Fillmore Central Public Schools

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District News

With first quarter and Parent/Teacher Conferences in the rear-view mirror, we press on into second guarter. Fall activities have ended and we are just getting ready for the beginning of our winter seasons. As the weather begins to force us inside please continue your help with keeping students that aren't feeling well at home. Once again, thank you for all you've done so far in these efforts.

Last year our staff wasn't able to attend many professional development trainings due to DHM and state restrictions. Those that were offered were all on Zoom. This year we are thankful that staff has once again been able to attend trainings at ESU 6 in Milford as well as other places in Nebraska. We have also been able to host some all district trainings as well on our PLC, early out Wednesdays.

On November 23rd our elementary students will be dismissed from school at 12:40. This is to allow for more teacher training in our new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum. The company we are working with provides training prior to the school year and then always plans an additional half day of training after several months of implementation. Students will still receive lunch and buses will run accordingly that day. Middle School and High School will run regular full day schedules and buses will run as normal for them.

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Events

Nov. 3rd Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissal

Nov. 8th Academic Booster Club 6:30 PM

Nov. 15th School Board Meeting 7:30 PM High School Library

Nov. 24th Fall Break - No School -26^{th}

Nov. 28th EPAC Meeting 7:00 PM



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.

We were excited to host Demoine Adams, a former Nebraska football player, in late October as part of Red Ribbon Week. He spoke to our Middle School students about making good choices in order to reach their full potential. He talked about saying no to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and standing up to bullying. He now works with Tom Osborne and is the newly named CEO of the Teammates Mentor organization.

We also are excited to host Karen Hasse from the KSB Law Firm to speak to students and staff about Digital Citizenship and Safety. She is coming on November 9th and will do an assembly for our 5th – 8th graders at the Middle School, the 9th-12th graders at the High School, and then will do a presentation for our entire staff after school at the High School. We are lucky to get her as she is in high demand across the Midwest to speak about Digital Citizenship and Digital Safety.

On Wednesday, October 27th I once again got to meet with retired Fillmore Central staff for coffee. We have done this a few times and hope to meet a few times each year. It is great for me to be able to connect with people who know the history and traditions of Fillmore Central. It is also fun to share some of the things that are going on at school. If you or someone you know is a retired staff member and you'd like to join us please call or email Jodi in my office and give her your email contact information. Her email is Jodi.meyer@fillmorecentral.org. We'd love to have you.

High School News

Fall Activity Season Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in helping to run any of our fall activities. It takes a lot of help to make sure things run smoothly, and we are fortunate to have a school and community that is willing to go the extra mile to help provide opportunities for our students.

One-Act

Fillmore Central will be hosting the NSAA C1-4 District One-Act competition on Wednesday, December 1st at the Rialto II Theater. Being able to host these events is great for our school and community, and it does allow another opportunity for patrons to view the performance.

Attendance

I can't remember how many times I have written about the importance of students being in school, but here is another reminder. Being in school and on time each day are two expectations that we have for all students. If a student misses school for a medical appointment, we kindly ask that you as a parent or guardian provide documentation from your medical provider so that we can mark that accordingly in Powerschool. Generally speaking, students are allowed to miss no more than 10 days each semester.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 20th. We would welcome any feedback regarding the format and if there is anything we can do to make this event better, please feel free to shoot me an email at ryun.theobald@fillmorecentral.org. We had a turnout of just under 40%, so if there are things we can do to increase attendance, please let us know. We know that with Powerschool and ICU parents can stay up to date with grades, but having face to face meetings between teachers and parents is still a positive communication tool.

Elementary School News

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS AND CALENDAR INFORMATION

Wednesday, November 3rd, 1:05pm Dismissal Monday, November 15th, BOE Meeting @ 7:30pm Friday, November 19th, Mid-Quarter Reports Sent Home Tuesday, November 23rd, Monthly Assembly Tuesday, November 23rd, Elementary Early Dismissal for PD Wednesday, November 24th, No School Thursday, November 25th, No School Friday, November 26th, No School Monday, November 29th, 7:00pm EPAC meeting



Kindergarten enjoying pumpkin muffins from the October wellness initiative.

ELEMENTARY REMINDERS

Medication For Students

Please do not send medications to school with your child. Medications must come to school with the parent/guardian and given directly to the school office. Thank you for your help ensuring the safety of our students.

Cold Weather

Cold weather and snow will be here soon. Please send appropriate seasonal clothing (hats, gloves, boots) so your child can fully participate in outdoor recess. It is helpful to have items marked with your child's name or initials so they can be returned if lost.

Bikes/Scooters

Many students ride bikes or scooters to school throughout the school year. Please ensure your child can safely handle this responsibility. Although children often enjoy riding bikes/scooters and their travel time can be lessened, walking on the sidewalk may be a safer option for some.

Do you know the hidden value of your child's homework?

Homework gives your child an opportunity to practice the skills she is learning in school. But did you realize that it also teaches important life lessons?

When your child completes homework on her own, she learns:

- Responsibility. Your child learns the importance of fulfilling her obligations. She also learns to hold herself accountable for her mistakes and successes.
- Perseverance. Most parents want to protect their kids from frustration. However, making your child's life easier now will only make it harder in the future.
- Time management. Learning how to manage her time in order to get her homework finished is one of the most valuable skills your child can learn.
- Initiative. Homework can help your child learn how to be self-motivated. When she chooses to complete spelling assignments a few days before they are due, she is showing initiative.

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Middle School News









Photos from Red Ribbon Week at the Middle School.

Early Release-Professional Development

Wednesday, November 3rd there will be a 2 hour early dismissal for students. These early-dismissals allow teachers to participate in professional development opportunities designed to improve student performance and meet our school improvement goals. For middle school students, the 2-hour early dismissal time is 1:20 PM. Athletic practices will not be held for Middle School student-athletes on the days that we have scheduled early dismissals.

Parent-Teacher Conference

It was great to see so many parents in attendance at the fall parent-teacher conferences, held October 20th. Research has shown that students, whose parents take an active role in their child's education, are more likely to graduate from high school and experience success in their career. If you were not able to attend the Parent-Teacher Conferences, I encourage you to continue to communicate with your child's teacher throughout the school year and check PowerSchool regularly.

Thanksgiving Break

Fillmore Central Middle School will be closed from Wednesday, November 24 – Friday, November 26 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume, Monday, November 29, 2021.

Seasons Changing

Now that fall has officially arrived, we can count on cooler weather quickly approaching. Students may need to bring a few clothing options (sweatshirt, jacket, coat) that will allow them to be comfortable while inside or outside during the day. By dressing appropriately for each day's weather, your student will be more comfortable before school, during school, during recess, and after school. Also, students who are properly dressed are significantly less likely to miss school due to illness.

Red Ribbon Week & Bully Free Schools

Red Ribbon & Bully Free Schools Week was held the week of October 25 – 29 to educate our students on the importance of being bully free and the dangers of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use. Activities were held during On Wednesday, October 27th, Demoine Adams talked to students about reaching their potential by making good choices, building positive relationships, and being a leader.

Winter Concert

The Middle School Winter Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, at 7 p.m.; and will be held in the Fillmore Central High School gymnasium. I hope to see you at the Winter Concert.

NOVEMBER LUNCH									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
1	2	3	4	5					
Chicken Sandwich	Quesadilla	Corn Dog	Chicken Fajita	Chili					
8	9	10	11	12					
Chicken Drummies	Deli Sandwich	Ham Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Noodle Soup	Sloppy Joe					
15	16	17	18	19					
Chicken Fried Steak	Spaghetti	Fish	BBQ Pork Sandwich	Pizza					
22	23	24	25	26					
Walking Taco	BBQ Rib Sandwich	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL					
29	30								
Chicken Sandwich	Burrito								

NOVEMBER BREAKFAST								
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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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School Calendar

"No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy." - Brad Henry

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Opening Night Dinner Theater	2 3:00PM Mock Trial	Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissals FFA Livestock Judging at York	4	5	6 10:00AM JH Wrestling at Superior
7	8 6:30PM Academic Booster Club Mtg 4:00PM JH Wrestling at York 4:30PM JH Girls Basketball at Sutton	9 KSB Digitial Citizenship presentations 3:00PM Mock Trial	10	11 Veteran's Day Program	One Act at York High School 4:00PM JH Wrestling at David City	13
14	15 School Board Meeting 3:00PM Mock Trial 4:30PM JH Girls Basketball vs. Centennial Start of Winter Practices	16 SNC One Act at Centennial 4:30PM JH Wrestling at Grand Island Central Catholic 4:30PM JH Girls Basketball vs Heartland	17	18 4:30PM JH Girls Basketball at Doniphan-Trumbull	19	20
21	22	23 4:30PM JH Wrestling at FCHS	24 Thanksgiving Break - No School	25 Thanksgiving Break - No School	Thanksgiving Break - No School	27 HS Basketball Jamboree at Doniphan-Trumbull
28	28 EPAC Meeting 7:00PM 4:30 JH Girls Basketball at Wilber-Clatonia 4:30PM JH Wrestling at Wilber- Clatonia	30 3:00PM Mock Trial				

Schedule is subject to change. For the most up to date information please visit www.fillmorecentral.org and select events.

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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