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**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE**

**Small School, Big Difference**

As the year came to an end it was very satisfying to see all the neat events we do for our students as a small school. Sure, big schools get to enjoy many of the same events, but it is different. When I attend the elementary field day and see parents and grandparents supporting not just their own children but all the others as well, I am not sure that kind of support shows up at larger schools.

Maybe I just don’t know. I attended a small school, maybe it does happen but not to the level I see at Fort Calhoun. The staff support for the kindergarteners for their end of the year celebration has a gym full of parents who take off work to attend. It is just amazing, and it makes a difference. I see similar celebrations for the sixth graders and of course for the seniors. The Fine Art concerts that take place at the end of the year are well supported.

Whether you attend a small school or a big school, there will be advantages and disadvantages; I am a believer that small schools are special and offer students a big difference. I hope the students understand the incredible support they are receiving and have available to them. Take advantage of what your small school has to offer, it will make a difference.

Jerry Green  
Superintendent  
Fort Calhoun Community Schools



Visit our website at  
[www.fortcalhounschoos.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoos.org)

**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 [fortcalhounschoos.org](http://fortcalhounschoos.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.

**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>

**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.



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BELOW IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

## Strength & Conditioning:

Girls 6:30-7:45 AM; Boys 7:45-9:00 AM Monday-Thursday

## Skills Sessions:



Monday & Wednesday-Fall Sports  
Tuesday & Thursday-Winter Sports  
6:30-9:45 AM Contact Coaches for Exact Times  
Programs included are Football, Softball, Volleyball, Dance,  
Wrestling, Cheer, Golf, Dance, Cross Country, Track, Baseball  
Boys & Girls Basketball



**Girls Basketball Fundamental Camp:** 5/31/22-6/2/22 at Fort Calhoun High School  
For all girls entering grades 2-6 for 2022-23  
Coach Marty Plum



**Pioneer Volleyball Summer Camp:** June 22, 23, 24 at Fort Calhoun High School  
Grades 7 & 8, 9-10 AM; Grades 4-6, 10:15-11:15AM  
Grades 2 & 3 11:30AM-12:30 PM  
To register: <https://forms.gle/ne3FE8syhcsHP2z6>



**Foundation Summer Camps:** Pioneer Planters June 13-17  
Around the World June 27-July 1  
To Infinity and Beyond July 11-15  
Blast to the Past July 25-29  
For more information e-mail [pac@ftcpioneers.org](mailto:pac@ftcpioneers.org)



**Pioneer Band Trip:** June 30-July 10, 2022



**Dead Weeks (NO strength training or practices)**  
May 18-May 30  
July 2-10  
July 31-August 7



## GO PIONEERS



-Grant Joseph Nixon, Son of Jen and Chad Nixon: Bennington Firefighters Memorial Foundation Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Rural Fire Department Scholarship  
-Payton Macayla Pohlad, Daughter of Julie and Richie Pohlad: University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship Nebraska Emerging Leaders scholarship; Nebraska Broadcasters Association NBA Foundation HS Senior Scholarship; Midland University Pinnacle Bank 2021 Outstanding Student Leader Award/Scholarship; Nebraska NAIFA Omaha Chapter Scholarship; Washington County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship; Fr. James Schwertley & Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Schwertley Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Knights of Columbus Council 10305 Senior Scholarship; Fitzgerald's of Garryowen Scholarship; Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship  
-Madison Celine Reed, Daughter of Lianne and Brandon Reed: Iowa Central Community College Student Merit Scholarship; Southwest Minnesota State University Leadership Scholarship; Union College Academic Merit Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Scholarship  
-Jacob Lloyd Rupp, Son of Susan and Lloyd Rupp: Midland University Pinnacle Bank 2021 Outstanding Student Leader Award/Scholarship; Omaha Police Federal Credit Union Robert Sklenar Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation Paul and Bea Kruger Memorial Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Rural Fire Department Scholarship  
-Zane Russell Schwarz, Son of Gina and Russ Schwarz: Midland University Football Scholarship Campus Visit Grant  
-Ethan Frederick Shaner, Son of Kelli and Jeff Shaner: Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship; Amy L. Scott Family Foundation GRIT Scholars Committee Scholarship  
-Tessa Marie Skelton, Daughter of Cindy and Tom Skelton: Nebraska Wesleyan University Presidents Scholarship NWU Recognition Scholarship NWU Campus Visit Scholarship Natural & Health Sciences Event Scholarship Lead the Way Scholarship; Midland University/Pinnacle Bank 2021 Outstanding Student Leader Award/Scholarship; Doane University Presidents Scholarship; University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholar Award; University of Nebraska Omaha Deans Scholarship; University of Nebraska Kearney Loper Achievement Award; Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Booster Club Athletic Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation Scholarship; Washington County Community Foundation Leroy Larsen Nursing Scholarship  
-Aaron Lee Swanson, Son of Kim and Joel Swanson: Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation Pioneer Career Prep Scholarship; Cody White Memorial Scholarship; Johnny Baxter Carriage House Foundation MCC Diesel Tech Academy Scholarship  
-Ryan Christopher Swierczek, Son of Brandi Swierczek: Nebraska Wesleyan University Black and Gold Scholarship Music Event Scholarship; University of Nebraska Lincoln Nebraska Emerging Leaders Scholarship Nebraska Promise Scholarship; Learning with Laughter Scholarship Established by Miss Jo Cordes Fort Calhoun Elementary Teacher 1980-2013  
-Morgan Elise Therkindsen, Daughter of Lisa and Bryan Therkindsen: University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship; Northwest Missouri State University Northwest Merit Scholarship Green and White Advantage Award; Joe Heimann Memorial Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Women's Fitness Club Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation FCCS Leadership & Community Service Scholarship  
-DruEllen Elizabeth Tripp, Daughter of April and Emilio Becerra and Michael Kowal: Coe College Trustee Scholarship; Blizzard Memorial Scholarship Fund Isaac Blizzard Memorial Scholarship; Fr. James Schwertley & Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Schwertley Scholarship  
-Greta Scott Wimmer, Daughter of Tracy and Scott Wimmer: University of Denver Merit Scholarship; Colorado State University Green and Gold Scholarship; Creighton University Merit Scholarship; University of Tampa UT Merit Scholarship; University of Tulsa TU Academic Scholarship



**Kaylee Taylor, Bria Bench, Dala Drowne, Ely Olberding and Lance Olberding** have all qualified for State Track. **Ely** and **Lance** both ran personal bests at State. **Kaylee** placed 12th in the Triple Jump and **Bria** placed 13th in the High Jump. Congrats to all!

**Dylan Keyser, Will Dennis, Bella McLaughlin, Ari Nelson, Ansley Elofson, Raeann Massey, Ella Bouwman, Lyla Pearson and Maelie Nelson** qualified to participate in the Nebraska Championship Meet for Junior High Track. **Raeann, Ella, Lyla and Maelie** are State Champs in the 4x800 Relay.



**MR. NICK WEMHOFF**  
**Principal**

Congratulations to the class of 2022! I wish all of you the very best in your next endeavor. May you find what you are passionate about. I hope you make it your purpose in life to live out your passion. There is not doubt you are all going to make a difference in this world! As you end your high school journey, here are a few valuable lessons I have learned over the years that may help you down the path towards success:

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*

**Mr. Andrew Christensen**  
**Assistant Principal/Athletic Director**

Pioneers,

Congratulations to our award winners at the 2022 Athletic Banquet:

- Scholar Athlete Award- Tessa Skelton & Ty Hallberg
- 4 Year 3 Sport Athlete- Tessa Skelton and Landon Miller
- Booster Club Scholarship- Tessa Skelton and Katie Barta
- Fort Calhoun Seniors Playing College Athletics-
  - o Tessa Skelton- Basketball at NWU
  - o Clint Dierks- Football at Midland University
  - o Zane Schwarz- Football at Midland University

Our Academic Honors Night and Athletic Banquet was held April 28th. Thank you to all our athletes, coaches, parents, staff members, community members, and administration for all the support this year. I want to thank everyone for doing their part to ensure that our students were able to participate and compete.

Summer Strength & Conditioning is right around the corner for incoming 7-12 students. Please reach out to Coach Shepardson with any questions and to sign up for a time slot. [ashepardson@ftc-pioneers.org](mailto:ashepardson@ftc-pioneers.org).

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Thank you,

Andrew Christensen  
Assistant Principal/AD



**Elementary News**  
**Mr. PJ Mallette**  
**Interim Principal**

Summer is here! Wow, what a journey we went on this year. There were plenty of highs and some lows, but that is typical. As a school and community, we really grew over the course of this school year in a variety of ways. As I reflect on the year there are so many great take-aways. Below are just a few of those takeaways:

- Students grew academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally
- At this moment it appears we are getting even closer to some more normalcy
- Our school has grown into a 3-section school
- We have improved some processes/procedures for the upcoming year
- Our ELA committee adopted a new ELA curriculum
- We've started creating a "master schedule", more to come soon

Lastly, I want to personally thank each one of you for the support you have shown our staff and myself this year. It takes a partnership to impact students at a high level and we have that! So, thank you. When you see our teachers and staff out and about this summer, I'll challenge you to stop and thank them for all the sacrifices and hard work they put into their work each day. We are in a special place here at Fort Calhoun.

Have a great summer and enjoy some quality family time! It is well deserved.

*PFE News*



Pioneers for Education would like to Congratulate the Class of 2022! We have had the privilege of watching you grow through the years into the fine people you are today! The future holds great things for you all!

We brought this year to a close with the PFE Family Fun Night on Friday, May 13th. It was a great night for our community. We loved seeing everyone enjoy the obstacle course, faux axe throwing, carnival games, movie, and face painting (provided by Fort Calhoun High Music Department ). Jeda's Pizza, Pim's Thai Food Truck, and Family Traditions BBQ Food Truck were also there to provide delicious food options for all. Thanks to everyone in attendance and a special thanks to those who volunteered.

In order to continue providing fun activities like the one above, we need your help! We need volunteers to step into leadership roles. We have openings for a Chair Person for a number of our events. Help us spread the word so we can fill these positions and keep PFE going strong.

That being said we would like to THANK Brad Earley and Joey Iwen for their dedication the past two years. The school community greatly benefited from your time and talents. While this is not good-bye, we offer you our sincerest Thank You! We also want to say a big thanks to every teacher and staff member in the district! Our children continue to thrive because of you! Thank you!

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](mailto:pioneersforeducation@gmail.com).

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



**“Our lives are before us, our pasts behind us, our memories are forever with us.”**

**Thirty members of the Senior Class of 2022 were offered scholarships totaling over \$1,928,000 this year.**

- Haley Rose Albertson, Daughter of Dawn and Jeff Albertson: University of South Dakota Coyote Commitment Distinction Scholarship; Gabriel Namuth Memorial Scholarship; Washington County Bank ATM Scholarship; Omaha World Herald 2022 All Academic Program Honorable Mention
- Genesis Sunrise Ashburn, Daughter of Richard Ashburn: Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Mentoring Scholarship
- Kathlyn Micelle Barta, Daughter of Anna Barta and Guy Barta: Midland University Pinnacle Bank Outstanding Student Leader Scholarship; Nebraska Wesleyan University Board of Governor’s Scholarship NWU Campus Visit Scholarship Wesleyan Merit Grant Access NWU Scholarship; Pioneers for Science Scholarship Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation; Fort Calhoun Athletic Booster Club Scholarship; Omaha World Herald 2022 All Academic Program Honorable Mention
- Isabella Reese Benoit, Daughter of Lindsay and Josh Benoit: Nebraska Methodist College; Becker Presidential Scholarship; NMC Merit Scholarship; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Emerging Leaders Scholarship Husker Power Scholarship; Paul and Bea Kruger Memorial Scholarship Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation; Memorial Community Hospital MCH Auxillary Scholarship; Amy L. Scott Family Foundation GRIT Scholars Committee Scholarship
- Amya Mikayla Coon, Daughter of Destiny and William Coon: University of Nebraska Emerging Leaders Scholarship Husker Power Scholarship; Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship; Washington County FOP Lodge #36 Scholarship; Amy L. Scott Family Foundation GRIT Scholars Committee Scholarship
- Clint Joseph Dierks, Son of Kitty and Matt Dierks: Midland University Football Scholarship Campus Visit Grant
- Tyler Christopher Eastman, Son of Becky and Chris Eastman: Faith Baptist College Faith Ministry Workers Grant FBBC Education Grant; Dordt College Century Scholarship Dordt Community Grant Honors Scholarships Dordt Merit Grant Rooster Booster Scholarship; Class of 1984 Dan Dale Memorial Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Education Association Scholarship; Joe Heimann Memorial Scholarship; Amy L. Scott Family Foundation GRIT Scholars Committee Scholarship
- Zachary Kenneth Faucher, Son of Linda and Andy Faucher; Cody White Memorial Scholarship; Washington County Bank ATM Scholarship
- Jacob Maxwell Fick, Son of Holly Fick and Matt Wulff and David Fick: Wayne State College, Wildcat Excellence Academic Award Special Housing Grant
- Tristan Jon Fuhrman, Son of Katie and Zachary Fuhrman: University of Nebraska Omaha Maverick Tier 4 Scholarship; Isaac Blizzard Memorial Scholarship
- Jasmine Pearl Goslin, Daughter of Beth and Mick Goslin: University of Nebraska Omaha Chancellor’s Scholarship; University of Nebraska Kearney Theater Scholarship; Chadron State College Dean Scholar Award; Mary Baldwin College Merit Award Future First Award; Amy L. Scott Family Foundation; GRIT Scholars Committee Scholarship
- Montanna Rae Hirschert, Daughter Monica and Tim Hirschert: Wayne State College Wildcat Excellence Academic Award
- Jayce Michael Ivester, Son of Erin Hobson and Robert Ivester: Metropolitan Community College Board of Governor’s Scholarship; Great Plains Communication Family Scholarship; University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship
- Katherine Marie Jabens, Daughter of Karen and Jon Jabens: Metropolitan Community College Academic Excellence Award; MCC TeamMates Scholarship; Fort Calhoun Teammates Chapter Scholarship
- Cameryn Elizabeth Lewis, Daughter of Cassie and Clint Lewis: Unviersity of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholar Award; Fort Calhoun Solomon Lodge #10 Solomon Lodge Scholarship; Omaha World Herald Key Staffer
- Lily Rayn Lyytikainen, Daughter of Jamie and Craig Lyytikainen: Wayne State College Wildcat Promise Scholarship; Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship
- Landon Tai Miller, Son of Cheryl and Gregg Miller: Metropolitan Community College Forward Future Scholarship; Pioneer Outstanding Senior of the Class of 2022
- Owen Donald Newbold, Son of Nina and Jim McNew and Grant Newbold: Amy L. Scott Family Foundation GRIT Scholars Committee Scholarship

ITS CENSUS TIME

Fort Calhoun Community Schools strive to keep informed of the changing needs of the community and its residents. The school district also publishes a newsletter, *The Fort Dispatch*, which is posted monthly on our website at [www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org), and sent to each resident household several times per year.

Are you new to the district? Have you had a change in your household? We are currently gearing up for the upcoming school year and working on projected enrollments. Are there children in your household, especially any who will be attending Fort Calhoun Community Schools? We would appreciate your taking a few minutes to complete the form and return it to us or call 402-468-5591 and we can take the information over the phone. We are interested in all families, whether or not there are school-age children or attend school somewhere other than Fort Calhoun Community Schools.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Fort Calhoun Community Schools  
Census Information  
5876 County Road P43, Box 430  
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT CENSUS RECORD

Resident: LastFirstMailing Address:Zip

SpouseResidence Address: (if different)

OccupationHe/SheCountyPhone #

Other Adults Living at Same Address

DateFor Office Use Only: Census ID #

NAME OF CHILD/SOC. SEC. # (Birth to 21 Years)	ID #	SEX M F	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY	PLACE OF BIRTH CITY/STATE



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.