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PIONEER ADVENTURE CLUB SUMMER CAMPS

For information go to the schools' website, fortcalhounschools.org, "News", for the brochure and follow the directions to register. For just completed K-6 grades. AM and PM care is also available.

6/21-25 7/12-16 Summer Olympics Pioneers Go Wild

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 fortcalhounschools.org. Go to "About, Board of Education, Policies" and scroll down to Policy 3057-Title IX.

Fobs for the Fort Calhoun Community Schools High School Fitness Center renew on June 1st



each year. The high school office is open for you to renew during regular business hours. The renewal fee is \$50.00.

Four Fort Calhoun Track Athletes qualified at District Track in six events for the State Track Meet. Bria Bench - High Jump: Lance Olberding - 3200m Run: Wyatt Appel - High Jump and 800m Run: and Jacob Rupp - 1600m Run and 3200m Run. Jacob was the District Champion in both events and earned a 3rd Place State Medal. Congratulations to them, the

was the District Champion in both events and earned a 3rd Place State Medal. Congratulations to them, the teams and coaches for a successful Track season!



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Hindsight is 20/20

As we say good-bye to the school year, we say it with celebration, with exhaustion, with hope and with the knowledge that when tough times come, we as a team can accomplish anything we dedicate ourselves to. I have said it many times this year, thank you to everyone who worked hard to keep our students safe and in school. We made it!!

Secretaries, para-educators, office assistants, bus drivers, custodians, cooks, teachers, administration, students, parents/guardians, board of education and anyone else who supported the efforts to keep our school open, I thank you. It was certainly a team effort.

Could we have done it differently, of course? We could have gone with a hybrid plan, we had one developed. We could have shut down for an extra week/days following Thanksgiving and Christmas break, other schools did. We could have cancelled Fall activities, one very large district near us did. Masks, let's not even go there. Day to day, week to week and month to month decisions were made with the best of intentions using the information we had at the time; Local, State and Federal information, that in the Fall was changing literally day by day.

Hindsight is said to be 20/20 but in this year of school, facing a pandemic, I am not sure. We gathered a team, we had a goal, we made a plan and we went for it. We made adjustments, we bent, we fought and we worked our hearts out. Reflection and hindsight tell me one thing, we made it. Lessons were certainly learned. I hope in my career that I never have to go through another pandemic, I wish this past school year on no one and yet I believe it is an experience that, if we have the right mindset, made us all better. You just need to look for the positives, remember the hard work that led to success, the sacrifices made for others.

Looking forward, what we accomplished this year with COVID, next years expectations just went through the roof. (Like Normal)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK.

Jerry Green Superintendent Fort Calhoun Community Schools





Through every dark night, there's a bright day after that; so no matter how hard it gets, stick your chest out, keep your head up, and handle it

Fort Calhoun High School had fifty-five graduates cross the stage in person on Saturday May 9, 2021to the cheers of their families and friends. Thirty-one of the graduates were offered scholarships totalling over \$1,614,000.00 for all their hard work.

Abigail Sue Anderson: College of St. Mary – Dean's Academic Scholarship; Athletic Scholarship-Soccer; Jo Cordes Learning with Laughter Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Education Association Scholarship; Joseph Heimann Memorial Scholarship; Pioneer Outstanding Senior for the Class of 2021

Bode James Bench: Metropolitan Community College – Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship

Billy Kidd Coon: Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship; GRIT Scholarship Committee Scholarship; Principle Choice Solutions Scholarship; Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship

Jackson Harold Cramer: Metropolitan Community College Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship

Alivia SherLyn Cullen: Morningside College-Founder Scholarship-Athletic Grant – Volleyball Travel Visit Grant Brayden Michael Evans: Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Mentoring Scholarship

Hannah Grace Fitzgerald: University of Nebraska – Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholarship; Two Rivers Bank Scholarship; Nebraska Teammates Central Office Teammates Osborne Opportunity Scholarship; Solomon Lodge #10 Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Mentoring Scholarship; Fitzgeralds of Garryowen Scholarship; Knights of Columbus Council #10305 Scholarship

Hannah Renee Forrester: Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship; GRIT Scholarship Committee Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church Scholarship; Pioneer Fund Foundation-Pioneer Career Prep Scholarship

McKenna Rae Greenwell: Morningside College – Founder Scholarship, Morningside Merit Grant-Athletic Grant – Volleyball, Morningside Enhancement Grant, Travel Visit Grant

Mackenzie Paige Hansen: University of Nebraska – Omaha, Chancellor's Scholarship; University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Husker Traditions Scholarship; Nebraska Wesleyan University Presidents Scholarship, Community Builders Event Scholarship, Campus Visit Grant; Washington County Bank ATM Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Athletic Booster Club Scholarship; Knights of Columbus Council #10305 Scholarship; St. John the Baptist Catholic Church – Schwertley Scholarship; Omaha World Herald 2021 All Academic Program Honorable Mention Brant Lee Hilzendeger; Midland University Pinnacle Bank Outstanding High School Leaders Award;

Morningside College Dean's Academic Scholarship, Monte Award; Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship Jayden Cole Hunter: University of Nebraska – Omaha Regent's Scholarship, University of Nebraska – Lincoln Husker Tradition's Scholarship; Pioneer Fund Foundation Paul and Bea Kruger Scholarship; Fort Calhoun

Athletic Booster Club Scholarship; Omaha World Herald 2021 All Academic Program Honorable Mention **Madelin Jo Hurt:** Morningside College-Founder Scholarship, Monte Award, Travel Visit Grant

Kalee Marie Kirby: Morningside College – Founders Scholarship

Corey Michael Allen Lancaster: Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Teammates Mentoring Scholarship Elizabeth Mae Lienemann: Morningside College – Founder Scholarship, Achievement Award, Athletic Grant – Volleyball, Travel Visit Grant; Grand Canyon University Faculty Scholarship; GCU Select Scholarship; Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship; Fitzgeralds of Garryowen Scholarship; Pioneers for Education - PFE Scholarship; Memorial Community Hospital Auxillary Scholarship

Emma Jean Lucht: Washington County Nursing Association Scholarship; Orion Archery Club Orion Scholarship

-Elementary News-Your Principal: Drew R. Wagner

Engaging + *Learning* + *Achieving* = *Productive PIONEERS!*

What a year! We survived! At this time I wanted to say thank you for your support this year. It was one of those years that felt like it was never going to end. It was refreshing as the year dwindled down and was able to have a few activities in the building it started to feel somewhat normal again. We were able to host Field Day and our annual end of year celebrations (Preschool/Kindergarten/Sixth grade). All activities that parents and guardians attended in person. This turning point feels good. Additionally, I wanted to take the time to elaborate on a few other items that are occurring in the building. Here we go!

The preschool classrooms addition is almost finished. We are finalizing a few items and going over the final punch list to ensure the area is ready to move in. I know our classroom teachers are very excited about the new space. More importantly the space is going to be ready for the 2021-22 school year. We will share more information (Ex. pick up and drop off) as we move closer to the start of the 2021-22 school year. The area is looking amazing! I can't wait to show it off.

Next, as we discuss the 2021-22 school year I wanted to take the time to discuss the transition plan for my position. I will be deploying with the Air National Guard in the beginning of next school year. The interim elementary principal will be Mr. PJ Mallette. Mr. PJ Mallette is currently our HAL/Behavior Interventionist instructor. Then in turn, Mr. Mike Mallette is going to fill his position as the HAL/Behavior Interventionist instructor. Mr. Mike Mallette is currently one of our sixth grade instructors. That leaves a sixth grade teaching position open. We have held interviews for this position and we are looking to present a candidate for board approval during the June board meeting. As you can see there is a bit of a change up next school year. This transition plan will be for one school year. We feel this plan is well thought out and a great fit for our environment.

As I conclude this message I would like to say a few "Thank you's".

*Thank you to the students for being resilient this school year!

*Thank you to my staff for overcoming a year of adversity!

*Thank you to our families and community members for your support!

Remember to have some fun this summer. You deserve it! Have a safe and adventurous summer! I will see you around.



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Andrew Christensen Assistant Principal/AD

Pioneers.

Summer Strength & Conditioning is right around the corner for incoming 7-12 students. Please reach out to Coach Shepardson with any questions. ashepardson@ftcpioneers.org.

Early in the summer is a great time to get sports physicals completed for all incoming 7-12 athletes. Athletes will not be able to participate in any activities starting August 9, 2021 without a sports physical. The sports physical must have taken place after May 1st to qualify them for the 2021-2022 school year. Return a copy of the physical to the high school office when completed. The specific line we are looking for is "the athlete is cleared without restrictions to participate in athletics."

We have multiple high school, junior high, and elementary camps taking place this summer. A list of all camps and dates for all levels are list by activity below. Be on the look out for camp flyers from our high school coaches. Flyers will also be available in the high school main office.

2021 Fort Calhoun Pioneer Summer Schedule



Dead Weeks

- May 22-June 1
- June 26-July 4
- August 1-August 8

Strength & Conditioning

- Monday-Thursday
- Session #1-6:30-7:30am
- Session #2- 7:30-8:30am

Cross Country-kmcmahon@ftcpioneers.org

- Open Run
 - o Monday-Friday- 6:50-7:45am
 - o Friday's run will be at Fort Atkinson
- - o July 12, 13, & 14 from 5:30-9:00pm

Football-ashepardson@ftcpioneers.org

- Skills Development 8:30-9:45
 - o June 2, 7, 14, 21
 - o July 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26
- 7 on 7- 9:30-Noon
- o June 9, 16, 23 at Ashland or Platteview
- Camps
 - o OL Camp-July 8 at 6:00pm
 - o OL Camp- July 9 at 8:00am
 - o OB Camp- July 9 All Day at Bellevue West
 - o Team Camp- July 13th 9:00am-12:15pm at Columbus
 - o JH and HS Pioneer Camp- July 26-27 at 6:00-8:00pm
 - o Dakota State Camp-July 28-29 at Madison, SD
- Youth Camp
 - o Elementary July 26-27 from 4:45-6:00
 - o 5th & 6th Grade Only
- Senior Trip
 - o August 7th- All Day



Softball-mtaylor@ftcpioneers.org

- Hitting
 - o Non-Basketball- Monday's 8:00-9:30am
 - o Basketball Players-Tuesday's 8:00-9:30am
- Fielding
 - o Thursday's 8:00-9:00am
- Team Camp
- o July 19, 20, 22, 23-8:00-10:00am
- Youth Camp
 - o TBA
- Outside Team Camp oTBA



Volleyball- srangel@ftcpioneers.org

- Open Gym
 - o Tuesday's from 8:00-9:00am
 - o Thursday's from 8:00-10:00am
- Pioneer Team Camp- High School and Junior High o July 7, 8, 9 from 8:00-10:00am
- Pioneer Youth Camp
 - o Incoming grades 2nd-6th
 - o July 7, 8, 9 from 12:00-2:00pm
- University of Nebraska Team Camp
 - o July 18, 19, 20

Boys Basketball-tjoconnor@ftcpioneers.org

- Open Gym- 8:30-10:00am
 - o June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
 - o July 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 27, 29
- Youth Open Gym
 - o June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23
- Pioneer Team Camp
 - o June 1, 3, 4 from 9:00am-11:00am
- Pioneer Youth Camp (3rd-6th)
 - o June 1, 2, 3 from 11:00am-1:00pm
- Kearney Mr. Basketball Team Camp (Varsity Only)-June 5-6
- DC West Team Camp- June 7
- GICC Team Camp- June 10
- Fort Calhoun Freshman/Sophomore Team Camp-June 14
- Concordia Team Camp- June 17
- Hershey Team Camp- June 23-24

Girls Basketball-mplum@ftcpioneers.org

- Open Gym
 - o Every Monday & Wednesday starting 6/7
- High School & Junior High 7:45-8:45am
- Elementary 9:00-10:00am
- Pioneer Camp
 - o High School and Junior High-June 2 & 4 from 8:00-10:00am
 - o Elementary-June 2 & 4 from 10:00am-Noon
- Team Camps
 - o York Camp- June 10
 - o Fort Calhoun Camp- June 18 at 9:00am
 - o Wahoo Neumann Camp- June 24
 - o Logan Magnolia at Fort Calhoun-July 14 at 9:00am
 - o Fort Calhoun at Logan Magnolia- July 21

Wrestling- dwelchert@ftcpioneers.org

- Open Mat
 - o June 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
 - o July 6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
- · Pioneer Team Camp- High School and Junior High
- o July 7, 8, 9 from 9:00am-3:00pm
- Pioneer Youth Camp
 - o July 7, 8, 9 from 9:00-11:30am
- Team Camp
 - o Ralston Camp- June 2, 9 & 16 at 5:00-7:30pm
 - o Mayhem at Midland Tourney- June 4 at 6:00-
 - 11:00pm
 - o Malcolm Team Camp- June 7-8 All Day

Baseball-rprauner@ftcpioneers.org

Legion Baseball

Golf- dhumphrev@ftcpioneers.org

• Individual Work per Coach Humphrey

Track & Field- mtaylor@ftcpioneers.org

• Individual Lessons Upon Request

Cheer-karlijohnson@ftcpioneers.org

• Practice- M, W, F from 9:00-11:00am

Dance- mweingaertner@ftcpioneers.org

- Practice- T & TH from 10:30am-Noon
- Universal Dance Association Camp- July 7, 8, 9, 10

Have a great summer!

Andrew Christensen Assistant Principal/AD





		January, 2022
		SMTWTF
Aug 9-11	Pre-school In-service	
Aug 12	School begins - E - 11:15; H.S. 11:30	2 3 4 5 6 7
Sept 6	No School - Labor Day	9 10 11 12 13 14
Oct 22	End 1st Quarter - 46 days	16 17 18 19 20 21
Oct 20-21	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 2-8 PM Early C	Out 23 24 25 26 27 28
Oct 22	No School - Fall Break (comp day)	30 31
Nov 24	Early out	February, 2022
Nov 25-26	No School - Thanksgiving	SMTWTF
Dec 21	End 2nd Quarter - 44 days - Early Out	1 2 3 4
	End of 1st Semester - 90 days	6 7 8 9 10 11
Dec 22-Jan 5	No School - Christmas Break	13 14 15 16 17 (18)
Dec 22-26	NSAA Moratorium	20 21 22 23 24 25
Jan 5	Teacher In-service - no students	27 28
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Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines			
	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine			
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not	3 doses of Polio vaccine			
licensed as a child care provider	3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age			
	3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine			
	1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age			
	1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.			
	4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age			
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1st Grade depending on the school	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the $4^{\rm th}$ birthday			
district's entering grade)	3 doses of Polio vaccine			
	3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age			
	2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month			
	2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.			
	Must be current with the above vaccinations			
Students entering 7th grade	AND receive			
	1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)			
Students transferring from	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.			

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MR. NICK WEMHOFF Principal

In my 16 years of education I have taken many things for granted. I have come to realize that we, myself included, often don't value what is happening right in front of us. The pandemic brought many of these to light. Things that we just assumed would always be there were suddenly taken away. There are many valuable lessons that will stay with me for a lifetime as I sit here and reflect on the year.

Life throws curveballs in many different forms: finance, relationships, work, stress, etc. It is OK to ask for help. We cannot do it alone, nor should we have to. The first step to a solution is to ask a question.

Be a friend. The world needs more kindness and less judgment. For many, the struggle is real. Lift someone up; carry them if you have to. Someday they will return the favor and you will be forever grateful.

Social interaction is not only necessary, but also a gift. Don't allow the opportunity to spend time with someone go wasted. Someday, they will not be there. Let that sink in...

Understand what matters most and what matters least. Ultimately, your satisfaction in life depends on your ability to distinguish between the two. Spend more time doing what you love.

The little things in life matter; be on time, take responsibility, do what you set out to do, smile, laugh, and give when you can. When you add up all the little things you do, you make a difference in this world. That matters.

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make"
- Jane Goodall

SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS

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

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. If you have new neighbors pass this on to them. We would like to hear from you whether you have school-age children or not so we may keep everyone up-to-date with District information.

FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT CENSUS RECORD

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John Raymond McKennan: University of Nebraska – Lincoln Regents Scholarship; University of Nebraska – Omaha Regents Scholarship; Iowa State University Adventure Award; Expedition Award; Engineers Club of Omaha Scholarship; American Broadband ABB Homegrown Leaders Scholarship; Pioneer Fund Foundation Scholarship; Pioneers for Education – PFE Scholarship; Knights of Columbus Council #10305 Scholarship; St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Schwertley Scholarship; Omaha World Herald 2021 All Academic Program Honorable Mention Lily-Ann Rochelle Pane: Morningside College Founder Academic Scholarship

Evelyn Kristen Roehr: University of Nebraska – Omaha Faculty Scholarship; Nebraska Teammates Central Office Teammates Osborne Opportunity Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Mentoring Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Class of 1984 Scholarship; Joseph Heimann Family Joseph Heimann Memorial Scholarship **Cameron Michael Reynolds**: Metropolitan Community College Board of Governor's Scholarship; GRIT Scholarship Committee GRIT Scholarship

Paige Elizabeth Ringler: University of Nebraska – Omaha Maverick Tier 4 Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Mentoring Scholarship Washington County Bank ATM Scholarship; Metropolitan Community College Take it Further Scholarship

Abigail Lynn Ryan: Northwest Missouri State University Scholar Award; Green and White Advantage; University of Nebraska – Lincoln Nebraska Emerging Leader Scholar; Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Mentoring Scholarship; Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Patrick Schlotfeld: Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Mentoring Scholarship **Harrison Robert Schmitt**: Morningside College –Founder Academic Scholarship

Kaitlin Jo Smith: College of St. Mary – Marie Curie Science Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship-Women's Soccer; University of Nebraska – Omaha Deans Scholarship; University of Nebraska – Kearney Honors Program Scholarship, Loper Achievement Award; Midland University Pinnacle Bank Outstanding High School Leaders; University of Colorado – Colorado Springs Peak Scholarship, Live Scholarship; Hastings College Open Space Art Scholarship, Ambassador Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship – Women's Soccer; Pioneer Fund Foundation Paul and Bea Kruger Scholarship

Lake Walker Stamp: Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship; Metropolitan Community College Board of Governor's Scholarship

Cassandra Ann Taylor: Fort Calhoun Teammates Mentoring Scholarship

Rianna Elaine Wells: United States Army ROTC Scholarship: University of Nebraska – Lincoln Husker Study and Stay, Housing Award; Fort Calhoun Women's Fitness Club Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church Scholarship; Washington County Chamber of Commerce Chamber Scholarship; Pioneer Fund Foundation Pioneer of Science Scholarship; Washington County Nursing Association Scholarship

Ethan Jerrod White: Metropolitan Community College Take it Further Scholarship; DeMolay International DeMolay Region V Competition Scholarship; NARCISSUS Chapter #269 – Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship Jessyka Marie Winterberg: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship; University of Nebraska – Omaha Faculty Scholarship; GRIT Scholarship Committee; GRIT Scholarship; Pioneer Fund Foundation Scholarship; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #36 Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

