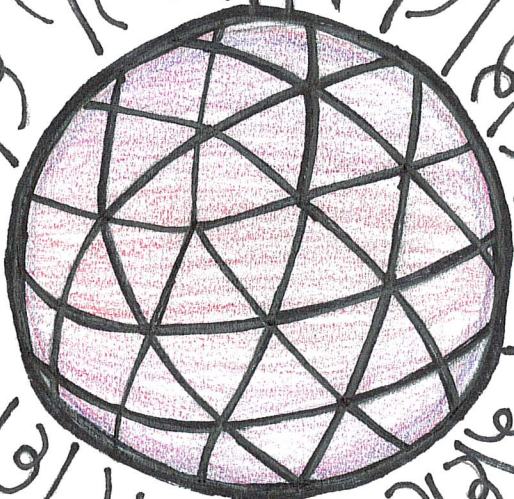


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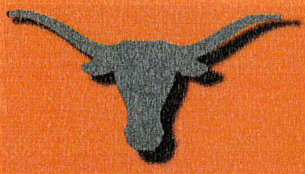
Cogswell Comments
(January)

It is a great time to reflect on the past year and what we hope to accomplish in the next as we welcome in the 2024 New Year. I have been extremely thankful for the opportunity to be part of the Dorchester Longhorn Family this year. The school district and community of Dorchester have a very bright future in store. One resolution that I hope everyone adopts this upcoming year is to take more time to spend with those special people in your lives. We all need to put down our cell phones a little more often and communicate with each other in person. As each year comes and goes you truly realize just how fast time does pass.

I got the opportunity to attend the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals Awards Luncheon in Lincoln to watch Mr. Wiese receive the State "New Principal of the Year" award. This is great recognition for Mr. Wiese and Dorchester Public Schools. In his acceptance speech Mr. Wiese share his appreciation for the school, staff, students and community. It is great to see this type of recognition coming to our staff members – it speaks highly of our district.

January is filled with a number of extra-curricular activities. I would like to wish Ms. Hrdlicka and our Speech Students the best of luck as they begin their season. Dorchester is fortunate to have a number of talented students in both athletics and the fine arts. Let me encourage you to come out and support our students as they participate in these activities. I know that our students appreciate having people in attendance as they participate.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of any help to you or your family. My best to the entire Longhorn Family as we begin the New Year.



Wiese's Pieces



January 1, 2024

Happy New Year! With the first semester behind us, we are full-steam ahead onto the second semester! Here are some things coming up and some things we've been up to!

January is National School Board Appreciation Month! As citizens who serve communities and school districts, school board members face complex issues and challenges. Like our board members, school board members are often unpaid volunteers who choose to serve and come together to support students and families. At DPS, we are blessed to have a progressive school board dedicated to making decisions in the best interests of children. Thank you to Steve Vyhnaek, Matt Hansen, Carol Schnell, Kelli Schweitzer, Mike Hatfield, and Shelly Lehr for all you do!

NAEP Testing – Dorchester High School has been randomly selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This testing is for students in 8th grade. Students will randomly be assigned either a reading or a math test that will last about an hour. This test will be administered on February 22nd. If you are the parent of an 8th grade student, you will receive a letter in the mail with more information. Families can opt out of the testing if they prefer. To do so, they must notify the school no later than January 31, 2024.

Law Enforcement Appreciation – National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is January 9th. We appreciate our strong relationship with the Saline County Sheriff's Office, who not only provide our outstanding resource officer, Jen Warning, but also help us keep our school safe in a number of ways. One important aspect SCSO helps us with is in running lockdown and lockout drills. These drills help us practice what to do in an emergency situation and also draw our attention to things we might be missing. Thank you SCSO for all you do and a big shoutout to Deputy Jen Warning. Thanks for helping keep us safe!

Thank You for a Great First Semester! Thank you, students, families, and staff, for a great first semester! A wise old administrator once told me that education is like a 3-legged stool, with the child, the family, and the school each having a leg. If one leg is not doing its job, the stool cannot stand. Education is a team effort and we all play a part. One could simply scroll back through the school's Facebook page to see all the great achievements our students have had over the last 4 months. If you're reading this newsletter, then chances are you played a part in some of those achievements as part of the three-legged stool! Thank you!

Jake Wiese
PK-12 Principal

Important Dates / Reminders

January 1 and 2: NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

January 3: NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development @ Exeter-Milligan

January 4: Classes Resume



A.D. NEWS

Brent Zoubek

WINTER SPORTS

The winter sports season is in full swing. Both basketball teams are improving with every game they play. Their schedule will get extremely busy in January. The wrestlers have been working hard as well. They are steadily improving every tournament. Check the schedule or the school calendar and come out and support the basketball and wrestling teams!

THANK YOU

I would like to sincerely say "Thank you" to ALL the booster members and student-athletes who helped at the Dorchester Booster Club Junior High Basketball Tournament we hosted on December 2. Special thanks to Mrs. Bird for organizing a signup sheet and setting up the concession stand. Thanks to everyone who helped with clean up. I had several compliments from coaches and fans that it was a well-run tournament. We couldn't do it without everyone that helped. Thanks again!

JV & VARSITY BASKETBALL TIMES

Please watch our Facebook page or check with your child on start times of JV and Varsity games. Start times will depend on how many quarters of JV we play or can play. It will change throughout the season. Thank you.

YOUTH WINTER SPORTS NIGHT JANUARY 11TH

On Thursday, January 11th, all youth who are involved in youth basketball and wrestling will receive free admission into the home basketball games vs East Butler. The youth will be recognized at halftime of the girls' varsity game. Please plan on attending to help honor these hard-working youth.

WRESTLING PARENTS' NIGHT JANUARY 12TH

Parents' Night will be held on Friday, January 12th. We will honor the parents of all wrestlers. The Longhorns will be playing the Giltner Hornets in basketball with girls' varsity starting at 6:00 and boys' varsity starting at 7:30. We will introduce wrestling parents/guardians at the conclusion of the girls' varsity game.

A Reboot Can Help Students Get Back On The Right Track

When you run into a problem on your laptop or phone, do you ever power it off and restart it? Rebooting a device can help it correct processing issues and work well.

If your child's school year is not going as well as you'd hoped, it may be time to for a reboot, too! Here are a few strategies to help your child get back on track:

- Make change a family affair. If you've decided that your child needs to spend more time doing schoolwork, make study time quiet time for the whole family. You can work on paperwork or read while your child works.
- Replace bad habits. Breaking a habit is hard. It's much easier to put a different habit in its place. If your child is in the habit of playing video games right after school ends for the day, suggest pleasure reading for 30 minutes instead. Your child can still relax—and strengthen reading skills at the same time!
- Get organized. You should be able to find lots of great-looking calendars available on sale this month. Look for one your child will enjoy using. Then instill the habit of writing down responsibilities for home and school. That can help avoid a last-minute panic.
- Celebrate successes. Help your child see the link between the new habits and the results. "You practiced that math and got nine out of 10 correct on the test. That's great!"

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Experts Share Ways To Manage Screen Time

Children are spending more and more time on digital devices. One study found that eight- to 12-year-olds spend an average of 5 hours and 33 minutes a day on recreational screen time—going online, watching TV, playing video games.

While the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend families monitor and manage non-educational screen time, many elementary school students say there are no rules about technology in their homes.

Experts recommend families:

- Set technology curfews. Ask your child to turn off digital devices at least 30 minutes before bedtime.
- Designate screen-free times, such as during family meals and while in the car.
- Offer alternatives. Go on a winter walk. Play cards. Do a craft. Show that there are plenty of ways to have fun—and engage your child’s brain—without sitting in front of a screen.

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Un reinicio puede ayudar a los estudiantes a volver a encaminarse

Quando usted se encuentra con un problema en su computadora portátil o teléfono, ¿alguna vez lo apaga y lo reinicia? Reiniciar un aparato electrónico puede ayudar a corregir los problemas de procesamiento y hacerlo funcionar bien.

Si el año escolar de su hijo no está yendo tan bien como esperaba, tal vez sea el momento de hacer un reinicio. Estas son algunas estrategias que pueden ayudar a su hijo a volver a encaminarse:

- Hacer que el cambio sea un asunto familiar. Si ha decidido que su hijo necesita dedicarles más tiempo a los trabajos escolares, asegúrese de que toda la familia mantenga el silencio mientras su hijo estudia. Usted podría organizar sus papeles o leer mientras su hijo trabaja.
- Reemplazar los malos hábitos. Dejar un hábito es difícil. Es mucho más fácil reemplazarlo por otro. Si su hijo tiene el hábito de jugar a videojuegos después de la escuela, sugiérale que lo reemplace por 30 minutos de lectura por placer. Su hijo aún puede relajarse y, al mismo tiempo, fortalecer sus habilidades de lectura.
- Organizarse. Debería poder encontrar muchos calendarios atractivos disponibles a la venta este mes. Busque uno que a su hijo podría agradarle usar. Luego inculque el hábito de escribir las responsabilidades domésticas y escolares. De esa manera, podría evitar que entre en pánico a último momento.
- Celebrar los logros. Ayude a su hijo a ver la relación entre los nuevos hábitos y los resultados. “Practicaste matemáticas y resolviste nueve de los 10 ejercicios del examen correctamente. ¡Muy bien!”

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Cómo administrar las pantallas según los expertos

Los niños pasan cada vez más tiempo usando aparatos digitales. Un estudio reveló que los niños de entre ocho y 12 años pasan, en promedio, 5 horas y 33 minutos por día frente a la pantalla con fines recreativos, ya sea en internet, mirando televisión o jugando a videojuegos.

Si bien la Academia Americana de Pediatría recomienda a las familias controlar y administrar el tiempo frente a la pantalla con fines no educativos, muchos estudiantes de primaria dicen que no hay reglas sobre la tecnología en sus casas.

Los expertos recomiendan a las familias:

- Limitar el uso de la tecnología. Pídale a su hijo que apague los aparatos electrónicos al menos 30 minutos antes de ir a dormir.
- Designar horarios libres de pantallas, como el horario de comida en familia o los viajes en carro.
- Ofrecer alternativas. Den un paseo invernal. Jueguen a las cartas. Hagan manualidades. Muéstrole a su hijo que hay muchas maneras de divertirse —y usar la mente— sin estar frente a una pantalla.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break JH Boys BB @ Bee TBD	3 Winter Break Teacher In-Service	4 Classes Resume K-12 JH Boys BB @ Bee TBD GJV BB vs. Sterling -? G BB @ Sterling 6:00 pm / B BB 7:30 pm	5 3:35 School Dismissal	5 Girls V Wrestling @ Malcolm HS 9:00 am Boys V Wrestling @ Malcolm 9:00 am Boys JH BB @ Bee TBD JV Tournament @ EMF 9:00 am No GJV vs. College View Academy G BB vs. College View Academy 6:30 pm / B 8:00 pm
7	8 G JH BB @ McCool 12:45 pm / B JH BB @ 2:00 pm Reading Classic 3:40-4:30 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Girls JH BB @ Bee TBD	10 G JH BB @ Bruning 12:45 pm / B JH BB 2:00 pm	11 Girls JH BB @ Bee TBD GJV BB vs. East Butler 5:00 pm G V BB vs. East Butler 6:00 pm / B V BB 7:30 pm	12 2:00 School Dismissal No GJV BB vs. Giltner G V BB vs. Giltner 6:00 pm / B V BB 7:30 pm B & G Wrestling Parent's Night	13 Girls JH BB @ Bee TBD G V Wrestling @ Nebraska City HS 10:00 am B V Wrestling @ Cross County HS 10:00 am
14	15 G JH BB vs. Hampton 12:45 pm / B JH BB 2:00 pm Reading Classic 3:40- 4:30	16 GJV BB @ Cross Coun- ty 5:00 pm G V BB @ Cross County HS 6:00 pm / B V BB 7:30 pm	17 Boys JH BB @ Giltner HS 3:00 pm	18 GJV BB vs. Shelby 5:00 pm G V BB vs. Shelby- Rising City 6:00 pm / B V BB 7:30 pm	19 2:00 School Dismissal G V Wrestling @ Thayer Central HS 2:00 pm B V Wrestling @ Thayer Central HS 2:00 pm	20 G V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD B V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD
21	22 Reading Classic 3:40- 4:30 G V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD B V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD	23 G V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD B V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD	24	25 G V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD B V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD	26 2:00 School Dismissal B V Wrestling @ Freeman HS 3:00 pm / G V Wrestling @ Raymond Central HS 4:00 pm G V BB @ York City Auditorium TBD B V BB @ York City Auditori- um TBD	27 G V Wrestling @ Doniphan/ Trumbull 9:30 am B V Wrestling @ Doniphan/ Trumbull 9:30 am
28	29 CRC JH Vocal Clinic/ Concert @ Meridian	30 GJV BB @ College View Academy - ? G V BB @ College View Academy 5:30 pm/ B V BB 7:00 pm	31			

DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

2023 2024

LONGHORNS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug. 25	St. Edward.....	7pm
Sept. 1	Bye.....	
Sept. 8	@ Red Cloud.....	7pm
Sept. 15	@ Harvard.....	7pm
Sept. 22	Meridian(Homcoming).....	7pm
Sept. 29	@ Sterling.....	7pm
Oct. 6	@ Lewiston.....	3pm
Oct. 13	Parkview Christian(Youth Night).....	7pm
Oct. 20	Pawnee City (Parents/Senior Night).....	7pm
Oct. 27	First Round Playoffs.....	TBD
Nov. 3	Quarterfinal Round.....	TBD
Nov. 10	Semifinal Round.....	TBD
Nov. 17	Finals @ UNK.....	TBD

JR. VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 11	Hampton.....	5:30pm
Sept. 18	Sterling.....	5:30pm
Sept. 25	@ Meridian.....	5:30pm
Oct. 2	Parkview Christian.....	5:30pm

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL

Sept. 11	Hampton.....	4:30 pm
Sept. 18	Sterling.....	4:30 pm
Sept. 25	@ Meridian.....	4:30 pm
Oct. 2	Parkview Christian.....	4:30 pm
Oct. 6	@ Lewiston.....	12:30 pm

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 22	@ Coitstoga (Volleyball Jamboree).....	5:30pm
Aug. 24	@ East Butler.....	6/7pm
Aug. 25	St. Edward.....	4/5pm
Aug. 31	@ Weeping Water/Palmyra.....	5/6pm
Sept. 5	College View Academy.....	5/6pm
Sept. 7	@ Giltner/Hampton.....	5/6pm
Sept. 8	@ Red Cloud.....	4/5pm
Sept. 12	@ Neb. Lutheran/Cedar Bluffs.....	6/7pm
Sept. 15	@ Harvard.....	4/5pm
Sept. 19	@ Osceola.....	6/7pm
Sept. 21	@ Shelby-RC./High Plains.....	5:30/6:30pm
Sept. 23	Nebraska Lutheran Tournament @ Waco.....	9am
Sept. 25	@ Meridian JV.....	5pm
Sept. 26	Sterling.....	6/7pm
Sept. 28	@ Diller-Odell/Meridian.....	5/6pm
Oct. 5	Cross County(Parents/Sr. Night).....	6/7pm
Oct. 7	Booster Club JV Tournament.....	9am
Oct. 9	@ Parkview Christian.....	5/6pm
Oct. 10	BDS/McCool Jct.....	5:30/7:30 pm
Oct. 14-17	CRC Tournament @ York.....	TBD
Oct. 23-24	Subdistricts.....	TBD
Oct. 28	District Finals.....	TBD
Nov. 1-4	State Tournament @ Lincoln.....	TBD

JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 30	Meridian.....	1pm
Sept. 6	Giltner.....	3pm
Sept. 7	@ Harvard.....	3pm
Sept. 14	Crete.....	4pm
Sept. 16	@ Friend Tournament.....	9am
Sept. 19	McCool Junction.....	1pm
Sept. 21	High Plains.....	2pm
Sept. 27	@ BDS.....	1pm
Sept. 30	D-Club Tournament.....	9am
Oct. 2	@ Hampton.....	3pm

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nov. 30	Deshler.....	6pm
Dec. 1	@ Meridian.....	6pm
Dec. 5	High Plains.....	6pm
Dec. 8	BDS.....	6pm
Dec. 12	Harvard.....	6pm
Dec. 14	@ Osceola.....	6pm
Dec. 19	Cedar Bluffs.....	6pm
Dec. 21	@ Heartland Lutheran.....	6pm
Dec. 28	@ Lewiston.....	6pm
Jan. 4	@ Sterling.....	6pm
Jan. 6	@ EMF JV Tourney.....	9am
Jan. 6	College View Academy.....	6:30pm
Jan. 11	East Butler.....	6pm
Jan. 12	Giltner.....	6pm
Jan. 16	@ Cross County.....	6pm
Jan. 18	Shelby-Rising City.....	6pm
Jan. 20-26	CRC Tournament @ York.....	TBD
Jan. 30	@ College View Academy.....	5:30pm
Feb. 1	Nebraska Lutheran.....	6pm
Feb. 6	Hampton.....	5:30pm
Feb. 9	McCool Jct.(Parents/Senior Night).....	6pm
Feb. 12,13, 15	Subdistricts.....	TBD
Feb. 23	Districts.....	TBD
Feb. 28-29, March 1-2	State @ Lincoln.....	TBD

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov. 30	Deshler.....	7:30pm
Dec. 1	@ Meridian.....	7:30pm
Dec. 5	High Plains.....	7:30pm
Dec. 8	BDS.....	7:30pm
Dec. 12	Harvard.....	7:30pm
Dec. 14	@ Osceola.....	7:30pm
Dec. 19	Cedar Bluffs.....	7:30pm
Dec. 21	@ Heartland Lutheran.....	7:30pm
Dec. 28	@ Lewiston.....	7:30pm
Jan. 4	@ Sterling.....	7:30pm
Jan. 6	College View Academy.....	8pm
Jan. 11	East Butler.....	7:30pm
Jan. 12	Giltner.....	7:30pm
Jan. 16	@ Cross County.....	7:30pm
Jan. 18	Shelby-Rising City.....	7:30pm
Jan. 20-26	CRC Tournament @ York.....	TBD
Jan. 30	@ College View Academy.....	7pm
Feb. 1	Nebraska Lutheran.....	7:30pm
Feb. 9	McCool Jct.(Parents/Sr. Night).....	7:30pm
Feb. 16	Hampton.....	5:30pm
Feb. 19,20, 22	Subdistricts.....	TBD
Feb. 27	Districts.....	TBD
Mar. 6-9	State @ Lincoln.....	TBD

JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

Nov. 29	@ Meridian.....	12:45/2pm
Dec. 2	Dorchester Booster Club Tourney.....	9am
Dec. 5	East Butler.....	1/2pm
Dec. 18	High Plains.....	4/5pm
Dec. 20	@ Giltner (Girls Only).....	3pm
Jan. 2,4,6	@ Bee Tournament (Boys Only).....	TBD
Jan. 8	@ McCool Junction.....	12:45/2pm
Jan. 9,11,13	@ Bee Tournament (Girls Only).....	TBD
Jan. 10	@ BDS.....	12:45/2pm
Jan. 15	Hampton.....	12:45/2pm
Jan. 17	@ Giltner (Boys Only).....	3pm
Jan. 27	@ Meridian Tourney.....	9am

VARSITY BOYS WRESTLING

Dec. 2	@ Friend.....	9am
Dec. 9	@ Osceola.....	10am
Dec. 16	@ Johnson County Central.....	9:30am
Jan. 6	@ Malcolm.....	9am
Jan. 13	@ Cross County.....	10am
Jan. 19	@ Thayer Central.....	2pm
Jan. 26	@ Freeman.....	3pm
Jan. 27	@ Doniphan-Trumbull.....	9:30am
Feb. 1	CRC Invite @ East Butler.....	4pm
Feb. 9-10	District Tournament.....	TBD
Feb. 15-17	State Tournament @ Omaha.....	TBD

VARSITY GIRLS WRESTLING

Dec. 1	@ West Point-Beemer.....	2pm
Dec. 9	@ Crete.....	9am
Dec. 15	@ Wahoo.....	4pm
Dec. 16	@ Johnson County Central.....	9:30am
Jan. 6	@ Malcolm.....	9am
Jan. 13	@ Nebraska City.....	10am
Jan. 19	@ Thayer Central.....	2pm
Jan. 26	@ Raymond Central.....	4pm
Jan. 27	@ Doniphan-Trumbull.....	9:30am
Feb. 2-3	District Tournament.....	TBD
Feb. 15-17	State Tournament @ Omaha.....	TBD

JR. HIGH WRESTLING

Nov. 6	@ Friend.....	4 pm
Nov. 14	Dorchester Invite.....	5 pm
Nov. 21	@ Fillmore Central.....	4:30 pm
Nov. 27	@ Wilber-Clatonia.....	6 pm
Dec. 4	@ Tri County.....	6 pm

VARSITY TRACK

Mar. 14	Doane Invite @ Crete.....	10am
Mar. 19	@ Thayer Central Invite.....	11am
Mar. 26	Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend.....	10am
Apr. 3	Mustang Invite @ Friend.....	10am
Apr. 11	Del Wicks Invite @ Deshler.....	10am
Apr. 16	Friend Invite @ Friend.....	10am
Apr. 22	@ McCool Junction.....	9am
April 27	CRC Meet @ Osceola.....	9am
May 2	@ McCool Junction.....	9:30am
May 8	District Meet.....	TBD
May 17-18	State Meet @ Omaha.....	TBD

JR. HIGH TRACK

Mar. 27	Quad @ McCool Junction.....	12pm
Apr. 2	EM Invite @ McCool Junction.....	9:30am
Apr. 4	Relays @ Milford.....	2pm
Apr. 8	Hampton Invite @ McCool Junction.....	9am
Apr. 18	Deshler Invite @ Deshler.....	9am
April 22	Fairbury Invite @ Fairbury.....	1:30am
Apr. 26	CRC Meet @ Cross County.....	9am
May 2	Relays @ McCool Junction.....	9:30am
May 11	State @ Gothenburg.....	TBD

Thanks
to all of our fans!

- Home Games in Bold -

SCHEDULES COMPLIMENTS OF: Tyser Auto Sales • Complete Ag • Schweitzer Farms and Sales • Spring Creek Repair & Farm Supply



January Lunch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 Hamburger Fruit Veggies Fries Milk	5 Cheese bread Pizza Fruit Veggie Milk
8 Cheesy Chicken & Rice Broccoli Fruit Bread Stick Milk	9 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit Fries Milk	10 Chicken Soft Taco Fruit Veggie Rice Milk	11 Sloppy Joe Fruit Veggie Fries Milk	12 Pepperoni Pizza Fruit Veggie Salad Milk
15 Fish Sticks Veggie Fruit Corn Bread Milk	16 Spaghetti Bake Fruit Veggie Garlic Bread Milk	17 Meat Nachos Beans Fruit Shredded lettuce Milk	18 Orange Chicken Fruit Veggie Rice Fortune cookie Milk	19 Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Fruit Veggie Cookie Milk
22 Crisпитos Veggie Fruit Rice Milk	23 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Veggie Sun Chips Milk	24 Chicken Alfredo Fruit Veggie Bread Stick Milk	25 Cheese Burger Fruit Veggie Sweet Potato Fries Milk	26 Taco Pizza Fruit Veggie Salad Milk
29 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Fruit Veggie Frie Milk	30 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Fruit Veggie Roll Milk	31 Walking Taco Black Beans Fruit Rice Milk	<u>Subject to change due to supplying issues</u>	<i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</i>

K-3 Options

Hot meal of the day

Sub Sandwich

Uncrustable

4-6 Options

Hot meal of the day

Cold/Hot Bar

7-12 Options

Hot meal of the day

Cold/Hot Bar



January Breakfast

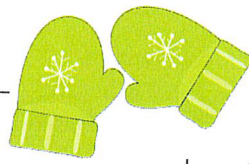


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 Biscuits and Gravy Fruit Milk	5 Pancakes Fruit Milk
8 Combo Bar Fruit Milk	9 Blueberry Waffle Fruit Milk	10 Eggs and Cinnamon Toast Fruit Milk	11 Biscuits and Gravy Fruit Milk	12 Muffin Fruit Milk
15 Combo Bar Fruit Milk	16 Oatmeal Bar Fruit Milk	17 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Milk	18 Biscuits and Gravy Fruit Milk	19 Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk
22 Combo Bar Fruit Milk	23 Hot Oatmeal Fruit Milk	24 Muffin Fruit Milk	25 Biscuits and Gravy Fruit Milk	26 Donut Fruit Milk
29 Combo Bar Fruit Milk	30 Pancakes Fruit Milk	31 Ham & Eggs Fruit Milk	<u>Subject to change due to supplying issues</u>	<i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</i>

Everyday there will also be a choice for cold breakfast (all are whole grain): Dry Cereal, Poptart, and Granola Bar.



ONE ACT



The Dorchester One-Act team ended their season in Pawnee City on November 28th. While the students gave a great performance, the judges seemed to prefer the heavy dramas this year and we did not place in the top three. However, our outstanding actors were recognized for their talent. Ashton Jirsa, Kayli Carey, Amber Kotas, Owen Vyhnaelek, and Andrea Pavlish all received outstanding acting awards.

--Mrs. Hrdlicka & Mr. Jirsa



ART—Mrs. Lutjemeyer

Elementary students have made such beautiful winter art!

Moving into January, we will be working on techniques of different snowflake and winter animal art. High school students continue to work on individual and assigned projects. Some of the seniors are working on their ceiling tiles designs. Art I students are currently working on perspective drawings to study the art element of SPACE. They will draw a word coming out of an object and a school hallway in 1 pt. to start out. Art II is working on drawing the 3 styles of Greek Columns and will be making a magazine piece mosaic. Ind. Art and Art III students are working on posters, canvas board paintings, and prisma color drawings. Next semester, I would like to welcome our student teacher from Wayne State College. Her name is Hallie Jensen and she graduated from Milford. I believe she will have a great experience working with the K-12 art students here. I would also like to wish all of our families and patrons a Happy Holiday Season and wonderful New Year!

SPEECH

The Dorchester Speech Team is busy preparing for the season. Our first meet will be in Wilber on Saturday, January 27th. We will have a couple Saturday workdays to prepare and polish the presentations the students are currently working on. Currently we have seven meets scheduled and are waiting to hear from a couple meets we have gone to in the past.

--Mrs. Hrdlicka

Student Council

I would like to thank the members for bringing in snacks for our holiday activities and for some of them that helped with excellence rally certificates! Thank you for continuing to be positive leaders for all to see and for our younger longhorns to look up to!

In the Music Room

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all music students and music parents out there. It has already been an amazing year here in the music program and I just wanted to rant and rave about some of the awards we received in just this first semester of the 2023-2024 school year. First off, congratulations to the members of the Dorchester marching band for placing 2nd at The York-fest Parade back September. This is the 2nd year in a row that we received an award at York-fest and we look forward to going again next year. In October, we were blessed to have Ashton Jirsa selected to the Nebraska All-State Chorus. He was one of only 4 students in the chorus of 440 students to be chosen to participate in All-State Chorus all four years of his high school career. In more recent announcements, Congratulations goes out Andrea Pavlish and Ashton Jirsa who were selected to the Doane University Honor Choir. They will perform at the Heckman Auditorium on January 8th, 2024. And this just in, Amber Kotas and Ashton Jirsa were just selected to participate in the Wayne State Honor Choir on February 2nd, 2024.

I would like to wrap this up by giving a big thank you to all the moms and dads, and grandmas and grandpas who came to support us at our holiday concerts. It is always fun to perform in front of a big audience and there is no better audience then here at Dorchester. GO LONGHORNS!!!



Elementary PTO News

Old News

Morning with Santa – We had a great turnout for this event! We appreciate everyone that donated, volunteered, and helped make this event possible.

Teacher Tree – All of our teacher's requests were fulfilled. The support everyone has for our school is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Events

Concessions – We will be providing concessions for the basketball games on January 11th. We are asking for parents to volunteer to work and/or 5th & 6th graders to help. Please contact a PTO Chair if you are willing to work concessions that night.

Merchandise Sales – We would like to sell our remaining decals, foam fingers, pom poms, and koozies at the basketball games on January 11th as well. We need parents to sit at the table during the varsity games. Please contact a PTO Chair if you are willing to sit at this table.

These will be our last fundraisers before the carnival in May so please help if you can!

Look for information about an upcoming meeting to start planning for the carnival.

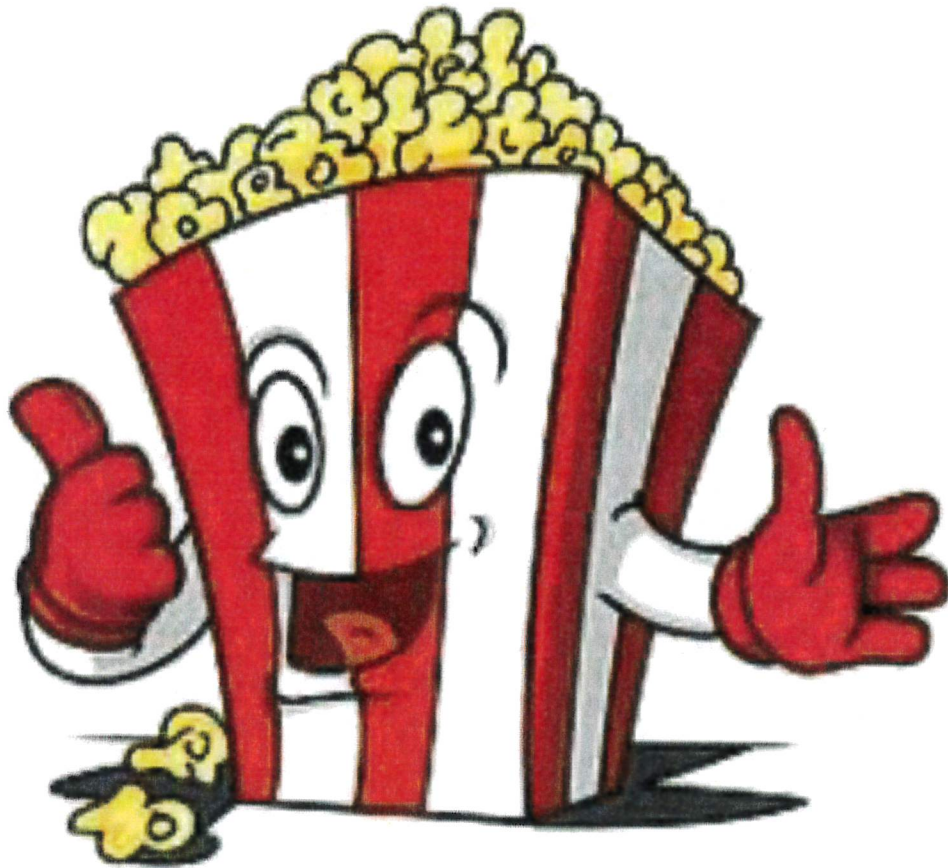
Co-Chairs

Nicole Schweitzer

Steph Brandt

Rebecca Steuk

Popcorn Day



Preschool: Thursday, January 25th

K – 6th grade: Friday, January 26th

.50 cents a bag



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Lincoln: (402) 473-7000

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Medicaid de Nebraska utiliza la información disponible para verificar si su hijo califica para Medicaid y solo le solicitará información si es necesario. Es posible que no necesite presentar una nueva solicitud de Medicaid para actualizar su información.

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