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BOLTS: "Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society"

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: The fourth quarter of school has started. Spring is in the air. The hope is we can get some rain. Springtime is a busy time of the year with track meets, music contests, and field trips. The spring also is when the state test is given, now known as the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS). The NSCAS is a test that the Nebraska Department of Education has contracted with Northwest Evaluation Association (the company associated with Measures of Academic Progress) to create. Just as in years past, the test will be taken by all students in grades 3-8. Students in grades 3-8 take an English Language Arts and Math test. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 take the science test. The window to take these tests are from April 1-May 10. The juniors took the ACT exam on March 21, 2023.

The plan is for the district results to be released to the media and published in the fall of 2023.

The state tests are summative assessments of a student's progress following a year of instruction. The NSCAS-ELA tests vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. The NSCAS-Math measures four concepts: number sense, geometric/measurement, algebraic, data analysis/probability. The NSCAS-Science measures student knowledge of physical science, earth science, and life science concepts, and inquiry skills.

Thank you teachers for all your work with our students. Good luck to our students as they begin NSCAS testing.
Mr. Kolin Haecker, Superintendent

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: It goes without saying that the last few years have been incredibly demanding in the classroom, on our campuses, in our communities, and in the field of education as a whole. With each new challenge that came our way, our school community stepped up and came up with solutions. We learned new ways of doing things; we put in more time and energy, and we encouraged and supported each other when things got rough.

When we talk about our school team, we are not just talking about the people who work hard for our district every day. Our team includes everyone who comes together to make great things happen for students. For example, our families and larger communities have given us their trust and responded with flexibility to all the changes. We don't know what 2023 will bring, but one thing we do know is that we are lucky to serve in communities that know how to come together. It has been my great honor to lead the Bruning-Davenport district for the last six years, even in the most trying of times.

As the 2022-23 year draws to a close, I've reflected on how fortunate we are to have each other, especially now. So, thank you to our school community for all that you do for our students, and our district, in keeping our schools running effectively, and supporting our students in all that they do. **Mr. Damen Kugel, Principal**

MEETING NOTICE: PTO - APRIL 4TH IN THE LIBRARY AT THE BRUNING SCHOOL BUILDING AT 6:30PM TO ORGANIZE FOR THIS YEARS CARNIVAL!!

SCHOOL CARNIVAL: The Bruning-Davenport PTO will be hosting a school carnival on Friday, April 14 from 6-8:00pm! It will be in the gymnasiums at the Davenport school again this year. There will be a raffle for several gift cards and a guessing jars table! We have new games to play including pig races, corn pit, and a photo booth! We have a balloon artist and face painters coming again this year for the fun! Our FFA Chapter, NHS students, and FCCLA students will be helping with games and prizes!!! Come and enjoy the games, 3 big inflatables, book fair, and food! (Meal is a free will donation)



Date: Friday, April 14, 2023

Time: 6:00-8:00

Place: Davenport School Gymnasiums

Games/ Inflatables/ Food/ Raffle/ Book Fair

Come and play some games, win some prizes, eat some yummy food, enter the raffle, and even go home with a new book! The

FUN is just waiting to happen



ANNOUNCING OUR SPRING

Scholastic Book Fair



**Come support the love of reading and
our school libraries!**

**APRIL 11-14, 2023
AT THE DAVENPORT BUILDING
OR
ONLINE BY USING THE QR CODE ABOVE**



**CONTACTLESS PAYMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE!
COME OUT & ENJOY THE CARNIVAL & OUR FAIR!**

LIBRARY: What's Happening @ Your Library During part of the school year, our students have been doing the Candypalooza reading program. Every so often, a different reading suggestion is placed in front of students to help them grow in their knowledge and book choices. Thus far the challenges have been to read any book, to read a book about another culture, and read a book to learn something new. Each time, students get a different bookmark (which smells like a candy) and also a sweet treat if they complete the challenge.

We also have students in grades 3-6 who are voluntarily giving up their noon recess/access time to be part of a book "quiz bowl" called the Reading Rally. It is similar to Battle of the Books. There are 30 titles on each list that students are trying to read before our contest against other schools on April 17th in Beatrice. They practice by writing questions over the books as they read them, turning them in to me and then getting together in teams to answer those questions once a week during lunch. It's exciting to see them put up stickers on the chart we use to keep track of which books they've read. All of these books are counting toward their A.R. goals as well! My stacks of questions are getting pretty high, which means lots of reading is going on! Thank you, readers and parents who are supporting us in our efforts!

Davenport's school library will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair during the week of April 11-14. It will be open from 8AM-4:30PM each day plus during the school carnival on that Friday night. We look forward to seeing everyone there to grab their summer reads!

Bruning-Davenport MS Robotics

We were fortunate enough this year to take **two** robotics teams to Beatrice to compete against other schools' teams in ESU #5. Our 8th grade team was made up of Kennedy B., Brodrick D., LeTrell H., and Cynthia O., while our 6th grade team included Claire L., Mikey P.-L., Brayden P. and Rylan T. Between January and March 15th these students (along with Aliviah B., Adisynn K., Kyler K., Chase O., Josie S. and Adain S.) built their robots, learned to code them to do different tasks, designed their trailer hitch for a version of robot boat races, and designed 3-D printed parts to add to their battle bot configuration (like a smaller scale demo derby) in order to win medals and a trophy to take home. While at the competition, the students had to code a drone to fly through various challenges in the room. The 8th grader team had a few difficulties keeping a bluetooth connection with their battle bot during competition, but they persevered, had the best record book at the competition, and placed 4th. They were very supportive of the more inexperienced 6th grade team, which finished in 3rd place. These students all gave up their time that they could have used to do other things to work together and represent our school so well. The 6th graders are very interested in participating next year! Great job everyone!



EASTERN NEBRASKA SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST: Local students from Bruning Davenport Middle School recently had the opportunity to demonstrate their public speaking skills and take pride in personal accomplishments. On March 22, 2023, students took part in the Eastern Nebraska School Speech Contest sponsored by Bruning Bank. Students competing in this year's contest shared their presentations on the topic, *A Great American Hero* This year's winner in the Division I, 6th-grade class were:

- 1st place Kyler Koch
- 2nd place Aliviah Barney
- 3rd place Julian Pena - Lopez



Each winner received a plaque and their names will be engraved on the school's speech contest plaque. These three students will represent Bruning Davenport at the Eastern Nebraska Schools District Speech competition to be held at the Majestic Theatre in Hebron on April 12, 2023.

In Division II, 7th and 8th grade class, the following students were chosen as this year's winners.

7th-grade winners:

- 1st place Eva Oltmans
- 2nd place Emma Hoins
- 3rd place Traevon Houser

8th-grade winners:

- 1st place Cynthia Ozenbaugh
- 2nd place LeTrell Houser
- 3rd place Kennedy Barney



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- Cynthia Ozenbaugh
- LeTrell Houser
- Eva Oltmans

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE: 4th grade students have been working on Empathy Skills, what it is and what it is not, and practice identifying feelings of others. As a conclusion to the Empathy Unit, 4th grade students were put in a variety of different groups to Escape the Self - Focused Pit and Understand How Others are Feeling. Every group had to work on teamwork skills, by working together, listening to everyone's ideas, giving everyone a chance to share, giving everyone a chance to try, and encouraging and helping others in their groups. This was a fun activity for them to each be a leader, work through challenges and personality conflicts, and celebrate success.



CHILDREN PROTECTION UNIT: All Kindergarten through 4th grade are participating in the Child Protection Unit through Second Steps Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum. Students are learning about Ways to Stay Safe, the 8 Never Never Rules, the Always Ask a Parent/Adult in Charge First Rule, and appropriate touches and not appropriate touches in and out of school. They will learn the Touching Rule, Practice Ways to Stay Safe, and Reviewing Safety Skills. So far, the students love the music videos and songs that go with learning. :) Look for At Home Links in your child's folder to do at home with them, and family letters about what they are learning.

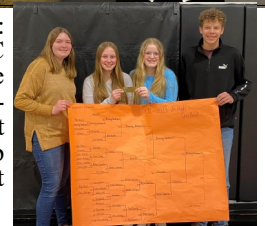
Parker Durflinger Wins at American Mothers Inc 5th grade Essay Contest: American Mothers Inc. annually holds a 5th-grade student essay contest, with the topic being “What My Mother Means to Me. In 150 words, students share what makes their mom extra special. A winner is selected from each state and Puerto Rico, and a national winner will be announced in April 2023.

Congratulations to Bruning-Davenport student Parker Durflinger, who is this year's Nebraska state winner! Parker's essay now moves on to the National contest. Each essay is judged on its own merit in regard to the following criteria: content tells about the writer's mother, organization, grammar and punctuation, and creativity. For his effort Parker received a plaque, a certificate, and he was invited to the governor's mansion for lunch.

Also, congratulations to Bruning-Davenport student Paisley Follmer, who placed 2nd in Nebraska! Parker and Paisley's essays were selected as finalists from a pool of over 300 essays.



JH Quiz Bowl: On February 15, 2023, the junior high quiz bowl team comprised of the following students: Captain Cynthia O., Le'Trell H., Kennedy B., and Eva O., traveled to Dorchester to participate in the CRC Junior High Academic Quiz Bowl tournament. The team competed against 12 other 6 person teams from the CRC in the tournament. They were tested over their knowledge of social studies, language arts, math, science, fine arts, and current events. Teams were pitted against one another in a double elimination tournament format with Bruning Davenport winning four straight matches before beating Osceola in the championship match for the second time that day and winning the tournament. Congratulations on a stellar performance that was really fun to watch.



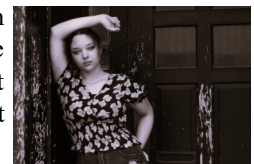
HS Quiz Bowl: On February 15, 2023, the high school quiz bowl team comprised of the following students: Captain Paige O., Derek D., Easton W., Tanner B., Landon G., Jaron N., Wyatt O., and Eli W. traveled to Dorchester to participate in the CRC High School Academic Quiz Bowl tournament. The team competed against 12 other 6 person teams from the CRC in the tournament. They were tested over their knowledge of social studies, language arts, math, science, fine arts, and current events. Teams were pitted against one another in a double elimination tournament format. Bruning Davenport ended the day tied for 7th place winning two matches and losing two matches and improving over last year's performance. Congratulations on a good showing.

MEET A SENIOR

LATHEN STANEK is the son of Deb and Josh Stank. He has one sister, Josie. Lathen is involved at FFA, Golf, and Letter Club at B-D USD. He is involved with the Luther League at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning. Lathen enjoys hunting, fishing, and working on vehicles in his spare time. He plans to attend Southeast Community College or Central Community College—Diesel Technology. His favorite food is Baked Spaghetti, his favorite TV show is Duck Dynasty, his favorite song is *Dirt Road Anthem* by Jason Aldean and his favorite place to go to be alone is his truck. The most influential person in his life has been his Dad and his Grandpas. “They have taught me many different traits to use in the world” says Lathen.



JAZZMYN ULLRICH is the daughter of Rebecca Ullrich and she has a sister, Angie. She is involved in FCCLA and Drama at B-D USD. In her spare time she likes to go for walks and likes to work. Her favorite food is Chicken Alfredo, her favorite movie is Harry Potter and her favorite artist is Post Malone. The most influential person in her life has been her Mom. “She has made me as strong as I am today, has taught me that I am okay on my own and can succeed on my own” says Jazzmyn.



CAMERON HOINS is the son of Justin and Joelle Hoins. His siblings are Zach and Emma. He is active in Basketball, Football, FCCLA, FFA, Letter Club, FCA and Drama at B-D USD. Cameron is a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport. He enjoys going to the lake, hanging out with family and friends and hunting in his spare time. He is undecided about his future plans. Cameron's favorite food is Chicken, his favorite TV show is Friends, his favorite song is *February 28, 2016* by Koe Wetzel and his favorite place to go to be alone is the lake or hunting. The most influential person in his life has been his Grandma Sue. “She has taught me to be a good person” says Cameron.



ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE: 3rd grade students have been working on Friendship Skills, what qualities it takes to be a good friend, and how to treat friends. As a conclusion of the Friendship Unit, 3rd grade students were put in a variety of different groups to Escape the Tricky Leprechaun Problems. Every group had to work on teamwork skills, by working together, listening to everyone's ideas, giving everyone a chance to share, giving everyone a chance to try, and encouraging and helping others in their groups. This was a fun activity for them to each be a leader and celebrate success.



FIELD TRIP: On Monday, March 13th the 4th-7th graders attended the State Capitol in Lincoln. While they were there, they were able to take a guided tour of the building. They learned that this was not the first capitol building built and it was actually designed by a group of architects out of New York. The students also were able to admire the beautiful murals and artwork that is on display at the capitol. While visiting, the students also got the chance to ask questions and listen to Senator Tom Brandt from District 32. Since the unicameral is in session, the students got to spend the last part of the visit watching and learning about the legislative branch of our Nebraska government.



ESU 5 Quiz Bowl: The Bruning-Davenport elementary quiz bowl teams consisting of team captain for the A team Morgan B. along with team members Chase O., Carter V., Kyler K., Brayden P., Macin K., and Paisley F. participated in the ESU 5 quiz bowl tournament in Hebron. During pool play, this group of kids showed what they had by taking 6 out of 8 matches they played before jumping into tournament play ready for action. During the double elimination tournament play they started off with wins against Fairbury B, a really tough team in Freeman A, and Meridian A, before falling to the Southern A team. After fighting off the loss, BD was pitted against the Freeman A team once again, and in a sudden death playoff, lost on the first deciding question ending up in 3rd place for the day.

CAREER FAIR: On February 23, Sophomores in Thayer County gathered in Hebron at the Stansty Center for the Thayer County Career Fair. Students were split into two different groups. Group A listened to Breakout Speakers. Students heard from Thayer County Health Services - Interview 101; Southeast Community College - Resume Lab; and Thayer County Economic Development - Entrepreneurship. Group B visited with 22 different area businesses about their career paths, what their company does, and what are some actions they need to do now to prepare for their future. Overall, all Sophomores had a blast, learned valuable information, and walked away with a swag from each business.



SPEECH TEAM: The Speech team attended Districts on March 6th in Waco at Nebraska Lutheran. Though our outcomes were not what we expected, we had several people medal. Kinzley Bohling and Addison Brase received 4th and 6th in Entertainment, respectively. Alexis Hergott received 4th in Informative. Braiden Durflinger received 3rd in Persuasive and punched his ticket to State on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, in Kearney at Kearney High School.



We hosted Speech Night for the community and parents the evening of March 16th with a Celebratory Fire Department Escort for Braiden Durflinger. Along with Braiden Durflinger, Miss Werner and I took Paige Oltmans and Alexis Hergott to State with us. Though Braiden did not make finals it was a great experience. It was a season of learning and growing. Cannot wait till next year.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Grade	Name	Date
12	Malory Dickson	1
12	Paige Oltmans	1
10	Catelin Schaffer	3
10	Elissa Schaffer	3
12	Samantha Enghauser	4
K	Hudson Wallace	6



Grade	Name	Date
K	Brantley Anderson	7
4	Lauren Lahners	8
PreK	Elsie Strong	10
	Donna Schweer	11
1	Clara Soukup	29
8	Peggy Sue Galaway	30



COUNSELOR'S CORNER: SENIORS ... Tasks for this SPRING!

Time for students to check portals: It's the time of year when students need to check their student portals for financial aid offers. Encourage your students to log into their portals now to check their to-do lists and see if they were selected for verification.

Virtual events will help your clients plan for college: EducationQuest will present free virtual college-prep livestreams (20-minute interviews) and webinars (45-minute presentations) this spring and summer.

Upcoming webinars and presentations include:

Wednesday, April 19 @ 7 p.m. - *My Life as a Student Athlete*

Wednesday, May 17 @ 7 p.m. - *How to Save for College*

Scholarship season is here! It's time for your students to start searching and applying for scholarships. ScholarshipQuest is a FREE database accessible through our website that contains application information for more than 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships.

Get Serious About Applying for Scholarships. See ScholarshipQuest for Nebraska-based scholarships and a list of national search sites. Miss Hoffman shared a google folder to seniors and senior parents with college events and scholarships available. You also can find scholarship information on the bulletin board in the student lounge, and on the school website (bruningdavenport.org).

Update Your Activities Resume You'll need updated information for scholarship applications. **These are very useful when applying for scholarships and asking for letters of recommendation.** Instead of writing everything out, you can print "see attached resume" and give your recommenders a copy.

Request Letters of Recommendations for Scholarship Applications. Ask adults who know you well, Give them plenty of notice, a deadline, details about the scholarship, and a copy of your Activities Resume. If you haven't already, you will want to start creating your HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES RESUMES. EducationQuest.org and Nebraska Career Connections have great templates, along with Microsoft Word/Google Docs. **These are very useful when applying for scholarships.** Instead of writing everything out, you can print "see attached resume." These are useful for recommenders to use also.

JUNIORS ... Tasks for this Spring! Meet with Miss Hoffman about signing up for your FALL 2023 College Courses if you haven't done so already.

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Upcoming webinars and presentations include:

How to Prep for College livestream, Wed., March 22 at 7 p.m. CT

College Planning for Juniors presentation (**English**), Wed., April 5 at 6:30 p.m. CT

College Planning for Juniors presentation (Spanish), Wed., April 12 at 6:30 p.m. CT

Take the ACT. Colleges use your best score for college admissions and scholarship consideration. There are various other **National Test Dates** are located in your student handbook, online school calendar, the bulletin board in the lounge, your locker, and act.org.

Bruning-Davenport High School is utilizing **ON TO COLLEGE: JOHN BAYLOR** test prep. Each student has an account and already has their username and password. Juniors will be using ACT Prep, ACT Refresher Prep, PSAT Quick Power Prep, and Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies. Fee waivers are available. You can take the ACT as many times as you wish. Colleges will use your best score for admission and scholarship decisions.

Update or Create an Activities Resume if you haven't done so yet. Nebraska Career Connections and EducationQuest have templates, along with Microsoft Word/Google Docs. **These are very useful when applying for scholarships and asking for letters of recommendation.** Instead of writing everything out, you can print "see attached resume" and give your recommenders a copy. The sooner you create a resume, the less you will have to remember your senior year. If you need any help or want to look at examples, Miss Hoffman is available and has previous years' resumes.

SOPHOMORE... tasks for this SPRING! Meet with Miss Hoffman about signing up for your FALL 2023 College Courses if you haven't done so already.

Bruning-Davenport High School is utilizing **ON TO COLLEGE: JOHN BAYLOR** test prep. Each student has an account and already has their username and password. We will be using PreACT, PSAT Quick Power Prep, and Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies. **Sophomores will be taking the PreACT on APRIL 26, 2023.**

Improve your STUDY SKILLS to help you earn better grades. Use your planner or planner app to track your assignments and exams. Take notes in class and while reading. Review them often. Study in a quiet place without distractions. **Take John Baylor's course Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies.**

FRESHMAN... Tasks for this SPRING! Create an Activities Resume if you haven't done so yet. Nebraska Career Connections and EducationQuest have templates, along with Microsoft Word/Google Docs. **These are very useful when applying for scholarships and asking for letters of recommendation.** Instead of writing everything out, you can print "see attached resume" and give your recommenders a copy. The sooner you create a resume, the less you will have to remember your senior year. If you need any help or want to look at examples, Miss Hoffman is available and has previous years' resumes.

Focus on Your Career Interest. Take career assessments. Miss Hoffman has shared many resources with you in Google Drive. Explore career options of your top choice. Job Shadow your top career interest. This information is also available on Bruning-Davenport's school website, under the Counselor's Tab (bruningdavenport.org). NebraskaCareerClusters.com offers different **Nebraska Career Tours** short video clips over each career pathway for students to explore and learn from professionals relating to the specific career fields. These videos highlight **Nebraska-Based Companies**.

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On our school website are **college events, academic/career camp days, and college virtual tour information**. These items are located under the Counselor Tab and shared with you in a Google file. Education-Quest.org offers **College Profiles and NE Colleges Virtual Tours** for students. Talk to college reps who visit Bruning-Davenport. Make sure to check the daily bulletin to see what times and dates they will be in our building.

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Create a four-year academic plan. Meet with Miss Hoffman to register for classes that will meet high school graduation, college admission requirements, and your future career plans. Be sure to check frequently to stay on track.

5th - 8th Grade: Have any aspiring YouTubers? As your students contemplate future careers, this entertaining [PBS video](#) will show them what it really takes to be a content creator. Find the video on Education-Quest.org website.

What are the top 10 careers in Nebraska? Look around the school and in classrooms to show you in-demand jobs that require post-high school skills and pay a high wage.

Do your students know who to ask for help? Whether they're having trouble with an assignment, not getting along with a classmate, or having other issues, students are often hesitant to ask for help. Education-Quest's [online activity](#) will task them with considering who they can ask for help in different situations. Find this activity on EducationQuest.org website, under Middle School Planning.

Bruning-Davenport

FFA

banquet

Friday, April 21st
Bruning Gymnasium
6:00 p.m.

- Windsor Chops, Cheesy Potatoes,
Green Beans, Roll
- Silent Auction
- Labor Auction to follow banquet

*Purchase your tickets today at
any location:*

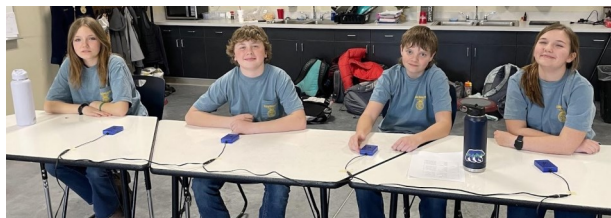
Bruning or Davenport School offices, Bruning
Bank, Cornerstone Bank

\$10 PER TICKET

FFA and Ag Department: Bruning-Davenport FFA chapter had a successful month. FFA members traveled to Centennial on March 1st to participate in CDEs (Career Development Events). Members had the chance to participate in Floriculture, Agriscience, Agronomy, Environmental and Natural Resources, Farm & Agribusiness Management, Food Science & Technology, and Vet Science. The Natural Resources team placed 2nd overall and are state qualifiers. The Natural Resources team included Easton Weber(2nd place), Gatlin Hinrichs(10th place), Wyatt Ozenbaugh (10th place), Ethan Schaffer(13th place). Other results from CDE competitions Food Science placed 4th, and Agronomy placed 6th. Other individual results: Easton Weber placed 7th in agronomy, Jaron Norder placed 3rd in Food Science, Tanner Bolte placed 17th in Farm Business Management and 19th in Food Science, Landon Gardner placed 18th in Farm Business Management, and Eli Weber placed 19th in Agronomy. Congratulations to all you participated and all who will be competing at the State Convention in Lincoln on March 29-31st. Members are looking forward to attending the State Convention March 29th-31st in Lincoln. Junior High FFA members attended JH Ag Quiz Bowl at Thayer Central where they competed against 14 other teams. The plant science class took a field trip to Wildroots Greenhouse in Central City. They were able to tour their greenhouses, learn how to care for plants in a greenhouse, and pick-up flower plugs. This past week, they have been busy in the greenhouse planting. Flowers will be



available to purchase in late April. The chapter will have



their annual FFA Banquet on April 21st at 6pm in the Bruning High School Gym. Tickets can be purchased at either Bruning or Davenport school offices, Bruning bank in Bruning, or Cornerstone bank in Davenport for \$10. The annual labor auction and silent auction will follow the banquet. We hope to see you all there!

HIGH SCHOOL BAND: Band has been working hard for our upcoming music contests! Recently we had the pleasure of having another guest come out to work with the band. Dr. Duane Bierman, Director of Bands at UNK was kind enough to pencil in some time to come out and work with the high school band!



We would also like to congratulate Paige Oltmans and Braiden Durlinger. They rehearsed and performed in the class D-All state band Saturday, March 18th hosted at UNK and had a quick turn around where they both went to the CRC Honor Clinic on March 20th at Nebraska Lutheran, where they rehearsed with the honor band and Braiden also was selected to perform with the honor choir in the bass section. They represented the BD music dept. well!



We hope to carry this kind of energy into our upcoming music contests and Spring concert!

ACTIONS DAY: On March 15, Bruning - Davenport High School attended ACTIONS Day in Hastings at Central Community College Campus. Over 500 students from 22 area high schools attended this event. Bruning - Davenport placed in the top 10 in 10 different categories, and brought home 5 trophies. Congratulations to the following students who received trophies. Tanner Bolte: 5th in Accounting and 6th in Nickname; Derek Domeier: 3rd in Constitution and 5th in American Government; Jaron Norder: 4th in Nickname; and Paige Oltmans: 1st in American Government.



Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 10. Campbell Bohling: 6th in Psychology; Kinzley Bohling: 9th in Abbreviation; Addison Brase: 9th in Word Problems; Malory Dickson: 9th in Constitution; Wyatt Ozenbaugh: 7th in Algebra I; Elissa Schaffer: 9th in Capital Cities; Brea Trapp: 7th in American Government; Easton Weber: 7th in Health; Kaylee Wilkins: 7th in Constitution.

GENERAL FUND BILLS

3/13/23

7127	Internal Revenue Service	46,535.44	18379	Fuzzy Feet	490.00
7128	Nebraska Department of Revenue	6,891.83	18380	Gaylen Energy Supply	8,314.98
7129	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	39,380.02	18381	Geneva Home Center	39.66
18343	AFLAC	356.85	18382	Heartland Roofing Consultants	1,957.50
18344	AFLAC (10 Month)	127.67	18383	Hometown Leasing	1,391.26
18345	American Funds Service Company	800.00	18384	Jostens	714.04
18346	Ameritas Life Insurance	261.24	18385	JW Pepper	167.29
18347	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	60.91	18386	Kiner Supply	405.25
18348	Blue Cross Blue Shield	58,718.96	18387	KSB School Law, LLO	1,257.50
18349	Blue Cross Blue Shield (10 Month)	1,746.18	18388	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	331.56
18350	Cornerstone Bank	3,161.40	18389	Mid American Research	1,507.85
18351	Credit Management Services, Inc	261.38	18390	Mierau & Co., Inc.	675.00
18352	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	482.21	18391	Momar, Inc.	188.76
18353	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	1,250.00	18392	Nasco	81.00
18354	Midland Credit Management, Inc.	327.35	18393	NE Association of School Boards	3,249.00
18355	PayFlex Account #304734	1,858.32	18394	Nick's Farm Store	1,145.31
18356	Putnam Investor Services	100.00	18395	Norris Public Power	2,296.47
18357	Award Emblem Mfg. Co. Inc	112.91	18396	Nutrien Ag Solutions	625.29
18358	Awards Unlimited	104.21	18397	OTC Brand Inc	68.95
18359	Band Shoppe	51.90	18398	PayFlex Systems USA Inc	150.00
18360	Black Hills Energy	1,769.00	18399	Renaissance	1,020.00
18361	Bruning Grocery	213.76	18400	Ronco Plumbing	160.00
18362	Bruning Lumber Co.	6.99	18401	School Specialty LLC	96.89
18363	Bruning Motor Service	1,645.06	18402	Simply Kinder	21.00
18364	Burton Enterprises, LLC	29.50	18403	Southeast Community College	95.65
18365	By Design Printing	281.24	18404	Tacony Corporation	739.40
18366	C J Tire Co.	1,794.30	18405	Thayer County Pharmacy	18.09
18367	Central NE Rehabilitation Services	2,424.34	18406	The Garbage Company South	590.00
18368	Clay County Clerk	100.00	18407	The Hebron Journal Register	67.45
18369	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	238.13	18408	Tom's Music House	201.40
18370	Davenport Building Supply	32.64	18409	Truck Center Companies	2,309.85
18371	Davenport Petty Cash	16.25	18410	Verizon Wireless	46.06
18372	Davenport Transition Fund	3,760.12	18411	Village of Bruning	456.22
18373	Dean Dirks	107.49	18412	Village of Davenport	2,088.89
18374	Eakes Office Plus	1,951.59	18413	Voss Plumbing Inc	2,549.74
18375	Educational Service Unit #5	14,041.21	18414	VVS Inc	154.76
18376	ESU Coordinating Council	7,082.24	18415	Wells Fargo Remittance Center	357.29
18377	Fiber Platform, LLC	641.36	18416	Western Oil II LLC	3,290.36
18378	Flood Communications of Beatrice	205.00	18417	Windstream	479.85
				Payable Checks	238,728.57
				Payroll	151,116.42
				Total	389,844.99

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on March 13, 2023. 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 March 3, 2023; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Unified members present were Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, and Sheri Norder. Local board members present were Dan Domeier, Pat Kowalski, James Manes, Kevin Parks, Ryne Philippi, and Brad Williams. Also present were Superintendent Kolin Haecker, Principal Damen Kugel, and Erika Brinegar. Staff members present were Richard Ault, Jill Catlett, Melinda Kerwood, Ruth Kowalski, and Ali Strong.

President Baysinger welcomed all guests and recognized the Open Meetings Act.

A staff member spoke during the public forum.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of February 13, 2023, Unified Board meeting, Treasurer’s Report, and the January claims. Sarah Krehnke moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Jeff Hoins. Roll call vote (6-0)

Principal Kugel reported on the following items – Jr. High placed 1st at CRC Quiz Bowl – Thank you to everyone that helped with the JH Music contest – Braiden Durflinger is a State Qualifier with his Persuasive speech – C. Bohling, K. Bohling, A. Brase, K. Dickson, G. Hinrichs were all inducted into NHS – Parker Durflinger and Paisley Follmer, placed 1st and 2nd, with their American Mother’s Essay, out of 300 essays – He will be presenting at the Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference about the many supports and interventions that B-D has in place – happy with the MAP testing scores.

Superintendent Haecker reported on the following – Legislature is looking at adding a bill that would require appropriate personnel to receive at least one hour of behavioral and mental health training – Staff Appreciation Dinner on March 17th – The district received \$6,000 worth of grants to help pay for SENCAP welding equipment - Working on filling the Business and Music Teacher positions.

New Business: (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 6-0 unless noted.)

- A. Jamie Koch moved, seconded by Sheri Norder to congratulate the basketball coaches, Shana Gerberding, Logan Zeleny, Daniel Boshart, and Zach Schlegel, and their respective teams for their successful season.
- B. Krehnke moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to approve the Interlocal Agreement with PowerSchool for the 2023-24 school year.
- C. Miller moved, seconded by Hoins to approve the School Calendar, as presented, for the 2023-24 school year.
- D. Krehnke moved, seconded by Koch to approve Shannon Collier as a local substitute teacher.
- E. Koch moved, seconded by Miller to approve the resignation of Megan Hulse effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.
- F. Hoins moved, seconded by Koch to approve the resignation of Damen Kugel effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. (Roll Call Vote 5-1, Norder voted no)
- G. Miller moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve shop purchases, as presented, for \$6,484.63.
- H. Koch moved, seconded by Miller to approve removing Sara Dierking from all Bruning-Davenport USD Cornerstone Bank accounts.
- I. Krehnke moved, seconded by Hoins to approve removing Sara Dierking from all Bruning-Davenport USD Bruning Bank accounts.
- J. Krehnke moved, seconded by Koch to approve removing Sara Dierking from all Bruning-Davenport USD Citizens State Bank accounts.

Koch moved, seconded by Hoins to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on March 21, 2023. 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 York News Times on March 18, 2023; all proceedings were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Unified members present were Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, and Sheri Norder. Local board members present were Pat Kowalski, James Manes, Kevin Parks, and Brad Williams. Also present were Superintendent Kolin Haecker, Principal Damen Kugel, and Erika Brinegar. Staff members present were Richard Ault, Ruth Kowalski, and Melinda Kerwood. NRCSA representatives present were Jack Moles and Dan Bird. Public present was Robert McGinley.

President Baysinger welcomed all guests and recognized the Open Meeting Act.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was for approving resignations and starting the planning process for the filling of positions in the school.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda. Sarah Krehnke moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Jamie Koch. Roll call vote (6-0).

New Business (All motions require a roll call vote and all are carried 6-0 unless noted.)

- A. Ryan Miller moved, seconded by Koch to approve the resignation of Kenny Baires, effective end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- B. Jeff Hoins moved, seconded by Koch to approve the resignation of Kolin Haecker, with regrets, effective June 30, 2023.

Discussion Items

Position openings in the school – no action needed

Principal assignment – no action needed

NRCSA Administrative search for Superintendent

Koch moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve a full search for an interim superintendent, conducted by NRCSA, for \$1,500 and mileage.

Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

LUNCH MENU



April 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Turkey Bacon on a Croissant Hash Browns Jello Cup	Chicken Noodle Soup Cheesy Pull-a-part Bread Yogurt Parfait	Sliced Ham Au 'gratin Potatoes Peas Roll	Hotdog on a Bun Chips Baked Beans Crispy Bar	NO SCHOOL	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	NO SCHOOL	Cheeseburger Macaroni Carrots 1/2 Apple	Flying Saucer Peas Bread Slice	Sloppy Joes Green Beans Tator Tots	Chicken Wings Celery/Ranch Cheesy Potatoes Garlic Bread	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Beef and Cheddar on a Bun Hash Browns Applesauce	Chicken & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Pears Muffin	Tator Tot Casserole Calif. Blend Veg. Dinner Roll	Hamburger Pizza Lettuce Salad Breadstick Pineapple	Chicken Fajitas Lettuce/Cheese Salsa Corn Rice	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Shredded Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Potatoes Broccoli	Super Nachos Lettuce/Cheese Salsa Green Beans Breadstick	Ham & Cheese Wrap Baked Beans Chips Cookie	Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Roll	Pancake Sausage Mini Dogs Hash Browns Grapes Juice	
30	Brunning: --F/V Bar --Salad Bar Available Daily	 = NEBRASKA BEEF	GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY Milk served with ALL Meals	*Menu Subject to Change* *Second Entrée-- \$1.00 * EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER	Davenport: --F/V Bar Daily --Chef Salad Meal Options 5-8 Only & Adults	

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2	3 FCCLA State Leadership Conf.	4 JH Track E-M Invite @ McCool Jct. 9:30AM	5 MS Health Fair @ Dav 1:30PM Poet Matt Mason @ Dav bldg.	6 Popcorn Day @ both bldgs.	7 No School	8 ACT Test Date MUDECAS MS Track @ JCC 8:00AM																																																																																											
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