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SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Jack D. Moles



The school year is off and running. We are off to a great start and everyone seems to be ready to have an outstanding year. Watching staff and kids in the first few days I know they are all excited to begin a new year. I join them as each year brings new adventures, challenges, and rewards.

As part of my opening with our staff this year I shared with them my theme for the year. The theme around which I want to shape this school year is: "Relationships! Relationships! Relationships!" This theme is built around the concept that we will only do our best work when we have positive relationships with our students. It is also incumbent on us that we have positive relationships with parents and our community. We have these positive connections with many of our students, but not necessarily with all of them. That is something we work on every year and this year is no difference. Once these positive connections take place truly wonderful things happen for kids. I want to make sure that we do not overlook any students.

The summer brought a great deal of physical change to the school in terms of grounds and facilities. Highlights include:

- Two restrooms in the Elementary Building in Tecumseh received "extreme makeovers". New tile was placed on the floors and walls, along with all new fixtures and dividers. The aesthetic changes are amazing. The goal is to eventually complete four restrooms and two locker rooms in the High School. Hopefully these projects can be completed over the next couple of years.
- Several classrooms received new paint. I have developed a schedule that will have all classrooms receive new paint jobs over the next five years. Teachers were allowed to choose their own color(s). Some went very conservative while others went a little "less conservative". We had a group of teachers, aides and students who served as a paint crew during the summer and they did a very nice job.
- Some classrooms have received new lighting fixtures. This has dramatically improved lighting in those rooms. As with painting classrooms, my plan is to improve lighting in most classrooms over the next several years. Not only is lighting improved, but the fixtures are also more economical. The maintenance guys are also working on changing lighting in a couple of classrooms over the Christmas break each year.
- We had some rooms that received new carpet at the Cook site. These rooms had not had new carpeting since the construction of the rooms.
- The biggest project from the summer was replacing the railroad tie retaining wall above the playground in Tecumseh. This wall was starting to show its age and parts of it were starting to lean. We considered different options, then settled on a poured wall. Aesthetically I believe it looks much better and with the different levels tied together it should provide for added support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who played a major role in working to complete these projects. Those who worked summer maintenance jobs for us through the entire summer were outstanding in their work. To all of you who helped: job well done!

Some other projects are still being planned that will help to improve the conditions of our buildings and grounds. Examples of projects still to come:

- We will be considering roof projects at the Cook site in the next few years. All of the roofs at the Tecumseh site have been addressed over the past several years and now attention needs to turn to the Cook facility. The roof on the old gym was replaced a few years ago, but the others have not been addressed. With the urgency of completing the retaining wall project we have pushed the roof projects back a year.
- We will continue to address painting and lighting in classrooms as we move forward. These projects will be addressed over a series of 4-5 years.
- A long term goal I have is to replace locks on doors on all classrooms and offices.

Keeping facilities in good shape is, of course, an expensive undertaking. Any homeowner can vouch for that. The Board has done a very good job of supporting the improvement of our buildings. For this purpose we have had a Special Building Fund levy to provide the revenues to address these issues. This fund is not part of the General Fund. Although it would be nice to have a large sum of money in the Special Building Fund, we have taken the approach of “pay as we go” in which we identify the main projects needed then raise the funds annually to address those needs. That approach has made us more financially conservative. However, it does tend to limit us when “surprise” projects such as the retaining wall issue pop up.

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Welcome Back! I hope you had an enjoyable summer and ready for a great 2016-2017 school year.

There has been some changes in Nebraska Education – juniors will not be taking NeSa testing this year or in the future but they will be required to take some form of college readiness examination (which likely will be the ACT test) starting the 2017-2018 school year.

We are excited to announce that all 10th and 11th grade students will get a jump start on taking the college readiness examination (ACT) before the 2017-2018 school year. JCC will have all 10th and 11th grade students complete the John Baylor ACT Test Prep to prepare for the ACT test then JCC will have students officially take the ACT test on a prior date to be announced later in the year free of charge.

All JCC students will still have full access at home to all the ACT Prep sessions, bonus materials, and college counseling content using their iPad. JCC students can use the John Baylor ACT Test Prep as much as they want at school or home.

Bringing the John Baylor Test Prep program on-line to JCC district is an investment by the district in our students ACT score: an important measure used for college admission and financial aid. Most test prep courses cost hundreds of dollars, JCC student's will complete the John Baylor ACT Test Prep at school and have access at home as well free of charge.

We truly believe the best and efficient way a student maximizes his/her potential on the ACT test is to take challenging core classes throughout their high school career. The John Baylor Test Prep program is another tool to help students reach their potential on the ACT test.

If you are interested in your student to take the John Baylor Test Prep program at home please make sure your student fills out the form they received at school.

NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, RICH BACON

The 2016-2017 school year officially began with the Middle School walk-through and the Preschool and 4th and 5th grade Open House on Wednesday, August 17th. All of these events were very well attended with over 80% of our students represented. The students and their parents who attended need to be commended for taking the time to ensure their first day of school goes as smoothly as possible.

This year we welcome Myranda Lewis to the Middle School. Ms. Lewis will teach 6th grade Math and Science. The first week of school, once again, arrived with a great deal of anticipation and excitement as students got reacquainted with friends and classmates they hadn't seen over the summer. The start of a new school year is always refreshing as it provides everyone involved with a fresh start and a new beginning. Hopefully, that excitement will motivate our students to reach their goals and accomplish great things here at JCC Middle School. Middle School students and staff are all excited as we launch the 1:1 iPad initiative. We believe the iPad can be a tremendous resource which can be used to enhance learning for all of our students. However, with the iPads comes a great deal of responsibility for the students and their parents. Students and parents need to read and understand all JCC iPad policies and procedures and use the device in a responsible and ethical manner. Parents are encouraged to keep informed of how the iPad is being used in the classroom. Students need to bring their iPad to school every day with a full charge. And, as with all technology, parents should supervise their child's use of the iPad at home. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Junior High football, volleyball and cross country practices are underway with their first contests rapidly approaching. At the start of any season we should take time to think about the purpose of athletics in a Middle School setting. While everyone wants to win and winning is our goal, it cannot be the purpose of our sports program at this level. Middle School activities need to encourage participation and the development of fundamentals that will help them succeed at the varsity level. Instead of placing the emphasis on winning and losing, we need to focus on hard work, effort and teamwork. If students can learn to work hard, give maximum effort, and put team success ahead of individual glory at a young age they are learning skills that will help them succeed for the rest of their lives. Please support our young athletes this year by attending games and cheering their efforts, win or lose. Go Thunderbirds!

ImPACT Concussion Testing Program

Johnson County Central is, once again, utilizing the ImPACT Concussion Testing Program for all athletes grades 7-12 to help improve the school's and coaches' care for athletes with sports-related concussions. This program is being provided by Nebraska Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, and Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center of Lincoln, through the Nebraska Sports Concussion Network. The ImPACT Test is an online computerized test that is specifically designed for managing sports-related concussions. The test measures brain reaction time, processing speed, memory, attention, and allows medical professionals to obtain a "snap-shot" of how one's brain functions in normal conditions. Athletes are baseline tested in the pre-season, and if an athlete sustains a head injury, they are re-tested. Post-injury scores are then compared to pre-injury, baseline scores. If differences exist between the baseline and post-injury tests, athletes will be restricted from activity until further test results return to normal. As post-injury scores return to baseline, or normal, this indicates an athlete is recovered sufficiently to resume a step-wise progression back into activity and full participation. This form of testing and return-to-play helps avoid prolonging the recovery from a concussion, and prevents athletes returning to play too soon before the brain has had time to fully heal, risking serious or catastrophic injury.

This year Thunderbird athletes in 7th, 9th and 11th grades and any new athletes participating in contact sports (football, volleyball, wrestling, boys & girls basketball, and track-jumpers) will be tested. The cost of the baseline testing is being funded and implemented by the Nebraska Sports Concussion Network. Post-Injury testing, if necessary, will be conducted by a health care professional trained in ImPACT and usual office visit charges will likely apply. School personnel have been trained to conduct baseline tests at school, and all coaches will have taken an online Concussion Training for Coaches course in an effort to improve the recognition of potential head injuries. Additional information in recognizing head injuries is available for parents and athletes at www.NebSportsConcussion.org. Johnson County Central would like to thank Nebraska Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Johnson County Hospital, Tecumseh Family Health and our area doctors for making the ImPACT Testing Program available to our athletic programs, and helping us ensure we are doing our absolute best in caring for your sons and daughters.

Elementary News

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Ch-ch-ch-changes!

New to JCC's Elementary This Year

STAFF

- Mr. Gabe Meints joins the teaching staff as a 2nd grade teacher. He will also be head coach for football and wrestling.
- Mr. Matt Dierking joins the special education teaching staff at the Cook site.
- Mrs. Beckie Robeson now teaches 2nd grade.
- Mrs. Kayleen Doeden is not the Elementary Reading Teacher.
- Mrs. Michelle Borrenpohl is now a Kindergarten teacher.
- Mrs. Holly Klein joins our para-educator staff at the Tecumseh site.
- Mrs. Kathy Monarrez and Mrs. Ciera Bryant join the para-educator staff at the Cook site.

CURRICULUM

- Keyboarding added to 2-5 curriculum.
- Accelerated Math 2.0 added to existing Saxon Math curriculum to personalize Math instruction.

CITIZENSHIP

- 3 Thunderbird of the Month students recognized from each classroom.

Thunderbird Pride

An area for reflection for me this last year has been pride in our school. I've shared some of these thoughts in a previous newsletter (October 2015).

I'm often reminded of the old saying, "My pride and joy!" To be certain, pride and joy often do come hand-in-hand. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary (<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary>) defines pride as:

- : the quality or state of being proud: as
 - a : inordinate self-esteem : conceit
 - b : a reasonable or justifiable self-respect
 - c : delight or elation arising from some act, possession, or relationship <parental pride>

When we speak of *school pride*, we are talking about the definitions pertaining to self-respect and delight. Of course, we do not want our

students considered conceited, so we will forgo that definition for the sake of this article and building appropriate school pride.

Notice that the definition states "reasonable or justifiable". That there is good, sound reasoning and proof that pride would exist. I would compare this to practicing the piano every day for several hours and then performing wonderfully for an audience. Pride should exist (as well as joy) knowing that the time and effort was put in to result in a great performance.

Another, simpler definition from Merriam-Webster is, "a feeling of happiness that you get when you or someone you know does something good, difficult, etc." The key words I see here are "*good*" and "*difficult*". It also brings in the word *happiness*. Here's where we get the connection to "joy".

You see, the more I think of pride, the more I think it is a result of something we do. It is a

result of our **attitude** and **effort**. It is not something that can be given, nor can it be demanded. What I have found, is that some people will have pride because they work hard, with a great attitude, with no expectation of reward from others, because they know that what they are earning is self-respect, which results in pride and joy.

It is when we begin to think that we will always be rewarded for our efforts and we should always get something, that we lose our joy for what we are doing, thus resulting in a loss of pride. It results in *entitlement*. And, there is no joy, nor pride in entitlement.

Let's all build school pride through great attitudes and maximum efforts, knowing that the reward is in the effort and the growth that occurs.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mon. Sept. 5—NO SCHOOL!
- Week of Sept. 12—HOMECOMING!
- Wed. Sept. 21—School Pictures.
- Fri. Sept. 23—1:00 PM dismissal.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Ms. Olivia Puffer

Welcome to a new school year! I am the new high school counselor here at Johnson County Central this year. This is my thirteenth year as a school counselor. It has been awesome meeting the students at JCC the past few days.

In early August, we found out that Johnson County Central was awarded a \$5000 Education-Quest Foundation College Access Grant for not only this year, but also for the next three years. This is very exciting as this grant money will help us to provide even more opportunities than we have before for students to learn more about Nebraska colleges and universities and how to navigate the path from high school to college. Events will be set up for students and their families throughout the school year.

ACT testing dates and registration deadlines for the 2016-2017 school year are listed below. The registration deadline for the September test has already passed, so the next test to register for is the one in October.

<u>ACT Test Date Registration Deadline</u>	
Saturday, September 10, 2016	Friday, August 5, 2016
Saturday, October 22, 2016	Friday, September 16, 2016
Saturday, December 10, 2016	Friday, November 4, 2016
Saturday, February 11, 2017	Friday, January 13, 2017
Saturday, April 8, 2017	Friday, March 3, 2017
Saturday, June 10, 2017	Friday, May 5, 2017

Students must electronically submit a photo with the application and the admission ticket will have the student's picture printed on it. When students go to take the test, they must have a state or school issued picture ID (driver's license, school ID card, etc. and their ACT admission ticket. They will not be allowed to test without those two items.

All students must also indicate the school they attend when registering. Johnson County Central High School's **school code number** is **282 319**. Social Security numbers will no longer be required or requested by ACT for student registration.

Students may register online at www.actstudent.org. Online registration is possible 24/7 on any computer connected to the internet. A MasterCard or VISA must be used to pay fees online. (Fee Waivers are available for juniors and seniors who qualify-see Ms. Puffer for waiver eligibility). The www.actstudent.org site also offers FREE practice test questions, FREE Test tips, FREE "Preparing for the ACT" booklet and FREE Test Descriptions.

It is not too early for seniors to start applying to college. It is important to start applying to college right away. Most all colleges and universities have options for students to apply online and many also have application fee waivers for students who qualify for the free and reduced lunch programs at their schools. If students have questions or need help applying to college, they can come see me anytime at school and I'd be glad to help them.

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parent/legal guardian and student.

Graduates of Johnson County Central Public Schools, Elk Creek Schools, Nemaha Valley Schools or Tecumseh Public School need to submit a written request stating: a) information to send (such as a transcript of grades), b) the year of graduation and/or attendance (such as graduated 2012), c) name and address of institution or program to receive requested information and finally, the printed name and signature of the former student making the request. Requests may be mailed (Johnson County Central High School, Attn: Ms. Olivia Puffer, 358 N. 6th Street, Tecumseh, NE 68450) or given to Ms. Puffer in the counselor's office.

JCC National Honor Society members will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students, staff, parents and community members who wish to give to help save a life should contact National Honor Society members to schedule a donation time. You may also call Ms. Puffer at (402) 335-3328 during school hours to schedule a donation time or register online at www.redcrossblood.com. One unit of blood given can help save up to three lives! The entire donation process takes about 1 1/4 hours, from registration through refreshments. The actual donation takes about eight minutes. Drinking plenty of fluids the day of and the day before the donation and eating a good breakfast help ensure a positive experience. Please bring Red Cross Donor Card and/or Picture Identification. Students who are 16 will also need a signed parent consent form to be able to give. Walk-ins are welcomed but appointments are preferred. Contact Ms. Puffer or register online to be a lifesaver!

Johnson County Central students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be taking the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests on September 20th and 22nd. Each student will take a Science, Math, Language Usage, and Reading test. These tests will help teachers and parents have a measure of each student's reading, science, math and language usage skills this fall. This will help students and teachers set learning goals for the school year. Then in the Spring, each student will again be taking the MAP assessments to measure the student's progress. Once again, JCC students be using their iPads and the online version of the MAP assessment. This makes the testing a more positive event for both students and teachers.

School Picture Day @ Both Sites

Wednesday, September 21st



FFA NEWS FROM CHRISTY HODGES

Johnson County Central FFA members competed at the 2016 Otoe County Fair. Congrats to Nick, Rudy & Michael! Nick Goracke: Grand Champion Sheep Showmanship, Grand Champion Breeding sheep, Reserve Champion Market sheep. Michael Borrenpohl: Grand Champion Market Heifer. Rudy Pooch: Reserve Champion Beef Showmanship.

Three FFA members were notified that they will be receiving their American FFA Degree in October at the 89th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The American FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA. Congratulations to Lindsay Weber, Isaac Buss, and Samantha Teten! Johnson County Central students receiving their American FFA Degree will be placed on the wall of honor in the high school.

FFA members are looking forward in attending Husker Harvest Days on September 14th. The Land Judging team has started to practice for the District Land Judging Contest that will take place on October 5th hosted by Johnson County NRD.

Tower gardens will be a focus of Botany class and FFA again this year. The tower garden is an aeroponic system that is able to grow 28 plants per system. These tower gardens allow us to teach about plants and nutrition year round in the classroom.

High School Cross Country by Nick Weber

The Johnson County Central Cross Country team is once again poised for a successful season in 2016. The team is made up of nine girls and seven boys who have been working hard to prepare for the season. This year's squad returns a number of runners who competed at the state cross country meet last year and are looking to return to state once again. Samuel Saldivar returns for his senior season after placing 11th at state last year. Junior Aleisha McDonald also returns after finishing 11th at state last year for the girls. Other returners from last year who competed on the girls teams at state are: Seniors Angelica Wellman, Annika McDonald, and Erin Hunzeker as well as Sophomores Jordan Rodriguez and Sarai Ares. Both the girls and boys teams should be very competitive in each and every meet through the year and should once again have a chance to qualify for the state meet. The season will kick off at the Johnson County Central Invite on September 2nd starting at 9:00 am.

2016 Cross Country Roster

Boys

Samuel Saldivar
Gunnar Burger
Diego Reyes
Daymon Francois
Tyler Sedersten
Alex Ortiz
Gustavo Pinedo

Girls

Angelica Wellman
Annika McDonald
Erin Hunzeker
Aleisha McDonald
Sarai Ares
Jordan Rodriguez
Jordan Hunzeker
Jennifer Acosta
Jazi Aschemann



Football Outlook for 2016



We are excited as a coaching staff to have more than double the numbers of boys out this year as compared to last season. With this roster of about 33, there have been many goals shared that involved winning some games this season, working as a team, and having fun while doing both. I agree with both goals and will add one – my goal for this team is to win in the classroom, meaning we go all season with no boys not able to practice because of poor grades in the classroom. As we have mentioned, over and over again, we can't be successful on the field, until we are successful in the classroom. In addition, as a whole group, we are excited to start a tradition for JCC football, and it will take an effort not only by this coaching staff and players, but by the JCC student body and the community coming out to support us on Friday nights. Hope to see you under the Friday Night Lights!! Go Thunderbirds!

Gabe Meints,
Head Football Coach, JCC

High School Volleyball



We have 14 girls participating that have been working hard throughout conditioning and the first few weeks of practice. Of those, we have 4 returning starters as well as 2 others with varsity experience. With few numbers, all of the girls will receive a lot of playing time and be challenged by learning different positions. This week we'll be working on offense and defense, so I'm hoping to figure out who works well next to each other. We've also been working on positivity and goal setting. I'm proud of the work they've done this season, and I hope they carry it into the off season.

I'd like to thank the Booster Club for the new jerseys. The girls are excited for those. I'd also like to give a shout out to my student managers Ava Berkebile and Ava Klein. They are amazing.

I'm looking forward to the season. Go Thunderbirds!

Coach Schleif

Girls Golf 2016 Coach Ben Swanson

While the school year in the classroom didn't start until August 23rd, eleven golfers have been at work on the golf course since August 10th. It is an experienced team, with nine juniors and seniors. Returning letter winners include seniors Sharon Albers and Alejandra Rojas, and juniors Charla Eggleston, Taylor Gerdes, and Trinity Mahoney. Other golfers with tournament experience also include seniors Marisela Cabrales and Liz Kessler, juniors Emalee and Macee North, and sophomore Erika Cruz. Paola Rojas is the lone freshman on the team this year.

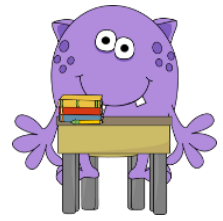
A typical golf practice begins with 45 minutes to an hour of drill work. Some days we work on our short game...putting and chipping. Other days we will set up a driving range to work on longer shots. We follow this by playing holes of golf. I spend my time going back and forth between groups of golfers. Many times while playing, a situation arises in which we need to interpret the rules of golf. We spend time going over the correct ruling and procedures to follow to continue play. This includes counting the correct penalty strokes, being aware of the multiple possible options to proceed with play, and which of these is the best choice under the circumstances. Failure to apply the rules correctly could result in a disqualification of the golfer from the tournament.

One change new to high school golf this season is the ability of coaches to offer advice to their golfers during play. Previously, a coach could only "coach" a golfer after she had finished a hole and before she started the following hole. Now a coach can offer advice and suggestions during play everywhere on the course except on the putting green.

The golf season goes by very quickly. We have one to two tournaments or duals each week. Districts this season are thankfully much closer to home at Woodland Hills Golf Course south of Eagle. It is our goal to get an individual(s) or team qualified for the state tournament in North Platte.



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Horizons by Ashley Juilfs

Our classroom motto this year is “*We Are Monsters*” Magnificent, Outstanding, Nice, Successful, Terrific, Energetic, Responsible, Students. We are looking forward to making new friendships, learning new materials, and implementing new skills to help us become the best we can be. One of our literature units this year will be a fun, exciting one containing a variety of monster themed books to kick off the year. This year we will be expanding our skills in the areas of mathematics, science, and social studies. Our high school students will be building their knowledge and applying job skills at Kerner True Value throughout the year. We would like to thank Kerner True Value for providing this opportunity to enhance our life skills curriculum. Good Luck and Happy Learning to all JCC MONSTERS!



DRUG FREE

Now that this new school year is going to get rolling, students and teachers/sponsors can look forward to the variety of activities JCC has to offer. Johnson County CAN Coalition and JCC Drug-Free are two of those activities. Mrs. Joan Peters and myself will be heading the groups again this year and we look forward to welcoming the new and veteran members and discussing what we will be doing with our funds this school year. Be sure to check the schedules and emails for our first meeting – which will sometime in early-mid September!

Thanks!
Mr. Derek Kuhl



Discover the Treasure in Learning!

The 2029 Kindergarten class have been very excited about starting school! All the boys and girls in Mrs. Grotrian’s class are busy learning about school and rules and getting used to a full day of learning and fun! On the first day the students went on a “Pete the Cat” Hunt and explored all the new places in our school building. We found the Music Room, the Nurse’s office, the Lunchroom, Library, and the Computer Lab! It was fun tour! We also had a mini Kindergarten Olympics where we played some games as if we were in the 2016 Summer Olympics. “Treasures” was our theme for the first week of school. The students brought some of their special treasures to school and then we learned lots about each other by seeing what is special to us. This year we will explore Reading, discover Science, master Math, dig into Writing, hunt for History as we find the treasure in learning! We had a different “Treasure Hunt” every day to find special things. On Friday, we became ‘Pirates’ and used a map that we followed to find our special treasure. We are very happy and excited about starting our educational adventure called *School!*

By Kathie Grotrian



Preschool News by Lisa Othmer

Dear Mom and Dad,

I am learning so many great things at preschool. This letter tells you about a few of the things that I am learning about in the areas of math and science and how you can support my learning at home.

I am learning about shapes and locations. I need you to help me count and place objects. When we set the table together, you can tell me to put the cup next to the plate and place the fork on top of the napkin.

I am learning about patterns and measurement. Ask me about what happened yesterday, and what will happen tomorrow. Help me to create my own color patterns using pieces of cereal, such as Fruit Loops. I can also predict what might happen next in a story and help you follow a recipe.

I am learning to explore my world using all of my senses. I need you to provide me with lots of hands-on activities to explore nature. I like to predict what may happen and then experiment with you to see what happens.

I am learning about how things work in my world. I need you to ask me lots of open-ended questions - "How do you know that?" "What do you think will happen?" "Why does it do that?" I may not always be correct, but it's important that you value my thought process.

When I play with materials such as blocks, clay, sand, and water, I develop skills in critical thinking, logic, and problem solving. When I play, I experiment with cause and effect, with counting and sorting, and with putting things in order.

Mom and dad, thanks so much for taking the time to help me learn.

Love,
Your Preschooler



Speech Room News by Kim Ellicott

I'm excited to begin my third year at JCC. The students who receive speech services will begin coming after Labor Day. This year, I'm looking forward to completing whole class lessons for first grade and possibly second grade. For a whole class lesson, all of the students receiving speech at that grade level join another class. The entire class completes a lesson that reinforces the language concept for that week. First grade will begin with nouns. The class lessons provide opportunities for generalization of skills. It also provides all students with exposure to language strategies. The class lessons are fun and everyone looks forward to them!

September Newsletter
Fourth Grade
Kelli Dorsey



The fourth grade is quickly adjusting back into the routine of another school year.

For Language Arts, we are reading from our series called Reading Streets which includes Reading, Spelling, English, and Writing. Our first theme is Turning Points. We get to enjoy great literature like "Because of Winn Dixie", "Lewis and Clark and Me", "On the Banks of Plum Creek", and "The Horned Toad Prince".

Our daily schedule gets pretty busy. In Math, we are learning many new concepts using Saxon Math. We are adding and subtracting with missing numbers, reviewing place value, and working on reading and writing large numbers.

Daily, students have Accelerated Reading time where students read independently and take comprehension tests on the computer, it is amazing by the end of the year how many points they will have accumulated.

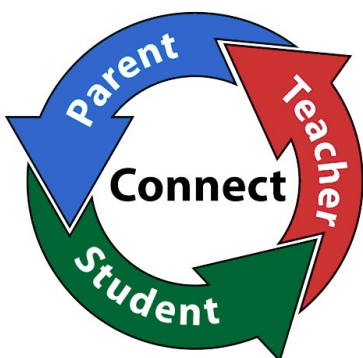
For literature, students enjoy a story called Jennifer Murdley's Toad, where they learn that it is more important to be beautiful inside than out.

During Social Science time, we have begun reading and discussing the history of Nebraska. From the state fossil to questions about the capitol, if you need to know ask a fourth grader!

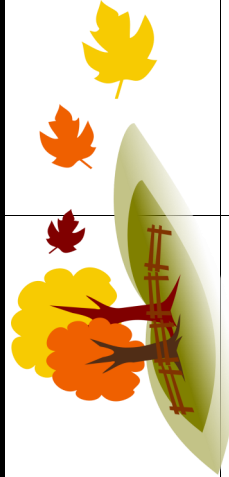
Parent/Teacher Conferences Will Be Held October 27th 28th.

Thursday, October 27th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 28th, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**There will be no school on Friday, October 28th
because of P/T conferences.**



SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>NO SCHOOL!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Fall Boy Scouts Meeting @ Elem Aud. 3:00 pm V Golf @ Tecumseh CC 4 pm V VB @ Wilber-Clatonia 5:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SENCA Poverty Sim. & Class @ JCC HS 8:20 am V XC @ Camp Calvin Crest 4:00 pm JV & V VB @ JCC 5:00 & 6:15 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5th Grade Living History Day @ Table Rock 9:30 am 3rd Grade Emergency Preparedness @ JCC Elem. 3:00 pm V FB @ JCC 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>JV VB @ Syracuse HS 8:30 am</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>V VB @ SCC Beatrice 5th Grade Band/Dietz Meeting @ JCC MS 6:30 pm JV FB @ JCC HS 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>NHS Blood Dr. @ HS Gym 8:30 am V VB @ SCC Beatrice V Golf @ Stone Creek 9:00 am JH VB @ JCC MS 4:00 pm JH FB @ JCC HS 4:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Husker Harvest Days @ Grand Island Board of Ed. Meeting @ 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>V Golf @ Tecumseh 9 MS Band @ Richardson County Fair 11:00 am V VB @ SCC Beatrice JH VB @ Wilber-Clatonia HS 4:30 pm V XC @ Hidden Valley 5:00</p>	<p>16</p> <p>V FB @ JCC 7:00 pm Homecoming MS Band Homecoming Performance 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>JH VB @ Louisville 8:00 am HS Band @ Applejack Parade 1:00 pm</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>V Golf @ Kirkman's 9:00 am C team VB @ Johnson - Brock 4:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>XC @ Branched Oak Lake 4:00 pm JH Football @ JCC HS 4:30 pm VB @ JCC 5:00, 6:00 & 7:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>SCHOOL PICTURES @ BOTH SITES</p>	<p>22</p> <p>V Golf @ Tecumseh CC 4:00 pm JH VB @ Syracuse HS 4:30 pm V XC @ Hebron CC 5:00 JV, V VB @ JCC HS 6:00 & 7:00 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 Dismissal Teacher Workday V FB @ Freeman 7:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>V VB @ Louisville HS 8:00 am</p>	
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>V Golf @ Auburn CC 9:00 am JH VB @ Tri County 4:30 pm JH FB @ Conestoga 5:00 pm JV VB @ Lewiston HS 5:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SCC Explore it Career Fair @ SCC Beatrice 9:00 am JH VB @ HTRS 4:00 pm V VB @ JCC HS 5:00 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Fall FBLA Leadership Conf. @ Lincoln Marriott Hotel 8:00 am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>V Golf VB @ Pawnee City 5:00, 6:00, & 7:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>V XC @ Syracuse CC 3:45 pm V FB @ JCC HS 7:00 pm</p>		



Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rib Patty / WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	2 Br. Beef Fingers Mac & Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	6 Chicken Patty/ WG Bun Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	7 Walking Taco Fruit & Veggie Bar B & B Milk	8 Meat Ball Sub Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	9 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	10
11	12 Cr. Chicken / WG Biscuit Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Ham & Cheese WG Bun Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14 Cheese Stick / marinara sauce Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	15 Hotdog Eiern.& MS WG Bun Chili Dog HS WG Bun Fruit & Veggie Bar Cake Milk	16 Chicken Nuggets Fruit & Veggie Bar Pasta Salad Milk	17
18	19 Chicken Tender Wrap L & T Pudding Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Sloppy Joe WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21 Cheese Steak Crescent Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	22 Cheeseburger /w/ bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggies Milk	23 Chefs Choice	24
25	26 Garlic Bread HS Spaghetti / Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 Br. Pork Patty/ WG Bun Tater Tots Fruit & Veggies Milk	28 Sloopy Nacho's Black Bean Salsa Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	29 Sh. BBQ Pork / WG Bun Veggie Salad Fruit & Veggie bar	30 Pizza Jell-O / Fruit Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	
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