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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Summer is Just Around the Corner!

With graduation now squarely in the rearview mirror and as the other school events come to a close it's time to stop, review, and reboot. We had another great group of kids graduate and soon will be embarking on their life after high school. The Class of 2019 brought in a record dollar amount of scholarships as a class and will definitely make their mark on this world as they venture out into their new careers. We have students going to college, going into apprenticeship programs, going to the armed forces and some that will contribute right away to the workforce. We are going to have soldiers, police officers, doctors, plumbers, nurses, teachers, and mechanics. Regardless of where these kids go, we are confident that they will make a positive impact on society and to people around them. A big thank you goes out to the teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents in producing such a great group of graduates.

As much as we want just sit back and bask in the accomplishments of these students, our job as a school district never ends. The administration will meet and review the good and the bad of the 2018-19 school year and begin planning to get better and work toward advancing every students' skills as they progress through our school district. David Genoways and I are already working on the 2019-20 school budget. The Board of Education will hold their annual Board Retreat to review the 2018-19 school year and then plan for the upcoming school year. The discussions will be centered around the 2018-19 board goals, future building plans, and setting board goals for the 2019-20 school year. We have a strong board and I look forward to working with them as we prepare the "FORT" for years to come.

The 2019-20 school year ushers in a new direction for our district technology programming. Our district is moving away from iPads and will be converting to Chrome Books. We believe this shift will be more productive for students and will give them a more "real-world" feel for computer expectations in the world of work. The change will also be more economical for the district. More to come as the 2019-20 school year approaches.

Last but certainly not least, parents kick your kids outdoors, limit their time with electronics and help them to rediscover playing, hiking, and getting summer jobs. Be sure that your kids are engaged in healthy behaviors and understand the meaning of work. Growing up my summers were filled with summer jobs, family vacations, and outdoor activities; I learned how to entertain myself, work hard labor and understand the meaning of responsibilities. I learned a lot from the summer jobs I had and I still have tremendous memories of all the family vacations. All kids should be lucky enough to have all of that and family time!

Have a Great Summer
Dr. J



Kaden Therkildsen and **Kennedy Bradburn** were recognized for their leadership by Pinnacle Bank and Midland University. They attended a Leaders Luncheon on Midland University campus along with fifty other juniors from eighteen different schools.

Winter sports end of the season accomplishments include: *Lincoln Journal Star* All State Honorable Mention; **Zane Schwarz, Trenton Bouwman, Taya Skelton and Kennedy Bradburn: Omaha World Herald** All State Honorable Mention Class C-1; **Zane Schwarz, Trenton Bouwman, Taya Skelton, Kennedy Bradburn and Kinsley Wimer: Omaha World Herald** All Area; **Taya Skelton Second Team, Kennedy Bradburn, Kinsley Wimer, Zane Schwarz, and Trenton Bouwman** Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to our State Track qualifiers. Your hard work paid off! Wish them luck at the State Meet. They are **Zach Marshall, Ben Haggar, Jake Haggar, Taya Skelton, Avery McKennan and the Unified 4x100 Team consisting of Adam Bannister, Dillon Dierks, Kameron Pringle and Kyle Deyen.**

Mr. Mike Mallett was awarded the CHI Health Top Teacher Award. His nomination included his making learning fun and making the kids enjoy school.

Sadie Finch was selected as a World Language Distinguished Scholar. This Nebraska honor recognizes students for language learning, study and appreciation for cultural diversity.

Nate Bonacci, Zach Faucher, Zoe Fickbohm, Aaron Johnson, Grant Hansen, Kenzie Hansen, Jayden Hunter, Savannah Lukasiewicz, Avery McKennan, John McKennan, Harrison Schmitt, Jake Seina and Ryan Swierczek were all selected to take part in the Capital Conference Honor Band.

Zoe Fickbohm, Avery McKennan and Taya Skelton were named by the *Omaha World Herald* as Honorable Mention in the 2019 World Herald All Academic Program.



Thirty-eight Fort Calhoun Graduating Seniors reported being offered scholarships to post secondary education totaling over \$2,735, 250, the highest dollar amount offered ever. Congratulations to you all and all of those important people who have helped you along the way to achieve your goals! In addition 87% of the Senior Class has already earned college credit in one or more classes.

Shelby Jean Altstadt - Wayne State College - Mary Francis Surber Endowed Scholarship, Wildcat Annual Scholarship, Wildcat Academy of Leadership and Knowledge Selection: Peru State College - Deans Success Award: Morningside College - Founders Scholarship: Augustana University - Viking Academic Grant: Washington County Bank ATM Scholarship: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 36 Scholarship: TeamMates Mentoring Scholarship
Courtney Paige Baxter - Minnesota State University - In State Tuition Scholarship, Softball Scholarship: Fort Calhoun Womens Fitness Club Scholarship
Nathan Matthew Blizzard - Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors Graduating Senior Scholarship
RaeAnne Drew Borsh - Peru State College - Deans Success Scholarship: Wayne State College B&G Excellence Award: American Red Cross Blood Services High School Scholarship
Trenton Sandry Bouwman – South Dakota State University Coyote Commitment Scholarship: Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church Scholarship: Two Rivers State Bank Business Scholarship
Katie Jo Christensen - Minnesota State University Ignite Scholarship: University of Wisconsin Phoenix Scholar Award: University of Sioux Falls Provosts Academic Scholarship: Morningside College Founder Scholarship: Northwest Missouri State University Tower Scholarship, Bearcat Advantage Scholar Award: Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church Scholarship
Hannah Rose Maria Conklin - Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors Graduating Senior Scholarship
Alexis Christine Crooks - Upper Iowa University Achievement Scholarship
John Alexander Crump – Midland University Pinnacle Bank Outstanding High School Leader Scholarship
Brian Christopher Drowne - Nebraska Wesleyan University Strong Scholarship, NWU Achievement Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship
Olivia Marie Evans - Teamsters Local Union 554 Scholarship
Zoe Nicole Fickbohm - Pioneers for Science Scholarship by Jim and Kathy Morley: Colorado School of Mines Golden Sower Scholarship: South Dakota State University Blue and Yellow Award: South Dakota School of Mines Silver Scholar Scholarship
Easton Joseph Fritz - Metropolitan Community College Avenue Horatio Alger Careen Scholarship: Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation Career Promise Scholarship: Tulsa Welding School through Skills USA-2nd Place Welding School Scholarship
Hailey Rose Forrester - Metropolitan Community College Take it Further Scholarship
Piper Grayson Hager - University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Tradition Scholarship, Husker Earning & Learning Scholarship, Achievement Scholar Award, Opportunity Grant: Metropolitan Community College Academic Excellence Scholarship: University of Nebraska Omaha Deans Scholarship: Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation Teammates Scholarship: TeamMates Mentoring Scholarship
Rachel Dolores Hager - Wayne State College Black & Gold Academic Excellence Scholarship: Nebraska Wesleyan University Nebraska Strong Scholarship Archway Scholarship: University of Nebraska Lincoln Achievement Scholarship: Wayne State College Opportunity Grant: TeamMates Mentoring Scholarship
Benjamin James Haggar - University of Nebraska Kearney Teacher Scholars Academy Scholarship: University of Nebraska Omaha Teacher Scholars Academy Scholarship funded by the William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation: University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, Class of 1984 Scholarship in Memory of Dan Dale-Classmate: Pioneers for Education Scholarship
Jacob Richard Haggar - Creighton University CU Award, U S Army ROTC Advanced Designee Scholarship; Missouri Western State University Governors Academic Scholarship: University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship: Fort Calhoun Booster Club Scholarship
Jesse Thomas Hirschert - Metropolitan Community College Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship
Danielle Renee’ Howell – Wayne State College Black & Gold Academic Excellence Scholarship
Aaron Wayne Johnson - University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship
Trina Lynn Johnson - Metro Community College Take it Further Scholarship: K J Robinson “Free Hugs” Scholarship
Nichole Anne King - University of Nebraska Lincoln David Distinguished Scholar, Opportunity Grant, Husker Access Grant, University Tuition Assistance Grant: Midland University Scholar Athlete Scholarship: Susan Thompson Buffet Foundation Susan Thompson Buffet Scholarship: Washington County Bank ATM Scholarship: Paul and Bea Kruger Memorial Scholarship administered by the Pioneer Fund Foundation
Julie Ann Klemm - Creighton University Founders Award, Father Joseph Labaj Award, Heider Foundation Summer Internship Tuition Scholarship, CU Bluejay Dance Team Scholarship: Midland University MU Scholar Dancer, Performing Arts Scholarship, Visitation Grant: University of South Dakota Coyote Commitment Distinction Scholarship: Pioneer Fund Foundation Scholarship: Pioneers for Education Scholarship: Blair Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Elementary News

I can’t believe this school year is coming to an end. I thought it was March a couple days ago. I sure hope you are laughing with me on this one. Chalk it up to another exhilarating adventure that you can write in your journey. Of course there were some challenges throughout this school year and we hope those opportunities created a time to self-reflect for continual growth.

We continue to be in a special place as we move forward together. The hard work and effort from students, staff, parents and community have put us a notch above the rest. Please take time and reflect on why we are that special place. I have thought about this “why” for the last seven years. I started this in depth thought with “why” in the beginning of this school year. If you remember my welcome back letter entailed the question “why.” I identified key components of why plus being kind and finally spinning negative situations into positive discussions. We truly believe the why starts with relationships then transitions into several other components that ultimately make us an outstanding culture that demands high expectations. Those relationships and partnerships will only create that next level of excellence, together! We are better together! That leads me into my final two thoughts. Our theme for next year is TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More). Lastly, some challenges for next school year.

TEAM is our main theme next year. We are better together is truly a statement that describes the “why” of our culture. When you walk into the front office with the quote describing it takes a village to walking around the building and engaging students in a collaborative manner. Research will always back that up with many minds are better than one when finding a solution to a problem. That should be one reason why you are here! We grow together!

As I wrap up this message, I feel obligated to provide some challenges to you all as we move forward into the next school year. As a school we are tackling some complicated areas of growth such as systematic grading alignment, systematic positive behavior intervention, intertwining programs with mental health curriculum initiative, and continuing our push for career readiness exposure. We will be reaching out for your feedback during this transition and we appreciate your feedback. These challenges will only provide us an opportunity to continually grow as a culture.

I hope this provides a glimpse into “why” you are here. This also provides a small outline of our thought process of continual growth, if you aren’t re-evaluating programs/systems every year then there is a possibility you are staying stagnant. Stagnant leads to being average. Pioneers are not average; we are extraordinary entrepreneurs of the future.

Thank you for your continual support. Our hopes when you read this last message of the school year you remember why you are here. Go Pioneers!

Educationally yours,
Drew R. Wagner

FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT CENSUS RECORD

Resident: LastFirstMailing Address:Zip

SpouseResidence Address: (if different)

OccupationHe/SheCountyPhone #

Other Adults Living at Same Address

DateFor Office Use Only:Census ID #

NAME OF CHILD(SOC. SEC. # (Birth to 21 Years)	ID #	SEX M F	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY	PLACE OF BIRTH CITY/STATE

ITS CENSUS TIME

Our community is growing and we want to be prepared. We are continuously counting people/students in our District to determine future needs.

Residents: Please help us with our count by reporting yourself, children up to 18 years old especially those who intend to be enrolled in Fort Calhoun Schools for next school year, and any other household members. 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. This form is also available on our website.

Thank You!

Mr. Jerry Green
Secondary Principal

GRADUATION

Whether you are graduating, having a son, daughter, grandchild, any relative or someone close to you graduating it is an exciting time of year. Many of us probably remember our own graduation and how exciting it was. Did you know what you were going to do after graduation? Many of us took different roads as will this graduating class, the one thing we all have in common is high school is over. That in itself brings about mixed feelings, it was safe to know we were headed back to high school but most are ready to move on even if it is a little scary.

Graduation brings together family and friends that support our graduates as they celebrate the conclusion of high school. It might seem like it would never get here for the seniors but for parents it went so fast. Everyone tells you it does and it wasn't that you didn't believe them but you just don't realize it until the final year and how fast it really does go.

To the graduates I would say, "congratulations, you are entering the next phase of your life and I wish all of you well. Find your purpose in life; take time to explore and building positive relationships. Your time in high school has passed and I hope it was a good experience for you but what you are now venturing into will be different, new and exciting. Take the lessons learned over the past years and put them to good use, your success will be connected to your ability to make good decisions and overcome bad ones. You will make both, hopefully more good.

"Congratulations and Good Luck."

COMMUNITY WEIGHT ROOM USE

The high school weight room is available for use by District patrons. A fob is issued for a fee of \$20.00 which renews each June 1st. Current fob holders who do not renew by June 1st will have their fob disabled until payment is made. If you have any questions contact Mr. Nick Wemhoff at 402-468-5591.



Pioneers For Education scholarship winners for 2019 are Ben Haggar, Julie Klemm and Stephanie Mlynarik.

Nick Wemhoff
Assistant Principal, AD

The world of athletics continues to grow and the pressures for our young athletes to perform at a high level continue to increase. Coaches and athletes look at the summer as a critical piece of the off-season to get better and improve on sport related skills – and they are right! It is important that athletes are continuing to develop fundamentals and skills during the off-season. As summer approaches, here are some things to think about as you plan your summer activities.

- 1) Avoid injuries by training smart. The best way to avoid injury is to train your body. Get bigger, faster, stronger, and eat good nutrition. That may sound cliché, but those are truly the ingredients that help avoid injury. Strength and conditioning all summer will prepare your body for the physical toll it will take during the season. Putting good nutrition in your body will help with recovery time, allowing your body to function at its highest potential.
- 2) Only competition keeps that competitive frame of mind. It is one thing to say that you are going to shoot hoops, hit softballs, or catch footballs with your brother or sister; it is a completely different thing to attend open gyms, summer camps or doing 7-7 passing leagues. Competition challenges you to increase your physical skill level as well as keeps you in the competition frame of mind.
- 3) Schedule some downtime. One of the best things athletes can do for themselves is schedule some "personal time" to help re-fresh or re-charge. This does not mean to do nothing. This means to take just a few days to get away. Spend time with family and friends. This is the reason why at Fort Calhoun we do not schedule any sport events during the week of the 4th of July. This is a time set aside for family, friends, and relaxation. Summer should be fun, but it is also a great time to train and get better without the pressures of school.

I want to wish all of our Seniors good luck as they pursue the next challenge in their lives. May you find success wherever your life takes you. For the rest of our students, enjoy your summer. Find time for family and friends, improve your skills both mentally and physically, and be active! I look forward to seeing many of you in the weight room this summer.

A reminder to all athletes grades 7-12 for the 2019-2020 school year – you must have a sports physical on file at the HS in order to play sports. The physical must have a date after May 1, 2019. Make sure that the sports physical says, "Student is cleared for physical activity without restriction". If you have any questions about physicals, please call the HS office.

"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them."
- Walt Disney

Summer activities and competition schedules for 2019-20 will be available soon.

Avery Elisabeth McKennan - Hastings College McCormick Scholarship, Open Space Award, Art Talent Scholarship, Walter Scott Scholarship: Mount Marty College Academic Excellence Scholarship: Northwest Missouri State University Distinguished Scholar Award, Bearcat Advantage Scholarship: Knights of Columbus Council 10305 Scholarship: University of Nebraska Omaha Regents Scholarship: University of Nebraska Lincoln Regents Scholarship: Learning with Laughter Scholarship Jo Cordes Benefactor: American Broadband 2019 Homegrown Leader Scholarship: Kiewit Corporation Kiewit Safety Drawing Calendar Contest: Fremont Area Foundation, Fremont Area Art Association Hazel Keene Memorial Scholarship: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Schwertley Scholarship
Colton James Mallory - Huntsville Maryland Fire Department Live-In Program Scholarship: First Responders Foundation Award of Excellence Scholarship: Metro Community College Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship
Zachary Ryan Marshall - Fort Calhoun Scholar Athlete Award
Riley James Mitchell - Doane University TeamMates Scholarship, Men's Vocal Scholarship, Men's Golf Scholarship, Campus Visit Grant: TeamMates Mentoring Scholarship
Stephanie JeanMarie Mlynarik - Hastings College Ringland Scholarship, Art Scholarship, Open Space Scholarship, Opportunity Grant, Pioneers for Education Scholarship
Molly Marie Penas - Metropolitan Community College Take it Further Scholarship: Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church Scholarship
Nathan Gregg Premier - University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, Husker Access Grant, UNL Assistance Grant, UNL Opportunity Grant: Solomon Lodge Scholarship: Fitzgeralds of Garryowen Scholarship
Alexis Lynn Ringler - Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors Graduating Senior Scholarship: Northwest Missouri State University Northwest Merit Award, Green & White Advantage Scholarship
Megan Grace Rupp - Biola University Presidents Academic Scholarship, Van Daele Scholarship, Stewarts Science Honors Program: University of Nebraska Omaha Regents Scholarship: University of Nebraska Lincoln David Distinguished Scholar: University of Nebraska Kearney Regents Scholarship: Morningside College Trustee Scholarship, Monte Award: Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary, Ardis Grace College Scholarship: Police Federal Credit Union Robert Sklenar Memorial Scholarship
Taya Lee Skelton - University of Nebraska Omaha Chancellors Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship: Nebraska Wesleyan University Nebraska Strong Scholarship, Board of Governors Scholarship, NWU Achievement Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship: University of Nebraska Lincoln David Distinguished Award Scholarship: Drake University Presidential Scholarship: South Dakota State University Yellow and Blue Scholarship: Midland University Pinnacle Bank Outstanding High School Leader: University of South Dakota Coyote Commitment Distinction Scholarship , USD Valedictorian Scholarship: Fort Calhoun Booster Club Scholarship: Knights of Columbus Council 10305 Senior Scholarship: Pioneer Fund Foundation Scholarship: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Schwertley Scholarship
Caleb Elijah Steiner - Metropolitan Community College Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship
Jordan Michael Wear - Chadron State College RHOP Scholarship, Softball Scholarship, Silver Presidential Scholarship, Leadership Room Waiver Award, CSC Foundation Board Award, Paul Hefti Memorial Scholarship: Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church Scholarship: Paul and Bea Kruger Memorial Scholarship as administered by the Pioneer Fund Foundation
Aaron Joseph Winter - Metropolitan Community College Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship: University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship, Chose Red Grant: Warrensburg Fire Department Student Resident Program for Room and Board
Fox Novie Woksa - Metropolitan Community College Academic Excellence Scholarship, Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship
Jose' Roberto Zapata Guillen - Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors Graduating Senior Scholarship, Ak-Sar-Ben Career Promise Scholarship



This years Prom was held on Creighton's campus at the Skutt Student Center on March 16th. 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. King and Queen are Trenton Bouwman and Zoe Fickbohm: Prince and Princess are Kaden Therkildsen and Morgan Miller.

