



Homecoming Royalty was crowned after the football game. King and Queen are Chandler Bendorf and Kenzie Cottle; Prince and Princess are Jamie Warner and Rylee Marshall.



10/9	School Board Meeting
10/10	School Pictures Taken
10/13	Youth Cheerleader Camp @ HS FCYSO Night @ FB Game
10/18	Booster Club Meeting
10/25-26	Parent-Teacher Conferences 2-8 PM Early Dismissals
10/27	No School

SEASON/ACTIVITY PASSES 2017-18

Prices remain the same as 2016-17 ***

Elementary Students K-6	\$20.00
Jr-Sr High 7-12	\$30.00
Each Adult	\$50.00
Family Pass (Immediate Family)	\$110.00
Individual Admission Prices – Varsity Home Contests	
\$4.00 Students K-12	\$5.00 Adults
Individual Admission Prices – JV and Lower	
\$2.00 Students K-12	\$3.00 Adults

Golden Age Conference Passes are available **FREE OF CHARGE** to any patron over 60 who requests one.

***FORT CALHOUN SEASON PASSES DO NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION TO ANY CONFERENCE, DISTRICT OR STATE CONTEST HELD AT FORT CALHOUN OR THAT FORT CALHOUN MIGHT HOST.



Fort Calhoun Schools use an automated calling system to notify families of emergencies or weather-related closings. Make sure all your contact numbers are up-to-date by calling your child’s respective schools.

COMMUNITY WEIGHT ROOM USE



The renewal date for weight room access fobs is June 1st each year. Come to the High School Office to renew. The price is \$20.00. Fobs not renewed will be deactivated. If you have any questions contact Mr. Nick Wemhoff at 402-468-5591.



Support Our Local Athletes

Join the Fort Calhoun Booster Club today and support the Fort Calhoun Junior High and Senior High School athletics. This volunteer group maintains and improves the athletic equipment and sport facilities as well as support all the athletic programs here at the Fort. This is all done by sponsors, individual memberships, and apparel and concession sales. You can find information about the Booster Club and the Membership Sign-Up Form on the school’s website (www.fortcalhounschoools.org), under Community Organizations. JOIN TODAY!

e-FUNDS MOBILE FRIENDLY WEBSITE FOR PARENTS NOW AVAILABLE

EFS is excited to announce the release of Ver 2.0 of the parent website which is now mobile friendly! This new and improved user experience features a website which adapts to the form of device it is being accessed from (mobile, tablet, laptop) and optimizes the web page while making it easily accessible and effortless for parents making payments on-the-go! You can now enjoy the convenience of making payments through a website designed for mobile compatibility!



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

“October Craziiness”

The month of October is a crazy month for all of us here at the “FORT”. Marching Band contests, District Athletic contests and the wrapping up of all the Fall athletics. Not to mention the end of the first quarter, construction at the Elementary, Parent-Teacher conferences and we will round out the month with Halloween. I wouldn’t be surprised if we have a full moon the entire month. Be sure to come out and support the students in all of their activities.

On a more serious note, the craziness in this world has ratcheted up a notch or two this past several weeks. It seems that you can’t turn on a TV anymore without seeing some act of violence happening in our world. The shooting in Las Vegas is just another act of a crazy man on innocent people, and a school district in our state shut their doors today because of a legitimate threat to their students. It is issues like this and threats like the one to the School District that caused our Board to make safety a board goal for the year. The Goal reads: The Board of Education will complete a comprehensive school safety program and communicate it to all stakeholders in the school district.

William Blake once wrote, “Hindsight is a wonderful thing but foresight is better, especially when it comes to saving life or some pain”. Preventative action is always in the best interest of our school district and for our kids. This past month we ran the reunification drill at the elementary, last spring we ran the reunification drill at the high school; both drills went well and gave us insight to how to better prepare and safeguard students in any situation which may confront us. Our School District adopted the ALICE training method for student safety when it comes to the possibility of an Active Shooter. The first steps in the process were training our staff in the practice, the second step has been developing and conducting reunification drills. After completing these steps our next steps will be to educate students and at both the elementary and the high school. Following that, or during that process, we will communicate the expectations to the parents regarding their role in this process. Stay Tuned!

At the end of the day we have put together a safety calendar and are working to complete a comprehensive safety program that will keep your students safe to the best of our abilities.

Dr. Johnson
Superintendent of Schools



Visit our website at
www.fortcalhounschoools.org

Mr. Jerry Green
Secondary Principal

Put the Team First

Great team players always put the team first. They work hard for the team. They develop themselves for the team. They serve the team. Their motto is whatever it takes to make the team better. They don't take credit. They give credit to the team. To be a great team member your ego must be subservient to the mission and purpose of the team. It's a challenge to keep our ego in check. It's something most of us struggle with because we have our own goals and desires. But if we monitor our ego and put the team first we'll make the team better and our servant approach will make us better. – Jon Gordon

This small idea works in enormous ways and across many areas. This works for sports teams, classrooms, students, teachers, administrators, parents, husbands, wives, bosses, workers, and well you get my point. Whatever your team is and if you want to make it successful then you have to be PART of the team, not a member of the team. To be a part of the team makes you essential to the success of the team. Members of teams come and go and usually look at how the team can help them instead of how I can help the team. My challenge to all of us is to be a PART of something and work for the success of the team.

MR. NICK WEMHOFF Assistant Principal/AD

As we near the end of the first quarter it is important that both students and parents recognize what they can do to help the student stay on top of their schoolwork. PowerSchool has been a resource that we have made accessible to parents and students for several years now and we want to make sure that you are using it to its full potential. Some of the things that PowerSchool allows you to do: check current grades, check attendance, check lunch money balance, and also receive notifications.

As the AD, the academically ineligible list for failing 2 or more grades is something that I follow very closely. It is a hard part of the job as a coach or teacher to tell kids that they are not able to play their games due to grades, but we all understand the importance of holding students accountable. I have had numerous conversations with students over the past 2 weeks on how to check PowerSchool so that they could monitor their grades. I encourage all students and parents to get on PowerSchool at minimum once a week and check their grades. If do not know how to get onto PowerSchool, please contact the office and we will help point you in the right direction.

*The superior man makes the difficulty to be overcome his first interest;
success comes only later*
- Confucius



PFE NEWS

Pioneers for Education is off and running this 2017-2018 school year!! We are starting off the school year with some exciting, new STUFF! First off, PFE gifted ALL Fort Calhoun district staff with a \$25 gas card to our two local gas stations here in Fort Calhoun. So with 130 district staff, we gifted staff with \$1,525 in gas to Calhoun Oil and \$1,525 in gas to Taylor Quik Pik. Wow~ that is \$3050 in gas!

We are getting the students at the elementary school into the school spirit on Fridays. Every Friday is Spirit Day and Fort Calhoun shirts/sweatshirts are highly encouraged. Each Friday the teachers will count how many students they have dressed in FC gear. The class with the highest percentage of "School Spirit" wins. The winning classroom will get to have our Fort Calhoun Pioneer cardboard standee ("Mr. Calhoun") in their classroom for the week. So wear your school spirit every Friday and you can have "Mr. Calhoun" in your classroom! If your child does not have any FC gear, do not worry, as PFE is providing all elementary students with an orange FC t-shirt in time for the school Walk-A-Thon on September 29th. Look out for a "Sea of Orange" to be coming your way!!

The Walk-A-Thon fundraiser kicked-off on September 20th, followed by three weeks of fundraising. The Walk-A-Thon is BRAND NEW this year and is replacing our past Fall Fundraiser. Parents are welcome to come out and help volunteer at the Walk-A-Thon or just come walk with their children and eat lunch. We just reached our fundraising goal for this event, so the PFE provided all Fort Calhoun Elementary staff and students with FREE lunch on the day of the Walk-A-Thon. Please come support your students and our community!!

September 13th was our first PFE meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. You can find meeting minutes posted on the school website under the PFE page. Mark your calendars for October 6th for Donuts with Dads. Information will be coming home soon for this event. The students always love having a family member come eat with them before they start their school day. Remember, if dad is not available, another family member is more than welcome to attend instead.

November 2nd will be a school assembly at the elementary school, funded by the PFE. Omaha Children's Museum is coming to Fort Calhoun for "GROSSOLOGY" which I am sure the kids will love! It is going to be a great school year! Please contact us at pioneersforeducation@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved with PFE or becoming a PFE member.

Melanie Bonacci – Pioneers for Education (PFE) Secretary

-Elementary News-
Your Principal: Drew R. Wagner

Engaging + Learning + Achieving = Productive PIONEERS!

We are in the full swing of things around here! The students are getting into a routine and ready to become problem solvers. Here are a few items going on at the elementary; Homecoming parade, Walk-a-thon (School Fundraiser), Field trips, and Implementation of a new early intervention in reading program. It's amazing the opportunities the students are exposed to on a weekly basis.

The homecoming parade was an awesome event again this year. This particular event gets students so excited about being a Pioneer. Each year the pride you see around the community is amazing. Thank you to all who make this happen. Nice job!

We ended September with a walk around the community. We had this unique celebration because of our new fundraiser put on by our PFE (Pioneers For Education) organization. This was a new event this year and it turned out great. The sea of orange as far as you can see walking down the streets in our community was special. We had parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all come join the school for this new annual event. Thank you all for your partnership in your child's education. Big shout out to Michelle Tjardes, Robyn Lammers, Dara Waters, Kyle Therkelsen for helping with this event. Nice job!

Next, we are in the process of implementing a new early intervention in reading program for grades K-2. This program is based on promoting literacy and transforming reading challenges into reading successes. We continue to take pride in doing what is best for students and this is just another way to supplement our essential reading program. Our main approach to this program is to catch those early readers that show opportunities to become better readers. We will start this program the week of October 9. Please if you have questions let us know.

When providing students with skills to be successful for the future this may not always look how we predict and looks like a mess at times. Please keep in mind the focus is still on creating productive Pioneers and maintaining a safe environment. I recently heard some information about what the workforce will look like for our primary level students when they enter their careers. It is predicted that around 60% of the jobs aren't even created yet for this group of professionals. Wow! That is amazing. Of course keep in mind this is a prediction, but the way the workforce is heading we must prepared our students to be problem solvers, collaborators, relationship builders, and have some grit! Life is hard! Do we need to remind students about that on a daily basis, NO! We do need to remind them that what is important is how you act when adversity happens in their lives. That is creating a productive Pioneer and goes back to our vision. Let's do this together. Our partnership is essential and we must work together. Our future depends on it!

Thank you all for your support and believing in what we do! We appreciate you!

Be thankful, stay positive, and encourage a growth mindset. Take care! Go PIONEERS!

Respectfully,
Drew R. Wagner
*BE CURIOUS BEFORE CRITICAL!

Upcoming events for the 2017-18 school year

October 6: Donuts with Dad
October 10: Picture Day
October 11 and 19: Anti-bullying activity by the Fremont Crisis Center
October 23-26: Book Fair in the Library
October 25-26: Parent-Teacher conference-Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
October 27: No School

*All dates are subject to change.

**All Fridays during the year are early outs. The Elementary will dismiss students at 1:15pm.