

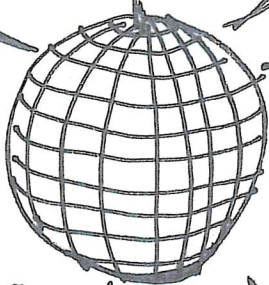
SEPTEMBER

23

Longhorn Stampede

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HOMEcoming



Cogswell's Comments

I would like to thank our students and staff for a great start to the 2023-2024 School Year. I have been very impressed with the first two weeks of school. Everyone seems to be in a routine and ready to learn. Dorchester can be very proud of their students, staff and school.

It has been wonderful to see the community support at the first several athletic events. I am proud of our athletes, coaches and spectators. The sportsmanship that our students have displayed during the contest and afterwards is very impressive. True winners are not just determined by the scoreboard – the Longhorn athletes have demonstrated that this year. Let me encourage all of our patrons to continue to come out and support our student/athletes.

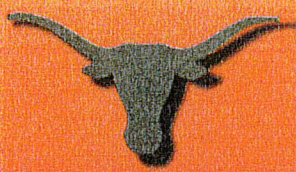
The marching band season kicked-off with our students marching at the Nebraska State Fair. They will be performing at Yorkfest on Saturday, September 9th. The band sounds and looks amazing! I hope that you get the opportunity to see them in person. Good luck to Mr. Jirsa and our band for a successful marching band season.

Dorchester Public School will host our Patriots Day Program on Monday, September 11th starting at 8:15 a.m. This program will be conducted out by the flag in front of the school (with weather permitting). Please know that you are welcome to come be part of this program. This is a way to honor our country and the people who have given their service to support this great nation.

The Homecoming Bon Fire, Parade and Cook-out will be Wednesday, September 20th. We will have more information with event times on facebook a little closer to the day. Please come out and show your Longhorn Pride.

I hope that everyone has a great Labor Day weekend and is able to spend some quality time with your family.

Curt Cogswell



Wiese's Pieces



September 1, 2023

The first couple of weeks of school are behind us, and we're off to a great start! Our teachers have been busy building relationships with students and establishing their classroom rules and routines. The first volleyball and football games have been played, and our teams show lots of promise with "W"s all around! Here are some things to keep in mind as the school year gets started and some things that are coming up!

7-12 Academic Support Intervention (ASI): We will have ASI again on our Friday early outs. 7-12 students that have 1 or more F's or 2 or more D's when we run the "down" list on Tuesday, will report to ASI after school from 2:10-3:10 on Friday. We will have staff on hand to run a guided study hall to help students get caught up. ASI is not meant to be punishment, but rather meant to hold students accountable. If a student is on the ASI list on Tuesday, they can get their grades up and not have to report to ASI on Friday. ASI will start after Labor Day.

Behavior at Home Games: A reminder to parents that we ask children to please be seated with their parents in the stands at home events. We don't want students wandering around the building or playing in the back gym. Not only is this a liability issue for the school, but also extra work for staff who would like to be enjoying the games themselves. Please have your students sit with you to cheer on our teams!

Student Appearance and Dress: A lot of times students either purposefully try to push the rules with dress code or they fail to apply common sense before leaving the house. Common violations of dress code include: short shorts, jeans that are excessively damaged, crop tops which show the midriff, and tank tops. This year, the midriff shirts are very popular, but they are not allowed in school. We try to be understanding with dress code issues, and usually the first time we will politely ask the student not to wear the item again, or to change. We will rarely send kids home for dress code violations, but please know that if we do send a child home, it's likely because they've violated the dress code several times. Please encourage your child to dress in a way conducive to learning and appropriate for school. We appreciate your help!

Water Bottles and Food: Just a reminder that students are only allowed to drink water at school or items that are for sale in our vending machines. Water bottles must have some type of lid to avoid damage from spilling. Pop, Gatorade, coffee, and energy drinks are not allowed at school. Likewise, outside food is not allowed in classrooms without teacher approval. Promoting good eating habits is part of our wellness plan, and as an entity that receives federal funding, we are not allowed to sell things during the school day that are not compliant with federal nutrition guidelines. Hydration is important! We encourage students to drink plenty of water and we have a number of approved drinks for sale in our vending machines.

Nuisance Items: As stated in the student-parent handbook, cellular phones and earbuds are not to be used in the classroom unless specified by the classroom teacher. Students may use cell phones and earbuds during passing periods and at lunch. We appreciate parents reviewing this rule with their students. Cell phones can be a great tool, but they can also be a great distraction.

Jake Wiese
PK-12 Principal

Important Dates / Reminders

September 4: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

September 5: NO SCHOOL – Blue River Cohort Day

September 20: Homecoming Pep Rally / Bonfire

September 22: Homecoming Game and Dance

September 25: Picture Retakes

September 29: Grandparents Day (K-6)



Activity News
(Brent Zoubek, A.D.)

Booster Club Needs You

With the 2023-2024 activity season in full swing, I would like you to consider becoming a Longhorn Booster Club member. The Booster Club's intent is to make the participation of all activities for our students an enjoyable experience. Some examples of this include the purchase of new equipment, sponsorship of the annual Homecoming pep rally, paying Nebraska Coaches Association fees for Dorchester coaches, and paying for meals for those athletes and coaches that qualify for State competition. Money for these projects comes from annual dues of members, as well as, the sponsorship of the annual Booster Club Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament and Junior High Basketball Tournament. If you have any questions regarding Booster Club, please contact me at 402-946-2781.

FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL TEAMS SAY THANK YOU

On behalf of the football and volleyball team we would like to say thank you to ALL who attended and donated a sports drink to the scrimmages. It was awesome to see so many fans at our Fall Sports Preview! We will use the sports drinks during practice and road games. Thanks again to everyone for donating.

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	@ Conestoga (Volleyball Jamboree).....	5:30pm
Aug. 24	@ East Butler.....	6/7pm
Aug. 28	St. Edward.....	4/5pm
Aug. 31	@ Weeping Water/Palmira.....	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-RO/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-Odeh/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.....	11:30am
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

Show Your Child That Reading is Enjoyable and Rewarding

Strong reading skills make it easier to learn every school subject. But literacy experts say that to build reading abilities, children must want to read. Unfortunately, many kids just aren't interested.

To inspire your child to read:

- Listen to audiobooks. This is an effective way to show a reluctant reader how interesting books can be. Download audiobooks from the library, or record yourself reading aloud. Your child can follow along with the book while listening.
- Follow current events. Is there a developing news story that interests your child? Read the latest reports together each night.
- Sign your child up for a pen pal. Kids love receiving mail and learning about life in other countries. Ask your child's teacher or a librarian about how to get involved.
- Take a virtual field trip. Challenge your child to research online about attractions in your area, such as museums. Then ask your student to be your tour guide through their websites and share interesting facts.
- Give reading coupons. Show your child that you think reading is special by giving reading coupons. Some might be for 30 minutes of reading with you. Others might be good for a new book. Reading coupons also make great rewards for good behavior.

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Muéstrele a su estudiante que leer es agradable y gratificante

Las habilidades de lectura sólidas permiten que aprender cualquier materia de la escuela sea más fácil, pero los expertos en lectoescritura dicen que, para desarrollarlas, es necesario que los niños quieran leer. Desafortunadamente, a muchos niños no les interesa.

Para inspirar a su hijo a leer:

- Escuchen audiolibros. Es una forma efectiva de mostrarle lo interesantes que pueden ser los libros a alguien que está reacio a leer. Descargue audiolibros de la biblioteca o grábese leyendo en voz alta. Su hijo puede seguir la lectura en el libro mientras escucha el audiolibro.
- Siga los acontecimientos actuales. ¿Hay alguna noticia en desarrollo que le interese a su hijo? Lea las últimas novedades todas las noches.
- Consígale a su hijo un amigo por correspondencia. A los niños les encanta recibir cartas y aprender sobre la vida en otros países. Pregúntele al maestro de su hijo o a un bibliotecario cómo participar.
- Hagan un recorrido virtual. Anime a su hijo a investigar en internet sobre las atracciones que hay en su zona, como museos. Luego pídale que sea su guía turístico para recorrer los sitios web y que le cuente datos interesantes.
- Dele cupones de lectura. Para mostrarle a su hijo que usted considera que leer es una actividad especial, dele cupones de lectura. Algunos podrían ser por 30 minutos de lectura con usted. Otros podrían servir para canjearlos por un libro nuevo. Los cupones de lectura son grandes recompensas por la buena conducta.

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Start Off the School Year With a Positive Attitude About Learning

Children's attitudes about school affect their desire to learn. The start of a new school year is the perfect time to bolster your child's enthusiasm for education. Here's how:

- Be a role model. If you have a positive attitude about school, your child is more likely to feel the same way. In addition to reinforcing the value of education, make it a point to attend parent-teacher conferences and school meetings for families. Supervise your child's work time when possible and show interest in learning.
- Compliment success. When your child works hard, be sure to speak up. This reinforces the connection between effort and the good feeling of success.
- Link lessons to real life. For example, math skills can help your child calculate batting averages in baseball. A new vocabulary word may show up in a favorite book. Participating in a group project builds teamwork.

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Pagar por las calificaciones no es una manera eficaz de motivar

Hay cosas que el dinero no puede comprar, y eso incluye la inteligencia y el éxito académico. Estos son los motivos por los cuales usar dinero como recompensa por las buenas calificaciones podría no ser una buena idea:

- Pone el énfasis en el lugar equivocado. Cuando se les promete dinero a los estudiantes por una buena calificación, trabajan por el dinero en lugar de hacerlo para aprender. Algunos niños podrían querer tanto ese dinero que estarían dispuestos a hacer trampa para obtenerlo.
- No les permite a los estudiantes experimentar la satisfacción de hacer bien un trabajo. Necesitan sentir la alegría y el orgullo que se obtiene con el simple hecho de hacer algo lo mejor posible. Esa es la recompensa que deberían buscar los estudiantes.
- Se hace hincapié en el resultado en lugar de en el esfuerzo. Los estudiantes necesitan aprender la importancia de dar lo mejor de sí mismos y ser perseverantes con las materias difíciles. Poner toda la atención en la recompensa al final del proceso hará que sea más difícil para ellos aprender esa lección.

Entonces, ¿qué debería hacer? Dígale a su hijo que la escuela es importante. Celebre los logros y guarde su dinero.

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Social Media and On-Line Safety

The following information was shared at a conference by representatives from the Smart Gen Society, a national nonprofit organization in Omaha. The mission of Smart Gen Society is to empower smart choices in today's digital world and to protect students from engagement in unsafe or harmful online behaviors. Currently the average age a child receives a smart phone is 10.3. The recommended age is no earlier than 13.

Things to be aware of about Social Media Use- Frequent use of social media can lead to less physical exercise, less sleep and less face-to-face interactions with others. High social media use correlates with feelings of isolation, body image concerns, FOMO (fear of missing out) and a constant comparison of what others are doing and saying. Cyberbullying has also increased since the Pandemic. As a parent, watch for changes in attitude, eating habits, and frequent changes in friendships. Signs that your child may be using social media inappropriately include refusing to give you passwords, turning off the monitor when someone comes into their room, and an unknown device on Wifi.

Encourage appropriate use of Social Media- Try to model healthy screen time as well as putting all devices away at night. Remind your family that social media is forever. As a family, schedule activities to do together without using devices. You can also put together a container of activities your family can do in your free time- board and card games, puzzles, etc. As a challenge, do not use social media one day each week (and this challenge includes everyone in your family).

Safety Tips- For usernames, do not use first or last name and do not list home address or location. Also, do not put the name of your school or activities in your bio and mute your accounts. For social wellness, turn off likes and comments. If one of your family members receives inappropriate messages, put the device in airplane mode, do not delete the messages and contact law enforcement.

For more information, go to smartgensociety.org.

Leanne Josoff, School Psychologist

(By Google Translate)

Redes sociales y seguridad en línea

La siguiente información fue compartida en una conferencia por representantes de Smart Gen Society, una organización nacional sin fines de lucro en Omaha. La misión de Smart Gen Society es potenciar las decisiones inteligentes en el mundo digital actual y proteger a los estudiantes de participar en comportamientos en línea inseguros o dañinos. Actualmente, la edad media en la que un niño recibe un teléfono inteligente es de 10,3 años. La edad recomendada no es anterior a los 13 años.

Cosas que debe tener en cuenta sobre el uso de las redes sociales: el uso frecuente de las redes sociales puede provocar menos ejercicio físico, menos sueño y menos interacciones cara a cara con los demás. El alto uso de las redes sociales se correlaciona con sentimientos de aislamiento, preocupaciones sobre la imagen corporal, FOMO (miedo a perderse algo) y una comparación constante de lo que otros hacen y dicen. El ciberacoso también ha aumentado desde la pandemia. Como padre, esté atento a los cambios de actitud, hábitos alimentarios y cambios frecuentes en las amistades. Las señales de que su hijo(a) puede estar usando las redes sociales de manera inapropiada incluye negarse a darle contraseñas, apagar el monitor cuando alguien entra a su habitación y un dispositivo desconocido con Wifi.

Fomente el uso apropiado de las redes sociales: intente modelar un tiempo de pantalla saludable y guarde todos los dispositivos por la noche. Recuerda a tu familia que las redes sociales son para siempre. En familia, programen actividades para realizar juntos sin utilizar dispositivos. También puedes armar un contenedor de actividades que tu familia puede hacer en tu tiempo libre: juegos de mesa y de cartas, rompecabezas, etc. Como desafío, no uses las redes sociales un día a la semana (y este desafío incluye a todos los miembros de tu familia).

Consejos de seguridad: para los nombres de usuario, no utilice el nombre ni el apellido y no incluya la dirección o ubicación de su casa. Además, no pongas el nombre de tu escuela o actividades en tu biografía y silencia tus cuentas. Para el bienestar social, desactive los Me gusta y los comentarios. Si uno de los miembros de su familia recibe mensajes inapropiados, ponga el dispositivo en modo avión, no borre los mensajes y comuníquese con las autoridades.

Para obtener más información, visite smartgensociety.org.

Leanne Josoff, psicóloga escolar

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2:00 School Dismissal	2
3	4 No School K-12 Labor Day	5 No School K-12 Teacher In—Service JV VB vs. College View Academy @ 5:00 V @ 6:00	6 JH VB vs. Giltner @ 3:00	7 JH VB @ Harvard @ 3:00 JV VB @ Giltner @ 5:30 V @ 6:30	8 2:00 School Dismissal JV VB @ Red Cloud @ 4:00 V @ 5:00 V FB @ Red Cloud @ 7:00	9 Band @ Yorkfest
10	11 JH Football vs. Hampton @ 4:00 School Board Meeting @ 8:00	12 JV VB @ Nebraska Lutheran @ 6:00 V @ 7:00	13 Journalism Workshop for Advanced Journalism Students in Omaha	14 JH VB vs. Crete @ 4:00	15 2:00 School Dismissal JV VB @ Harvard @ 4:00 V @ 5:00 V FB @ Harvard @ 7:00	16
17	18 JH FB vs. Sterling @ 4:30 Walworth Journalism Workshop @ Mahoney State Park	19 JH VB vs. McCool Junction @ 1:00 JV VB @ Osceola @ 6:00 V @ 7:00	20 Homecoming Bon Fire/ Pep Rally @ 6:30	21 Earth Festival @ Camp Jefferson (Fairbury) 5th grade JH VB vs. High Plains @ 2:00 JV VB @ Shelby-Rising City @ 5:30 V @ 6:30	22 2:00 School Dismissal V FB vs. Meridian @ 7:00	23 V VB @ Nebraska Lutheran @ 9:00 am
24	25 School Picture Retakes JH Football @ Meridian @ 4:30	26 JV VB vs. Sterling @ 6:00 V @ 7:00	27 JH VB @ Shickley @ 1:00	28 JV VB @ Diller-Odell @ 5:00 V @ 6:00	29 2:00 School Dismissal V FB @ Sterling @ 7:00	30 JH VB D-Club Tournament @ 9:00 am

Dorchester Public School

2023-2024 Calendar = FINAL

2023

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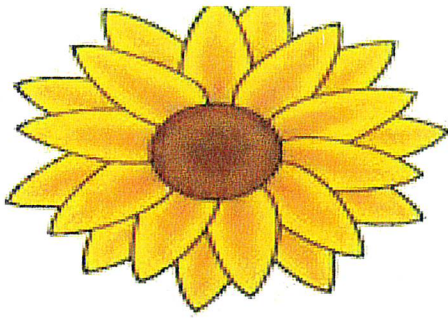
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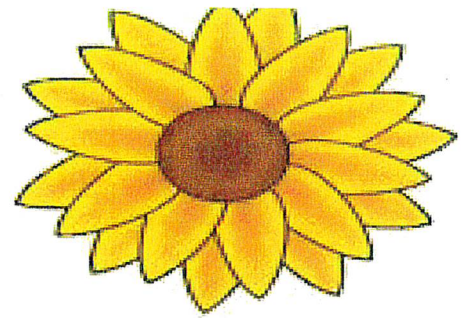
August 7	Start of FB & VB Practices
August 11	New Teacher In-Service
August 14 & 15	Teacher In-Service
August 16	First Day of School for K-12; Dismiss @ 2:00 pm
August 17	First Day of School for Preschool
September 4	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
September 5	Cohort Day - NO SCHOOL
October 4	PTC - 5:00-8:30 PM
October 5	PTC - NO SCHOOL
October 5	Staff may leave at 12:30 PM
October 6	NO SCHOOL
October 20	End of Quarter 1; Dismiss @ 2:00 pm
November 6	NO SCHOOL PK-6
November 13	Start of Winter Practice
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
December 21	End of S1- Dismiss at 2:00 pm
Dec. 22-Jan. 3	Holiday Break
January 3	Cohort Day - NO SCHOOL
January 4	Classes Resume
February 8	PTC - NO SCHOOL
February 9	NO SCHOOL
February 26	Start of Spring Practice
March 6	End of Quarter 3
March 7 & 8	NO SCHOOL
March 29-April 1	Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
May 10	Last Day of School, Seniors
May 11	Graduation
May 16	Last Day of School, Preschool
May 17	End of S2 - Dismiss K-11 at 11:30 am
May 20-24	Possible Make-up Days

STUDENT DAYS	177
TEACHER DAYS	8
TOTAL DAYS	185

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	
October 4 5:00-8:30PM & October 5 8:00AM-12:30PM	
February 8 8:30AM-8:00PM	
NO SCHOOL	
NO SCHOOL FOR K-6 STUDENTS	
2:00 PM SCHOOL DISMISSAL - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
TEACHER DUTY DAY - NO SCHOOL	
COHORT - TEACHER DUTY DAY - NO SCHOOL	
END OF THE QUARTER	
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	
New Teacher Inservice	
GYM CLOSED TO ALL PRACTICES AND ACTIVITIES	



September Lunch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Subject to change due to supplying issues</u>	<i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</i>			1 Cheese Quesadilla Pizza Fruit Veggie Cookie Milk
4 NO SCHOOL	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Hot Dog Sun Chips Veggie Fruit Milk	7 Italian Pasta Bake Dinner Roll Fruit Veggie Milk	8 Pizza Crunchers Fruit Veggie Cookie Milk
11 Orange Chicken Rice Veggie Fruit Milk	12 Hot Ham & Cheese sandwich Fruit Veggie Chips Milk	13 Chicken Nuggets Bake Potato Fruit Veggie Milk	14 Beef Soft Taco Fruit Veggie Jell-O Cup Milk	15 Cheese Bread Pizza Fruit Veggie Salad Milk
18 Italian Dunkers Fruit Veggie Milk	19 Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Fruit Veggie Milk	20 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Veggie Fruit Milk	21 Walking Taco Refried Beans Fruit Milk	22 Cheese pizza Fruit Veggie Cookie Milk
25 Mini Corn Dogs Mac & Cheese Fruit Veggie Milk	26 Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Patty Fruit Tri-tater Milk	27 Creamed Chicken over Mashed Potatoes Fruit Veggie Dinner Roll Milk	28 Chilli Cinnamon Roll Crackers Fruit Milk	29 Pepperoni Pizza Fruit Veggie Salad

K-3 Options

Hot meal of the day

Sub Sandwich

Uncrustable

4-6 Options

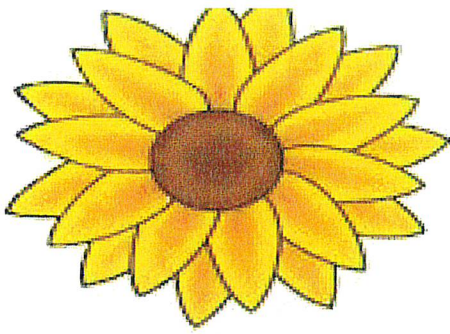
Hot meal of the day

Cold/Hot Bar

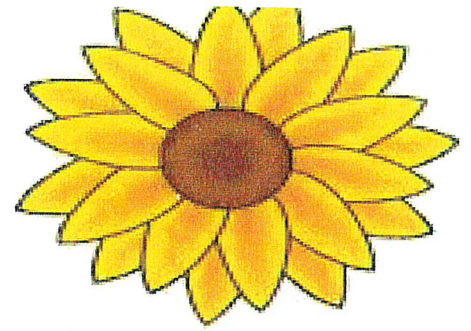
7-12 Options

Hot meal of the day

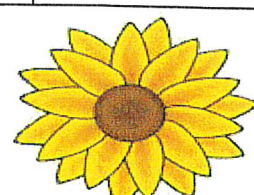
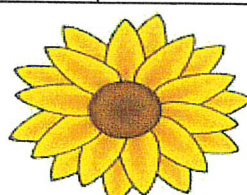
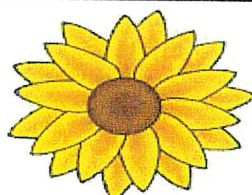
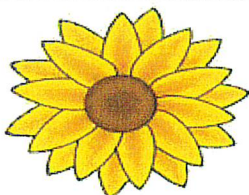
Cold/Hot Bar



September Breakfast



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Everyday there will also be a choice for cold breakfast (all are whole grain): Dry Cereal, Poptart, and Granola Bar.</i>	<i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</i>			1
4 NO SCHOOL	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Donut Fruit Milk	7 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Milk	8 Combo Bar Fruit Milk
11 Cinnamon Roll Bar Fruit Milk	12 Oatmeal Bar Fruit Milk	13 Breakfast Burrito Fruit Milk	14 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Milk	15 Waffle Fruit Milk
18 Muffin Fruit Milk	19 Pancake on a stick Fruit Milk	20 Yogurt Parfait Milk	21 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Milk	22 French Toast Sticks Fruit Milk
25 English Muffin W/ Egg and Cheese Fruit Milk	26 Pancakes Fruit Milk	27 Cinnamon Toast Fruit Milk	28 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Milk	29 Combo Bar Fruit Milk





It's been a great start with art in Mrs. Lutjemeyer's classroom! Seven through twelfth grade students tried carving some oreo cream the first couple days. They found out it really wasn't as easy as they thought it would be! Elementary- K-made some self portraits as them as artists and painted some apples, 1st—made some self portraits as them as artists and made some Longhorn collages to hang from their ceiling, 2nd-made hanging sloths for their ceilings, 3rd—made cut paper sunflowers to hang from their ceilings, 4th—discussed line and made some colored line expressions and line cacti to hang in their classroom, 5th -- line landscapes in the style of Robin Mead, 6th—line sun designs using crayon resist and watercolor. Eighth graders are already busy working on the potter's wheel, creating clay tree plaques, and designing a food truck with items to sell! Art I students are working on line landscapes, line expressions, and beginning positive/negative hidden pictures. Art II students are working on postcard designs and animals on a brown background. Ind. Art and Art III students are working on individual projects—some include Prismacolor drawings, plaster of paris hand designs, ceiling tiles, oil pastel neon billboards signs, and canvas board paintings.

Mason Vyhnalek, Payton Zoubek, Ella Vyhnalek, Gracyn Leavitt, and Boone Smith will have Zen coloring pages at the state fair. Steph Korinek and Dusty Banks will have a group art project at the state fair and Angelina & Isabella Cornejo, Karina Maldonado, and Elsy Lopez will have History Boards at the state fair.

I am helping to set up an art show at the Living History Day at the Saline Council Museum on Sept. 24th. There is a flyer for this in the newsletter. However, I will not be having full classes complete art for this during their class time. If your child would like to have an artwork entered they may come and get supplies from the art room, but will have to complete it at home. I do not know for sure how much space there will be and thought only kids should have a choice to show if they would like.

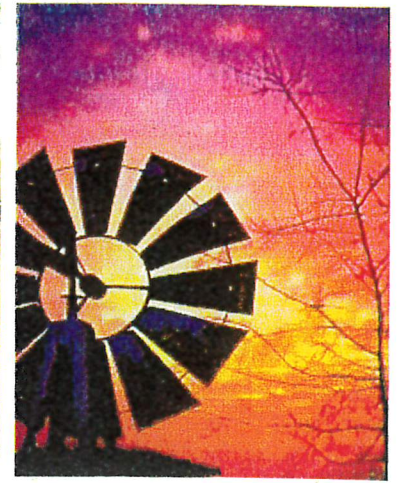


ONE ACT HAS CHOSEN TO PERFORM "The Al Play" by Don Zolidis. Tryouts are done, play will be cast, and practices will start!



Student Council will have 20 members this year. Each 7-12 class has at least 2 reps and there will be 7 all school reps. They had a lunch meeting and voted for officers—Pres.- Amber Kotas, Vpres.-Hailey Schweitzer, Secr.- Baylor Behrens, Treas.-Addi Lehr, Publicity—Steph Korinek, Quinn Kasl, Andrea Pavlish

T-shirts, trash pickup, concessions, and Spirit week was discussed. Please watch the school facebook page for dress up days. We will be voting on them the 1st or 2nd week of Sept. Spirit week for homecoming will be Sept. 18-22.

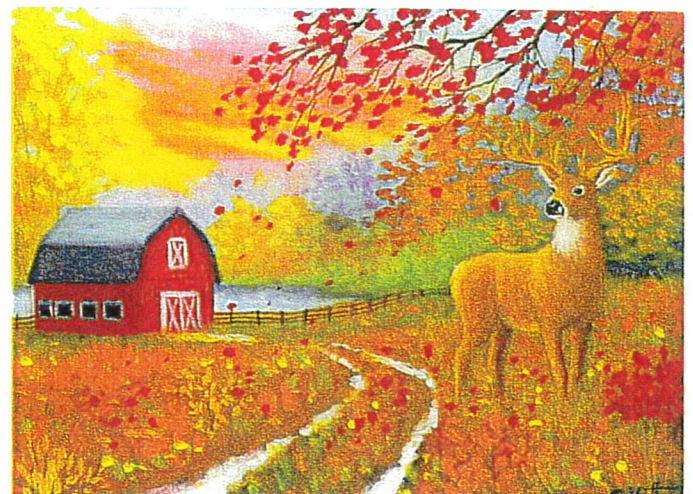


Let's Show Off Some Rural Artwork!

The Saline County Museum at Dorchester will be have a *Living History Day* on **Sept. 24th**. I thought it would be nice to give the visitors some artwork to look at. I have no idea how many entries there will be, I just thought it would be nice to open this up to all schools in Saline County. If you have any students that would like to complete artwork in any medium and have it displayed at the museum this day, please get it to Stacy Lutjemeyer (Dorchester Art Teacher) by Sept. 20th. Elementary through Adult are welcome!

I selected these categories for the artists to focus on—Farm Animals, Tractors, Windmills, Barns, Rural Nebraska Landscapes

Please Email me with any questions!
stacy.lutjemeyer@dorchesterschool.org



In the Music Room

I just wanted to share some of the great things happening inside and outside of the music room this time of year. First of all, "Congratulations!" to the members of the Longhorn Marching Band for doing such a great job at the State Fair and for playing so well at our first football game of the year. These students deserve so much praise for learning to play so many songs in such a short time and for marching so well despite having to adjust our rehearsals because of the terrible heat that first full week of school. Also, some big "Thank You's" go out to all the parents and grand parents who were able to come and support us at the State Fair. Your support was greatly appreciated. Our next event is the Yorkfest Parade on September 9th. The parade kicks off at 10:00am. Please come and support us as we hope to continue to improve from our 3rd place finish last year.

In other news, don't forget to come to the gather round the flagpole event on Monday, September 11th as the Dorchester Elementary sings several patriotic pieces to honor our local first responders. This event will start early in the morning at 8:15am.



Elementary PTO News

Old News

Back to School Night

The new backdrop and banner were displayed. We hope everyone was able to have some fun and take pictures to show their excitement for the new school year! Huge shout out to Adam Briggs and Nicole Schweitzer for adding the balloons. We hope everyone was able to enjoy a cool treat from Kona Ice too!

Insert Pictures

New News

Dorchester Longhorn T-Shirts

This year PTO is purchasing shirts for all students and staff at DPS. Your student should be receiving their new shirt soon!

We are also opening up orders to the public and you can find an order form attached or at the school office. Please provide payment with your order form. Checks can be made payable to Dorchester Public School.

Homecoming Balloons

This year we will be selling balloons again for \$1 at the homecoming football game on Friday, September 22.

We need parents to donate black and orange balloons as well as helium tanks to fill the balloons. Please reach out to a PTO chair if you are willing to donate or look for a Facebook post in the near future.

Basket Raffle Fundraiser

We will be having a raffle fundraiser this fall again. We need baskets donated that will be raffled off at one of the basketball games. Baskets can be filled with themed items like family movie night items, game night items, Husker items, Longhorn items, or any other creative ideas you might have. Please check our Facebook page as well as your students' backpack for more information to come in the near future for this fundraiser!

If you have questions or suggestions for PTO please reach out to a co-chair listed below.

2023-2024 PTO Co-Chairs:

Nicole Schweitzer

Steph Brandt

Rebecca Steuk

Dorchester PTO

T-Shirt Order Form

Use this form to order additional t-shirts for you and your family members.

Orders due by September 8th to the teacher or School Office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____



Brand Type: Unisex Gildan 50/50 (Shirts are Orange)

Youth-\$ 12.00

Adult-\$18.00

	Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large	Small	Medium	Large	X- Large	2XL (+\$1)	3XL (+\$2)	4XL (+\$3)
# of Shirts										

Total: \$ _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check

Please make checks payable to Dorchester Public Schools.