

Fillmore Central Public Schools

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District News

Dear Families,

I hope you had a great month of January and are ready for February. Winter can't be too much longer at this point.

We had a great day of professional training for our staff on January 10th. Mike Ruyle from the Marzano Institute worked with our teachers for the entire day. Mike went over some basics about the Marzano Instructional Model and helped prepare us for our spring and fall professional development work that we do in Professional Learning Communities the first Wednesday of each month. I received quite a few positive comments from staff about what they learned and that they felt it was a very meaningful use of time for them as educators. This event wasn't on our original calendar, so I appreciate your flexibility that allowed this training to happen. We hope these types of days are investments back into our students and classroom instruction.

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Events

Feb. 2nd Teacher Workday
1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal

Feb. 5th State Duals Wrestling at
Kearney

Feb. 14th School Board Meeting
3:00 PM High School
Library

Feb. 17th - State Wrestling at
19th Omaha

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.



I want to bring your attention to a new traffic light on 13th (Old Highway 81) and L Street that the City of Geneva recently installed. This new traffic light will activate when a button is pushed on the current stop sign posts and stop traffic on 13th Street to allow students or other pedestrians to cross. This new crossing does not have a walk signal for pedestrians; so it is important that students make sure traffic stops prior to crossing. There are now two places along 13th Street for students to cross with the help of a light – the new location by the high school and the overhead traffic lights that have been at 13th and H Street. We appreciate the City of Geneva and their help to make this crossing safer for our students.

Fillmore Central Beef Boosters

Did you know that we have an active Beef Booster club that was formed to assist the Fillmore Central Hot Lunch Program? The club provides high-quality, good tasting locally raised beef that students enjoy for lunch. This program promotes the opportunity for students to learn and understand the importance of agriculture to our community, throughout Nebraska, the United States, and the world. It also helps students learn about nutrition and good eating habits. Our kitchen uses this Beef Booster beef in our hamburgers, chili, tacos, spaghetti, meatloaf, lasagna, sloppy joes, and roast beef.

The Beef Booster Club accepts monetary donations to help with the program. All monetary donations are tax deductible. If you had ever considered donating to this program, this might be a good time as lunches have been free this year.

ESSER Plan and COVID Plan Framework

Check out an updated ESSER spending plan and Health Plan Framework (COVID plan) on our website.

As always – I appreciate the great partnership between our families, the community, and our school!

Fillmore County Hospital consults with Fillmore Central Schools to coordinate their Wellness Program. The focus for this school year is "What's On Your Fork?". Every other month, students learn about a new food and sample a recipe featuring that food. December's food was pears; students listened to a presentation and taste tested pear sauce. Scan the QR Code to see what the students learned about pears.



Elementary School News

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

- Friday, February 4th, Mid-Quarter Report sent home for all 3rd and 4th students. K, 1st, and 2nd students with academic concerns will receive reports.

BOXTOPS

Boxtops can now be received by scanning receipts with the Boxtops for Education App. Boxtop funds have been used to buy supplemental materials and equipment, provide a year-end movie, celebrate Red Ribbon Week, support Proud Panther Night, and sponsor field trips.

FACEBOOK

Like our Facebook page, Fillmore Central Elementary, to stay up to date with events and photos happening at the elementary.

ILLNESS

It is for the well being of your child's health and his/her classmates that we have certain school policies regarding when a child should not be in school exposing other students, but at the same time we do not want a child absent from school so often or for such an extended period of time that they get behind on their class work. Our school policies are:

1. Parents of sick children will be contacted and the school expects the child to be picked up within 1 hour of notification.
2. Exclusion of children with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, or a suspicious contagion.
3. Any pupil with a rash must be excluded until the disappearance of the rash. If the physician recommends that the child be readmitted, with a written notice to that effect, the admittance is acceptable.
4. Some contagious infections require treatment and the student may return to school 24-48 hours after verified treatment has been initiated and/or when the physician permits return in writing. These diseases include but may not be limited to: Pinkeye, Impetigo, Intestinal Worms, Ringworm, Scabies, Scarlet Fever, and/or Strep infections.
5. Contagious infections such as Chicken Pox, CMV, (Cytomegalo Virus), Infectious Mononucleosis, Influenza (Flu), Fifth's Disease, Hepatitis, and Tuberculosis require that the student's symptoms be altered or absent before they are readmitted to school unless we have a physician's statement, in writing, stating otherwise.
6. Life threatening contagious infections without known treatment may require exclusion from regular school attendance. These diseases include but may not be limited to: AIDS, Chronic Hepatitis, etc.
7. Students may be excluded from school under "Emergency Exclusion" for a dangerous communicable disease that is transmissible by normal contact and/or poses an imminent threat to health. Students can be excluded from school and school functions for up to five (5) school days.

Thank you for all you do to ensure that your child remains healthy and ready to learn!

TEACHING RESILIENCE

Encouraging resilience is one of the best things parents can do for their children. Resilient children deal with challenges in a positive way-at home and at school. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are helping your child develop resilience:

1. Do you give your child opportunities to make decisions? It is a skill that improves with practice.
2. Do you talk to your child about how you find the right answer when you are faced with a problem?
3. Do you talk to your child about her strengths? Children draw on their strengths when facing challenges.
4. Do you remind your child how she has handled tough situations in the past when she's struggling?
5. Do you listen to your child when she is struggling to make a decision without solving the problem for her?

How well are you doing? Each yes means you are helping your child become more resilient. For no answers, try those ideas from the quiz.

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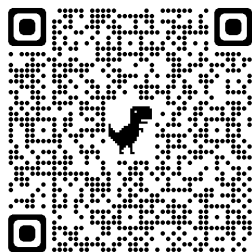
TYKE Preschool is now enrolling children ages 3 -5 (children age 5 before July 31st are not eligible) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Geneva TYKE will follow the Fillmore Central school calendar.

Exeter TYKE will follow the Exeter-Milligan school calendar.

TYKE is tuition free. The only fee applied is for daily milk, which will be billed quarterly. Please complete all the information below. Enrollment information will be mailed in July.

Contact Holli Lovegrove at (402) 759-3143 or holli.lovegrove@esu6.org with questions.



Student Teachers

Name: Miranda Hornung
College: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Major: Agriculture Education
Hometown: Davey, Nebraska
Favorite Candy Bar: York Peppermint Patty



Name: Emma Seilstad
College: York College
Major: K-12 Music Ed. And Vocal Performance
Hometown: Council Bluffs, Iowa
Favorite Candy Bar: Anything Reeses



Middle School News

Early Dismissal -- February 2, 2022

There will be a 2-hour early dismissal on Wednesday, February 2, to enable our staff to engage in professional development. These early dismissals each month allow our staff to strengthen teaching strategies and skills to improve student performance.

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

The spring session of parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 8th. The conferences will take place at the high school in Geneva and will run from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Third quarter progress reports will be available to be picked up at conferences. We encourage you to attend these conferences as they provide an opportunity to meet face-to-face with your student's teachers and discuss their learning and development.

The conferences will be located in the Wrestling Room at Fillmore Central High School – and we ask that you limit your conversations to 5 minutes. If additional time is needed, we ask that you schedule a meeting/conference for another date. Below are some tips that may help to make your conference experience more meaningful and ultimately more beneficial for your student.

1. Focus on what your student is learning. Ask specifically about what they have learned and the skills they have gained throughout the year. Ask about what is yet to happen for the remainder of the school year.
2. While grades are an important indicator of performance, you should not be satisfied with simply talking about a letter grade. Grades are a product of what a student knows, what they are learning, and what habits they possess related to studying and learning. Your student's future success is tied more to what they're learning, their capacity for learning, and the habits they are developing than the letter grade on the report card.
3. If you have concerns, be able to express them clearly. Don't dance around the subject as this will lead to confusion and will not help to resolve your concern. If you have a concern or a request, simply come out with it. You'd be surprised how easy it can be to resolve problems once the concern has been expressed.
4. In a case where there are concerns or a need for improvement, expect to be a part of the solution. Our school and our teachers are committed to helping each student learn and properly develop. However, the learning and development of a student must be done through a partnership between the school and the home. If you are unsure of what role to play in helping to solve the problem, simply ask what you can do to help or what needs to be done at home.
5. Be prepared to schedule a follow up conference. Your conference time at parent-teacher conferences is limited due to the fact that numerous parents need to meet with each teacher. Understand that significant concerns cannot be resolved in only a few minutes and that it may be necessary to schedule a lengthier conference at a later time. In a case where significant concerns exist, it may be helpful to spend your time simply communicating your concerns and making arrangements for a lengthier, follow up conference.

High School News

Winter Activity Season

Our winter sports/activity teams are nearing the home stretch. Our kids and coaches have been working extremely hard and that have all shown great improvement from the start of their respective seasons. They are doing a great job of representing Fillmore Central. Here are a few recent highlights and key upcoming events:

- Wrestling. Fillmore Central recently hosted the SNC Tournament. The team finished in 3rd place. FC crowned 4 individual champions and a total of 10 kids brought home medals. The team also qualified for the NSAA Dual Championships on Feb. 5th. This is the first time in school history this has happened. District wrestling will be in Madison on Feb. 11th and 12th, followed by the NSAA State Meet on Feb. 17th - 19th.
- Basketball. The basketball teams will be participating in the SNC Tournament the week of Jan. 31st. The girls start sub-district play on Feb. 14th. The boys start sub-district play on Feb. 22nd. The NSAA State Basketball Tournament will take place the week of March 7th.
- Speech. The speech team has been competing weekly and are making a strong push with roughly a month to go. The SNC speech meet will be on Feb. 26th in Milford. The district meet will be March 2nd at GICC followed by the NSAA State Meet on March 17th in Kearney.

For the most up to date activity information, remember to check the school webpage:

<https://www.fillmorecentral.org/o/fillmore-cps>. Click on the high school drop down menu, select “athletics” and then one final click on the “rschool” link on the left hand side of the page.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on March 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. High school teachers will be located in the gym as this should provide better access for parents to ensure they have the opportunity to visit with teachers. Child care will not be available at the high school at this time.

Attendance

This year has been pretty tough so far with illnesses. If students are truly sick, they should stay home. However, there is a difference between being sick and not feeling good. This really becomes a concern when students reach the 10-day absence mark each semester and we have to look at forfeiture of credit for their classes. We also know that there is a strong correlation between being in school and being successful. And just as a reminder, if a student has an absence due to a medical appointment, we kindly ask that they provide a note from the medical provider upon returning to school.

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

GO PANTHERS!!!

Fillmore Central Public Schools
School Calendar

February 2022

"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament	2 Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissals FFA State Degree Interviews FCCLA District Star Competition	3 SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament 4:00PM JV Wrestling at York	4	5 Speech at Aurora SNC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament at Centennial NSAA Dual Wrestling Championships 9:30AM JH Boys Basketball at Superior
6	7 FCCLA Week 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs Hastings St. Cecilia	8 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball vs Sandy Creek 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball vs Sandy Creek FCCLA Week	9 FCCLA Week	10 FCCLA Week	11 District Wrestling at Madison FCCLA Week 4:30/6:00PM JV/V Girls Basketball at Sutton 4:30/7:45PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Sutton	12 ACT Test Speech at David City District Wrestling at Madison 9:00AM JV Girls & Boys Basketball at Davenport
13	14 3:00PM School Board Mtg FBLA Week Sub-District Girls Basketball 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs Sutton	15 Sub-District Girls Basketball FBLA Week	16 FBLA Week	17 State Wrestling at Omaha Sub-District Girls Basketball	18 State Wrestling at Omaha 4:00PM JH Boys Basketball at Thayer Central 5:30/7:00PM JV/V Boys Basketball at Thayer Central	19 Speech at Grand Island North West State Wrestling at Omaha 9:00AM JH Boys Basketball at Sandy Creek
20 2:00 PM Speech Show Case	21 FFA Week	22 FFA Week Sub-District Boys Basketball	23 FFA Week District Welding	24 FFA Week Sub-District Boys Basketball	25 FFA Week District Girls Basketball	26 SNC Speech at Milford District Boys Basketball FFA 212/360 Conference at Kearney
27 FCCLA Peer Ed Retreat at Kearney FFA 212/350 Conference at Kearney	28 District Boys Basketball FCCLA Peer Ed Retreat at Kearney 4:00 JH Quiz Bowl @ Thayer Central					

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

FEBRUARY LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	BBQ Rib Sandwich	Philly Steak Sandwich	Meatloaf	Hot Dog
7	8	9	10	11
Chicken Sandwich	Crispito	Corn Dog	Chicken Fajita	Chili
14	15	16	17	18
Chicken Tenders	Deli Sandwich	Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Noodle Soup	Hot Ham Sandwich
21	22	23	24	25
Chicken Fried Steak	ELF and MS Goulash High School Lasagna	Hamburger	Breaded Pork Sandwiches	Pizza
28				
Walking Taco				

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	<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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