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## Johnson County Central Public Schools




### Monthly Newsletter

February 2017

#### SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Jack D. Moles




On Wednesday, January 25, we observed “I Love Public Schools Day” at Johnson County Central. This day was an unofficial undertaking statewide to recognize the great work that public schools do in our state. All of our staff

members received an “I Love Public Schools” t-shirt that was provided by the NE  PS (Nebraska Loves Public Schools) organization and the Nebraska Council of School Administrators.

As I said, this was a day to recognize the great work that is being done by our public schools systems. It is not an anti-private school observation. We have great private schools in Nebraska and I have wonderful friends and colleagues in many of them. They serve educational, cultural, religious, and family needs in our state. I have worked closely with Falls City Sacred Heart, Lourdes Central Catholic and Brownell-Talbot and have enjoyed those relationships. I have especially enjoyed working with Fr. Dunavan and Fr. Clinch at St. Andrews. St. Andrews is a wonderful educational partner for JCC. I myself am a product of private schools as I attended St. Philip Neri in Midwest City, OK and Our Lady Queen of Mercy in Montgomery, AL when I was growing up in an Air Force family.

The “I Love Public Schools” movement is partially a response to growing criticism of public schools in our nation. For many years it appeared to me that these criticisms were of schools far away in other states. To me, most of this criticism appeared to come from the press and politicians. They often used unfair or partial statistics on which to base their criticisms. I used to be able to tell peers in other states that the view of Nebraska public schools was very favorable within our state. However, we have seen increasing criticism of public schools in our own state. Sadly, much of this criticism seems to come


from some elected officials. Thus, the need from organizations such as NE  PS, NCSA, the Nebraska Association of School Boards, and Nebraska State Education Association to come to the defense of public schools in Nebraska.

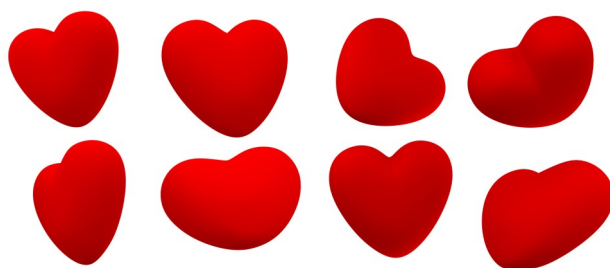
I am very pleased to be a part of the public school system in Nebraska. Our public schools are among the highest performing in the nation. Nebraska has some of the highest graduation rates, ACT scores, and college-going rates in the nation. The amazing thing about successes such as those is that Nebraska ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the percent of financial support for public schools coming from the state.

One of the things that I am proud of about public schools is that we are responsible for every child that walks into our schools. Whether the student is a gifted student or a high needs Special Education student we work to provide for his/her needs. I have had the wonderful opportunity to witness and be a part of so many success stories from our kids in public schools. What we do is successful and should not be disparaged.

Public schools are facing growing challenges every year as it appears we end up being given the duty to address a growing number of societal issues involving children. I know most of us are guilty of saying at one time or another, “We didn’t have that when I was in school.” Ahh, for the “good old days”. The fact, though, is that these are not those “good old days”. There are real issues facing our kids that make their lives much more complicated than when I was their age. Public schools are at least partially charged in addressing many of these challenges as we have been able to prove over the years that we are successful in meeting those challenges. It does, however, serve to make the work of public schools more complex. I am proud of that fact!

This will be a very interesting year in the Unicameral for public schools. There are many bills that will be considered that will deal with over-reliance on property taxes and the need to cut all taxes. Also to be considered are bills that could provide for charter schools and vouchers. While these issues may be seen as being positives by some, in most cases they pull more funds away from public schools. Some of the proposed legislation I have seen for this Unicameral session appear to do just that: divert funds from the public school to charters or vouchers.

I would encourage you to look more into the great work being done by public schools in the state. To learn more about the work of NE  PS please visit [iloveps.org](http://iloveps.org). I would especially encourage you to view some of the films they have produced about both the successes of public schools and the challenges facing public schools.



### **NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER**

Winter is strengthening its grip on us with snow, ice and bitter cold – try and stay warm. The month of February is our first step in preparation for next fall where our students will start pre-registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

What is pre-registration? The students choose their top eight classes and two options. At this time there is no set schedule. Once all pre-registrations are complete we’ll plan the class schedule. Every student must sign their pre-registration form and their parent must also sign the form. This gives the parents the opportunity to see their student’s class selections and “sign off” on it. Mrs. Reuter, the school counselor, is the final signature on every student’s pre-registration form. She reviews each student’s class selection to verify they are taking appropriate classes which are required for each grade and are meeting their graduation requirements.

Students will receive their pre-registration forms on February 2, 2017. They will be due back to the office not later than Friday, February 24, 2017. This due date is necessary so that we can plan the class schedule. We try to create a schedule that accommodates the most students with the least amount of conflicts. Once we have the best class schedule created, Mrs. Reuter will personally meet with each student who has a class conflict. A student will only have a class schedule conflict if they are unable to get an eight period class schedule by using their eight selected classes or two options. Mrs. Reuter will then aid them in selecting an additional alternate class until we are able to fill their eight periods with an appropriate schedule.

After we have completed a successful class schedule, I will send out summer pre-registration letters to all students. Around the first week in August, each student will receive this letter which will contain their actual class schedule, complete with periods and teachers for every class. If the students and parents are satisfied with this schedule, nothing more needs to be done before the beginning of school next fall. If the students desire to make changes to their class schedule they will have two days (to be announced), to meet with the counselor to make changes prior to the start of school. Students will also have the first five days of the 2017-2018 school year to change their class schedule.

I am encouraging every parent to work with your student to help them plan their 2017-2018 class schedule – your input and encouragement is essential.

## **News from Rich Bacon, Middle School Principal & Athletic Director**

Johnson County Central 8<sup>th</sup> graders were selected to take the National Assessment of Educational Progress on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. Since NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation, NAEP results serve as a common measuring stick for all states. The assessment stays essentially the same from year to year, with only carefully documented changes. This permits NAEP to provide a clear picture of student academic progress over time. NAEP provides results on subject-matter achievement, instructional experiences, and school environment for populations of students (e.g., all eighth-graders) and groups within those populations (e.g., female students, Hispanic students).

As we continue to talk to our students about post-secondary educational opportunities, Johnson County Central 8<sup>th</sup> graders visited the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Nebraska Wesleyan University campuses on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We were given a tour of each campus and talked to campus leaders about things they should do in high school to better prepare them for success at a four-year college. This was an outstanding educational opportunity for our students as they start mapping out their course of study throughout high school.

Students who made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Roll were recognized at a school assembly. These students worked hard, turned in assignments, studied for tests, and met each of their individual teachers' classroom expectations. The following students received special recognition for earning straight A's for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Calvin Antholz and Saylor Rother; 7<sup>th</sup> Graders: Madelyn Harrifeld and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Erika Cabrales, Hayden Huskey & Aiden Weber. Congratulations to all students who were recognized at the assembly.

The Johnson County Central wrestling team and girls basketball team started practice in early January in preparation of their upcoming season. We have 22 girls playing basketball this winter and 6 boys participating in wrestling. Good luck to both teams and their coaches. Go Thunderbirds!

As a reminder, Johnson County Central utilizes an activity scheduler called rSchoolToday. Through rSchoolToday, a conference website has been created which provides links to school calendars and school websites of all the conference schools. Since this is a web-based calendar it will provide the user with instant access to the most up-to-date activity information at all times. Users can set themselves up for automatic email reminders or text messages to your cell phone or other mobile device and be instantly notified of any changes to any schedules. This is especially handy when games are postponed due to weather. You can access this website by going to [www.eastcentralnebraskaconf.org](http://www.eastcentralnebraskaconf.org). For help navigating the calendar you can click on "Parent Guide" and it will provide brief instructions on how to get started. You can also access the Johnson County Central calendar by simply clicking on the "Sports Calendar" on the school website. This is a great way to keep informed of any last minute changes to our sports schedule.

# Elementary News

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sat. Feb. 4—Johnson County Spelling Bee, 9 a.m. in Elementary Auditorium.
- Fri. Feb. 10—NO SCHOOL! Teacher work day.
- Fri. Feb. 10—Preschool Literature and Cocoa, 6:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

## Attention!

Very often, when I am reading about how to help people with attention, I am focusing on children. However, I recently began to look at how adults focus their attention.

I was speaking with an early childhood specialist (and that person will know who they are when they read this) and they told me how important it is for young children that parents, and adults, give their attention to the child when the child offers up conversation. The specialist shared with me how it can be detrimental to the child when the adult doesn't look at the child and answers with something general or monosyllabic such as, "un-huh" or "hmm". Well, that specialist might as well have slapped me in the face! I envisioned some of my own interactions (or lack of) with my own children; when they told me something that was important to them, but I lacked the cognizance to look up from my phone, reading or television to take advantage of this blessed moment. My child *wanted* to talk to *me*! And I blew it. Not only did I miss out on an opportunity to engage in a real back-and-forth conversation with my child, building their own sense of worth in knowing that their dad cared enough for them and their thoughts to put aside his frivolous media, but I also missed out on an opportunity to learn about my child, build their communication skills and expand their insatiable need of vocabulary and understanding about this world we live in. And, to give my spin on it all as "the Dad". I missed out. But, I have since learned from this awakening. I now watch, and listen, carefully for these moments to arrive. I make a point to put aside what it is I am doing, to face the youngster and to look them in the eye. I have to prepare myself to just listen, instead of preparing talk. Because, sometimes, that's all our children need, is for someone to listen. They just want to tell us stuff. And this, is how we truly get to know another person; by listening and watching.

THANKS  
 FOR  
 LISTENING



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, March 16—Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
 Friday, March 17—NO SCHOOL! Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 Friday, May 12—Tecumseh Site Elementary Track & Field Day, 1:00 p.m.  
 Monday, May 15—Cook Site MS/ELEM Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

## **NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

**Mrs. Olivia Reuter**

### **Seniors: Now is the Time to Apply for Scholarships**

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent in art, dance, music, or athletics. Some are based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

It's time to start applying for scholarships. Here's where you can find them:

**ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org** features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.

- **Your school counselor's office.** Scholarship information is either e-mailed or given to all seniors at JCC. Local scholarship information will be available starting on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **The college you plan to attend.** Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.

**National search sites** such as College Board, Peterson's and Chegg.

**Other resources** could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

### **Lincoln Community Foundation Scholarships**

The Lincoln Community Foundation administers more than 70 different scholarship funds--**many of which are for students who live outside of Lincoln/Lancaster County.**

All JCC seniors should be sure to visit the Lincoln Community Foundation website at [www.lcf.org](http://www.lcf.org) as there is one scholarship there that is only for JCC students, the Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich scholarship.

Students are able to apply for multiple scholarships by completing a single electronic application form. Their answers to questions within the application will match them to scholarships for which they may be eligible to apply. From this list they can select the specific scholarships for which they choose to apply and upload the required attachments for each one. **The application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

Click on "Scholarships" in the "GRANTS" box near the top of our home page. Students can search scholarships by the specific name of the scholarship, or by keywords relating to the criteria of the scholarship. Watch the REQUIREMENTS in the scholarship description for a list of documents the student will be required to upload after they complete the application.

Students wishing to apply will need to create an account on our website prior to filling out the general application. After the application pages, they will be presented with a list of scholarships for which they may be eligible to apply.

### **Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship**

The Susan T. Buffett Foundation has offered scholarships to Nebraska students for more than fifty years. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to first-time college freshmen who are residents of Nebraska and graduates of Nebraska high schools. High school seniors who qualify may apply for a Buffett scholarship at <http://buffettscholarships.org/college-scholarships>. Make sure you follow all steps and make sure that your application is officially submitted. Each year, many students across the state start the process for applying for this scholarship, unfortunately, many never complete it to final submission. The deadline to apply is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

### **Education Quest Nebraska Scavenger Hunt Scholarship**

Apply **by March 31** for EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship. You might win \$500 toward your college education. Here's how it works:

If you haven't already, complete a profile in ScholarshipQuest at **EducationQuest.org**.

If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship as one of the scholarships that will appear on your results page.

"Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.

EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan.

### **Spring College Fair Opportunities**

Attend a college fair to meet with representatives from colleges that interest you. Upcoming fairs include:

Lincoln Area College Fair – Sunday, March 19, 1-3 p.m., Southeast Community College

Grand Island Area College Fair – Sunday, March 26, 1-3 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

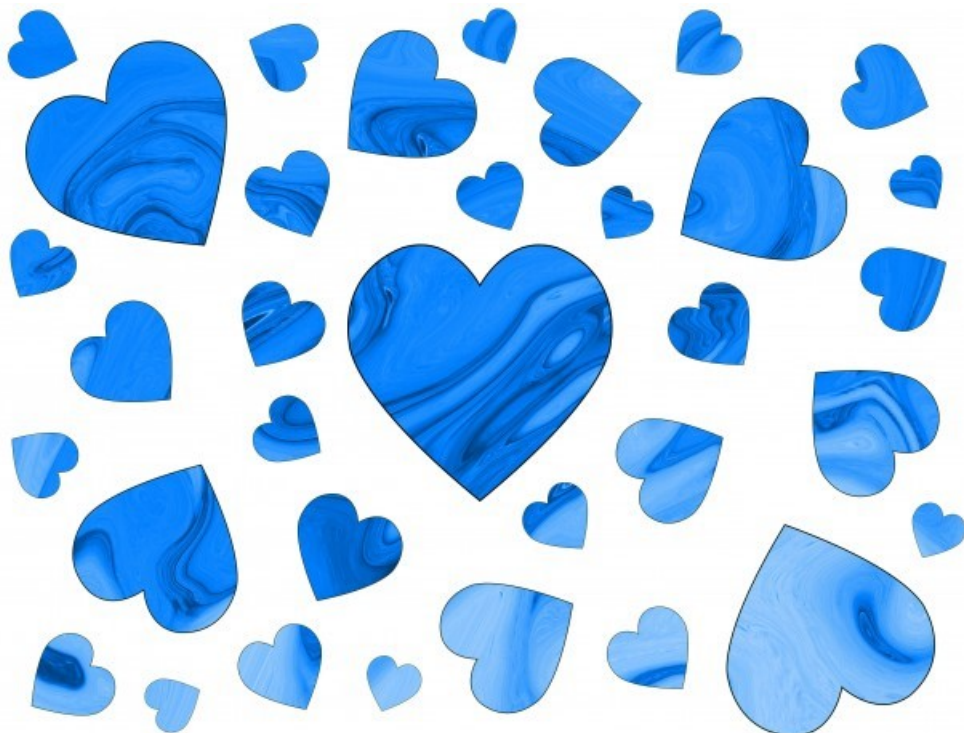
Omaha Area College Fair – Sunday, April 9, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska-Omaha's Sapp Fieldhouse

Tri-State Area College Fair (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 23, 1-3 p.m., Marina Center

Before you attend, register for a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](http://NebraskaCollegeFairs.org). Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair. College reps will scan it to retrieve your demographic information – and you won't have to complete their information cards.

### **Automotive Summer Camp at Southeast Community College-Milford**

Southeast Community College will be holding an automotive summer camp on their Milford campus on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for any students who are 16 years old or older by June 2, 2017. The cost is \$29. Students who are interested should pick up an application in Mrs. Reuter's office.



# **Spring Parent- Teacher Conferences**

Thursday, March 16

4:00-8:00 p.m.

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Friday, March 17

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

\*No school on Friday, March 17.

# JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## 2016-2017 SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION

<p><b><u>FRESHMEN</u></b></p> <p>Carrie Beethe * Samuel Buss Eli Waring *</p>	<p><b><u>SOPHOMORES</u></b></p> <p>Joshua Bailey Connor Bartels* Tyler Bartels Alexis Graham Kole Kleespies* Corral McClintock* Jordan Rodriguez Faith Sahs</p>
<p><b><u>JUNIORS</u></b></p> <p>Sierra McClintock*</p>	<p><b><u>SENIORS</u></b></p> <p>Marissa Borrenpohl Elizabeth Kessler Keaton Kleespies* Sopha Kongmanyvong</p>

\* = Earned All A's This Quarter

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<p><b><u>JUNIORS</u></b></p> <p>Gabriela Alvarado MacKenzie Eltiste Nicholas Goracke Aleisha McDonald Madison Moran Macey Pietzyk Tyllar Roesener Hannah Swanda</p>	<p><b><u>SENIORS</u></b></p> <p>Schyler DeFreece Samantha Francois Rebecca Hernandez Erin Hunzeker Sara Kettelhake Courtney Klaasmeyer Jayna Lambelet Jesse Reyes Alejandra Rojas Mark Splichal Angelica Wellman</p>



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## 2016-2017 FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION

<b><u>FRESHMEN</u></b> Genevie Allen Carrie Beethe * Samuel Buss Tanner Kerner Eli Waring * Jacob Wolter	<b><u>SOPHOMORES</u></b> Joshua Bailey Connor Bartels Alexis Graham Kole Kleespies* Corral McClintock*
<b><u>JUNIORS</u></b> Sierra McClintock*	<b><u>SENIORS</u></b> Marissa Borrenpohl* Keaton Kleespies* Sopha Kongmanyvong

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<b><u>FRESHMEN</u></b> Gabriel DeFreece Cassidy Parks	<b><u>SOPHOMORES</u></b> Sarai Ares Tyler Bartels Hailey Clark Erika Cruz Andrea Graziani Elissa Justus Diego Reyes Jordan Rodriguez Simon Rother Faith Sahs Tyler Sedersten
<b><u>JUNIORS</u></b> Gabriela Alvarado Armando Cabrales Charla Eggleston Nicholas Goracke Aleisha McDonald Madison Moran Macey Pietzyk Tyllar Roesener Hannah Swanda	<b><u>SENIORS</u></b> Schylar DeFreece Samantha Francois Rebecca Hernandez Erin Hunzeker Elizabeth Kessler Sara Kettelhake Courtney Klaasmeyer Alejandra Rojas Samuel Saldivar Mark Spichal Angelica Wellman

**Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll  
Second Quarter 2016-2017**

**Grade 8**

**Calvin Antholz (All A's)**

Boston Bailey  
Kenia Barrientos

**\*Devin Conley**

Chloe Curry

**\*Jason Kettelhake**

Kylie Kleespies  
Katie Little

Morgan Moran

Hayley Neemann

Zadie Plager

**Saylor Rother (All A's)**

Ruby Valles

**Grade 7**

**Kaita Baird (All A's)**

Ava Berkebile

Jonathon Duncan

**Madelyn Harrifeld (All A's)**

**\*Treyton Holthus**

**\* Vanessa Jimenez**

Lane Othmer

**\*Emma Straka**

**\* Isabella Wolter**

**Grade 6**

**\*Dani Andersen**

Katelyn Beethe

**Erika Cabrales (All A's)**

Rita Ceballos

Elijah Dorn

Anzel du Preez

Austin Goracke

MacKinze Gordon

Jacob Graham

**\*Sierra Hergenrader**

**Hayden Huskey (All A's)**

Jacob Liscomb

Danielle Lueders

Kimberly Orozco

Cole Robeson

Cameron Schuster

Brandon Speckmann

Alixandria Swanson

**Aiden Weber (All A's)**

**Honor Roll students have no grade lower than a B.**

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First Semester 2016-2017**

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Edwin Aguirre  
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Kenia Barrientos  
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Chloe Curry  
**\*Jason Kettelhake**  
Kylie Kleespies  
Katie Little  
Ashlei McDonald  
Morgan Moran  
Hayley Neemann  
**\*Zadie Plager**  
**Saylor Rother (All A's)**  
Ruby Valles

**Grade 7**

**Kaita Baird (All A's)**  
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Gina Golden  
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**\* Vanessa Jimenez**  
Lane Othmer  
Emma Straka  
Emma Swanda  
**\* Isabella Wolter**  
Francisco Xayaphonesongkham

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Rita Ceballos  
Elijah Dorn  
Tucker Drake  
**\*Anzel du Preez**  
**\*MacKinze Gordon**  
Jacob Graham  
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Title I  
Kindergarten – Third Grade  
Mrs. Judi Borrenpohl

We are making great strides in our reading and math classes in Title I! The students come into my classroom ready to learn! In the morning, I help the classroom teachers by teaching one reading group for each grade level (K-3). The smaller group size helps to insure that each student is able to get individual attention. Students can come to my classroom for an additional reading class, where extra help is given in phonics, word attack skills, reading fluency, and comprehension.

In the afternoon, the focus in my classroom is on Mathematics. Students that need additional help with their math skills are able to come for extra practice. Students review math facts and the math skills that they are working on in their classrooms. The students are able to use the Accelerated Math program to help practice and reinforce the skills that have been taught.

**Save the Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017**

**Parent/Students K-5**

Do you want a fun way to spend a Thursday night?

Come join us for **Title I Book Bingo**

**on Thursday, February 23rd!**

Play Bingo and get a chance to win a book for your home library!

## Academic Decathlon Team

Saturday January 21 the Johnson County Central Academic Decathlon team competed at the regional competition hosted at Pius X High School in Lincoln. JCC was competing against Adams Central, Ashland-Greenwood, Brownell-Talbot, Cozad and Ravenna in the small school regional. The team consists of seniors: Annika McDonald, Sara Kettelhake, Sloan Pollard and Courtney Klaasmeyer, juniors: Hannah Swanda and Gunnar Burger, Sophomores: Simon Rother and Autumn Nolte, Freshmen: Greg McGinnis and Gabe DeFreece.

The students took six written tests over the subjects math, science, economics, literature, music, and art. The regular team members also competed during the Super Quiz competition over social science. Most of the tests were focused around the World War II era. Simon Rother and Hannah Swanda tied for the highest JCC scorer. The other results are as follows:

### **Regular Honors**

#### **Hannah Swanda**

3<sup>rd</sup> Language/Literature  
3<sup>rd</sup> Art

#### **Sara Kettelhake**

4<sup>th</sup> Music

### **Regular Scholastic**

#### **Courtney Klaasmeyer**

2<sup>nd</sup> Language/Literature  
2<sup>nd</sup> Music  
3<sup>rd</sup> Art  
4<sup>th</sup> Economics

#### **Gabe DeFreece**

1<sup>st</sup> Music  
4<sup>th</sup> Economics

### **Regular Varsity**

#### **Annika McDonald**

2<sup>nd</sup> Language/Literature

#### **Greg McGinnis**

3<sup>rd</sup> Math

### **Alternate Honors**

#### **Simon Rother**

2<sup>nd</sup> Language/Literature  
2<sup>nd</sup> Music  
2<sup>nd</sup> Art  
3<sup>rd</sup> Science

### **Alternate Scholastic**

#### **Sloan Pollard**

3<sup>rd</sup> Language/Literature  
3<sup>rd</sup> Music  
3<sup>rd</sup> Art  
2<sup>nd</sup> Economics

### **Alternate Varsity**

#### **Gunnar Burger**

2<sup>nd</sup> Language/Literature  
1<sup>st</sup> Art  
2<sup>nd</sup> Math  
1<sup>st</sup> Economics



News Article  
Mrs. Crotty  
Jan. 2017

We are well on our way to a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. We are working really hard to do the best that we can. We created and put a "goal" sheet on our desks as a visual reminder. Our goals are: finish all work, get a passing grade, do neat work, and care about my work & grade. We know we can be successful if we focus on those goals each day.

With the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester brought the start of something new for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Once a week we now have keyboarding. Every Wednesday we go to the computer lab instead of having Social Studies. We use a computer program called Mavis Beacon. This program is teaching us how to type. Each student moves at his or her own pace. The program moves each student into new materials once they have success with the materials they are practicing. Once the student has successfully practiced a set of keys, they are given a keyboarding game to play. This is their favorite part! The Mavis Beacon program has typing games that also help us to build our keyboarding skills. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders have done a wonderful job of picking up the keyboarding challenge. They stay busy the whole time we are in the computer lab.

This spring the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be attending the "Water Celebration". It is an interactive field trip that teaches us about the environment, water, soil, & much more. All of this is provided by the UNL extension services and is held on the campus of Peru State College. As of right now, we are planning to attend on March 7<sup>th</sup>. However, it has happened in the past that we have to change dates. We will keep you posted. Watch your child's folder for any updates and the permission form. The past 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have had a blast attending the "Water Celebration" and I am sure we will too.

The calendar still says it is winter, but with these really nice days sprinkled in, it feels more like spring. Take time to get some fresh air and enjoy the sun every chance you can.

## Music News by Emily Fricke

Currently in the band department, band students in grades 7-12 have been working on auditions for various upcoming honor bands. We have one student at the high school, Annika McDonald that auditioned last semester for the UNO BOCH Honor Festival which will take place Friday January 27th through Sunday, January 29th. We have also two choir students that made it as well, Jacob Wolter and Simon Rother.

We have several students that are auditioning for Class C Allstate Band which takes place on March 25th in Kearney, NE. This includes a Class C Allstate Jr. High Band that was started last year. It isn't certain yet, but I am very confident that all of the students that auditioned will make it.

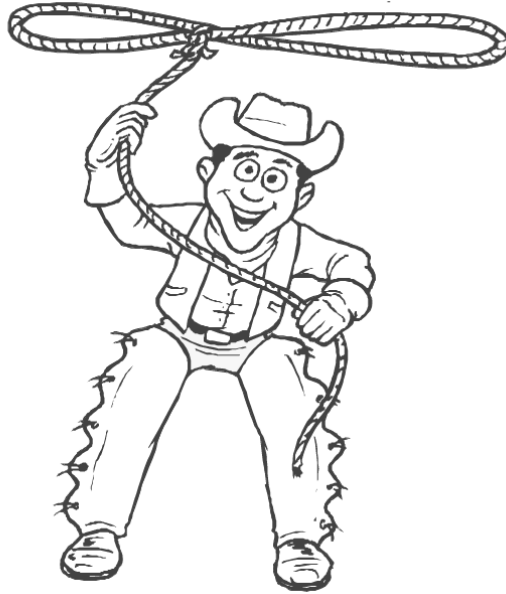
We also have had several students at the Jr. High level audition for Meridian Honor Band and Choir. We are still waiting on the results as to who made it but should be finding out soon. This event takes place on April 7th in Daykin, NE. We usually have several students attend this event.

Lastly, ECNC Honor Band will be held May 8th in Auburn, NE. The students attending this are chosen by myself, usually by chair placement in the band. The high school students attending are Carrie Beethe, Sierra McClintock, Annika McDonald, Correy McClintock, Sara Kettelhake, Hannah Swanda, Simon Rother, Kole Kleespies, Aleisha McDonald, and Alex Ortiz. Middle School students are Saylor Rother, Ashlei McDonald, Emma Walters, Dakotah Ludemann, Jason Kettelhake, Vanessa Jimenez, Edwin Aguirre, Kylie Kleespies, Trey Holthus, and Isabella Wolter.

Students in 6th grade are currently working on their music video projects. This year was a bit easier for the students as they were able to use their own iPads to create their videos. It's always interesting to see the creativity that comes out of these students. I am looking forward to the final product each of the groups produce. The bands are currently working on music for contest and I am extremely excited with how they are doing already on their music! Listed below are the music dates for the rest of the semester:

February	17 Friday Pep Band - BBB vs. Auburn
	28 Tuesday 24th Annual Freshmore Clinic - Tecumseh
March	14 Tuesday HS Choir Concert by Mark Hayes with Beatrice Regional Orchestra - Beatrice
	21 Tuesday HS MUDECAS Music Contest - Lewiston
	24 Friday MS Contest - Humboldt
	25 Saturday Class C Allstate Band
	28 Tuesday MS Contest Concert - Cook
April	7 Friday Meridian MS Honor Choir and Band
	10 Monday HS Contest Concert - Tecumseh
	20 Thursday HS District Music Contest - Tecumseh
	28/30 Fri/Sun HS Musical - Little Shop of Horrors
May	1 Monday HS Spring Concert and Art Show
	8 Monday ECNC Honor Band - Auburn 15
	13 Saturday HS Band at Graduation
	15 Monday 4-8 Spring Concert - Cook, 7:00pm

# Kindergarten Round-Up



**WHEN:** Thursday, May 4, 2017  
9:00-11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Johnson County Central Elementary Building in Tecumseh.

**WHO:** Children residing in the Johnson County Central school district who are, or will be, age 5 on or before July 31, 2017.

Individual letters will be sent in April to the parents of all Kindergarten ready students residing in Johnson County Central's school district. If you do not receive a letter, please call the school and let us know that you will be attending the 2017 Kindergarten Round-Up.

If applying for early registration (child will be 5 years old on or after August 1 and on or before October 15), JCC must have received your written request by March 24, 2017.

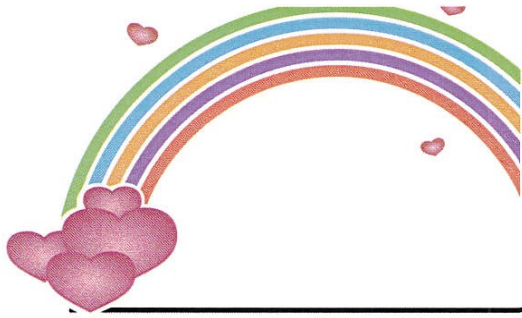


TITLE 1  
PARENT/STUDENTS K-5  
BOOK-BINGO NIGHT



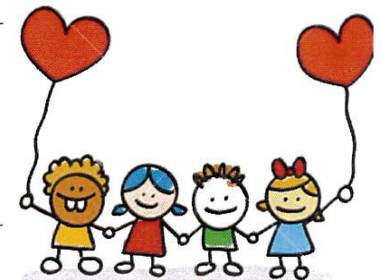
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HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
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# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Tecumseh Swimming Pool Fundraiser all Week.</p> <p>UNL American Business Contest</p> <p>8th Grade to UNL &amp; Wesleyan</p>	<p>2 ECNC V G&amp;B BB</p> <p>JH G BB @ Bennet Elem. 4:00 pm</p>	<p>3 V Wrestling @ Peru State College 2:00 pm</p> <p>ECNC V B BB</p>	<p>4 ECNC V G&amp;B BB</p> <p>Johnson County Spelling Bee @ JCC Elem. Aud. 9:00 am</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 C Team B&amp;G BB @ Elmwood-Murdock HS 6:00 &amp; 7:15 pm</p>	<p>7 MY Broken Doll Play @ Elem. Aud. 9:45 am</p> <p>V Wrestling @ Lincoln HS 3:30 pm</p> <p>JV V B&amp;G BB @ Falls City 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>8 UNL English Dept. Program @ UNL 9:00 am</p> <p>CLASS Leadership Conf. @ HS Gym 9:30 am</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Sophomore Pre-ACT Test @ HS Gym 8:30 am</p> <p>JH G BB @ Weeping Water HS 4:00 pm</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday @ Auburn HS 8:00 am</p> <p>C Team G&amp;B BB Invite @ JCC Middle School 9:00 am</p> <p>Science Bowl @ Wayne State College 9:00 am</p>	<p>11 V Wrestling Districts</p> <p>Auburn Speech Invite @ Auburn HS 8:00 am</p> <p>C Team G&amp;B BB Invite @ JCC Middle School 9:00 am</p> <p>Science Bowl @ Wayne State College 9:00 am</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 JH G BB @ JCC MS 4:30</p> <p>V G BB Sub Districts</p> <p>JV, V B BB @ JCC HS 5:30 &amp; 7:00 pm</p>	<p>14 V G BB Sub Districts</p> <p>JH Wrestling @ Ashland - Greenwood HS 4:30 pm</p>	<p>15 Peru Business Contest @ Peru State College 8:00 am</p>	<p>16 V G BB Sub Districts</p> <p>V Wrestling State @ CenturyLink Omaha</p> <p>8th Grade Doane Science Fair 9:00 am</p>	<p>17 V Wrestling State @ CenturyLink Omaha</p> <p>State Cheer Comp.</p> <p>JV, V B BB @ JCC HS 6:00 7:45 pm</p>	<p>18 V Wrestling State @ CenturyLink Omaha</p> <p>JH G BB @ Palmyra HS 8:00 am</p> <p>State Cheer Comp.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 V Boys BB Sub Districts</p> <p>JH G BB @ Pawnee City 4:00 pm</p>	<p>21 V B BB Sub Districts</p>	<p>22 CAN Meeting @ Sterling HS 8:30 am</p>	<p>23 V B BB Sub districts</p> <p>JH G BB @ JCC MS 4:00 pm</p> <p>JH Wrestling @ Falls City HS 4:30 pm</p>	<p>24 V G BB District Finals</p> <p>ECNC HS Student Art Show @ Wells Fargo Bank</p> <p>JH Wrestling @ Weeping Water HS 4:30 pm</p>	<p>25 HTRS Speech Invite</p> <p>ECNC HS Student Art Show @ Wells Fargo Bank</p>
<p>26 ECNC HS Student Art Show @ Wells Fargo Bank</p>	<p>27 ECNC HS Student Art Show @ Wells Fargo Bank</p> <p>V B BB District Finals</p>	<p>28 ECNC HS Student Art Show @ Wells Fargo Bank</p> <p>8th Grade NAEP Testing</p> <p>24th Annual Freshmore Clinic</p> <p>JH G BB @ JCC MS 5:00 pm</p>				



Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Chicken Quesadilla Rice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>2</b> Sloppy Nacho Fruit & Veggie Bar WG Bread Stick Milk	<b>3</b> Pizza Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Chicken Nuggets Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>7</b> Hot Ham & Cheese Cooked Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>8</b> Goulash Fruit & Veggie Bar Garlic Bread Milk	<b>9</b> BBQ Meatballs Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>10</b> NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Spaghetti Meat Sauce B&B Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>14</b> Cheeseburger/WG Bun Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>15</b> Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll    Milk	<b>16</b> Hotdog WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>17</b> Breaded Cheese Stick Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Chicken Tender Wrap Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>21</b> Br. Pork Patty / WG Bun Cheese Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>22</b> Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll    Milk	<b>23</b> Pulled Pork / WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>24</b> HS Baked Potato Bar Elem. PB & Jelly Fruit & Veggie Bar HS Bread        Milk	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Taco Salad Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	<b>28</b> Chili Cinnamon Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk				
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This newsletter is produced monthly to inform parents, district patrons and others about school events, classroom events, and student achievements in the classroom and extra curricular activities. This information is submitted by faculty and staff members. Information may be submitted to offices at Tecumseh and Cook.

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### Child find

Children that are birth to 5 years old who are experiencing problems with speech language, cognitive, emotional and/or physical development or have a disability can receive services through Early Childhood Education Services. If interested or in need of more information please contact Rebecca Kling, Special Education Coordinator or Jack Moles, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

**Please clip & save Box Tops For Education Labels!**

**They may be brought to school any time.  
You can drop them off at one of the  
School offices, or send them  
with your student to give to  
their teacher.**

**Thank you!**

