

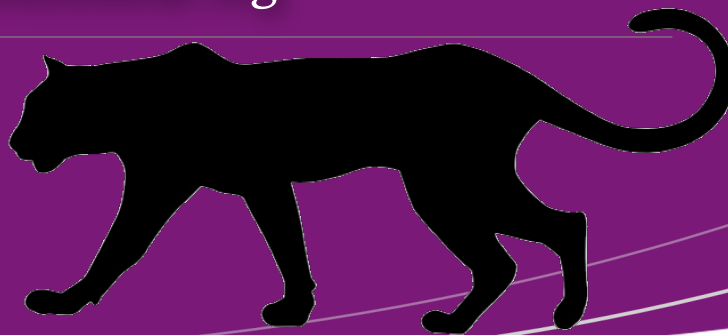
Fillmore Central Public Schools

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Middle School: 402-268-3411

Elementary School: 402-759-3184



District News

We are to March and have many exciting things coming up for our students. Track and Golf begin, Speech season is wrapping up, we have Prom, Concerts, Show Choir competitions, Field Trips, State Leadership Conferences for FBLA, FFA, and FCCLA, and finally Graduation. If you have a chance, we'd love to see you at one of our Concerts, Show Choir events, Speech Showcase, or even graduation.

As we begin looking toward spring weather and being able to do more outside, remember we could still have severe weather. In case of late starts or closings we post to our own social media, 10/11 news and NTV news. We have had some great weather, but we all know that we can get significant snow in April.

Parents: I had a report that we had students on the frozen pond at the high school. At no time should anyone be on or in the high school pond. Please convey that to your child.

Let's have a great spring!

Events

- Mar. 2nd Teacher Workday
1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal
- Mar. 8th 1:05/1:20/1:35
Dismissal
2:00 – 9:00 PM Parent
Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 9th – 11th Winter Break – No
School
- Mar. 14th School Board Meeting
7:30 PM High School
Library
- Mar. 21st ABC Meeting 6:30 PM
- Mar. 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.



Elementary School News

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

- March 4th, End of the 3rd Quarter
- March 7th, Celebrate Read Across America
- March 8th, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 9th, 10th, and 11th, No School, Winter Break
- March 25th, Assembly
- March 28th, EPAC Meeting at 7:00pm

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for 2022 – 2023

Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year began in February. A packet of information was sent to all parents of eligible age (5 years old by July 31st). If you have not registered your school age child for the 2022-2023 school year, or if you did not receive a packet of information, please call the school, 759-3184.

IMPORTANT DATES:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. “K” Parent Meeting

ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The March elementary parent – teacher conferences will be held at the elementary school. K – 4 parents received a scheduled appointment that was sent home from school with students. Childcare will be provided. Parents should reach out to the office if they are not able to attend.

Thank you for your continual involvement in your child’s education! We’ve consistently had over **90% of our elementary parents attend conferences**. Other ways to be involved with your child’s education include:

- asking about homework
- helping with the homework
- contacting your child’s teacher by e-mail, phone, or note

SPRING ASSESSMENTS

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) tests are scheduled in the spring. The following suggestions to help your student perform in school are taken with permission from the March 2012 issue of *Parents Still make the difference!* (Elementary School Edition) Parent Institute Newsletter.

- **Make school a priority.** Children who do well on tests tend to be the ones who study and finish homework on time. They also miss less school than other kids. These are habits you can encourage.
- **Develop healthy routines.** Your child needs plenty of sleep and a nutritious breakfast every day before school.
- **Communicate with teachers.** In addition to knowing how your child is doing throughout the year, pay attention to test details. “Which skills do the tests measure?” “How should my child prepare?”
- **Promote reading.** Many tests require reading, so make sure your child reads often. Then ask questions that simulate thinking. “Why do you think the main character did that?”
- **Reduce anxiety.** Some kids like to take timed practice tests at home. But as test day approaches, focus on relaxation. Stay positive and calm. If your child is worried, she can take deep breaths and think confident thoughts, knowing she has your support no matter what.
- **Rest/Nutrition.** Make sure your child is well rested and has had a nutritious breakfast.
- **Reduce Distractions.** Eliminate routine appointments during the testing dates so your child doesn’t worry about making up their assessments.

High School News

ACT/NWEA MAPS

The date this year for our NSCAS ACT is March 22nd. All juniors will be participating, and all 9th and 10th grade students will be completing their NWEA MAPS assessments. Seniors will be participating in a school sponsored “skip day.” Our students and staff have been preparing, both directly and indirectly, for these assessments, and we expect our students to perform very well. We will have an early dismissal on this day for high school students, as testing will not take the entire day.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday, March 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All high school teachers will be in the gym this spring as opposed to being in their classrooms like they were in the fall. The feedback we received indicated that it was easier for parents to connect with teachers, if everyone was in the same room. FCCLA sponsored child care will NOT be available, so please plan accordingly.

Winter Sports Season Notes

The winter sports season has come to an end. Of special note, congratulations goes out to the wrestling team as they finished in 9th place at the NSAA State Wrestling Meet. Alex Schademann joined an elite group of FC wrestlers as he became the 4th individual champion. In addition, Aiden Hinrichs finished in 5th place and Aidan Trowbridge finished in 6th place.

Additionally, we had 3 coaches reach milestones during the winter. Mr. Komenda coached his team to his 150th dual win and both Mr. Eberhardt and Mr. Reinsch reached the 100 win mark in basketball.

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

GO PANTHERS!!!

Middle School News

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 Tuesday, March 8 from 2 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fillmore Central Middle School teachers and staff will be located in the Wrestling Room. 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 – Winter Break

There will be no school on Wednesday, March 9, Thursday, March 10, or Friday, March 11. Classes will resume, with their regular schedule, on Monday, March 14.

High School Orientation

The 8th grade orientation for their transition to the high school will take place on March 24th and 25th. The 8th grade class will be divided into two groups, with 1 group attending orientation each day. If you have a student who is transitioning to high school next year, it might be useful for you to visit with your student prior to their orientation day. It could be very beneficial for you and your student to identify a list of “Things I Want To Know.” This will help your student as they tour the facilities and listen to various staff members talk about the transition. It will also help your student know what to ask when given the opportunity to ask questions.

8th Grade Graduation

The 8th Grade Graduation and Honors Ceremony is an opportunity to honor our 8th grade students for their academic work during their years at Fillmore Central Middle School. The 2022 8th Grade Graduation and Honors Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19, beginning at 2 p.m. and should last about one hour. The normal bus and supervision routines for a 3:20 dismissal will take place. More information will be sent home later this spring.

Spring Fever

It may seem hard to believe but warm, springtime weather is on its way. As Spring arrives, the weather gets warmer and the hours of evening daylight increase. With the excitement that the warmer weather brings comes the temptation to ignore schoolwork. Help your student avoid the temptation of neglecting their studies when springtime weather arrives. You can do this by setting a few expectations and creating a routine that allows students to enjoy the outdoors and still tend to their responsibilities as a student.

- Encourage your student to engage in outdoor activities for a reasonable period of time each day. The exercise will help them unwind after a day at school, it will help charge their brain for evening homework, it will promote a healthy and active lifestyle, and it will help your student sleep better at night.
- Set a specific time for reviewing your child's day and beginning homework that they may have. Having a set time each day to have this conversation will help your student plan their time and it helps you to hold them accountable.
- Don't believe the No Homework Myth. Students will often arrive at home and tell parents that they have no homework. While *most students* have time to complete *most of their homework* at school, you should typically expect to see your student bringing work home. Even if they don't have any "homework" you should expect your student to bring something home for additional study each day, even if it is only for 10 – 20 minutes.

Testing Season Is Upon Us

The students at FCMS engage in a number of tests during the second semester of the school year. Some of these tests are state mandated. Others are standardized tests that are selected by our school. We use the results of all our assessments to measure both student performance and school performance. Spring is often a busy time with regards to the various tests and assessments that we provide our students. Below is a brief description of five of the tests that students will be taking this semester. I encourage you to become familiar with these tests and to spend time with your student reviewing their results. I also encourage you to visit with your child's teachers as to when the tests will take place so you can help to ensure that your student is in school on those days.

NSCAS Testing (Statewide ELA, Math, and Science Exams)

The NSCAS ELA and Math tests are taken online and will be given to all students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. The NSCAS Science is taken online and will be given to all students in grades 5 and 8. These tests will be taken between March 21 and April 29. These tests are administered by our teachers during their respective class time with your student. Contact your student's teacher for specific testing dates.

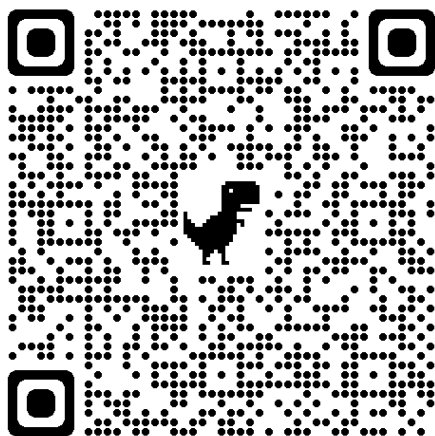
MAP (Measure of Academic Progress)

This online assessment will be given again this Spring to all 5 – 8 grade students. Testing dates for all middle school grade levels will be during the first three weeks of May. Yes, a lot of testing but students will be given plenty of breaks to keep them fresh. Individual student results will show their academic growth throughout the year in the areas of reading, math, science.

Enrollment for TYKE for the 2022-2023 school year is open! We've moved to an online application process. Open the QR code below to complete the application. Contact the ESU 6 office in Geneva with any questions (759-3143).

How to scan a QR code:

- Open the Camera app from the Home screen, Control Center, or Lock screen.
- Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app.
- Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



The Fillmore Central Wellness team with the Fillmore County Hospital created another fun “What’s On Your Fork?” activity for students. This time the featured food was oats. See what the students learned about oats and pictures from the event by scanning the QR code below:



MARCH LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	BBQ Rib Sandwich	Fish	Meatballs	Quesada
7	8	9	10	11
Chicken Sandwich	Crispito	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
14	15	16	17	18
Chicken Drummies	Deli Sandwich	Hot Ham Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Noodle Soup	Cheese Pizza
21	22	23	24	25
Chicken Fried Steak	Spaghetti	Chicken Fajita	BBQ Pork Sandwich	Fish
28	29	30	31	
Walking Taco	BBQ Rib Sandwich	Elementary Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich MS and HS Philly Steak Sandwich	Burrito	

MARCH BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	K-12 Before School Muffin HS 2nd Chance Fruit Parfait	Egg & Cheese Sandwich	French Toast	Biscuit & Gravy
7	8	9	10	11
Breakfast Taco	K-12 Before School Muffin HS 2nd Chance Fruit Parfait	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
14	15	16	17	18
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Breakfast Taco	K-12 Before School Muffin HS 2nd Chance Fruit Parfait	Egg & Cheese Sandwich	French Toast	

schools serve fruit, vegetables, and milk daily.
 real, fruit, juice, yogurt, and milk served daily at all schools for breakfast.
 Breakfast - FREE K-12 Lunch - FREE Adult Lunch - \$3.55

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School Calendar

March 2022

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him." - Maya Angelou

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FFA/CDE at Beatrice NCDA Show Choir at Central City	2 Teacher Workday 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissals District Speech at GICC	3	4	5
6	7 End of Quarter JH Quiz Bowl at Thayer Central State Basketball	8 Early Out 1:05/1:20/1:35 dismissals 2:00-9:00PM Parent Teacher Conferences State Basketball	9 Winter Break State Basketball	10 Winter Break State Basketball	11 Winter Break State Basketball	12 State Basketball
13	14 7:00 PM School Board Mtg Cheerleader Try-outs	15 Cheerleader Try-outs	16 Cheerleader Try-outs	17 State Speech at Kearney Cheerleader Try-outs	18 9:00AM Track at Concordia University Cheerleader Try-outs	19 FFA Labor Auction and Steak Feed
20	21 6:30PM ABC Meeting SNC Quiz Bowl at FCMS	22 NSCAS ACT 4:00 PM V Golf at Sutton	23	24	25	26 9:30AM Track at Fairbury
27	28 EPAC at 7:00PM	29 10:00 - 6:00 FFA Blood Drive 4:00 PM V Golf at York Country Club	30 ESU 6 Quiz Bowl	31 9:00 AM Golf at Superior Country Club 10:30 AM V Track at Thayer Central		

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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