

Fillmore Central Public Schools

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District News

School Closures, Late Starts, and Weather

We will try and communicate as early as we can when school might begin late or not happen at all due to inclement weather. Our district covers a large area so roads and weather in one part of the district may be different than another. Please remember that you always can have your child(ren) stay home or travel to school at a later time based on the conditions where you live. We want our students to be as safe as possible.

Free School Lunches Continue this Semester

Remember, school lunches and breakfasts will continue to be free this semester thanks to COVID relief money from the USDA. There is still a charge for seconds, extra drinks, and extra milk.

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Events

Feb. 3rd Teacher Workday
1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal

Feb. 8th School Board Meeting
7:30 PM High School
Library

Feb. 16th Lions Club Hearing /
Sight Check

Feb. 19th
& 20th State Wrestling

The mission of Fillmore Central Public Schools is to provide all students the opportunity and support to achieve excellence, develop responsibility, and become life-long learners.



Fillmore Central Beef Boosters

Did you know that we have an active Beef Booster club that was formed to assist the Fillmore Central Hot Lunch Program? The club provides high-quality, good tasting locally raised beef that students enjoy for lunch. This program promotes the opportunity for students to learn and understand the importance of agriculture to our community and throughout Nebraska, the United States, and the World. It also helps students learn about nutrition and good eating habits. Our kitchen uses the Beef Booster beef in our hamburgers, chili, tacos, spaghetti, meatloaf, lasagna, sloppy joes, and roast beef.

The Beef Booster Club is accepting monetary donations to help with the program. Donations can be made to the Fillmore County Foundation in the name of the Fillmore Central Beef Boosters. All monetary donations are tax deductible. If you had ever considered donating to this program, this might be a good time as lunches have been free for most of the year.

High School News

Winter Activity Season

Our winter sports/activity teams are nearing the home stretch. I know we were all a little concerned about how things might go once we started with more indoor activities, but everyone has done a great job with the protocols that have been implemented and I feel very fortunate that our teams have been able to compete this winter. Here are a few changes from the start of the year in regards to these activities:

- Wrestling districts have moved to a two weekend sub-district format. Our 16 team district has been split in half. Our kids will compete in sub-districts on Feb. 6th at David City. The top four wrestlers from that tournament will move on to the district tournament on Feb. 13th at Boone Central. The top four kids from that tournament will qualify for the state tournament, which will be in Omaha on Feb. 19th and 20th for Class C.
- The format for girls and boys basketball is essentially unchanged for sub-districts and districts, but the state tournament has moved to a 5-day tournament rather than the traditional 3-day tournament.
- The speech team has been participating in a variety of formats, including asynchronous meets, pre-recorded meets and some in-person meets. The state meet is going to be in person on March 18th, but will be held at Kearney High School rather than at UNK.
- The mock trial teams have been competing virtually, which is less than ideal, but this is still better than not being able to compete at all.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on March 9th. We will once again be utilizing one day for conferences, just as we did in the fall, with conferences being held from 2:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m. The high school building will house both the HS and MS teachers, while the ES teachers will hold conferences at the elementary building.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

GO PANTHERS!!!

Elementary School News

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Friday, February 12th, Mid-Quarter Report sent home for all 3rd and 4th students. K, 1st, and 2nd students with academic concerns will receive reports.

FACEBOOK

Like our Facebook page, Fillmore Central Elementary, to stay up to date with events and photos happening at the elementary.

BOXTOPS

Students are continuously submitting Boxtops collected by their family– thank you. Boxtops can now be received by scanning receipts with the Boxtops for Education App. Boxtop funds have been used to buy supplemental materials and equipment, provide a year-end movie, celebrate Red Ribbon Week, support Proud Panther Night, and sponsor field trips. The money is always used to benefit our students.

Various rewards are provided throughout the year to keep students motivated to collect. Currently the top six collectors and six lucky winners of a drawing will have a pizza party with the principal. We appreciate everyone's support of this project.

ILLNESS

It is for the well being of your child's health and his/her classmates that we have certain school policies regarding when a child should not be in school exposing other students, but at the same time we do not want a child absent from school so often or for such an extended period of time that they get behind on their class work. Our school policies are:

1. Parents of sick children will be contacted and the school expects the child to be picked up within 1 hour of notification.
2. Exclusion of children with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, or a suspicious contagion.
3. Any pupil with a rash must be excluded until the disappearance of the rash. If the physician recommends that the child be readmitted, with a written notice to that effect, the admittance is acceptable.
4. Some contagious infections require treatment and the student may return to school 24-48 hours after verified treatment has been initiated and/or when the physician permits return in writing. These diseases include but may not be limited to: Pinkeye, Impetigo, Intestinal Worms, Ringworm, Scabies, Scarlet Fever, and/or Strep infections.
5. Contagious infections such as Chicken Pox, CMV, (Cytomegalo Virus), Infectious Mononucleosis, Influenza (Flu), Fifth's Disease, Hepatitis, and Tuberculosis require that the student's symptoms be altered or absent before they are readmitted to school unless we have a physician's statement, in writing, stating otherwise.
6. Life threatening contagious infections without known treatment may require exclusion from regular school attendance. These diseases include but may not be limited to: AIDS, Chronic Hepatitis, etc.
7. Students may be excluded from school under "Emergency Exclusion" for a dangerous communicable disease that is transmissible by normal contact and/or poses an imminent threat to health. Students can be excluded from school and school functions for up to five (5) school days.

Thank you for all you do to ensure that your child remains healthy and ready to learn!

TEACHING RESILIENCE

Encouraging resilience is one of the best things parents can do for their children. Resilient children deal with challenges in positive way-at home and at school. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are helping your child develop resilience:

1. Do you give your child opportunities to make decisions? It is a skill that improves with practice.
2. Do you talk to your child about how you find the right answer when you are faced with a problem?
3. Do you talk to your child about her strengths? Children draw on their strengths when facing challenges.
4. Do you remind your child how she has handled tough situations in the past when she's struggling?
5. Do you listen to your child when she is struggling to make a decision without solving the problem for her?

How well are you doing? Each yes means you are helping your child become more resilient. For no answers, try those ideas from the quiz.

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Middle School News

It has been great start the second semester and good to continue in-person learning for our students. There is no substitution for having students in the building and being able to interact with their teacher and classmates. It is important that students, staff, and district patrons continue to follow the district protocols so that our students can finish their school year on a positive note. This includes wearing a face covering when attending school activities in any of the district's facilities.

8th Grade Graduation/Honors Program

With the beginning of the second semester it is time to remind everyone of a very important date for our 8th grade students, the 8th grade graduation/honors program. The program is an opportunity to honor our 8th grade students for their academic work during their years at the middle school. The 2021 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 19 beginning at 2 p.m. The normal bus and supervision routines for a 3:20 dismissal will take place. More information will be sent home in the spring.

Dismissal For Professional Development

We would like to remind you that there is a 2-hour early dismissal on Wednesday, February 3. Additionally, we will have 2-hour early dismissals on the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. These early-dismissals are so that our staff can regularly engage in professional development designed to improve student performance and meet our school improvement goals.

For middle school students, the 2-hour early dismissal time is 1:20 PM. No middle school practices will be held on the days that we have scheduled early dismissals. The normal bus and supervision routines will take place at the end of the day except that everything will happen 2-hours earlier than normal.

Fillmore County Spelling Bee

The 2021 Fillmore County Spelling Bee has been canceled. I'm sure our students will be ready for the competition in 2022.

FEBRUARY LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Walking Taco	BBQ Rib Sandwich	<u>Elementary</u> Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich <u>MS and HS</u> Philly Steak Sandwich	Chili	Hot Dog
8	9	10	11	12
Chicken Sandwich	Crispito	Corn Dog	Chicken Fajita	Hamburger
15	16	17	18	19
Chicken Tenders	Deli Sandwich	Cheese Pizza	Chicken Noodle Soup	Macaroni & Cheese Fish
22	23	24	25	26
Chicken Fried Steak	Spaghetti	<u>Burritos</u>	Pulled Pork Sandwiches	Fish Sandwich

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
<u>K-12 Before School</u> Breakfast Pizza <u>HS 2nd Chance</u> Breakfast Pizza	<u>K-12 Before School</u> Banana Bread/Muffin <u>HS 2nd Chance</u> Fruit Parfait	<u>K-12 Before School</u> Egg & Cheese Sandwich <u>HS 2nd Chance</u> Egg & Cheese Sandwich	<u>K-12 Before School</u> French Toast <u>HS 2nd Chance</u> French Toast Bites	<u>K-12 Before School</u> Biscuit & Gravy <u>HS 2nd Chance</u> Biscuit & Gravy
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All schools serve fruit, vegetables, and milk daily.

Cereal, fruit, juice, yogurt, and milk served daily at all schools for breakfast.

Breakfast - FREE K-12 Lunch - FREE Adult Lunch - \$3.55

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School Calendar

"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball at Heartland	2 FCCLA District Star Competition (Virtual) SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament 4:30PM JV Wrestling at Weeping Water	3 Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissals FFA State Degree Interviews	4 SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament 4:00PM JV Wrestling at York	5	6 ACT Test Speech Crete (Virtual) SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament at Centennial Sub-District Wrestling at David City 9:00AM JH Boys Basketball at Superior
7	8 School Board Mtg FCCLA Week 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball at Hastings St. Cecilia	9 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball at Sandy Creek 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Sandy Creek FCCLA Week	10 FCCLA Week	11 FCCLA Week	12 FCCLA Week 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball vs Sutton 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Sutton	13 District Wrestling at Boone Central Speech at David City 9:00AM JH Boys Basketball vs Thayer Central 9:00AM R Girls & Boys Basketball at Davenport
14	15 FBLA Week Sub-District Girls Basketball 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs Sutton	16 Lions Club Hearing/Sight Check Sub-District Girls Basketball FBLA Week 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs Centennial	17 FBLA Week FFA District CDE	18 State Wrestling at Omaha Sub-District Girls Basketball	19 State Wrestling at Omaha 5:30/7:00PM JV/V Boys Basketball vs Thayer Central	20 Speech at York State Wrestling at Omaha 9:00AM JH Boys Basketball at Sandy Creek
21 2:00 PM Speech Show Case	22 FFA Week FCCLA Peer Ed Retreat (Virtual)	23 FFA Week Sub-District Boys Basketball	24 FFA Week	25 FFA Week Sub-District Boys Basketball	26 FFA Week FFA 212/360 Conference District Girls Basketball	27 SNC Speech at Sandy Creek District Boys Basketball FFA 212/360 Conference
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Schedule is subject to change. For the most up to date information please visit www.fillmorecentral.org and select events.

Early Development Network Services Coordination

What is Early Development Network Services Coordination?

Services Coordination helps families of children with special needs below age three:

- Find services to meet developmental, educational, financial, health care, child care, respite care and other needs
- Work with multiple providers to make sure services are provided as needed

Why is Service Coordination Needed?

Nebraska families of children with special needs have found it difficult to locate needed services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and then to coordinate the services with the providers.

Who is Eligible for Services Coordination?

Eligible families are those with an infant or toddler below age 3 who has a disability or developmental delay and qualifies for special education through the public schools.

Year round services coordination is provided.

There is no cost to families.

How Can Families Apply?

To request Early Development services for your child or to refer a child, call the local number below. With prior parental permission, referrals may be made by anyone who suspects a developmental delay in an infant or toddler.

CONTACT: Beth Lightwine at ESU6-Geneva office(225 North 17th, Geneva, 402-759-3143).



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