



Pioneer Adventure Club Summer Programs

Full Time Care -

M-F 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM

May 23-July 1 and July 8 - August 5 (or the Friday before school starts). Full time care automatically enrolls your child(ren) into all 4 Summer camps.

The camps are: Pioneer Planters, Around the World, To Infinity and Beyond, and Blast to the Past.

To register or for information go to the Foundation's website:

<https://www.fortcalhouncsf.org>

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TITLE IX INFORMATION

Fort Calhoun Community Schools Board of Education's Policy 3057 addresses 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.

WELCOME TO FORT CALHOUN

Our community is growing and we want to be prepared. We are reaching out to families with or without students in our District 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 through the census or there has been a change in your household, call the District office at 402-468-5591 with your information. Thank you.



A HOWLING COURTROOM COMEDY

The Fort Calhoun Vocal Music Department is putting on its first musical in 20 years! Come support our students and enjoy a HOWLING good time! Join us for a smart and wickedly funny musical where you, the audience, are the jury in the trial of the century. The notorious Big Bad Wolf is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by storybooks of quirky characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs, and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf.

Mr. Wolf makes a good case for himself. The two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — clash in a trial that will be remembered forever after.

Was he born a criminal, or made one? Come and find out! Showtimes are Saturday, April 2nd @ 7 pm and Sunday, April 3rd @ 2 pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from any high school choir member or at the door.

COMMUNITY WEIGHT ROOM USE

The high school weight room is available for use by District patrons. A fob is issued for a fee of \$50.00 which renews yearly each June 1st. If you have any questions contact Mr. Andrew Christensen at 402-468-5591 or register at the high school office.



As more and more of the schools' information is sent by electronic means, it is imperative that all pertinent contact information for parents/guardians is up to date. Contact your child's school with any new or updated phone numbers, e-mail addresses or text information.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

"We have good kids!"

Over the past several weeks we have been able to have our students represent Fort Calhoun Community Schools at the state basketball tournament, prom, and post prom. At all of these events the administration has had someone hosting these events make a point to come and let us know we have good kids. This is always good to hear. It says a lot about the community as a whole and the school. Now, make no mistake, no one is saying we have perfect kids but overall, we do have really good kids.

This doesn't happen by chance. I would attribute this to a community that has an overall commitment to work together with its neighbors, friends, schools, and other organizations to raise good kids. What a great place to live and raise a family. I felt it was important to share this comment with everyone. As we move forward it is important to continue to have high expectations and accountability for our kids. New generations will soon be taking the role of parenting and living in this great community. It is my hope that for many years to come we continue to get the message from others that we have good kids.

What a great compliment, congratulations to everyone, especially our students.

Jerry Green
Superintendent
Fort Calhoun Community Schools



Visit our website at
www.fortcalhounschoools.org



Pioneer Family,

Important Activity Information & Dates

- Boys Basketball
 - Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Program for their efforts at the state tournament and during the season.
 - School Record- 21 Wins
 - Qualified for State after a 99 year drought- Beat #1 seed Wahoo
 - Carsen Schwarz- All Time Leader in Assists
 - 1st Team All-Conference, 2nd Team All-State (LJS), HM All-State (OWH)
 - Zane Schwarz- 1000+ Career Points
 - Honorable Mention- All Conference, All-State (OWH & LJS)
 - Grayson Bouwman- Season leader in made free throws
 - 1st Team: All-Conference, All-State (OWH), All-State (LJS)
 - 1st Male basketball player to receive 1st Team All-State by both OWH and LJS
- Girls Basketball
 - Congratulations to our Pioneers and their post season accolades
 - Tessa Skelton
 - 1st Team All-Conference
 - Bria Bench
 - Honorable Mention All-Conference.
- Baseball
 - Thank you to Coach Prauner and all the volunteers who helped set the new poles and net system at the Fort Calhoun Ball Diamond. It looks great and adds to the spectator experience. Come out and support some home baseball games this spring!
- Track & Field
 - We have home meets on:
 - April 5th- JH Quad, April 12th- JH Quad, April 23rd- JH NCC Invite, and April 26th- High School Invite.
 - Come out and support out Pioneer Track & Field Athletes!

Fort Calhoun Community Weight Room Information

- A family fob can be purchased in the high school main office for \$50
- It is for immediate household family members only
- Guests are not allowed- family only
- To purchase a fob, you must be 18 years +, and be a high school graduate
- No students should be in the weight room at any time without supervision
- Open Monday-Friday 6:00pm-10pm & 8:00am-10:00pm on weekends

Thank you,

Andrew Christensen
Assistant Principal/AD

***Follow all our athletes and their accomplishments through the Sports Twitter page on our website under "Pioneer Pride".

Fort Calhoun Community Schools has positions open for both the remainder of the 2021-22 school year and for the 2022-23 year. Immediate Openings 2021-22 and beyond : 1/2 Time Accompanist - 1/2 Time Office Assistant, Para professionals, Food Service.

To apply log on to our website, fortcalhounschoools.org, "About", "Human Resources", "Job Openings" and follow the instructions. Veterans Benefit, EOE



Happy Spring, the season where things blossom. The most important thing that will be blossoming this time of year is our students. Testing season is upon us, and it is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate all the knowledge they've gained throughout the school year. These spring tests consist of Dibels, NWEA, and NSCAS. These are all great data points that are indicators of where students are at. Some students will thrive, and some students may not, and that is okay. Just a friendly reminder that yes, these tests are important, and we want all our students to do well, but testing is not the end all be all. Everyone has different strengths and weaknesses and that is what makes each individual unique in their own manner. I am bringing light to these tests to inform you that they will be happening towards the end of April and early May. There are some things that we can control to help set our students up for success. Those things include helping ensure a good night's sleep, eating a nutritious breakfast, and at the end of the day letting them know to just do their best. Please let me know if you have any questions and as always thank you for your support as we finish this year STRONG, together.

Important Dates:

April 5: Health Re-Screens
April 14: Spring Music Concert
April 15/18: No School
April 26-29: NSCAS Testing (3rd-6th)
May 2-6: NWEA Testing (K-2nd)
May 5: Field Day & 5th/6th Grade Band Concert
May 9-13: NWEA Testing (3rd-6th)
May 17: Last Day of School (11:15 Dismissal)



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| 4/2-3 | High School Musical |
| 4/7-9 | Skills USA State Conference |
| 4/8 | Kindergarten Roundup |
| 4/11 | School Board Meeting |
| 4/14 | Elementary Spring Vocal Concert |
| 4/15-18 | No School - Spring Break |
| 4/17 | Happy Easter |
| 4/22 | Kindergarten Roundup |
| 4/22-23 | District Music |
| 4/24 | Band Salad Safari |
| 4/28 | Honors Night/Athletic Banquet |
| 4/29 | Jr-Sr High Spring Band Concert |



**Scholastic
Art & Writing
Awards**

Alliance for
Young Artists
& Writers

2022 NATIONAL MEDALIST
Brooke Johnsen Fort Calhoun High School
"Remembering Our Love"

**GOLD MEDAL
NEW YORK LIFE AWARD**

MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Principal

It is April! Can you believe we only have 7 weeks left of school? In that same phrase, we still have 7 weeks of school left! This is NOT the time to slow down, but rather, it is time to focus on finishing the school year strong. There are many educational events that take place in April and May that are highly important. Items include but are not limited to NSCAS (state tests) for grades 7 and 8, NWEA testing for grades 7 and 8, scholarship deadlines for seniors, along with everyday homework as students work to complete courses. This is a critical time in learning for all students.

With all that happens at this time of the year, please take a minute to add to your calendar the following dates. The Honors Night and Athletic Banquet will be on April 28th at 6:30 pm in the new gym at the high school. Freshman Orientation for current 8th Graders will be on May 2nd at 6:00 pm.

For our Seniors, the 4th quarter marks the beginning to the end of one chapter in their lives – Graduating from high school. Graduation is scheduled for May 7th at 2:00 pm. I am excited to be able to participate in this ceremony and to celebrate with our families!

A message to the Seniors – don’t stop short of the finish line! Graduation is the culmination of 13 years of school, grades K-12. When you figure that there are 179 days of school a year times approximately 7 hours a day; it adds up to 16,142 hours of school as of April 1st. Seniors, you have approximately 150 hours left of school. Don’t leave any task undone or homework unfinished, make sure you graduate. Don’t let 16,289 hours go to waste because you failed a class. FOCUS – FINISH – GRADUATE!

“It’s not where you start – it’s where you finish that counts”.- Zig Ziglar



Three students were chosen for the Midland University Pinacle Bank Outstanding Leadership Award scholarship program. They are **Dala Drowne, Grace Genoways** and **Austin Welchert**. Congratulations.

Science Fair was held recently. The winners are **1st Place - Gannon Otte, 2nd Place - Emily Warfield and Alli House**, and **3rd Place - Mason Reichert**.

Capital Conference Honor Band was held. Participants from Fort Calhoun: **Payton Pohlad, Riley McKennan, Cameryn Lewis, Gina Namuth, Vinny Bonacci, Bella Benoit, Jefferey Pringle, Tyler DeMilt, Cody Rogers, Ryan Swierczek, Johnathan Schwarte, Samantha Brewer, and Michael Maxon**.

The Boys Basketball Team finished their season winning 4th Place at State. **Grayson Bouwman** was named **Player of the Game** against Wahoo.

Post season Basketball honors are being received. The 2021-22 NCC All Conference Basketball recipients are 1st Team - **Tess Skelton, Grayson Bouwman** and **Carsen Schwarz**; Honorable Mention - **Zane Schwarz** and **Bria Bench**. The *Omaha World Herald* named its All Omaha Area Basketball Teams. **Grayson Bouwman** was named Boys 2nd Team; **Zane, Carsen, Tess** and **Bria** were named Honorable Mention for Boys and Girls Basketball. The *Omaha World Herald* also announced its Feltz Wealthplan All Nebraska Basketball teams. **Grayson Bouwman** is 1st Team Class C-1, **Carsen Schwarz** and **Zane Schwarz** received Honorable Mention Honors, as did **Tess Skelton** and **Bria Bench**. **Grayson** also received 1st Team Class C-1 All State in the *Lincoln Journal Star*; **Carsen** was named 2nd Team Class C-1 All State, and **Zane** received All State Honorable Mention recognition.

Prom Royalty was chosen at this year’s celebration. **Glenn Hunter** and **Megan Braymen** are Prince and Princess; **Austin Morris** and **Tess Skelton** are King and Queen.

Aaron Swanson competed in the Midwest Regional Swim Meet at the University of Minnesota. He won both of his heats. In the 50 yd Freestyle he placed 9th overall out of over 140 swimmers and in the 100 yd Free-style he placed 12th overall out of over 125 swimmers.



PFE News

Greetings from Pioneers for Education! Last month was a fun busy month for us! We were able to satisfy everyone’s sweet tooth with Donuts with Dad and selling desserts at the fish fry. Thank you to our awesome volunteers for both events. We couldn’t do this without your help. Art After School is now moving into it’s second sessions. There has been a high demand for this program. We love seeing the kids getting excited about art! PFE is in need of volunteers for our upcoming events. We will also have two Officer Positions opening up for the 2022-23 school year.

If you are interested or want more information on the volunteer opportunities available please reach out to PFE and attend our next meeting. The next Pioneers for Education meeting will be held Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm. You can find information on becoming a PFE member on our PFE Facebook Page, on the school website, or by contacting us directly at pioneersforeducation@gmail.com.

Your Officer Team, Brad Earley- President Matt Reichert- Vice President Shannon Pokorski- Treasurer Joey Iwen- Secretary Nicole Duros- Communication Coordinator

MEAL BENEFIT APPLICATIONS

Because of the COVID pandemic and schools’ situations nationwide, the USDA extended the waivers to schools to furnish free meals to all school age children through the 2021-22 school year. Fort Calhoun Community Schools, under the direction of the Nebraska Child Nutrition Program, will provide free first school meals to all students K-12. Letters were sent to all households explaining the program at the beginning of the school year. Let us know if you have questions.

Even though first meals are free, there are benefits and/or grant opportunities for families and students who would qualify for meal benefits. If you feel this would be a benefit, we urge you to complete the “Free and Reduced-Priced Meal Application” that was sent home with each student at the beginning of the year. It is also available on our website under Food Services.



Making a Difference
with Every Meal

| Fort Calhoun Community Schools 2022-23 CALENDAR Adopted February 2022 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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End of Quarter/Semester

Staff In-Service

Parent Teacher Conference

Early Outs: E - 1:15 H.S. - 1:30

1st Sem. Teacher days = 94

2nd Sem. Teacher days = 93

Total = 187

1st Sem. Student days = 90

2nd Sem. Student days = 89

Total = 179

Emergency Days: May 18, 19, 22, 23