

# BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

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

**F**ROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: It's been a rough start to the school year. The students are slowly adapting and processing. We hope to have a nurse on board soon. Still processing paperwork.

A couple points of emphasis will be cell phone policy: Having student phones turned in at the beginning of the day and receiving them back at the end of the day. Another is arrival time: we have a few students showing up pretty early in the morning.

Overall it is going very well. My wife and I have been very warmly welcomed by the communities and are settling in nicely.

*Mr. Kelly Lampe, Superintendent*

**F**ROM THE PRINCIPAL: For the past several years as a teacher, I taught the novel, *Tuesdays with Morrie*, to my seniors. This book is true story of a man who had been a college professor, but later in life was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as ALS. Throughout the last months of his life, he met with his former student every Tuesday, who wrote the book and considered it Morrie's last thesis. It was at these meetings that Morrie taught Mitch his aphorisms, or lessons, that helped guide his life. As I reflect on this last month, one of these aphorisms listed in the book keeps coming to my mind - Accept what you are able to do and what you are not able to do.

Starting a new position is exciting, but I realize there is much more to learn. It is not easy to admit that I do not know everything, and I accept that I may need help from others. The beginning of this school year has been unlike any other I have experienced in my 15+ years in education. Yes, of course part of it is because I have started in a new position, but it also has to do with all that has happened to our community and our school district, our family, within the last few weeks. I have witnessed so many people, kids and adults alike, come together to show support to one another, unlike I have ever seen. While the situation is so difficult to handle, I am extremely grateful for the BD family around me. Together we will get through this tough time. It has been so exciting to see familiar faces and some new faces, but it is not without some tears that we look forward to what the school year has to bring us.

Being part of Bruning-Davenport means you are not just another number, but instead, part of a family. We learn reading, writing, and arithmetic together (along with many other subjects!) but also while we are learning those things, we are building relationships to make our community even stronger. We are blessed to be here! *Mrs. Kowalski, Principal, Bruning Site*

**F**ROM THE PRINCIPAL: When I left Davenport after my interview back in March, I knew that if I was offered the position, that I didn't even have to think about my answer. The answer would be yes. After one month officially on the job, that feeling has not changed. I get to work with a great Admin Team, great teachers and staff, and great students and serve for two great communities.

As the school year has begun, I am reminded of how resilient kids can be. They have handled a tragic situation very well. Coming in as an outsider, I have been impressed with how the communities have come together to support one another as well. That is one of many reasons why I choose to work in small towns, they definitely take care of each other.

Junior High sports are in full swing. The volleyball and football teams have been working hard in practice even in this heat wave! I can't wait to see them in action starting next week! Go Eagles!

Parents, please make sure you are talking to your kids about things going on in school! Keep on them about getting work done and on time, it will make their life so much easier. Please keep an eye on their grades as well and if they are struggling make sure they are seeking help from their teachers. We have an amazing staff that is always willing to help! If we can work together as a team (parents and school), it will benefit your student!

I look forward to getting to know your students better and getting to meet many more of you from the communities as school activities hit full swing! *Mr. Wagner, Principal, Davenport Site*

**A** **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CLASS:** The Senior class visited the Thayer County Museum and toured an exhibit on the history of civic participation in America. They learned about how voting rights have expanded over the country's history, the role protests have played in our freedom, and how the Constitution has changed over time. It was a great experience for them as they begin to learn about American government in their senior year.



**F** **FA Update:** The Bruning-Davenport FFA chapter has been staying busy throughout the summer into the month of August. In June, seven of our members helped sell hamburgers and hot dogs at Ohioa Days to help raise money for the park fundraiser. All proceeds went towards the park fundraiser. In the month of July, most of our members set up at the park in Davenport to serve meals during Achievement Days. We cooked hot dogs and hamburgers and served chips, dessert, and a drink. During the Thayer County Fair, members showed cattle, poultry, sheep, and goats in the FFA show. JessaLynn Hudson was Champion Senior Beef Showman and Toby Voss was Champion Junior Beef Showman. JessaLynn was also awarded Champion FFA Breeding Heifer. In the poultry show, Braelynn Renz was Reserve Senior Showman and Champion eggs. During the FFA sheep and goat show, Addilyn Crockett earned Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showman, Champion Senior Goat Showman, Reserve Champion Breeding Sheep, and Champion Breeding Goat. Some of these members will take their animals to the Nebraska state fair later this month. Bruning-Davenport FFA also participated in the county fair parade, worked the dunk tank, and ran the Farm Bureau



Meet your FFA 2023-2024 Officer Team: President- Wyatt Ozenbaugh, Vice President- Eli Weber, Secretary- Tanner Bolte, Treasurer- Gatlin Hinrichs, Sentinel- Jaron Norder, Reporter- Peyton Domeier, Parliamentarian- Braelynn Renz, Historian- Kinzley Bohling



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grade	Name	Date
8	Collin Schoenholz	1
	Denise McGinley	2
PreK	Hadley Miller	4
	Dean Dirks	4
12	Wyatt Ozenbaugh	7
4	Asher Peterson	8
6	Hayden Schlichtman	9
2	Weston Voss	14
7	Rylan Trapp	15



Grade	Name	Date
	Chris Aridsson	15
7	Kenyon Hall	15
PreK	Maddix Thomsen	16
11	Alexis Hergott	22
	DeEtta Christensen	23
PreK	Grahm Holtzen	28
PreK	Stella Bentley	28
	Melinda Kerwood	28
6	Cagney Mussman	29



ANNOUNCING OUR SPRING

# Scholastic Book Fair

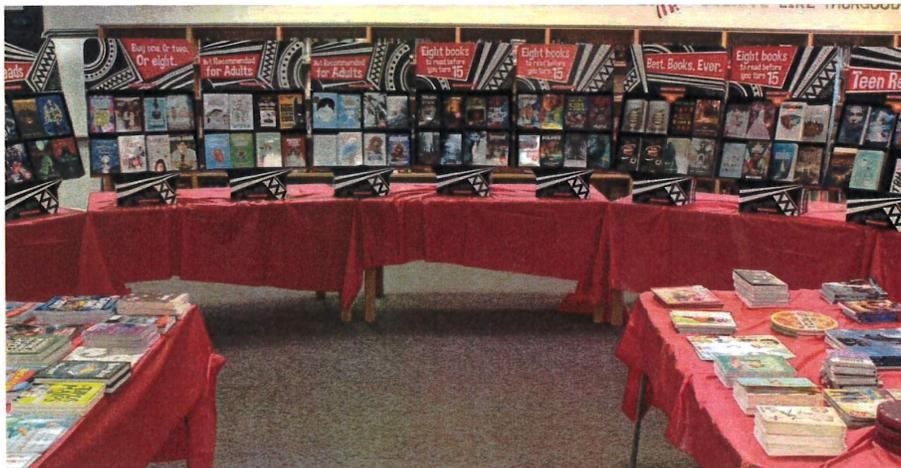


**Come support the love of reading and  
our school libraries!**

**OCTOBER 2-5, 2023  
AT THE BRUNING BUILDING**

**OR**

**ONLINE BY USING THE QR CODE ABOVE**



**CONTACTLESS PAYMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE!  
WE'LL BE OPEN DURING P-T CONFERENCES SO STOP IN &  
SEE US! ALL PURCHASES DIRECTLY BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL  
LIBRARIES!**

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

8/14/23

7404	Internal Revenue Service	41,172.48	18766	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co	11,391.26
7405	Nebraska Department of Revenue	6,775.99	18767	Jefferson Community Health & Life	80.00
7406	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	34,178.40	18768	Krest Contractors, Inc.	472.50
18730	AFLAC	306.15	18769	Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC	1,240.83
18731	American Funds Service Company	800.00	18770	Lerner Publishing Group	419.33
18732	Ameritas Life Insurance	242.04	18771	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	37.44
18733	Blue Cross Blue Shield	58,467.72	18772	McGraw Hill School Education LLC	394.20
18734	Blue Cross Blue Shield (10 Month)	1,746.18	18773	Mierau & Co., Inc	675.00
18735	Cornerstone Bank	1,989.23	18774	NE Council of School Administrators	215.00
18736	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	499.13	18775	Nick's Farm Store	936.01
18737	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	1,150.00	18776	Noel Lawn Care	907.88
18738	PayFlex Account #304734	275.00	18777	Norris Public Power District	1,781.29
18739	Putnam Investor Services	100.00	18778	Nutrien Ag Solutions	113.94
18740	Barb Williams	76.40	18779	Pay Flex Systems Inc	150.00
18741	Becker's School Supplies	160.18	18780	Pioneer Manufacturing Co	1,411.75
18742	Black Hills Energy	1,769.00	18781	Pitney Bowes Financial Services	108.45
18743	Bruning Grocery Inc	9.10	18782	Precision Signs & Graphics, LLC	1,392.50
18744	Bruning Lumber Co.	554.36	18783	Really Good Stuff, Inc	625.82
18745	Bruning Motor Service	987.60	18784	School Specialty LLC	2,144.80
18746	Bruning Transition Fund	336.00	18785	SchoolMate	107.98
18747	Bruning-Davenport USD Nutrition Fund	25,000.00	18786	Shickley Lumber Co.	49.99
18748	Burton Enterprises, LLC	29.50	18787	The Garbage Company South	590.00
18749	Coach Master's, Inc.	3,917.01	18788	The Hebron Journal Register	72.24
18750	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	238.13	18789	Tom's Music House	2,035.00
18751	Davenport Building Supply	325.55	18790	Victory Too Graphics	50.40
18752	Davenport Transition Fund	2,444.34	18791	Village of Bruning	909.66
18753	Decker Equipment, Inc	1,021.91	18792	Village of Davenport	1,802.30
18754	Eakes Office Plus	20,922.40	18793	Wells Fargo Remittance Center	4,278.27
18755	Ecolab Pest Elimination	196.79	18794	Wells Fargo Remittance Center	40.75
18756	Educational Service Unit #6	9,014.23	18795	Western Oil II LLC	1,273.50
18757	Eric Armin Inc	19.90	18796	Windstream	476.37
18758	FES	1,820.00			
18759	Flood Communications	191.00		<b>Payable Checks</b>	<b>257,257.31</b>
18760	Galaway's Garage	276.59		<b>Payroll</b>	<b>126,176.02</b>
18761	Geyer Instructional Products	165.00		<b>Total</b>	<b>383,433.33</b>
18762	Gumdrop Books	1,350.53			
18763	Heartland Communications, LLC	175.00			
18764	Hearland Roofing Consultants	978.75			
18765	Hometown Leasing	1,391.26			

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on August 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 August 10, 2023; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Ryne Philippi, and Brad Williams. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Ruth Kowalski, Principal Jonathon Wagner, Sara Dierking, Leisa Bohling, and Bryon Schoenhals.

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

A parent spoke during the public forum.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, July 10, 2023, Unified Board meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, and the August claims. Sarah Krehnke moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Sheri Norder. Roll call vote (6-0)

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

- A. Leisa Bohling of Cornerstone Bank presented a change that was needed to the School Resolution for signature signers. Jamie Koch moved to approve 1 signature signer in lieu of 2 on the bank accounts. Jeff Hoins seconded the motion.
- B. Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder, to accept the resignation of Angela Brase the School Nurse.
- C. Hoins moved to approve the Lease Agreement for Kindercare Academy. Ryan Miller seconded the motion.
- D. Hoins moved to approve the changes presented to the Student Handbook, seconded by Koch.

**Discussion Items:**

- A. SRO Officer - Consensus was not to proceed forward
- B. Budget Workshop will be August 28th, 2023 with a Unified Special Meeting.

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following – Working on Budget figures - valuations from Nuckolls came in with growth value and is expecting the other counties to be the same - with this said there could be a possibility of lowering the school levy - he presented the budget with initial figures.

Principal Kowalski and Principal Wagner reported on the 1st day of school - An assembly was held at both schools first thing in the morning - counselors and pastors were brought in for the students and staff for any grievance matters - High School clubs met with the sponsors - Middle School had activities and the elementary acclimated well.

Hoins moved, seconded by Norder to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

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Sara Dierking, Recording Secretary

# LUNCH MENU



# September 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	6 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Chips	7 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	8 Taterrot Casserole Green Beans Buttered Bread	9 
10	4 Chicken Fajitas Lettuce/Salsa/ Refried Beans Churros	12 Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll	13 Turkey Bacon on a Croissant California Blend Chips	14 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Peas Cookie	15 BBQ Meatballs Baked potato Green Beans	16
17	11 Grilled chicken on a Bun Taterrots Broccoli	19 Homemade hamburger pizza Romaine Salad Breadstrik	20 Roast beef on Flatbread Baked Beans Chips	21 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll	22 Crispitos Spanish Rice Lettuce Rice Krispy Bar	23
2	25 Walking Taco Lettuce/Cheese Corn Cookie	26 Chinese Chicken Rice Broccoli	27 Beef Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll	28 Ham Cheesy Potatoes Cornbread Muffin	29 Chicken Alfredo Peas Breadstrik	30 
	Bruning: --F/V Bar --Salad Bar Available Daily	= <b>NEBRASKA 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

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> HS FB vs. Superior @ Shickley 7:00PM Shickley Homecoming	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Labor Day No School	<b>5</b> Teacher In-Service No School JH FB @ Law/Nel 4:00PM HS VB @ Cross Co.6/7:00PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Picture Day JH VB @ Hampton 4:00PM VB vs. Superior @ Shickley R,J,V 5/6/7PM	<b>8</b> HS FB vs. Blue Hill @ Bru 3PM BD Homecoming	<b>9</b> Marching band to Milo Days
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> MUDECAS VB	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> DIBELS TESTING	<b>14</b> MUDECAS VB JH VB vs. McCool Jct @ Shickley 1:00PM JH FB @ Sandy Creek 4:00PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BDS JV/Reserve VB Tourney @ Shickley 9:00AM
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4th grade to Ag Venture Day FFA to Ag Venture Day JH & JV FB vs. Blue Hill @ Bru 5:00/6:30PM	<b>19</b> MUDECAS VB JH FB @ Meridian 5:30PM VB Tri Sandy Creek @ Thayer Central JV 6/7:00PM	<b>20</b> Husker Harvest Days - FFA JH VB @ Meridian 1:00PM FFA Range Judging	<b>21</b> JH VB vs. Meridian 1:00PM JH FB @ Sandy Creek 4:00PM	<b>22</b> HS FB vs. Lourdes Central Catholic @ Peru St. college 7:00PM	<b>23</b> JV VB tourney @ Meridian 9AM
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> JH FB @ Meridian 5:30PM VB Tri Sandy Creek @ Thayer Central JV 6/7:00PM	<b>26</b> JH FB vs. Dorchester @ Shickley 1:00PM JV FB @ Cross Co. 6:30PM VB @ Southern JV,V 6/7:00PM	<b>27</b> JH VB @ Meridian 1:00PM FFA Range Judging	<b>28</b> JH VB vs. Meridian 5:30PM VB Meridian @Shickley R,J,V,V 5/6/7:00PM	<b>29</b> HS VB @ FCSH Res 5:30PM HS FB vs. FCSH @Falls city 7:PM	<b>30</b> JV VB tourney @ Meridian 9AM

August '23

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October '23

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ALL DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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NEWSLETTER  
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BOXHOLDER/RURAL PATRON