

# O'NEILL ELEMENTARY BOARD NOTE

MAY 26

## MAY UPDATES FROM OES

I can't believe it, but the school year is about over! We are in the process of ending the school year right now. Here are a few highlights from the last month.

- NSCAS State Testing & MAP Testing—All our 3rd-6th grade students took their NSCAS tests in ELA & Math (5th grade took Science). K-2 students took ELA & Math MAP tests, as well. We showed solid year-to-year growth on all our tests. We will use the data to help make instructional decisions in the future.
  - Teacher Appreciation Week—During the week of May 4th, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Everyone got in on the celebration. There was a small celebration each day of the week. We celebrated the staff with different “thank yous” throughout the week. We should thank teachers every day for what they do, but it was great to recognize them throughout the week!
  - Spring Programs—The 5th and 6th grade held their annual Spring Program, *I Need a Vacation*. The 4th grade held their annual Nebraska fair. All of the students did a fantastic job of performing and presenting.
  - ESU 8 Spring Art Show—Over 70 pieces of art from OES students were at the ESU 8 art show in Neligh last month. We had students earn a variety of awards. We are blessed with many gifted students.
- Elementary Honor Band—On Saturday, May 2nd, 28 5th & 6th Grade Band students from O'Neill traveled to Neligh to rehearse and perform in the 2026 Nate Metschke Memorial Honor Band. The 17th annual Elementary Honor Band was created by the late Nate Metschke. Nate was a Chambers High School graduate and Neligh-Oakdale Music teacher before his passing in 2018. The 5th grade band was under the direction of Carrie Jenson, band instructor in Norfolk. The 6th grade band was conducted by Jonathan Jaworski, composer and music teacher in Blair.
- The Soundsational Singers went on a trip to Lincoln, performed at the State Capitol, met a Nebraska State Supreme Court Justice, and took a tour of Haymarket Park. They enjoyed it!

