry	10 B: biscuit & gravy L: spaghetti	11 B: donut holes L: cheese calzone	12
13 Alternate: Bosco stick	14 B: pancake L: shredded pork sandwich	15 B: breakfast cookie L: chicken fried steak	16 B: churro L: hot dog	17 B: French toast L: ham & turkey sandwich	18	19
20 NO ALTERNATE	21	22	23 B: oatmeal L: crispitos with cheese	24 B: breakfast pizza L: chef salad	25 B: donut L: chicken alfredo	26
27 Alternate: pizza	28 B: cinimini L: chicken nuggets	29 B: cheese filled pretzel L: fiestada	30 B: bagel & sausage L: tator tot casserole			
Menu is subject to change.					*Overton is an Equal Opportunity provider.*	