

BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

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

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: We here at Bruning-Davenport USD were excited to learn of our "Excellent" rating through the Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) – the Nebraska Department of Education's state accountability system required under the federal law Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The rating is based on the school district's 1. test scores (specifically on the percentage of students who scored on track or higher in the current year's statewide Math, English Language Arts, and ACT assessments), 2. growth, improvement or level of non-proficiency, 3. progress towards English Language Proficiency, 4. the 4 and 7year Cohort Graduation Rate, 5. chronic absenteeism rate, and the Evidence-Based Analysis the administrators fill out each year (a self-assessment). We hope to maintain the "Excellent" rating in the coming years.

On January 13, the local and unified board meetings were held in Bruning, the boards elected officers and selected members of the Unified Board. There were changes to the local board officers and membership to the Unified board:

Bruning Board of Education

Jerry Baysinger
Sarah Bolte
Dan Domeier
Sarah Krehnke-Vice President
Sheri Norder—Secretary/Treasurer
Ryne Philippi— President

Davenport Board of Education

Jeff Hoins
Jamie Koch
Ryan Miller—President
Mike Schroeder
Rod Tegtmeier—Vice President
Brad Williams—Secretary/Treasurer

Bruning-Davenport Unified Board of Education

Jerry Baysinger
Sarah Bolte
Dan Domeier— Vice President
Jeff Hoins
Jamie Koch—Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Schroeder— President

Please thank these dedicated community members who make decisions each month in the best interests of our students and district.

Bruning-Davenport USD has much to offer students. We are extremely proud to have earned the Nebraska Department of Education's designation as one of the "Excellent" school districts in Nebraska. The District offers a strong academic program that includes access to dual-credit courses from the University of Nebraska, Southeast Community College, and Peru State College. This has been utilized by a number of students to earn college credits at a reduced cost with the possibility of entering college as a second semester freshman. In addition we are a member of a career academy, called SENCAP, in partnership with Southeast Community College, offering students dual credit courses at no cost to the student in areas of education, health services, technology, criminal justice and agriculture. In addition, we have offered multiple opportunities for our students to learn coding through the various programs and devices we have here at Bruning-Davenport USD.

Bruning-Davenport USD has an experienced staff and offers a wide selection of courses to meet the needs of our students. We continue to look for ways to expand our curriculum to build on their educational experience. One item offered before they graduate, our seniors complete the EverFi program. This program has nine modules: savings and budgeting, understanding a credit score and its implications, understanding credit cards and managing debt, how a bank works and Federal Reserve overview, taxes and insurance, renting vs. owning, managing loans to finance higher education, investing overview: an in depth review of trading and how the stock exchange works, and consumer fraud and protection. We believe this is an essential part of preparing our students for life beyond high school.

In addition to our academic program, Bruning-Davenport USD has a sound extracurricular program that includes music, play production, speech, FCCLA, FFA, football, volleyball, basketball, track and most recently golf. Each of these programs has a history of excellence and devotion to enhancing a student's experience at Bruning-Davenport USD.

Bruning-Davenport USD is an excellent district that has a dedicated staff and offers much to students. We invite you to review our website at <http://www.bruningdavenport.org>, our Facebook page at <http://tinyurl.com/am57lvj>, and the State of the Schools website at <http://www.education.ne.gov>.

Attention: There have been a few instances so far this school year we have used the All-Call system. If you have not received the all-calls from the district or if you've received calls and no longer want to receive them, please be sure to contact the Bruning or Davenport office with the updated phone number or information. We want to be sure we connect with everyone who needs to know when we make an adjustment to our daily schedule.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Happy winter to everyone. The cold weather finally came with a vengeance. At Bruning - Davenport Schools, we are busy with learning and activities every day. As we are snuggled in our homes and school, I want to share how hard our students are working and preparing the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Starting in February, all K-10th grade students at B-D USD will participate in the State of Nebraska's annual educational assessments. The tests are administered each Spring and measure how well students are growing. Students will take tests in the areas of English-Language Arts and Mathematics, and for some Science.

A good breakfast that is high in protein and low in sugar and caffeine is important on testing days. Arriving on time on testing days is essential. Testing begins at the start of the instructional day. Late students will not be able to interrupt a testing session and will have to make up the missed test at a later date. When your student gets home from school, ask how the test went, and offer encouragement and support, even if he or she doesn't think it went well. Every day of testing is a new day. Stay positive, keep the tests in perspective, and remind your student that what's most important is that he or she did his or her best.

Bruning-Davenport is a strong district filled with high-achieving and strong students and staff. I have confidence that we will once again excel in expectations as we end the year strong.

Our focus remains to cultivate a positive climate and create the best learning environment possible. High quality instruction and student learning are our highest priorities. Everything that we do at Bruning-Davenport is intentionally designed to help students learn in all areas and be successful well beyond their time with us. Once again, that partnership between school and home is a key ingredient for student success. With that said, we hope that your students are feeling safe and supported. This is an interesting time in their lives and development, and can be challenging at times. If you have questions and or concerns, we want to hear from you. It is hard to believe that we have passed the halfway point of the year. In fact, the 100th day of school is already on January 22nd, barring any snow days. Students are settled in routines and understand our school-wide policies. Teachers have worked hard to create meaningful learning opportunities and teach school-wide behavior expectations. Consistency and predictability are key factors for student success, as well as a calm learning environment to better focus on learning.

SPEECH SEASON: Speech parents, want to know what is going on in speech world? Join the Speech Remind: text @7kk3d2 to 81010. We send out reminders for practice, leave times for meets, and will send out the official schedules for speech meets through Remind. Our first meet was at Thayer Central on January 25th! We are excited to get speech season started!



MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC: The Middle School Music Department has a lot of fun things going on throughout the rest of the school year. A group of 7th and 8th grade students are attending the Junior High CRC Vocal Clinic in Hampton on February 3. All instrumental students have the Bruning-Davenport Middle School Music Contest on February 22. Parents of band students, be expecting a phone call about helping with contest! Lastly, our spring concert will be announced shortly. If you would like to stay up to date with everything going on in the middle school music department, join the Remind group! Miss Frerichs will use that as a main way to keep parents and students informed. Joining is easy! Send a text to 81010 with the message @9fb38bg. Miss Frerichs is looking forward to another fun and busy semester with the 5th-8th grade students!



What's Happening @ Your Library: February is "Love Your Library Month"! Our students will love the Valentine activities in our library makerspaces this month! Their STEM challenges will include "House of Cards" where they will explore the engineering of building structures, "Candy Box" where they will design and build a "box" to hold the most candy, and "Air Mail" where they will explore aerodynamics, gravity, lift, etc. If you have any extra play dough, Legos, candy conversation hearts, or other small candies that you'd like to donate, please call the school at 364-2225 and let us know. Thanks, as always, for all of your support of our students and their learning!

MEET A SENIOR

ISAAC ELSE is the son of Tim & Karen Else of Belvidere. His siblings are Andy, Emily and Natalie. Isaac is involved in Football, Basketball, FFA, Letter Club, Band, Drama, Speech, Quiz Bowl and FCCLA at Bruning-Davenport High School. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and cruising. Isaac plans to attend UNL and major in Construction Management. His favorite food is Mac 'N Cheese, his favorite TV show is Yellowstone, his favorite song is *Lonely One* by Luke Combs and his favorite place to go to be alone is his room. The most influential people in his life have been his parents. "They have taught me the value of hard work," says Isaac.



ALFONSO PEÑA LÓPEZ is the son of Julie and Alfonso Peña López of Davenport. His siblings are Haley, Julian and Mason. Alfonso is active in FFA, FCCLA, Football, Letter Club, NHS, and One Act at Bruning-Davenport USD. He is active in his community of Davenport with the recycling. Alfonso enjoys hanging out with friends, playing video games, driving around, spending time with family and listening to music. He plans to attend UNL to study Graphic Design. His favorite food is Tacos, his favorite TV show is The Flash, his favorite song is *Take What You Want* by Post Malone and his favorite place to be alone is his car. The most influential person in his life has been his Mom. "She has taught me lessons and taught me right from wrong" says Alfonso.



CHASE KREHNKE is the son of Nancy & Jeff Krehnke of Bruning. He has two brothers, Trevor & Hunter. Chase is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning where he is active in the Trinity Luther League. His interests and hobbies are flipping, making music, and helping people. Chase plans to attend Hastings CCC to become a teacher/counselor. He would like to help people overcome obstacles in their lives. His favorite food is chicken and rice, his favorite TV show is The Walking Dead, his favorite song is *Wanna Grow Old* and his favorite place to go to be alone is his car. The most influential person in his life has been his brother Hunter. "He has a very positive attitude, great outlook on life, and he is easy to get along with. He is an overall great person and role model," says Chase.



Seniors...make sure you complete the FAFSA process: Getting financial aid for college involves more than completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete each step of the process so that you don't miss out on money for college.

If you haven't already, complete your 2020-21 FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) using 2018 income tax data. Before you start, you and a parent must each get an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov as you'll need them to access and sign your FAFSA.

1. Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received and lets you know if you need to take further action before the form can be processed.

2. You might receive a verification notice from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA requesting documents to verify your FAFSA information. The college will not process your financial aid until you provide required documents.

Watch for financial aid award notifications. Once you're accepted for admission to the colleges you listed on your FAFSA, they will notify you of the types and amounts of financial aid they're offering.

Watch your email and student portal carefully for important details about admission and financial aid. **What you need to know about scholarships:** Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent. Some are based on financial need as determined by the results of your FAFSA.

Here's where to look for scholarships: [ScholarshipQuest](https://www.edquest.org) at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.edquest.org) houses over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.

1. Your school counselor's office. Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.

2. The college you plan to attend. Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and the application procedures.

National search sites such as [College Board](https://collegeboard.org), [Peterson's](https://petersons.com), and [Chegg](https://chegg.com).

Other resources could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

Visit [EducationQuest.org](https://www.edquest.org) for more tips and details about scholarships and tips to help you complete a successful application.

Two easy-to-apply-for scholarships from EducationQuest: Nebraska students in grades 9-12 are invited to pursue these \$500 scholarships from EducationQuest:

Get Social Scholarship – By following us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/edquest), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/edquest) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/edquest), you can enter into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship each time we hit another 250 followers. For details visit [EducationQuest.org](https://www.edquest.org).

Scavenger Hunt Scholarship – Create a [ScholarshipQuest](https://www.edquest.org) profile at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.edquest.org) and then scavenge around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions on a survey. The deadline to apply is **March 31**. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. For details visit [EducationQuest.org](https://www.edquest.org).

February "To Do" List

Seniors:

___ If you haven't already, complete the [FAFSA](https://fafsa.gov).

___ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.

___ Apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

Start preparing for the ACT. [EducationQuest.org](https://www.edquest.org) has [test-prep resources](https://www.edquest.org/test-prep-resources) to consider. John Baylor: OnToCollege and PLATO: ACT PREP is available for your use from the school.

___ [Register](https://www.edquest.org/register) by February 28 for the April 4 ACT.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha	Lincoln	Kearney	Scottsbluff
402-391-4033	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	800-303-3745 ext. 6654
888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Julian	Pena Lopez	2	2
8	Kaydence	Cox	2	4
4	Blake	Miller	2	5
PreK	Dawson	Kugel	2	5
PreK	Kinslee	Wolfe	2	5
1	Henry	Lemke	2	6
4	Traevon	Houser	2	7
12	Damian	Houser	2	8
4	Harm	Lemke	2	11
11	Trevor	Whitesell	2	11
3	Jamie	Houser	2	12
	Shawna	Garland	2	14
8	Frankie	Jackson	2	16



5	Brodrick	Dunn	2	17
	K Teri Jo	Hicks	2	18
PreK	Ernst	Izelee	2	18
	Mary	Houser	2	20
12	Angelina	Ullrich	2	21
7	Jacob	Jackson	2	22
7	Blake	Cox	2	23
1	Kaleb	Follmer	2	26
	Mark	Rotter	2	26
6	Luisa	Lemke	2	27
5	LeTrell	Houser	2	27
1	Rustin	Ozenbaugh	2	27
PreK	Greysen	Strong	2	27



DAVENPORT LION'S CLUB

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2020
BDS VS SHELBY RC
5:30-8:00PM

BEEF BRISKET SANDWICH
POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS
CHIPS
COOKIE BAR & DRINK
\$8.00
EXTRA SANDWICH \$4.00

PROCEEDS TO BALL PARK IMPROVEMENTS
AND SUMMER RECREATION

FCS: Foods and Nutrition Class came back from Winter Break to review the skills they learned prior to the break by making Crudities. They participated in a prepare off against each other. Their only instructions were they could use whatever they wanted in the kitchen, they had to be creative, and they had to use all the vegetables. They were assessed on cutting skills, preparing skills, creativity, communication, and teamwork. In the end, they explained their reasoning behind their Crudities. :)



FCCLA: Bruning-Davenport Junior High and High School FCCLA Chapters hosted a Baby Formula Drive with other products to donate to Familias Saludables in Roatan, Honduras. These products went towards The Morgan Jane Project: Saving Babies and Charmont Bilingual Academy. The FCCLA students wanted to do something different this year for our annual drive. FCCLA partnered with Rick and Janelle Stengel, local churches, local hospitals, businesses, and communities for support and promotion of our drive. Rick and Janelle Stengel have been volunteering in Roatan for the past several years. Our FCCLA Advisor, Alicia Hoffman, this past summer volunteered and taught at Charmont Bilingual Academy with a former Bruning-Davenport student for four weeks. After coming back and sharing their experience, FCCLA students wanted to think outside of the box and try a new community. We collected baby formula to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Pain Reliever, Triple Antibiotic Ointment, Antiacids, and Band-Aids to help relieve stomach pains and rashes caused the disease. Peanut Butter that has iron and protein and school supplies for the students at the school. Cake mixes went to the school because most students haven't experienced a birthday party and on their birthday they would celebrate and have cake at the school. There was a large amount of money that was donated for groceries for the families that are part of Familias Saludables. This relates to Family and Consumer Sciences about volunteering, personal health choices and care, nutritional needs, and child developmental needs. We sent over 1000 ounces of baby formula, over 40 boxes of cake mixes, over 20 jars of peanut butter, and various medical and school supplies. We appreciate all the patrons' help and support in our project. Jordan Bolte, Jennifer Holtzen, and Jayda McCall will be competing at District STAR on February 4, 2020, about the Baby Formula Drive. Thank you again for all your support and donations for FCCLA Projects. :)



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on January 13, 2020. Pursuant to laws and notices posted in Bruning and Davenport, all proceedings were taken while convened meeting was open to the public. President Mike Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. Unified members present were Jerry Baysinger, Dan Domeier, Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, and Sarah Krehnke. Local board members present were Sarah Bolte, Ryan Miller, Sheri Norder, Ryne Philippi, and Brad Williams. Also present were Superintendent Kolin Haecker, Principal Damen Kugel, Sara Dierking, and Derek Domeier.

President Schroeder recognized the Open Meeting Act and welcomed guests.

Derek Domeier shared his interest in wrestling as being a sponsored sport at Bruning-Davenport and presented survey information.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of December 9, 2019 Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report and January claims. Dan Domeier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Jerry Baysinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0.

Bruning election results: President – Ryne Philippi, Vice-President – Sarah Krehnke, Secretary Treasurer – Sheri Norder. Standing Committee Members are: Americanism – Jerry Baysinger and Sarah Krehnke; Building & Grounds – Sarah Bolte and Ryne Philippi; Transportation – Dan Domeier and Sheri Norder. Membership to the Unified Board: Jerry Baysinger, Sarah Bolte, and Dan Domeier.

Davenport election results: President – Ryan Miller, Vice-President – Rod Tegtmeier, and Secretary/Treasurer – Brad Williams. Standing Committee Members are: Americanism – Miller, Tegtmeier; Building & Grounds – Hoins, Williams; Transportation – Koch, Schroeder. Membership to the Unified Board: Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, and Mike Schroeder.

Election results for the Unified Board officers are as follows: President – Mike Schroeder, Vice-President – Dan Domeier, and Secretary/Treasurer – Jamie Koch.

The Unified Board appointed negotiations committee members: Certified Negotiations Committee – Jerry Baysinger, Jamie Koch, and Ryan Miller; Classified Negotiations Committee – Jeff Hoins, Sarah Krehnke, and Ryne Philippi.

Principal Kugel gave his report on the following items: Changing up the Music Concerts in the Spring, High School Community Service, updates on School Assessment Classifications, NWEA/NSCAS reading and math pilot tests, Holiday Tournament results, Bruning-Davenport speech and the upcoming events.

Superintendent Haecker reported on information pertaining to: The collections of applications and interviews for our open teaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year, Sharon Endorf with NASB visited our school, and he finalized his report with new business and discussion items.

Discussion item:

- A. Discussion was made regarding adding Wrestling as a sponsored sport at Bruning-Davenport, and it was determined that additional information is needed for further consideration.

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

- A. Hoins made the motion to approve Melody Cox as a local substitute, seconded by Domeier
- B. Motion was made by Koch to recognize BDEA as bargaining agent for certificated, non-supervisory employees of the school district for 2021-2022 school year. Bolte seconded the motion.
- C. Koch made the motion, second by Hoins, to approve the Principle contract for Damen Kugel, the 2020-2021 school year.
- D. Baysinger made the motion, second by Domeier, to approve mileage reimbursement at \$0.575.
- E. Domeier moved to appoint Kolin Haecker, Superintendent, as the district Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator, seconded by Bolte.



Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Sara Dierking, Recording Secretary

LUNCH MENU



February 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ÉÉBŘÜÄŔŸ					1
						
2	3 Chicken Fajita Lettuce/Cheese Refried Beans Cookie Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	4 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Chips Bru/Wisconsin Cheese F/V Bar	5 Chicken Alfredo w/Pasta Peas Dinner Roll Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	6 Lasagna Romaine Lettuce French Bread Bru/Wisconsin Cheese F/V Bar	7 NO SCHOOL	8
	9	10 Chicken Patty on a Bun Spicy Fries California Blend Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	11 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn/Dinner Roll Bru/Beef Noodle F/V Bar	12 Italian Dunker Mainara Sauce Broccoli Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	13 Tater tot Casserole Green Beans Buttered Bread Bru/Beef Noodle F/V Bar	14 Ham & Cheese on Flatbread Baked Beans Chips Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar
16	17 Walking Tacos Lettuce/Cheese Refried Beans Churro Bru/Salad Bar	18 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots/Celery Bru/Veg. Beef F/V Bar	19 Quesadilla Spanish Rice Corn Cookie Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	20 Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Bru/Veg. Beef F/V Bar	21 Beef & Noodles Green Beans Buttered Bread Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	22
	23	24 Popcorn Shrimp Mac N' Cheese Calif. Blend Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	25 Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Chips Bru/Chicken Noodle F/V Bar	26 Meatballs Baked Potatoes Dinner Roll Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar	27 Pancakes Sausage Hashbrowns Juice Bru/Chicken Noodle F/V Bar	28 Chinese Chicken Rice Broccoli Cookie Bru/Salad Bar F/V Bar
		 = NEBRASKA BEEF	*Burning* Soups on Tues. & Thurs. Salad Bar on Mon. Wed. & Fri.	*Menu Subject to Change* *Second Entrée - \$1.00 *		



BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 MUDECAS Speech Lions Club Elem BB tourney @ Dav
2	3 CRC JH Vocal/Band	4 FCCCLA Dist 4 Star @ E-M	5 FFA - State Degree Interviews @ Milford 10AM	6	7 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice	8 Aurora Speech Contest ACT Test Date
		HS G/B BB @ Osceola 6/7:30			HS G/B BB Shelby-RC @ Dav 6/7:30 Parent's Night	
9	10 School Board Mtg. @ Dav 7:30PM	11 HS GBB vs. Meridian @ Bru (JV V) 6/7:00	12 ESU 5 Elem Quiz Bowl @ Thayer Central	13	14	15
	9th/10th G/B BB vs. Sutton @ Dav 6/7:30				HS G/B BB vs. High Plains @ Dav 6/7:30	JV G/B BB Tourney @ Dav 9:00
16	17 Thayer Co. Spelling Bee @ Thayer Co. Courthouse @ 9:00AM	18	19 FFA WEEK	20	21	22 JH Music Contest @ Dav Speech Practice- Critiqued by some judges
					HS BBB vs. Meridian @ Bruning (JV V) 6/7	
23	24 GBB Subdistricts	25 GBB Subdistricts	26 CRC HS Speech FFA Welding Contest @ Lincoln	27 GBB Subdistricts	28 GBB District Finals	29 BBB District Finals
		BBB Subdistricts				
Notes: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE						
***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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