



## Happenings

- 4/1-2 High School Musical  
*Into the Woods*  
4/5 Cheer Tryouts  
4/7-10  
Easter Break - No School  
4/9 HAPPY EASTER  
4/10 School Board Meeting  
4/12 Dance Tryouts  
4/13-15  
Skills USA State Conference  
4/13 Elementary Spring Concert  
4/14 & 4/21  
Kindergarten Roundup  
4/17 9th Grade Orientation  
4/21 Elementary Carnival  
4/21-22  
District Music  
4/23 Band Salad Safari  
4/25 Varsity Track @ Fort Calhoun  
Baseball Parents Night  
4/27 Honors Night/Athletic Banquet  
4/28 Arbor Day  
Junior High Spring Band Concert  
5/6 Graduation



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

### Put the Team First

Great team players always put the team first. They work hard for the team. They develop themselves for the team. They serve the team. Their motto is whatever it takes to make the team better. They don't take credit. They give credit to the team. To be a great team member your ego must be subservient to the mission and purpose of the team. It's a challenge to keep our ego in check. It's something most of us struggle with because we have our own goals and desires. But if we monitor our ego and put the team first, we'll make the team better and our servant approach will make us better.

– Jon Gordon

This small idea works in enormous ways and across many areas. This works for sports teams, classrooms, students, teachers, administrators, parents, husbands, wives, bosses, workers, and well, you get my point. Whatever your team is and if you want to make it successful then you have to be PART of the team, not a member of the team. To be a part of the team makes you essential to the success of the team. Members of teams come and go and usually look at how the team can help them instead of how they can help the team. We have so many great opportunities happening at Fort Calhoun Community Schools. These opportunities happened because the school and community members are a great team, and many people take PART in these opportunities. Overall, we have positive people working hard to provide opportunities for our students. Thank You.

My challenge to all of us is to be a positive PART of something and work for the success of the team.

Jerry Green  
Superintendent  
Fort Calhoun Community Schools

## WELCOME TO FORT CALHOUN

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

Please help us with our household information by reporting any adults 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.



High School Musical  
April 1 & 2, 2023  
Fort Calhoun High School

## 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](http://fortcalhounschoools.org). Go to "About, Board of Education, Policies" and scroll down to Policy 3057-Title IX.



## 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 at the high school office. The fob renews yearly each June 1st. If you have any questions contact Jamie Schleifer at 402-468-5591.



Visit our website at [www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://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.
    - Grayson Bouwman
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Team: All-Conference, Academic All-State, All-State Honorable Mention OWH
    - Austin Welchert
      - Academic All-State, All-State Honorable Mention OWH
    - Wyatt Appel
      - All-State Honorable Mention OWH
    - Glen Hunter
      - All-State Honorable Mention OWH
- Girls Basketball
  - Congratulations to our Pioneers and their post season accolades
    - Bria Bench
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference, Academic All-State, OWH All-State Honorable Mention
    - Samantha Brewer
      - Academic All-State
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- Wrestling
  - Congratulations to our Pioneers and their post season accolades
    - Ely Olberding
      - Academic All-State
    - Lance Olberding
      - Academic All-State
- Track & Field
  - We have home meets on:
    - April 11<sup>th</sup>- JH Triangular, April 22<sup>nd</sup>- JH NCC Invite, and April 25<sup>th</sup>- High School Invite.
    - Come out and support out Pioneer Track & Field Athletes!
- Golf
  - Golf kicks off their season on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Tekamah-Herman, Good luck golfers!!!

**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,

Jamie Schleifer  
Assistant Principal/AD

The *Fort Dispatch* is published every month. Print editions are mailed to District patrons 4 times each year. Every edition is also on our website under “About”, then “Publications”.

\*\*\*Follow all our activity/athletic accomplishments through the Twitter page on our website under “Pioneer Pride”.

**-Elementary News-**

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

As the days grow longer, and the weather gets warmer, many of us start to feel a sense of restlessness and anticipation for the arrival of spring. This feeling is commonly known as spring fever, and it can be particularly noticeable in children. We are no exception to the excitement that comes with the changing of the seasons.

Spring fever can manifest itself in a variety of ways, including a lack of focus, increased energy, and a desire to be outdoors. While it can be challenging to manage these feelings, it is essential to channel them in positive ways. We encourage our students to channel their spring fever into their academic work and extracurricular activities.

One way we do this is by providing our students with outdoor learning opportunities. Studies have shown that spending time in nature can improve academic performance and promote mental and physical health. Our students are anticipating many field trips in the next coming months that allow them to explore the world around them.

It is also essential to acknowledge that spring fever can be a challenging time for some students. For some children, the anticipation of summer break can bring feelings of anxiety and uncertainty. We continually work with our students to manage these feelings and provide support where needed.

In conclusion, spring fever is a natural phenomenon that affects many of us, including our students. By channeling this energy into positive pursuits, we can help our students make the most of this exciting time of year. Let’s embrace the arrival of spring and make the most of this exciting time of year!

Educationally yours,

Drew R. Wagner  
Your Elementary Principal

**Upcoming events:**

**April 7 & 10:** No School  
**April 13:** Spring Music concert  
**April 14 & 21:** Kindergarten Round Up; Current kindergarten students will not have school that day.  
**April 17:** PFE Meeting at the HS  
**April 21:** Spring Carnival hosted by our PFE; 5-8pm

\*All dates are subject to change.



**April 28, 2023**  
Arbor Day originated in Nebraska in 1872 with a request by J. Sterling Morton to the Legislature



**April 14th & April 21st**  
**Watch for Information**  
**Contact the Elementary School at 402-468-5714 to register if you have not already done so**



MR. NICK WEMHOFF  
Principal

It is April! Can you believe we only have 7 weeks left of school? At the same time, 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. Many educational events 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 the following dates to your calendar. Freshman Orientation for current 8th Graders will be on Monday, April 17th at 6:00 pm. The Honors Night and Athletic Banquet will be on April 27th at 6:30 pm in the new gym at the high school.

For our Seniors, the 4th quarter marks the beginning of the end of one chapter in their lives – Graduating from high school. Graduation is scheduled for May 6th 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



Fort Calhoun Community Schools are currently accepting applications for these positions:

- **Elementary Special Education Teacher.** Certification Li-

censure and Nebraska Teaching Certificate with endorsements in Special Education areas of regular and special education with emphasis on Specific Learning Disabilities, Behavior Disorders, and at-risk students is required.

- **K-6 Vocal Music Instructor**-Certified position

-**Director of Transportation**-CDL and bus license required

- **Elementary School Nurse.** This is a full time position when school is in session. Either RN or LPN licensure is required.

- **Elementary Daytime Custodian**

- **Jr-Sr High School Office Aide.** This position is open for 2022-23 and available for 2023-24.

Applications will be taken until the positions are filled. Application procedures are available on the schools’ website under “About” and “Human Resources” Subject to veterans preference. EOE



PFE News

Greetings from Pioneers for Education! We had a blast last month at two of our favorite community events. Donuts with Dad was a great success with the biggest turnout we have seen in years! We were also lucky enough to sell desserts at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church’s fish fry. We served around a thousand desserts with all the proceeds going directly to PFE. Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers! With out your help these events would not happen. Thank you! Thank you!

The PFE Spring Carnival is back! The Carnival will be held in the Auxiliary Gym of Fort Calhoun Jr/Sr High from 5-8pm on Friday, April 21st! Come one, Come all to this fun for all ages event. There will be lots of carnival games, prizes, bounce houses, face paint by “Fierce and Fancy Faces”, Jimmy’s Hot Dog Cart, and more! Keep an eye out in Thursday Folder for more information. Original Works orders are due April 10th. This is a really great opportunity to get your child’s artwork immortalized on a wide variety of fun products!

There will be two officer positions opening up for the 2023-24 school year, Vice President and Communication Coordinator. Please consider joining our team. More information on officer responsibilities and time commitment will be available at our next meeting.

The next Pioneers for Education meeting will be held Monday, April 17th at 7:30pm. 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](mailto:pioneersforeducation@gmail.com).

Your Officer Team,Matt Reichert- PresidentChris Roberts- Vice PresidentShannon Pokorski- TreasurerJami Biodrowski- SecretaryNicole Duros- Communication Coordinator



The NSAA in conjunction with NebChiro has announced its Academic All State selections for the 2022-23 Winter Sports. They are **Ely** and **Lance Olberding** for Wrestling, **Bria Bench** and **Sam Brewer** for Girls Basketball and **Austin Welchert** and **Grayson Bouwman** for Boys Basketball.

All Conference recognition for Winter Sports was given to **Grayson Bouwman**-1st Team Boys Basketball; **Bria Bench**-2nd Team Girls Basketball, and **Ella Bouwman** and **Dala Drowne**-Honorable Mention for Girls Basketball. *Omaha World Herald* All State Honorable Mention in basketball went to **Grayson Bouwman**, **Wyatt Appel**, **Austin Welchert**, **Glenn Hunter** and **Bria Bench**. These five also received recognition for All Omaha Area Honorable Mention.

Prom royalty was crowned at the “Masquerade Ball”. King and Queen are **Sam Halford** and **Sophie Thomas**. Prince and Princess are **Ethan Dye** and **Abbey Lienemann**.

Several of our students were selected to represent Fort Calhoun in the Capital Conference Honor Band. They are **Regina Namuth**, **Vinny Bonacci**, **Riley McKennan**, **Jefferey Pringle**, **AJ Duros**, **Cody Rogers**, **Trey King**, **Johnathon Schwarte**, **Alex Schuler** and **Michael Maxon**.

**Phenomenon Show Choir** won 1st Place in their division at “The Rock” competition at Lincoln Northeast.

Fort Calhoun’s Quiz Bowl team won the Conference Tournament. Members are **Riley McKennan**, **Eddie** and **Sam Lautrup**, **Lawson Tjardes**, **James Miller** and **Vinny Bonacci**.



Fort Calhoun Community Schools use an automated system to notify families of emergencies or weather-related closings. More of the schools’ information is now sent by electronic means. It is imperative that all 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.