PROUD TO BE A BULLDOG!!

Conference Championships

Wrestling team won the WTC/ SPVA that was here. Boys Basketball won the WTC and was 2nd in SPVA. Girl's Basketball was 2nd in SPVA and 3rd in WTC. Both boys and girls teams were crowned WTC Regular Season Champions!

Football Schedule

Aug 28th - @ Sidney

Sept 4th - Centura

Sept 11 - @ Holyoke

Sept 18 - @ Gibbon

Sept 25 - North Platte St. Pats

Oct 2 - @ Gordon-Rushville

Oct 9 - @ Valentine

Oct 16 - Chase County

Oct 23 - Hershey

The NSAA sets the schedule and it always goes in two year cycles.

Morrill County Spelling Bee Champion!

Ethan Keszler won the Morrill County Spelling Bee that was hosted here on January 31st. Ethan is a sixth grader and will represent Morrill County at the State Bee. Great Job Ethan!

30 and Over ACT

Current students that have scored a thirty or higher are: Olivia Freeze, Evy Loomis-Goltl and Paige Schmunk. We look to add a couple more this spring!

Bridgeport Facilities Have Hosted 55 Events

So far there have been fifty-five night events here at the school. Which means basically every two school days there is a home event here. Which is great as thanks to the taxpayers in our district we have a facility second to none and we want to host as many events as possible. We have eight more events scheduled to host here yet this school year. Here are some quotes we have heard from visiting students this year: "Why can't I go to a school like this?"- "I think it is so cool that they put up banners of all seniors, not just those that are out for sports!" -"The first school I have seen that puts academic records up where the athletic records are!" -"They actually put student artwork in their trophy cases along with their many trophies!"

Rylee Blomenkamp Signs Teacher Contract

Mrs. Blomenkamp currently teaches first grade at Leyton. She will teach Kindergarten here next year. Mrs. Blomenkamp comes to us with a very impressive resume and has a passion for teaching young students. Mrs. Schmidt also teaches Kindergarten and is in her first year teaching here.

Economics Medalist

Junior student AJ Kenner recently medaled at the Chadron State Business Competition in Economics. Way to go AJ! Did you know that all third through sixth graders take keyboarding here and many of them can type over 70 words per minute with some pushing one hundred words per minute. Challenge them to a typing contest!!

Wrestlers Place Individually at State

Casey Benavides placed 3rd and Trevor Widener 4th! Also qualifying for State were Steven Menke, Chance Cooper, Josh Warren and Damien Bell.

Girls Basketball Advances to District Finals

The girls got their 19th win of the season which the last time that happened was the 2006/07 season and they have now advanced to the District Finals. They will play Grand Island CC on Friday in North Platte at NPCC - 6PM MTN.

The Bridgeport Public Schools Board of Education held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 10th

All board members were present except Greg Wickard had an excused absence. Also present was Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Lecher, Ms. Vonnie Brown and Superintendent Lambert. Eighth grade student Jake Paschke was present, he introduced himself and said that he is working toward being an Eagle Scout and attending an elected government meeting is one of the requirements.

In action items the board accepted resignations from Mrs. Kampsnider and Ms. Faden-Bloyd. Mrs. Kampsnider currently teaches KG plans to work at home after the birth of their second child this upcoming spring. Ms. Bloyd is retiring after many years of service to the school district.

The board approved offering a teaching contract to Rylee Blomenkamp for next school year to teach Kindergarten. Mrs. Blomenkamp currently teaches first grade in Leyton. Mr. Lambert stated that the plan is for the district to continue to offer the same amount and similar FCS classes to what is currently being offered. However there is no intent at this time to hire a new employee to teach these classes, therefore current staff will teach those course offerings.

The board approved a new negotiated agreement with the certified staff that will move the base salary from \$34,250 to \$34,750 (1.4%) and to move the fringe amount from \$16,080 to \$16,380 (1.8%). These new amounts will go into effect this upcoming school year.

In his report Superintendent Lambert reported on these items:

We host CI-I2 here next Tuesday and Thursday at 5/:630 on Tuesday and 6:30 on Thursday. Teams participating are Ogallala, Chadron, Gordon-Rushville and Mitchell. We host the boys the following week on February 25th and 27th with the same teams playing.

Next year the NSAA is changing it to where the #I seed of the sub-district will host and then in the sub-state final the higher seed will host at home. Yes this does mean a team might play three games at home in a row to go to the state tournament.

District Wrestling is at Hershey this Friday and Saturday with State being the next week.

No School this Friday for Students/Staff and no school for students on Monday. Valentine Parties are on Thursday.

Take a look at the calendar as that will probably be the one I ask you to approve next month.

We are hosting an ACT workshop here on March 18th. Currently 403 students from 9 different schools are signed up to attend. This is still Chad Cargill from OK City that does this workshop.

Girls Sub State Finals are on the 28th and the boys are the 29th, March 2nd or 3rd. They will be held at a neutral site halfway between the two teams playing.

The NSAA will release football schedules this week and the schools do not have much say in which they play.

Bridgeport hosted the WTC/SPVA wrestling conference championships. Once again Bridgeport was the champion and it was a great day and the event went smoothly. The boys' basketball team also repeated as WTC Champions.

The board went over the superintendent evaluation. There is no current plan to change Superintendent Lambert's assignment of being Elementary Principal/Superintendent. Mr. Lambert is in the first year of a 3 year contract with no health insurance being accepted and there is no plan at this time to change any part of this contract which will expire in June of 2022. There was discussion about in past years the district at many times had 4.6 administrators (supt,7-12 principal, k-6 principal, curriculum director and sped director(.6)) and now has 2.5 administrators (supt/k-6 principal, 7-12 principal and ½ time sped director). Superintendent Lambert stated he believes it is best for the district to have 3.0 administrators (Supt/K-6 principal, 7-12 principal, Sped Director/Curriculum). The meeting adjourned a little after 8 PM.

BPS Community Update



Bridgeport Public Schools Publisher-Gail Beyer (308)262-1470

Happy St. Patrick's Day

May good luck be with you wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow.



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Calendar:

No School—Spring Break March 13 and 16

Prom is March 21st

March 24
Early out at 1 p.m. 7-12th
No buses at 1 p.m.
K-6 full day

Mark your calendars:

This year's graduation will be held May 9th at 2 p.m. in the new gymnasium.





Counselor's Corner

- Next ACT test April 4, 2020. Registration Deadline: February 28, 2020. Register at actstudent.org. I still have some ACT fee waivers available, please see me if interested.
- Seniors remember to check the website for scholarship information.
 Go to <u>bridgeportschools.org</u>. Click on the Resource tab and scroll down to Guidance.
- Remember to complete your FAFSA. If you need assistance, you can contact Andrew Hunzeker 402-479-6654 or 800-303-3745 ext.6654 or email Andrew at andrewh@educationquest.org. Andrew is available by appointment only Monday-Friday at WNCC William's Building, Room 134.
- o If you have completed the FAFSA, make sure the college you're planning to attend has received your FAFSA information. You can do this by logging into your account and checking your TO DO list. If you have been selected for verification, make sure you provide the college with necessary documentation.
- o Sophomore students and interested juniors took an ACCUPLACER test on January 15th. The ACCUPLACER test is given so that students may qualify for dual credit College English courses. Students can earn both high school and college credit (9 hours). WNCC offers these classes at a reduced rate. Students may also qualify by taking the ACT test. I have included the WNCC parameter sheet and circled the necessary scores. If your child did not pass the ACCUPLACER or was absent on January 15th, they may take the ACCUPLACER on Tuesday, March 3rd at the school, or take the ACT test in April, June or July to qualify. A student may also call WNCC and take the ACCUPLACER at the college by appointment only (1–308–635–3606). Students may not register for College English without the necessary scores.

If you have any other questions, please contact me at 262-0346.

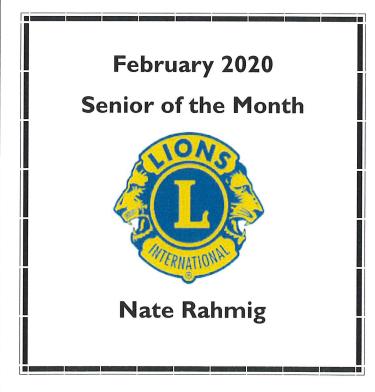
Kindergarten Registration

Bridgeport Elementary School will be having Kindergarten registration on March 17, 18, and 19 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) from 1:00-3:30 P.M. in the elementary office. If you have a child who is five years old or will be five years old on or before July 31, 2020, please preregister them at this time. Please bring your child's birth certificate and complete record of immunizations to the registration. You will receive physical examination forms and vision exam forms that must be filled out by a physician and returned to school by Kindergarten Round-Up Day on April 29.

If you do not have your child's birth certificate and/or immunization records, you will need to get them before your child can attend Kindergarten. Even if you do not have these documents, please come in to register them on March 17, 18, or 19; so that we will have an accurate list of next year's Kindergarten class.

It is important that you register your child on one of these days, so that he/she can attend the Kindergarten Round-Up on April 29.







The Voice

Vocal Music News

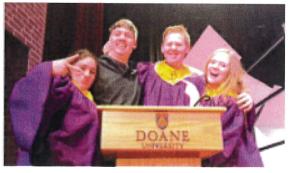
Congratulations!



JH Show Choir brings home GOLD from the NCDA Show Choir Festival!



JH students provided mood music at the Farmer's Market



Last month Olivia Freeze, Leyla Vargas and Lucas Smith joined Bridgeport Alum Elijah Smith at the Doane Vocal Festival.



Olivia Freeze and Lucas Smith were chosen for the High Plains Honor Choir at CSC, pictured here with Evy Loomis-Goltl, Peyton Alexander, and Bryce Deaver who were chosen for the Honor Band.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
- School officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call (202) 260-3887 (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Or you may contact us at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-5920

What is Bridgeport TeamMates?

Bridgeport TeamMates is a group of 63 volunteer mentors, 72 high school student mentees, 9 board members, 1 Coordinator, 1 Coordinator Assistant, and Bridgeport Public School's Administration with one goal:

To provide a caring adult for a student to visit with about life, love, school, family and their future goals.

Here at Bridgeport, we provide our mentors with areas to meet, free lunch and/or breakfast while meeting, flexible hours, training, resources for growth of the mentee and continuous support on a local and corporate level.

For our mentees we provide, that caring adult that has been thoroughly screened by TeamMates corporate to meet with them on a continuous basis to discuss anything that is on their mind and help them to formulate a plan of college or career readiness. There are many activities for the matches to do while at the school including a puzzle table, art room packed with everything needed to create a masterpiece, college resources, career resources, outdoor activities, board games, and maybe they just want help with an assignment. Bridgeport Public School's administration helps us to make it all work.

Mentors are not a parent to their mentee. They are one more caring adult in that student's life guiding them through this crazy period of uncertainty and stress.

We have a great TeamMates Board consisting of Susanna Batterman-President, Amy McVicker-Treasurer, members: Shauna Faessler, Lorraine Delcamp, Kevin Myers, Craig Barnette, Jason Floyd, Chuck Lambert and Cheree Fisher. The board members guide Bridgeport TeamMates in a positive direction and work hard on many fundraising events to help the program flourish. Lauren Faessler assists me in the organization of this constantly expanding program thank goodness.

As we celebrate 10 years of TeamMates at Bridgeport Public Schools, let me share some interesting information with you;

Bridgeport TeamMates is all-inclusive to EVERY 9th-12th grade student

82% of our current mentees hold a 3.0 GPA or higher

Bridgeport TeamMates pays for (1) ACT per year per mentee

Bridgeport TeamMates paid out \$5,000 to 2019 Bridgeport graduating mentees

Matches are made based on same likes and interests

If a mentee is in TeamMates for their sophomore, junior and senior years they are eligible for over \$8,000,000 in corporate scholarships

Bridgeport TeamMates is self-sustaining with donations received from the community along with fundraising events

There are (3) areas of improvement TeamMates likes to see in their students

- (1) Less absenteeism
- (2) Less disciplinary referrals
- (3) Improvement in grades

At a program-wide level now in 5 states the improvement in these areas for mentees is unbelievable with 91% of all mentees graduating on time.

TeamMates Works

I am constantly amazed at what I see in the matches being discussed and the difference it is making in that student's life. I once overheard a mentor going over how important it is to learn (2) things: how to play chess and how to address an envelope. These things seem like small tasks to us but, then the mentor went on to tell this young man how chess is like life and how important it is to write a handwritten letter and know how to address the envelope. We have many students that stress about college and how they will pay for it and one of them in particular never thought she would be able to go to college. She and her mentor worked on all of the scholarship opportunities and she ended up with a full tuition scholarship. We have matches that become lifelong friends even after high school and college graduation.

Be There

I hear so many people say that they would be a mentor but they don't have the time or they don't know if they would be a good mentor. We all have something to give to these students and it just takes one meeting, once a week. Our hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. allowing for before and after school meetings. Contact me or one of the board members listed above if you have any questions or go to www.teammates.org to apply

Gail Beyer Bridgeport TeamMates Coordinator



Bridgeport TeamMates will be serving concessions for the Bridgeport Lion's Club Tourney March 6, 7 and 8 at PWCC

We will have homemade fried donuts, cinnamon rolls, and breakfast burritos Saturday and Sunday beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Throughout the day we will have popcorn, candy, soda and...
Taco salad/nacho bar

Attention Friends of: Bridge part TeamMates If you want to achieve success... Fundraising Deadline is: Ongoing Thank you To purchase more: Contact Gail at the school ^{308.279.1797} Bridgeport TeamMates Board member Caramel + Julapeno Cheddar White Cheddar \$8 Zebra



NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER 2020

The Dee Berg Memorial Pool is looking to hire pool manager, pool operators, and lifeguards for our 2020 season.

- Pool manager/operator must have pool operators' certificate.
- Lifeguard Certificate, First Aid and CPR required for all positions.
- Must be at least 15 years of age, with parents' consent.
- May 25th September 12th
- Evenings and Weekends required.

Please stop by the Prairie Winds Community Center for an application.

Applications due by March 20th at 5pm!

Part-time and Fulltime positions **Hours Vary** Good with children and families Excellent communication skills Ability to work as a team

PWCC

428 Main St PO Box 640 Bridgeport, NE 69336 308-262-1825

cwallesen@cityofbport.com



February 10, 2020

TO: Nebraska High Schools

RE: Programs

Enclosed, please find information regarding two Nebraska Extension programs for teens.

Tractor Safety Courses in 11 Nebraska locations - Any 14- or 15-year-old who works on a farm or ranch owned by someone other than parents or guardians is required by law to have certification through a class such as this. Cost for the course is \$60.

Please announce this opportunity to appropriate-aged classes and especially to Ag Teachers and FFA Advisors. This flier is also available online at **go.unl.edu/tractorsafety**, if you would like to post a link on your web site, include in a newsletter, or print more copies.

Sleepless in Nebraska – This free program teaches youth about the importance of quality sleep and how lack of it affects our bodies and minds. They learn surprising facts that will have an impact on prioritizing sleep for better overall study retention, safety, and health. The session is taught in a fun, innovative way that has kids talking long after! Sleepless in Nebraska can also be offered as an adult program for staff or parents. Everyone will learn something – guaranteed.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding these programs. Thank you for keeping our youth safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Susan Harris-Broomfield

Educator - Rural Health, Wellness, and Safety

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2020 Teen Tractor Safety Training

All youth aged 14 and 15 who work on a farm or ranch other than their own MUST be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course to obtain a Farm Husbandry Permit or "farm permit" without further testing. Successful completion of the course will allow trained youth to operate a tractor over 20 horsepower, and connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from a tractor.

For more information, contact an Extension office near you:

Training Site Location	Extension Office #	Dates of Training
Fairgrounds, Ord	(308)728-5071	May 26 & 27
Fairgrounds, Wayne	(402) 375-3310	May 28 & 29
Plains Equipment, O'Neill	(402)336-2760	June 1 & 2
Fairgrounds, Gordon	(308)327-2312	June 3 (Day 1 online)
Evangelical Free, Ainsworth	(402)387-2213	June 4 & 5
Fairgrounds, Geneva	(402)759-3712	June 9 & 10
WCREEC, North Platte	(308)532-2683	June 11 & 12
Buffalo Co. Ext. Office, Kearney	(308)236-1235	June 16 & 17
Adams Co. Ext. Office, Hastings	(402)461-7209	June 18 & 19
Legacy Museum, Gering	(308)632-1480	June 29 & 30
Fairgrounds, Weeping Water	(402)267-2205	July 1 & 2

Registration form found at: go.unl.edu/tractorsafety

- Contact appropriate office above for instructions on registration and payment
- Please register by one week in advance, or courses may be canceled
- Minimum of 10 students required
- Appropriate outdoor working clothes required
- All participants must have a release signed by a parent or guardian
- Cost of instruction, materials, and lunches is \$60, payable to UNL







NEBRASKA EXTENSION

PROGRAMS

Sleepless in Nebraska - YOUTH

Sleep Deprivation Affects Our Lives

The Issue

Sleep affects every moment of our daily lives, from how we think and remember to how our bodies thrive or deteriorate. It determines how we deal with stress, make choices related to safety, and function as human beings.

Adolescents and teens need LOTS of sleep, and CDC studies show they are not getting enough.

Extension Response

Sleepless in Nebraska

features fun interactive learning for kids to teach



them why lack of sleep causes a significantly reduced quality of life, and offers tips and tricks for getting the sleep they need.

What is the #1 take-away you will remember from this program?

"Wake time and importance of light"



"Routine is a good thing"
"Statistics"

"Tips I will share..."

"Sleep position & body part relaxation"

Participants choose an average of **7 new sleep tips** they will go home and try.

The best thing this presenter did was...

"The game and relaxing environment"



"Held the attention of the audience" "Sleep tips and tricks checklist"

Susan Harris-Broomfield, Extension Educator – Rural Health, Wellness, and Safety \$\% 308.832.0645

🔀 susan.harris@unl.edu

Nebraska Lincoln

Bridgeport Public Schools Breakfast March 2020

Eating breakfast gives you the energy to Irish jig food morning	ndwich Ham Tater tots Yogurt Fruit Well.	20 Taco Johns Donut bites Ham Fruit Fruit 20 Taco Johns AlWays a grain as	oms NO SCHOOL milk.	6 Taco Johns Donut bites Ham Fruit https://doi.org/10.1000/10.000000000000000000000000000	Fri
	25 Breakfast sandwich Fruit	19 Waffles Sausage Omelet Fruit	12 Donuts w/moms Sausage Fruit	5 Pancakes Sausage Omelets Fruit	Thu
31 Cereal Ham Fruit	24 Cereal Ham Fruit	18 Cereal Ham Fruit	11 Cereal Ham Fruit	4 Cereal Ham Fruit	Wed
30 Bacon Eggs Toast Fruit	24 Biscuits & gravy Fruit	17 Bacon Eggs Toast Fruit	10 Biscuits & gravy Fruit	3 Bacon Eggs Toast Fruit	Tue
29 French toast bites Ham Fruit	23 <i>Taco John's</i> Breakfast burrito Fruit	16 NO SCHOOL	9 French toast bites Ham Fruit	2 Taco John's Breakfast burrito Fruit	Mon
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Bridgeport Public Schools Lunch March 2020



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* Chili bar	30 Chinese chicken Rice	23 Chicken noodles Mash potatoes Corn	16 NO SCHOOL	9 Sloppy Joes Chips	2 Beefy Nachos Veggies	
*Chicken tortilla soup	31 Meatball subs Chips	24 Beefy Nachos Veggies	17 Chili Corn Bread Veggies	10 Chicken sand Potato salad Italian veggies	3 Chicken nuggets Mac & cheese	
*Chicken/noodles	Disclaimer: In March, the items serve contain a trace amount or preparation of their food time of year there may be any questions or concern: Thank you, Bridgeport Public Schools	25 Godfathers Pizza Sherbet	18 Chicken fried steak Mashed potatoes Corn	11 Godfathers Pizza Sherbet	4 Chicken fried steak Mashed potatoes Corn	
*Chef salad bar	Disclaimer: In March , the items served in our meal program from Taco John's may contain a trace amount of fish. Of course, Taco John's takes great care in preparation of their food but, with all of the fish being cooked during this time of year there may be a trace amount of fish in the oil used. If you ha any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Lambert at the school. Thank you, Bridgeport Public Schools	26 Spaghetti Garlic toast Green Beans	19 Chicken strips French fries Veggies	12 Lasagna Green beans Cottage cheese	5 Spaghetti Garlic toast Green beans	
*Nacho bar 9tl	Disclaimer: In March , the items served in our meal program from Taco John's may contain a trace amount of fish. Of course, Taco John's takes great care in the preparation of their food but, with all of the fish being cooked during this time of year there may be a trace amount of fish in the oil used. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Lambert at the school. Thank you, Bridgeport Public Schools	27 Cheeseburgers or Tuna sandwich French fries Dessert	20 Pork tacos or Tuna sandwich Corn Churro	13 NO SCHOOL	6 Fish sticks French fries Dessert	
9th through 12th grade ONLY	Eat your Vegales	and salads	fresh fruits, vegetables	an all you can eat salad bar that	All lunches include	