

Special Recognition . . .

Taya Skelton, Hannah Warner, Trenton Bouwman and **Jamie Warner** were named All State Academic for Basketball by the NSAA. **Taya** was also named All Conference 2nd Team and **Hannah** was All Conference Honorable Mention. Other post season basketball honors announced were: *Omaha World Herald* All State Class C1 Honorable Mention, and All Area Honorable Mention - **Kennedy Bradburn, Taya Skelton** and **Hannah Warner**; **Taya** also was named *Lincoln Journal Star* All State Class C1 Honorable Mention.

The Fort Calhoun Quiz Bowl Team took 3rd Place in the Conference competition. The team members were **Avery McKennan, Zoe Fickbohm, Grant Hansen** and **Kyle Deyen**.

Several of our Art students submitted entries for the Audubon Society Art Contest. When the awards were presented these students were recognized: **Kennedy Bradburn, Bailey Donovan, America Johnson, RaeAnne Borsh** and **Nicole Swanson**-Excellence; and **Bailey Donovan** and **Kloey Appel**-Merit. **Stephanie Mlynarik** and **Megan Rupp** both received Excellence and were **Best in Show 9-12!**

Megan Rupp and **Zoe Fickbohm** were selected by application for American Legion Auxillary's Girls State.

The 2018 Prom was held at Creighton in Omaha. **Troy Teeter** and **Morgan McNew** are King and Queen; and **Colton Mallory** and **Julie Klemm** are Prince and Princess.



Fort Calhoun **Kindergarten Roundup** is just around the corner. Our community is growing and we want to be prepared, so are counting students in our District for the process to determine future needs.

If you are new to the District contact the District office at 402-468-5591. Residents: If you have not been contacted by the school for Round Up, call the Elementary at 402-468-5714 for information.



4/5	Elementary Talent Show
4/7-8	Band Variety Show
4/9	School Board Meeting
4/12-14	Skills USA State Conference
4/13 & 4/20	Kindergarten Round Up
4/18	Booster Club Meeting
4/20	Elementary Carnival
4/21	Junior High Track Invite @ FC
4/20-21	District Music
4/22	Band Salad Safari
4/24	High School Track Invite @ FC
4/26	Athletic Banquet
4/28	Conference Track @ FC
5/1	Honors Convocation
5/12	Graduation 2:00 PM Fort Calhoun High School



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Is This an April Fools Joke?

As I write this letter and look at the forecast you would think that this was the February Dispatch. But fortunately it is not, it is the April Dispatch and maybe if I click my heels and say its April three times good weather will automatically appear. The spring sports schedule has been hammered with cancelations and re-schedules, and this week is not looking very promising either. But the fact is we are Pioneers and as the Pioneers before us we must endure through this cold snap in hope of better things

The transition into spring (if it really happens) means a whole new lineup of sports (Baseball, Golf and Track), as well as some springtime concerts and competitions for Music and also for Skills USA. There are plenty of things for your students to be involved in so I hope you are encouraging them to take part in these opportunities. Some of our yearly entertainment annual events are on the sunrise (not that we have seen the sun in a while) including the Variety Show, Salad Safari, Skills USA competition, and the Athletic Banquet. These are great events and I hope to see you there.

In the danger of this sounding like a soap opera title I think it is safe to say, “As this season changes so do the tides of school issues”. Ok that was a terrible segue but the fact is education has changed significantly in the past 10 to 15 years. Our school district, as well as many across our Nation face the relentless barrage of testing and a huge upswing in accountability. This accountability barrage has also brought with it a wave of anxious times not only for school district but also for kids. Anxiety if not held in check can become stifling for our students in a world with a lot of outside pressures. As this school year has unwound over time, our District as well as several others across the nation is taking a hard look at mental health issues with our kids and how are we preparing them for the many stresses they face in this ever-changing world. It is because of this nationwide uptick with mental health issues in schools that our District is trying to be proactive. On the 16th of this month I will be conducting the first “Mental Health Summit”. The hope of this summit is to bring several district stakeholders to the school to hold healthy discussions about mental health issues and to align curriculum and programming together to better equip our kids with the skills they need to handle all the pressures of this chaotic world. The hope is to create a roadmap for our students to maneuver their way through all the pressures of this world.

Once again if you have any questions regarding our School District please feel free to give me a call.

Good Luck and God Bless!

Dr. Johnson

Visit our website for all your questions
www.fortcalhounschoools.org



Mr. Jerry Green
Secondary Principal

PROM AND POST PROM

I have been a part of prom every year I have been at Fort Calhoun, as senior class sponsor it was part of the deal and as assistant principal it was part of the deal plus post prom was added to the cards. The event has been fun for me but as principal you really get to see all that is involved with making prom and post prom successful. There are some major players involved that make these two events go. The junior class sponsors, Karli Johnson and Sara Welllman-High Horse, are key factors in everything that makes prom work, the fund-raising, scheduling the DJ, finding a place to host the event along with putting the ceremony together that goes along with the prom. The post prom is driven by parents who work very hard at organizing fundraising events, scheduling the site, decorating, purchasing gifts and so much more. There are countless other people who volunteer, they bring food, make food, and hang out with our students while staying up all night. Prom and Post Prom are great events and wouldn't be possible without the help and hard work of so many people.

This year's Prom was held on Creighton's campus at the Skutt Student Center on March 24th. Post Prom was hosted at the high school this year. Thanks to the Post Prom Committee and everyone who helped make this years Prom and Post Prom a great success.

MR. NICK WEMHOFF Assistant Principal/AD

The NSAA Representative Assembly passed legislation that classifications for competition (A-B-C1-C2-D1-D2) is now all based on boys only for boy's sports and girls only for girl's sports. Track, Drama, etc. will be on both enrollments as they have both boys and girls participating.

Summer schedules will be done and available at the Athletic Banquet on April 26th. Fall and Winter schedules will be coming after that.

Upcoming Events:

NCC Baseball – April 13-14
District Music – April 20-21
Athletic Banquet – April 26
NCC Track – April 28 @ Fort Calhoun
NCC Golf – May 1-Fremont CountryClub
District Baseball – May 4-8
District Track – May 10 @ Bennington
District Golf – May 15 @ Wayne



Fort Calhoun Schools use an automated calling system to disseminate information or to notify families of emergencies or weather-related closings. Make sure all your contact numbers are up-to-date by calling your child's respective schools.



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

The 2017-18 Annual Report is available on the website - www.fortcalhounschoools.org. Take the time to look it over and see what is happening in our schools.

Elementary Principal -Mr. Drew R. Wagner

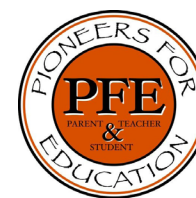
Engaging + Learning + Achieving = Productive PIONEERS!

The Summer Jam Camp is now open for enrollment. Contact Christina Bowser or the Elementary office for information and sign-up materials.

HAL Happenings: Wrapping up the stock market activity-students worked in teams and analyzed data to learn about stocks/bonds/investing
Working with the EV3 Prototype: Robotics activity-Students identified a problem and created a robot to solve the problem.
Creative Connection-Students experimented with a variety of activities on being creative and thinking outside the box.
In April, the students will be working with MircoBits, a form of coding presented by ESU.

Events coming up

April 13: Creighton basketball players coming to celebrate reading.
April 13 and 20: Kindergarten Roundup
April 16: NSCAS breakfast sponsored by the PFE
April 16: Preschool Enrollment Closed
April 20: School Carnival at the HS
April 23: Spring Music Concert
April 27: Band Concert
May 4: Field Day



We are still in need of NEW PFE officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Please consider a position, so that PFE can keep doing all the wonderful fundraisers/events that we do and continue to help Fort Calhoun Schools make small capitol improvements for the betterment of our students and teachers. Please contact us at pioneersforeducation@gmail.com if you would be interested or would like more information.

Upcoming events...

*Original Works Art Program orders are due back to school Friday, April 6th. Please make sure you return completed order form, check made out to PFE, AND your student's artwork as we need the artwork to process the order.
*Encourage your students to turn in their activity sheets for One School, One Book Reading Program. Students are reading the book *Clementine* at school, but are able to do related activities at home to turn in for prizes at school.
*PFE Carnival will be on April 20th from 5:30pm-8:00pm at Fort Calhoun High School. More details and information for wristband sales will be coming home soon.
*Order forms for Summer Bridge Books will be coming home soon in the elementary student's Thursday Folders
*Staff Appreciation week will be May 7-11. More information will be coming home later in April on ways you can help out or show your appreciation to all school staff.

Last meeting for the school year will be May 9th @ 6:45pm-7:45pm (High School Commons)



"relive the Good Old Days". More information will follow in the months ahead.

