

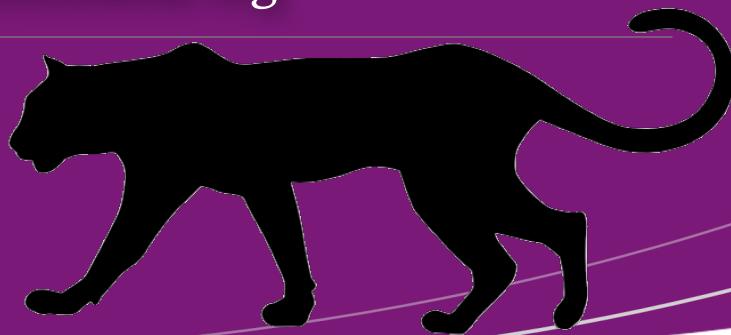
Fillmore Central Public Schools

www.fillmorecentral.org

High School: 402-759-3141

Middle School: 402-268-3411

Elementary School: 402-759-3184



District News

I can't believe that we are already in October and that the end of the first quarter is October 15th. I can't say thank you enough to our staff, students, and to our families for working through COVID issues once again this year. We continue to use protocols within our buildings attempting to mitigate risk. At the time that I am writing this, we have seen fairly stable low numbers of positive cases. Thank you for all that you are doing by monitoring your children and keeping them home when they aren't feeling well, showing symptoms, or have had a high-risk exposure. I know it is inconvenient and challenging at times for families, but we have been in school every day, had activities, and have even had a fairly normal Homecoming week with a parade and dance.

We are excited that we are once again able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all of our K -12 students. Please note that students will still be responsible to pay for extra lunch or milk and ala carte items.

Events

- Oct. 6th Teacher Workday
1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal
- Oct. 11th School Board Meeting
7:30 PM High School
Library
- Oct. 13th Student Flu Shots
- Oct. 20th 1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal
2:00 – 9:00 PM Parent
Teachers Conferences
- Oct. 22nd Fall Break – No School
- Oct. 28th Picture Retakes

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.



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be happening on October 20th from 2p.m. – 9p.m. The Middle School and the High School Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place at the High School. The Elementary will be holding conferences at the Elementary School and child care will be available in the elementary gym. That day, the Elementary School will be dismissed at 1:05, the Middle School at 1:20, and the High School at 1:35. Please know that you can always reach out to your child’s teacher at school when you have a question or concern. The ability to check on grades and assignments using Power School and to be able to communicate with your child’s teachers through email hopefully helps you keep up to date on how your student is doing more easily. You will be receiving more information from your child’s school with regards to times and where teachers will be located the night of conferences.

Remind your students that drive to be especially careful this time of year at corners in the country. Sometimes our young drivers forget how much traffic we have this time of year. I know many of you will be working long hours with harvest – stay safe.

Severe Weather

The decision to have a late start or to cancel classes is difficult and often there are people that have differing opinions on the severity of the weather or road conditions. Please remember that you ALWAYS have the ability as parents to decide to send your child to school late or even to keep them at home due to road or weather conditions. We are in a large school district that covers many square miles. Weather and roads can vary a lot from one side of the district to the other. Our families that live on gravel roads often have different conditions than our families that live in town. Please make the best decision for your family on these days.

We will alert you to late-starts/closings through our social media – website, Facebook, automated calls, and our text alerts. We will also call 10/11 news and NTV news stations to have it on their closing alerts.

Sometimes we may have a late-start to give us more time to make a final determination on canceling classes for the entire day. If we announce a late start, it is still possible that we could announce a closing prior to the late-start time.

Elementary (K-4) Students Early Out – No Afternoon TYKE on November 23rd

Elementary (K-4) students will be dismissed at 12:40 (after lunch) on November 23rd. This change is to allow for our elementary staff to have their follow up Professional Development training on our new English and Language Arts Curriculum. This is the last day before Thanksgiving Vacation begins. Bus routes will run accordingly for the elementary students that day.

There will be no afternoon TYKE on this day as well.

Elementary School News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, October 6th, 1:05 Dismissal for Teacher Development**
- **Wednesday, October 13th, Public Health Flu Shots for Students**
- **Friday, October 15th, End of the 1st Quarter**
- **Wednesday, October 20th, 1:05 Dismissal for PT Conferences**
- **Wednesday, October 20th, 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parent / Teacher Conferences**
- **Friday, October 22nd, NO SCHOOL - FALL BREAK**
- **Thursday, October 28th, Picture Retakes**
- **Friday, October 30th, Fall Parties**



SCHOOL APP, WEBSITE, AND FACEBOOK

Get the most up to date information by adding the Fillmore Central app to your mobile device. Also, the Fillmore Central Public Schools website remains: www.fillmorecentral.org. The website and app contain information such as the lunch menu, activity calendar, and newsletter. Also, like Fillmore Central Elementary on Facebook to see photos and updates from the elementary school.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Fall elementary parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 20th from 2:00-9:00pm in-person at the elementary. Each parent/caregiver will have a scheduled conference time with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their individual child's performance during the first quarter of the school year. Individual scheduling details will be shared in the coming weeks. Childcare will be provided to ensure the opportunity to have an uninterrupted conference with your child's teacher. Childcare will take place in the elementary gym.

Tips and Suggestions

1. Visit with your child. Is there anything your child wants you to discuss?
2. Emphasize the positive areas of the grade report.
3. In areas of needed improvement, make a detailed plan with your child and the classroom teacher. Agree on the role of each person (child, parent, teacher) to support the improvement plan.
4. Please call the school (402-759-3184) any time you have concerns, suggestions or insight that might improve your child's educational outcomes.
5. If you feel that you will need more than the 15 minutes allotted to discuss your child, please call your child's teacher to plan a separate time.

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please notify the school by 8:45 a.m. If the school has not been notified of an absence by 8:45, we will make contact with the home to determine the whereabouts of your child. If we are unable to make contact, we will notify the sheriff's office to do a "wellness check." **These procedures are in place for the safety of all of our students.**

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

Please do not send medications to school with your child. An adult must turn in medications to the elementary office. **These procedures are in place for the safety of all of our students.**

ESTABLISH ROUTINES AND POSITIVE HABITS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

It's the beginning of a new school year--the perfect time to set the stage for learning success. To make sure your child shows up at school ready to learn:

- Get a head start. Many families find that organizing at night prevents morning "rush hour." You can review school papers, pack and refrigerate lunches, set backpacks by the door and agree on outfits.
- Establish sleep routines. Choose reasonable bedtimes so everyone is rested when the alarm clock goes off. Do your best to stick with them.
- Develop morning habits. If your child does the same things, in the same order, each morning, it's less likely that she will forget a step. For example, make bed, get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth and put on shoes.
- Choose a homework time. With your child, pick a time when she will have the most energy and motivation to do assignments. Create a quiet study spot, complete with necessary supplies, where she can work at the same time each day.
- Use organizational tools. What will help your child stay organized? She might use calendars, to-do lists or a folder system.
- Set priorities. Schedule things like schoolwork, family meals and even free time on a calendar. Treat them like appointments. If there are openings, your child can add activities.

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Elementary students recently participated in bike to school day.

BOX TOPS

Thank you parents, students, grandparents, community members, and friends of the elementary school for your support of our school by scanning your receipt containing box tops with the box tops for education app. Your efforts have provided additional funds to purchase materials and provide learning opportunities at the elementary.

STUDENT CONDUCT AT SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

To ensure the safety of all, and reduce distraction from the game; running, playing with balls, and climbing under the bleachers are not allowed at outdoor events. During indoor events, please try to limit trips to the concession stand so they occur during intermissions, timeouts, or other breaks in the game. Your help in communicating and supporting these expectations are appreciated.



Middle School News

Dismissal For Professional Development

We would like to remind you that we will have 2-hour early dismissals on the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. There will be a 2-hour early dismissal on Wednesday, October 6th. These early-dismissals are designed for our staff to regularly engage in professional development opportunities to increase 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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fillmore Central Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences will once again be held at Fillmore Central High School. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 20 from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A progress report will be printed for each parent. This report will show the student's academic performance up to that date. Teachers will be able to discuss each student's academic performance in the same manner that has been done in past years. Please contact your child's building principal if you have any questions or concerns.

- Progress reports can be picked up at the high school during conferences and you will be directed to the locations of your student's teachers.
- Progress reports that are not picked up at conferences will be mailed home.

No School – Friday, October 22. We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and students that there will be no school on Friday, October 22.

Red Ribbon Week

Fillmore Central Middle School will participate in Red Ribbon Week, a nationally promoted program, during the week of October 25 – 29. The objective of the program is to bring awareness to students and school communities on drug prevention. Activities will be planned throughout the week to educate our students on the importance of being drug and bully free.

Book Fair

The Middle School Book Fair will be held from Monday, November 15 to Friday, November 19. Students will have the opportunity to preview available titles on display and other items that can be purchased during the Book Fair at the "sneak peek" on Friday, November 12, 2021.

PowerSchool (Online Grades Portal)

We are committed to having strong communication with students and parents in regards to every aspect of student performance and development. One of the tools that we use to communicate with parents and students regarding academic performance is PowerSchool, our online grades portal. To use PowerSchool parent access features, go to our district homepage and click on "PowerSchool" button. You will need a username and a password to access this information. You have previously received this information in your student's packet that was given to all students at the beginning of the school year. If you have forgotten or misplaced your password and username please contact the office for your PowerSchool login information.

Grading Policy and ICU List

As a reminder, the district's Grading Policy allows for a teacher to list an assignment as "Missing" that was not handed in on the due date. To assist with communication of missing assignments the school has purchased a system that sends a text and/or email to the parent once a student's assignment is missing. We call this system our ICU List and the objective is to have parents notified when their student's assignment becomes missing. Any "missing" assignment not completed prior to the last Monday of a grading period will be entered as a "zero". This change will have an effect on a student's grade, so I encourage you to check your students' grades throughout the year and to contact your student's teacher if you have any questions.

Please Update Your Contact Information

It is often necessary for the school to make contact with our parents. Some reasons for this might include sickness, disciplinary issues, emergencies, or to schedule meetings. Because it is absolutely vital that the school be able to contact parents when necessary, I urge you to update your contact information with the school as soon as the need arises. Many times when moving or changing a job, notifying the school is often overlooked. However, by sharing this information with the school in a timely manner, you will help to ensure that an uninterrupted line of communication is always available between home and the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, October 6th:** 1:20pm Dismissal for Teacher Development
- **Friday, October 15th:** End of the 1st Quarter
- **Wednesday, October 20th:** 1:20 Dismissal for PT Conferences
- **Wednesday, October 20th:** 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parent / Teacher Conferences
- **Friday, October 22nd:** NO SCHOOL - FALL BREAK
- **Monday, October 25th-Friday, October 29th:** Red Ribbon Week
- **Thursday, October 28th:** Picture Retakes
- **Monday, November 15th--Friday, November 19th:** Book Fair



Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 25th – Oct. 29th

The Red Ribbon Campaign, which is the oldest and largest drug prevention program, allowing individuals nationwide to take a visible stand against drugs. (GuideInc.org)

Students will be participating in fun Red Ribbon Week Activities planned by our staff. There will dress-up themed days so be sure to check our Facebook page for pictures.

The History of Red Ribbon Week:
Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. In honor of Kiki's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents then began to form coalitions using Camarena as their model while embracing his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the Red Ribbon. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. (redribbon.org)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDkvX9yZz34>

High School News

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All high school teachers will be using their classrooms to conduct conferences similar to last year. FCCLA sponsored child care will not be available at the high school, so please plan accordingly. As has been the norm, our teachers see the most parents between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you are able to come in outside of those times it would be greatly appreciated, however, you have the option to come in anytime between the hours of 2:00 p.m and 9:00 p.m.

Activity Updates

We field lots of questions each year about how to keep up to date with activities and events. The traditional pocket calendar is a great resource, but we cannot update it once it has been printed. A great way to stay informed is to install the free FC app on your smart phone. You can do this by searching for "Fillmore Central" in your app store. When you find the purple FC logo on a black background, you have the correct app. Once installed, all you need to do is click on the 3 menu bars in the upper left corner and select the "events" tab. This takes you to the most updated school activity calendar.

Fillmore Central Public Schools
School Calendar

"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations." - Bob Beauprez

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 PM Football at Superior	2
3	4 Sub-District Softball 4:30 PM JH Football vs Wilber-Clatonia 6:00 PM JV Football vs Wilber-Clatonia	5 6:00/7:00 JV/V Volleyball at Diller-Odell 4:30 JH Volleyball at Heartland FCCLA District Planning Mtg	6 Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 dismissals FFA Land Judging Women's Quiz Bowl at Seward FCCLA District Leadership Conference	7 5:00PM Cross Country SNC at Thayer Central 4:30PM JH Volleyball at Wilber-Clatonia 6:00/7:00 JV/V Volleyball vs Sandy Creek	8 District Softball 7:00 PM Football at Wood River Rural HS	9 District Softball 9:00AM JH Volleyball Tournament at Thayer Central Marching Band At Bennington
10	11 School Board Meeting 4:00PM JH Volleyball at Sandy Creek 4:30 JH Football vs. Lincoln Christian 4:30PM JV Volleyball at Thayer Central 6:00 PM JV Football vs Lincoln Christian	12 5:00 PM JV/V Volleyball Triangular vs Adams Central, Centennial	13 Student Flu Shots State Softball at Hastings	14 State Softball at Hastings District Cross Country at Aurora 6:00/7:00 JV/V Volleyball at Wilber-Clatonia	15 State Softball at Hastings 7:00 PM Football vs Central City	16 Marching Band Contest at Ashland Greenwood 9:00 AMV Volleyball at Centennial
17	18 V Volleyball SNC	19 V Volleyball SNC	20 Early Out 1:05/1:20/1:35 dismissals Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM History/Geography Quiz Bowl at Concordia College	21 V Volleyball SNC	22 Fall Break - No School State Cross Country at Kearney 7:00 PM Football at Adams Central	23 ACT Test Marching Band at Kearney
24 Marching Band Home Exposition	25 Sub-District Volleyball	26 Sub-District Volleyball	27 FFA National Convention	28 Picture Retakes FFA National Convention	29 FFA National Convention - Virtual	30 District Volleyball FFA National Convention
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Schedule is subject to change. For the most up to date information please visit www.fillmorecentral.org and select events.

OCTOBER LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				Hot Dog
4	5	6	7	8
Chicken Sandwich	Quesidilla	Corn Dog	Chicken Fajita	Chili
11	12	13	14	15
Chicken Tenders	Deli Sandwich	Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Noodle Soup	Hot Ham Sandwich
18	19	20	21	22
Chicken Fried Steak	Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Soup	Fish	Pulled Pork Sandwich	NO SCHOOL
25	26	27	28	29
Walking Taco	BBQ Rib Sandwich	Elementary Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich MS and HS Philly Steak Sandwich	Meatballs	Hot Dog

OCTOBER BREAKFAST				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				K-12 Before School Biscuit & Gravy HS 2nd Chance Biscuit & Gravy
4	5	6	7	8
K-12 Before School Breakfast Taco HS 2nd Chance Breakfast Taco	K-12 Before School Muffin HS 2nd Chance Muffin	K-12 Before School Breakfast Sandwich HS 2nd Chance Breakfast Sandwich	K-12 Before School Mini Pancake HS 2nd Chance Mini Pancake	K-12 Before School Biscuit & Gravy HS 2nd Chance 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 Senior High/Middle School Lunch - FREE Elementary Lunch - FREE Adult Lunch - \$3.60

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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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