

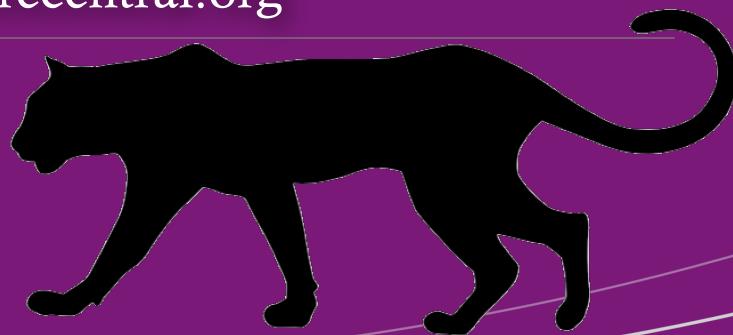
Fillmore Central Public Schools

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District News

I wanted to give an update of our current COVID protocols at school. Our kids and staff have done a tremendous job in keeping things as safe as we can in our buildings. Please note that we get new information all the time so things can change quickly.

We continue to monitor the number of positive cases, positivity rates, and numbers of quarantines within our county and within our school buildings. As part of an ESU 6 Superintendents' Zoom meeting we hear from Public Health Solutions each week to discuss what they are seeing within the county and health district and to ask questions. As area superintendents, we also discuss what all of us are seeing in our districts and what we are doing to prevent quarantines.

I have also recently reached out to Fillmore County Hospital about current protocols and what we should be doing now based on current numbers and COVID spread. On Tuesday, March 30th, we (state superintendents) heard from Governor Ricketts and Dr. Gary Anthonie (Chief Medical Officer/Director, Division of Public Health for Nebraska) that although positive cases and hospital numbers are improving in Nebraska, schools should continue their protocols. At this time, we are planning to continue doing what we have been doing based upon recommendations from these various groups.

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Events

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| Apr. 1 st | 1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal |
| Apr. 2 nd –
5 th | Spring Break – No
School |
| Apr. 7 th | Teacher Workday
1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal |
| Apr. 12 th | School Board Meeting
7:30 PM High School
Library |
| Apr. 28 th | 6:00 PM Kindergarten
Parent Meeting |
| Apr. 30 th | HS Band & Choir
Concert |



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.

One thing to keep in mind is that the health district quarantine rules from the beginning of the year still apply. If you remember, if someone that is unmasked tests positive, those within 6 feet, even if masked, will need to quarantine. There recently were new guidelines from the CDC that allows for children in masks to be seated within three feet of each other, but that is in masks and the 6 feet quarantine rule still applies for non-mask wearers. We are hoping to avoid quarantines for our students and teachers. Most of our staff should be finished with their vaccines by April 3rd. It is my understanding that people will not have to quarantine due to a high-risk exposure that occurs more than 14 days after their final vaccination shot. This would allow our staff that has received their vaccines by April 3rd the ability to not have to quarantine if exposed after April 17th.

I appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our students learning in school, to protect our staff members and students, and to allow our students to participate in athletics and activity competitions. There were obviously things that were missed last spring and I'm excited that we have so far been able to not have to miss many things or have students miss many events. Our goal continues to be to do school safely and to continue keeping as many students in school and activities as possible. With things like Prom and Graduation coming quickly we will continue to assess our protocols weekly. I know we will all be glad when this is over.

Thanks again for your efforts and cooperation,

Josh Cumpston

High School News

Upcoming Events

As we near the end of the 2020-21 school year, we are planning to return to our normal slate of events and programs, as much as possible. These events are designed to honor our students for their hard work and dedication this past year, and also them to perform publicly. As with all things this year with COVID, the format for each of these events is subject to change. Please refer to the school website for the most up to date information, or feel free to call the school.

- April 27th - L-Street/Jazz Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- April 30th - Band/Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- May 3rd - NHS Inductions/Academic/Athletic Honors Night - 6:30 p.m.
- May 8th - Graduation - 2:00 p.m.

Attendance

At the start of each year I share with students the importance of being in school. This year more than ever, we have learned that school is a great place to be. While our staff has been extremely flexible and dedicated to teaching students who were quarantined, I think most students and parents would agree that using Zoom for instructional purposes cannot replace in-person learning. With that being said, I encourage all students, as well as their parents and guardians, to closely monitor their students' attendance, as there are consequences for missing too much school. All of this information is detailed in the student handbook.

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

Elementary School News

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

- April 1st, Early Dismissal
- April 2nd-5th, No School
- April 7th-8th, 3rd and 4th grade Nebraska State Reading Testing
- April 7th, 1:05 Early Dismissal
- April 20th-21st, 3rd and 4th grade Nebraska State Math Testing
- April 27th May 7th, K-4th grade MAP Testing (Reading, Math, Science)
- April 28th, 2021-2022 K Parent Meeting @ 6:00pm



FC Staff received a key to the city from Mayor Kamler.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The entire elementary staff is proud of our parents for taking such an active role in their child's education. Your involvement and support increases positive educational outcomes for your child. We had 91% of our elementary parents attend the March parent-teacher conferences.

Other ways to be involved with your child's education include:

- asking about homework
- reviewing homework with your child
- contacting your child's teacher by e-mail, phone, or note.

4th GRADE TRANSITION TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Transition activities are being planned to help our current 4th grade students experience a smooth transition to the middle school campus. Mrs. Adkisson, the guidance counselor for Kindergarten through 6th grade, will escort 4th graders to the Middle School this spring. Activities including a tour, opportunities to meet teachers, and question-answer sessions.

PROUD PANTHER NIGHT

Proud Panther Night has traditionally been an evening to celebrate the accomplishments of all Fillmore Central Elementary students. Due to capacity restrictions, Proud Panther Night will be a student and staff only event that will be held during the school day. The event will be recorded and posted on the Fillmore Central Elementary Facebook page.

CLASS ROSTERS FOR 2021-2022

The principal and the classroom teachers develop the class rosters for the following year. Parent requests for particular teachers are not accepted, but information pertaining to your child will be considered. **This information must be given to Aaron Veleba, Elementary Principal, in writing, on or before Thursday, April 15th.**

Creating class lists requires time and consideration. For example, Student A is a leader; Student B is reading above grade level; Student C thrives in a nurturing environment; Student D has a learning disability; Student E is an excellent math student. Development in all areas: academic, physical, social, and emotional is considered when we build class rosters.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for 2021-2022

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year began in February. A packet of information was sent to parents of children considered age eligible for kindergarten (5 by July 31st, 2021). If you have not registered your kindergarten aged child for the 2021-2022 school year, or if you did not receive a packet of information, please call the school, 759-3184.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

There will be a Kindergarten Parent Meeting for parents of 2021-2022 Kindergarten students, on Wednesday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the elementary school. All parents of incoming Kindergarten students are encouraged to attend. Even if you are still undecided as to whether to send your child to school in August, we still encourage you to attend this meeting. Information presented at this meeting may help you decide, and you also will have the opportunity to ask questions. Items to be discussed at this meeting include:

- Introduction of Staff
- Review of medical requirements (immunizations, physical, vision)
- “K” curriculum
- Complete necessary paperwork
- Answer questions and tour the school

One request

In order to avoid any possible confusion, and due to the need for parents’ undivided attention, please do not bring your child(ren) to the parent meeting. Supervision will be provided in the gym during the parent meeting.

BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION – HEAD START

Head Start is now enrolling children for the fall of 2021. Head Start is for children from 0-5 years of age. Head Start serves children and families by providing varied experiences and opportunities that develop school readiness. If you have any questions please contact Mercedes Maciel at 402-759-3699.

ESU 6 TYKE REGISTRATION

The ESU 6 TYKE preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. TYKE operates tuition free with 2 sessions available. The TYKE roster prioritizes children who are identified as having special education needs and/or students in the year before kindergarten. Per Nebraska Department of Education guidelines, students who are kindergarten age eligible (5 by July 31st, 2021) are not permitted to enroll in the TYKE program.

Contact Michele Rayburn or Beth Lightwine at the ESU 6 -Geneva office at [402-759-3143](tel:402-759-3143) or 225 N 17th St.(within the elementary building) for more information.

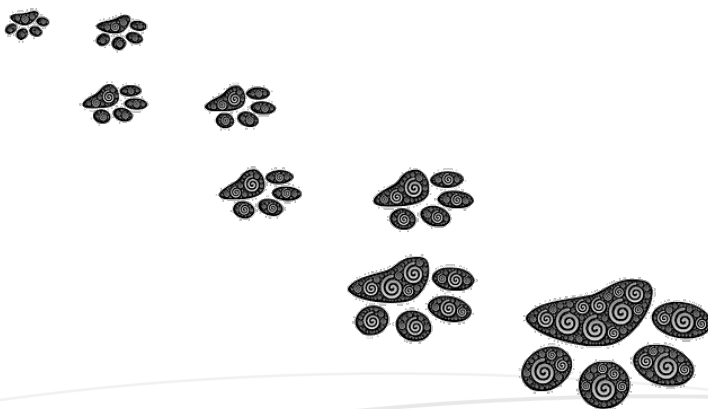
MAKE ONLINE SAFETY A PRIORITY IN YOUR HOME

Technology has changed how students learn and how they socialize. Millions of kids in all age groups are online every day – at home, at school, as friends' homes, at the library – and many are creating online content.

To keep your child safe online:

- **Discuss rules and expectations.** Use software that helps to protect kids, but supervise carefully too. Only allow your child to communicate with people you both know when he's online.
- **Set limits on screen time.** Set a limit such as 10 hours or fewer per week. Remember that screen time includes TV, computer, and video game use.
- **Do not allow your child to reveal personal information.** Help your child understand that their name, phone number, school, passwords and current location should not be revealed online.
- **Keep Internet access out of your child's room.** Only let your child go online if you can see what he's doing.
- **Learn about websites.** Know what your child visits online. Are they safe? Do you approve of their content?
- **Encourage your child to be honest.** If something inappropriate occurs online, react calmly, and report your concern to the authorities.
- **Stay informed.** Visit such sites as www.fosi.org (Family Online Safety Institute) and Netsmartz.org for more tips.

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8th Grade Activity Fair

The 7th-12th grade Fillmore Central PLC group has been focusing on improving student involvement in FC student activities and athletics. On March 25th, the 8th Grade FC Students spent the afternoon learning about the different activities that the high school has to offer for the coming year, as well as athletics. Students were greeted by coaches, sponsors, and staff for the first ever Activity Fair. Each activity had a booth staffed by the coach or sponsor, as well as high school student representatives to share information and answer questions. Examples of activities at the booths were a putting contest at the golf booth, seeing the Striv equipment all set up, and some booths just shared general information. Students went from booth to booth to learn about all 11 different activities, and then each sport offered at FC. There were prize drawings throughout the Activity Fair, and at the end of the day. Prizes were various types of Panther gear, such as t-shirts and hats. Thank you to Geneva Home Center for contributing to this event!

Middle School News

8th Grade Graduation

The 8th Grade Graduation and Honors Ceremony 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 and Honors Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 19 beginning at 2 p.m. and should last about one hour. The normal bus and supervision routines for a 3:20 dismissal will take place. This will be the first year that the ceremony will be live streamed on the district's STRIV channel.

Last Day Of School

The final day of school will be Thursday, May 20th. School will dismiss at 11:10 a.m. that day with no lunch being served. The 8th grade students will be placing their handprint on the wall as part of the middle school tradition. Students will need to have all materials and books checked in and all fines paid before being allowed to checkout. Students generally know if they have any book fines prior to the last day of school. Please visit with your student about paying all fines and returning all materials.

4th Grade Step-Up Days

Step-up days for 4th grade students will be in May. These days present an opportunity for next year's 5th grade students to visit the middle school, meet teachers, and tour the building. Students will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and ask questions to our current 5th grade students.

If you have a student who is transitioning to the middle school next year, it might be useful for you to visit with your student prior to their step-up day. It could be very beneficial for you and your student to identify a list of "Things I Want To Know." This will help your student as they tour the facilities and listen to various staff members talk about the transition. It will also help your student know what to ask when given the opportunity to ask questions.

Standardized Testing Reminder

In last month's newsletter, I outlined the standardized tests that the Middle School students will be taking in the upcoming months. I thought it would be good to run the reminder again. If you must schedule a doctor's appointment or some other visit during the remaining months of the 2020-2021 school year, please visit with your child's teacher prior to the absence to see what days they will be testing. We appreciate your cooperation, as rescheduling tests is not any easy task.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on March 9 at the high school building in Geneva. If you were unable to attend conferences that evening, you should have received a progress report of your student's class grades in the mail the week of March 15. Please contact the school if you did not receive your student's report.

APRIL LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Meatloaf	NO SCHOOL
5	6	7	8	9
NO SCHOOL	Crispito	Corn Dog	Chicken Fajita	BOOSTER GRILLED HAMBURGER
12	13	14	15	16
Chicken Tenders	Deli Sandwich	Hot Ham Sandwich	Chicken and Noodles	Sloppy Joe
19	20	21	22	23
Chicken Fried Steak	Spaghetti	Burrito	Pulled Pork Sandwich	Pizza
26	27	28	29	30
Walking Taco	BBQ Rib Sandwich	Elementary Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich MS and HS Philly Steak Sandwich	Meatloaf	Hot Dog
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			<u>K-12 Before School</u> French Toast <u>HS 2nd Chance</u> French Toast Bites	NO SCHOOL
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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

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Early Dismissal 1:05/1:20/1:35 9:00 AM Golf at Superior Country Club 10:30 AM V Track at Thayer Central	2 No School - Spring Break	3 FBLA Easter Egg Hunt
4	5 No School - Spring Break	6	7 Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissals 9:30 AM V Golf at Friend FFA State Convention Virtual JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward	8 FFA State Convention Virtual 11:00 AM JH Track at Thayer Central 1:00 PM V Track at Adams Central	9 FFA State Convention Virtual	10 ACT Test Prom
11	12 School Board Mtg FCCLA SLC Virtual FBLA SLC Virtual 3:00 PM JH Track at Wilber- Clatonia	13 FCCLA SLC Virtual FBLA SLC Virtual 10:00 AM Golf at Hidden Hills 4:30 PM V Track at Central City	14 FBLA SLC- Virtual from Heartland Bank	15 FFA Officer Interviews	16 7:00 PM FFA Labor Auctions and Awards	17
18	19 7:00 PM Speech Honors Night	20 9:30 AM Golf at Clay Center 10:00 AM V Track at Tri County	21	22	23 District Music	24
25	26 11:30 AM JH Track at Fairbury 4:00 PM Golf at Sutton 7:00 PM FBLA Honors Night	27 10:00 AM Track at Shelby- Rising City 7:00 PM Jazz Band / L Street Concert at Rialto II	28 6:00 PM Kindergarten Parent Meeting	29 9:00 AM V Golf at Southern Hills - Hastings 2:00 PM JH Track at FC	30 7:00 PM Band/Choir Concert	



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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