

BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

Kolin Haecker Superintendent
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SEPTEMBER 2021

Damen Kugel, Principal
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BOLTS: "Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society"

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: The first couple weeks of school is in the books. It is so good to see the faces of our students in the hallway again. We will work closely with Public Health Solutions to monitor the number of positive cases in our health department and make any changes to our protocols as necessary. It will be very important we work together as a community to keep our students in the building and safe this school year. If you were to come in contact with a positive Covid case please monitor for signs/symptoms for 14 days. **Symptoms include:** Fever of 100.4 or above, Chills, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Extreme fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea, New loss of taste or smell. These symptoms, individually, can also be signs of other illnesses or conditions. If you develop one or more of these symptoms, especially in combination, please contact your healthcare provider for further guidance and stay home.

Bruning-Davenport will use our notification system called Bright Arrow again this year. It pulls your phone number and email information from Powerschool. Please make sure anytime you change your phone number or email please contact the office so we can update your information. We will use the notification system to send alerts regarding school closures and any other event deemed an emergency by the school district. It will also be used to send out information that may not be an emergency. We will utilize the system to get out information quickly. We sent out a message the 1st week of August. If you did not receive that message please let us know and If you know of someone who wishes to be on our list please have them contact the Bruning office 353-4685 or Davenport office 364-2225. *Mr. Kolin Haecker, Superintendent*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: In the age of information, almost everything is done electronically. For staff, much of our communication is done digitally; this includes communicating with parents. Fortunately, there are teaching tools that make corresponding electronically much easier. Five examples of tools that staff utilize regularly are: Email, PowerSchool, BrightArrow, Facebook, and our district website.

In a 2020 district survey, 96.5% of the respondents rated our district positively in terms of communication within the community, noting that B-D USD excels at providing information in a timely manner through multiple channels; including automated calls and emails. To assure that you receive school communications, please take time to confirm your demographic and contact information with the school offices. This includes changes in address, work and cell phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contact information.

It is my personal belief that as a district, we have made tremendous strides in communication over the last several years. In the Fall of 2020, we adopted an all-call system called BrightArrow. The system communicates with Powerschool to send notifications to parents regarding school events, meetings, and cancellations. Additionally, our monthly newsletter continues to be a way to communicate current events, showcase student achievements, and highlight our talented staff who are making a difference

As a district, we utilize Facebook, Twitter, Daily/Weekly Bulletins, BrightArrow, Remind, a monthly newsletter, our district master calendar, and our school website every day. If you haven't taken advantage of our district website, please do so. It has a plethora of district wide information.

This Fall, Bruning-Davenport USD welcomed two new certified staff members and fourteen new students to the district. In meeting them all, I continuously reiterated my method for communicating - that being my open door policy. I keep an open door policy with all stakeholders because in today's age of technology, it's easy to get lost in translation with the written messages. Who hasn't gotten an email or a text message and wondered, "Are they upset?" or my favorite, "I wonder how that information got misconstrued to receive such a response."

In giving building tours to new candidates, families, and students, I explain that all stakeholders can contact me and set up times to come in and visit, as I do share time between both district buildings. By maintaining an open door policy, I aim to address many problems or misconceptions before any misinformation or conflicts arise. Therefore, just as a reminder, whenever there is an issue to address with a stakeholder, I find it best to contact them immediately either by telephone or in person.

My approach boils down to three steps:

- 1) Always keep in contact with stakeholders. Work together to help diffuse the problem.
- 2) If there is a difficult situation, listen to them first and try to diffuse the problem. I try to be compassionate but not defensive.
- 3) Continual communication is essential. Oftentimes, problems don't go away. Additional updates and communication is essential in moving forward.

We are fortunate to have so many tools at our fingertips, literally. However, as we begin another successful year at Bruning-Davenport, I would like to invite you to choose the form of communication that will allow you to partner with your students' teachers and the district the best. Remember, we are in the age of information and information and communication are a two-way street. We must work together to continue to build and improve our district partnership. *Mr. Damen Kugel, Principal*

What's Happening @ Your Library: The first full week of school has arrived and our students are coming in to find something to read. It's great to see the smiles on their faces this year! New books were bought and cataloged over the summer so they will be making their way to the shelves soon. As a reminder, elementary and middle school books check out for 2 weeks at a time, so if your student forgets it's library day that's okay...just bring it next time. :) High school books generally check out for 4 weeks at a time. As long as someone isn't waiting to read the book, any book can be renewed to give your student the chance to finish it. Watch the daily announcements for an up to date list on overdue books throughout the year. Remember, fines are assessed only if the book is lost or damaged to the point it cannot be repaired and checked out by someone else. Thanks for supporting the readers in our district...Readers Are Leaders! Mrs. Schweer & Mrs. Dolniczek

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grade	Name	Date	Grade	Name	Date
6	Collin Schoenholz	1	5	Rylan Trapp	15
	Denise McGinley	2		Chirs Ardissono	15
	Dean Dirks	4	6	Wyatt Durflinger	17
	Kolin Haecker	7	9	Alexis Hergott	22
10	Wyatt Ozenbaugh	7		DeEtta Chirstensen	23
2	Asher Peterson	8		Megan Frerichs	25
4	Hayden Schlichtman	9		Melinda Kerwood	28
k	Tinsley Rundback	14	6	Anthony Nutsch	28
k	Weston Voss	14	4	Cagney Mussman	29



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Seniors...tasks for this fall! 1. Sign up for a MyEducationQuest account, if you haven't already. This will give you access to several tools including: Activities Resume, College Profiles, ScholarshipQuest, and Timelines.

Sign up for Countdown2College email service on Educationquest.org. You will learn what you should do each month to prepare for college.

Make sure you are on track to meet graduation and college admission requirements.

2. **Attend one of the Virtual College Fairs**

October 12: 9 a.m. - noon CT (Senior College Planning Live Presentation at 10:00 am)

November 10: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. CT (Successful Essay Tips Live Presentation at 7:00 pm)

December 8: 9 a.m. - noon CT (How to Earn Scholarships Presentation Live at 10:00)

You can register for virtual events at eqf.org/collegefair.

3. **Apply to your top college choices.** Bruning - Davenport High School will be hosting an APPLY2COLLEGE Event on September 21, 2021, during 5th period. All seniors will be applying to at least one college. **Information and College Application Checklist will be mailed and emailed to parents and students.** This will help students be prepared for the event.

4. **Attend the EducationQuest Virtual Financial Aid Program Webinars** - You'll learn about the types of Financial Aid and how to complete the FAFSA.

September: Financial Aid Programs (traditional financial aid program - types of financial and the process - 1 hr)

October: FAFSA Tutorial (line by line review of FAFSA and commonly missed questions - 30 min -)

November: FAFSA Tutorial and FAFSA Follow - up (what to expect after the FAFSA is completed - 30 min)

All events will be virtual. Each event will be held on multiple dates and times to accommodate families' schedules. You can register for virtual events at eqf.org/webinar. Miss Hoffman has this information the bulletin board in the student lounge. FAFSA opens October 1. You can also register for a Financial Aid Program Scholarship!

5. **Create a Federal Student Aid account at studentaid.gov** (both you and a parent will need an account). This is the site you will use to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

6. **Complete the FAFSA at studentaid.gov on or after October 1.** The FAFSA is your application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid. **Free tools to prepare for and complete the form are available at educationquest.org, Miss Hoffman's Bulletin Board, and will be emailed to seniors and senior parents.**

7. **Expect a student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link.** The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received, and informs you if you need to take further action before your FAFSA can be processed.

8. **Retake the ACT.** Colleges use your best score for college admissions and scholarship consideration. December ACT is the cut off to take for most scholarship deadlines. ACT Dates can be found in your student handbook, bulletin board

Juniors...tasks for this fall! 1. **Stay on Track to Meet College Admission Requirements.** Meet with Miss Hoffman to determine what courses you will need to take. Keep in mind that college admission requirements may differ from high school graduation requirements.

2. **Take the PSAT Exam.** All Juniors will be taking the PSAT on October 13 at Bruning - Davenport. The results will determine if you qualify for a National Merit Scholarship. Juniors, make sure to sign into your On To College: John Baylor account, there is a Quick Power Prep course. This will help you become more successful.

3. **Focus on Your Career Interest.** Take career assessments. Miss Hoffman has shared many resources with you. Check your google drive for a folder labeled: Career Education. Explore career options of your top choice. Job Shadow your top career interest.

4. **Research Colleges That Interest You.** Talk to college reps who visit Bruning-Davenport. Make sure to check the daily bulletin to see what times and dates they will be arriving. Review college websites, and use College Profiles at EducationQuest.org to find schools that offer your desired major, location, size, and other criteria.

5. **Create an Activities Resume** if you haven't done so yet. Miss Hoffman has many examples. Nebraska Career Connections and EducationQuest has templates available, as well.

6. **Sign Up for a MyEducationQuest Account** if you haven't already. This will give you access to several tools including: Activities Resume, College Profiles, Timelines, etc. Sign up for Countdown2College email service. You will learn what you should do each month to prepare for college.

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades to State Fair	2 JH VB @ E-M 1:00PM HS VB Tri Hampton/E-M @ Shickley 5:00/7:00PM	3 Band to State Fair HS FB vs. Johnson-Brock @ Shickley 3:00PM Shickley Homecoming	4 ACT TEST DATE Band to Milo Days @ Carlton
5	6 No School	7 Teacher Inservice JH FB @ Law/Nel 4:00PM JV FB vs. E-M/Friend @ Friend 6:00PM	8	9 JH VB @ Hampton 2:30 HS VB vs. Superior @ Shickley (R, JV, V) 5/6/7	10 HS VB vs. FCSH @ Bru (JV,R) 5:30PM HS FB vs. FCSH @ Bru 7:00PM	11 BDS Reserve Tounney @ Shickley 9:00
12	13 MUDECAS VB @ TBD JH/JV FB vs. Blue Hill @ Shickley 5:00/6:30	14 HS VB @ Cross Co. (JV, V) 6/7	15	16 MUDECAS VB @ TBD JH VB MacCool Jct @ Shickley 1:00	17 HS FB @ High Plains 7PM	18
	School Board Mtg 7:30PM @ Bru					
19	20 Fall FCCLA Leadership Workshop	21	22 JH VB @ Meridian 1:00	23 HS VB vs. Meridian @ Shickley (JV,V) 6/7	24 HS FB @ Blue Hill 7:00PM	25 JV VB Tounney @ Meridian 9:00AM
	JH VB vs. Sandy Creek @ Shickley 4PM JH FB @ Meridian 5:30PM HS VB Tri Thayer Central @ Sandy Creek (JV) 6:00/7:00	HS VB Tri NE Lutheran @ Shelby-RC (V) 5/6				
26	27 JH & JV FB Cross Co @ Bru 4:30/6:30 JH VB @ Fillmore Central 4:30 HS VB vs. Centennial @ Shickley (R,JV) 5:30	28 JH VB Dorchester @ Shickley 1:00 HS VB @ Southern (JV,V) 6/7	29	30 HS VB Tri Blue Hill @ Gilmer (V) 5/6		
Notes: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE						

LUNCH MENU



September 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Chicken Strips FF Corn Dinner Roll Salad Bar	2 Hot Ham & Cheese Smiley Fries Strawberries Salad Bar	3 Hamburger Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Salad Bar	4
	 5	7 NO SCHOOL	8 Cheddar Brats on a Bun FF Broccoli Salad Bar	9 Beef N' Noodles Carrots Cookie Salad Bar	10 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Hashbrowns Grapes Salad Bar	11
	6 12	14 Flying Saucers Muffin Peas Salad Bar	15 Turkey Club Wrap Lettuce/Cheese FF Brownie Salad Bar	16 Shredded Beef on a Bun Chips Baked Beans Salad Bar	17 Chicken Nuggets Tater tots Bread Slice Salad Bar	18
	13 Pizza Bake Lettuce Salad Watermelon Garlic Bread Salad Bar	21 Meatball Sub Peas Pineapple Salad Bar	22 Tatertot Casserole Corn Bread Salad Bar	23 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Breadstick Salad Bar	24 Meaty Nachos Lettuce/Salsa Green Beans Garlic Bread Salad Bar	25
	19 	20 Cheeseburger Macaroni Carrot Sticks Dinner Roll Salad Bar	28 Chicken Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Slice Salad Bar	30 Pancakes Sausage Hashbrowns Juice Cup Salad Bar		
	26	27 Crispitos Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Green Beans Churro Salad Bar	29 Hamburgers on a Bun Cheese Potatoes Baked Beans Salad Bar			
	Davenport: --F/V Bar Available Daily --Chef Salad Meal Options 5-8 Only & Adults	 NEBRASKA BEEF	GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY	*Menu Subject to Change* *Second Entrée -- \$1.00* *EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER		

August, 2021 General Fund Checks

Internal Revenue Service	34,598.43	Kelch Plumbing, Htg & Refrigeration	819.60
Nebraska Department of Revenue	5,485.44	KGP Yards	468.00
Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Sy:	30,663.35	KSB School Law, LLO	156.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	3,960.40	Lichti Oil	155.91
AFLAC	258.96	Lichti's Inc	1,154.85
American Funds Service Company	400.00	Literacy Resources, LLC	625.16
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	231.24	Loup Valley Lighting, Inc	695.25
Blue Cross Blue Shield	46,736.07	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	58.21
Colonial Life	40.48	McGraw Hill School Education LLC	2,941.38
Cornerstone Bank	1,968.85	Mid-American Research Chemical	140.01
Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	459.52	Mierau & Co., P.C.	625.00
Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	850.00	Miller Seed & Supply Company, Inc.	130.00
Kathleen A. Laughlin	531.00	Momar, Inc.	461.76
Payflex Account #304734	1,083.33	Nancy Larson Publishers, Inc.	4,042.50
Putnam Investor Services	100.00	Nasco	29.95
Becker's School Supplies	313.20	Noel Lawn Care	530.10
Black Hills Energy	1,477.00	Norris Public Power	1,826.05
Bruning Grocery	40.16	Nutrien Ag Solutions	538.19
Bruning Lumber Co.	672.12	PayFlex Systems USA, Inc.	150.00
Bruning Motor Services	3,184.64	Pioneer Manufacturing Co	1,059.30
Burton Enterprises, LLC	29.50	Pitney Bowes Financial Services	108.45
By Design Printing	278.23	Really Good Stuff, Inc.	318.16
C J Tire Co.	355.33	Scholastic, Inc.	1,046.21
Cengage Learning	41.80	School Mate	605.00
Coach Master's, Inc.	6,034.39	Sterling Computers Corporation	330.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	232.49	Sweetwater	352.01
Davenport Building Supply	188.69	SYNCB/Amazon	1,296.29
Davenport Transition Fund	4,211.80	Teacher Direct	63.92
Dean Dirks	47.90	The Garbage Company South	575.00
DEMCO	144.22	The Hebron Journal Register	85.04
Eakes Office Plus	1,235.80	Tom's Music House	815.00
Ecolab Pest Elimination	175.16	Truck Center Companies	968.16
Educational Coordinating Council	943.00	Unite Private Networks, LLC	2,139.81
Educational Service Unit #2	240.00	Verizon Wireless	47.64
Educational Service Unit #5	18,509.62	Village of Bruning	1,019.90
Educational Service Unit #6	9,992.79	Village of Davenport	1,892.45
Evan-Moor	119.96	Wells Fargo Payment Remittance	254.85
Filewave, Inc.	103.50	Wells Fargo Payment Remittance	1,827.05
Flinn Scientific Inc	382.50	West Music	59.99
Geneva Home Center	28.91	Windstream	423.41
Heartland Communications, LLC	387.50		
Holiday Inn	499.80	TOTAL PAYABLE CHECKS	218,415.44
Hometown Leasing	1,391.26	PAYROLL CHECKS	106,716.60
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	253.98		325,132.04
Kansas City Audio-Visual	8,697.56		

President Michael Schroeder called the Policy Hearing to order at 7:34 pm. Superintendent Haecker reviewed the policies that were on the agenda. There were not any guests at the meeting so therefore no public comment was given. The Hearing adjourned at 7:34 pm.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on August 9, 2021. Pursuant to laws and notices posted at Bruning-Davenport Schools, Cornerstone Bank, Bruning State Bank, Bruning Post Office, Davenport Post Office, and also published in The Hebron Journal Register, on August 2, 2021; all proceedings were taken while meeting was open to the public. The minutes will be published in The Hebron Journal Register.

President Michael Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. Unified members present were Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, Sheri Norder, and Ryne Philippi. Local Board members present were Jerry Baysinger, Sarah Bolte, Ryan Miller, and Kevin Parks. Also present were Superintendent Kolin Haecker, Principal Damen Kugel, and Sara Dierking.

Heff Hoins moved to excuse the absence of Unified Board Member Dan Domeier. Seconded by Sheri Norder.

President Schroeder recognized the Open Meeting Act.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of July 12, 2021 Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report and August claims. Ryne Philippi made the motion to approve the Consent Agent as presented, and seconded by Hoins.

Principal Kugel reported on the following items: He attended the Instructional Leadership Conference in June, attended Administrator Days in July, updated a couple of 504 plans per new board policy, updates on PreK -12 enrollment, substitutes, Steering Committee, PBIS, new Certified Staff, and concluded with upcoming events.

Superintendent Haecker reported on the following: Interlocal agreements for tech services, BDS Handbook, the Coop expense, a thank you to all the staff who worked in the building to get everything ready for the new school year, safety and security signs will be installed in August, and confirmed a census of August 23, at 6:30 pm for the Budget Workshop in Bruning. He finalized his report with a few discussion items, and financials.

Discussion Items:

- A. With brief discussion and consideration, on a Safe Return to school, no public comment was given. A motion was made by Jamie Koch to extend the employer-paid sick leave for Covid (10 days) for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was seconded by Hoins. (Roll Call vote 3 yes / Norder & Philippi abstaining in which motion was approved).
- B. ESSER III / Public Comment – No public comment was given.
- C. After discussion, Philippi moved to approve Policy 5014 (Homeless Students), and Policy 5064 (Title 1 Supplement/Not Supplant), seconded by Norder. (Roll Call 5-0)
- D. After discussion, Koch moved to approve the purchase of a couple of new vans at an estimated cost of \$65,000.00. Motion was seconded by Philippi. (Roll Call 5-0)

New Business: (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 5-0 unless noted.)

- A. Hoins moved to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with ESU 5 for elementary Science services, seconded by Norder.
- B. Koch moved to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with Jefferson County for attendance services, seconded by Philippi.
- C. Motion was made by Hoins to approve the BDS Athletic/Activity Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Koch.
- D. Norder moved to approve the BDS Coop expenses (\$6,709.44) payable to Shickley School. The motion was seconded by Philippi.
- E. Koch moved to approve the Classified Substitute pay to \$15.00/hour, seconded by Hoins.
- F. Motion to approve the Teacher/Classified Handbook for the school year of 2021-2022 was made by Hoins, seconded by Koch. (Roll Call vote 4 yes / Norder abstaining)
- G. Koch moved to approve the Attendance Policy (5001), Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education (5018), the Student Fee policy (5045), Student Bullying (5054), and District Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement (5057). The motion was seconded by Norder.
- H. Hoins made a motion to approve Beth Ardissono(Davenport site) and Ruth Kowalski(Bruning site) as teachers in charge when administration is out of the District. The motion was seconded by Philippi.

Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm

Sara Dierking, Recording Secretary

BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.
NEWSLETTER
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