

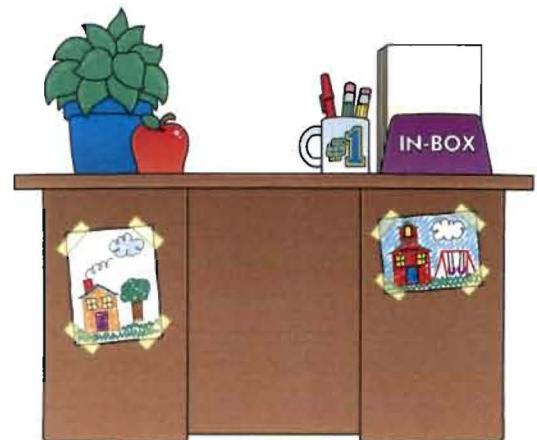
Blue's News

The Cat's out of the Bag!!

From the Principal's Desk

Just a reminder: We have some very important tests coming up in the near future. These tests include the ACT, a pre-ACT, Dibels (a reading test), MAPS and the new NSCAS test, which is a state test that replaced the NeSA test. Teachers will be keeping parents informed when these tests will be administered. When your child is taking these tests, please encourage them to take their time and to do their best. The night before, make sure that they get to bed early and get a good breakfast, whether that is at home or at school. These tests are important for us to monitor individual student performance and growth and for us to analyze the programs and curriculum that we are using at Callaway Public Schools. Therefore, it is extremely important that we work together to help ensure that your child is as prepared as they can be to do their best!

Thank you!!



First Grades Science Trip

By: Matti Stout

The first grade and Mrs. Miller would like to thank Mrs. Svenson and the senior science class for welcoming them to the classroom to do science experiments. The first grade class went into the science room to do experiments. They had a paper and a



magnet and it burnt a hole in the paper. They looked at a newspaper and thread through a microscope. They could see the lines in the newspaper. They also put water and vinegar into a test tube and put a balloon over it and watched it fill up with air.



Time Capsule

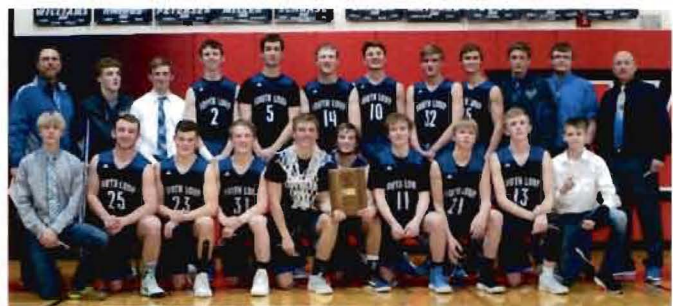
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The first grade class put some items into a coffee can for their time capsule. The children put in things such as tractors, pictures of them with pets, a football game, a drawing, jewelry box, and vampire teeth from Halloween. They will get to open this time capsule in 2024 when they graduate.

Boys Basketball

By: Kalie Glendy

The boys basketball team got to take a trip to state after receiving a wild card. They left March 7th, the Wednesday before the state tournament started. They stopped in Seward on the way for a pregame practice. They had to play Hastings St. Cecilia at Lincoln Southeast for the first round. They sadly fell to them 52-34 to end their record at 21-4.



Read Across America

On the week of the 26th of February, the Elementary celebrated 'Read Across America'. They read books including many written by Eric Carle. The morning preschool class also went to Mrs. Walz room during first period to have the high school class read a

few books to them and had them do a small project making their own Dr. Seuss hat. Mrs. Hickenbottom was in charge of the 'Read

Across America' this year and thought of some great ideas for projects. The kids got to do four stations of fun which included Food Station, Reading Station, Art Station, and Gaming Station. Some of the teachers even did a skit for them reciting the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear.

By: Cheyenne Bunch



Muffins with Mom

By : Megan Bechtold



On March 23, our pre-school had Muffins with Mom or Grandma. It was nice to see the moms bond with their children. The project went as planned. They got to eat delicious muffins and juice together. They also

took pictures in the photo booth. They got to read books with their moms. They helped their kids decorate flower vases that were homemade and planted seeds in them. They can now watch it grow together and share that bond. It was a great time to see the kids and moms spend time.



Callaway attends FCCLA conference

By Ryen Dickman



On February 26th, 2018, five members of the Callaway FCCLA chapter attended the Nebraska Peer Education Conference in Kearney, Nebraska. There, about 460 students learned how to plan for the future, take care of themselves, save money, and spend money wisely.

Wryleigh Doyle was given the honor of helping plan the event as well as introduce speakers such as Kimberly Barrett, the assistant director of wellness services at UNL.

The Student has Become the Teacher

(also) by Ryen Dickman



Here about a month back, students in Child Development were assigned a simple task: create a lesson plan for a class teaching preschoolers or kindergarteners and then teach the kids **USING** that lesson plan. They were separated into groups of two or three to teach the young ones about any subject they chose. The young ones seemed to really enjoy the lessons such as Random Acts of Kindness, What Does Our Heart Do, and about Groundhog Day.

Senior Spotlight



Full Name: Marshall S. Still

Parents : Brenda & Richard Still

Favorite food : Steak

Best advice your parents gave you : Have fun.

Favorite book : Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Your birthday : April 9, 1999

Extracurricular Activities : Football, wrestling, and rodeo.

What do you do in your free time : Hang out with the boys.

Future Plans : Art Education

Favorite type of music : Country

Favorite TV show or movie : The 100

What did you want to be when you were little : Grownup

Full Name: Lucy Ann Kimball

Parents : Duane & Carla Kimball

Favorite high school memory : Cheering at Memorial Stadium.

Favorite quote or motto : "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." - Matthew 11:28-30

Favorite food : Homemade chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes and gravy.

Best advice your parents gave you : Put in the hard work & put forth the effort.

Favorite book : The Great Gatsby

Your birthday : February 23, 2000

Extracurricular Activities : Cheer, Speech, One Acts, Track, 4-H, and Art Club

What do you do in your spare time : Watch Netflix, Listen to music, Waste money on food and clothes.

Future plans : Attend UNL to major in food science and possibly minor in business.

Eventually I want to return to the area and own a vineyard and winery.

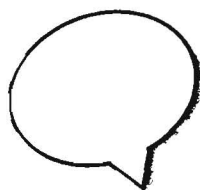
Favorite type of music : Country, Pop, and Christian

Favorite TV show or movie : Friends, Pretty Little Liars, or Safe Haven

What did you want to be when you were little : Teacher or Mary Kay sales person.



By: Cheyenne Bunch



Speech

By; Taylor Conroy

The 2018 Speech season went out with a bang! Each member worked hard and had an incredibly successful season. "The kids had a really tough district and I couldn't be more proud of all of them," said Coach Mrs. Campbell. Many superior rating medals have been won at each contest. By placing 3rd at the district meet, Dalton Kunkee is our only state qualifier. There were many placings which came close to qualifying. These included Josh McFate placing 4th in Humorous, Kaitlyn Pflaster placing 6th in Informative and 4th in Persuasive, Laykin Wilkins placing 5th in Poetry, and Laney Badgley placing 4th in Entertainment. People earning superior ratings, which is a combined score of a 90 or above, were Kaitlyn Pflaster in Informative and Persuasive, Brittany and Natalie Trumull in Duet, Dalton Kunkee in Humorous, Calyn Laible and Dalton Kunkee in Duet, Laney Badgley in Entertainment, Calyn Laible in Serious, Natalie Trumbull in Entertainment, Laykin Wilkins in Poetry, and Josh McFate in Humorous. Dalton didn't make finals, but he still did a great job. Congratulations on a great speech season!



Bobcat of the Month

By Suzy Heusman



"Jordan Rendon always comes to school full of energy and excitement for learning."

~Mrs. Hickenbottom

"Shaun Johnson has become more and more responsible this past year. He was also just recently sick and gone from school for over a week and a half and he worked very hard at home and school to get caught up."

~Mrs. Weverka



"Bindi Peters is working hard to be kind, considerate, and respectful. She has made great gains to become the best version of herself."

~Dr. Beshaler

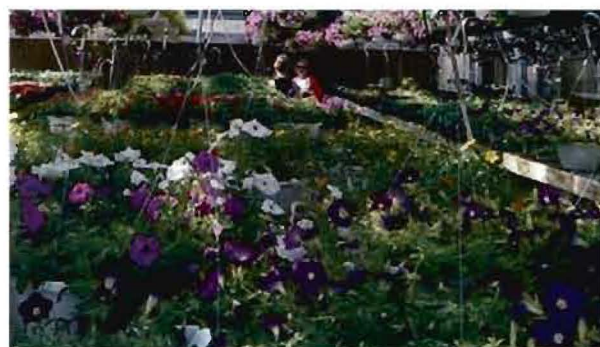




FFA

By: Suzy Heusman

FFA is well underway in their year and have competed at many contests. Some of those contests have lead some of our FFA members to the state competition in Lincoln. To make it to state, they competed in career development events in February and March and had to place in the top three teams. At the beginning of the year, they all set the goal of making it state and hopefully placing. This year competing in state FFA are Isaac Stallbaumer, Atlynn Witthuhn, Vayle Berger, Lucy Kimball, Reagan Ross, Garrett Hrupek, Kalen Dockweiler, Cody Erstrom, Dalton Kunkee, Weston Kunkee, and Trevor Ross. The events that will competed in by these eleven kids are Nursery and Landscape, Meats Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, and Economy. Nebraska FFA chapters and members will be honored for their accomplishments at the 90th annual Nebraska FFA State Convention. This event will be held on April 4th-6th. The convention will be in the Pinnacle Bank Arena, the hotels in Lincoln's Haymarket, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus. FFA advisors, members, and guests can come support chapters and members receiving awards and listen to motivational speakers and state officers retiring addresses during convention sessions. You can also be engaged in leadership workshops, watch students compete in Leadership Development Events, and attend the annual Expo and Career Fair. Students may also participate in the State Career Development Events held on the UNL East Campus.



***Also as a reminder plant sales are still going on until April 11th. The plants will arrive at the school on April 24th to be picked up.**



Reading Gazebo

There is a new reading gazebo in the library. This gazebo was donated by Butch and Shirley McGinn in memory of Ethel Schaper, the Great-Grandmother of Michaela, Savannah, and Mya Weverka. This is a great place for kids to relax and their favorite book.

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

April 2018

Seniors...It's decision time!

Here's how to make your final college decision.

Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:

Location – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

Cost – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in student and parent loans will you need to borrow to cover expenses?

Academic program – Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?

Student life – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? Do you like the living arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.

Juniors... these questions will help you narrow your college choices

By narrowing your college choices now, you'll be better prepared to apply for financial aid and college admission early next fall. Start by answering these questions.

What do you want to study?

Explore your career interests and then research colleges that offer programs in areas you may want to pursue. Use college selection tools like College Profiles at **EducationQuest.org**.

What kind of school do you want to attend?

Do you prefer a large university or a small college? Are you interested in a community college? What kind of student/teacher ratio do you want?

Where do you want to go to college?

Do you want to live close to home or far away? Do you want to be in a major city or a small town? How big of a factor is out-of-state or private school tuition? If you want to go out of state, investigate programs like the Midwest Student Exchange Program which may provide discounted tuition.

What can you afford?

Consider overall costs: tuition, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses. (See "[About Nebraska Colleges](#)" for costs.) Determine what you and your parents can afford to pay out-of-pocket and plan to apply for financial aid to help make up the difference. Calculate [the loan debt](#) you and your parents may need to incur to pay for your college education.

For more details, see [Selecting a College](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

College fairs coming up in South Sioux City, Lincoln, and Omaha

Talk to representatives from colleges across the state, region, and nation during upcoming college fairs.

[Tri-State Area College Fair](#) (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 15, 1-3 p.m., Delta Hotel Center (formerly Marina Center)

[Lincoln Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 22, 1-3 p.m., Southeast Community College

[Omaha Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 29, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse

Before you attend, get a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#). Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair so college reps can scan it.

April "To Do" List

Seniors

- ___ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).
- ___ Make your final college decision.
- ___ Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- ___ Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

- ___ Attend a [college fair](#) in your area.
- ___ Schedule [campus visits](#) while colleges are still in session.
- ___ [Register](#) by April 6 for the May 5 SAT.
- ___ [Register](#) by May 4 for the June 9 ACT.
- ___ Start looking for [scholarships](#).

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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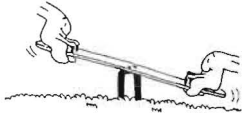
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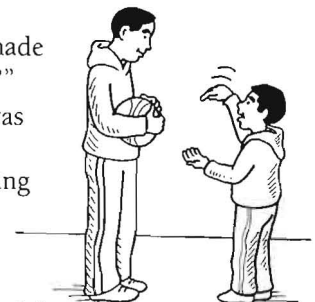


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What does respect look like?

Your youngster's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn about respect.

Respectful replies. Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your child about respect for neighbors.

Explain that keeping your neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers. ♥

A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting makes a tougher book easier to comprehend. If your youngster is reading a novel set in China, he could talk to someone who has been there or look up the country online (try a children's site like kids.nationalgeographic.com).

- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your youngster better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.

- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about. ♥



Q & A

Strong study habits

Q: My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I make sure she studies effectively?

A: Set your daughter up for success by helping her find a distraction-free study spot. Also, have her come up with a study routine. For instance, she could reserve time each evening to review her textbook and notes in the days leading up to a test.

Also, many students find it helpful to jot down a purpose each time they study. Your child might write: "I will learn the definitions of all the boldfaced words in chapter 7, section 1."

Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close her eyes and imagine how a word is spelled or draw a grid with 9 squares to solve 3×3 . Or she might find it helpful to spell or recite math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune. ♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Talking to kids about money

My children were always asking to buy things like dress-up shoes or new games. They didn't seem to understand that these items weren't in our budget.

I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is limited. So I got a spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my

subway fare, the electric bill, and food at the grocery store. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees.

After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our income, several types of insurance, and membership in our homeowners' association. Sometimes they still ask to buy too many things at the store, but when I say no, at least they understand why. ♥



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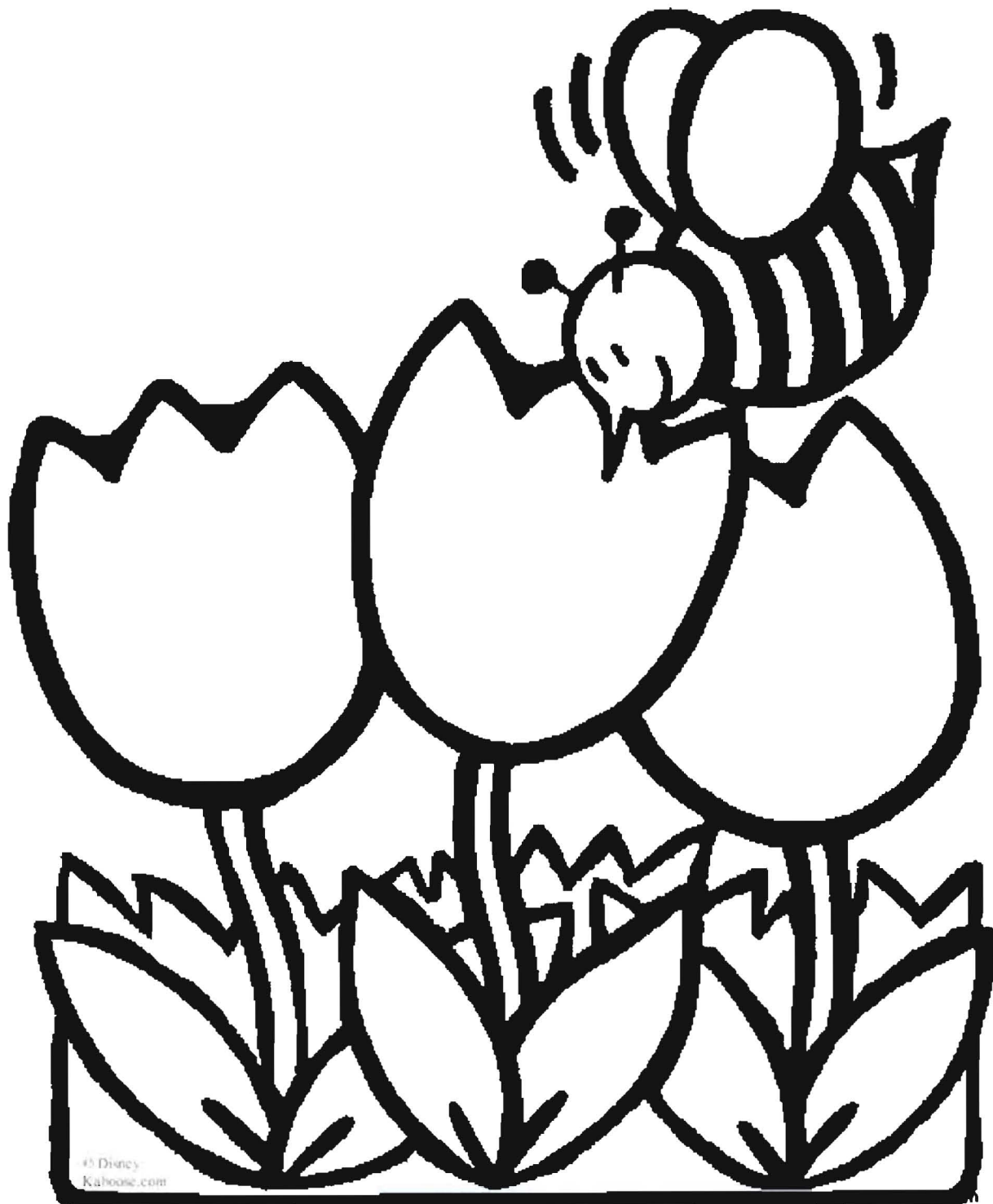


CALLAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

APRIL 2018

Monday 2 No School	Tuesday 3 Tornados Beff and Bean Burritos	Wednesday 4 Long John French Dip	Thursday 5 Muffins Roasted Turkey	Friday 6 No School
9 Brk Bar Philly Steak Sandwich	10 Biscuits and Gravy Nachos	11 Cini Minis Hamburger	12 Brk. Pizza Chicken and Noodles	13 Pancakes Spaghetti
16 Frudels Chili	17 Waffles Ho Dog Bar	18 Egg Tac Go Pizza	19 Donuts Stromboli	20 Egg Extravaganza Pork Patty
23 Omelettes/Bagels Tacos	24 Turnovers Enchiladas	25 Brk. Burrito Hamburgers	26 Brk. Sandwich Mini Corndogs	27 French Toast Sticks Chicken Nuggets
30 Bosco Sticks Tator Tot Casserole			Prices: Breakfast: \$2.15 Elem. Lunch: \$2.50 Jr/Sr High Lunch: \$2.65 Pre-K-1 st : \$9.00/month	Extras: Milk- \$0.40; Juice- \$0.25; Seconds- \$0.40

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