

BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

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

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: The end of the semester is quickly approaching and the winter holidays will soon be upon us. The winter holidays are a time to spend with family and friends making memories. It is my hope that you are able to see family or are able to talk with them during the holiday season. As 2019 comes to a close we need to take the time and reflect on the year. I am sure there have been some good and maybe some not so good things that have happened to you this year. Regardless of our circumstances, we have a lot to be thankful for this year. There are also people that come into our lives that help us get to where we are, it may be a former teacher, neighbor, coach, co-worker, parent, sibling or a relative. Take the time to thank them for making an impact on you. You won't regret taking the time. I am thankful for the students and staff at BDUSD. They have been a pleasure to work with and getting to know. Thanks for all of your hard work, dedication and leadership. I am thankful for a great board to work with and the commitment they make to our students and staff. We have made some improvements to our facilities and it is not possible without their support. I would also like to thank the community for their warm welcome to my family. Finally, I am thankful to the parents and patrons of BDUSD. Whether it is cheering on our athletic, one act and speech teams at events, volunteering in various buildings, or giving graciously of your time and money to our district, it is the support and dedication of the parents and community members that truly makes our schools great! Thank you to all of you who are members of the Bruning-Davenport USD community. May you have many blessings throughout the holiday season!

Nebraska Education Profile The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) has released the Nebraska Education Profile. As you may recall, the profile replaced the State of the Schools Report that gave state, district, and school test data. You will find our assessment data for each of the groups on the NDE website (<http://nep.education.ne.gov>). Due to our numbers, though, much of the data is not available; however, I shared our data, by grade, in the November newsletter. The State released our new AQuESST (Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow) classification rating.. The AQuESTT classification combines performance on several indicators grouped by tenet to provide schools and districts with an overall descriptive classification of Excellent, Great, Good, or Needs Improvement. The tenets include Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success; Transitions, Educational Opportunities and Access; Teaching, Learning, and Serving; Assessment; and Educator Effectiveness.

Thank you! Bruning-Davenport USD wishes to thank all the businesses and agencies that supported our teams throughout the activity seasons by purchasing advertisements on the radio stations during their broadcasts. We are truly appreciative of your support of all the activities we participate in during the school year. Without your support, many of our patrons would miss out on the experience of hearing about our students.

Reminder With the beginning of the basketball season soon upon us, parents please keep your children with you on the bleachers during games. Please do not allow them on the balcony or outside unattended. Unsupervised children may get hurt or hurt someone else; no one wants that to happen. In addition parents, if you are not attending a game, please do not send your young child without supervision. The administration will send a child home that is unattended or is with someone younger than high school age. The school does not have sufficient personnel to supervise these children. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: As the BDS volleyball team was competing for a championship on the court this past month, the BDS fans were also competing and being evaluated for *their* performance. Moments after our BDS volleyball team secured their spot as the 2019 D2 State Champs, the BDS fans were also awarded 2019 D2 Sportsmanship award. Beginning in 2010, the Nebraska Coaches Association has sponsored a sportsmanship award. They present this award to one school per class that displays the best sportsmanship throughout the state tournament.

During each game, judges move throughout the crowd and evaluate fans based on a very specific and structured system that is used to determine the recipient of the sportsmanship award. The judges split up throughout the game and observe from different areas of the crowd and fan section. They award points to schools for positive behaviors such as positive signs, chants/cheers, dress up themes, enthusiasm towards opponents, school pep bands, visible mascots, and adequate administrative supervision.

Additionally, the judges deduct points for negative reactions towards opponents and officials, inappropriate signs or actions, unsportsmanlike conduct by a player or coach, and lack of administrative supervision. The points for each match are then averaged and the school with the highest average for the tournament is then awarded the sportsmanship award.

It is so rewarding to know that with our strong athletics program, also comes a strong fan base. I appreciate all who came to support our students this Fall in a positive and uplifting way. I also value that not only can I see this strength in our school spirit, but that it is also being recognized on a more formal level. I'm excited to note that since the creation of this award in 2010, the BDS coop has won the award three times. This speaks to our athletes, coaches, administration, and fans. Thank you to all who are a constant part of our B-D and BDS families.

Beginning November 18 Bruning-Davenport USD will be serving a Grab and Go breakfast

Breakfast will be available as the students arrive beginning at 7:30 Price will be \$1.65 and will be taken out of their lunch account. Breakfast will include a grain, fruit or juice, and milk

CRC VOLLEYBALL HONORS

All-conference 1st Team: Regan Alfs, Macy Kamler, Marial Sliva

All-Conference Honorable Mention: Jordan Bolte

D2 STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS!!!

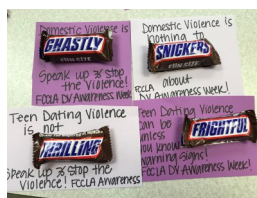


D2 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD!!!



Give the gift of reading during the holiday season! Our students are busy reading numerous books for their Accelerated Reading goals this quarter. Luckily for them, many new books are coming in and we are getting them on the shelves as quickly as we can! We have been working hard to keep our collection of books fresh for the students, including picking out new titles using our Scholastic Book Fair dollars. I hope you consider giving the gift of reading for the holidays, whether it's to your students at home or to other young people while reading to them, or to your local libraries. A book is a gift that can be opened again and again! Cozy up with a good book during the holiday season! :) Mrs. Dolnicek & Mrs. Schweer (librarian & library para)

FCCLA: Bruning-Davenport Junior High and High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, a student-led organization hosted a Domestic Violence Awareness Week on October 22, 2019 - October 25, 2019. There was a series of events that took place throughout the week. On Monday FCCLA students decorated the hallways with purple, white, black, grey streamers and hand-painted posters. Junior High had a door design competition. Also on Monday students in the high school participated in a purple ribbon hunt, to receive a prize they had to answer questions about statistics in Domestic Violence. Wednesday and Thursday Junior High Families came together to play Domestic Violence Awareness Jeopardy. Miss Hoffman's Foods and Nutrition Class made cookies with a purple ribbon on them for all staff members and students to bring awareness. Students practiced their creativity with cake decorating piping by making purple ribbons out of homemade frosting for everyone. On Thursday, the high school had a purple out/wear all purple day to honor those who have lost their lives or been a victim of Domestic Violence. Also on Tuesday and Wednesday, students received notes on their lockers that said, "Domestic Violence is nothing to 'Snickers' about, and Don't be an 'Air Head' stand up against Domestic Violence. On Thursday, Miss Hoffman's Adult Living Class presented to the 7 - 12 student body and different types of Domestic Violence, their characteristics, statistics, short PSA videos, prevention methods/signs to look for, and the national Domestic Violence Hotline Number. On Wednesday, students participated in a dodge ball game to help "Dodge Domestic Violence." Students were separated into teams based on statistics to see what this would look on a more personal level. We allowed K-1 to play to help understand the concepts of domestic violence awareness. This year many student leaders came together to inform and educate students on topics they are passionate about. Thank you Bruning-Davenport Junior High and High School FCCLA.



GUIDANCE: Bruning-Davenport 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-grade students have been working on the character trait responsibility in Elementary Guidance. Responsibility is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person, and it is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do. Some of the "I Will..." students have been working on to receive a responsibility card for a prize are: I will know what's expected, I will keep my commitments, I will do my best, I will not make excuses, and I will correct my mistakes. Over the past month, students have participated in enrichment activities to reinforce the importance of responsibility. We have discussed the different roles each "hat" a person wears, have done a no-excuse and do your best projects, listen and sing along with responsibility song/poem, playing a game do not drop your commitments with buttons, and read a story about the noble bald eagle in relation to responsibility. Next month our focus will be Gratefulness.

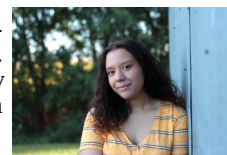


FLAGS: Deb Albers met with the 2nd and 3rd graders to talk about the American flag. Students learned about the history of the flag, the design, what the colors represent, how to properly salute and fly a flag, as well as the proper way to fold a flag.



MEET A SENIOR

ANGELINA ULLRICH is the daughter of Rebacca & Sean Keys of Davenport. She has one sister Jazzmyn. Angie enjoys art and video games in her free time. She plans to attend Southeast Community College. Angie's favorite beverage is coffee, her favorite TV show is Lucifer, her favorite song is "You Grew Up" by Oddisee and her favorite place to go to be alone is her room. The most influential person in her life has been her boyfriend, Jayden because he has encouraged her to accomplish her goals.



HOLDEN WILKINS is the son of Bob Wilkins and Kristi Wilkins. He has two brothers Hunter and Colby and a sister Kaylee. Hunter is involved in FCCLA at B-D USD. He is involved in Luther League at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning. Holden enjoys driving around, gaming, listening to music and hanging out with friends. His future plan is to attend college. Holden's favorite food is Chinese Chicken, his favorite TV show is The Ranch, his favorite song is *If You Want Love*, he likes to drive around when he wants to be alone. "I don't look up to people. I know what I think it takes to be a good person and I take my own path to be that good person. I am not a follower. I work year around instead of school activities," says Holden.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Kyler	Koch	12	2
	Logan	Zeleny	12	2
	Angela	Brase	12	7
2	Parker	Durflinger	12	8
7	Kesston	Dickson	12	8
	Diane	Smith	12	11
12	Chase	Krehnke	12	12

Happy Holidays!

	Berdon	Pedersen	12	13
	Lichelle	Houchin	12	16
1	Laelynn	Schlichtman	12	17
2	Brooklyn	Philippi	12	25
PreK	Iyla	Miller	12	28
7	Elijah	Weber	12	28
	Janell	Stengel	12	30

VETERANS DAY: Bruning-Davenport had the privilege of having Mike Helm as the guest speaker for the Veterans Day programs this year. He taught us that the best way to say thank you to a veteran is by being a great American. Through his speech, we learned about the sacrifice veterans make on a daily basis, in order for us to have our everyday luxuries, which we shouldn't take for granted. He even specifically spoke to the students and told them that without the work of our veterans, they would not have the opportunity to receive an education like what is offered to them here at Bruning-Davenport. Thanks to Mr. Helm for taking the time to speak to us, and thank you to all the veterans for your work and sacrifice!



COUNSELOR CORNER... What to expect after you submit your FAFSA The [FAFSA](#) opened October 1, so many of you have already completed and submitted your form. Here's what happens next:

Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR). You'll receive it via an email link if you provided an email address on your FAFSA. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received and lets you know if you need to take further action to process your FAFSA.

Make sure you applied for admission to colleges you listed on your FAFSA. Colleges that receive your FAFSA results typically won't send you a financial aid package until you've applied and have been accepted to the school.

Watch for verification requests. The college(s) you listed on your FAFSA might request verification of your FAFSA information. If so, send the required documents to the colleges' financial aid office.

Watch for financial aid award notifications. The colleges you were accepted to – and listed on your FAFSA – will send your financial aid award notifications detailing the types and amounts of aid they're offering based on your financial needs.

[EducationQuest Blog article:](#) The FAFSA is filed, what's next? has more details about what happens after you submit your FAFSA.

Haven't completed your FAFSA yet? No problem! You and a parent can complete the form at [FAFSA.gov](#). Before you start, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](#). You'll need them to access and sign the form. For *free* help with the FAFSA, use our free [FAFSA Tools](#), or call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Lincoln – 800.303.3745 Kearney – 800.666.3721

Winning the scholarship game: Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:

Don't ever pay for scholarship searches! Use *free* resources such as [ScholarshipQuest](#) at EducationQuest.org with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships, or free national sites like [Cappex](#), [GoodCall](#), and [Chegg](#).

Visit your school counselor often for information about local scholarships.

Focus on local and college-specific scholarships because you're more likely to earn them.

Update your activities, honors, community service or paid jobs using the [Activities Resume](#) at EducationQuest.org, see examples from Miss Hoffman, or any other Resume Templates.

Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores by taking the exam(s) in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.

Use quality references such as a teacher, coach, or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them a specific deadline, and a copy of your Activities Resume.

Tailor your essay to the scholarship. Ask an English teacher to read your essay and offer advice on making a big impact. Your essay will need to stand out from other applications.

Want more tips? Check out EducationQuest.org Blog: Advice from a Multiple-Scholarship Winner article.

December "To Do" List: Complete these tasks during December to stay on the right college planning track.

Seniors:

- ___ If you haven't already, submit [college applications](#) and the [FAFSA](#).
- ___ Continue to apply for [scholarships](#).
- ___ Use the [College Timeline](#) from EducationQuest.org to stay on track to college.
- ___ Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#).

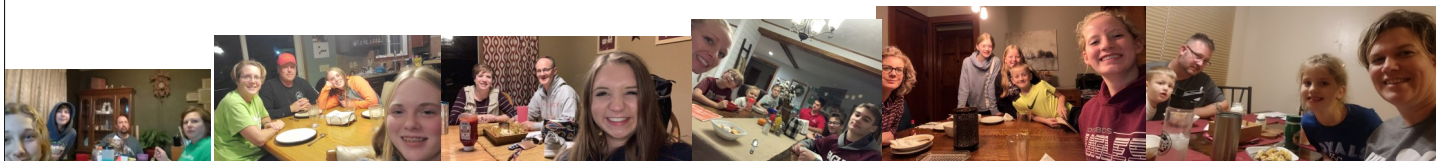
Juniors

- ___ Take an ACT prep course.
- ___ Set up a [ScholarshipQuest](#) profile and start searching for Nebraska-based scholarships.
- ___ Use this [College Timeline](#) from EducationQuest.org to stay on track to college.
- Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#).

Apply2College Day at Bruning-Davenport USD seniors took a critical step in the college preparation process when they participated in a college application event on November 12, 2019. Nearly 200 schools conducted events as part of the statewide Apply2College Campaign sponsored by EducationQuest Foundation. The Apply2College Campaign is part of the American College Application Campaign sponsored by the American Council on Education. All 50 states participate in the annual effort. Here are the seniors and where they applied. :)



FAMBAMFIRST: On November 14, 2019, Bruning-Davenport USD's FCCLA Junior High and High School chapter promoted family time at home, by eating dinner together and talking about their day, athletics, extracurricular activities, friendships, and family. The month of November is considered Family First focus of the month in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America which is a Career and Technical Student Organization across the nation. Students created a hashtag #BDFCCLA #FamBamFirst where they uploaded selfies with their family at the dinner table to their social media accounts to promote spending time with family. Here are a few of the families:



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on November 11, 2019. Pursuant to laws and notices posted in Bruning and Davenport, all proceedings were taken while convened meeting was open to the public. President Michael Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Unified members present were Jerry Baysinger, Dan Domeier, Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, and Sarah Krehnke. Local board members present were Sarah Bolte, Sheri Norder, Ryne Philippi. Also present were Superintendent Kolin Haecker, Principal Damen Kugel, Sara Dierking, Cathy Hergott, and Daina Philippi.

President Schroeder recognized the Open Meeting Act. The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of October 14, 2019 Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report, and the November claims. Jamie Koch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Sarah Krehnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0.

Principal Kugel presented the principal's report: He shared past events which included the PBIS External Visit, National Honor Society new inductees, Domestic Violence and Red Ribbon Week. He also shared the records and success of the Volleyball team which were the D2 State Champions along with the Football team who ended their season as District Champions. Mr. Kugel ended his report with upcoming events.

Superintendent Haecker reported on the following items: Negotiation committee meeting, board members up for re-election for the upcoming year, and Daycare board being established. Also mentioned was Bruning-Davenport submitting an application for a new Breakfast Program which will start in November. He mentioned there is one employee who had filled out an application for early retirement. Mr. Haecker finalized his report with a big thank you to all of the veterans who have served our country.

Discussion item

- A. After a brief discussion regarding the Appreciation Dinner for all staff, consensus was to move forward with the dinner, and Fairfield Opera House as the venue.

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

- A. Jerry Baysinger made the motion, seconded by Koch, to congratulate and recognize the BDS volleyball team and coaches KariJo Alfs, Lichelle Houchin, and Brooke Soukup for their season and State D2 Volleyball champions, and the BDS football team and coaches Mark Rotter, Chris Ardissono, Scott Shipley, and Ryne Philippi on their 9-0 season and District Champions.
- B. Jeff Hoins moved to approve a breakfast program at both buildings for a cost of \$1.65. Krehnke seconded the motion.
- C. Krehnke made the motion, seconded by Dan Domeier, to accept and approve Doug Otto's application for the early separation stipend.

Executive Session

Domeier moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel, and "to prevent needless injury to an individual" at 8:09 pm. Baysinger seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 8:18 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm by President Schroeder.

Sara Dierking, Recording Secretary

LUNCH MENU



December 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Chicken Fajita Spanish Rice Lettuce/Salsa Churro Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	Tater tot Casserole Green Beans Buttered Bread Bru/Chicken Noodle F/V Bar	Pulled Pork Sandwich Chips Baked Beans Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	Chinese Chicken Rice Broccoli Cookie Bru/Chicken Noodle F/V Bar	Pancakes Sausage Hashbrowns Juice Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Chicken Patty on a Bun Spicy Fries Calif. Blend Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	Walking Tacos Lettuce/Salsa Refried Beans Bru/Beef Noodle F/V Bar	Ham & Cheese on Flatbread Chips Baked Beans Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes Corn Dinner Roll Bru/Beef Noodle F/V Bar	Hamburger on a Bun Smiley Fries Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Pizza Romaine Lettuce Breadstick Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	Italian Dunkers Broccoli Jello Cup Bru/Cheesburger F/V Bar	Crispitos Spanish Rice Corn Cookie Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	Ham & Cheesy Potatoes Cornbread Bru/Cheesburger F/V Bar	Tacos Lettuce/Salsa Refried Beans Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NO SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BREAK



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NEBRASKA
BEEF

Bruning
Soups on Tues. &
Thurs.
Salad Bar on Mon.
Wed. & Fri.

*Menu Subject to
Change*
*Second Entrée –
\$1.00 *

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Hall of Fame BB Scrimmage @ Thayer Central G/ B TBA	3 JH G/B BB E-M @ Bru 12:45/2:00 Dist Play Production	4 DIBELS Telling	5 DIBELS Testing JH GBB Red Cloud @ Dav 6:00	6 DIBELS Testing HS G/ B BB vs. Hampton @ Dav 6/7:30	7 HS G/B BB @ East Butler 3/4:30 JH GBB Tourney @ Blue Hill TBA
8	9 9th/10th G/B BB vs. Superior @ Dav 6/7:30 JH G/B BB Cross Co @ Shickley (GBB A then B) (BBB B then A) 4/5:15 School Board Mtg. @ Dav 7:30PM	10 FCCLA Blood Drive Winter Concert @ Bru 7PM	11 State Play Production @ Norfolk	12 Winter Concert @ Dav 7PM	13	14
15	16 JH BBB vs. Law/Nel @ Nelson 6:00PM	17 HS G/B BB @ Sutton 6/8	18	19 9th/10th G/B BB vs. York @ Bru 6/7:30	20 End of 2nd Qrt 1PM Dismissal	21 HS G/B BB vs. Law/Nel @ Nelson 3:00/4:30
22	23	24	25	26 9th/10th G/B BB vs. York @ Bru 6/7:30	27 HS G/B BB @ Cross County 6/7:30 G/B BB Runza HC w/ Milford @ Dav JV V 5/6:30	28
	Gym Moratorium Dec 22-28					
	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break					
29	30 G/B Runza HC @ Central City (V) TBA	Notes: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.				G/B BB Runza HC @ Milford (V) TBA
***JV games will be played with regular season varsity games whenever possible. Start times will be announced when both schools know how many quarter they can play						

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