BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD

December 2025

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

BOLTS: "Building Outstanding Leaders for

Ruth Kowalski, Principal 340 Carroll St. Bruning, NE 68322 402-353-4685

Tomorrow's Society"

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Kel Lampe

Bruning-Davenport School News DECEMBER 2025

December Unified Board Meeting

Approved resignation of Board member Sheri Norder. Approved retirement of Chris Ardissono, effective at the end of the year.

Approved new copy machine contract.

Discussed coach bus situation.

Transportation Report

The coach bus is still in the shop and in need of extensive repairs. Options are:

Make the repairs.

Buy a different bus.

Lease a different bus.

Should be getting new 71 passenger bus and 14 seat mini bus in soon.

They were ordered last year.

Building and Grounds report.

Repaired Bruning roof on the West end of the building. All the storm damage has been repaired except the Daycare fence, which should be finished soon.

Info

The Buildings and Grounds committee met with the Shickley Buildings and Grounds committee to further discuss the feasibility study and streamlined square footage numbers. It was agreed to meet again.

Moving towards getting cameras in the classrooms and on the busses

New copy machines to be installed over Christmas break. Card key entry system also scheduled to be installed over Christmas.

Considering a new phone system.

Help Wanted: High School Math

Financials: Ending 10-31-25	25-26	24-25	23-24
Budget	6,136,594	5,962,246	5,387,784
YTD expenditures	904,100	901,000	778,000
Last month	496,800	485,000	389,000
% Budget remaining (11 months)	85%	85%	84%
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: Americanism BDEA BDS Coop Calendar Comm Outreac Daycare Discipline Build/Grounds	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
Frontline Grant		Weekly As Needed
ILCD	Melinda Joy Larae Ali ??????	At Inservice
	Ruth Morgan Cammie Melinda Ali Daina Brooke Jen	?
NCIS	Negotiations/Calendar/Insurance/Schedule	Varies
Certified	Chris Melinda Daina Jerry Sarah Ryan	As Needed
Classified	Erika DeEtta Barb W Jeff Lon Trey	As Needed
Safety	Ali Chris Marci Logan Leah Jen	At Inservice
Steering	Melinda Beth A Lichelle Jill Britany Rick Dan	Bi Monthly
Tech Website	Nate Beth D Tara Micah Wade Kent	At Inservice
Transportation	Sarah Lon Derek Ryan	As needed
Wellness	Brooke Lori B Cammie Morgan Maggie	At Inservice

Goal:

To be the best small school in the state



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the start of the crazy but wonderful holiday season! It's hard to believe we're already here. Time is flying, and there's so much happening around school.

Junior high basketball has officially kicked off, and our teams are working hard and showing great sportsmanship. Quiz Bowl is also in full swing, and our teams are off to an awesome start!

I want to give a big shout-out to our band for their performance at the Veterans Day program. They sounded fantastic! The 8th graders did an incredible job leading the program and showing off the beautiful Quilt of Valor they helped sew. What a special way to honor our veterans.

Our elementary students have been busy too, from trick-or-treating around town to visiting the fire hall, they've had some fun experiences these past few weeks. A huge thank-you to all the local businesses who welcomed our students and made trick-or-treating such a fun morning. We truly appreciate your support!

As we head into the colder months, just a quick reminder: if your child is sick, please make sure they're fever-free for 24 hours before coming back to school. It helps keep everyone healthy and learning!

Thanks for all you do to support our students and staff!

Melinda Kerwood - Principal, Davenport Building

One of my favorite books, and favorite Christmas movies, is *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. If you've never read or watched it, please put it on your list! It's a fantastic story about a family of kids who are terrible trouble-makers and they become part of the Christmas Eve program at a local church (just so they can get snacks!), much to the dismay of Beth, the narrator. While I don't want to spoil the ending, I will tell you that it does put things into perspective while giving you a good laugh. It's a great reminder as to what Christmas is really about, and also to not judge people because of where they come from.

I love Christmas. It really is my favorite time of year. I love the decorations, the music, the gift-giving, the family gatherings, the church services, all of it. I even love it more when it snows on Christmas (especially if I don't have to travel!). As we prepare for this special holiday season, I think of the people I have in my life and how blessed I am. I have an amazing family, there is no question about that, but I also have an awesome school family. Throughout the last several years, I have seen the people in these communities come together when times are tough and help one another get through. It is quite a gift to have such a wonderful group of people around me. This Christmas, I count Bruning-Davenport as one of my top gifts!

I pray you all get to enjoy this Christmas season. While it is a busy time with all of the activities, please take time with your loved ones to make memories. Have a very merry Christmas!

Blessings, Mrs. Kowalski Principal, Bruning Building

Counselor Corner

What an amazing month we have had!

K-4th have completed the Bullying Prevention Unit. 5th Graders continue the program.

K-4th, 6th and 7th grade have begun the Second Step program. Your child will learn critical *Skills for Learning*, *Empathy*, *Emotion Management*, and *Problem Solving*.

Your child has been learning a lot this year-and he or she will need your help! Throughout the year, your child has and will be bringing home **Home Links** that go with several of the Second Step lessons. They are a great way for you to understand what your child is learning and for your child to show you what he or she knows!

The Juniors are down one more test and they have received their results for the PSAT/NMSQT. Up next, ACT on March 24, 2026. They went to a College Fair and enjoyed meeting all of the college representatives and learning about entrepreneurships and EducationQuest. Please create an account!

Many students in high school have registered for SENCAP courses for the Spring semester!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life! Have a wonderful holiday season!

Marci Reinsch

mreinsch@bdstorm.org K-12 School Counselor



6B working with groups on Understanding Feelings during Guidance



4th Grade working with partners on Social Skills during Guidance



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

G	rade	Name	Date
9	Kyler	Koch	2
6	Jackson	Shook	4
K	Barrett	Werner	4
9	BraeLynn	Black	5
	Natalie	Hinrichs	8
10	Peter	Mateo	10
	Logan	Zeleny	12
	Mike	Little	12
3	Jaliyah	Diaz-McCall	14
	Lichelle	Houchin	16



Grad	le	Name	Date
K	Rory	Elting	16
7	Laelynn	Schlichtman	17
12	Taylor	McBride	18
2	Benjamin	Mata	21
8	Cody	Reutter	22
	Joy	Barton	23
8	Brooklyn	Philippi	25
4	Rexford	Garton	26
	Audra	Loontjer-Capek	27
1	Elliot	Eirich	27
4	Iyla	Miller	28

November FFA UPDATE: To end October, the BD FFA chapter had eight members attend the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. While at convention members had the opportunity to partake in severe industry tours including Brock Angus Farms, Ozarks fisheries, Transova Genetics, Hunters Hunting. They also had the opportunity to tour Northwest Missouri State while on the way to convention. While at convention, they were able to explore the expo, attend opening sessions, workshops, and attend the FFA rodeo. On Saturday, two Bruning- Davenport FFA members walked across the stage earning their FFA American Degree. These members were Wyatt Ozenbaugh and Gatlin Hinrichs. This is a huge accomplishment as only 1% of FFA members ever earn this award.

The chapter has been working hard fabricating and practicing our Leadership Development Events (LDEs) and are gearing up for the district competition on December 17th. Our members will be delivering their LDEs on December 15th at our second annual LDE showcase night at 7pm at the Bruning building. Parents and community members are invited to attend this night! -BD FFA Reporter Emma Hoins



The preschool, kindergarten, and first grade classes enjoyed a morning of trick or treating downtown Bruning, on Halloween. Many businesses very graciously participated and enjoyed handing out treats to our students and seeing all the fun costumes. We want to thank our Bruning businesses for your support in this fun activity for our students.









Weights Class

1200lb Club: Tobby Voss, LeTrell Houser, and Kaden Dickson

Chart: 4 Lifts - Tobby Voss, LeTrell Houser, and Kaden Dickson

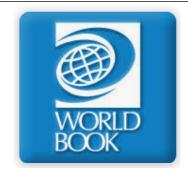
2 Lifts - Blake Miller and Colt Crockett

1 Lift - Anthony Nutsch



What's Happening @ Your Library

This past month, our 2nd - 4th grade students have been learning about another eBook resource that many of us are familiar with (although probably not in this format)...Worldbook! I do have to admit, the Davenport library still has a set of Worldbook encyclopedias on its shelves dated 2008. That way students can familiarize themselves with the physical books as well as the online version that we purchase as a library every year with a current copyright!:) During the summer, I was researching ways to build readers in order to sup-



port our school improvement goals. I knew Worldbook had some eBooks that went along with our subscription, but when I had looked at them in the past they were high school level books. When I looked into things further I found out they have eBooks for younger students also! So I contacted people who could help with this & now everyone in our district has access to books at their levels! They don't have as many features as the ones in the resources I have highlighted in the newsletter in previous months. They do give our students more variety in topics to learn about though! Since Worldbook is a paid subscription, if you'd like to take a look at what your students have access to you'll need to contact me at the school for the username & password.

As a library staff, we would also like to invite you to give the gift of reading this year by perusing our Scholastic book fair on December 1-5. It will be open during the school day, for a while after each school day, plus during the home basketball games that week. Please consider visiting during one of those times as purchases help support all of our readers! We'd love to see you!

<u>Digital Citizenship Tip</u>

The holidays are nearly upon us & many are thinking, "What should I get my family member for Christmas?" That might look like the perennial favorite socks (not as much fun), or a new mode of transportation (a bike rates better than socks?), or a new electronic device (a Playstation, Xbox or cell phone). No matter what you decide to give, careful thought always goes into your decision. This article <u>Cellphones and Devices</u>: <u>A Guide for Parents and Caregivers</u> (found at https://tinyurl.com/543pae7b) may be of help before purchasing those devices. If you want to help people in your family to have balance & digital safety also, there are some excellent resources at Digital Futures Initiative, including a parent/child agreement about the use of technology (https://www.dfinow.org/for-parents/ and scroll down to find the agreement button).

Happy shopping:)



DECEMBER 1-5 8 AM-4:30 PM

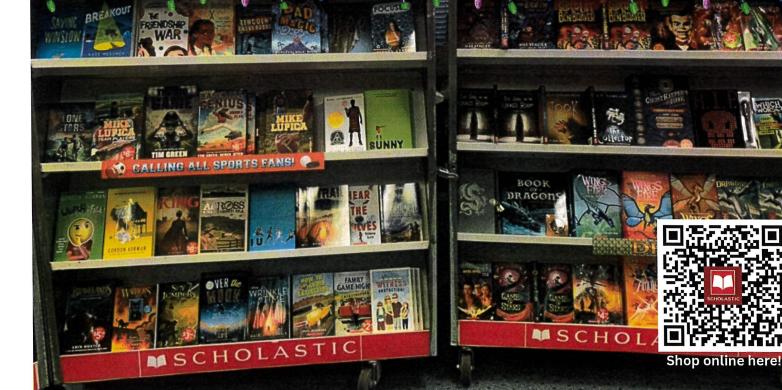
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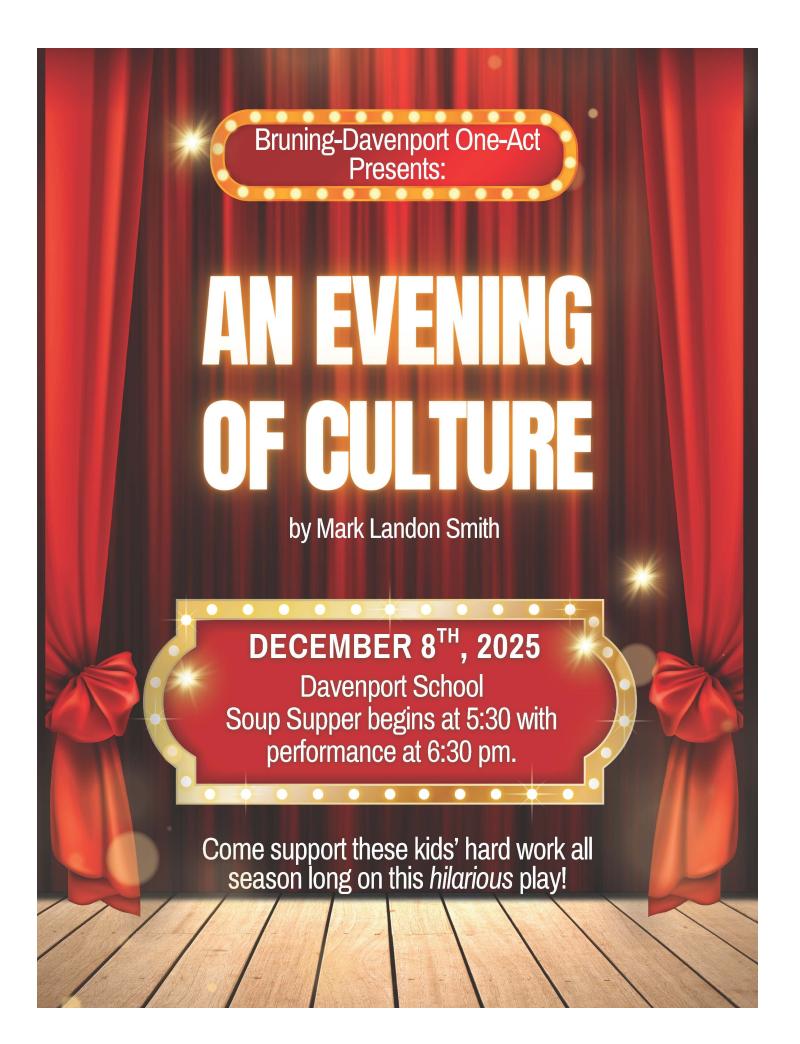
ALSO OPEN DURING THE BASKETBALL GAMES



All proceeds benefit our school libraries!

> A Christmas Carol





The Community Outreach Committee is wanting *Help* @ *Home* to connect *Parents* and *Students* to the *Learning Environment*. Over the years, teachers have seen a disconnect between the parents, students, and school. This is an issue seen state and nation wide. *Help* @ *Home* is to educate and give guidance on how we can *mend* this disconnect. The goal is to get all parents, students, teachers and staff on the *same page*, which will benefit everyone involved. Please take the time to read the infographics shared on our social media page, *Bruning-Davenport USD on Facebook*, and here in the *monthly newsletter*.



The Bruning-Davenport and Shickley Junior Classes are fundraising for their proms this coming spring. Please check out this live store from now until December 2nd to get your orders in

time for Christmas!

https://bds-official-gear.squarespace.com/



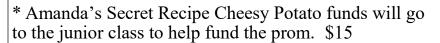


Bruning-Davenport FCCLA and the Foods Class are grateful to so many people attending their community dinner. Lots of work mixed with some fun, made for another memorable event. Funds raised will be used to fund community service projects and group events.

A special thank- you to, Amanda Barney, Maggie Vyhnalek and FFA members, for all their help preparing for the event. Also, thanks to the Opera House for providing us the perfect event space.

Just In Time For The Holidays:

* The foods class will be selling 9x13 pans of their decadent pumpkin cheesecake bars. This project will fund their industry tour and FCCLA project. \$25











The Middle School attended their 1st quarter Rewards Party by attending Spring City in Grand Island on November 12. We had a fabulous time.



November 4: Our 7th-grade students attended INVENTURE Day at the Nuckolls County Fairgrounds!

Throughout the day, students worked with business mentors to develop innovative projects and products, which they later presented in a "Shark Tank"-style competition. BD students collaborated with peers from Thayer and Nuckolls County, showcasing creativity and teamwork throughout the event.

A special congratulations to Mylah Schoenholz, whose team earned 1st place for their outstanding idea and presentation!

Putting their INVENTURE Day skills into action, the 7th-grade class is now producing Protein Balls. Coming soon to a concession stand near you! Proceeds will go toward a worthy cause.



FCCLA and FCS members honored Veterans with Quilts of Valor during the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Freshman students, Josie Stanek and Aliviah Barney made and presented the quilt to Connor Russell at the Bruning location.

The 8th grade team of: Carter Voss, Paisley Follmer, Briar Miller, Macin Kowalski, Cagney Mussman, and Brooklyn Philippi, constructed the quilt presented to Marilee Zacheck in Davenport.

The quilts were quilted by Phyllis Schoenholz and the binding by Donna Schweer.





MEET A SENIOR

ZECHARIAH SZYDLO is the son of Toni and Michael Szydlo. He has 3 brothers, Jonathan, Nathan, and Samuel, and 1 sister, Jessica. He is involved in One-Act, STRIV, and work study where he is currently employed at Metal Quest. He is also an alter boy at his church, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in Nelson, Nebraska. Zechariah's interests and hobbies include gaming, technology, and science. His future plan is to go to college to pursue a career in information technology. His favorite TV show is Dragon Ball Z and his favorite song is "Insane". The most influential person is Zechariah's life is his mom. Something else he would like people to know about his is that he is autistic.





	GENERAL FUND BILLS		
	11/10/25		
Ameritas Life Insurance	409.00	Hebron Pest Control	50.00
Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	104.38	Jennifer Krupicka	263.76
Cornerstone Bank/Direct Deposit	5,371.04	JW Pepper	174.20
nternal Revenue Service	56,746.03	Kent Stutheit	73.36
Nebraska Department of Revenue	8,143.80	KSB School Law, PC, LLO	601.00
Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	40,534.62	Lori Balke	392.43
AFLAC	187.72	Mary Houser	226.00
AFLAC (10 Month)	148.24	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	261.67
American Funds Service Company	400.00	Micah Dolnicek	62.86
Blue Cross Blue Shield	78,476.71	Michael Little	977.60
Credit Management Services, Inc	411.47	Mid American Research	1,659.82
Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	507.32	Mierau & Co.	745.00
Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	450.00	NE Council of School Administrators	845.00
Payflex Account #304734	550.00	Nebraska Department of Education	250.00
Madison National Life Ins. Co. Inc.	1,981.20	Nebraska State Fire Marshall Agency	36.00
American Express	1,943.65	Nick's Farm Store	270.00
Black Hills Energy	2,235.00	Noel Lawn Care	782.89
Bruning Grocery Inc	359.45	Norder Supply, Inc.	103.50
Bruning Petty Cash	37.42	Norris Public Power District	2,324.41
Bruning Transition Fund	799.29	Nuckolls Countyy Clerk	42.38
Burton Enterprises, LLC	37.00	Nutrien Ag Solutions	818.30
Certified Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc.	28,296.19	One Source	29.00
Critel Enterprises LLC	144.50	Orkin	16.00
DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	953.61	Pitney Bowes Financial Services	139.62
Davenport Building Supply	1,177.61	Protex Central, Inc.	192.50
Davenport Transition Fund	1,252.97	Rasmussen Mechanical Services	
Denise McGinley	27.93	Robert McGinley	1,378.66
	150.00	School Specialty LLC	71.96
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC		<u> </u>	169.48
Eakes Office Plus	1,716.38	School-Tech	93.56
Ecolab Food Safety	150.00	Southeast Community College	1,133.80
Educational Service Unit #5	21,864.84	Straight Line Motor Works	2,292.50
Educational Service Unit #6	600.00	Teacher Synergy, LLC	13.65
Ella Software LLC	96.00	Thayer County Clerk	804.76
Elsie Strong	150.00	The Hebron Journal Register	111.85
Ernie Williamson Music Repair Shop	34.95	University of Nebraska- Kearney	270.00
Feedlot Fencing LLC	63.30	Village of Bruning	869.82
Fiber Platform, LLC	860.58	Village of Davenport	2,121.67
Flood Communications of Beatrice	85.00	WS Inc - Canteen	337.42
FS.COM Inc.	111.80	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	165.82
Galaway's Garage	786.98	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	1,091.57
Gaylen Energy Supply	16.95	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	292.64
Geneva Home Center	8.62	Western Oil II LLC	2,615.05
Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc	537.01	Windstream	518.95
Go Physical Therapy	1,105.50	Woodward's Disposal Service Inc	65.00
Heartland Roofing Consulants	978.75		
		Payable Checks	286,758.27
		Payroll	194,883.46
		Total	481,641.73

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on November 10, 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 November 5, 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, Ryne Philippi, and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Baxter Beals, Lon Schoenholz, Derek Shaner and Trey Strong. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Kerwood, Principal Kowalski, Erika Brinegar, Jill Rohr, and Neil Voss.

President Koch recognized the Open Meetings Act.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, October 13, 2025, Unified Board meeting minutes, and the updated October and November claims. Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Ryan Miller, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote (6-0)

Principal Kowalski reported on the following: Successful Red Ribbon week – FFA attended the National Convention in Indianapolis – elementary visited the firehall for Fire Safety week – congratulations to the football and volleyball teams for a successful season – BD One- Act will perform at the Rialto Theatre in Geneva on November 14^{th} , as will Shickley – December 11^{th} is the Christmas PK-12 Christmas concert in Davenport

Principal Kerwood reported on the following: Elementary visited the fire hall – 7 students attended the Student Leadership Conference in York – Middle School quiz bowl has started, and they are competing well

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following: waiting on the cost to repair the coach bus – Health insurance rates are going up 7.44% for 25-26

President Koch and the Buildings and Grounds committee reported that they met with Shickley's Building and Grounds committee and are looking at feasible options for buildings

Discussion Items: (Consider, Discuss, and take all necessary action)

- A. Coach bus waiting on cost estimates and the option of leasing no action taken.
- B. Security Doors and buses
 - a. We have a quote for cameras for our fleet of vehicles and approval to start ordering key card access/security to both school buildings no action taken

Action Items: (All motions require a roll call vote, and all are carried 6-0 unless noted.)

- A. Krehnke moved, seconded by Miller, to approve, with regrets, the resignation of Sheri Norder from the Unified Board, effective November 10, 2025.
- B. Resignation of Jamie Koch from the Unified Board no action taken
- C. Ryne Philippi moved, seconded by Sheri Norder, to approve, with regrets, the retirement of Chris Ardissono, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- D. Miller moved, seconded by Brad Williams, to approve the 5-year lease contract for printers and copiers with Eakes.

The December board meeting will be held in Davenport.

President	Koch	adjourned	the meeting	at	8.12	PM
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Erika Brinega	r, Recording	Secretar

BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD - ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2025

				Notes:		
				HS G/B BB Silver Lake @ Dav 3/4:30 JV TBA		
						NSAA Gym Moratorium
				No School - Christmas Break	No School - C	
			31	30	29	28
	NSAA Gym Moratorium	NSAA				
		No School - Christmas Break	No School -			
27	26	25	24	23	22	21
	HS G/B BB @ Cross Co. 6/7:30 JV TBA	HS 9th/10th BB York @ Bruning 6/7:30				
	1PM Dismissal	JH GBB @ McCool Jct. 2:00	NHS Blood Drive Bruning Opera House12PM	JV TBA	FFA LDE Showcase @ Bruning Gym 7PM	
HS G/B BB Lincoln Luth @ Dav 3/4:30 JV TBA	End of 1st Semester		FFA Dist LED 's @ Concordia	HS G/B BB @ Sutton 6/7:30	FCCLA - Life Smart Ends	Christmas Caroling 1PM
20	19	18	17	16	15	14
HS G/B BB Law/Nel @ Dav 3/4:30 JV TBA	HS G/B BB @ Dorchester 6/7:30 JV TBA	Juniors ASVAB		HS G/B BB Diller-Odell @ Dav 6/7:30 JV TBA	Board Meeting @ Bruning 7:30PM	
		PreK-12 Christmas Concert @ Davenport 6:30PM	NSAA State Play Production		JH GBB Cross Co. @ Bru 4/5:15	
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JH GBB Tourney @ Blue Hill 9:00 HS G/B BB @ East Butler 3/4:30 JV TBA	HS G/B BB Blue Hill @ Dav 6/7:30 JV TBA	JH GBB @ Hampton 4:00PM	Dist Play Production @ Gothenburg	JH GBB vs Red Cloud @ Davenport 6PM	HS G/B BB Thayer Central @ Dav (Jamboree) 6/8:00	
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School Lunch

December 2025

		EMPLOYER	ALL Meals			
	Option for 5-8th & Adults	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	Milk served with	BEEF	Available Daily	
	Chef Salad Meal	*Second Entrée –	SERVED DAILY	NEBRASKA	Salad Bar	
	Davenport: F/V Bar Daily	*Menu Subject to Change*	GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST		Bruning: F/V Bar	
			Break	Christmas B	Ch	
			31	30	29	28
		Break	Christmas Bi	Ch		
27	26	25	24	23	22	21
	Chips		Dinner Roll	Juice Cup	Corn Muffin	
,	Pulled Chicken on Bun Baked Beans	Calzone Peas Brownie	Beef Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Carrots	Egg and Sausage Breakfast Sandwich	Walking Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa	
20	19	18	17	16	15	14
		Jello Cup	Corn Roll	Juice		
	Ice Cream Cup	Sauce Green Beans	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Sausage Hash Brown	Smiley Fries Cookie	
ţ	Cheeseburgers	Ravioli w/Meat	Chicken Drumstick	9 Pancakes	8 Meatball Sub	7
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	Breadstick	Baked Beans	Bread Slice	Cornbread Muffin	Curly Fries	
	French Bread Pızza Romaine Salad	Chicken Nuggets Chins and Cheese	Flying Saucer	Tatertot Casserole	Beef and Cheddar	
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SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	
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