

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

Short News Clips

Great Start:
It is hard to believe that we are just over halfway through the semester. We have had a great start to the school year. Sure, a bump or two in the road but considering all the students, teachers, families, school, and community events that have taken place, we have nailed it. All of this can take place because of our hard-working students, staff, and community support. We are looking forward to the rest of the semester and continued success. GO PIONEERS.

Veteran’s Day Program:
Fort Calhoun Skills USA Club will be putting on a Veteran’s Day program again this year. It will take place on November 11th, at 10 a.m. in the high school gym. This program is one of the best in the area as they honor our veterans and current military members. If you are a veteran, you and an adult guest are invited to a meal following the program. Please contact the high school to make your reservation. 402.468.5591

Job Openings:
The school still has several positions open. The elementary and jr/sr high are still in need of para-professionals and substitute teachers. The jr/sr high also needs an accompanist and an office assistant. We are always interested in anyone who would like to drive a bus or help with special education transportation. Check the website if you are interested. Thanks for considering.

Jr/Sr High Parent Pick-Up (South Parking Lot):
This situation is becoming more and more dangerous as vehicles come to a stop on Lincoln Street. Please pull into the parking lot. There is plenty of room for you to park and have your student walk out to the vehicle. The school has stressed repeatedly to not line up on Lincoln Street; for the safety of everyone, please pull into the parking lot and wait for your student. Thank you.

Jerry Green
Superintendent
Fort Calhoun Community Schools



OPTION ENROLLMENT 2023-24

The Option Enrollment application period for the 2023-24 school year is now open through March 15, 2024. Forms are available on our website or at the school offices. The School Board sets class size and program parameters in February/March then applicants are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. According to State law, all applicants must be notified one way or the other by April 1st.



The schools’ offices will be closed
November 24th & 25th

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

November 11, 2022 10:00 AM
Fort Calhoun High School
New Gym



The program is open to all who would like to attend. If you are unable to attend in person, the program will be streamed live, free of charge on the NFHS network under “FC Live” on our home page. There will be a luncheon after the program for each veteran and an adult guest. Contact the high school office at 402-468-5591 to let us know if you will be staying for lunch.

WELCOME TO FORT CALHOUN

Our community is growing and we want to be prepared. We are interested in families/students in our District to determine future needs.

Residents: Please help us by reporting your family and 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.



Jamie Schleifer
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

It's been a great fall this year and we are very proud of the effort our fall sports teams put into their season!

The Pioneer softball season came to an end in early October. The Pioneers beat Tekamah-Herman in the first round of subdistrict play but then fell to the #1 seed Falls City. The Pioneers improved each week and did a great job competing all season, while only having 10 girls on the roster. Kaitlyn Welchert and Samantha Brewer both earned 1st Team All NCC honors, while Lucie Larsen, Anna Taylor, and Kaylee Taylor were named Honorable Mention All NCC.

The Pioneer Volleyball team will compete in subdistrict play on October 24th at DC West. The Pioneers are a young, but experienced group that have made tremendous strides since they started summer workouts back in June! They are playing their best volleyball right now and we are excited to see how they finish! We wish them the best of luck in subdistricts!

The Pioneer Football team will finish the season with a home game against Boystown on Friday, October 21st. They have done a good job grinding through a very tough schedule this year and look to finish the year on a high note!

The Pioneer Cross Country team qualified both girls and boys teams to the state meet again this year! The district meet was held at Sycamore Farms in Waterloo (DC West) where the boys repeated as District Champions and the girls took home the Runner-Up plaque! We look forward to seeing the results of the state meet on October 21st. Best of luck at State!

Winter Physical Form Information: I want to remind parents of students who plan to participate in athletics this winter in grades 7-12 need to submit their physical to the main HS office. The sports physical must take place after May 1, 2022 to qualify them for the 2022-2023 school year. The specific line we are looking for is "the athlete is cleared without restrictions to participate in athletics." Any student that has a 2022 fall Sports Physical does not need a new physical form for winter activities.

Winter Sport Start Dates:

- High School Basketball and Wrestling- Monday, November 14th
- Junior High Boys Basketball- Monday, October 17th
- Junior High Girls Basketball- Monday, January 9th
- Junior High Wrestling- Monday, January 9th

Pioneer Fans: A live streaming system will be offered through nfhsnetwork.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.

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

GO PIONEERS!!!

Elementary News

Engaging + Learning + Achieving = Productive PIONEERS!

Each day we have opportunities all around us. Those opportunities are not always viewed or recognized in the moment. I want to encourage all of you to take time to recognize the awesomeness, opportunities, or just slow down to celebrate the good around you. This has been a good trend for all to practice the last couple years. It goes a long way for your mental health and the others that you choose to surround yourself with. It is worth it! Part of this will be incorporated in my message to you through this communication platform. Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

As usual, we have been busy with a plethora of activities this last month. A few I would like to highlight are as followed: Walk-A-Thon, Morning with Mom, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Book Fair. Thank you also to our Fire Department for coming out on Fire Safety Day. The students had the opportunity to tour the vehicles and ask questions. We appreciate the partnership we have created. Thank you!

The Walk-A-Thon was on Friday, September 23. It was so nice to get back to our normal way of celebrating this event. We started in the parking lot with a message from our awesome PFE (Pioneers For Education) organizations. Since we met our monetary goal this year, Mr. Mallette and myself agreed to get pied by the students. It was a little sticky, but well worth the fun we had doing it. Big shout out to Chris Roberts and many others that helped make this event a success. Thank you!

Speaking of getting back to normal. We hosted our annual Morning with Mom event on Friday, October 14. This is another event the PFE sponsors within the school. We love the opportunity for families to come into the school and create that positive relationship within the school. That type of partnership is key to our success. Big shout out to Krissy Jorgensen and many others that helped make this event a success. Thank you!

Parent/Teacher conferences was a success. I sure hope you feel the same way. Conferences has always been a great time to celebrate and have authentic conversations about your student(s). Again, this partnership is key to our success. Thank you for being involved in your student(s) education. We truly appreciate it and we don't take that for granted.

A few other happenings that have been going on around the school. The student council members were announced on Tuesday, October 25. This is a great group that does a lot of activities around the school to improve our positive environment. Next, our new ELA curriculum is coming along nicely. Let us know what your students are saying about it. Speaking of new curriculum. We are starting to explore a new math curriculum this school year. We start that work officially on Friday, October 28. More to come soon on that.

Let's continue to make our school the best in the state. We can't do that without you! Thank you for being an active component in our school. We appreciate you!

Educationally yours,

Drew R. Wagner
Your Elementary Principal

Upcoming Events

November 2:	Picture Retakes
November 3:	Fall Music Concert
*Please note this was a change from the original date in December.	
November 15:	Thanksgiving Feast
November 23:	Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
November 24 & 25:	No School

*All dates are subject to change.



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 updating your Student Profile or calling your child's respective schools.

MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Principal

I want to say THANK YOU to all the students and parents who attended parent-teacher conferences on either October 19th or October 20th. I believe that communication between teachers, students, and parents is important to student success at school. If you were not able to attend conferences for any reason, please know that you are welcome to reach out to your child's teachers anytime.

If you have any general questions about activities going on at school, please check the school website or the school's online calendar (RSchoolToday). If you cannot find what you are looking for, please feel free to call or email the appropriate contact from the school. If you have specific questions about your child and how they are doing in class, I encourage you to reach out to teachers as soon as you have questions or concerns.

If you have not done so already, please make sure that you are connected to PowerSchool using your parent access. If you need login information, please contact the JRH/HS office. We have your access code to get started. You are able to see grades, lunch balances, attendance along with other information regarding your child. PowerSchool gives you 24/7 access to how your child is doing academically.

I often hear this phrase "It takes a village to raise a child". Together with parents, friends, school, and community we have become the village for each other. We are happy to be on the journey with our students and their families. Although parent teacher conferences only come twice a year, the door is always open. If you have a question, ask. If you need help, ask. If you need someone to listen, ask. If you don't know, ask. We are here for our students and families. We know that as parents you are doing your best for your child. Working together is what makes the FORT a special place.

"By working together, pooling our resources and building on our strengths, we can accomplish great things"
-Ronald Reagan



Both the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams qualified for State in Kearney. The **Boys Team** was **District Champion** and the **Girls Team** is **District Runner Up**. At State, the **Boys Team** finished 3rd with **Ely Olberding** earning a 5th place medal and **Lance Olberding** earning a 6th place medal. For the girls, **Maelie Nelson** earned an 11th place medal.

The **Pioneer Marching Band** earned a **Superior Rating** at the State Marching Band Festival held in Lincoln.

Michael Maxson was selected to participate in the All State Honor Band to be held later this month.

Several milestones were reached by Pioneer athletes this Fall season. **Grayson Bouwman** set two new school single season records in football with 801 receiving yards in a season and 228 yards in a game. The longest passing touchdown in a game record was set by **Austin Welchert** to **Grayson Bouwman** - 89 yards; and **Austin** tied the single season passing touchdown record with 13. **Olivia Quinlan** also set new school records in volleyball with 12 single game ace serves and 61 season ace serves. Congratulations.

The *Dispatch* is published each month from August through June.
Every issue is posted on the school's website under "Publications"
Four issues each year are mailed to parents/patrons.



PFE News

Greetings from Pioneers for Education! What an exciting October we had! We were so excited to be able to host all our amazing Moms for Mornings with Mom. We served 540 donuts and just as many smiles! We would like to thank Fort Calhoun Elementary for working with us to make it happen, and all the Dad's that volunteered to help with the event! PFE also hosted a Picnic in the Park. This was a new fun family event and we look forward to growing it in the years to come. A special thanks to Jimmy's Hot Dogs for being at our event and generously donating a portion of their profits to the PFE!

Pioneers for Education are in need of volunteers to chair upcoming events. Our events are not possible without the help and support of our Pioneer Community. Please consider volunteering for your favorite event. There will be information on the events and volunteer opportunities at our next meeting. Reminder, Spirit Fridays are every Friday all school year long. The class that has the most students wearing their Pioneer Gear gets to have our beloved Pioneer cutout visit their classroom for the week and treats! Help your kiddos remember their orange and black on Fridays!!

The next Pioneers for Education meeting will be held Monday, November 21st at 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there! 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. Come have fun with us!

Your Officer Team, Matt Reichert- President; Chris Roberts- Vice President; Shannon Pokorski- Treasurer; Jami Biodrowski- Secretary; Nicole Duros- Communication Coordinator



November 13, 2022
*Random Acts of Kindness
and Pay it Forward*



HAPPENINGS

- 11/1 Jr-Sr High Choir Concert
- 11/3 Elementary Fall Music Concert
- 11/6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/7 Conference Vocal Music
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Program 10:00 AM
- 11/14 School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11/16-18 All State Music-Band and Choir
- 11/23 Early Dismissal
- 11/25 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation
NO SCHOOL
SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED



**School breakfast and lunches
make a Difference Every
Meal**



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