



# HOOFPRIINT



Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

## School Board Appreciation Week

School Board Appreciation Week begins Sunday, February 9th and I would like to personally take some time to thank all of the Shickley School Board members of the past and present. Your dedication to our school and community is very much appreciated. Some may say the only two jobs of a School Board is to hire the superintendent and set district policy. Even though there is truth to that statement, there is one element it does not encompass; support! An effective School Board is supportive. Supportive of the administration, teachers, and staff; whether it be to hold us up, reinforce, or assist us, your support is something we need. This support allows the great people within the building to do their jobs to the highest degree. Shickley Public Schools is very grateful for its past and present Boards of Education and their support.

### Current Shickley School Board Members:

John Mick  
 Joe Kamler  
 Chris Swartzendruber  
 Tiya Johnson  
 Ryan Noel  
 Ambur Hinrichs

### Make sure EVERY child is counted in the 2020 Census April 1, 2020

This count impacts the federal funds that communities receive for special education, classroom technology, teacher training, after-school programs, school lunch assistance, and more.

Responding to the census helps our community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year. These funds support vital community programs that help children, such as schools, hospitals, housing, and food assistance.

- The decennial census is a count of every person living in the United States that occurs every 10 years
- The population of every state as counted in the census also determines how many representatives each state is given in the U.S. House of Representatives
- You can do your part by making sure you complete the Census for your home—be sure to include EVERY person living in your home (even if they are only here for a short while or plan to move)—this number is utilized for the next ten years
- On average it only takes 10 minutes to complete the Census
- In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census
- By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census (you can respond via online, phone, or mail)

**Be sure to checkout the Census Information Pages in this edition of the Hoofprint**

Thank you for supporting Shickley Public Schools!

Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey



Superintendent

*Announcing Shickley Public Schools first ever Green Gala!*

*Save the date: February 22, 2020*

*Place: Shickley Community Center*

In the past we have conducted a silent auction alongside a fall high school football game, but this school year we are spicing things up a bit!

The Green Gala will be an evening filled with excitement; a silent auction (with many class-created projects), raffles, appetizers, social hour, a meal, daycare, and live entertainment.

Please continue to watch the announcements for updates about our Gala. Public ticket sales started Monday, January 13th and can be purchased from the front office!

Your support of Shickley Activities is greatly appreciated!

### **Junior High Girls Fight Through Tough Season, by Coach Hansel**

The junior high girl's basketball team battled through a tough season to finish with a 7-5 record. Of the games, 5 came down to final second shots and overtime play. In conference play, the Eagles ended with wins against Exeter-Milligan, Giltner, McCool Junction, and Dorchester. The Eagles were defeated by Meridian which created a 3-way tie for CRC opportunities. With the luck of a coin flip, the girl's earned their way into the CRC Championship game. The match up with Cross County was the second time the Eagles and Cougars have faced off. In both games, the Eagles were defeated by the Cougars. The Lady Eagles earned CRC Conference Runner-Up to end the 2019-2020 season.



## Quarter Two Honor Roll

### All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Kaylee Noel and Alyssa Nolt

Juniors: Macy Kamler, Aaron Mick, and Raleigh Shipley

Sophomores: Taryn Fiala, Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, Taylor Sliva, and Madison Sokol

Freshmen: Hannah Miller and Ashley Schlegel

8th Graders: Hanna Kadel, Emberlynn Nolt, Reagan Sokol, and Lynley Swartzendruber

7th Graders: Hayley Sliva and Grace Tobias

### A Average

Seniors: Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Alexandria Lamely, Zach Mosier, Nathan Nelson, Justin Stengel, Brock Swartzendruber, Josh Swartzendruber, and Rong Yang

Juniors: Kenzie Bohling and Nolan O'Brien

Sophomores: Tyler Grote and Madeline Kamler

8th Graders: Cloey Carlson and Seth Stengel

7th Graders: Jacob Beavers, Malinda Kamler, Carson Loos, Shawn Nelson, and Tucker Robinson

### A & B

Senior: Austin Plock

## Semester One Honor Roll

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Sophomore: Elijah Noel

8th Graders: Jada Spurling and Seth Stengel

7th Graders: Malinda Kamler, Carson Loos, and Shawn Nelson

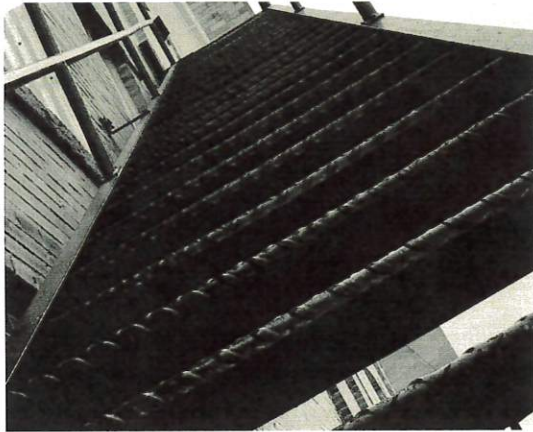
### A & B

Junior: Bryn Kadel

## 2020 NETA Student Contest Winners, by Miss Hansel

Students in grades 3-5 submitted still images that were taken using the iPads. They were encouraged to view everyday objects in a different view. I am proud to announce that two Shickley students captured still images that were chosen as contest winners. Sophea Flint won 1st place in the still image category with her image "Stepping Up" and Emma Hinrich's "Fall Days" earned 2nd place. Certificates and medals will be presented to both girls soon. The winning images will be displayed at the 2020 NETA Conference in Omaha.

Sophea's "Stepping Up" picture is on the left and Emma's "Fall Days" picture is on the right.




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## Junior High Boys Basketball Season, by Mr. Schlegel

The BDS junior high boys' basketball team finished another successful season Monday, January 20th with a 32-16 victory over Blue Hill. There were a total of 18 boys, seven 8th-graders and eleven 7th-graders, however due to a broken wrist and ankle injury the team finished the season with 16 boys. The overall record was 6-3, with a 4-1 north division conference record. The team started off slow with two losses to Exeter-Milligan and Cross County in the first two games of the season, but bounced back with wins over McCool Junction, Giltner, and Lawrence/Nelson to go into Christmas break with a 3-2 record. They kept rolling with wins over Meridian and Dorchester before falling to Thayer Central. A tournament that would have included two more games was cancelled due to weather. The success the team found on the court came from their hard work, determination, and willingness to be coached every day at practice as they developed their individual skills as basketball players. The coaches were very pleased to see so much growth between the beginning of the year and where the players ended the year, both physically and mentally, as well as becoming more knowledgeable about the game of basketball in general. There were many teaching moments about how to handle end of game situations, the importance of being focused and ready to play every game, and how to continuously battle throughout whatever happens in a game, whether good or bad. A lot of the teams played were a lot bigger which made the team play at a high physical level and helped set the level of play when we were the bigger team.

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## FFA to Host Community Appreciation Breakfast

Join the Shickley FFA for the Community Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday, February 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. in the North Gym. FFA members want to say thanks for all the support throughout the year.

## HA Update, by Miss Johnson

Shickley Staff is currently participating in year 3 of the Elevate Program, which is offered by BCBS of Nebraska. Many staff members are seeing the benefits of having monthly and quarterly challenges. We began the school year with Master Gardener and Crush Cravings. When signing up for the challenge, all staff are given daily goals and if completed, they have a chance to win gift cards and prizes. Upcoming challenges include Reinforce Resilience, Book Club, and many more! This program is about overall wellness, not just diet and exercise. This program also offers quarterly challenges including: hydration, healthy eating, exercise, and sleep. These components help you to become a healthier you, both mentally and physically.

Currently 36 out of 43 staff members at Shickley Public School are actively participating. Here are just what a few of the staff members have to say about what the EHA Program has done for them:

"My secret skill is cooking, so I like to see the healthy recipes and use them at home. It also impresses my wife!" -Greg Schroeder

"The EHA program has allowed me to give back to myself. I have been given opportunities to learn more about the importance of my physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing. One cannot be completely healthy if any of these three are lacking." -Monica Noel

"EHA has provided me with constant reminders to stay as healthy as possible throughout the whole year. By participating in the challenges I am far more focused on my mental and physical well-being. The emails from EHA give me the incentive that I need to keep trying, especially when I am stressed out. The variety of challenges that are offered are impressive and cater to everyone's current needs." -Candi Nelson

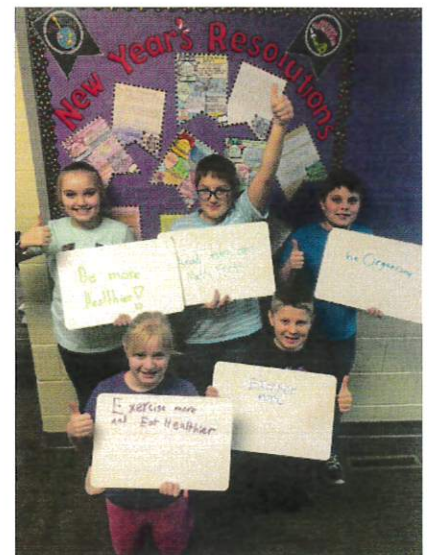
"EHA has helped me stay accountable for my lifestyle choices." -Marge Swartzendruber

"Through the EHA wellness program, I filled out a personal health assessment to see which areas I needed to work on. I love that this program has awesome incentives to help encourage me to live a healthy lifestyle!" -Megan Erickson

"Honest to goodness that gift card to Lincoln Running Company was the exact kick in the butt I needed to start running again! I use the incentives to go toward a more healthy lifestyle and I am so glad EHA provides this to schools! Our EHA Wellness leaders, Katie and Merissa, are very organized and they strive to get the whole staff involved. They have even created more incentives specially for our Shickley staff." -Mrs. Coffey

## Shickley 4th Grade, by Mrs. Dickson

Wow, it is hard to believe that it is already February! After Christmas break, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders spent some time discussing the topic of New Year's Resolutions in writing. We talked about how a resolution is a firm decision to do something different, to better themselves either at home or at school. The students were asked to generate a list of a few things they would like to change about themselves, then they were supposed to narrow that list down to one or two things they could use to write their own resolution. They came up with some good ideas, from eating healthier and exercising, to being organized and reading more. Next, we created a plan of how we were going to achieve our goals. We also talked about accountability and how we were going to stay on track with our goal. They realized that their resolution couldn't be a secret, they had to tell some people so they could be reminded of it if they got off track. Their plan is to keep this resolution going until next January. So, if you see a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, ask them what their new year's resolution



## FA attends LDEs in Aurora, by Miss Witte

On January 23rd, 2020, thirty Shickley students traveled to the Leadership Center in Aurora to compete in District Leadership Development Events. Nebraska Leadership Development Events (LDEs) provide FFA members with experience in the practice of influencing others through speaking and parliamentary procedure competitions. The following have qualified for state:

### Agriculture Literacy Speaking

Hanna Kadel - 1<sup>st</sup> Purple\*

### Discovery Speaking

Lynley Swartzendruber - Blue, Alternate to state

### Creed Speaking

Coy Margheim - Purple\*

Ashley Schlegel - Purple, Alternate to state

### Junior Public Speaking

Madeline Kamler - 1<sup>st</sup> Purple\*

Hannah Miller - Purple \*

### Cooperative Speaking

Kaylee Noel - 1<sup>st</sup> Purple\*

Eli Noel - Blue, Alternate to state

### Natural Resources Speaking

Sam Margheim - Purple\*

### Employment Skills

Regan Alfs - Purple\*

Pictured below are the FFA members who competed at LDEs.



## Elementary Music and Spanish News, by Mrs. Ellis

Spanish I-II classes will be taking the National Spanish Exam in March. Students have been diligently learning new vocabulary, grammar structures, and a little culture as well. Spanish I has been studying sports vocabulary. Spanish II has been studying the imperfect tense by sharing baby pictures and describing themselves as babies and small children. They have also been learning the subjunctive mood. Fifth grade Spanish students recently studied the South American countries and their capitals while sixth grade Spanish students have been studying Spanish vocabulary for various means of transportation.

Congratulations to the following fourth-sixth grade students who have been recommended to participate in the Sing Around Nebraska Choir in Central City on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will rehearse with about 130 area students, culminating in a concert at 4:00 p.m. Participating students include: Veronika Flint, Cameron Wilson, Sophea Flint, Elizabeth Ginn, Kaitlynn Nelson, Trinidi Oswald, Taylor Sokol, Coen Eitzmann, Luke Elting, Levi Kamler, and Brady Noel.

Please mark your calendars for the Elementary Spring Concert. The concert is on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The elementary students have been working hard in preparation for the concert. We hope to see you all there.

Pictured to the right are Sing Around Nebraska participants: Front row - Kaitlynn Nelson, Sophea Flint, Trinidi Oswald, Cameron Wilson; back row - Mrs. Ellis, Luke Elting, Levi Kamler, Brady Noel, and Elizabeth Ginn. Not pictured are Coen Eitzmann, Veronica Flint, and Taylor Sokol.



## '020 and Beyond, By Chris Swartzendruber, School Board Secretary

As we begin another new decade I would like to take a look back at where we have been as well as where we are headed. They say history has a tendency to repeat itself. Sometimes this may be good and sometimes bad, and I am not referring to big hair and bell bottoms. When I look back on the education our students have received here at Shickley we have always had high expectations in academics. A wooden hutch that my dad made in a woodshop class still sits proudly in his house as a reminder of lessons learned of how many strokes it takes to properly hand sand a piece of wood. The welding and woodworking skills I learned at Shickley are still being used today. My kids have had some of the same opportunities I did such as taking welding classes and making great projects. Some of the opportunities such as wood shop have disappeared over the years only to be replaced by bigger and better things that I was never exposed to. My kids never got the chance to hear Mr. Berg convincingly say that my small piece of wood only needed about another week of hand sanding to receive his approval. On the same token, over 25 years ago I learned to type on a typewriter, we were just learning about computers in high school, at college all of our classes were taught from books and chalk boards and we traveled to and from school without a cellphone. Nowadays our students rely heavily on their phones and personal laptops to do research, catch up on the class they missed, and take college classes online before they finish high school. As technology has improved in schools, it has also found its way into the workplace and our goal is to keep our students prepared for success in today's world. Unfortunately, it is difficult to educate our students on technology that they will need to understand in order to succeed in life when it hasn't even been invented yet. This is where the challenge lies. As some students will graduate and invent new technology, other students will graduate and use their skills to do jobs that seem more mundane and old school. The question surfaces often on social media, should we be focusing on getting graduates as many college credits as possible in high school to push them faster through college at a reduced cost to the student, or should we be focusing on teaching our kids to use their hands and learn more trade style skills? Skills that can often be taught in two year community colleges or on the job with little to no college debt. Students who attend eight years of post education and graduate \$160,000 in debt are probably less likely to return to the local community and raise their family here, whereas the students who attend a trade school will more likely return to the Shickley area to start their own business and fill in the gaps of those retiring on main street. In the future it will only continue to become harder to find quality carpenters, welders, small engine mechanics, plumbers, electricians, and diesel mechanics if all students are pointed in the direction of graduate school. How do we create this delicate balance? We do it with the basics. Every student who graduates high school needs certain skills to be successful in life. They all need to know how to read efficiently, communicate concisely, listen attentively, and have a determined work ethic to be successful in life. If we can give all students just a feel for the different jobs that are available, hopefully they can choose the path that is best for them allowing everyone to be successful in the game of life. And hopefully with the strong roots that are the basis of this community, someday our students will find their way back home to raise their own kids in the best "Big Little Town" around.

## Principal Notes

Our second semester is underway and we are all back into the routine of school. I often like to walk the halls of our school and visit classrooms throughout the day. I enjoy talking to our students and staff while sharing stories and celebrations and hopefully laughs. In the midst of all the responsibilities we all have, it's the relationships that mean the most and establish the trust and support we all need to grow and prosper.

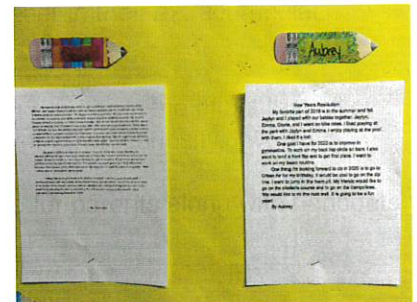
I often like to stop and look at the work displayed along the elementary walls. Our teachers do a nice job of displaying some of the work their students create for all to see. On a recent walk, here are a few of the highlights: Our Kindergarten students have created autobiographies, pictured below on the left; our first grade students read a story about Martin Luther King Jr. and then wrote their dreams, pictured below in the middle; our second and third graders wrote about their best memories of 2019 and their 2020 Resolutions, pictured below on the right.

I would like to congratulate our girls' basketball team for their 1st place finish in the MUDECAS Tournament. A thrilling second half performance against Sterling moved them into the final against Sacred Heart where they kept it close and edged them out as time expired. Congrats to our boys' team as well as they are playing hard and working to pull things together down the stretch. Our FFA students are busy competing at their Leadership Development Events and our speech team's season has started. I wish all of our students and staff the best as they work together in their extracurricular events.

Lastly, I would like to share a website and a few links to resources for parents. I often wonder about the effect that all of the technology we have at our fingertips is having on us. If you are interested and have your own curiosity, I would suggest [www.humanetech.com](http://www.humanetech.com) as a place to investigate. In fact, the following link <https://humanetech.com/parents-students/> might be a great place to start. There are two videos, one for students, and one for parents along with handouts for you to download.

Thanks for your continued support and thanks to our staff for the work that they do each day.

Mr. Sokol





# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!  
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

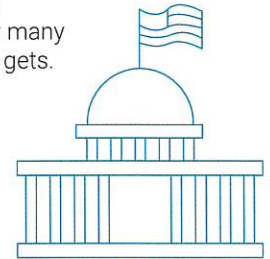
## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



## It's about fair representation.

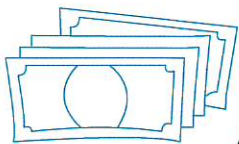
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



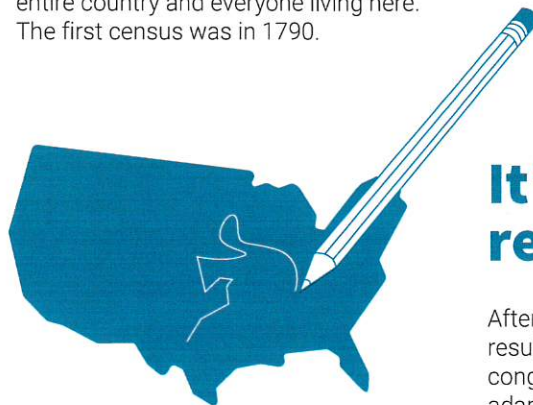
## It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

## It means \$675 billion.



Census data determine how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.



## It's about redistricting.

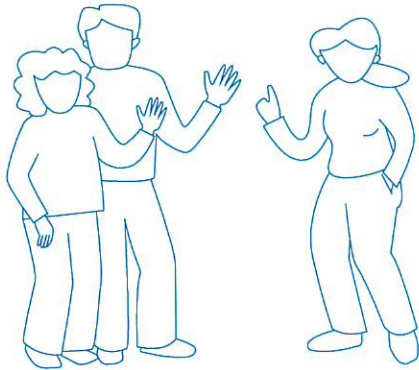
After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

## Taking part is your civic duty.

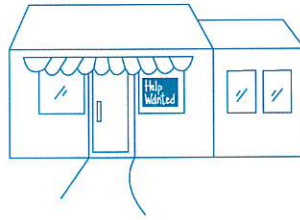
Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



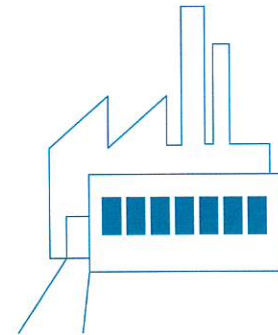
# Census data are being used all around you.



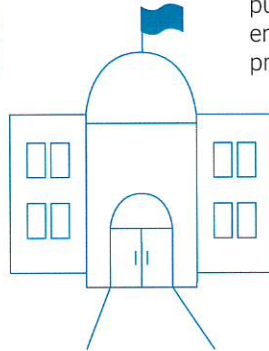
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



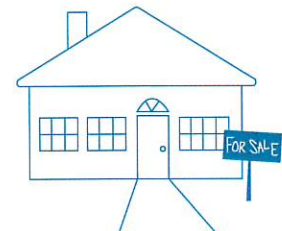
Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



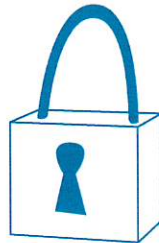
Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



# Your data are confidential.

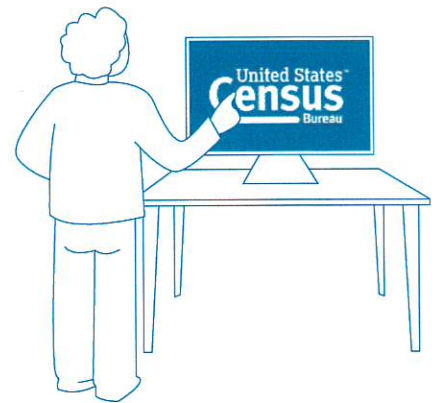
Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.



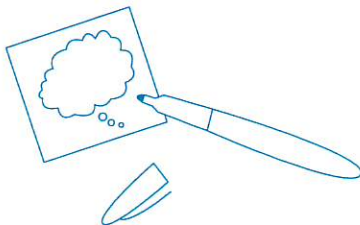
# 2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



# You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



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# February 2020

## Shickley Public School

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|        |  |  |  |  |  | 1<br>Speech Practice<br>8:30 am - Noon  |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | FFA State Degree<br>Interview in Blue Hill 8:00 am  |
| 2      | 3<br>CRC Jr. High Vocal<br>Clinic at Hampton<br><br>County Gov Day for Jrs                 | 4<br>Girls & Boys BB Games<br>at Osceola   | 5<br>FFA Proficiencies/<br>Star interviews in<br>Blue Hill 2:00 pm | 6<br>FFA Meeting & CDE<br>Practice 6:30 pm   | 7<br>School dismissed<br>at 2:30 pm<br>Girls & Boys BB Game<br>w ShelbyRC at Davenport<br>Parents Night<br>Lions Club Meal 5:30-8:00pm | 8<br>Speech Meet at Aurora  |
| 9      | 10<br>9th & 10th Gr G/B BB<br>w Sutton at Davenport<br>6:00 & 7:30 pm<br><br>Board Meeting | 11<br>Girls JV & Varsity BB<br>w Meridian at Bruning<br>6:00 & 7:00 pm<br><br>Jr. Day at Exeter Milligan | 12   | 13<br>Parent Teacher Confer<br>2:00 - 7:00 pm<br>School dismiss at 1:00 pm<br>No Preschool Today<br>CDE Practice 7:10 AM | 14<br>No School for students<br><br>Teacher Inservice<br>Girls & Boys BB Game<br>w High Plains at Davenport                            | 15<br>Jr. Varsity G&B BB<br>Tournament at Davenport<br><br>Speech Meet<br>at Sandy Creek    |
| 16     | 17<br>Girls Sub District Basketball Tournament<br>at Grand Island Central Catholic         | 18   | 19<br>JH and High School<br>CRC Quiz Bowl                          | 20<br>Girl BB at Grand Island CC<br><br>CDE Practice 7:10 AM   | 21<br>School dismissed<br>at 2:30 pm<br>Boys JV & Varsity BB<br>w Meridian at Bruning  | 22<br>Green Gala<br>at Community Center<br><br>5th-8th Grades Music<br>Contest at Davenport |
| 23     | 24<br>Boys Sub District Basketball Tournament<br>at Fillmore Central HS in Geneva          | 25   | 26<br>CRC Speech Meet<br>at Meridian                               | 27<br>BB at Fillmore Central   | 28<br>School dismissed<br>at 2:30 pm<br>Girls District BB Finals   | 29<br>Speech Meet at Centura<br><br>Boys District BB Finals                                 |
|        | National FFA Week  |  |  |  | FFA Leadership Conference in Kearney   |   |