

# BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

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## Bruning Davenport School News December 22, 2023

"The World is changed by your example,  
 Not by your opinion"  
 Paul Coelho

### **FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: December Board Meeting:**

Architect presentation information pertaining to a facility feasibility study.  
 Presentation regarding Facility Advocates regarding a facility audit.  
 The board approved moving ahead with both feasibility study and audit.  
 Discussed adding a possible elementary position in Davenport.  
 Discussed new asphalt in the square in the middle of the Davenport building.

### **Help Wanted:**

Elem and/or secondary music  
 Intervention Para  
 Possible FCS/Home Ec teacher  
 Possible Industrial Arts teacher  
 Possible Elementary PE  
 Snow remover in Davenport

We had a ceiling collapse in the Bruning building above the bleachers where the old gym was. Need to replace some water damaged cabinetry in the high school science room.  
 Need to replace the whirlpool in the high school.

We are receiving our vehicle purchases: New bus is in. Still need to do lettering.  
 New SUV (Hyundai Palisade) is in. Waiting on one more.  
 New Dodge Ram truck is in.

<b>Financials:</b>	<b>Updated 10-1-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>
Budget		\$5,387,784
YTD expenditures		\$1,139,360
Last month		\$360,961
% Budget spent (Sept – Nov)		21.1%
Davenport Building Fund		\$440,000
Bruning Building Fund		\$410,000
Depreciation Fund (Vehicles)		\$750,000
Davenport Activity Fund		\$140,000
Bruning Activity Fund		\$254,000
(Fiscal year Sept 1 – Aug 31)		

We have some staff working on next year's calendar.  
 I would like to have that done in time to approve at the January board meeting.

Possible Committee's?

This is usually a combination of board, staff and even community

### **Committee's:**

<b><u>Committee's:</u></b>	<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>
Americanism	Yearly
BD Ed Asso	
BDS Coop	Quarterly
Calendar	As needed
Classified	Annually
Comm Outreach	
Daycare	
Adam Ryne Heather Barb L Sarah K Sheri Sarah P Ciara	Monthly
Discipline	Annually
Build/Grounds	Annually
Frontline	Weekly
Grant	As needed
ILCD	
NCIS	Varies
Certified	
Classified	
Safety	
Steering	
Technology	
Transportation	As needed

### **Upcoming possible expenses:**

Card key system  
 Camera system  
 72 passenger bus  
 1-2 suburban/vans

**Goal:** To be the best small school in the State



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we have made it to 2024 already! Throughout the last five months, I have seen our staff and students accomplish so much! We have learned new math concepts, read new literature, and learned about our history. The test scores have proven that our students are meeting our expectations. Thank you to our teachers who have done a fantastic job in leading the children in their learning.

While we have reflected this last month, it is now time to look to the future. What is it that we want to accomplish this year? The staff is working on our Continuous Improvement Plan where we come up with goals and strategies to increase engagement and learning in every classroom. Setting goals is very important, so we know the direction we are heading and how we will get there. Everyone has a role to play in these goals and strategies to make them effective. Parents, talk to your kids about what is happening at school and celebrate their accomplishments! Students, reach out when you may need help and lend a helping hand to peers when they need it. We want the students to reach their full potential, both academically and personally. Together, we can make a difference and reach our goals! Let's make 2024 the best year yet! **Ruth Kowalski, PreK-1st & High School Principal**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** It's hard to believe that the year is half over, already! Junior High Basketball has been busy with a game about every week. They continue to work hard both in the classroom and on the court. We haven't had a single incident of an athlete being academically ineligible! I've never seen that before at any of my previous stops, so hats off to the kids and parents for that feat!

Both the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders and the Junior High did an incredible job with their respective music programs. They spent a bunch of time working on their performances and it really paid off! Big thanks to Mrs. Schoming and Mrs. Philippi for all of their hard work as well.

I hope everyone gets the time to rest and recharge during Christmas Break. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester will fly by just as quickly and before we know it, it will be time for Summer Break!

Thanks to the staff, students, and parents of Bruning-Davenport for making my first semester a great one! I have truly enjoyed my time here and look forward to what the future holds! **Mr. JJ Wagner, 2nd-8th grade Principal**

**What's Happening @ Your Libraries** By the time you are reading this, it will be 2024! We hope you enjoyed time spent with family and friends (and a book or two)!

Did you know that screens from both television and devices emit what is called "blue light"? It has the same effect on us and our kids. It makes it hard to sleep during the day. This is because "blue light" from both the sun and screens keeps us awake and our brains active! This means that not only the operation of the device itself but also the "blue light" it emits are counterproductive to getting the good sleep we all need each night.

Combat that "blue light" by establishing a bedtime routine that includes a good book! Librarians can't be the only ones who fall asleep while reading something during the evening, right? Sleep is so important to growing, repairing cells, allowing us to store what we have learned during the day, enabling us to better regulate our emotions and attitudes...why not end the day by putting down those devices at least an hour before bedtime and winding down with a good book? Not only might you be happier, you might be

**WEIGHTS CLASS: Chart 4 Lifts:** Tanner, Jaron, Braelynn, Eli, Kesston **2 Lifts:** Wyatt O., Gatlin, Wyatt H., Paxton, Brayden, Toby, LeTrell **1 Lift:** Campbell & Kinzley **1200 Pound Club:** Tanner—3 Lifts, Jaron, Wyatt O., Eli, Kesston

**School Records:** Natalio, Paxton & Wyatt O.



**KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP:** Mrs. Houchin's kindergarten class traveled to Victory Too on December 5th. Each student picked out their color of shirt, helped press the ink on them, watched them dry on the dryer belt, and made sure their names were straight!



**DAVENPORT ELEMENTARY:** Deb Albers, from the Legion Auxiliary presented to the 2nd and 3rd graders about the American flag. She shared the history of the American flag, talked about ways to show respect for the flag, and demonstrated how to properly fold the flag. Each student received a flag to take home.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Grade	Name	Date
7	Chase Oltmans	2
	Brooke Soukup	2
2	Tara Turley	5
11	Braelynn Renz	7
PreK	Ellie Paup	9



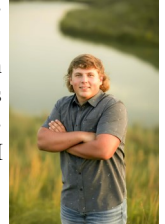
Grade	Name	Date
8	Adain Schoenhals	16
	Jill Rohr	17
11	Peyton Domeier	19
1	Kristopher Philippi	25
4	Addison Schoenrock	28

## MEET A SENIOR

**ISAIAH EICKMANN** is the grandson of Kurt and Deb Eickmann. His siblings are Reagyn, Braxton and Landon. He is involved with FFA and STRIV at Bruning Davenport USD. He is member at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Davenport. In his spare time he likes to read, build models of WWII airplanes, and to work on his 1953 Oliver 77 row crop pulling tractor and his 1977 K-10 Chevy pickup. He plans to attend CCC at Hastings and major in autobody work. Isaiah's favorite food is Chicken Alfredo, his favorite TV show is Last of Us or Man in the High Castle, his favorite song is *Long Live Cowgirls* by Ian Munisk and Cody Johnson and his favorite place to go to be alone is his room. The most influential people in his life have been his Grandpa and his Uncle. "They represent everything I want to be in life and no matter what, they push me to do my best and they are the best example of what it takes to be a man" says Isaiah. Isaiah would also like people to know that he is very passionate about certain things. I think I am funny, determined, happy, and lucky. My faith, family, tractor and pickup are the most important things to me. Also, I am easy to talk to, just ask my friends. I love history!!



**TANNER BOLTE** is the son of Chris and Sarah Bolte. His siblings are Jordan, Morgan and Maverick. Tanner is active in Football, Track, Basketball, FFA NHS, Letter Club, Quiz Bowl and BDS Legion baseball. He is involved with Sacred Heart Catholic Youth Organization in Hebron. He enjoys, hunting, fishing, watching movies, hanging out with friends, sports and playing with his brother. Tanner plans to attend a 4 year college and major in Business. His favorite food is Spaghetti, his favorite TV show is Supernatural, his favorite song is *Tishomingo* by Zach Bryan and his favorite place to go to be alone is his room. The most influential person in his life has been his Dad. "He has taught me how to be tough and strong and he has taught me all the sports that I succeed in" says Tanner. Go Chiefs and Roll Huskers!!



**ROSIE COWART** is the daughter of Sarah Cowart. She has two siblings, Esther and Peter. Rosie attends First Community Church in Hebron. She likes to go shopping, listening to music and going for long drives. Rosie's favorite food is Chinese, her favorite TV show is The Good Doctor and her favorite place to go to be alone is her room or for a long drive. The most influential person in her life has been her stepdad. "After my Dad passed away, he was really there for me through everything," says Rosie.



**Counselor's Corner:** In October, we focused guidance lessons on mental health awareness and learned that wellness matters! The students, K-12 completed 3-2-1 Wellness sheets that our ESU 5's LMHP, Kelsey Koranda developed for us! Thanks Kelsey! Students' wellness sheets were drawn during the last three weeks of the month and received a \$10 Amazon gift card! Winners were: Ryan Messman, Brooklyn Philippi, Izelee Ernst, Maxon Ault, Shawn Sunday, and Brodrick Dunn.

Students also created Wellness posters with their classmates. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade created one together. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders won and will have a class party soon!

During November's Guidance we focused on many Social and Emotional skills. This included with K-4<sup>th</sup> Graders on making good choices, friendships, manners, and being grateful. 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade read and had discussions with their peers about articles in the Scholastic Choice magazines. Some included dress up days at school, dealing with stress and anxiety, procrastination, AI and other technology resources. We ended the month with being grateful.

In December's Guidance we learned about ways to be kind and sharing kindness with others. The students were given a December Kindness Calendar to complete and had their names entered in a drawing to win a \$20 Amazon gift card upon returning from the Holiday break. The last week we began learning ways to be mindful during the winter months.

Our last two bulletin boards stated, "It's okay to not feel okay" and "I am enough"! Thank you for supporting your students and teachers! ENJOY the Holiday and celebrate wellness and gratitude!



**ELEMENTARY MUSIC:** On Monday, December 18, the elementary grades Preschool through 4th, put on an elementary concert in Bruning. Dancing reindeer was the theme of the entire concert with the main production being a musical called "Star Bucks!" in which Rudolph's nose had lost its shine due to the stress of the holidays and the forecast for Christmas Eve was for heavy fog. Mrs. Claus suggests holding a competition for all of the reindeer to see who can be the Star Buck to lead the sleigh. Acts included solos, dancing, rapping, and ballet to various songs! Vixen eventually wins the competition because she discovers the female reindeer keep their antlers all year long and would look better to lead the sleigh. She is the Star Doe instead of the Star Buck! The program went very well and the students had a great time putting on the show! Santa made an appearance at the end of the concert and gave out chocolate bars in exchange for the student's Christmas wishes!

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on December 14, 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 December 6, 2023; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:37 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, and Ryne Philippi. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Ruth Kowalski, Principal JJ Wagner, Erika Brinegar, Beth Dolniecek, Whitney Miller, Krissy Ozenbaugh, Logan Paup, and Brooke Soukup.

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

BVH Architect's Principal Cleve Reeves presented on their company's feasibility study.

Dan Bird presented on the Facility Audit done by Facility Advocates.

Parents presented during the public forum.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, November 13, 2023, Unified Board meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, and the December claims. Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Sheri Norder to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote (6-0)

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

- A. Krehnke moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to approve the BVH Architects Feasibility Study.

**Discussion Items:**

- A. Discussion of adding an Elementary PE Position – No action taken.

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following – the Davenport asphalt project

Principal Kowalski reported on the following – Congratulations to the One-Act team on their season – All teacher evaluations are complete in the Bruning building – Kindergarten went on a field trip to Victory Too to print shirts - Christmas concert is December 18th in Bruning; Elementary at 6:00 and Middle School & High School at 7:00

Principal Wagner reported on the following – update on JH basketball – JH Quiz Bowl went to a competition and competed well - everything went well having Grandparent's Day in one building

Koch moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

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Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

12/14/23

7659	Internal Revenue Service	43,386.56	19091	Fiber Platform, LLC	647.50
7660	Nebraska Department of Revenue	6,595.76	19092	Galaway's Garage	1,928.72
7661	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	37,961.46	19093	Gaylen Energy Supply	811.67
19057	AFLAC	293.02	19094	Geneva Home Center	17.66
19058	AFLAC (10 Month)	70.26	19095	Hebron True Value	14.96
19059	American Funds Service Company	800.00	19096	Holiday Inn-Kearney	124.95
19060	Ameritas Life Insurance	294.16	19097	Jostens	233.95
19061	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	32.59	19098	JW Pepper	94.19
19062	Blue Cross Blue Shield	55,760.70	19099	Kelly Lampe	299.96
19063	Blue Cross Blue Shield (10 Month)	4,551.59	19100	KSB School Law, LLO	372.50
19064	Collection Associates	318.67	19101	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	39.02
19065	Cornerstone Bank	2,494.23	19102	Mid American Research	408.53
19066	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	499.13	19103	Mierau & Co., Inc.	675.00
19067	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	850.00	19104	Missouri Western State University	20.00
19068	Payflex Account #304734	1,414.33	19105	Momar, Inc.	578.29
19069	Upcredit Management Services, Inc	276.83	19106	NE Council of School Administrators	115.00
19070	Acco Brands USA, LLC	138.72	19107	Nebraska State Fire Marshall Agency	45.00
19071	Action Auto Supply	89.74	19108	Nebraska State Fire Marshall Agency	120.00
19072	Barb Williams	7.13	19109	Norris Public Power District	2,020.57
19073	BK Interactive LLC	19,224.00	19110	One Source	18.00
19074	Black Hills Energy	1,769.00	19111	OTC Brands Inc.	167.80
19075	Boiler Chiller Systems	4,359.78	19112	Pay Flex Systems Inc	150.00
19076	Bowman Electric LLC	161.00	19113	Rasmussen Mechanical Services	2,581.89
19077	Bruning Grocery Inc	95.80	19114	Teacher Synergy, LLC	97.98
19078	Bruning Lumber Co.	58.35	19115	The Hebron Journal Register	82.91
19079	Bruning Motor LLC	756.55	19116	Tom's Music House	147.00
19080	Bruning Motor Service	825.20	19117	Village of Bruning	465.34
19081	Burton Enterprises, LLC	37.00	19118	Village of Davenport	1,779.98
19082	Central NE Rehabilitation Services	1,200.89	19119	VVS Inc	60.14
19083	Certified Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc.	712.82	19120	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	1,273.75
19084	DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	267.63	19121	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	344.81
19085	Davenport Building Supply	24.99	19122	Western Oil II LLC	2,950.94
19086	Davenport Transition Fund	188.38	19123	Windstream	512.45
19087	DeEtta Christensen	62.34	19124	York News Times	10.81
19088	Eakes Office Plus	2,279.95			
19089	Ecolab Pest Elimination	196.79			
19090	Educational Service Unit #5	14,322.76			








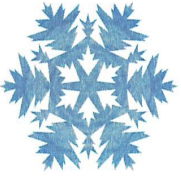
<b>Payable Checks</b>	<b>221,589.38</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>148,385.36</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>369,974.74</b>

# LUNCH MENU



January

2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>					
7	 Walking Tacos Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Refried Beans	 Hot Beef Sandwiches Broccoli	 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll	Breakfast Sandwich Hash Browns Juice	 Italian Dunkers Romaine Lettuce Marinara Sauce Jello Cups	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	30
 21	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Fries	Chinese Chicken Rice Broccoli Cookie	Breaded Pork on a Bun Cheesy Potatoes	Chicken Fajita Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Refried Beans	Mac N' Cheese w/Little Smokies Calif. Blend Cornbread	 27
22	23	24	25	26	28	
Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Lettuce Breadstick	French Toast Sticks Sausage Hash Browns Juice	Roast Beef on Flatbread Baked Beans Chips	Hard Shell Tacos Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cookie	BBQ Chicken Breast Baked Potatoes Dinner Roll	29	
28	29	30	31			
	Pulled Pork Sandwich Tater Tots Pudding Cup	Mini Corndogs Mac N' Cheese Broccoli	Chicken Wings Cheesy Potatoes Celery			
	Brunning: --F/V Bar --Salad Bar Available Daily	 = <b>NEBRASKA</b> <b>BEEF</b>	<b>GRAB AND GO                      BREAKFAST                      SERVED DAILY</b> 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	

# BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD ACTIVITY CALENDAR

# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day No School	<b>2</b> No School	<b>3</b> No School Teacher In-Service JH G/B BB @ Meridian 12:45/2:00PM	<b>4</b> HS G/B BB @ NE Lutheran 6:00/7:30 JV TBA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> JV G/B BB Tourney @ EMF 9:00AM
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> MUDECAS GBB School Board Mtg. 7:30 @ Bruning	<b>9</b> MUDECAS BBB HS G/B BB @ FCSH 3:00/4:30 JV TBA	<b>10</b> JH G/B BB Dorchester @ Bru 12:45/2:00PM	<b>11</b> MUDECAS G/B BB	<b>12</b> MUDECAS GBB	<b>13</b> MUDECAS BBB JH BBB Tourney @ Dav TBA
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> JH BBB Blue Hill @ Dav 6:00PM HS JV G/B BB tourney @ Thayer Central TBA	<b>16</b> JH BBB @ Law/Nel 6:00PM HS G/B BB McCool Jct @ Dav 6:00/7:30 JV TBA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Thayer Central Speech Meet CRC BB JH CRC BB
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> CRC BB	<b>26</b> CRC BB	<b>27</b> NUDECAS Speech Dav Lions Club Elem BB Tournament @ Dav
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> CRC BB	<b>30</b> CRC BB HS G/B BB @ Osceola 6:00/7:30 JV TBA	<b>31</b>			

December '23

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31						

February '24

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25	26	27	28	29		

ALL DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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NEWSLETTER  
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BOXHOLDER/RURAL PATRON