

BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

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MAY 2020

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

CLASS OF 2020



Graduate

Dylan Domeier
Tanner Duff
Isaac Else
Rylee Haecker
Jennifer Holtzen
Damian Houser-Theye
Chase Krehnke
Alfonso Peña López
Angie Ullrich
Nolan Weber
Tanner Wenske
Holden Wilkins

Flower:

Colors:

Class Motto:

Junior Escorts:

Parents

Daniel & Andrea Domeier
Sarah & Jay Krehnke, Jason Duff
Karen & Tim Else
Crystal & Kolin Haecker
Kathy & Doug Holtzen
Nick Theye & Shellie Houser
Nancy & Jeff Krehnke
Alfonso & Julie Pena-Lopez
Rebecca & Sean Keys
Jodi & Matt Weber
Amy & Kevin Wenske
Kristi Wilkins & Bob Wilkins
Red Rose
Cardinal & Platinum
Cherish Yesterday, Live For Today, And Reach For Tomorrow
Trevor Whitesell and Jordan Bolte

College or Work plans

National Guard - UNL Crimiminal Justice
SCC Milford - Construction Technology
UNL Construction Management
Concordia-Elementary/Special Ed, Track & Cross Country
UNL Finance
Undecided
National Guard - Hastings CCC - Information Technology
UNL-Graphic Design
Workforce
UNL-Agronomy
UNK - Physical Therapy
UNK - Software Engineering

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020.

BEST WISHES IN ALL YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!

THE FACULTY & STAFF AT BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: The end of the school year is almost here. This has definitely been a unique end to the school year. I want to thank our students, staff, communities and our parents for their hard work and support this school year. I appreciate being a part of the Bruning-Davenport system because of the quality of people I get to work with on a daily basis. Thank you for your diligence and hard work during this unprecedented time.

The staff at Bruning-Davenport USD wishes all our students a safe summer. Please continue to take care of yourself and check on your neighbors to make sure they are doing okay as well. To the seniors, it has been a unique end to your senior year, missing activities, and one last time to do a lot of things. This is an unprecedented time but although this has been difficult it should not define who you are as people and what you can accomplish in your lifetime. We wish you the best of luck going forward.

For the final newsletter of the 2019-2020 school year, we want to be sure you have information that may be important to parents/guardians and patrons. Below you will find some dates for students during the month of May.

May 8 ALL students will be done with assignments.

May 11 Students last name that begins with A-K bring back all their school books/computer to the nearest school building 1:00-7:00 pm.

May 12 Students last name that begins with L-Z bring back all their school books/computer to the nearest school building 1:00-7:00 pm.

May 15 Report cards to be sent home.

Teacher Appreciation Week: The week of May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week. The administration at Bruning-Davenport USD extends our sincere thanks for our staff's efforts to provide the best educational opportunities to our students.

We have dedicated certified and classified staff members that have worked hard to provide the type of learning opportunities that will help your child develop the thinking skills and other life skills necessary to develop into a concerned, involved citizen. We continue to strive to meet the challenge of our mission statement, "Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society." Please take the time to thank our teachers and staff for the important work that they do with our youth.

The CrossRoads Conference (CRC) recognized students who earned high marks on the American College Testing (ACT) assessment. The All-Conference Academic Team is comprised of students who scored at the benchmark levels, set by the conference, by March 1st. Members recognized as Gold achieved a score of 30 or higher, Silver is 27 to 29, and Bronze is 24 to 26. Those recognized will receive an Academic Medal from the Conference. Seniors Nolan Weber, Isaac Else, Angie Ullrich. Congratulations!!

The Department of Health and Human Services and Boys Town offers help to families through the Nebraska Family Helpline (1-800-866-8660). The Helpline offers professional counselors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They offer help dealing with behavior problems of children, conflict resolution among family members, and youth mental health referrals.

During this pandemic please take care of yourself and your family. Here are the six rules the Governor of Nebraska is emphasizing to keep Nebraska healthy:

1. Stay home. No non-essential errands and no social gatherings. Respect the ten-person limit.
2. Socially distance your work. Work from home or use the six-foot rule as much as possible in the workplace.
3. Shop alone and only shop once a week. Do not take family with you.
4. Help kids follow social distancing. Play at home. No group sports. And no playgrounds.
5. Help senior citizens stay at home by shopping for them. Do not visit long-term care facilities.
6. Exercise daily at home or with an appropriately socially-distanced activity.

Everyone be Safe!!!

FROM THE PRICIPAL: The Corona Virus has made me better; there I said it. That most likely isn't a popular statement, but hear me out for a moment. In removing all the chaos that is life, I have been able to refocus on what matters most.

The virus has made me a better husband and father. It has allowed me to spend A LOT of time with my wife and kids. When I wasn't completing a long overdue Honey-Do List or breaking up a wrestling match between my two sons, I was able to spend uninterrupted quality time with them. I rediscovered a love for running and bicycling; which led to development of my son (and wife) being able to ride without training wheels. We were able to share meals together, talk, and rekindle the small moments that are often overlooked during the hustle and bustle of everyday life. As a parent, I have had to dust up on my prior early elementary knowledge and begin helping my son with his course work. Like many parents, it's been a long time since I have learned many of the subjects and concepts being sent home during "E-Learning." I quickly realized, like many parents, that the way I was teaching things wasn't like how they were learning it at school. To that I quickly replied, "Tough, it was good enough 25 years ago, and it's good enough now." A special shout out to our parents. Thank you for helping your children, thank you for trying, thank you for doing your best to keep things together... I know it isn't easy but parents, know this-your child isn't ahead and your child isn't behind. They are right where they need to be and when we are together again, we will reteach many of the skills missed during this unprecedented time.

I have re-learned the value of being present and visible in my community. I have been going on daily walks with my family, which has allowed me to see and meet many new people in Bruning (yes, I said Bruning.) I have also learned and practiced the importance of supporting small and local businesses. My family and I have sought out restaurants in local and neighboring communities when my wife no longer wants to cook for 3 boys. We also have ensured that we seek out our local grocery store's resources before looking online to purchase. No longer do I take these conveniences for granted; I know I must do my part to keep them around.

The virus has made me a better educator and administrator. In a matter of 48 hours, education in our country changed. In-person instruction was quickly replaced with "E-Learning" and the word "Zoom" was quickly introduced into all households throughout our district. I had to not only become acclimated with new resources but also learn how to teach others to use them to provide instruction throughout our district. Not to mention, I have since learned what my 'good' side is, and how to appropriately angle my computer to decrease my number of chins. I quickly realized the importance of the local daycare and teachers across the district. With limited warning our staff jumped into action and began serving students electronically and becoming on-call educators willing to serve students 24 hours a day- all of which was contingent on internet access and availability of devices at home. Thank you to the BD faculty and staff for all the time and effort you have given our students throughout the closure.

Finally, as a leader I have been able to learn the art of conveying crucial information to a large group of people and modify it in a way that informs but does not cause panic. It is a skill I never thought I would need, or desired to have, but it has become necessary in our current situation. I have also been able to grow in the level of grace, and understanding I have for others. Not one person is in their comfort zone; we are all just trying to survive and make the best of a tough situation. This virus has increased my empathy for everyone's unique circumstances.

As I sit at our dining room table, I am reminded of a picture hanging on the wall. It was given to us as a wedding gift by a very special friend, a life-long friend. It's a picture of the *Living Life* poem by Bonnie Mohr. I encourage you to reflect on the words and decide if the Corona Virus made you better, as well. The poem reads,

'Life is not a race - but indeed a journey. Be Honest. Work Hard. Be Choosy. Say 'thank you', 'I love you', and 'great job' to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you've been given, it is not accidental ~ search for your purpose and do it as best you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to be. Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself ~ Plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you've been blessed to know. Live for today, enjoy the moment.'

What's Happening @ Your Library It's May already?! What an interesting year this is proving to be! We hope this finds all of you safe and well! We just wanted to let you know a couple of things concerning our libraries.

First of all, if students are finished with library books (and you probably are!), please return them to your closest school building as soon as it's convenient for you. Materials will go through a process and then "rest" for a few days before being put back on the shelves. Can't remember what your student has checked out? Not a problem! Reminders are being sent out to you, whether it be via your parent email that you gave us at the beginning of this year, as a paper notice that might come to you via school breakfast/lunch if you're signed up for them, or possible USPS. If your child has a school device, the school device will show up as being checked out also. Please return those at your assigned times with textbooks. If it's most convenient for you to return library books when you return everything else, that works, too!

Secondly, our district is in a consortium with the rest of the schools in ESU #5 which has been purchasing e-books and audiobooks. These can be read/listened to in the browser of a laptop or desktop. There are also apps that can be downloaded to read/listen to them on another device. A video explaining how this works is on our library website. There are many titles on here that our district does not own print copies of, so please take a look! These titles are available 24-7-365 so students can continue to read this summer! Avoid that summer slump and come back next fall with a stronger brain! Happy reading one and all!

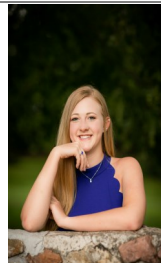
Thank you for all of your support during this crazy year! Even though we're not having school, we are still adding new titles to our shelves so we're looking forward to seeing everyone again! We can't wait to see what new things you find to check out!

Mrs. Dolniece (librarian) and Mrs. Schweer (our fantastic library paraprofessional!)

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Academic All-State recipients.

Basketball & Football -Isaac Else Speech & Music—Jennifer Holtzen, Nolan Weber—Football, Jordan Bolte,- Play Production, Paige Oltmans—Play Production!!

CONGRATULATIONS!



CRC ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE:

In the spring of 2018, the Cross Roads conference began recognizing Seniors for academic achievement. Each conference school submits a list of Senior students qualifying for Academic Recognition, based on their highest recorded ACT score.

The Crossroads Conference All-Conference Academic Team are awarded medals, corresponding to the tier of qualification based on ACT score: Isaac Else-Gold, Angie Ullrich-Silver, Nolan Weber-Bronze

Congratulations to the 2020 Cross Roads Conference Academic All-Conference Selection Team!



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

MAY

JUNE

JULY

Grade Name	Date	Grade Name	Date	Grade Name	Date
PreK Averì	Alpaugh 1			2 Carter	Voss 1
0 Jase	Schlichtman 1	2 Samuel	Szydlo 1	K Olive	Lemke Koch 1
8 Christopher	Cowins 1	3 Michael	Alpaugh 1	6 Lauryn	Koch 4
Andrea	Happel 1	7 Karolyn	Ozenbaugh 2	PreK Ryann	Messman 4
10 Hunter	Wilkins 5	4 Breanna	Turley 3	PreK Burke	Strong 6
0 Jaryn	Houchin 7	PreK Emmalynn	Voss 3	3 Claire	Lahners 7
4 Natalie	Linscomb 7	Cathy	Hergott 3	9 Jazzmyn	Ullrich 7
PreK Justin	Wallace 10	Alicia	Hoffman 4	PreK Knox	Philippi 7
Daina	Philippi 12	Aaron	Peterson 4	1 Alec	Barney 11
PreK Samuel	Shaner 17	6 Skylar	Wyatt 5	Marci	Reinsch 11
Ali	Strong 19	1 Hunter	Zoubek 5	PreK Oliver	Anderson 13
11 Jordan	Bolte 21	2 Jackson	Philippi 7	5 Trinity	Cordis 15
Ivan	Aguilar 21	PreK Gail	Holtzen 9	4 Noah	Wence 18
David	Chirstensen 26	9 Hannah	Dahl 11	Sheri	Norder 18
Jen	Krupicka 26	5 Briley	Rayburn 12	9 Addilyn	Crockett 20
Bethanie	Dolnicek 27	Joy	Lentfer 12	7 Paxton	Cox 20
PreK Jake	Follmer 28	1 Shelby	Miller 15	9 Hallie	Hoins 21
Damen	Kugel 30	4 Arieana	Alpaugh 16	10 Katelynn	Houser 22
		Rick	Ault 26	7 Michael	Bauer 24
		6 Toby	Voss 28	K Grayson	Messman 27
		8 Jaron	Norder 29	PreK Coy	Wolfe 28
		PreK Ryan	Happel 29	5 Cynthia	Ozenbaugh 29
				Fred	Kluck 29



COUNSELOR'S CORNER: College-prep resources to help you through COVID-19

If you need help with the college planning or financial aid processes during these unusual times, check out these resources:

Free help from EducationQuest – Even though our offices are temporarily closed, our college-planning specialists are available to help you. [Contact the location nearest you](#) for a free appointment via phone or computer.

Weekly Countdown2College emails for juniors & seniors – [Sign up](#) to stay on track to college.

Virtual campus tours – Since you can't visit college campuses right now, [check out this list](#) of Nebraska schools that provide virtual tours.

The college you plan to attend – Check the college's website for COVID-19 information, and contact the school if you have questions. Most colleges are providing one-on-one assistance via tools like Zoom, Skype, and FaceTime.

Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

Review these tips before you decide how much to borrow in student loans:

- Borrow only what you need, even if it's less than the amount offered in your award letter.
- Try to use your student loan money *only* for tuition, room and board, books, and fees. Get a part-time job during college to pay other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the [FAFSA](#).
- Continue to look for scholarships while you're in college.
- Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at nslds.ed.gov.

To learn more, read the EducationQuest Blog article: "[What is This Student Loan on My Award Letter?](#)" and see the "[Paying for College](#)" section at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Juniors... here's your to-do list for May

Narrow your college choices to three or four. If you haven't visited your top choices, take a [virtual tour](#).

Become familiar with the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You and your parents can complete this form to apply for college financial aid on or after October 1.

Update your [Activities Resume](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#). Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and part-time jobs.

Look for scholarships. Check out [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) for Nebraska-based scholarships, and pay attention to scholarships current seniors have received.

Omaha	Lincoln	Kearney	Scottsbluff
402-391-4033	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	402-479-6654
888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721	800-303-3745, ext. 6654

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on April 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 7:49 pm. Unified members present were Jerry Baysinger, Sarah Bolte, Dan Domeier, Jeff Hoins, and Jamie Koch. Also present were Superintendent Kolin Haecker, Principal Damen Kugel, and Sara Dierking.

President Schroeder recognized the Open Meeting Act.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of March 9 and March 19, 2020 Unified and Special Board meetings, Treasurer's Report, and April claims. Dan Domeier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Sarah Bolte seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0.

Principal Kugel gave his report on the following items: Bruning-Davenport's Distance Learning Plan, Seniors are on track for graduating, PreK Jumpstart, Academic All-State Awards, Graduation requirements, and High Ability Learners. He completed his report with graduation requirements.

Superintendent Haecker reported on the following items: Property tax relief, voiced a concern on taxes next year due to the pandemic, grading for the 4th quarter will be a pass or fail, BDS Coop meeting was on April 7. He also reported that due to the pandemic and moving to on-line learning there are a few policies that can't be followed and a resolution will be voted on to cover the district during closure. He finalized his report with information regarding the CARES Act and property tax relief.

Bruning-Davenport Unified School District's Financial Report was given by Superintendent Haecker.

Discussion Items

- A. Graduation requirements were discussed and no action taken.
- B. College tuition and HAL was considered, discussed, with no action taken.
- C. After discussion regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, no action was needed.
- D. Staff Appreciation was discussed and no action taken.

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

- A. Domeier moved to approve the inter-local nursing contract with Deshler Public school, seconded by Jeff Hoins.
- B. Jerry Baysinger motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with Southeast Nebraska Regional Program. Bolte seconded the motion.
- C. Jamie Koch moved to congratulate Ms. Frerichs, Mr. Morrison, and the speech team for their season. Domeier seconded the motion.
- D. Domeier moved to approve the Covid 19 Resolution for grades, graduation, curriculum and related matters. Bolte seconded the motion.

Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Sara Dierking, Recording Secretary

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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

BOXHOLDER/RURAL PATRON