

Fort Calhoun Community Schools  
Box 430  
Fort Calhoun, Nebraska 68023

NonProfit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023  
Permit #4



**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE**

The 2018-19 school year is just around the corner. It seems like summer flies by quicker every year. I hope this letter finds you enjoying the last couple of days with your kids before the school year comes roaring in. I love the start of Fall practices and seeing our student athletes grace our campus once again. Like the past couple of summers we will be welcoming quite a few new students and their families. The school district is growing because people love what we do for kids here at the “FORT”.

The summer project list is almost completely finished and all the staff has been hired. One of the biggest changes for the upcoming school year will be changing the traffic around the elementary where we got city approval to change streets to be one-way during both the drop off and pick up times of the school day. Mr. Wagner has sent a mailing explaining the new procedure and I am asking for you to comply with the new system. We believe these changes will make for a safer pick-up and drop-off plan for the youngest students in the District. Other changes include adding another 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and a few para-educators to deal with our increasing student enrollment at the elementary. We also lost Christina Bowser as our Before & After School Program Director and we will miss her greatly. With that being said, we were able to hire a new gentleman to run the program for the upcoming year and he brings a wealth of experience to the job. Mr. Taplett is in the process of completing the paperwork to get the school year started. There will be more information coming regarding this transition. A big thank you goes out to Christina Bowser for all the work she and her staff have done to grow this program to its current successful state.

The 2018-19 school year looks to be another great year for all of us here at the “FORT”. As always we hope that you and your kids enjoy your experience here at the “FORT”. It is our intention to make the “FORT” and safe environment for all students and we need you help us parents to make this happen. The best way to do that is to be sure you are communicating your concerns to the appropriate staff members and that you support the effort of every classroom teacher. We strive to make the “FORT” a family-like environment and you as parents and community members need to work with us in the endeavor to make the experience here at our school the best experience for all of our students.

Once again I am excited to serve another year as the Superintendent of this fine District. I am very blessed to live in a community that values education and the efforts of the teachers and staff to make this school one of the best in the State of Nebraska. Please come out and see our students represent this District in all the great activities we offer here at the “FORT”.

Thanks for your support and remember call me if you have any question throughout this upcoming school year!

Dr. Johnson  
Superintendent of Schools



The supply list for Grades PK-6 is on the website, [www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org), under Schools, then Elementary. Secondary students should get this information from their individual classes.



Fort Calhoun Community Schools use an automated calling system 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.



**Policy of Nondiscrimination**

The School District does not discriminate on the basis of prohibited factors in employment and educational programs/activities. The School District affirmatively strives to provide equal opportunity for all as required by: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 - prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender: Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA) as amended - prohibits discrimination on the basis of age with respect to individuals who are at least 40: The Equal Pay Act of 1963 as amended - prohibits gender discrimination in payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work in the same establishment: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - prohibits discrimination against the disabled: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) - prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment, public service, public accommodations and telecommunications: The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) - requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to “eligible” employees for certain family and medical reasons: The Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions: The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) – provides job protections and reemployment rights to military reservists and National Guard members called to active duty: The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act (FEPA) – prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), disability, marital status, and retaliation: Nebraska Age Discrimination in Employment Act (Age Act) – prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of age for those individuals who are over 40 years of age: The Equal Pay Act of Nebraska – prohibits discriminatory wage practices based on sex: The Nebraska Equal Opportunity in Education Act – prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex (including pregnancy) by any educational institution: Veterans Preference Law (Neb. Rev. Stat §§ 48-225 to 48-231) - stipulates categorical preferences for employment for military veterans and for the spouses of disabled veterans. Additional School Board policies prohibit harassment and/or discrimination against students, employees, or patrons on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, marital status, disability, age, pregnancy, and any other legally prohibited basis. Retaliation for engaging in a protected activity is also prohibited. Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against, denied a benefit, or excluded from participation in any district education program or activity may file a complaint using the district’s complaint procedures.

Inquiries regarding compliance with any of the laws referred to in this policy may be directed to the superintendent or to the district’s Title IX and/or Section 504/ADA Coordinator.





# **FOOD SERVICE PRICES** **2018-19** **ELEMENTARY K-6**

Student Breakfast	1.60
Adult Breakfast	2.25
Student Lunch	2.35
Seconds (2nd Entrée)	1.75
Second Lunch	2.35
Milk	0.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30*
Reduced Lunch	.40*
Adult Lunch	3.75

## **SECONDARY 7-12**

Student Breakfast	2.10
Adult Breakfast	2.25
Student Lunch	2.70
Seconds (2nd Entrée)	2.00
Second Lunch	2.70
Milk	0.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30*
Reduced Lunch	.40*
Adult Lunch	3.75

\* Required by Federal Legislation

Lunch benefit information will be sent home the first day of school. Please make sure your children have money in their account for meals. Carryover benefits will run for 30 days until 9/28/18. If no application or information has been received by that date, students will be charged full price for meals beginning on 10/1/18. Benefits are not retroactive. e-Funds and benefit information is also available on our website, [www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org). Breakfast is served at 7:45 AM in both buildings every morning that school is in session. Bus routes times are scheduled for riders to arrive in time to eat.

## **Nondiscrimination Statement**

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
  - (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
  - (3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)
- This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## **SEASON/ACTIVITY PASSES 2018-19**

Prices remain the same as 2017-18 \*\*\*

Elementary Students K-6	\$20.00
Jr-Sr High 7-12	\$30.00
Each Adult	\$50.00
Family Pass (Immediate Family)	\$110.00

Individual Admission Prices – Varsity Home Contests  
\$4.00 Students K-12  
\$5.00 Adults

Individual Admission Prices – JV and Lower  
\$2.00 Students K-12  
\$3.00 Adults

Golden Age Conference Passes are available **FREE OF CHARGE** to any patron over 60 who requests one.

**\*\*\*FORT CALHOUN SEASON PASSES DO NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION TO ANY CONFERENCE, DISTRICT OR STATE CONTEST HELD AT FORT CALHOUN OR THAT FORT CALHOUN MIGHT HOST.**



The first day of preschool will be Monday August 20th. Morning preschool class is from 8:00 - 11:15 AM and afternoon preschool class is from 11:50 AM to 3:05 PM.

Before school begins, you will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and current immunization records. The first tuition payment is due now. Tuition payments are due on the 20th of each month beginning in September.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for choosing us!

Visit our website at  
[www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org)

## Map 1-Front of school drop-off/pick-up



## Map 2-Back of school drop-off/pick-up





# FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY

ENGAGING + LEARNING + ACHIEVING =PRODUCTIVE PIONEERS!

Home of the PIONEERS!|Welcome to the 2018-19 school year

I love sending this letter knowing the start of the school year is right around the corner. I am sure you love receiving this letter knowing your student (s) will be going back to school. That puts a smile on our face! Just think how comforting it is to know your student is attending one of the best schools in the state.

Be kind! What a great theme for this upcoming school year. This theme is not only school based, but community/family based. We strive to incorporate several components into ensuring our students are prepared for life. Being kind is one, but I can't help mentioning the power of positivity in our journey as a factor of being a successful human being. The research continues to support how positivity impacts all generations in the working environment. We must start to equip students to be successful in the complexity of working with others at a high level so they understand how/when to address negativity when confronted with it. Most of you have heard me discuss this topic at some level throughout your journey with us at the FORT! We (staff) have recently read a book called "The No Complaining Rule" by Jon Gordon. Within this book it discusses how life can knock you down, but more importantly the concept of getting back up and understanding in life takes resiliency with grit to address negativity with positivity. There are two paths we choose daily to go down, whether it be subconsciously or directly, we choose! Research also mentions people are happier and more productive when the environment around them is positive. Why do I mention this? There are several reasons why beside the distinct correlation to a happier life, and success, positivity is one of those guiding principle to what we do here to ensure we model a culture of excellence. This concept also models our purpose/mission statements, our promise to you, vision (Doing what is best for kids), giving your best (no matter what), and providing an environment for all to be themselves. After this is established then we can get to the academics. This is part of building that productive relationship. We have been emphasizing the importance of the next generation platform and we are literally doing this one day at a time. We continue to be laser-focused on ensuring we provide our students with the best practices to be successful human beings.

Thank you all for choosing Fort Calhoun Elementary. The experience each student receives is historic to become future active participates in society. Let's continue to work together to ensure this happens. We are better together!

## CHANGE AHEAD-Student Drop Off/Pick-Up

Safety! Safety! Safety! Please be aware of a few changes this coming school year in our student drop off/ pick up zones around the building. We will only allow drop off and pick up on a curb, to facilitate that we are making the following changes.

In the front of the school, the entrance is moving from Monroe Street (which will now be exit only) to 12th Street. The flow into the Elementary parking area and drop of lanes will be one way only from the 12th Street entrance, you will que in the drop off lane, dropping off or picking up your student on the curb, then exiting on to Monroe Street turning right. If you prefer to walk your student to the building, as in the past, please park in the parking lot and use the cross walk appropriately. When exiting the parking lot you will also exit on to Monroe Street turning right.

The City has agreed to make Monroe Street one way during the drop off and pick up times from 10th to 12th Streets and there will be No Parking on the south side of Monroe during those times.

If you want to drop off or pick up your student on Monroe Street you will need to be adjacent to the curb to do that. In the back of the school you have two options, you can turn on to Adams Street from 12th Street and que on the curb once the buses have dropped off or picked up students or you can que on the 10th Street curb from Adams to Monroe Streets. There will be no pick up/drop off or parking on 10th Street from Clay to Adams Street. If your student is walking home from school we will be directing them to exit the site on to a sidewalk. North and south it will be 11th Street, east and west it will be on Monroe Street.

Mr. Jerry Green  
Secondary Principal

## Pushing Ourselves

As we get closer to the beginning of the school year I am reminded that we need to constantly push ourselves to be better. I was just outside watching a little football camp and thinking about how hard the athletes prepare for the upcoming seasons. I wondered if we work that hard at our jobs and at our lives. If we are not pushing ourselves we are not getting better, we need to extend beyond what is comfortable and challenge ourself personally and professionally. It is when we push past our expectations that we grow and become better. New challenges await us every day; we need to be ready to take them on. We need to push ourselves to new boundaries so we can best serve others and ourselves.

I would encourage you as I will our teachers, staff and students to push yourself, to be better than last year, better than last week, better than yesterday. I hope nobody wakes up in the morning and says, "Today I want to be average", but how many get up and say, "Today I will be great, today I will challenge myself to do my best."

I can't wait to get the year started and challenge the students and staff to push themselves, to have a great year, to learn and grow.

MR. NICK WEMHOFF  
Assistant Principal/AD

## Support Your Local Athletes Fall Sports Kick Off Fort Calhoun Booster Club Sign Up

The annual Fall Sports Kick Off will be held on Friday August 17th at the High School. Dinner will be served from 5-7 PM with scrimmages taking place in various venues throughout the campus, team announcements being made at 6:20, and a Football scrimmage at 7:00 PM.

The Fort Calhoun Booster Club supports and maintains all areas of Fort Calhoun Junior High and Senior High School athletics and invites you and family to join for the 2018-19 school year. This volunteer group maintains and improves the athletic equipment and sport facilities at The Fort.

The Booster Club and its generous supporters have provided the Pioneers with improvements and support, including bleachers, uniforms, scholarships, facilities, and equipment. We have also purchased new uniforms for every sport and an electronic timing system for our track program; and provided new and additional equipment for all of our sports programs.

This is all done by sponsors, individual memberships, and apparel and concession sales. Sign up at the Fall Sports Kick Off or you can find information about the Booster Club and the Membership Sign-Up Form on the school's website ([www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org)), under Community Organizations.

## Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
Students entering 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Must be current with the above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: [http://dhs.ne.gov/Pages/leg\\_1173.aspx](http://dhs.ne.gov/Pages/leg_1173.aspx) (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011)  
Updated 01/26/2018



Several Fort Calhoun Senior High Art students who submitted works to the Young Artist Exhibition in conjunction with the Omaha Summer Arts Festival received recognition. There were 300 pieces submitted from all participating schools and Fort Calhoun submitted 10. **Avery McKennan** and **America Johnson** each were selected in the top 51 to have their works framed. **Avery** was also selected as one of 20 Honorable Mention Awards for her charcoal drawing, and **Kloey Appel** was one of 10 Merit Awards given for her color reduction prints.