

## Wilcox-Hildreth Public School <br> News \& Views <br> http://whfalcons.org <br> MARCH, 2023

FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent


## Hello Falcon Nation,

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools continues to be one of the best schools in the state of Nebraska. We have very supportive communities that support our students in academics as well as extracurricular activities. Our students are led each day by top tier teachers who push their students to strive for excellence in the classroom. Before and after school, our athletes continue to learn how to physically shape their bodies to compete against the best competition in the state. Our students have proved time and time again this year that they are learning how to compete on the field, course, court, mat, or track at a high level of competition and how to put in the hard work that it takes in the off season to have that in season success.

The springtime is when students have the opportunity to showcase all of the hard academic work that they have done all year long during our local and state tests. Parents and guardians can continue to help support their scholars during this time of year by helping them make healthy food choices, ensuring that they get enough sleep, and reminding them to stay up on their work as the weather starts to warm and spring fever starts to kick in. It is also important to encourage your students to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. Parents and guardians can also help their students understand the importance of high academic performance as it leads to a lifetime of opportunities for them to explore.

## You Take Us With You

A couple years ago I was talking to a former coach about players and off the field issues. He told me that every year he would tell his players" you take us with you". Wherever they go they represent us all. Their actions, whether positive or negative, have an effect on the team. I never had a name for it, but I always tried to instill that in my own players and children. My boys and I used to be in charge of taking care of a baseball field. I tried to get them to understand that when people see this field it is a reflection of us, our work ethic, and our pride in doing a job well. No matter what they did it reflected on all of us. I would tell the teams that I coached that when they are on the playing field, in another town, or just hanging out on the weekend people would make assumptions based on their actions. It isn't just themselves that they represent. When a person puts on Falcon gear they are representing themselves, their family, the school, and the communities. It is bigger than themselves and people don't always realize that. Maybe this seems like pressure to some, but not when you are doing the right thing.

I think as adults we sometimes forget it isn't just the students on the playing surface that represent us. It is all of the passionate fans that show up to support the team as well. Our language and behavior in the stands reflect on our communities and us. Whenever we leave a place I want the other people to think highly of us. To me, that is our fans supporting our team in a positive manner, not yelling at officials, and leaving the stands practically trash free after a game. Unfortunately, there has seemed to be an uptick in negative behavior in the stands this year. I don't think anything has ever been gained by yelling at or booing an official. Most likely it would work the other way. As far as picking up trash in the stands, a couple teams I coached would walk the stands after games and pick up trash to help the custodians out. We often got thank you emails from the other team's administration about how thankful their custodians were and the time that it saved them. Many people may not realize that the custodians have been on duty all day trying to keep the school clean and they are tired and just want to go home like the fans. Schools are short of help like everyone else and so the same people have to pull double duty by working during the day, working at ballgames, and cleaning up afterwards.

As I was scrolling social media following the girls state tournament this weekend I came across a couple tweets from a couple of young men. One was a former player of mine. He is a young man that loves basketball and was officiating to be involved in the game following high school. They both talked about their negative experience with officiating. Neither one of them officiate anymore because of issues they had with fans after only a tournament or two.

Please help us shine a light on our school district and communities by cheering for our team in a positive manner. Realize that officials are going to make mistakes and no one is doing it on purpose. No one agrees with all the calls the officials make and many fans have a difficult time being objective because of their passion for their team and players. Thank you for any help you can give us in showing what a great school we have and the great communities we live in.

Go Falcons!

# Wilcox-Hildreth Public School <br> Board of Education Regular Meeting <br> Monday, March 20, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM <br> Posting Locations: <br> Minden Courier Posting Date 3/15/2023 <br> Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 3/8/2023 <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 Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## 3.A. Approval of Agenda

## 3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular February 20, 2023 Board Meeting

## 3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report
4. Visitors and communication from the public

Luke Glenn was a visitor.

## 5. Action Items

## 5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the absence of Kirk Nelson and Ryan Knaus

Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Alan Casper, to Approve the absence of Kirk Nelson and Ryan Knaus. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## 5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Audrey Patterson as a local substitute.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by John Donley, to approve Audrey Patterson as a local substitute. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the proposed academic calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the proposed academic calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## 5.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to adopt the new NASB Standard Superintendent Evaluation tool.

The Board discussed how they would like to use the evaluation tool. There is a $\$ 300$ administrative fee payable to NASB to use the evaluation tool. Mr. Patterson will contact NASB
to confirm that changes to the tool can be made. If NASB can make the changes needed, the board will look at adopting a new tool at that point.
Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to table the approval of adopting the new NASB Superintendent Evaluation tool. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## 5.E. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the resignation of Amber Kosmicki.

Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the resignation of Amber Kosmicki. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## 5.F. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve board policy 4063 Extra Duty Assignments

This policy details the methods of payment for performance of extra duty and extended contract assignments by certificated staff members. Noncertified staff should refer to their individual employment contracts regarding service hours and payment for extracurricular sponsorship activities which may be assigned to the employee by the district.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve board policy 4063 Extra Duty Assignments. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## 6. Discussion Items

## 6.A. Updates on the Greenhouse construction project

The greenhouse project is waiting for the electrical work to be completed.

## 6.B. The Board Administrative Negotiations Committee will meet with Mr. Patterson on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 8:00 am.

## 6.C. Discuss pay rates for pool employees this summer

Mr. Patterson discussed with the board that pay rates for pool employees may need to be increased to keep the district comparable to surrounding communities. The city of Minden has not set their rates for the summer yet. The Village of Axtell set the starting rates for lifeguards at $\$ 12 / \mathrm{hr}$, Assistant Manager at $\$ 14 / \mathrm{hr}$, Manager $\$ 15 / \mathrm{hr}$.

## 7. Administrator Report

## 7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

- School Financial Updates
- Building and Grounds Updates
- Track Painting Errors
- The Greenhouse project is waiting for electrical work to be completed.
- Repairs to fix the leaks in the pool pipes will start Tuesday, March 21.
- K-12 Art is the only current teaching opening.
- Gave comparative pay rates for an area pools


## 7.B. Principal Report

Principal Lovin reported:

- Girls BB at the State Tournament
- District Speech in Bertrand
- Actions Day
- Academic All State

Principal Muhlbach reported:

- Spring testing window (NSCAS, MAPs, aimsWeb)
- PreACT and ACT
- 3rd writing sample collection
- Kearney County Spelling Bee
- SAS Link

8. Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the Wilcox conference room.

## 9. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Kert Hansen, to Adjourn meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Absent, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## Hello

The light at the end of the tunnel is finally peaking through! As we look towards the end of the year, we have just a few things left. Spring testing window for NSCAS, aimswebPlus, and MAP will begin in April. Sophomores have completed the PreACT and Juniors will soon take the ACT. L.E.A.D. students are helping finalize the end of the year Rewards Day! May!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Kearney County Spelling Bee! Sutton Strong placed 2 nd place in the 7th/8th grade division. Rylan Lush placed 3rd in the 6th grade division.
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## Attention Parents of ofutuents with an lIfe?

Parents,
We are conducting a survey in order to measure how our parents rate their involvement in the IEP process. We have been asked by Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to request this feedback from all parents of students in Special Education. These surveys must be completed by March 31st.

Please use a mobile device to scan this QR code in order to complete the survey.

Families with more than one child receiving Special Education and Related Services may select one child and answer all questions about their experiences with that child.


There is also a Spanish translation of the survey, which can be accessed by clicking on the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the survey screen.


## 7-12 Counselor Updates

## Save the Date... Upcoming Events

## April 4th: Jr. ACT

Test
The juniors will be taking the ACT on April 4th. Juniors should report to the Lutheran Church at 7:45 am for breakfast. We will then take the ACT starting at 8 am . Students will be provide a meal and released for the rest of the day after completing the test. Even though this ACT is considered a "state" test, the scores can still be used for college admission purposes. This is an opportunity for the juniors to take the ACT for free.

## \$cholarships

## Scholarship Update

Just a reminder... most of our local scholarships will be due on April ist. We are so blessed with the amount of local scholarships that are available to our seniors. If you would like to learn more about our local scholarships, they are all posted on my scholarship website, which is located under Counselor Corner on our school website. The scholarships will be announced at the Athletic/Academic Banquet on April 27th. If your student has received any scholarships from his/her college or outside of school, he/she will want to let me know the information so that I can announce those as well. Colleges do not usually tell me what scholarships they are awarding seniors.



## Senior Class Photos: April 14th

The seniors will be going to Kearney to take their class photos. These photos are used in the graduation video and yearbook.

## 9th Grade Career Fair: April 26th

The 9th grade class will be attending a career fair in Holdrege on April 26th. They will be able to visit different local career booths to learn about the jobs that are available in the surrounding communities. A panel of young professionals will talk to the students about why they chose to move back to this area. They will also listen to Education Quest talk about way to pay for college (scholarships/ types of financial aid). As the date approaches, I will send out more information about this event.

> Athletic/Academic Banquet: April 27th at 6 pm

## NHS Money Wars for CASA

National Honor Society has been busy organizing a K-ı2 money war for Cases for CASA. This project helps CASA put together overnight bags for children that are removed from their homes quickly. Cases for CASA provides a bag for children that includes toiletries, clean clothing, and a toy/stuffed animal. NHS held a bake raffle at a basketball game that raised $\$ 500$, so the money war donations will add to this total. If an elementary class wins, NHS will provide an ice cream party, and if a $7^{-12}$ grade class wins, there will be a BBQ to celebrate. The competition will be going until March 3ist. There will also be a "Wear a Hat Day" where students can pay \$i to wear a hat to school. All proceeds will go toward Cases for CASA!

## Schedules for Next Year

Next month, I will start scheduling students. If your student is going to be a freshman next year, I will be sending a math recommendation sheet. A freshman is able to choose between Algebra I or Algebra IA. Algebra IA is a slower paced math class. Mrs. Myers an Mrs. Lovin look at student performance in the classroom and MAP data to determine which class your student will be most successful in.

When I schedule students, I will have the student bring a copy home for parents/guardians to sign off on. Your student will have to turn in that sheet to be able to check out of school for the summer. I will put a post on the school app to let you know when we begin that process.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or questions!

Thanks, Hana

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\text { Dance - 9:00-11:00 p.m. }
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Post Prom @ Bíg Apple in Kearney

## 2022/23 Yearbook for Sale $\$ 45.00$

We are sorry that we will not be able to guarantee extra copies of the yearbook this year.

## The deadline to pre-order a yearbook is April 29.

The yearbook costs much more than what it is sold for. Because of this, the students sell Valentine cookies, business ads, baby ads, sell previous and current yearbooks, and work concession stands to help offset the difference for you.

Thank you for supporting the Journalism students.
The yearbook is for all grades Pre-School to Seniors.
Cherish the memories.


2021/22 yearbook (90 for sale) \$45.00 each


2020/21 yearbook (28 for sale) \$45.00 each


2019/2020 yearbook (36 for sale)
\$25.00 each

\$5.00 each


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Contact: Mrs. Nurita B. Lambert - yearbook sponsor, 308-478-5265, nurita.lambert@whfalcons.org
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If you would like to purchase a business ad - Please email (nurita.lambert@whfalcons.org) your business card or attach your business ad to this form.

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1/10 Business card size \$40 $\qquad$
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Full page \$170 $\qquad$
Baby ad $1 / 4$ page $\$ 40$ $\qquad$

# Happenings 

Thank you to everyone for your support during the Book Fair and Read Across America Week! These events were a fun experience for all involved, and most importantly for our students! Happy Reading!

## LUNCH \& LISTEN

Lunch \& Listen gives students the oportunity to listen to a book once a week during lunch time. This activity takes place in a designated area at our Hildreth site and in the lunch room for all K-2 students at our Wilcox site.

## Listening to a read aloud develops...

- Vocabulary
- Imagination and Creativity
- Reading Fluency
- Language Skills
- Lifelong Love of Reading



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This year's Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success! We were able to purchase 100 new books for our libraries due to the overwhelming support of our school and community! Thank you for your attendance both in person and online. We cannot wait for the next one!


## E READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK 00

Kindergarten - 6th grade students enjoyed reading activities throughout the week including dress up days, reading buddies, Dr. Seuess activities and D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read).


It's time to register your new kindergartener for the 2023-2024 school year!

Wilcox Hildreth Public Schools will be hosting

## Kindergarten Round Up

When: March 31st
Where: 404 Sapp Street, Wilcox NE 68982 Time: 8:30-11:30

Website: falcons.org
School Phone: (308) 478-5265

Class of 2036



Attention Parents of Pre-Kindergarten aged students:

- Pre-Kindergarten for 3 year olds is held Monday thru Thursday from

8:20-11:30 a.m. • Pre-Kindergarten for 4 year olds is held Monday thru Thursday from 12:15-3:30 p.m. $\bullet$ Verified students will be accepted prior to regular education preschool students • Four year old students will have priority over 3 year old students

- Returning Pre-Kindergarteners will have priority over new students
- Class size will be capped at 18 students
- Pre-Kindergarten students have the opportunity to ride the regular morning bus and shuttle routes to get to school
- There will be a bus route that will take students to daycare facilities within the city limits of Hildreth and Wilcox
- The State of Nebraska requires the school to have a copy of the student's birth certificate when attending preschool
- There will not be a charge for preschool during the 2023-2024 school year
- Call the Wilcox office to enroll your student at 308-478-5265


## Preschool Immunizations

The following immunizations are required for preschool aged children in public schools

- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine
- 1 dose of MMR vaccine given no earlier than 4 days before the first birthday
- 3 doses of HIB vaccine or 1 dose of HIB vaccine given at or after 15 months of age • 1 dose of Varicella Vaccine
- 4 doses of Pneumococcal vaccine or 1 dose of Pneumococcal vaccine given at or after 15 months

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| Dec. 21 | 2nd Qtr Ends (46 days) |
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| Dec. 22-Jan. 3 CHRISTMAS BREAK |  |


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| Jan. 4 | School Begins |


| Feb. 8 | P/T Conf 2:00-8:00 1:00 dismiss |
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| Feb. 9 | No School |


| Mar. 8 | End of 3rd QTR. (46 Days) |
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| Mar. 14-15 | NO SCHOOL - Spring break |
| Mar. 18 | NO SCHOOL - Inservice |
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| Apr. 1 | NO SCHOOL - Easter Break |
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| Aug. 7 | Fall sports practice begins |
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| Sept. 4 | NO SCHOOL - Labor Day |
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| Sept. 19 | P/T Conf 2:00-8:00 1:00 dismiss |
| Sept. 22 | No School |



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