BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD

November 2025

Kelly Lampe, Superintendent Melinda Kerwood, Principal 106 N. Juniper Ave. Davenport, NE 68336 402-364-2225

BOLTS: "Building Outstanding Leaders for

Tomorrow's Society"

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Kel Lampe

Bruning Davenport School News NOVEMBER 2025

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

Thomas Jefferson

November Unified Board Meeting

Regretfully approved resignation of Dan Boshart, effective at the end of the school year.

Approved the purchase of two cars to replace the two totaled in the storm this summer.

Approved three additional substitutes.

Approved FFA trip to National Convention in Indianapolis. Kent Stutheit presented on a chicken house project to be utilized by the Industrial Arts and Agriculture program.

Transportation Report

The coach bus is in the shop, again. Repairs are going to reasonable extensive. Also had a route bus in the shop for multiple repairs. We have a new mini bus to be delivered in December and a 71-passenger bus in January.

Building and Grounds report.

Data Central

<u>Info</u>

The Buildings and Grounds committee met to further discuss the feasibility study and streamlined square footage numbers. Present was Shickley Superintendent Stan Essnick. The next meeting will include the Shickley Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Met with Eric Miller, Thayer Central Superintendent, to discuss long term vision of Thayer County Schools. Discussion focused on Special Education and Career and Life Skills services. It was agreed to meet again.

Help Wanted:
High School Social Studies

Financials: Ending 9-30-25	<u>25-26</u>	24-25	23-24
Budget	5,962,246	5,387,784	4,993,402
YTD expenditures	407,400	415,452	388,771
Last month	407,400	415,452	388,771
% Budget remaining (1 month)	93.17%	92.29%	92.21%
Davenport Building Fund	485,000		
Bruning Building Fund	338,000		
Depreciation Fund	1,091,000		
Davenport Activity Fund	217,000		
Bruning Activity Fund	242,000		
Nutrition Fund	246,000		
(Fiscal year Sept 1 – Aug 31)			

Committee's: Next Meeting

Americanism BDEA BDS Coop Calendar Comm Outreach Daycare Discipline Build/Grounds Frontline	Baxter Jamie Jerry Sheri Jill C Dan Cammie Beth D Ali Lichelle Cammie Baxter Jamie Sheri Jill C Jill R Daina Ali Daina Mark Maggie Val Jill R Adam Daina Heather Sarah K Lichelle Ciara Kathy Kel Daina Cammie Ali Maggie Morgan Dan Jerry Ryne Ryan Brad	Yearly As needed Quarterly As needed At Inservice Monthly Annually Annually Weekly
Grant ILCD MTSS NCIS Certified Classified Safety Steering Tech Website Transportation Wellness	Melinda Joy Larae Ali ?????? Ruth Morgan Cammie Melinda Ali Daina Brooke Jen Negotiations/Calendar/Insurance/Schedule Chris Melinda Daina Jerry Sarah Ryan Erika DeEtta Barb W Jeff Lon Trey Ali Chris Marci Logan Leah Jen Melinda Beth A Lichelle Jill Britany Rick Dan Nate Beth D Tara Micah Wade Kent Sarah Lon Derek Ryan Brooke Lori B Cammie Morgan Maggie	As Needed At Inservice ? Varies As Needed At Inservice Bi Monthly At Inservice As needed At Inservice

Goal:

To be the best small school in the state.



Our students are busy learning, growing, and showing incredible leadership! This month, some of our 4th-6th graders had the opportunity to attend a Student Leadership Conference, where they explored the importance of kindness, inclusion, encouraging, trusting, and celebrating one another.

As the fall sports season wraps up, we want to celebrate our volleyball and football teams for their hard work, sportsmanship, and dedication. We are proud of their accomplishments both on and off the field! Looking ahead, winter sports will be starting soon. We encourage students to continue showing the same teamwork in the upcoming season.

As we enter the cooler months, we want to remind families about staying healthy. Please encourage students to wash their hands regularly, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if they are running a fever or not feeling well. Keeping students home when sick helps protect the health of everyone at school and supports a safe learning environment.

Finally, as the 2nd quarter is in full swing, we encourage families to continue supporting learning at home by reading together, asking questions about daily lessons, and celebrating effort as much as achievement. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Melinda Kerwood Principal - Davenport Building

Wow, how is the 1st quarter done already?!?! The last nine weeks have flown by with lessons, tests, and activities. Our staff and students have been working diligently to grow and learn. It's been fun to see the relationships be built between students and the staff throughout these last few months, and I am excited to see them continue to grow.

As we step into November, it is a perfect time to stop and reflect on all that we have to be grateful for in our lives and in our school! Did you know that being intentionally thankful can help our overall attitude? Germany Kent states, "Gratitude is one of the most powerful emotions. Once expressed, it changes attitude, brightens outlook, and broadens our perspective." My challenge for each of you this month is to think of one thing every day that you are grateful for – something different each day and write it down. Then on Thanksgiving Day, share those things with your loved ones. To keep me accountable, I am going to be keeping a jar on my desk in my office for my Thankful Lists. Feel free to check in and ask me if I've put in my daily inputs!

We have so much to be thankful for here at Bruning-Davenport. We have such amazing students, staff, and families! I can't think of a better place to be. I pray you all have a wonderful, blessed, and safe Thanksgiving!

Blessings, Mrs. Kowalski Principal, Bruning Building Counselor's Corner: In K-6th grade Guidance we are finishing up with the Bullying Prevention Unit. Please keep completing the Home Links! In the picture are 4th graders practicing skills to help stop bullying: Recognize, Report, and Refuse. We will soon begin the Second Step Curriculum where the students will be learning skills for social and academic success.

7th and 8th grade continue with EducationQuest for college and career planning.

The Juniors completed the PSAT/NMSQT and should receive their scores soon. I will meet with them and discuss the results. They will also be attending a college fair on November 13th!

Some Seniors have already been accepted to their future colleges! How exciting! Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!



Thanks for all you do,
Marci Reinsch
K-12 School Counselor



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS Grade Name Date Grade Name Date PreK Blake Houchin 3 Brayden Christie 16 Philippi 3 Barb 9 Brayden Williams 16 4 2 Isabella Labenz Morgan Beals 17 4 3 Irelynn Paulk Jace Pritchard 21 6 Dylan 4 Κ Soltesz Steelman Zander 21 6 Renz 1 Briar Thomas 23 Britany 9 Jacob 11 Grady Holtzen 24 10 Labenz 10 Paisley Follmer Elting 24 8 1 Raylan Josie Stanek 11 Connor Shuck 27 PreK Ella Houchin 11 7 Schoenholz 28 Mylah 8 Briar Miller 12 11 Shawn Sunday 30

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders visited the Davenport fire hall on October 17 to learn about fire safety. They learned what to do in case of fires, how to prevent fires, and got to see inside the ambulance and fire trucks.



MEET A SENIOR

LAURYN KOCH is the daughter of Jamie and Kory Koch. She has 1 brother, Kyler, who also attends Bruning-Davenport. She is involved in volleyball, track, FFA, NHS, one-act, speech, band, Striv, and letter club. She also attends St. Peters Lutheran Church in Davenport and is part of their youth group. Lauryn's interests include softball, 4-H, shopping, concerts, working at the pool, and being with her friends. She plans on attending college at UNL or Concordia and majoring in nutrition & health sciences to become a dietitian. Her favorite food is mashed potatoes, her favorite television show is "We Were Liars", her favorite song is "You had to be there" by Megan Moroney & Kenny Chesney, and her favorite place to be alone is in her bedroom or her car. Lauryn says the most influential person in her life is her mom because "She has taught me how to work hard in and out of school. The biggest thing she has taught me though is to be kind to everyone, no matter how they treat you."



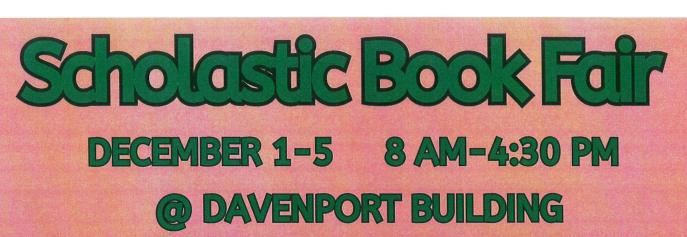
What's Happening @ Your Libraries

Our students have been learning about our online libraries. Last month, we highlighted Lightbox Learning, which is being paid for by book fair profits and is for students in all grade levels. This month we are introducing the Sora reading app. Many schools in Nebraska formed a consortium to offer eBooks, audio books, magazines, and read alouds via Sora (some may be more familiar with the public library version called Libby). This gives our students more reading for pleasure options. For even more options, students have access to Nebraska OverDrive Libraries' online library if they so choose. This collection is associated with the public libraries of our state. It can be added to students' Sora apps. Students are able to read/listen to materials on their school devices as well as their personal devices. Students can check out books 24/7 if they know their usernames/passwords to their accounts. As always, parents are encouraged to be the guides on what is appropriate for their students to read. The direct link for our school's access to Sora is https://soraapp.com/welcome/ login/202670/ils/bruningne/form/Bruning-Davenport%20Unified% 20 System and the log in uses school Google accounts.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, our **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held on December 1-5 in the Davenport building this year due to scheduling conflicts. The book fair will be open from before school until 4:30 PM each day. It will also be open in the evening during the Jamboree basketball game as well as the first game of the season against Blue Hill. If you're needing some last minute gifts or some stocking stuffers, we'd love to see you at the fair! If you're unable to make it, see the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter for the QR code for online book fair shopping. Thanks for your patronage, which helps our school libraries in many ways!

Digital Citizenship Tip

'Tis the season for online shopping! With Black Friday and Cyber Monday rapidly approaching, it never hurts to brush up on online safety surrounding purchasing online. This article is a good starting point for talking with kids about the pros and cons of shopping online as well as best practices for doing so. Be sure to check it out! https://www.safes.so/blogs/online-shopping-for-kids/



ALSO OPEN DURING THE BASKETBALL GAMES



All proceeds benefit our school libraries!





FFA Update: To start off the busy month of October, the Bruning-Davenport FFA chapter went to district land judging in York. This contest comprised eighteen of our members evaluating the land to determine its capability class along with the soil types and textures. Cynthia Ozenbaugh received a blue ribbon along with Emma Hoins, Riggins Ozenbaugh and Aliviah Barney earning red ribbons and Grady Holtzen and Brayden Philippi earning white ribbons for their accomplishments. The following week, some of our members were heavily involved with feeding our local farmers, and delivered goodie bags to area Co-Ops where they were distributed. We also had the great privilege of helping 99.5 KUTT with Harvest Bonanza. 8 of our members helped serve hot dog meals to those harvesting at Cargill in Carleton. We then moved on to Livestock judging where we had 21 members attend. Ben Manes was the high scorer of the day earning 3rd in the non-competitive division while Natalie Linscomb took home 16th. In the junior high division, Rustin Ozenbaugh received 46th out of 147 individuals. Emma Hoins received 49th out of 128 in the junior division. In the senior division Tobby Voss was 42nd out of 110 and Liz Hinrichs and Lauryn Koch tied for 44th. Later in the month, members participated in the Davenport and Bruning Trunk-or-Treat decorating a trunk, a table, and dressing up. They handed out treats to those who attended. The chapter has begun their annual fruit sales fundraiser selling fruit, meat, cheese, and chocolates now through November 4th. If you're interested, you can contact any FFA member to order. To wrap up the month, 8 members are headed to Indianapolis for the annual FFA National Convention. More to come next month about their time at convention!







October was a busy month for the B-D FFA!









B-D 7th & 8th grade Red Ribbon Week

The week kicks off with a keynote speaker at the high school. The event continues with messages, posters, and treats that spread the word about healthy lifestyles and drug free living! A highlight for the middle school will be the dress-up days!







The 7th grade spent time on Thursday delivering posters to middle school teachers for their class-rooms! Watch for the poster and dress-up winners!







Students in the 8th grade Family and Consumer Science class are using their time before and after school, and study hall to finish a Quilt of VALOR. They hope to be presenting the quilt during the Veterans Day celebration. This project started with a trip to, Phyliss Schoenholz quilting shop, to select the design and fabric for this project







GENERAL FUND BILLS 10/13/25

20726 AFLAC	68.12	20766 Houghton Mifflin	118.08
20727 AFLAC (10 Month)	148.24	20767 IXL Learning Inc	2,625.00
20728 American Funds Service Company	400.00	20768 Jennifer Krupicka	450.66
20729 Blue Cross Blue Shield	76,623.27	20769 JW Pepper	403.18
20730 Credit Management Services	86.33	20770 KSB School Law, PC, LLO	906.50
20731 Credit Management Services, Inc	519.16	20771 Lori Balke	467.35
20732 Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	550.00	20772 Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	82.04
20732 Proface Main Elle insurance Company 20733 Payflex Account #304734	550.00	20772 Mainson Thoas, inc.	985.57
20734 Madison National Life Ins, Co. Inc.	1,809.73	20774 Mid American Research	300.26
20735 Ali Strong	350.00	20774 Micrau & Co.	745.00
20736 All Around Lawn & Landscaping	4,137.15	20776 NE Council of School Administrators	180.00
20737 American Express	5,404.73	20777 Nick's Farm Store	805.86
20737 American Express 20738 Arnold Motor Supply	25.93	20778 Noel Lawn Care	838.43
20739 B & J Automotive LLC	1,868.10	20779 Norris Public Power District	3,131.64
20740 Black Hills Energy .	2,235.00	20780 Nutrien Ag Solutions	1,392.24
20740 Black Hills Energy . 20741 Bruning Grocery Inc	335.71	20781 One Source	204.90
20742 Bruning Lumber Co.	309.24	20782 Pitney Bowes Financial Services	59.99
20742 Bruning Edinoel Co. 20743 Bruning Transition Fund	167.29	20783 School Nurse Supply	308.50
20744 Burton Enterprises, LLC	37.00	20784 Southeast Community College	3,791.05
20745 Centricity	150.00	20785 Straight Line Motor Works	1,726.45
20746 Certified Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc.	1,482.91	20786 Teacher Synergy, LLC	53.00
20747 Coach Master's, Inc.	2,806.56	20787 Teaching Strategies, LLC	240.00
20748 Davenport Building Supply	49.26	20788 The Hebron Journal Register	687.34
20749 Davenport Transition Fund	2,559.50	20789 Victory Too Graphics	11.85
20750 Dietze Music House	562.00	20790 Village of Bruning	834.46
20751 Diversified Drug Testing, LLC	145.00	20791 Village of Davenport	3,142.54
20752 Dosatron International LLC	707.88	20792 Voss Plumbing Inc	424.40
20753 Eakes Office Plus	5,657.17	20793 WS Inc - Canteen	172.39
20754 Ecolab Pest Elimination	210.51	20794 Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	563.63
20755 Educational Service Unit #4	60.00	20795 Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	769.25
20756 Educational Service Unit #5	22,039.84	20796 Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	173.49
20757 Erika Brinegar	31.76	20797 Western Oil II LLC	1,981.69
20758 Ernie Williamson Music Repair Shop	133.05	20798 Windstream	522.26
20759 Evan-Moor	41.98	20799 Woodward's Disposal Service Inc	65.00
20760 Ewell Educational Services, Inc	390.00	20800 York Elementary School	250.00
20761 Fiber Platform, LLC	860.58		
20762 Flood Communications of Beatrice	85.00		
20763 Galyen Energy Supply	9,899.28	Payable Checks	174,050.88
20764 Go Physical Therapy	1,054.60	Payroll	211,203.75
20765 Hebron Pest Control	85.00	Total	385,254.63
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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on October 13, 2025. Pursuant to laws and notices posted at Bruning-Davenport Schools, Cornerstone Bank, Bruning Bank, Bruning Post Office, Davenport Post Office, and also published in The Hebron Journal-Register on October 8, 2025; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jamie Koch called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Unified members present were Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, Sheri Norder, and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Jerry Baysinger, Baxter Beals, Lon Schoenholz, and Trey Strong. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Kerwood, Principal Kowalski, Erika Brinegar, Cameron Freitag, Ali Strong, Kent Stutheit, and Neil Voss.

Sheri Norder moved, seconded by Ryan Miller, to approve the absence of Unified Member Ryne Philippi. (Roll Call Vote 5-0)

President Koch recognized the Open Meetings Act.

A staff member presented on the chicken house being built.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, September 8 & 22, 2025, Unified Board meeting minutes, and the October claims. Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Brad Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote (5-0)

Principal Kowalski reported on the following: Enrollment is up to 195 - good turnout for parent-teacher conferences

Principal Kerwood reported on the following: External visit is coming up in the Fall of 2026 – taking students to Student Leadership day on October 20th

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following: vehicle repairs and upgrades – replacing the western roof on the Bruning building – looking at shared services with other Thayer county schools

President Koch and the Buildings and Grounds committee reported that they will be meeting with Shickley's Building and Grounds committee in a couple of weeks.

Action Items: (All motions require a roll call vote, and all are carried 5-0 unless noted.)

- A. Miller moved, seconded by Norder, to approve, with regrets, the resignation of Dan Boshart effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- B. Williams moved, seconded by Krehnke, to approve the purchase of 2 Kia K4S from the Depreciation Fund for a total of \$48.120.
- C. Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder, to approve Sarah Greer, Andrew Kamler, and Makenzie Kaup as substitutes.
- D. Miller moved, seconded by Williams, to approve the National FFA Convention trip, October 28-November 1, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Norder moved, seconded by Williams, to enter executive session "to prevent needless injury to an individual" at 8:04 PM. Williams moved, seconded by Miller, to come out of executive session at 8:11 PM.

President	Koch	adjourned	d the meeting	at 8:11 PM
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Salad Bar Available Daily	Bruning: F/V Bar	Pizza Crunchers Romaine Lettuce Salad Breadstick	24	17 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Garlic Bread	French Toast Sausage Tri Tater Juice	3 Chinese Chicken Rice Broccoli	MONDAY	DNSM
NEBRASKA BEEF		w/ Ham Green Beans Combread	25	Turkey Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Dinner Roll Pumpkin Pie	11 Buffalo Chicken Pizza California Blend Veggies	Chili Soup Carrots/Celery Cinnamon Roll	TUESDAY	Sc
Milk served with ALL Meals	GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST	=	26	Build Your Own Sandwich Chips Baked Beans	12 Chicken Noodle Soup Peas Muffin	5 Crispitos Spanish Rice Corn Churro	WEDNESDAY	School Lunch
*Second Entrée – \$1.00 * EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER	*Menu Subject to Change*	THANKSGIVING BREAK	27	20 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Corn Dinner Roll	13 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Dinner Roll	Loose Meat Sandwich Tater Tots	THURSDAY	
Chef Salad Meal Options 5-8 Only & Adults	Davenport: F/V Bar Daily	AK	28	Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Cookie	Nacho Tots Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Corn Pretzel	7 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips Baked Beans	FRIDAY	November
			29	22	15	∞	SATURDAY 1	2025

BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD - ACTIVITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2025

30			23			16			9		Daylight Savings Time	2			Sunday
	JH GBB @ Deshler 6:30	FB State Championships	24		Start of Winter Practice	17		FCCLA - Mind Bending Careers Board Meeting @ Davenport 7:30PM	10	(Elementary Thayer Central Quiz Bowl Invite @ 4PM	သ			Monday
Notes:			25		County Government Day - Juniors	18	JH GBB @ Meridian 1:00	Veterans Day 9:00AM @ Dav 11:00AM @ Bruning	11			4			Tuesday
		7	26		CRC One Act	19			12	JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward 9AM		5			Wednesday
		No School - Thanksgiving Break	27	JH GBB Superior @ Dav 6/7:00		20	JH GBB Dorchester@ Bru 2:00 Drama Fine Arts Night @ Geneva	Picture Retake Day	13		State VB Championships	6			Thursday
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