

FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY

ENGAGING + LEARNING + ACHIEVING =PRODUCTIVE PIONEERS!

Home of the PIONEERS!|Welcome to the 2019-20 school year

Welcome New Staff Members

- *Mrs. Amber Leifeld
-Kindergarten
- *Mrs. Whitney Hodson
-2nd grade
- *Mrs. Jackie Beckmann
-4-6th grade Special Education
- *Part-time Music Instructor (TBA)
- *Mrs. Judy Short
-Para-professional
- *Miss Josie Oliver
-Para-professional
- *-Para-professional (TBA)

Preschool Program Information

The first day of preschool will be Monday, August 19. Morning preschool class is from 8:00-11:15am and afternoon preschool class is from 11:50-3:05pm. Before school begins, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and current immunization records. The first tuition payment is due on or before August 1st. Tuition payments are due on the 20th of each month beginning in September. We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for choosing the FORT!



Message from Mr. Wagner

I feel very fortunate to be one of the first to say "Welcome to the 2019-20 school year!" Yes, I did say 2019-20 school year. I am as astonished as you are. This is going to be an outstanding school year, one for the ages! I would like to elaborate on two items. Goals for this school year and a few words of empowerment. Let's see how this goes!

Let's start with our two goals for this school year. I love goals! They really ensure you are on staying on the right track throughout your journey. How many of you set goals and post helpful hints along the way to keep you motivated? I am literally raising my hand right now. Back to the goals. In no particular order here are the goals for this school year:
 -Establish and deploy a plan of action to embed a movement called Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports. Please check out this website to learn more; <https://www.understood.org/en/learning-attention-issues/treatments-approaches/educational-strategies/pbis-how-schools-support-positive-behavior>. Please be looking for more information on this movement.





Upcoming Events for 2019-20 School Year

- >**August 14:** Back to School Night; 6-7pm
 - >**August 15:** First day of school; 11:15am dismissal
 - >**August 19:** First day for preschool
 - >**August 26-30:** 3rd-6th grade NWEA testing; Dibels K-2nd grade
 - >**September 3-6:** Kindergarten-2nd grade NWEA testing; Dibels 3rd-6th grade
 - >**September 5:** Picture Day
 - >**September 20:** Walk-a-thon
 - >**October 11:** Homecoming Parade
 - >**October 21-25:** Book Fair in the Library
 - >**October 23-24:** Parent-Teacher conference-Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
 - >**October 25:** No School
 - >**November 19:** Health Screens
 - >**November 21:** Thanksgiving Feast
 - >**November 27:** Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
 - >**December 10:** Health Rescreens
 - >**December 12:** Winter Music concert (High School)
 - Happy New Year-2020*
 - >**February 19-20:** Parent-Teacher conference-Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
 - >**February 21:** No School
 - >**March 2-6:** Book Fair in the Library
 - >**March 13:** Donuts with Dad
 - >**March 16:** Preschool Enrollment opens
 - >**March 20:** Malcolm Band Contest
 - >**April TBD:** Talent Show
 - >**April TBD:** Band Concert; (High School)
 - >**April 16:** Spring Music concert (High School)
 - >**April 17:** School Carnival
 - >**May 1:** Field Day
 - >**May 8:** Field Day in case of inclement weather
 - >**May 19:** Last day of school; 11:15am dismissal
- **All dates are subject to change. Also refer to the districts master calendar for other important dates at www.fortcalhouschools.org**

Go PIONEERS!

-Maintain quality instructional strategies to improve student proficiency by 10% on ELA assessments. This strategy will be monitored by NWEA, NSCAS, Student samples, and professional development.

These goals were established by the elementary professionals, however, they were created through feedback and data from all. We will keep you posted on how these are developing throughout this school year.

To conclude my message I would like to leave you with this. One day last year I was observing my two oldest kiddos, Paxtyn (8) and Lennox (4 going on 18), interact. They were working on a project together and they finally figured out that if they helped each other (collaborated) the project became manageable. I am thinking to myself "YES, YES, you are on to something." So then I said with enthusiasm, TEAMWORK, and without hesitation they both finished my sentence with ..."makes the dreamwork." I laughed and said yes where did you hear that. They both looked at me very suspiciously and said "You DAD!" They really do listen! TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK! "TEAM" is our school theme this year. It fits perfectly with our Fort Calhoun culture and what we want to teach our kiddos. The actual process to effectively interact as an authentic team is quite tasking (Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing and Adjourning). We hope to empower our kiddos to be a member of an outstanding team by modeling this expectation and getting students to understand they can create more pathways to a solution when working together. TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK!

Thank you all for choosing Fort Calhoun Elementary. The experience each student receives is historic to become future active participates in society. Let's take these next challenges on TOGETHER! Go TEAM!

**You're INVITED:
WELCOME BACK NIGHT!**

When: August 14; 6-7pm

Where: FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY

Why: Kick off the 2019-20 School year

What to bring: YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES and A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

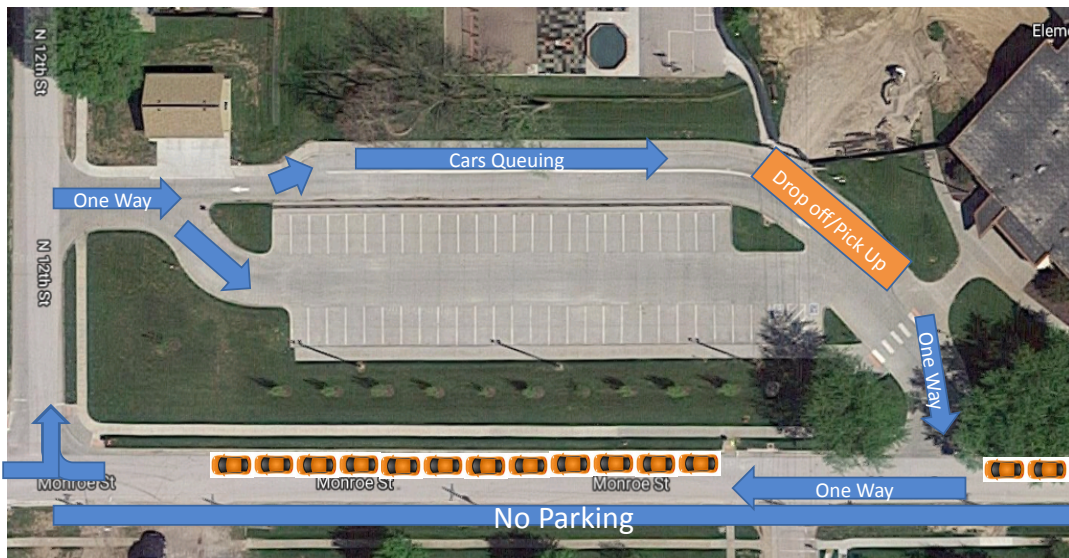
Who is all going to be there: STAFF, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, PRINCIPAL, AND ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

***This is a great night to introduce yourself to your new teacher. Please come by and visit.**

REMINDERS/UPDATES

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

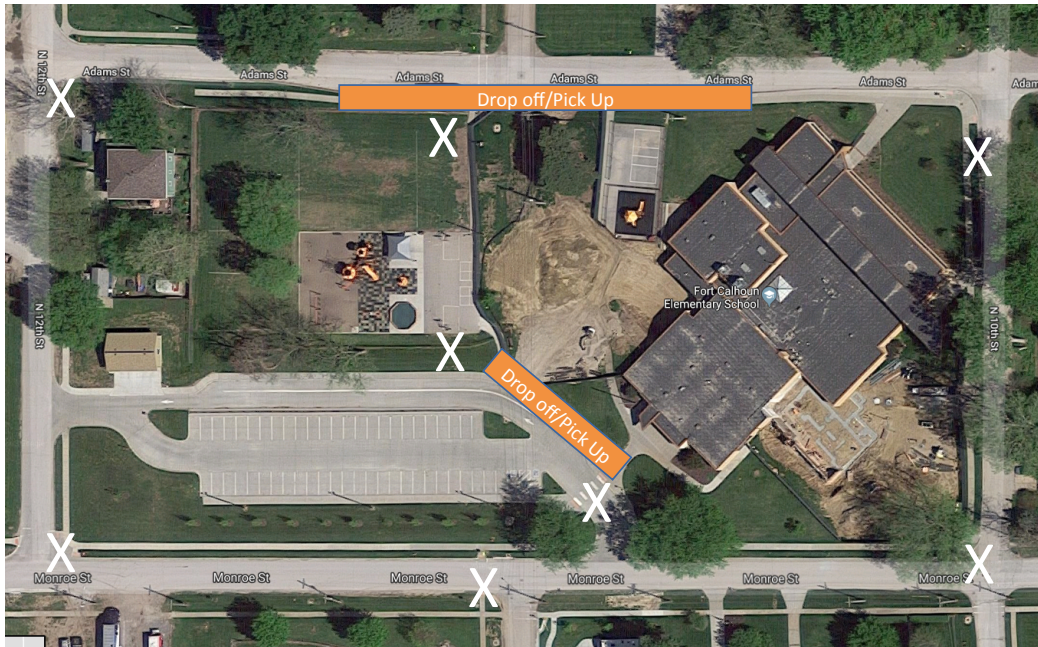
Map 1-Front of school drop-off/pick-up



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



Map 3-Staff Locations



HANDBOOK UPDATES

At this time we would like to update you on any changes/updates to the elementary handbook that you should be aware of. Please remember the Parent/Student Handbook is intended to provide communication guidelines for a transparent process and of course keeping our environment safe for all.

-Pg. 11 (Eleven). Food Consumed by Students. The change here is the breakfast and lunch prices have been raised.

Breakfast Program – Grades K-6 Regular Price \$1.75 ; Reduced Price \$.30

Lunch Program – Grades K-6 Regular Price \$2.50; Reduced Price \$.40; Seconds \$1.75

-Pg. 42 (Forty Two). Student Discipline. The change here is the addition of two statements. Please see below.

Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (see also board policy on weapons and firearms); Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (see also board policy on weapons and firearms #5049);

Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmission of a look-a-like weapon and simulating the possession of a weapon (see also board policy on student discipline #5035);

-Please pay special attention to the “Cell Phone Usage” (Pg. 21) and “Electronic Devices” (Pg. 26) policies in the handbook. The particular item of interest, which involves both policies are electronic GPS watch phones. These are prohibited during the school day, unless authorized by a teacher or administrator. Students may use them after the school day is over. These two policies are in place to ensure a productive learning environment for all. If you have questions please contact Mr. Wagner.