

Fort Calhoun Community Schools
2024-25 CALENDAR
Adopted 2/12/2024

August, 2024

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Aug 12-14 Pre-school In-service
 Aug 15 School begins - E - 11:15; H.S. 11:30
 Sept 2 No School - Labor Day
 Sept 30 No School
 Oct 18 End 1st Quarter - **45 days**
 Oct 23 Parent Teacher Conferences -- Early Out
 Oct 24 Parent Teacher Conferences -- Early Out
 Oct 25 No School - Fall Break -Comp Day
 Nov 1 Teacher In-service - No School
 Nov 27 Early out
 Nov 28-29 No School - Thanksgiving
 Dec 20 End 2nd Quarter - **41 days - Early Out**
 End of 1st Semester - **86 days**
 Dec 21-Jan 6 No School - Christmas Break
 Dec 23-27 NSAA Moratorium
 Jan 6 Teacher In-service - No School
 Jan 7 School Resumes
 Jan 20 Teacher In-service - No School
 Feb 19 K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences Early Out
 Feb 20 Elementary Only Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Early Out Both Buildings
 Feb 21 Comp Day - No School
 March 12 End 3rd Quarter - **45 days**
 March 13-14 No School - Spring Break
 Apr 4 Teacher In-service - No School
 Apr 18-21 No School Easter Break-School Resumes 4/22
 May 10 Commencement 2:00pm
 May 22 End of 4th Quarter - **46 days**
 End 2nd Semester **91 days**
 Dismissal E - 11:15; H.S. 11:30
 May 23 Teacher In-service
 May 26 Memorial Day

1st Sem. Teacher days = 91
 2nd Sem. Teacher days =96
 Total = 187
 1st Sem. Student days = 86
 2nd Sem. Student days = 91
 Total = 177
Emergency Days: May 23, 27, 28, 29

- School in Session
- NO SCHOOL - Vacation
- End of Quarter/Semester
- Staff In-Service
- Early Outs: E - 1:15 H.S. - 1:30
- Parent Teacher Conference

January, 2025

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April, 2025

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May, 2025

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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 on field trips, class outings, prom, post prom, and other events. 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



April Happenings



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| 4/1 | NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK | | |
| 4/2 | UNO Middle School Honor Choir | | |
| 4/8 | School Board Meeting | | |
| 4/11 | Elementary Spring Program | | |
| 4/11-12 | Skills USA State Convention | 4/21 | Band Salad Safari |
| 4/12 | Kindergarten Roundup | 4/25 | Unified Sports Fun Day |
| 4/13 | PFE Event--High School Football Field | 4/25 | Fort Calhoun Football Facility |
| 4/17 | Booster Club Meeting | 4/25 | Honors Night/Athletic Banquet |
| 4/19 | Kindergarten Roundup | 4/26 | Junior High Spring Band Concert |
| 4/19-20 | District Music | 4/30 | Senior High Spring Band Concert |
| | | 5/3 | Elementary Carnival |



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

- Elementary Principal
- Elementary Special Education Teacher. Certification Licensure 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.
- Elementary/Secondary Paraprofessionals
- Part Time Food Service

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

Pioneers,

Important Activity Information & Dates

- Boys Basketball
 - Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Program for their efforts this season. Below are the post-season honors for the basketball team released so far.
 - Grayson Bouwman
 - 1st Team: All-Conference, Academic All-State, 1st Team All-State (Huskerland Prep)
 - Declyn Otte
 - Academic All-State
 - Colby Bentley
 - All-Conference Honorable Mention
- Girls Basketball
 - Congratulations to our Pioneers and their post season accolades!
 - Bria Bench
 - 2nd Team All-Conference, Academic All-State
 - Kaylee Taylor
 - Academic All-State
 - Raeann Massey
 - 2nd team All-Conference
 - Ansley Elofson
 - 2nd team All-Conference
 - Fort Calhoun is excited to announce Eric Jones as our next Head Girls Basketball coach!
- Track & Field
 - Home Track & Field Events:
 - April 18th- JH Triangular 4pm, April 20th- JH NCC Invite 10am, April 23rd- High School Invite 1:30pm, Class B Districts, May 7th 10am.
 - Come out and support our Pioneer Track & Field Athletes in our brand-new track facility!
- Golf
 - The golf team started their season on March 28th at Tekamah-Herman, Good luck this year golfers!!!
 - NCC Conference Meet: May 2nd @ Syracuse
 - Districts: May 13th @ River Wild (Blair)
 - State: May 21st
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- Baseball
 - The Baseball team opened the season March 16th vs Omaha Roncalli and Twin River.
 - NCC Tournament: April 12th & April 13th @ DC West
 - Districts: May 2-4 @ TBD
 - State: May 11th

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

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

-Elementary News-

Your Principal: Drew R. Wagner

Engaging + Learning + Achieving = Productive PIONEERS!

Greetings! As we enter testing season we are ensuring students provide their best effort. Please keep in mind to have your child well rested and provide a balanced breakfast before coming to school that day. We want to make sure we are doing everything possible to make sure our students are provided an opportunity to be successful. I know we are trying very hard to let the students shine!

Thank you for your support.

“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved”.

-Mattie Stepanek

Kindergarten Round Up Information:

Kindergarten Round Up for the 2024-25 school year is Friday, April 12 and Friday, April 19. All letters have been sent out to families that are eligible for this next school year. Please remember that you will not attend both days. The letter that was sent home provided the date of your attendance. Please call the elementary office at 402-468-5714 to make sure you confirm your attendance and will be attending our kindergarten program. We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you!

Upcoming events for April:

- April 11: Music concert at the high school
- April 12 & 19: Kindergarten Round Up
*There is no school for current kindergarten students.
- April 15-19: K-2 Spring Assessments
- April 19: Spring Carnival at the high school
- April 23-26: K-6 Spring Assessments
- April 29-May 1: 3-6 Spring Assessments
- May 2: Field Day



April 26, 2024

Arbor Day originated in Nebraska in 1872 with a request by J. Sterling Morton to the Legislature



**April 12th & April 19th
Watch for Information**

**Contact the Elementary School at
402-468-5714 to register if you have not
already done so**

MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Principal

FORT CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR'S/ATHLETIC BANQUET NIGHT

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Fort Calhoun High School will host the Honors/Athletic Banquet Night for grades 9-12 on Thursday, April 25th and it will begin at 6:30 pm. All students and their families in grades 9-12 are invited to attend. This is a great event in which we will recognize both academics as well as activities and athletics. Students should dress appropriately in business casual attire for receiving their award.

During the ceremony, we will recognize academic success, program participants, scholarship winners, academic pins, class officers, and many other celebrations. There will be an athletic/activity portion of the program recognizing outstanding accomplishments throughout the year. Following the awards ceremony, there will be ice cream available for all to enjoy.

We hope that you will decide to join us for this celebration of our student's successes. There are many students and athletes who are doing amazing things every day and this night is designed to recognize their accomplishments.

Thank you for your continued support of our students at the FORT!

Dr. Nicholas P. Wemhoff
Secondary Principal 7-12

Mr. Jamie Schleifer
Assistant Principal / Athletic Director



Congratulations to our Spring Concert drawing winners Krissy Jorgensen, Andrea Bowen and Holly Fick. Your families have won six front row reserved seats to the Spring Concert of your choice. Thank you for being a Pioneers For Education (PFE) member!

In early March PFE sponsored Donuts with Dad in the Elementary school gym. The event, as always, was a huge success and is something the students (and families) look forward to each Spring. Thank you to our volunteers for making it possible!
Hard to believe the school year is already starting to wind down. We hope to see you at our last few upcoming events of the year!

April

- Original Works
- 4/13 - Mother/Son Kickball game (rain date 4/20)
- 4/19 - School Carnival
- 4/29 - PFE Meeting, 7:30 pm, High School Library

May

- 5/6 - Staff appreciation week
- Summer bridge books delivered

PFE can be reached at pioneersforeducation@gmail.com. Follow Pioneers For Education on Facebook for fun updates, pictures of events, and other exciting news.

Your Officer Team: Chris Roberts- President; Vacant- Vice President; Shannon Pokorski- Treasurer; Jami Biodrowski- Secretary; Amy Evanich- Communication Coordinator



Nebraska's new voter ID law requires all registered Nebraska voters to present a photo* identification (ID) when voting in an election in Nebraska. Voter ID begins with the May 14, 2024 primary. Visit VoterID.Nebraska.gov for more information.

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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.



PROM ROYALTY 2024

Princess Taylor Stewart, Prince Louis Diggins, Queen Bria Bench, King Eric Ertzner.

Our Junior High Language Arts teacher, **Charlee Potadle** was named Veteran Teacher of the Year by NETA.

Sammie Ladwig received Excellent and Superior ratings at District Speech.

Fort Calhoun Science Fair winners are: 1st Place **Noah Duros and Cavin Greiner**; 2nd Place **Mabel Wilmes and Ella Stamm**; and 3rd Place **Gabbi LeColst**. Congratulations.

Owen Miller has been recognized as a Nebraska Distinguished World Language Scholar with high honors.

These students were selected to participate in the Conference Honor Band in Arlington. **Aaron Duros, Addie Benoit, Cody Rogers, Jovi Greiner, Connor Holmstedt, Jefferey Pringle, Tyler DeMilt, Eddie Lautrup, Johnathon Schwarte, Trey King, Alex Schuler, and Michael Maxon**. **Michael** was selected First Chair.

NSAA Academic All State Winter selections have been announced. **Grayson Bowuman, Declyn Otte, Bria Bench, Kaylee Taylor, Trey King, Seth Waters and Madilyn Larrick** were each chosen for their particular sport or activity.

Bria Bench, Raeann Massey and Ansley Elofson were named All Conference 2nd Team; **Grayson Bouwman** was 1st Team All Conference and 1st Team All State; **Colby Bentley** was All Conference Honorable Mention all in Basketball.

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.



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.



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.