

Fillmore Central Public Schools

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District News

Wow! Where did the first semester and 2021 go?
Every year seems to go by more quickly than the year before.

It was great seeing and listening to our students share their musical talents at the recent music concerts. Our high school band and choir gave an enjoyable performance on Monday the 13th, I loved seeing the excitement of our elementary performers and couldn't believe the size of the crowd on Tuesday the 14th, and our middle schoolers did a fantastic job on Thursday the 16th. Between concerts, sports, and activities this is always a busy time of year. We hope to have you join us for more student events 2nd semester.

Thank you for continuing to work with us by keeping students that aren't feeling well or have had close contact exposures at home. We have had some positive COVID cases in our buildings, but haven't been as affected as some other schools that I've talked with. I believe a lot has to do with your efforts as parents. I also want to publicly thank our staff for trying to make this year as normal as possible. Our teaching and support staff have done an incredible job of subbing for one another and overcoming challenges. I am lucky to work with great people.

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Events

- Jan. 3rd Teacher Workday – No School
- Jan. 4th 2nd Semester Begins
- Jan. 10th Teacher Workday – No School
- Jan. 17th Teacher Workday – No School
- Jan. 17th School Board Meeting
7:30 PM High School Library
- Jan. 27th Health Screenings

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.



If you are looking for a way to help out the district and would like to earn a little extra money, we are currently in need of substitute teachers and substitute para-educators. There is a lot of flexibility in being a substitute. If we have a need and you are called – you can always say no if it doesn't fit your schedule that day. You can also give us the days you are available and the buildings you'd like to work in. Call us with questions!

If you are interested please contact Jodi Meyer at the district office at 402-759-4955.

I am excited to see what the second semester and 2022 hold for all of us. I'm excited for all of our winter and spring activities and watching our students perform and compete. We'd love to have you come out and join us at one of our many student games or performances.

High School News

Spring Testing

We are planning for March 22nd to be our spring testing date for the ACT and MAP assessments. All juniors will be taking the NSCAS ACT and all 9th and 10th grade students will be taking the MAP assessment. It is very important that all students are in attendance on this date, so please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. Our plan for the seniors is TBA at this point. More information will be shared with students and parents as we get closer to the test date.

Fall Sports Honors

The following is a compilation of postseason individual honors that have been awarded to our fall athletes:

Volleyball

- **Reyna Hafer** - York News Times All-Area, SNC Honorable Mention, OWH and LJS Honorable Mention
- **Grace Probasco** - OWH Honorable Mention
- **Lilly Srajhans** - OWH Honorable Mention, York News Times All-Area Honorable Mention
- **Angie Schademann** - LJS Honorable Mention, York News Times All-Area Honorable
- **Addison Ekeler** - York News Times All-Area Honorable

Softball

- **Kelsi Gaston**: All-Conference 1st Team, All-Area York News Times, Honorable Mention LJS & OWH
- **Abby Nichols**: All-Conference 2nd Team, All-Area York News Times Honorable Mention, Academic All-State
- **Shelby Lawver**: All-Conference 2nd Team, All-Area York News Times, Academic All-State
- **Faith Engle**: All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-Area York News Times Honorable Mention
- **Lilly Ellison**: All-Conference 1st Team, All-Area York News Times, Honorable Mention LJS & OWH
- **Kaili Head**: All-Conference 1st Team, All-Area York News Times, Honorable Mention LJS & OWH
- **Amy Lauby**: All-Conference 2nd Team, All-Area York News Times Honorable Mention

Football

- **Carson Adams**- 1st team All District, 1st Team All Tribland DL, York News Time All Area Honorable Mention, LJS Honorable Mention. OWH Honorable Mention
- **Keegan Theobald**- 1st Team All District, York News Time All Area Team LB, All Tribland Honorable Mention, LJS Honorable Mention, OWH Honorable Mention
- **Luke Kimbrough**- 1st Team All District, All Tribland Honorable Mention, York News Time All Area Honorable Mention, LJS Honorable Mention, OWH Honorable Mention
- **Treven Stassines**- 1st Team All District, York News Time All Area Honorable Mention, LJS Honorable Mention
- **Jayden Wolf**- Honorable Mention All District, York News Time All Area Honorable Mention, LJS Honorable Mention
- **Aidan Trowbridge**- Honorable Mention All District, York News Time All Area Honorable Mention
- **Isaiah Lauby**- Honorable Mention All District, York News Time All Area Honorable Mention
- **Jackson Turner**- Honorable Mention All District
- **Dylan Gewecke**- Honorable Mention All District
- **Aiden Hinrichs**- Honorable Mention All District

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

GO PANTHERS!!!



Elementary School News

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS AND CALENDAR INFORMATION

- January 3rd, No School, Teacher workday
- January 4th, Students return
- January 4th, 2nd quarter report cards sent home with K – 4 students
- January 10th, No School, Teacher professional development
- January 17th, No School, Teacher professional development



RECESS IN THE SNOW

Students are allowed to play in the snow at recess if they have an extra set of shoes/boots at school designated specifically for playing ON the snow. Snow pants are needed if your child wants to play IN the snow so their clothes remain dry and comfortable back in the classroom. The blacktop and sidewalk areas are always cleaned off so students have a dry place to play if they don't have an extra set of shoes.

WHEN REVIEWING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD.....

- Accentuate the positive, no matter how small it may be. Without encouragement, your child may give up.
- Be calm and talk to your child about what he thinks the problem may be.
- Talk about how things can be better. Let your child know how grades are important for their future.
- Make a plan with them. Some suggestions: do homework earlier; contact your child's teacher; have a parent or adult check over the work before it is handed in.
- Look behind the grade. Could it be an eye problem, attention disorder, learning disability, hearing difficulty? Is there something happening at home or at school (socially) that could be affecting academic performance?
- Encourage your child to always try his best – regardless of the grade earned.

SIX WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOR AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL

Everyone wants children to be well-behaved in school. But today, parents and teachers are often concerned about a lack of self-discipline in students. When classroom instruction is continually interrupted by students who misbehave, no learning can take place. Students need a quiet, orderly environment in which to grow and learn.

Good discipline begins at home. Here are some ways you can help your child develop self-control:

1. Know the school rules and regulations. Talk to your child about them and be sure to support them.
2. Take an active interest in your child's activities, both in and out of school.
3. Talk to your child's teachers about how she behaves in school.
4. Talk to your child about the importance of self-discipline at home and at school.
5. Show respect for your child and she will be more likely to respect herself and others.
6. Encourage independence. Give your child a chance to take part in making the decisions that affect her life.

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Middle School News

Happy New Year!!!

Upcoming Events

January 4th: Start of 2nd Semester--Students return

January 7th: Report cards for the 1st semester will be mailed to parents

January 10th: Professional Development Day--No School

January 17th: Professional Development Day--No School

Adopt-A-Family

Mrs. Jenni Stengel and Student Council members once again assisted in collecting items for the Fillmore County Blue Valley. PRIDE classes collected 1,106 items requested to be donated to Blue Valley to assist local families in meeting their daily needs. The PRIDE group who collected the most items will be recognized and receive a prize. This is the 15th consecutive year that our students have participated in this event. Each year it has been a huge success and I am extremely proud of the generosity of our students, staff, and the leadership of Mrs. Stengel for this charitable activity.

8th Grade Graduation

As quickly as the 1st semester passed by, it will not be long before we will be preparing for the 8th grade graduation. The ceremony is an opportunity to honor our 8th grade students for their academic work during their years at the Middle School. The 2022 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19 beginning at 2 p.m. The normal bus and supervision routines for a 3:20 dismissal will take place. More information will be sent home in the spring.

Bus Expectations

Expectations for students riding school transportation:

- Students will follow the directions of the bus driver or other adult riders.
- Students will have assigned seating.
- Students are not allowed to change seats while the bus is moving. They should sit with both feet out of the aisle and face forward.
- Students may talk to the person next to them, however, at NO time should they be using a loud voice that disrupts others or is disrespectful toward others.
- If a student brings a device, they need to use earbuds when playing music or other audio sound.

****Please Note:** riding school transportation is a privilege and all efforts will be made to make it a safe ride for all students. Violators of school policy will be assigned appropriate consequences that may include suspension from riding school transportation. Please take the time to review these expectations with your student.



Getting Back Into The Routine

Starting school after a long holiday break is similar in many ways to the start of the school year. It is important to get back into the routine of school as soon as possible once the 2nd semester starts. Below are some reminders that you might find helpful as you work to establish a routine that helps your student to be successful in and out of school.

- Go to bed at a reasonable time each night. A young person's body and brain are busy all day and they need a lot of rest at night to recover from the day and to prepare for the next day.
- Get up early enough so that you're not rushed in the morning. Students who get up late and give themselves "just enough time" will start their day under unnecessary stress and confusion. "Bad mornings" lead to "bad days."
- Get up and go to bed at the same time each day and night. Try to be consistent with the time you go to bed. By going to bed each night at the same time, you will fall asleep faster and experience more rest throughout the night. Again, try to get up at the same time everyday. You will feel more rested and ready to start your day by keeping the time you get up consistent.
- Eat Breakfast. By eating a breakfast with a healthy balance of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats children feel more energetic at the start of the day and generally perform better all day long. You would never attempt a long commute to work with an empty gas tank in your car; avoid sending your children to a long day of school without breakfast.
- Organize clothes and school supplies (bag, books, homework, etc.) for each day the night before. This will avoid adding unnecessary stress to the morning and it will ensure that your student comes to school prepared each day.
- Maintain a healthy routine during breaks and weekends. Often students see breaks such as holiday breaks and summer breaks as an opportunity to stray from their normal routine. This might include such things as staying up later than usual, sleeping in, or poor nutritional choices. These types of breaks in routine can negatively impact a student once they return to school. Encourage a balanced, healthy routine for your student when they are on break from school. The best way to get into an effective routine is to never stray from an effective routine.



Middle School Fun

Middle school students have been busy preparing for the holiday season. There are a lot of pictures of their fun activities and decorations on the Fillmore Central Middle School Facebook page. Students had a game where they decorated a pride group member to look like a tree. Mrs. Eberhardt's pride group took the win. The sixth graders earned a free fun period for completing their assignments where students played a wide variety of games and had snacks. It included a Christmas themed escape room where the snacks were hidden. Students also prepared for the holiday season by getting ready for the Middle School Music Concert.

Fillmore Central Public Schools
School Calendar

"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message." - Steve Irwin

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 No School - Teacher Workday	4 2nd Semester Begins 5:00PM RBB @ High Plains 6:00PM V Wrestling at Ashland-Greenwood	5	6 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball at Central City 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Central City	7 2:00PM V Wrestling at Tri County 7:00 - 10:00PM FBLA MS Dance	8 Speech at Adams Central 9:00AM V Wrestling at Tri County 2:30/4:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball at Superior 2:30/5:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Superior
9	10 School Board Mtg 6:00PM R Girls Basketball vs. Central City 7:15PM R Boys Basketball vs. Central City	11	12	13 4:00PM JV Wrestling at Malcom 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball vs. Heartland 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Heartland 5:00PM V Wrestling at Centennial	14 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball vs. Malcom 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Malcom	15 Speech at Raymond Central 9:00AM V Wrestling at Gibbon 9:30AM JV Wrestling Palmer
16	17 No School - Teacher Workday School Board Meeting 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball at Tri County 6:00PM R Girls Basketball vs. Adams Central 7:15PM R Boys Basketball vs. Adams Central	18 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball vs. Centura 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Centura	19	20 FFA District Leadership Development Events at York 5:45PM R Girls Basketball at Milford 5:45PM R Boys Basketball at Centennial	21 2:30PM V Wrestling at Louisville 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball at Tri County 4:30/7:30PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Tri County	22 Speech at Thayer Central 10:00 AM JV/V Wrestling at Centennial
23	24 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball at Centennial 4:30PM JV Wrestling at Weeping Water 6:00PM R Girls Basketball at Wilber-Clatonia 7:15PM R Boys Basketball at Wilber-Clatonia	25 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball vs. Centennial 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Centennial	26	27 Health Screenings	28 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball at Gibbon 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Gibbon 6:00 PM JV/V Wrestling vs. York	29 Speech at Wilber-Clatonia 9:00AM JH Boys Basketball vs Fairbury 10:00 AM SNC Wrestling at Fillmore Central
30	31 SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs. Heartland					

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

JANUARY LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
NO SCHOOL	BBQ Rib Sandwich	Elementary Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich MS and HS Philly Steak Sandwich	Chili	Hot Dog
10	11	12	13	14
Chicken Sandwich	Quesadilla	Corn Dog	Chicken Noodle Soup	Hamburger
17	18	19	20	21
NO SCHOOL	Delì Sandwich	Ham and Mashed Potatoes	Burrito	Sloppy Joe
24	25	26	27	28
Chicken Fried Steak	Spaghetti	Fish	Pulled Pork Sandwich	Pizza
31				
Walking Taco				

JANUARY BREAKFAST				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
NO SCHOOL	<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
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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 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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