

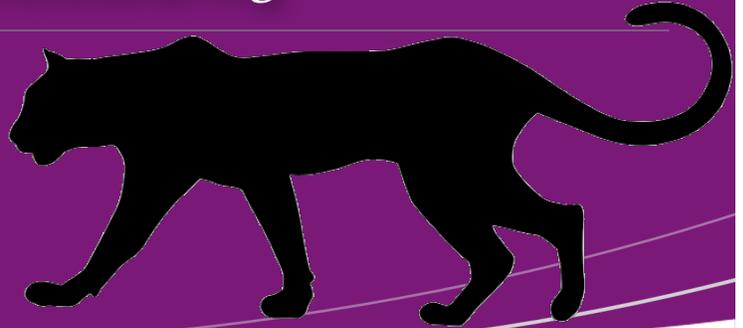
Fillmore Central Public Schools

www.fillmorecentral.org

High School: 402-759-3141

Middle School: 402-268-3411

Elementary School: 402-759-3184



District News

Graduation

Graduation for the 2019 Senior Class is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, at 2:00 pm at the High School Gym.

Calendar for 2019-2020

The school calendar for 2019-2020 school year is still being finalized, and it will be on our website as soon as its completed. We do know the following: the first day of school for students is August 14th, 2019 and the first semester will end on December 20th, 2019. Students will be back in school on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 and second semester will be finished on May 21st, 2020. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, 2020.

Transportation for Students

Fillmore Central purchased a new 65 passenger Thomas Bus that was delivered in January. We have also ordered another new bus for the 2019-2020 School Year; that bus is scheduled to arrive in July. Fillmore Central received a \$42,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality that certainly helped in our addition of new buses.

A reminder to parents that all students need to follow the bus rules and bus driver directions when riding a Fillmore Central Transportation Vehicle. Failure to do so can result in suspension from the bus for a period of time; further infractions can result in removal from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Events

- Apr. 2nd ACT/MAPS Testing Day
- Apr. 8th School Board Meeting
7:30 PM High School Library
- Apr. 18th 1:05/1:20/1:35 Dismissal
- Apr. 19th No School
- Apr. 26th High School Honors Night

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.



High School News

Attendance

At the start of each year I generally share with students the importance of being in school. And during the month of April, I generally send out a brief reminder in the newsletter. This past winter has been exceptionally cold and snowy, so the “spring fever” effect may be a little more pronounced. With that being said, I encourage all students, as well as their parents and guardians, to closely monitor their students’ attendance, as there are consequences for missing too much school. All of this information is detailed in the student handbook.

Upcoming Events

As we near the end of the 2018-19 school year, I would like to remind you of our numerous annual events that we have planned to honor our students for their hard work and dedication this past year.

- NHS Inductions and Honors Night, April 26th at 6:30 p.m and 7:00 p.m. respectively.
- Athletic Banquet, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
- Graduation, May 11th at 2:00 p.m.

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

GO PANTHERS!!!

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

Current 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Youth will participate in a variety of events designed to help them be aware of safety in potentially hazardous situations in and around rural and agricultural settings, including electricity, disability awareness, chemical look-alikes, a PTO demonstration, etc. NE Extension hosts this event in Fillmore County, along with Shickley and Fillmore Central FFA chapters, 4-H, W.I.F.E. and Fillmore County Emergency Management. Early registration forms and \$5 are due April 19th; forms can be downloaded at fillmore.unl.edu. After April 19th, registration is \$10/youth. For more info or to register, call 402-759-3712 or email brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.



FC Speech

Fillmore Central Speech Team was District Champions this year. They placed 10th at State Speech. Tori S. won a gold medal in Persuasive. Congratulations FC Speech Team on a successful season.

Middle School News

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 the middle school. The 2018 8th Grade Graduation and Honors Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 16th beginning at 2 p.m. and should last about one hour. The normal bus and supervision routines for a 3:10 dismissal will take place.

Last Day Of School

The final day of school will be Friday, May 17th. School will dismiss at 11:10 a.m. that day with no lunch being served. The 8th grade students will be placing their handprint on the wall as part of the middle school tradition. Students will need to have all materials and books checked in and all fines paid before being allowed to checkout. Students generally know if they have any book fines prior to the last day of school. Please visit with your student about paying all fines and returning all materials.

4th Grade Step-Up Days

Step-up days for 4th grade students will be in May. These days present an opportunity for next year's 5th grade students to visit the middle school, meet teachers, and tour the building. Students will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, ask questions, and eat lunch with our current 5th grade students.

If you have a student who is transitioning to the middle school next year, it might be useful for you to visit with your student prior to their step-up 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.

Geographic Bee Qualifier

Fillmore Central Middle School has been notified by the National Geographic Society that Ty Schelkopf, a 7th grader at FCMS, is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2019 Nebraska Geographic Bee on the campus of University of Nebraska-Omaha. This is the 2nd year that Ty has qualified. Congratulations Ty!

Spring Field Trips

Each year, specific grades at FCMS are taken on field trips towards the end of the year. The teachers of each grade develop basic criteria for the students to meet in order to participate in the field trip. The criteria usually include being current on assignments and refraining from serious misbehaviors. The teachers communicate the criteria to students and parents. Students are often disappointed if they don't get to attend a field trip due to their behaviors or academic performance. Please visit with your student about the importance of understanding and meeting the criteria, and please communicate with the teacher if you have any questions regarding the criteria for attending field trips.

Standardized Testing Reminder

We need your help to attain a reliable measure of your child's achievement. During the testing window for state tests, we ask that students have the best breakfast possible and plenty of sleep. A bedtime schedule that helps your child to be well rested the day of the test will really help your child to do his or her best. Finally, we ask that you avoid pulling your child from school during this important time if possible. We ask this even though we understand that medical appointments made well in advance may not be adjustable. We just want your child to have the best testing environment we can provide and to avoid the struggle of make-up testing.

NSCAS-ELA (Statewide Language Arts and Reading)

This is the first year for the Statewide ELA Exam; it is replacing the Reading exam. This test is taken online and will be given to all students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. The test will be taken between March 18th and May 3rd. Our Language Arts teachers will administer these tests. Contact your child's teacher for specific testing dates.

NSCAS-M (Statewide Math Exam)

This is the second year for the Statewide Math Exam. This test is taken online and will be given to all students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. The test will be taken between March 18th and May 3rd. Our Math teachers administer these tests. Contact your child's teacher for specific testing dates.

NSCAS-S (Statewide Science Exam)

This is the first year for the Statewide Science Exam. This test is taken online and will be given to all students in grades 5 and 8. The test will be taken between March 18th and May 3rd. Our Science teachers administer the tests. Contact your child's teacher for specific testing dates.

Spring Fever

It may seem hard to believe but warm, springtime weather is here. With more hours of sunlight and the excitement that the warmer weather brings comes the temptation to ignore schoolwork. Help your student avoid the temptation of neglecting their studies. You can do this by setting a few expectations and creating a routine that allows your student to enjoy the outdoors and still tend to their responsibilities.

- Be aware of standardized tests dates and make sure your child gets plenty of rest the evening before. Also, a good breakfast is a key to a successful day.
- 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 beginning homework each day. Having a set time each day for starting homework helps 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.

Elementary School News

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

- April 1st, 2nd Grade to the Dairy Farm
- April 8th – 12th, 3rd and 4th grade Nebraska State Testing
- April 11th, 4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln
- April 15th-April 18th, K-4 DIBELS Reading Assessments
- April 16th, 2019-2020 K Parent Meeting @ 6:00pm
- April 18th, Presentation by the York Children's Theater
- April 18th, 1:05 Early Dismissal
- April 19th, No School
- April 22nd, Earth Day Clean Up Activities
- April 22nd - 26th, 3rd and 4th grade Nebraska State Testing
- April 26th, 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Stuhr Museum
- April 29th-May 8th, K-4th grade MAP Testing (Reading, Math, Science)

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The entire elementary staff is proud of our parents for taking such an active role in their child's education. Your involvement and support increases positive educational outcomes for your child. We had 89% of our elementary parents attend the March parent-teacher conferences.

Other ways to be involved with your child's education include:

- coming for lunch
- asking about homework
- reviewing homework with your child
- volunteering in your child's classroom
- going on a field trip
- contacting your child's teacher by e-mail, phone, or note.

4th GRADE TRANSITION TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Transition activities are being planned to help our current 4th grade students experience a smooth transition to the

middle school campus. Mrs. Adkisson, the guidance counselor for Kindergarten through 6th grade, will escort 4th graders to the Middle School this spring. Activities including a tour, opportunities to meet teachers, eat lunch, and question-answer sessions are planned.

PROUD PANTHER NIGHT

On the evening of Tuesday, May 14th, Fillmore Central Elementary will be hosting PROUD PANTHER NIGHT. Activities for the night include: Student work showcased in their classrooms, a book fair in the library, free hot dog meal, and an end of the year recognition assembly. More detailed information will be going home with students.

CLASS ROSTERS FOR 2019-2020

The principal and the classroom teachers develop the class rosters for the following year. Parent requests for particular teachers are not accepted, but information pertaining to your child will be considered. **This information must be given to Aaron Veleba, Elementary Principal, in writing, on or before Monday, April 15th.**

Creating class lists requires time and consideration. For example, Student A is a leader; Student B is reading above grade level; Student C thrives in a nurturing environment; Student D has a learning disability; Student E is an excellent math student. Development in all areas: academic, physical, social, and emotional is considered when we build class rosters.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for 2019-2020

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year began in February. A packet of information was sent to parents of children considered age eligible for kindergarten (5 by July 31st, 2019). If you have not registered your kindergarten aged child for the 2019-2020 school year, or if you did not receive a packet of information, please call the school, 759-3184.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

There will be a Kindergarten Parent Meeting for parents of 2019-2020 Kindergarten students, on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary school music room. All parents of incoming Kindergarten students are encouraged to attend. Even if you are still undecided as to whether to send your child to school in August, we still encourage you to attend this meeting. Information presented at this meeting may help you decide, and you also will have the opportunity to ask questions. Items to be discussed at this meeting include:

- Introduction of Staff
- Review of medical requirements (immunizations, physical, vision)
- “K” curriculum
- Complete necessary paperwork
- Discuss “K” roundup and sign up for times
- Answer questions and tour the school

One request

In order to avoid any possible confusion, and due to the need for parents’ undivided attention, please do not bring your child(ren) to the parent meeting. Supervision will be provided in the gym during the parent meeting.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Kindergarten Round up will be held on Friday, May 3rd. This round up is for all newly registered students. Round up provides an opportunity for students to spend some time with the Kindergarten teacher that they will have next year. It also gives their teacher some time to get to know their students. **(Regular Kindergarten classes will not be held this day.)**

Parents may select from two times:

1. 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., or
2. 10:30 a.m. to Noon

At the Kindergarten Parent Meeting in April you will be asked to pick the time that works best for you. **If you have not registered your child yet for the 2019-2020 school year, it’s not too late. Please call the elementary office at 759 – 3184. Thank you.**

BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION – HEAD START

Head Start is now enrolling children for the fall of 2019. Head Start is for children from 0-5 years of age. Head Start serves children and families by providing varied experiences and opportunities that develop school readiness. If you have any questions please contact Mercedes Maciel at 402-759-3699.

ESU 6 TYKE REGISTRATION

The ESU 6 TYKE preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year. TYKE operates tuition free with 2 sessions available. The TYKE roster prioritizes children who are identified as having special education needs and/or students in the year before kindergarten. Per Nebraska Department of Education guidelines, students who are kindergarten age eligible (5 by July 31st, 2019) are not permitted to enroll in the TYKE program.

Contact Michele Rayburn or Beth Lightwine at the ESU 6 -Geneva office at [402-759-3143](tel:402-759-3143) or 225 N 17th St.(within the elementary building) for more information.

APRIL LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pineapple	Lasagna Broccoli Grapes	Fish Potatoes Vegetables Fruit	BBQ Pork Sandwich Potatoes Vegetable Fruit	Cheese Pizza Lettuce Fruit
8	9	10	11	12
Walking Taco Lettuce Salsa Sour Cream	Goulash Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables Peaches	Philly Steak Sandwich Potatoes Carrots Mixed Fruit	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn Apple	ELE/High School Fish Potatoes Middle School Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup
15	16	17	18	19
Chicken Sandwich Potatoes Green Beans Banana	Crispito Salsa Sour Cream Lettuce	Beef & Cabbage Roll Broccoli Mixed Fruit Cookie	Chicken Fajita Fajita Vegetables Oranges Cookie	NO SCHOOL
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Chicken Tenders Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Applesauce	Delish Sandwich Chips Lettuce Tropical Fruit	Hot Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	Chicken and Noodles Green Beans Pears Dessert	Ham and Cheese Potatoes Carrots Apples
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Salad Bar at High School and Middle School every day. All schools serve fruit, vegetables, and milk daily. Cereal, fruit, juice, yogurt, and milk served daily at all schools for breakfast

Breakfast - \$1.60 (All) Senior High/Middle School Lunch - \$2.95 Elementary Lunch - \$2.60 Adult Lunch - \$3.45

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Fillmore Central Public Schools
School Calendar

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
	1	2 ACT Test 11:00 AM JH Track at Thayer Central	3 FFA State Convention L Street Invite at Rialto II 9:00 AM JH Quiz Bowl at Seward	4 FBLA SLC FFA State Convention	5 FBLA SLC 1:30 PM Track at Adams Central FFA State Convention	6 FBLA SLC																																																																																											
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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).