

Fillmore Central Public Schools

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High School News

This past year has been unlike any other that I have been associated with, and I am guessing that many, if not most of you, feel the same way. I won't dwell on every detail, but rather just get to the point as I want to thank everyone for their role in allowing Fillmore Central to be operational this past year, which allowed our kids to be in school and participate in as many activities as possible. Here's hoping that the 2021-22 school will return to a true "normal." Thank you again to all of you for your role in the 2020-21 school year.

Semester Finals

Students will be taking semester finals on May 18th and 19th. May 18th will be ODD periods and May 19th will be EVEN periods. We will run a normal schedule both days.

Last Day

The last day of school will be May 20th with a 11:30 a.m. dismissal. Students will need to make sure all outstanding lunch balances, class dues and other miscellaneous fees are taken care of prior to checking out for the summer. This will include turning in their laptop, case and charger.

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

GO PANTHERS!!!

Events

- May 3rd 6:30 PM Academic and Athletic Awards Night
- May 5th Teacher Workday
1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal
- May 8th Graduation
- May 10th School Board Meeting
7:30 PM High School Library
- May 19th 2:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation
- May 20th Last day of School
11:00/11:10/11:30
Dismissal

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.



District News

We Did It!!

I have been so impressed with the level of partnership between our school community this year. Thank you, parents, students, and staff, for everything that you have done to keep us in school this year. Our students were able to have in-person learning all year long and were able to participate in most of their activities. This was only possible because of everyone working together – Thank You!!

We have four staff retiring this year with a combined 117 years of experience in Fairmont, Geneva, and Fillmore Central Schools. This amount of experience will be difficult to replace and we are so thankful for all they have done for the students of Fillmore Central, Geneva, and Fairmont.

Steve Adkisson – Middle School Principal - Steve has served the district as a teacher, coach, and administrator. He was with FC for 22 years.

Susan Biba – High School and Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teacher – Susan has taught and been the sponsor of FCCLA for the past 11 years.

Dave Seggerman – High School Life Science Teacher – Dave has taught Life Sciences for 43 years and has also been a Class Sponsor and Prom Sponsor for many of those years. He started teaching in Fairmont prior to the consolidation.

Cindy Talley – High School Business Teacher – Cindy has taught High School Business and been the FBLA sponsor for 41 years. Cindy began teaching in Geneva prior to the districts consolidating.

We are thankful to these four for their many years of service to Fillmore Central and our students.

We will have information on the new staff replacing them later this summer and at the beginning of school.

We are excited that we have several students competing this summer in National Competitions for FBLA and FFA. These events are virtual this year, but we are excited that they get the opportunity to compete.

My Office's Hours – If you need to reach us during the summer, the district office's hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00-3:00.

Elementary School News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- § May 5th, Bike to School Day
- § May 5th, Early Dismissal @ 1:05p.m. for Teacher Professional Development
- § May 7th, 4th Grade to State Capital
- § May 10th, BOE Meeting @ 7:30p.m. @ HS Library
- § May 10th-14th, Book Fair @ Elementary Library
- § May 11th & 12th, 4th Grade visits to MS
- § May 19th, Move-Up Day
- § May 20th, End of Year Assembly
- § May 20th, Last Day of School, 11:00a.m. dismissal



4th grade students cleaned up the city park in honor of Earth Day

JUST A REMINDER...

As we end this school year, we want to remind our students that we will continue to learn and work until the very last days of school. **Parents please reinforce this at home as well.** Students will be expected to turn in work, participate in class and activities, and maintain appropriate and respectful behavior. We all want to end the year on a positive note! **Keep up the excellent work and great behavior Fillmore Central Elementary Students!**

PROUD PANTHER NIGHT

Proud Panther Night was originally scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, May 18th. This 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.

BOOK FAIR

Our annual elementary book fair is being held the week of May 10th. Below is the schedule. Contact Mrs. Wit if you have questions, 759 - 3184. jacey.wit@fillmorecentral.org

Monday, May 10 th	7:45 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 11 th	7:45 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12 th	7:45 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 13 th	7:45 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday, May 14 th	7:45 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please support our book fair, which in turn supports our library. Proceeds from the book fair are used to buy books for our library. You may also preview and purchase books online at the following link: [scholastic.com/fair](https://www.scholastic.com/fair)

MOVE-UP DAY

Students currently in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have the opportunity to “move-up” to see the classrooms and meet the teachers at their next grade level. This will take place on Wednesday, May 19th. Student classroom assignments will be sent to families in late July or early August.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our last day of school is Friday, May 20th. Dismissal is scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

ESTABLISH LEARNING GOALS FOR SUMMER

The change of pace provided by the summer months can be a welcome change. However, many children thrive with an expected routine and incorporating learning goals can help your child succeed educationally.

- **Read at least four books.** Research shows that kids who read just four books over the summer will avoid “summer slide”, or the gap in academic skills when they go back to school in the fall. Listening to audio books will also build your child’s vocabulary and her confidence. Many public libraries have these available to check out.
- **Try something new.** The child who has never thought of herself as an athlete could spend the summer learning a sport. The kid who feels shy might look for a chance to be in a summer play. Summer is a good time to stretch.
- **Let your child take a risk.** No, you don’t have to let her try skydiving! But if she’s never climbed a tree, give her a chance to learn the skill. Trying and mastering hard things is how your child learns.
- **Don’t let weak areas slide.** If there is a subject your child struggles with, don’t let her take the whole summer off. Ask the teacher for some ideas about how she can practice over the summer so her learning doesn’t slide backwards.



FCMS 5th and 6th grade students got an on site field trip from Edgerton Explorit Center

4th QUARTER REPORT CARDS

The 4th quarter report cards will be sent home with your child on the last day of school.

SUMMER LEARNING

All FCES students are being offered learning opportunities in reading and math throughout the months of June and July. More information will be provided to families in early May.

LOST and FOUND

All of the items in the “Lost and Found” box will be “on display” from Friday, May 21st to Friday, May 28th. After May 28th, those items not claimed will be donated.

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE

The elementary office will be open from 8:30a.m. - Noon, and 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. from Friday, May 21st to Thursday, May 27th. The office will reopen on Monday, August 3rd.

Middle School News

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL and EARLY DISMISSAL

The last day of school is Thursday, May 20. School will dismiss at 11:10 AM that day, so **no** lunch will be served. The normal routes and routines will be used after school that day except that everything will happen four hours earlier than normal. Keep in mind that on this day the 8th graders will be adding their 'paws' to the purple hands wall of 8th grade graduates. Please remember that it is important for all students to be in attendance.

8th GRADE GRADUATION

The annual 8th grade graduation ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 19. The ceremony will start at 2 PM and will last about an hour. Parents and community members are invited to attend. The normal end of the day will occur, with busses running as scheduled.

FCMS TALENT SHOW

The 13th Annual FCMS Talent Show will take place on Thursday, May 20 in the middle school gym. The talent show will begin at approximately 9:50 AM and will last until approximately 11:00 PM. The event will be live streamed on the district's STRIV channel.

FINAL REPORT CARDS

FCMS report cards can be picked up by parents at the middle school office from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM beginning on Wednesday, May 26. Any report cards that are not picked up will be mailed home on Friday, May 28. Report cards will not be handed out to students.

CLASSROOM SUPPLY LISTS

The district will again be purchasing general classroom supplies for all students. Students may want to purchase a book bag to take items to and from school. We hope that by removing these purchases, the start of the school year will become less stressful.

RETIREMENTS

Mrs. Susan Biba announced her retirement at the end of the school year. She has been a very dedicated staff member to the district and has taught Family and Consumer Science at the middle school, she will be missed. After great thought, I have decided to retire at the end of the school year as well. I have been fortunate to be able to work for the district the past 22 years, nine of them as the middle school principal. There is no way that I could have been a successful principal without a dedicated staff of teachers, guidance counselors, custodians, office staff, para-educators, cafeteria workers, and bus drivers. Yes, it takes a strong TEAM to make the building run.

TIPS FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER

We have reached that time of year that most students enjoy the most - the end of school and the beginning of summer break. Students and families often begin looking forward to summer rituals that include summer sports, vacations, and summer jobs. My hope is that you have a safe and enjoyable summer and that all of our young people keep both their minds and their bodies active over the summer months. Here are some tips to consider.

1. Wear sunscreen. Use at least SPF 15 and consider using waterproof sunscreen when engaged in activities such as swimming or boating.
2. Stay physically active. Encourage your student to stay active and engage in rigorous, outdoor activity everyday. As parents, we should help our children avoid spending hours watching television, playing computer games, etc. Research has shown that regular physical activity helps children to develop both healthy bodies and healthy minds.
3. Read. All students should continue to keep their minds active by reading over the summer. Reading one to three books is a very reasonable goal for all students to establish for themselves over the summer. Reading over the summer keeps students' minds sharp, it improves their vocabulary, and keeps them in the habit of reading.
4. Eat well. With busy summer schedules it can be easy for kids and adults alike to ignore good nutritional habits. Students should consume pop and sugary snacks in moderation and they should drink plenty of water. By drinking plenty of water, you will avoid dehydration, you will curb your appetite, and you'll feel better. Students should eat breakfast and at least one other regular, healthy meal each day over the summer.
5. Maintain a routine. Students should continue to get eight hours of sleep each night. Students should also maintain a regular sleep schedule by going to bed at a reasonable hour; students should also avoid "sleeping in". By maintaining a regular and reasonable sleep schedule, your student will have more energy and will accomplish more and enjoy more over the summer months.



High School Fun Day Fun

The National Honor Society and Student Counsel hosted a fun day on April 23rd in the afternoon. Students and staff went out to the track where staff competed in several field day type activities. There were also trivia questions about the staff. The event ended with two student relay teams competing against staff relay teams. NHS also recognized the retiring teachers. It was a fun event held on a beautiful spring day.



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School Calendar

May 2021

"Education is a once in a lifetime opportunity to open children's hearts and minds to the unbelievable wonder of the universe." - Sir Anthony Seldon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 6:30 PM HS Academic and Athletic Honors Night 6:30 PM NHS Inductions 12:30 JH Track at Sutton	4 9:00 AM Golf at Sutton	5 Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissals 1:00 PM JH Math Contest at Thayer Central	6 2:00 PM V Track at FCHS	7 10:00 AM JH SNC Track at Fairbury	8 2:00 PM HS Graduation at HS Gym
9	10 School Board Mtg 4:00 PM Golf at Hidden Hills	11	12 9:30 AM Golf at Hebron	13 District Track at Thayer Central	14	15
16	17	18 District Golf at Crooked Creek Golf Course	19 2:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation	20 Last Day of School 11:00, 11:15, 11:30 Dismissal	21 State Track	22 State Track
23	24 FFA Officer Training	25 FFA Officer Training State Golf at Kearney Country Club	26 State Golf at Kearney Country Club	27	28	29
30	31					

Current 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Youth will participate in a variety of events designed to help them be aware of safety in potentially hazardous situations in and around rural and agricultural settings, including electricity, mental wellness, ATV safety, animal safety, food safety, etc. NE Extension hosts this event in Fillmore County, along with Shickley, Fillmore Central, Exeter-Milligan-Friend FFA chapters, 4-H, W.I.F.E. and Fillmore County Emergency Management. Early [registration forms](#) and \$5 are due April 30th; forms can be downloaded at fillmore.unl.edu. After April 30th, registration is \$10/youth. For more info or to register, call 402-759-3712 or email brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.

MAY LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
<u>Middle School</u> Chicken Fried Steak <u>ELE and HS</u> Hamburger	Crispito	<u>Middle School</u> Pork Patty <u>ELE and HS</u> Hot Ham Sandwich	<u>Middle School</u> Chicken Fajita <u>ELE and HS</u> Pizza	<u>Elementary</u> Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich <u>Middle School</u> Corn Dog <u>High School</u> BBQ Rib Sandwich

MAY BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
<u>K-12 Before School</u> Pancake <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

Menus will be posted weekly in the month of May.

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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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