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SUPERINTENDENT NOTES

by Dr. Galen Boldt



Superintendent Report February 2019

We continue to take steps forward in the discussion and planning for the future of the Johnson County Central schools. We have formed two advisory committees for facilities and programming who have been tasked with providing a report to the Board of Education at the March meeting about recommendations for future plans.

The Facilities Advisory Committee will be looking at the facilities at both the Cook and Tecumseh sites to assess how they meet the needs of educating our students currently and how well they are suited to meet our needs in the future. As they discuss these things, they will also be looking at the dollars we are spending to keep the aging infrastructure running as well as the efficiency of operating equipment designed with aging technology. Among other things they will be looking at the efficiency of maintaining 2 sites in which students are shuttled between Cook and Tecumseh for school as well as activities. The district has entered into a contract with Russ Koch, former Director of Operations from Fremont Public Schools, to help the Facilities Committee look at and think about all of the aspects of determining the usability of our current facilities. We will be using someone with expertise in Mechanical and Electrical engineering to also look at the facilities to give us opinions that will help us to determine if we should continue to use them as they are, renovate them, or look at new construction.

The Programming Advisory Committee will be looking at a variety of ideas and innovations that could become a part of the future programs offered at Johnson County Central. This will include topics that could affect the schedule of offerings, curriculum that is offered at all levels, and the use of technology in delivering instruction and assessing learning. One of the things that came out of the Community Input meetings that were held in the fall was the concept of Career Academies serving as a foundational part of future programming. This is an exciting concept that we already are dabbling in, and could become something that is a powerful avenue for all of our student to experience what the world of work looks like in careers that are interesting to them and well-suited to their skills and abilities. Our students deserve a school that is innovating and devoted to developing what works best to provide value in the pursuit of their hopes and dreams.

So that we can keep our community informed of our progress, we have scheduled community input and sharing meetings for February 6th at the Tecumseh HS Gymnasium, and February 18th at the Cook Gymnasium. At these meetings we will be giving update reports on progress to-date from our two Advisory Committees as well as listening to your thoughts regarding the process. Your attendance at one or both of the meetings is critical to helping our Board of Education understand exactly what our community would like them to do regarding our future. These meetings will be another opportunity for those who were unable to attend the fall meeting to express their thoughts on the questions that were considered then:

1. JCC currently operates with facilities in two separate sites. What are your feelings regarding maintaining two sites?
2. What are your feelings regarding the maintenance of the current buildings at both sites?

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Superintendent Notes continued:

3. JCC currently has no bonded indebtedness, meaning that we are free of the financial obligations that were needed to pay for the buildings as they were constructed. What are your thoughts about using a bond initiative to finance future construction or renovation?
4. If JCC builds new construction, what are your thoughts regarding the location of the new construction?

As we move forward, it is important that everyone have a voice in expressing their thoughts. I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity and attend one of the meetings.

**JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS
“The Future of Our School”**

Johnson County Central Public Schools is hosting informational meetings about the future of our school. All residents of the Johnson County Central Public School District are invited and encouraged to attend these events.

WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 6TH
JCC High School Gym
Tecumseh, NE 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 18th
JCC Middle School Gym
Cook, NE 7:00 p.m.



NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Winter is strengthening its grip on us with snow 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 2019-2020 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 21, 2019. They will be due back to the office on March 22, 2019. 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 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 2019-2020 school year to change their class schedule.

I am encouraging every parent to work with your student to help them plan their 2019-2020 class schedule – your input and encouragement is essential.

Calling all Seniors!! We need your senior picture for the yearbook. Please send a digital image (head and shoulder shot) that is school appropriate for the yearbook. The photos should be in color and high resolution. We would like to have all senior pictures by the end of February, if possible. If you have not yet or will not have senior pictures taken, please contact Dr. C. at jenna.christensen@jccentral.org so that we can get you taken care of. You may also send the photo to me at this address. If you do not have a digital image, you may bring in a wallet sized photo. You will need to put your name on the back of it, but please be aware that it may not be returned to you. Please be sure it is a head and shoulders shot that is school appropriate. If you have any questions on what would work, please talk to Dr. C. or email her at the school.

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2018-2019 SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION

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<p><u>JUNIORS</u> Carrie Beethe* Samuel Buss* Elena Chavez Luna* Gabriel DeFreece Manuel Ramirez* Eli Waring*</p>	<p><u>SENIORS</u> Katelyn Alexander Sarai Ares Connor Bartels* Erika Cruz Kole Kleespies* Corral McClintock*</p>

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<p><u>JUNIORS</u> Miguel Moreno Nathen Neukirch Alex Ortiz Andruw Stafford Monica Thipphavong</p>	<p><u>SENIORS</u> Josh Bailey Tyler Bartels Jon Doty Daymon Francois Devon Gilmore Alexis Graham Nadia Klein Savana Mallard Sydney Othmer Cassidy Parks Jordan Rodriguez Chandler Williams-Towle</p>

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NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Ms. Olivia Reuter

Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich Scholarship Applications Open

Johnson County Central seniors are able to apply for the WAYNE J. AND WANDA M. LILLICH SCHOLARSHIP. There are two awards of \$1800 each for JCC seniors planning to major in medicine, religion, or business. The Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich Scholarship was established in 1996. The Lilliches wanted to give something back to the community in which they were raised. Having been raised during the Depression, Wayne and Wanda appreciated every little thing they received in those early years. When they had the opportunity to gain some wealth, they never forgot their roots. The Lilliches are devoted to their church and see the importance of careers in religion, medicine and business. A successful businessman himself, Wayne spent his life in the print production field. He served as the Nebraska Litho Company's manager for over 20 years until his retirement in 1996. Wayne and Wanda have one daughter and reside in Lincoln.

CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be a current graduating senior from the Johnson County School District in Johnson County, Nebraska.
2. Applicant must demonstrate academic success in high school studies and must possess the ability to do post-secondary work in a satisfactory manner.
3. Applicant must be pursuing a post-secondary education in the areas of medicine, religion, or business.
4. Applicant must demonstrate financial need. Applicants are required to complete the Lincoln Community Foundation Application Form online at <http://www.lcf.org/impacting-community/student-scholarships> and submit the form and all required attachments electronically. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on March 15th.
5. Students must submit the following required attachments:
 - High school transcript(s) (copies of transcripts are acceptable).
 - Financial Information that shows Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number, which is on the first page of the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR).

Southeast Community College Scholarship Applications Due Soon

The online application for students to apply for foundation scholarships from Southeast Community College will close on February 22, 2019. Seniors can apply for 4,000 scholarships by filling out one online application. Some seniors already applied when SCC visited our school to help students with this, but others were unable to and can still apply on their own until February 22nd. Seniors can access the online application by going to www.southeast.edu/scholarships

Big Red Summer Academic Camps

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! Do you want to spend your summer learning about a potential new career, exploring the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus and having tons of fun?! Join us for 2019 Big Red Summer Academic Camps! Camp runs from Sunday, June 9 – Friday, June 14, 2019. All students entering grades 10-12 are welcome!

These career exploration camps are a chance for you to explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the country, spend time investigating an interest or potential career and have lots of fun. 2019 BIG RED ACADEMIC CAMPS will be hosted by Nebraska 4-H and UNL faculty members in various academic areas across campus. After spending several fun-filled days exploring a specific topic like filmmaking or veterinary science, we'll invite your family to join you for a special "capstone event" where you can showcase your work. Big Red Summer Academic Camps are residential camps; ALL housing and food will be provided for all participants throughout the duration of the camp.

THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR—continued

Choose from 8 different career areas: Engineering, Outdoor Nebraska, Filmmaking, Unicameral Youth Legislature, Teaching, Vet Science, Weather & Climate Science and our NEW camp for 2019: Animation!

Partial and Full Scholarships are available for select camps!

Visit bigredcamps.unl.edu for more info about camp and available scholarships - Contact Katie Zabel at kzabel2@unl.edu with any questions!

Accuplacer Testing at JCC- February 28th- 10:00 AM

SCC will be coming to give the Accuplacer test to JCC sophomores, juniors, and seniors who sign up on February 28th at 10:00 AM. The Accuplacer is the entrance exam for Southeast Community College and several other community colleges. Students can sign up to test for the first time or to improve their scores from a previous testing time. To sign up, students should reply to the Accuplacer email that Mrs. Reuter sent to all students.

Seniors: Complete the FAFSA as Soon as Possible

- First, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You'll need it to access and sign the FAFSA. Click here for instructions.
- Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. You may also complete it via the new myStudentAid app for iOS and Android.
- For free help with the FAFSA, see FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org or call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – (888) 357-6300 or Lincoln – (800) 303-3745

Meet the JCC Class of 2019

Here are eight more profiles of students in JCC's senior class of 2019.



Katelyn Alexander

Katelyn Nicole Alexander is the daughter of Don and Judy Alexander of Cook. Her siblings are Caleb, Gabe, Beth, and Travis. Her favorite high school class was CNA (certified nurse assistant) training and her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl, especially the mashed potatoes. During high school, Katelyn has been involved in one act, musical, FBLA, FFA, choir, unified bowling, and CAN. According to Katelyn, the best thing about being a senior is finally moving on and trying something new. The most important thing that she has learned during her high school years is that grades matter, even in your freshman year. The advice that Katelyn would give to freshmen is to not be afraid to try new things. After high school, she plans to attend college and major in elementary education. In ten years, Katelyn sees herself being a third grade teacher.

Corral McClintock

Corral Madison McClintock is the daughter of Lois and Dennis McClintock of Tecumseh. Her siblings are Keelee (20) and Sierra (18). Her favorite high school classes have been biology, business law, and geography and her favorite school lunch is chili and a cinnamon roll. Her high school activities have been band, national honor society, and many hours of community service. According to Corral, the best part about being a senior is preparing to start a new chapter in her life. The most important things that she has learned in high school are how to be responsible and how to be self-reliant. Her advice to younger students is, "Don't worry about others, do your own thing." After high school, Corral plans to attend college and take general education classes until she has made a decision on her future career. In ten years, she hopes to have the job of her dreams and be living in the country (somewhere outside of town).



Sarai Ares

Sarai Ares is the daughter of Lina Ramirez Sanchez. She has one sister, Galaxie (8). Sarai says that the best part about being a senior is knowing that you are almost done with high school. Her favorite high school classes have been anatomy/physiology and psychology, and her school activities have been cross country, track and field, one act, spring play/musical, bowling, band, and choir. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. The most important things that she has learned in high school is how to study accordingly to her individual learning style, to not to expect anything from anyone, and to focus on her studies. After high school, she plans to attend college and in ten years hopes to be living somewhere in the southern states and working as an optometrist, making progress on paying off her medical school debt. Her advice to younger students is, "Aspire to inspire," and "Just be yourself, don't feel like everyone has to like you."

Tyler Sedersten

Tyler Sedersten is the son of Mitchell and Megan Sedersten of Sterling. He has one sister, Chloe (8). Tyler's favorite high school class is medical terminology and his school activities are cross country, track, and basketball. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. After high school, Tyler plans to go to college. According to Tyler, the most important things he that he has learned during high school are life skills and the best part about being a senior is making more adult decisions. His advice to younger students is to study for the ACT test and get a good score. In ten years, Tyler sees himself working in the medical field and living in a house that he can work to improve.



Nadia Klein



Nadia Klein is the daughter of Joshua and Holly Klein of Tecumseh. She has one sister, Ava (12), and one brother, Bodhi (9). Her favorite high school class was biology because it was interesting and her favorite teacher, Mrs. Ferguson, taught it. Nadia's school activities have been basketball, volleyball, art shows, and one act and her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. After high school, Nadia plans to go to college for nursing. She is not sure which college she will attend yet. The best thing about being a senior, according to Nadia, is knowing she is almost done with high school and preparing herself for the next step. The most important things that she has learned in high school are to not stress over the little things and to not procrastinate. Her advice for younger students is, "Don't take this time for granted because it really does go fast." In ten years, Nadia sees herself living in California and working as a labor and delivery nurse while still getting to travel to different places.

Josh Bailey

Joshua Thomas Bailey is the son of Charles Bailey and Trina Casey. His favorite high school class is strength training and his high school activities have been football, wrestling, track and field, one act, play production, FBLA, CAN, and FCA. Josh plans to attend the University of Nebraska- Lincoln and major in athletic training. His favorite part about being a senior is knowing at the end of the year that he is going to go into the "real world." The most important things that Josh has learned during his high school years are how to develop a quality work ethic that will help him in the future and what it means to work as a team. He learned that sometimes you can't do everything by yourself and you need your teammates to pick you up when you're on the ground. His advice for younger students is to join as many activities as you can and focus on your school work, activities, and athletics because at the end of the day, high school is about getting you to college so you can study for your career. In ten years, Josh sees himself living in Kansas City as an athletic trainer for a college or professional team.



Diego Reyes

Diego Reyes is the son of Jose and Alma Reyes of Tecumseh. He has one brother, Adan (20). During his high school years, Diego has been involved in cross country, track and field, wrestling, band, CLASS leadership, FBLA, student council, and national honor society. His favorite high school class was American history and his favorite school lunch is the fiestada. Diego says that the best part about being a senior is that high school is almost over and that all of his hard work is finally starting to pay off. The most important things that he has learned in high school are that no matter how hard something is, that you can always get through it and that it is important to enjoy the moments you have in school because time flies by fast. Diego's advice to younger students is, "Make the best of high school because whether you like it or not, you have to go through it. Be as involved as possible because you'll create more memories and these experiences will help you in the future. After high school, Diego plans to attend college to become both a non-destructive technician and a civil engineer. In ten years, Diego sees himself living in either Arizona or Colorado working as either a successful non-destructive technician or a civil engineer .



Faith Sahs

Faith Foley Sahs is the daughter of Edwin Sahs of Cook. Her favorite high school class is vocal music and her school activities have been choir and participating in art shows. Her favorite school lunch is chili. According to Faith, the best part about being a senior is knowing that this will be her last year of high school. The most important thing that she has learned in high school is how to get homework done even while very stressed. Faith’s advice to younger students is, “Enjoy high school because you will be graduating before you know it.” After high school graduation, Faith plans to attend Southeast Community College and enter into the respiratory care program. In ten years, Faith sees herself living in or near Lincoln, NE and very successful in her career.



ADDRESSING INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOLS

Experience has demonstrated that schools can amplify transmission of influenza, both within schools and into the wider community. No single measure can stop or limit transmission in schools, which provide multiple opportunities for spread of the virus. Nebraska public health officials recommend the use of a range of measures in the school setting to limit the spread of influenza. Local authorities are in the best position to adapt these measures to their specific circumstances.

These measures can be found in the [Guidance for School Administrators to Help Reduce the Spread of Seasonal Influenza in K-12 Schools](#), and include:

- Teach students, parents, and staff that the single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year.
- Encourage respiratory etiquette among students and staff through education and the provision of supplies.
- Encourage hand hygiene among students and staff through education, scheduled time for handwashing, and the provision of supplies.
- Encourage students and staff to keep their hands away from their nose, mouth, and eyes.
- Encourage routine surface cleaning through education, policy, and the provision of supplies.
- Encourage students and staff to stay home when sick, through education and policy.
- Teach students, parents, and staff the signs and symptoms of flu, emergency warning signs, and high-risk groups.
- Separate sick students and staff from others until they can be picked up to go home.
- Encourage students, parents, and staff to take antiviral drugs if their healthcare provider prescribes them.
- Follow your local flu situation through close communication with state and local health officials.
- Update emergency plans so that they are in place before an outbreak occurs.

Decisions regarding school closure in response to an influenza outbreak are complex. NE public health officials cannot provide specific recommendations regarding school closure that apply to all settings. There is little evidence in the medical literature supporting school closure as a disease prevention measure that reduces influenza transmission in the school and the wider community. Many schools use school closure as a reactive measure. Suspending classes because high levels of absenteeism among students and staff make it impractical to continue classes when absenteeism is of such a degree that material will need to be re-taught once ill students return.

Policies for school closure need to include measures that limit contact among students when not in school. If students congregate in settings other than school, they are likely to continue spread of the virus. The benefits of school closure could be greatly reduced, if not negated. In addition, school authorities weighing the decision to temporarily close a school during an influenza outbreak need to consider economic and social costs, including the need for working parents or guardians to stay home or to place their children in daycare. Social welfare issues must also be considered. Children’s health and well-being can be compromised if highly beneficial school-based social programs, such as the provision of meals, are interrupted or if young children are left at home without supervision.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

BY RICH BACON

On Thursday, December 21, the Middle School and 4th and 5th grade staff held a STEM day for students in grades 4-8. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and is presented as an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four areas separately, STEM integrates them into a blended learning environment and shows students how the scientific method can be applied to everyday life. It teaches students computational thinking and focuses on the real world applications of problem solving. Each student group planned, designed and experimented with their ideas to complete their assigned task. Eighth grade students built catapults and had contests to measure distance and accuracy. Seventh grade students built bridges out of popsicle sticks and tested them to see how much weight each bridge could hold. Our sixth grade activity involved coding Sphero robotics with their iPads. In addition to other activities, they created a code to make their Sphero ball follow a specific course. The 5th grade learned about conductive energy where students worked with different types of dough to learn which would conduct energy and which would not. The 4th grade focused on buoyancy, balance and manipulating objects to meet a goal. This was an outstanding educational activity put together by our staff. It was hands on learning for our students that was both fun and educational.

The Junior High Boys' Basketball teams finished their season at the Malcolm Tournament. The A-team finished with a 6-6 record and the B-team finished with a 5-5 record. The A-team finished as the runner-up at the JCC Tournament and the Malcolm Tournament. Also at the Palmyra Fun Day Skills Event Wyatt Ludemann finished 4th in the 3 point shooting contest, Jacob Graham finished 2nd and Aiden Weber finished 3rd in the dribbling contest. Congratulations to Coach Genuchi, Coach Damme and the boys on an outstanding season. Good luck to the Junior High girls' basketball team and the wrestling team as they begin their seasons. Go Thunderbirds!

At the conclusion of each season the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association recognizes students who have been nominated by their schools based on their individual academic excellence and significant contributions made to their NSAA activity. To be eligible for this honor the following leadership and scholarship guidelines must be met:

A nominated student must be a varsity player or organizational leader who has played a significant role on the team or in the organizational activity.

A nominated student must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average, in all curricular subjects, of 93% or 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

NSAA high schools may nominate a maximum of two students per NSAA activity program.

The following Johnson County Central students were recipients of the Fall 2018 NSAA Academic All-State Awards: Football – Josh Bailey & Kole Kleespies; Girls Golf – Erika Cruz & Kylie Kleespies; Girls Cross Country – Sarai Ares & Dakotah Ludemann; Boys Cross Country – Diego Reyes & Calvin Antholz; Volleyball – Lexi Graham & Carrie Beethe; Play Production – Simon Rother & Eli Waring; Unified Bowling – Kylie Kleespies & Hayley Neemann. Congratulations to these students for the leadership and example they have provided to the rest of the student body, and their commitment, hard work, and success in the classroom and their extracurricular activity.

**Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll
Second Quarter 2018-2019**

Grade 8

Dani Andersen
Katelyn Beethe (All A's)
Erika Cabrales (All A's)
Karen Canseco Chavez
***Anzel du Preez**
MacKinze Gordon
Sierra Hergenrader
Hayden Huskey (All A's)
Jacob Liscomb
Chayce Oenbring
Daisy Ortiz
***Brandon Speckmann**
Alixandria Swanson
Aiden Weber (All A's)

Grade 7

***Steven Baumgartner**
Catherine Blomstedt (All A's)
Brett Bohling
Jadeyn Grobler
Wyatt Ludemann
***Kaitlynn Plager**
***Sunnie Rother**
Keven Silos
Bailee Sterup
***Maya Straka**
Sergio Valles

Grade 6

Kayden Badertscher
***Gabriel Burki**
Salena Conley (All A's)
Alexander Cruz (All A's)
Kali Drake (All A's)
Jersey Graham
Juanita Grobler
Keegan Jones (All A's)
Levi Mahoney-Boardman
Lydia Mejia (All A's)
Lexi Robeson
Hailey Stafford-Thompson
***Logan Topp**
Nolan Wellensiek

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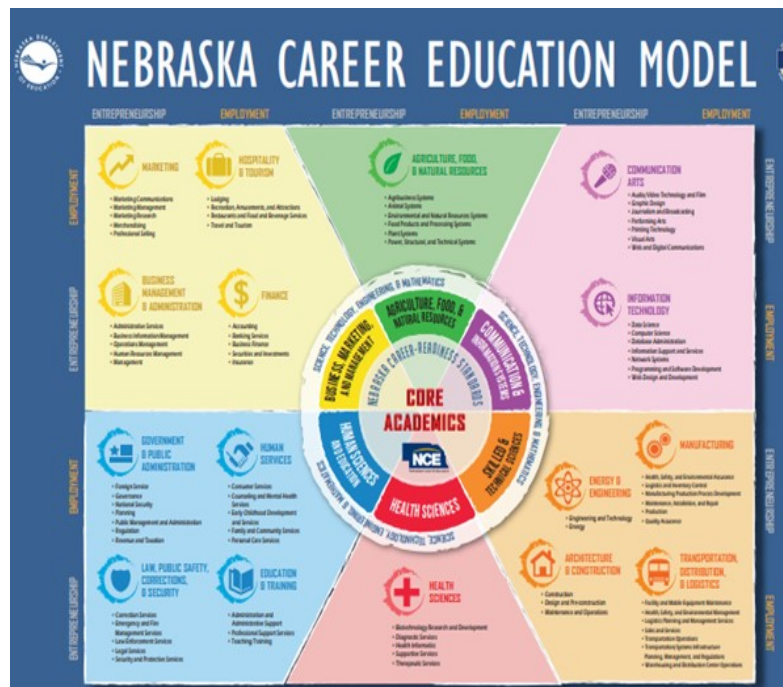
Johnson County Central Middle School Students Learn about Careers and Career Clusters with Resources from Nebraska Career Connections



Johnson County Central Middle School students in grades 6-8 participate in Thunderbird Way lessons during their STAR classes. This month, students will be learning about different careers and their career interests by taking the Kuder Career Interests Assessment and the Kuder Skills Confidence Assessment. STAR teachers will assist students with navigating the Career Connections website. Students will begin creating a student portfolio on the Nebraska Career Connections website. These assessments help students find areas of interest as well as academic and personal strengths. The Career Connections website then provides students with possible career areas and recommends classes, activities and occupations within that area of interest. This is a great opportunity for students

to explore interests and careers in Nebraska. This is also a great chance for students to connect materials they learn in school with their future career. Pathway results appear for students to explore. These results allow students to watch videos on the occupation and learn more about possible careers in that pathway or career cluster area.

Information provided to students who complete the assessments includes: average salary, education required for the occupation, number of jobs in the area and future job openings in Nebraska. It is a great learning opportunity for students! Find out more at: <https://nebraska.kuder.com/landing-page> and <http://h3.ne.gov/H3/welcome.xhtml>, an



official Nebraska Government Website that gives students current details about occupations, educational requirements, wages and more.

Elementary News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sat. Feb. 2—Johnson County Spelling Bee, Tecumseh Site Elem. Auditorium, 9 AM.
- Fri. Feb. 15—1 PM Student dismissal. Teacher Workday.
- Mon. Feb. 18—
NO SCHOOL!
Teacher Mid-Year In-Service.

FYI

In a college interview, my son asked the professor what two things students today need to do better. He responded with:

1. Time management.
2. Ability to ask questions.

I would take that a step further with:

3. Attention management.

Our children have a challenge ahead; living in a world of distractibility.

What Goes In Effects What Comes Out (Or, a lot of Questions)

Food. Images. Sounds. Words. Touch. Whichever of the senses our students are receiving information from our world with, will effect how they will respond to this world. It is all part of their biological makeup. Nicer images, pleasant sounds, less stress and good food can all lead to a more peaceful, focused child. The good thing is, we as the adults have a lot of control over these sources of input for our children.

First off is the food they eat. I don't know of too many children (none actually) who generate their own income, get themselves to the store and have total purchasing power. This puts the adults in control. Knowing what we know about health and nutrition, we can ensure that the food that comes into our homes is the kind of food that our children need. However, this may not be "exactly" what they want. Are the foods nutrient dense? Are they laden with preservatives and chemicals? Are they processed or not? All these can have an effect on our children.

The sounds our children hear can effect their sense

of calm and their vocabulary. Do they ever have "quiet time"? A time with just their thoughts? Or a quiet time to just talk with someone? We all know it's not just what we say, but how we say it. This can effect our children's confidence and sense of acceptance. What about the words we use? Are we using words that we want our children to use? Are we trying to build their vocabulary for the good?

Living in a world of instant access to the Internet and television, our children can see almost anything they want by tapping in just a couple letters or simply asking "Siri". Are the shows, the videos, the images, the movies and the interactions at home all images that promote intelligence, respect and love? Are they images that help our children? If not, are you having discussions with your children about what they see? Does reading play a large role in what your child sees *daily*? Is reading something you promote, or that you leave to someone else?

When thinking about how we are raising our children,

do we think much about teaching our children about proper touch? Knowing when you are making someone uncomfortable by proximity or in the way you touch them is an ever-increasingly important skill. Far too often, we are too reactive, instead of proactive when it comes to this concept.

When it comes down to it, and we think about what we want the future of children to look like, we have to consider each day's decisions. Are they eating in a way to create lifelong healthy habits? Are the things they are doing going to help them later on? What about the things they are hearing, seeing and saying? When you look at the habits being created, can you look at them all and say that your child will live a healthy, happy life? Do they have healthy eating habits? Do they have a strong work ethic? Are they resilient? Can they persevere? Do they treat people well? You, as the adult, can have a direct impact on all this.

It all comes down to who "calls the shots". Is it your child? Or, is it you?

ELPA-21 – An assessment for English Language Learners

February 4- March 1, 2018

Every year, students in grades K-12 who are English Language Learners take an assessment to measure their abilities in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening in English. This year the test will be given February 4 through March 1, 2019. We use the results of this test to measure student growth, make decisions about how best to assist these students in language acquisition in the future, and determine when students have successfully completed the program. This will be the fourth year of this new assessment for English Language Learners.

Starting in February, students will take this assessment. We have been busy practicing for this test, so that all the students can be familiar with the testing software and the use of headphones with microphones to record their speech. This is an exciting time in the ELL room, and we appreciate your support at home to make sure your student is ready on testing days. Going to bed early, and eating a good breakfast will help make testing days a success. Results from the ELPA-21 test will be mailed home to the parents when scores are received by the school district in May.

- Mrs. Weber

Save the Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

Parents/Students K-5

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

Come join us for **Title 1 Book Bingo**

on **Thursday, February 21st 7 p.m.**

at the **JCC Cafeteria** in Tecumseh.

Students can play Bingo
and get a chance to win a book!



**FREE POP AND POPCORN!
CHANCES TO WIN FREE BOOKS!**

BACKPACKS ARE AN IMPORTANT PROJECT

Greetings in a new year from the Backpack Program of Johnson County! This program provides 72 backpacks to families of Sterling, St. Andrews and Johnson County Central. Students grades K-high school are eligible.

The items in the backpack are intended to supplement the family's meals over the weekends. The backpack helps families provide a little more on weekends when the students aren't eating breakfast and/or lunch or both at school during the week

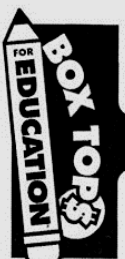
In some week's backpack, there is a bread or egg voucher included to be redeemed at Tecumseh Central Market in Tecumseh or at The Jet Stop in Sterling.

Thank you to all those individuals, businesses, organizations and Church groups who have donated toward this most important project. Please consider donating if possible. Please direct any questions toward Jon Rother at JCC, Nicole at SENCA at 402-335-2134 or Sally Hutt at 402-335-7343.

Each backpack costs \$250 a school year per family. If you are able to donate any amount toward a backpack, please write your check to JCC Schools and on the memo line, write Child Hunger. Please mail donation to: **Sally Hutt, Box 274, Tecumseh NE 68450.**

Thanks for your consideration!

Sally A. Hutt
Johnson County Backpack Coordinator



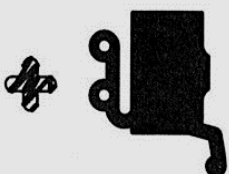
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EARN IT!

Earn cash for your school with Box Tops.

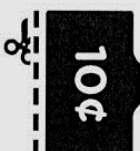
BUY

Buy Box Tops products. You can find pink Box Tops on hundreds of items. Each Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your child's school.



CLIP

Clip the Box Tops from the packages.



SEND

Send the Box Tops to school



EARN

Earn cash for your school: Your school's Box Tops Coordinator will submit the Box Tops and your school will receive a check to use for whatever it needs.



Johnson County Central School Menu

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat-
28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>Menu is subject to change without notice. "This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider"</p>					
4	5	6	7	8	9
Chicken Nuggets Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Pizza Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Chili Cheese Stck Cin- namon Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Chefs Chioce Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	
11	12	13	14	15	16
Taco Salad WG Bread Stck Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Hot Dog Wg Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Popcorn Chicken Bowl WG Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Cheeseburger WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Pizza Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	
18		20	21	22	23
Presidents' Day No School Teacher In-Service	HS Queso TOTCHOS	Br Pork Patty / WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Cheese Sticks Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Elem. PB & Jelly HS & MS Stuffed Baked Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	
25	26	27	28	1	2
Chicken Tender Wrap Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Sloppy Joe WG Bun Tater Tots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup Cheese Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Chefs Chioce Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk		

2018-2019

Middle School/High School Lunch Prices

\$3.05 per lunch
\$61.00 (20 days)
\$30.50 (10 days)
\$15.25 (5 days)

Elementary Pre-K Lunch Prices

\$2.70 per lunch
\$54.00 (20 days)
\$27.00 (10 days)
\$13.50 (5 days)

Breakfast Prices

\$1.65 per breakfast
\$33.00 (20 days)
\$16.50 (10 days)
\$8.25 (5 days)

Reduced Prices

Red. Lunch \$0.40
Red. Breakfast \$0.30

Ala Carte

\$1.25 each

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications Available

**Student lunches need to be paid in advance. You may send payment to school with your student, or pay online with credit card.
Thank you!**

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 B BB ECNC Tournney @ <u>SCC</u> Varsity Wrestling: ECNC Invitational @ Palmyra 2 pm	2 G&B BB ECNC @ <u>SCC</u> Varsity Wrestling State Duels @ <u>UNK Kearney</u> 2 pm. Johnson County Spelling Bee
3	4 G&B C Team BB vs Elmwood Murodock @ <u>Elmwood Murodock</u> 6/7:15 pm	5 JH G BB vs Weeping Water @ <u>ICC Cook Site</u> 4 pm G&B JV/V BB vs Falls City @ Falls City 4:30/6/7:30 pm JV Wrestling @ <u>Lincoln High</u> JV Invite 3:30 pm	6 ASVAB Interpretation <u>ICC HS Tecumseh</u> 10 am <i>Community</i> <i>Informational Meeting</i> @ <u>ICC High School</u> <u>Gym-Tecumseh</u> 7 pm	7 G BB Sub Dist TBA Varsity Wrestling-State <u>Omaha, NE</u> HOSEA Health Science @ <u>CHI Omaha</u>	8 G&B BB JV/V vs Yutan @ <u>Yutan</u> 4:30/6/7:30 pm V Wrestling District Championship @ <u>Boone Central HS</u> <u>Albion, NE</u> 3 pm FBLA @ <u>UNL Am Business</u> Contest @ <u>UNL Lincoln</u> 8:30 a.m.	9 G&B C Team JCC Invite @ <u>ICC Cook Site</u> 9 am V Wrestling District Championship @ <u>Boone Central HS</u> <u>Albion, NE</u> 10 am
10	11 JH G BB vs Syracuse @ <u>ICC Cook Site</u> 4:30 pm V Boys BB Mudecas JCC vs BDS @ <u>Beatrice HS</u> 4:30 pm	12 VG BB Sub Dist TBA JH Wrestling Tri- JCC/Syracuse/Ashland @ <u>Syracuse</u> 4:30 pm 8th Grade AHEC Science Meet @ <u>SCC Beatrice</u> 9 am	13 FBLA Business Contest @ <u>Penn State</u> 8 am	14 G BB Sub Dist TBA Varsity Wrestling-State <u>Omaha, NE</u> HOSEA Health Science @ <u>CHI Omaha</u>	15 1 PM DISMISSAL Teacher Workday Varsity Wrestling-State <u>Omaha, NE</u> B BB JV/V vs Auburn @ <u>ICC Tecumseh</u> 6/7:45 pm State Academic Decathlon @ <u>Omaha</u> 5-8 pm Omaha 5 pm	16 JH G BB Fun Day @ <u>Palmyra</u> 9 am Varsity Wrestling-State <u>Omaha, NE</u> State Academic Decathlon @ <u>Omaha</u> 8:30 am-4 pm
17	18 NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher In-Service</i> JH G BB vs Pawnee City @ <u>Pawnee City</u> 4 pm <i>Community</i> <i>Informational Meeting</i> @ <u>ICC Middle School Gym-</u> <u>Cook</u> 7 pm	19 B V BB Sub Dist-TBA	20 ECNC Speech Contest @ <u>Weeping Water</u> 9 am	21 JH G BB vs Falls City @ <u>ICC Cook Site</u> 4 pm JH Wrestling @ <u>Falls City</u> 4:30 pm V Boys BB Sub District @ <u>Nebraska City Lourdes</u> 12 noon Title 1 Book BINGO @ <u>HS Cafeteria Tecumseh</u> 7 pm	22 JH Wrestling Invite @ <u>Weeping Water</u> 4 pm V G BB Districts-TBA <i>ECNC Art Exhibit</i> @ <u>Wells Fargo Bank, Lincoln</u> <i>through March 19th</i>	23
24	25 26th Annual Freshmore Clinic @ <u>ICC Elementary Tecumseh</u> 9 am Pw K Family Night "Superheroes Eat Ice Cream" <u>HS Cafeteria Tecumseh</u> 6 pm.	26 JH G BB vs Louisville @ <u>ICC Cook Site</u> 5 pm B BB Districts-TBA	27 FFA District Welding Contest @ <u>SCC-Lincoln</u> 10 am	28 G State BB Tournney-Lincoln JH Wrestling @ <u>Auburn</u> 4:30 pm Accuplacer Testing <u>HS Computer Lab</u> 10 am		

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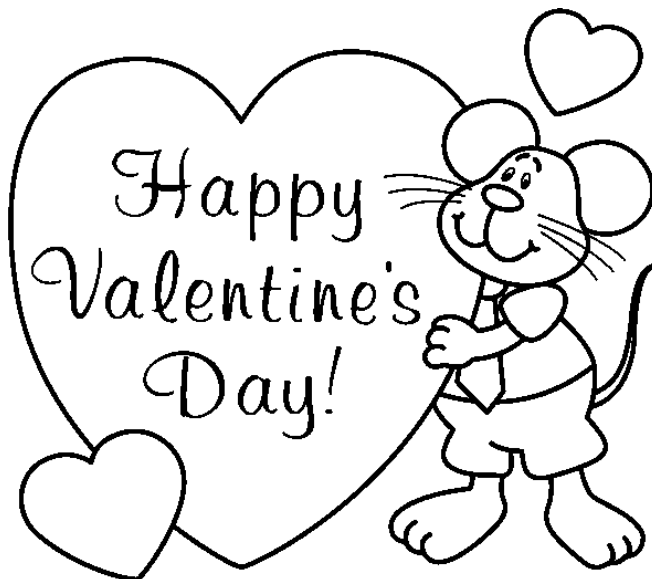
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Child find

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 Dr. Galen Boldt, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.



1:00 Dismissal - both Sites
Friday, February 15, 2019

Teacher Workday

NO School

Monday, February 18, 2019

Teacher Workday

