

Fort Calhoun Community Schools
Board of Education Meeting
October 13th, 2025
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1. Reunification Drill
 - a. October 22nd - Grades 7 and 8
 - b. October 23rd - Grades 9-12
2. October is Bullying Awareness Month. Activities focuses on this month:
 - a. October 10 - Mental Health Awareness Day - Wear Green.
 - b. October 17 - Guest Speaker Parker Hanson.
 - c. SAEBS Survey - October 22nd and 23rd for grades 7-11.
 - i. Parents have received a notification and can opt out.
 - d. October 27 - Stacey from the Bridge - Green Dot Assembly
3. Parent-Teacher Conferences - October 22-23. 2:00 - 8:00 pm.
 - a. FAFSA Presentation from Education Quest.
 - b. Pam Opperman from EF Foreign Exchange Program will be here.
4. 7th Grade Seminar Military Boxes
 - a. Sending 15-20 boxes
 - b. Should arrive around or shortly after Veteran's Day.
5. Veteran's Day Program
 - a. Tuesday, November 11 at 10 am.
 - b. We will provide meals for Veteran's and a guest after the program.
6. Financial Literacy Report

Per state Statute, all high school students in the State of Nebraska are required to take a course in Personal Finance. Fort Calhoun has a graduation-required class called personal finance, which meets the requirement. In personal finance, some topics that students discuss include:

- Economic Concepts - supply vs. demand, inflation, saving money.
- Money Management - spending habits, goal setting, decision making, budgeting.
- Borrowing (Credit Cards and Loans).
- Earning Power - job income, salary vs. hourly, job benefits: retirement, insurance.
- Investing - stocks, mutual funds, bonds.
- Financial Services - banks vs. credit unions, checking accounts, savings accounts.
- Insurance - home, health, auto, life, renters, disability.
- Job Applications - resume', cover letter, applications, interview skills.

Other classes in which we touch on financial literacy, but are not required, include:

- Adulting 101
 - 8th Grade Careers (required for JRH)
 - Accounting 1
 - Accounting 2
 - Business Communications
 - Building Construction
7. Upcoming Event
 - a. No School October 24th.
 - b. State Marching Band on October 25th in Lincoln.
 - c. Picture retakes are on November 4th.
 - d. No School on November 7th. Teacher In-Service Day.
 - e. NCC Choir is on Monday, November 10th.
 - f. HS POPP Lock-in is November 14th.



FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Honoring tradition, empowering students, and preparing for real-world success

OCTOBER ELEMENTARY BOARD REPORT - Mrs. Sara Horstman

1. Upcoming Building Events:
 - a. October 16th - 1st Quarter Celebration - Learnin' the Ropes
 - b. October 22nd & 23rd - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - c. October 24th - No School for Students and Staff
 - d. October 31st - Classroom Halloween Parties
 - e. November 4th - Picture Make Up Day
 - f. November 7th - Staff In-Service & No School for Students
2. Reading is Fundamental
 - a. Fort Calhoun Elementary School has been awarded a book allocation of 1723 books.
 - b. This grant is offered by Reading is Fundamental in partnership with Dollar General Literacy Foundation.
 - c. Students will select books and will be able to pick them up at our school event in the 2nd semester.
3. Words Professional Development & Training Update
 - a. 2nd Professional Development on October 3rd
 - b. Emphasis on irregular letter patterns that cannot be sounded out, high frequency words and structures of reading intervention
4. NeMTSS Conference - October 9th & 10th
 - a. Attended by MTSS Leadership Team: Miranda Adams, Ronny Zeringue, Katie Omer, Delaney Appel and Sara Horstman
 - b. Provided leadership team with strategies to increase writing in the classroom to improve reading, behavior supports for students in Tier 2 intervention, Strategies for Dyslexia and Dysgraphia, scaffolding behavior approach, and creating a positive environment, through compassion and empathy, for tier 3 students