

February EVENTS

2/1	NO SCHOOL - Teacher/Instructional Day
2/2	Ground Hog Day
2/8	School Board Meeting
2/14	Happy Valentines Day
2/15	PFE Meeting
	Presidents Day
2/17	Parent Teacher Conferences
2/18	Elementary Only Parent Teacher Conferences
2/19	No School
2/20	Elkhorn Band Olympics

*Activities are subject to change and Restricted Admittance may be announced



WELCOME TO FORT CALHOUN

We are growing and to be prepared we continually maintain a census of our residents to determine future needs.

Residents: Please help us with our child count by reporting your children up to 18 years old. If you have not already notified us or there has been a change in your household, call the District office at 402-468-5591 with your information. Thank you.

OPTION ENROLLMENT 2021-22

The Option Enrollment application period for the 2021-22 school year is now open through March 15, 2021. Forms are available on our website or at the school offices. The School Board sets class size and program parameters in February and according to State law, all applicants must be notified one way or another by April 1st.

Brant Hilzendeger scored his 1000th career point in Boys Basketball.

Girls Basketball Coach, **Marty Plum**, achieved his 200th Career win.

Winners of the 2021 Fort Calhoun Schools Spelling Bee are: Elementary-**Aiden Tinkham 1st; Zoey Coontz 2nd; Junior High - Anna Taylor 1st; Kaylee Taylor 2nd.** They will compete in the Washington County Spelling Bee later in the month.

These students earned one or more awards from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. **Katie Barta**-Honorable Mention: **Ethan Dye**-Silver Key: **Montanna Hirschert**-Silver: **Lucy Hubbard**-Silver Key: **Brooke Johnson**-2 Gold Keys: **Emma Lucht**-Honorable Mention: **Riley McKennan**-Honorable Mention: **James Miller**-Gold Key: **Regina Namuth**-2 Gold Keys, 2 Silver Keys: **Alayna Prunty**-Honorable Mention: **Olivia Quinlan**-Honorable Mention: **Cameron Reynolds**-Honorable Mention: **Sasha Robinson**-Honorable Mention: **Ethan Shaner**-Honorable Mention: **Kaitlin Smith**-Silver Key, 2 Honorable Mentions: **Hannah White**-Honorable Mention. Their works are on display at the high school.

TITLE IX INFORMATION

Fort Calhoun Community Schools Board of Education passed Policy 3057 at their August 10, 2020 meeting addressing all areas of discrimination. This policy can be found on the schools' website fortcalhounschoools.org. Go to "About, Board of Education, Policies" and scroll down to Policy 3057-Title IX.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Legacy

When I teach P.E.P. (Pioneer Enrichment Program) to our 7th graders I focus on what I call the three P's, Positive, Passion and Purpose. When we talk about being Positive we talk about legacy. We explore the word and how we are constantly developing our legacy with everything we do, our words, our actions, and our attitude, basically everything. As you may know I am a big fan of Jon Gordon and I received this from his weekly email dispatch. I thought I would share it with you. Please help encourage our young students establish a positive legacy.

5 Ways to Leave a Legacy

-Jon Gordon

In [Training Camp](#) I wrote that every one of us is going to leave a legacy. It just depends on what kind. So what kind of legacy do you want to leave? I encourage you to think about it because knowing how you want to be remembered helps you decide how to live and work today. Consider the following ways to leave a legacy and then identify other legacies you can share.

1. A Legacy of Excellence - To leave a legacy of excellence; strive to be your best every day. As you strive for excellence you inspire excellence in others. You serve as a role model for your children, your friends and your colleagues. One person in pursuit of excellence raises the energy, standards and behaviors of everyone around them. Your life is your greatest legacy and since you only have one life to give, give all you can.

2. A Legacy of Encouragement - You have a choice. You can lift others up or bring them down. Twenty years from now when people think of you what do you want them to remember? What stories do you want them to tell? I recently spent a few days with Ken Blanchard, author of The One Minute Manager, and I had the opportunity to thank him for his support, encouragement and the difference he has made in my life. He not only inspired me by the way he lived his life but also by the way he encouraged me as a writer and speaker. Who will you encourage today? Be that person that someone will call five, ten or twenty years from now and say "Thank you, I couldn't have done it without you."

3. A Legacy of Purpose - People are most energized when they are using their strengths and talents for a purpose beyond themselves. To leave a legacy of purpose, make your life about something bigger than you. While you're not going to live forever you can live on through the legacy you leave and the positive impact you make in the world.

4. A Legacy of Love - I often think about my Mom, who passed away nine years ago, and when I think about her I don't recall her faults and mistakes or the disagreements we had. After all, who is perfect? But what I remember most about her was her love for me. She gave me a legacy of love that I now share with others. Share a legacy of love and it will embrace generations to come.

Jerry Green
Superintendent
Fort Calhoun Community Schools



Fort Calhoun Community Schools use an automated system to notify families of emergencies or weather-related closings. Make sure all

your contact numbers, and e-mail addresses are up-to-date by calling your child's respective schools.



MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Principal

I am excited to announce that Fort Calhoun High School will be offering John Baylor's OnToCollege ACT test prep courses again this year to all of our current juniors. It is important to us that we give all our students the best possible opportunity to maximize their ACT scores, as it can have an enormous financial impact on the future of our students who decide to attend a two or four year college. Every high school junior student across the state of Nebraska is required to take the ACT this spring. The test date for Fort Calhoun is set for Tuesday, March 23, please make sure you mark your calendar.

Here are some test tips for students:

- 1) Properly study for the test.
 - a. Being prepared takes away anxiety and makes it easier to focus.
- 2) Get a good nights rest the day before the test.
 - a. Your mind functions better when it has had enough rest.
- 3) Listen closely to the instructions.
 - a. Know what you are expected to do for the test so you do not miss any critical information.
- 4) Read the test first.
 - a. Scan the test so you know how long each section may take you.
- 5) Focus on each question individually.
 - a. Give each question your best effort. If you don't know an answer, skip it and come back to it.
- 6) Relax.
 - a. Being nervous can make your mind go blank. Take a deep breath, calm down, and focus. When you panic, it is harder to remember.
- 7) Check your work.
 - a. If you finish the test early, don't hand it in. Go back over the questions and check your work. You may also be able to add more detail to questions that you didn't originally add.

Trust yourself, you know more than you think you do.
- Benjamin Spock



Andrew Christensen
Assistant Principal/AD

Congratulation to our high school boys basketball program! Over the Christmas break our boys basketball team defeated Elmwood Murdock and Logan View Scribner Snyder to win the Fort Calhoun Holiday Tournament.

Congratulation to our high school girl's basketball coach, Coach Plum, for his 200th win as a head girl's basketball coach. Great job to both the girls for their efforts and Coach Plum on this achievement!

For all Covid-19 guidance for home and away activities, please refer to our school website. Go to fortcalhoun-school.org – COVID (Top right of main page) - Click on the desired sport. Information is updated on a daily basis. You can also find Covid-19 guidance on the school activities twitter- @ftcactivities. Although every school will follow the Nebraska Directed Health Measures, each school will look a little different. For the most updated information, please visit our school website or check our activities twitter page on the day of the activity.

Winter Activities: Please know we are dependent upon the NSAA, Three Rivers Health Department, and the NDE to establish our winter plans. Information continues to come and change, and we will communicate through the winter seasons. Our coaches are going above and beyond to provide a safe environment for our students in the weight room, skill development, and practices.

Due to potential restrictions at our activities this year, we are being proactive to provide options for fans to support our Pioneers. A live streaming system will be offered through nfhnetwork.com. A camera has been installed in our competition gym and football field. With a subscription, fans will have access to watch live activities at Fort Calhoun High School. A portion of the subscription comes back to Fort Calhoun Schools. The live stream is only in the new gym. We will play as many games in the new gym as possible, but some games will have to be played in the old gym without the live stream.

- Monthly Subscription- \$10.99
- Annual Subscription- \$69.99

Thank you,

Andrew Christensen
Assistant Principal/AD

Presidents Day
February 15, 2021



-Elementary News-

Your Principal: Drew R. Wagner

Engaging + Learning + Achieving = Productive PIONEERS!

Greetings! I always think around this time of year how grateful I am to be in such a great community. The continual support from staff, administration, and the community is positive. I appreciate all the confidence you give in all of us to make sure your child is getting the education they need to be successful. We are getting excited to “take on” all new challenges the third and fourth quarter brings. The experience your child receives here is second to none. I say that with confidence and pride. Our relationship that we are creating is life changing for your child. We will continue to strive for the best in all we do because we want what is best for kids.

Finally, as usual there will be a plethora of assessments coming in the 3rd and 4th quarter. To ensure your child is performing at their best please make sure your child is receiving a healthy breakfast, getting enough sleep, and asking them questions at home. You might get common answers like “I don't remember” or “Umm” or “It was fine”. Here are some helpful questions, from www.scholastic.com, to ignite their memory and get more insight on their school day.

1. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
2. Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
3. Tell me about what you read in class.
4. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
5. Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
6. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
7. What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they're fair?
8. Who did you sit with at lunch?
9. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
10. Tell me about the best part of your day.

If you have any more questions or concerns as we enter the third quarter please let me know. Thank you for your support and positive thinking. Let's have a great second half to the school year.

Be thankful, stay positive, and encourage a growth mindset. Take care! Go PIONEERS!
Your Proud Principal,
Drew R. Wagner



When Kori Grosse-Rhode started our chapter in 2012 she asked a room full of 4th graders if they would like a mentor. Twenty-Five of them enthusiastically raised their hands. Did they really know what a mentor was – probably not. But they quickly learned that an adult, that was not their parent, was going to visit them once a week for one hour to listen, maybe help with homework, play games or just sit in silence. Whatever they needed that week.

I am so proud to say that our Rooky Class of 2012 is graduating eight from High School this year. The following eight kids and mentors have had committed 9 year relationships. I know that it has been a rewarding experience for both mentor and mentee and has proven that having another adult in their lives helps them navigate school and life just a little better.

Please join me in congratulating these young adults for being a part of a life changing program for 9 years.

Hannah Fitzgerald, Evelyn Roehr, Paige Ringler, Abigail Ryan, Brayden Evans, Daniel Schlotfeld, Cassie Taylor, Corey Lancaster Please consider becoming a mentor. It only takes 30-45 minutes per week to make a difference. Go to www.teammates.org to learn more about the program and to sign up! #BeThere #NoMatterWhat

Teri Zavadil – Fort Calhoun Chapter Coordinator