

# Wilcox-Hildreth Public School <br> News \& Views 

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Greetings Falcon Family!
At this time I would like to congratulate our student-athletes on their post-season honors. While not all are done yet I would like to take this time to recognize the ones that are done. I want to begin with academic all-state recipients in fall activities. To earn academic all-state students must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher. For football Thomas Donely and Gavin Patterson earned that honor. For cross country Micah Johnson, Spencer Jezbera, and Reagan Johnson earned academic honors. Emma Donley and Addison Overholser earned honors in volleyball as well as Claire Ortgiesen and Makayla Johnson in play production. Sarah Jensen earned second team Fort Kearny Conference honors in volleyball. Football District D6-3 first team honors to Graiden Ritner as defensive back, second team- quarterback Grayson Sheen, defensive lineman Brody Patterson, running back Gaige Ritner, and honorable mention defensive lineman Eli Pistulka.
Grant Henery and Micah Johnson placed 6th and 7th at the Fort Kearney Conference cross country meet as well.


Some changes to our winter activities calendar include the following. Our high school basketball games against Shelton have been moved to December 22nd this year. Both schools were looking for a date change and this was the only common date this year. The girls basketball team is playing South Platte in Gothenburg this year on Saturday, December 10th. This will be JV and varsity girls only. Not a change, but for your information, the high school basketball holiday basketball tournament is in Kenesaw this year. The dates of the games are December 29th and 30th with game times to be determined.

We continue to encourage you to go to our website whfalcons.org and look on our Live Feed or click on the Menu tab in the top right corner to find the most up to date information on events that are scheduled. From the menu tab the events calendar can be found by clicking on the tab labeled Events that looks like a calendar. There are many options included in our Menu tab. You can find past newsletters, articles about school activities, the lunch menu, teacher pages, the Live Feed, and student homework assignments for the week among many other school related links and information. Also, on our website you will see pictures of activities that our students have been participating in as well.

Lastly, if you happen to be at an activity and snap a few pictures, please send them to Nurita Lambert or myself. There gets to be alot going on and sometimes we may not get pictures of all the great things our students and staff are doing. Thanks for any help you can give us.

Hope you have a great holiday season and Go Falcons!
Shannon Lovin

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School<br>Board of Education Regular Meeting<br>Monday, November 21, 2022 ~ 7:00 PM<br>Posting Locations:<br>Minden Courier Posting Date 11/16/2022<br>Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 11/2/2022<br>Conference Room - Wilcox<br>404 Sapp Street<br>Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

## 1. Call to Order. Roll Call

## 2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

## 3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Absent, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of the Regular October 17, 2022 Board Meeting

## 3.C. Approval of Claims

## 3.D. Financial Report

## 4. Visitors and communication from the public

Visitors in attendance: Teresa Carey and Emily Lyons

## 5. Action Items

5.A. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the resignation of Uriah Mata.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Gary Jensen, to approve the resignation of Uriah Mata. Motion Passed.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Absent, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
5.B. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve a bid to order a new route bus.

Motion tabled in order to compare quotes from both Blue Bird and Thomas Bus Vendors. Waiting for quotes and will discuss at next month's board of education meeting.

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve a bid to order a new route bus.. Motion Tabled.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Absent, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve a bid of $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 , 4 6 2 . 4 8}$ from AEL to repair the ADA lift in the Hildreth building.

Superintendent Patterson discussed the issue of repairing the lift at the Hildreth Site. Unable to get a second bid for repairs and will have the vendor who installed the lift to do the repairs

Motion by Gary Jensen, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve a bid of $\$ 15,462.48$ from AEL to repair the ADA lift in the Hildreth building.. Motion Passed.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Absent, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
5.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to declare media items as surplus.

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Gary Jensen, to declare media items as surplus. Motion Passed.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Absent, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
5.E. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the absence of John Donley.

Motion by Gary Jensen, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the absence of John Donley. Motion Passed.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Absent, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 6. Discussion Items

## 6.A. Discuss the 21-22 Auditor's report

Superintendent Patterson went through the auditors report and discussed the findings and corrections that the district will follow through on.

## 6.B. Superintendent Evaluation

## 7. Administrator Report

## 7.A. Superintendent Report

## Superintendent Patterson Reported:

- School Finance Updates
- 21-22 Audit Report
- Green house construction to begin 11/29
- Teacher negotiations


## 7.B. Principal Report

Principal Muhlbach reported:

- Winter testing update

Principal Lovin reported:

- Activity Updates
- Teacher evaluations


## 8. Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 in the Wilcox Conference Room

## 9. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion Passed.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Absent, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1



7-12 Counselor Updates

## Jr. High Guidance Update

The 7th and 8th grade students are still making their way through our new curriculum through ACT Mosaic. We are talking about the developing adolescent brain, making decisions, and relationships.

Last week, we went on a field trip to Lincoln to learn about life skills from UNL athletes and coaches. Some of the athletes highlighted the importance of respect, communication, and teamwork. The students represented our school well! The event ended with the students watching the opening UNL women's basketball game.

Next semester, we will continue to work through the Mosaic curriculum, but I also plan on adding college and career exploration.


## Scholarship Season!

Scholarship season is quickly approaching! The seniors in Senior Scholars have been working on updating their resumes, writing personal statements, and completing scholarship essays.

Each of the seniors also have an account on
ScholarshipQuest. This site through Education Quest helps filter scholarships that are available to apply for. It is a great resource to continue to check throughout the year. I will also continue to update scholarships on my website that are sent to me. You can find these scholarships by going to the school's website and selecting staff and then clicking the link below my name.

The Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship is now available! This scholarship can be used toward a public two year school or university. To be eligible, you have to have an Expected Family Contribution of \$10,000 or less (this is found on your FAFSA) and have a 2.0 GPA. To apply, go to the following website: https://buffettscholarships.org/.



## ASVAB Results: Juniors

The National Guards came to our school to go over the results of the juniors' ASVAB assessment. Each of the juniors received a copy of their results. The military likes students to score at least a 32 on the assessment. If a student is seriously considering joining the military, they are able to take the test again as a senior or can arrange a time to take the test in Kearney at the National Guard's office. The National Guards also did a career assessment with the juniors that highlighted careers based off of their interests.

Reminder... Job Shadows!
e Several of our juniors and seniors are taking advantage of job shadows. Juniors and seniors get one excused day or 2-1/2 days to job shadow a career. They have to complete a packet with some research before hand. If your student is interested, I happy to help him/ her find a location.

Here are some other reminders for seniors and their guardians...
-Complete the FAFSA: The sooner you can complete this form the better! This form is how the government figures out how much financial aid your student will get in terms of grants and loans. EducationQuest is a great resource. You can their Kearney site to schedule an appointment where they will help you file this for free! Here is there number: 308-234-6310.

- College Visits: The best way to see if a campus is the right fit for your student is to go on a college visit. Seniors get to excused days to visit a campus of their choice. Juniors get one visit. I am happy to help set up a visit!


## - Happy Thanksgiving!

As we reflect on our first semester, I am so thankful for our school and the families we serve. This year has been hard with the tragedies that our communities have faced, but despite our heart break, there has been so much love and support that has been made evident in our school and with our families. I hope that each and everyone of you is able to take sometime to count your blessings and unplug to enjoy some time with family and friends over the break. Please let me know if there is any way I can continue to help support your student.

Thank you for letting us be a part of your kid's journey. They are why we show up each day. :)

Take Care,
Mrs. Mach

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Hello

We have made it through the long haul to Thanksgiving and now have a short sprint to Christmas. May! TASC is up and running in the Hildreth site. We now offer practice and support for students in social settings in grades 3-12 with almost 40 students involved. Falcon Cards are being passed out to more and more students each week. The celebration of each student when they are recognized is incredible.

In the couple weeks before and after Christmas break, students (K-11) will complete Winter testing. Depending on the grade level, these assessments include aimswebPlus, MAP, and NASCAS. When looking at student test scores over several years, the winter testing window is a fairly common time to see peaks in test scores. This is a very exciting time, and I look forward to seeing how our students perform.
wis opuhlbach



I have been so blessed to have the opportunity to teach, get to know and serve our students and staff from within our Media Centers! The purpose of Media Center Happenings is to keep you up-to-date on important information, as well as to provide snapshots of some of the things we have been up to.

Happy Reading!


## STEM LEARNING

(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS)

## KEVA PLANKS

KEVA Planks have been used by K-3 students to tackle building challenges, both individually and in groups. Learning Benefits:

- Engineering skills
- Spatial awareness
- Creativity
- Reading and writing development.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (GRADES: PREK-8TH)

Mark your calendars for the Hildreth site Scholastic book fair! This will take place starting February 6th through February 9th.


More details to come!



