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### Happy Spring from the Elementary Principal's Office

Welcome to the final quarter of the school year. With the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, basketball and wrestling shoes have been traded in for track and golf spikes. Good luck to all of these participants during their seasons. Thank you parents for ensuring your child is prepared for the roller coaster weather we can experience during spring when 80 degrees one day turns into 40 degrees the next day. Let's have a great end to the school year.

#### Upcoming Events:

- March 17th: District Speech @ Elm Creek
- March 18th: FKC Music Contest @ Axtell
- March 21st: Prom @ Overton Family Center (6PM-Picture, 6:45PM-Dinner, 7:30-10:30PM-Dance)
- March 24th: Statewide ACT for Juniors
- March 25-27th: State FFA @ Lincoln
- March 26th: GO Quad @ Overton 4PM
- March 27th: TR @ Wilcox-Hildreth 10AM
- March 29-31st: State FCCLA @ Lincoln
- March 31st: TR @ Adams Central 11AM
- April 1st: GO @ Cambridge 10AM
- April 3rd & 6th: No School
- April 7th: 12:45 Dismissal (GO @ Hi-Line 10AM) (Overton JHTR Invite 1PM)
- April 8th: Pre-ACT for Sophomores
- April 9th: NSCAS Testing Grades 5-8 & MAP Growth Testing Grades 9-11
- April 9th: GO @ Hershey 10AM
- April 10th: TR @ Axtell 10AM
- April 13th: School Board Mtg. 7:30PM (American Civics Mtg. 7:15PM)
- April 14th: JHTR @ Loomis (Bertrand) 1PM

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 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 25-26 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 25-26 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 "Brian Fleischman".

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## Update from the MS/HS Principal

**Dear 5-12 Families,**

Wow, hard to believe it is April. The final part of the school year is upon us. The Spring brings mandatory state testing, busy spring activities, Awards programs and of course Graduation. I will outline a few of those for grades 5-12 below:

### **Spring Testing:**

April 9th: Spring Reading Testing: 1-2nd Periods

- Grades 5-8 NSCAS
- Grades 9-11 MAP
- Grade 12, 10:00 am Start

April 15th: Spring Science Testing: 6-7th Periods

- Grades 5 & 8 NSCAS
- Grades 6, 7, 9-11 MAP
- Grade 12, Senior Planning with Miss Skallberg

April 16th: Spring Math Testing: 1-2nd Periods

- Grades 5-8 NSCAS
- Grades 9-11 MAP
- Grade 12, 10:00 am Start

### **5-12 Awards Program:**

May 7th: We have changed the time of this program to 1:45 pm. (during the school day). This change will allow all students & teachers the convenience of completing this important program without having to come back in the evening. Art displays will also be open to view starting at 1:15.

### **Preparing for the end of the year:**

As we look to the end of the year, I want to remind parents to make sure all student bills are paid, materials returned, and all electronic devices returned in working condition.

### **Graduation:**

Overton 2026 Graduation is scheduled for Saturday May 9th at 1:30 pm. We hope you can join us for this special event.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a faint, light blue circular stamp.

**Mr. Bill Johnson-5-12 Principal**

**NEW!**

# 5 - 12TH AWARDS PROGRAM

please join us

**THURSDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Overton gymnasium

## Schedule of Events

**1:15 PM** Art Show

**1:45 PM** Academic Awards

National Honor Society Induction

# APRIL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## BRAELYN FLORELL

### FUTURE PLANS

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TO  
MAJOR IN CHEMISTRY

### HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

2024 STATE BASKETBALL

### ACTIVITIES

VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK,  
ONE ACT, FFA, CHEER, DANCE

### FAVORITE MOVIE / TV SHOW

DANCE MOMS



## NEVAEH SAUER

### FUTURE PLANS

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY TO RUN TRACK  
AND FIELD AND MAJOR IN PRE-NURSING

### HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

OGALLALA SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP  
WITH MY FRIENDS

### ACTIVITIES

VOLLEYBALL, CHEER, DANCE, TRACK, FFA,  
FCA, ONE ACT, YOUTH GROUP

### FAVORITE MOVIE / TV SHOW

PITCH PERFECT



# APRIL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## WYATT KYLE

### FUTURE PLANS

WORK

### HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

JUNIOR YEAR TRACK SEASON

### ACTIVITIES

SPORTS

### FAVORITE MOVIE / TV SHOW

MONSTER ED GEIN SERIES



## ELI LUTHER

### FUTURE PLANS

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY  
TO MAJOR IN BUSINESS

### HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

WINNING STATE GOLF

### ACTIVITIES

FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, GOLF, FCA,  
YOUTH GROUP, FISHING, HUNTING

### FAVORITE MOVIE / TV SHOW

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN 2



# APRIL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## WILLIAM FRITSON

### FUTURE PLANS

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

SENIOR YEAR HOMECOMING DANCE

### ACTIVITIES

WORK

### FAVORITE MOVIE / TV SHOW

SUPERNATURAL



## DAISY RYAN

### FUTURE PLANS

HASTINGS COLLEGE TO MAJOR IN BIOLOGY  
AND PLAY VOLLEYBALL

### HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

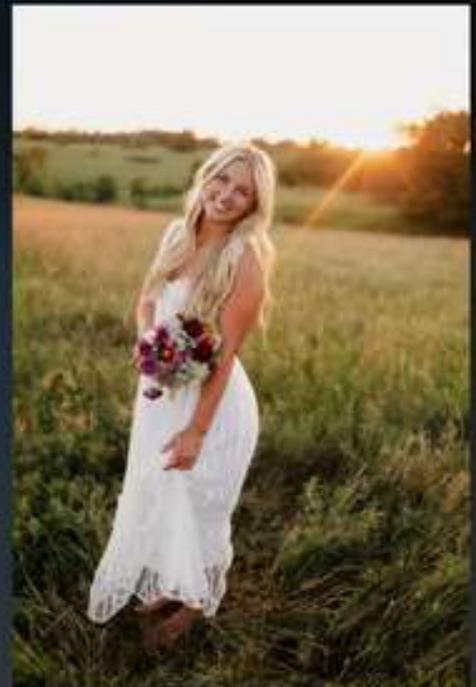
WINNING STATE VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL  
IN THE SAME YEAR

### ACTIVITIES

VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK, YOUTH  
GROUP, FCA, FFA, ONE ACT, NATIONAL  
HONORS SOCIETY, STUDENT COUNCIL, FCCLA

### FAVORITE MOVIE / TV SHOW

SPIRIT



# APRIL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

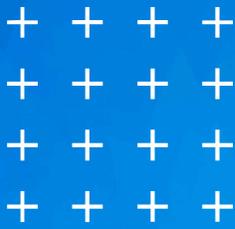
## CARSON HAGEMAN

**FUTURE PLANS**  
WORK

**HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**  
FRESHMAN SHOP CLASS

**FAVORITE MOVIE /  
TV SHOW**  
TALLADEGA NIGHTS



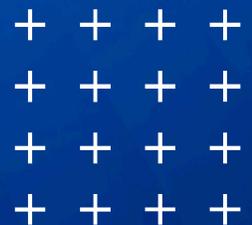


# CONGRATS TO ENVIROTHON



**DAWSON CO. ENVIROTHON  
CLUB**

We punched our  
ticket to state  
competition in  
Hastings on April 29!



# OVERTON FCCLA



**District STAR Gold Medals! ALL 1<sup>st</sup> Place!!**

**District STAR January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Callaway Public School**



**Jaelynn Roberts**

Christmas for a Cause  
National Programs in Action  
Level 3



**Paige Walahoski**

Hometown Heros Banner  
Chapter Service Project  
Level 2



**Neala McCall**

Healthy on the Inside & Out  
National Programs in Action  
Level 2



**Meagan Lassen**

Spend Smart, Save Big  
Personal Finance  
Level 2



**Hailey McClain**

ADHD vs ADD  
Professional Presentation  
Level 1



**Gavin Myers**

AI: Artificial Creativity  
Public Policy Advocate  
Level 1

*State Leadership Conference*

**MARCH 29-31, 2026 | LINCOLN**



All of these students will compete at state FCCLA. Those who place in the top two will advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C., where they will have the opportunity to compete against students from across the United States.

# OVERTON FCCLA ATTENDED PEER EDUCATION CONFERENCE FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup>



## Neala McCall & Tenleigh Roberts

Neala & Tenleigh are applying to be on the State Peer Officer Team for the 26-27 school year.



State Officer Jaelynn, Paige, Meagan, Neala and Tenleigh attended the Peer Ed. Conference.



*State Leadership Conference*  
**MARCH 29-31, 2026 | LINCOLN  
@ PINNACLE BANK ARENA**

# FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE Classes

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade FCS

- \*Finished making pillows
- \*Went on a visit to Creeks Bend Farms



## Intro. to FCS & Food Science

Borlaug Scholars. Students attended the Eastern Nebraska Youth Institute at UNL. These students participated in the World Food Prize Global Challenge. Students chose a country, did research, and then wrote a paper about food security in hopes to help solve a global problem.



## Intro. to FCS

Students have been working on individual sewing projects



# SPELLING BEE RESULTS

Congrats to the winners and all competitors in the  
2026 school spelling bee.

7th/8th grade- champion Gavin Myers  
runner up Hannah McClain

5th/6th grade- champion Dawsen Puffer  
runner up Trey Hughes

3rd/4th grade- champion Theo McCarter  
runner up Katalaya Hernandez





# Vocabulary Parade



## Title 1 Information

The vocabulary parade was to help students learn some new vocabulary words, along with having some family engagement time. Overton Public Schools is a schoolwide Title 1 program for kindergarten through sixth grade and the school tries to do various activities to keep parents, students, and the school connected.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about the Title 1 program and the Nebraska Reads Act. The information can also be found on the school website.



## Parade Time

On March 10, 2026 the second and third graders participated in a vocabulary parade as part of a family engagement activity for Title 1. Each student, with the help of their parents, selected a vocabulary word. Along with coming up with the word, the students wrote the definition, wrote a sentence using the word, and then came up with a way to represent the word. Then parents were welcomed to the school where each student showed their representation of the word and read the definition of the word.

## THANKS!!!!

Thanks to all that helped in some way to make the vocabulary parade a success!

- Mrs. McCarter
- Mr. Weitzel
- Ms. Skallberg and the student council
- Mrs. S. Mccarter and sign helpers
- Ms. Bruntz
- ABC/PTO



# 2 Grade Vocabulary Parade

camouflage luminous x-ray policeman famous leap astronomy net blueberry



gift hyper

avalanche

beach arachnid safe luxury victorious flock calf blizzard disguised cheer

# 3 Grade Vocabulary Parade



elegant statue volunteer softball drowsy incognito crumple chaps identical outlaw furry

struggled intelligent galaxy incognito crumple chaps identical outlaw furry

globe fabulous manuever majestic

# FKC BAND 2026

## OVERTON BAND NEWS



This year, the FKC Quint involving the 7th-12<sup>th</sup> grade bands of Overton, Loomis, Wilcox-Hildreth, Axtell and Elm Creek all met together to play four songs under the direction of our clinician for the day: Dr. Brian Alber, director of bands at UNK. Together, we were around eighty students strong, which created an amazing sound for the concert. I'm so happy all of these students got the opportunity to be part of a much larger band and to be taught by a musician of Dr. Alber's caliber.



### SMALL BUT MIGHTY

For our part, Overton brought our entire high school band (which is 5 students) and three of our eighth graders. Though tired by the time they took this picture, I think they all had a really good experience. They helped me set up the gym and tear it down later, and honestly, I've never seen a group so small get everything put away in so short a time. When students are motivated, (by going home and eating in this case) they know how to get things done.



### ONE SENIOR!

Zoey is the first (and unfortunately for me, the last) senior that has dealt with me all four years as her band director. It's the dedication of students like her that help to keep music programs alive in our small schools, and I can't thank her enough for her contribution to the band over the course of my time here. I only wish the best for her in her future beyond Overton.



OVERTON EAGLES

# NEBRASKA STATE CHEER

February 20<sup>th</sup> the cheer team competed at NCA state cheer in two categories. The Eagles earned an academic excellence award for maintaining a high cumulative GPA during their season. This was the team's third year competing at state, and second year competing in two categories.

## RESULTS

- ✓ 3rd Place Traditional Stunting & Tumbling
- ✓ 3rd Place Game Day



# SPEECH TEAM UPDATE

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Districts closes the season for Overton Speech. We want to congratulate Meagan, Paige, and Leah for breaking into finals in POI, Extemp, and Serious, respectively. Other events include Neala (Inform), Lillian (Poetry), Yarel (Poetry), Lily & Neala (Duet), and our team OI.D. Thank you ladies for the best first season a coach could ask for!



# OVERTON GREEN HOUSE SALE

 THURSDAY, **APRIL 16** | 4:30 - 6:30

 **SAT, APRIL 25** | 3:30 - 5:30

 THURSDAY, **APRIL 30** | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

 **SAT, MAY 9** | 9:00 AM

**EVERYTHING  
FOR SALE FOR**

**\$2 DOLLARS!!!**

AG  
CLASS

# TROUT UPDATE



MARCH

## The Fry



## This Month

We had a big challenge  
trying to keep the water  
quality healthy. As a  
result, we had a massive  
die-off, but we finally  
got our fish happy!

## Next Month Preview

The month of April will  
be dedicated to keeping  
fish happy, fed, and  
growing! They will be  
released in the  
beginning of May!

## What About the Trout?

The Greenhouse class wrote and earned a  
NIFA Grant to help pay for the tank setup.  
The fish will be released into the wild with  
the supervision of the Neb. Game and Parks!



**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 9, 2026**  
**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 at 7:30 p.m. Members Present:**

Brennan  
Jeffries  
Kizer  
Lassen  
Meier  
Walahoski

**Notification:** The March 9, 2026, meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, The Lexington Clipper Herald, 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 Pres-4 principal, and Bill Johnson 5-12 principal.

**Guests Present:** J.D. Ourada

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports:** None

**Communications:** Resignation (1)

**Other:**

- a. None

**Action Items:**

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the March 9, 2026, 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, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Kizer, seconded by Lassen to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).
3. **Claims:** Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to pay the March General Fund bill roster in the amount \$56,251.86 and the March payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$345,615.08. Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information on the bill roster. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).

4. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Lassen to accept Jordan Stutheit's letter of resignation effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year: Mrs. Stutheit has met board policy on the timing of a resignation. No further discussion was needed. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).
5. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Kizer to approve the teaching contract with Jacqueline Cahoy beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. The administration recommended the board approve the contract. Discussion: The board accepted the administration recommendation, and no further discussion was needed. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).
6. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to approve the teaching contract with Bryce Harrington beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. The administration recommended the board approve the contract. Discussion: The board accepted the administration recommendation, and no further discussion was needed. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0).
7. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Kizer to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (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
- e. Interlocal Committee: A meeting needs to be scheduled.
- f. Committee on American Civics: Public input meeting scheduled for April 13, 2026, beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the LMC.
- g. Board Members Meier and Lassen attended NASB meeting in Kearney. Report was provided by both members.

**2. Discussion Topics:**

- a. April Board Meeting Date and Time: Monday, April 13, 2026, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
- b. NASB Calendar of Events
- c. Graduation Ceremony
- d. Strategic Plan with Project Summary
- e. Reviewed and Discussed Board Policy 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

**3. Board Policy Review Schedule: 3000 Series**

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|------|---|
| 3007 | Review of Bills                         |
| 3008 | Gifts, Grants, and Bequests             |
| 3009 | Audit                                   |
| 3010 | Insurance                               |
| 3011 | Transportation                          |
| 3012 | School Meal Program and Program Charges |
| 3013 | Emergency Closings                      |

**Administrative Reports:**

**Prek-4 Principal Report:**

- a. Upcoming School Activities
- b. Uniform Purchase Schedule

**Grades 5-12 Principal Report:**

- a. Cell phone handbook changes for grades 5-8 and 9-12

**Superintendent's Report:**

- 1. Enrollment Option Report

Option Enrollment:

**Out:**

- a. None

**In:**

- b. None

**Change of Status:**

- a. None

- 2. Financial Update
- 3. Budget Review
- 4. Strategic Plan with Project Summary
- 5. State Aid Certification
- 6. Structural Engineer to Provide Update on the 1924 Building

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 FCA 7:15AM  GO @ Cambridge 10AM	2	3 No School	4
5	6 No School  Cheer Uniform Fitting 6:30PM	7 12:45 Dismissal  GO @ Hi-Line Invite (Lakeside) 10AM  JHTR Overton Invite 1PM	8 FCA 7:15AM  Pre-ACT for Sophomores (AM)  FKC Quarterly Mtg. 5:30PM	9 Grades 5-8 (NSCAS Testing) Grades 9-11 (MAP Growth) Seniors-3rd Period Start  GO @ Overton (4-Ball) 10AM	10 TR @ Axtell 10AM	11 ACT Test Date
12	13 Kindergarten Field Trip  FFA Officer Inter- views  Music Booster Mtg. 6:30PM  School Board Mtg. 7:30PM (Americanism 7:15PM)	14 JHTR @ Loomis (Bertrand) 1PM	15 FCA 7:15AM  NSCAS Science Testing & MAP Growth Science Testing	16 Grades 5-8 (NSCAS Testing) Grades 9-11 (MAP Growth) Seniors-3rd Period Start  GO @ Hershey 10AM  FFA Banquet	17 TR @ Sutherland 9:30AM	18
19	20 FCCLA Awards Night 7PM	21 No School- Teacher Workday  TR Overton Invite 9AM  GO @ Alma 10AM  JHTR @ Hi-Line 10AM	22 FCA 7:15AM  District Music Contest @ Elm Creek	23 Solo/Small Ensemble Night 6:30PM	24 TR @ Don Bader (Lexington) 12PM	25 Athletic Banquet 5:30PM
26	27	28 JHTR @ Bertrand 10AM  GO @ Pleasanton 12PM	29 FCA 7:15AM  FFA State Envirothon @ Hastings	30 7-12 Spring Concert 7PM		

# APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Alternate	No School	B: oatmeal L: Bosco stick	B: Breakfast pizza L: Burrito w/cheese	B: Waffles L: French Toast	B: Bagel mini L: Chicken patty sandwich	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Alternate: Pizza	B: Cereal Bar L: Spaghetti	B: French toast L: Nachos	B: Funnel cake L: Chef Salad	B: Breakfast cookie L: Chicken strips	B: Cherry turnover L: Quesadilla	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No Alternate	B: Churro L: Pork Rib sandwich	<b>NO School</b>	B: Blueberry muffin L: Fiestada	B: Frudel L: Corn Dog	B: Cereal bar L: Pizza	
26	27	28	29	30		
	B: Pancakes L: Chicken stir fry	B: Poptart L: Cheeseburger	B: Donut holes L: Goulash	B: Biscuit & gravy L: Pulled pork sandwich		

**\*Overton is an Equal Opportunity Provider.**

This menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast is served with choice of meat/meat alternate, fruit or vegetable, grain and milk.

Lunch is served with choice of meat/meat alternate, fruit and vegetable, grain and milk.