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## SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Jack D. Moles



It is with a good deal of sadness, but also a good deal of excitement, that I announce that this will be my last year with Johnson County Central. I have been visiting with the Board over the past year, talking about what was my plan to retire at the end of next year. My wife and I recently purchased a house in Lincoln with the ultimate goal of moving there over the next year.

Things began to change in February, however. Jon Habben, the Executive Director for the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA), announced his coming retirement. NRCSA then announced that they would be seeking applicants for his successor. NRCSA is an organization that has been a very important part of my administrative career so I told the Board I would likely apply for the position. I did apply and interview for the position and last week I was offered the position. I accepted it and told the JCC Board I would do what I could to help them transition to a new leader. Thus, my last day as Superintendent will likely be at the end of June.

What caused me to have the idea to retire, then to accept the position with NRCSA? A couple of things were in play. A little girl in Virginia, my only granddaughter at this time, has stolen grandpa's heart. Being a full time Superintendent does not afford me the schedule flexibility to go to see her (and her parents) very often. This caused me to first consider retiring at the end of next year, but then the NRCSA position opened up. The NRCSA position is not a full time position year around. It is much more intense and focused during the Legislative session, but has other times of reduced involvement. This provides me with a more flexible schedule.

I will be leaving JCC on good terms. The Board of Education has treated me so very well over the years and for that I will be eternally grateful. I can truthfully say that in 22 years with Nemaha Valley Schools, then Johnson County Central, I never had a bad Board member. Very, very few of my peers can make that same claim. Board members and I have not always been in total agreement, but I always felt there was such a high level of trust and respect for each other that we were able to work through things. Besides, we all recognized that we had one ultimate goal: to provide the very best education possible for our students. To all of the Board members I have been blessed to work alongside in the past 22 years: thank you for being great partners for me to work with. I respect each of you more than you will ever know for the thankless work you put in.

During my interview for the NRCSA position, I was asked what I was most proud of in my career as a Superintendent. That was an easy question to answer. I am so very proud of the way in which our communities joined together to make sure that our merger eleven years ago was ultra-successful. Almost no school mergers go as smoothly and as positively as our merger. The thing I pointed out: it is easier to be successful in this type of venture when all the players work together toward a common goal. I believe we created a great thing for our kids.

I will miss a lot of things about my time at JCC, but most of all I will miss my relationships with kids and staff. We have great kids at JCC. As administrators we have often reminded each other: our "big" student issues are not big issues. They are minor compared to other schools. Our kids are very polite and represent our district so well. We have a staff that genuinely cares for each of our kids. They have incredible hearts and work to make sure that each student has an opportunity to be successful.

What are the most important memories to me over the past 22 years? They are too many to count, but some that have stood out to me the most:

-Having four Nemaha Valley students from the same class score above 30 on the ACT.

-An amazing "local celebration" which was centered around songs written by our elementary classes with a songwriter, Larry Long. The four songs featured that night celebrated the lives of five elders in our community.

-Being able to take a group of elementary students to Indianapolis, where they sang the song "Big Ship Going Down" for the survivors of the USS Indianapolis and our local hero, Clarence Hupka. The song was written for the local celebration discussed above.

- Passing a bond issue to renovate the Cook site building.
- Helping Jane Antholz as she led our school to four straight Academic Decathlon State Championships.
- The entire merger process and the way in which kids, parents, and staff members came together to make sure we were successful.
- Listening to the JCC school song for the first time as our band played it at the Johnson County Fair. It was written by two Tecumseh graduates: Daniel Kettelhake and Nate Morrissey. It is still my favorite school song ever!
- Getting to be on hand when three of our girls teams became the first JCC state qualifiers in our second year: Golf, Cross Country, and Volleyball. They all accomplished this in about a week's time.
- Standing with Justin Kosmicki on the floor of the Bob Devany Sports Center as JCC was recognized for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the Boys State Basketball Tournament.
- Being on hand to watch JCC graduate Jamie Straube get the stuff block that enabled Iowa State to beat my beloved Cornhuskers in Volleyball for the first time ever.
- Our school hosting students from Israel and having some of our students go to Israel. What a remarkable opportunity!
- Watching my own son, Grant, become JCC's first NSAA Champion as he won a gold medal at the State Speech Contest.
- Getting a lump in my throat every Veterans Day for the past 22 years as our school honored our local veterans. Probably the biggest lump was listening with pride as Bret Wellensiek, a wounded veteran, and the son of one of our teachers, speak of honoring our veterans.

These are just a few of the thousands and thousands of memories that have made my time here so very memorable. Thank you to all who contributed to all of those special memories.



## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Summer vacation is sneaking upon us! For most of our students, summer means preparing for fall athletics and working – but for a few JCC students, summer should include attending summer school. Summer school is designed for students for credit recovery. Summer school begins Monday, June 4, 2018 and ends on Friday, July 6, 2018. Classes are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday (with the exception no summer school on Wednesday, July 4 – therefore we will make-up this day on Friday, July 6). At JCC summer school is administered thru a software program called Odysseyware. Each student will be working independently on the computer. A teacher will be monitoring and assisting the class, and be available for questions. Each class has a required number of assignments each day (approx. 10-13 assignments) that need to be completed with a passing grade. All required assignments need to be completed by Friday, July 6, 2018 to receive credit.

All parents of students who lost credits first semester or who are in jeopardy of losing credits for second semester, were sent a letter explaining this opportunity for their student to take summer school to recover these credits. I have also met with each of these students to encourage them to take summer school and the importance of utilizing this program. Summer school needs to be registered and fee paid for before the first day of class on June 4. Students may only take summer school to recover 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of a class and the fee is \$50 per class.

A couple of months ago all students pre-registered for the 2018-2019 school year. Once the official class schedule is complete, every student will receive a letter around the first of August which will include their schedule showing their classes and periods for next year. If they like their schedule, nothing needs to be done. If they would like to make changes to their class schedule, they need to come to school on Monday, August 13 or Tuesday, August 14 during their designated time (which will be in the letter) to make the change with the counselor.

The final item I need to address is our Driver's Education program. There are several new laws and regulations concerning Driver's Education. There is a sign-up sheet at the high school office and an informational sheet which explains the new rules and qualification for students who want to take Driver's Education. Driver's Education classes will be held Tuesday, May 29, 2018 thru Friday, June 1, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a thirty-minute lunch. The cost is \$175.00 with payment needed to be made to the school before the beginning of the first class.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS BY RICH BACON

With the school year quickly winding down, here is a partial list of activities that will take place during the month of May.

The Junior High Track team will be at the ECNC Meet at Conestoga on May 4 and at the Auburn Relays on May 8. The High School Track team will be at the Freeman Invite on May 1, at home for the JCC Invitational on May 4 and at the District Meet at JCC on May 10. Our boys' golf team will tee it up at the JCC Invitational on May 3 at the Tecumseh Country Club, at Hidden Valley in Lincoln on May 8 and the District Meet at Woodland Hills north of Palmyra on May 15.

The Cook Site Elementary and Middle School Spring Music Concert will be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00. Please plan to attend this as I'm sure our bands and choirs, and their directors, will put on an outstanding show.

The Junior High and Senior High ECNC Honor Band will be held at JCC Middle School on Monday, May 7. The ECNC's finest in instrumental music will rehearse together throughout the day and put on what will surely be an outstanding concert in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 9 our 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take a trip to the high school for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. They will meet with high school administration, teachers and activity sponsors and receive a tour of the facility.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will go on a field trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on Monday, May 14.

Elementary Track & Field Day will be Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for grades 4, 5 & 6 starting at 11:30. Parents are invited to come watch the fun and games.

The Middle School Honor Assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00. Students will be recognized for academic achievements they have earned throughout the year.

Summer school will be available again for Middle School students in need of credit recovery due to poor grades or attendance issues. Summer school will run every week, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00-12:00 during the month of June. The cost is \$50/class with each family capped at \$100.

As the end of the school year approaches we'll need to turn our attention to the requirements students need to meet before they are allowed to leave for the summer. Student iPads will be checked in during the week of May 14. Students must turn in the school-issued official Apple lightning-to-USB cable and the full 12W charger block. Insurance does not cover lost cables and chargers. If the iPad is damaged and insurance was not purchased (or you have already used your insurance claim), you will be billed the repair cost. If insurance was purchased and it has not already been used, the repair cost will be covered by the insurance. If the iPad has damage, and insurance was purchased and not used already, the repair costs will be covered by insurance. In addition to their iPads, students will also need to have all other school materials (textbooks, library books, uniforms, equipment, padlocks, etc.) turned in, and all bills, fees, and fines must be paid. Any lost or damaged items will need to be paid for. Both their school locker and their gym locker will need to be cleaned out and all personal items must be taken home. Students will not receive their report cards until everything on their checkout sheet has been taken care of. Please have your child check on these items prior to the last day, so he/she doesn't have to make an extra trip back to school to get their checkout sheet signed. Also, any student who has been absent for more than the eight days allowed during second semester must make up that time in Saturday school before the last day of school.

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### Johnson County Central Middle School Third Quarter 2017-2018 Honor Roll

#### Grade 8

Kaita Baird (All A's)

Logan Barras (All As)

Ava Berkebile

Jonathon Duncan

**\*Madelyn Harrifeld**

Treyton Holthus

**\*Dakotah Ludemann**

Lane Othmer

**\*Emma Straka**

Shayla Thompson

Emma Walters

#### Grade 7

Katelyn Beethe

Erika Cabrales (All A's)

MacKinze Gordon

Sierra Hergenrader

Hayden Huskey (All A's)

Judy Kim

Jacob Liscomb

Daisy Ortiz

Cole Robeson

Cameron Schuster

Brandon Speckmann

Aiden Weber (All A's)

#### Grade 6

**\*Steven Baumgartner**

Brett Bohling

Ava Buggi (All A's)

Arely Cabrales

Priscila Cabrales (All A's)

Cutter Harris

Wyatt Ludemann (All A's)

Kaitlynn Plager

Sunnie Rother (All A's)

Kaitlyn Schuster

Keven Silos

Bailee Sterup (All A's)

Maya Straka (All A's)

Sergio Valles (All A's)

Honor Roll students have no grade lower than a B.

\*Honor Roll with distinction is based on student's having all A's with only one B

# Elementary News

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 T W I T T E R : @ J O N R O T H E R



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Thurs. May 3—3rd grade visit to Cook Site, 9:15 AM -12:00 PM.
- Mon. May 7—Preschool Round-Up, 4:30 PM, Tecumseh & Cook Sites.
- Thurs. May 10—NO SCHOOL! District Track Meet @ JCC.
- Fri. May 11—Tecumseh Site K-3 Field Day, 1 PM.
- Sat. May 12—JCC High School Graduation, 2 PM.
- Thurs. May 15—Kindergarten Graduation & Tecumseh Site Spring Concert, 7:00 PM
- Thurs. May 17—Cook Site 4-6 Field Day, 11:30 AM.
- Fri. May 18—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 11 AM dismissal.

## Helping our Children To Be Successful at Live

Telling Our Children Things They Need to Hear, But Don't Want to Hear:

- Wait.
- No.
- Be nice anyway.
- You'll be okay.
- Keep trying.
- Do it again.
- Work hard.
- Just listen.

Some of these may sound harsh, but children who know how to work, solve problems, be persistent and resilient, turn into adults who are trained at doing these things. I think we can all agree that these are the types of people we would like to have on our team, work with, work for or have work for us. If we allow and insist that our children practice these, it gets easier and easier for them as they mature.

### WILL WE REALLY DO ANYTHING FOR OUR CHILDREN?

- Will I change the way I live?
- Quit some of my bad habits?
- Tell my children things they don't want to hear, risking their ire?
- Swallow my pride?
- Can I make my child finish what they start, accept their discipline and consequences and help them accept discipline and consequences?
- Can I do all this for 18 years with each child and maintain my resolve?

### PENNIES 4 PATIENTS

JCC's Kindergarten through 5th grade students participated in the Pennies 4 Patients Fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. In just 2 weeks, JCC's students and patrons brought in \$1,082.18!! I was really impressed with the generous donations made by all! Thanks to the Tecumseh Branch of the Farmers Bank of Cook for helping to sort and count all the coins!



# THUNDERBIRDS OF THE MONTH

## MARCH 2018



Kindergarten L to R: Jamison Bacon, Sophie Kirkland, Emma Othmer, Journi Brooks, Saul Cabrales, CaroyleLynn Guerra, Carly Christiansen



1st Grade L to R: Elliott Werner, Dominik Wagner, Kenna Thomas, Heidi Reyes, Danica Russell, Bentley Myers, Eduardo Castor, Jackson Gottula, Josiah Barnts, Damian Andrade



2nd Grade L to R: Aiden Bates, Anthony Brooks, Sophia Schmid, Tegan Topp, Bodhi Klein, Anthony Orozco, Alex Thipphavong, Riley Wellensiek



3rd Grade L to R: (front) Bryce Beckman, Erik Prado, Brayden Taylor, Trever Bohling, Amelia Britt, Lane Robeson (back) Saul Soto, A.J. Rautenbach, Hayley Jones, Jonathan DeFreece, Max Goracke, Kyler Cruz  
Not pictured: Molly Weber



4th/5th Grade L to R: (front) Cameron Werner, Ashley Beethe, Owen Weber, Gabe Bernadt, Isaac Beethe (back) Jennifer Hernandez, Kali Drake, Ricardo Castor, Gabe Burki, Keegan Jones, Alex Cruz

# NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Ms. Olivia Reuter

## June and July ACT Registration

Students who want to take the ACT this summer have opportunities to do so in June and July this year. Students who want to take the ACT on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, need to register online at [act.org](http://act.org) by Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Students who want to take the ACT on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> need to register online at [act.org](http://act.org) by Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Summer Opportunity at UNL: Accounting Summit

The UNL Business department is offering a great summer opportunity for students who will be high school seniors in 2018-2019. The accounting summit will be held from May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 1<sup>st</sup>. **At the Accounting Summit, students will explore the careers in accounting and business, tour accounting firms and businesses in Omaha and Lincoln, network with and meet industry professionals, create solutions to a business problem in a case competition, connect with current accounting students, celebrate at a reception with the School of Accountancy and their parents/guardians, and experience what it is like to live on campus by staying in a university residence hall. Students applying for this summit must be on track to graduate in 2019, must have successfully completed Algebra II, and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students who are interested must apply by May 7<sup>th</sup> online at the website listed below.** <https://business.unl.edu/eventregistration/Register.aspx?eventid=263>

## Spring College Fairs: Lincoln and Omaha

Meet with representatives from colleges across the state, region, and nation during upcoming Spring College Fairs across Nebraska. If you're a senior, take one more look at schools if you haven't yet selected a college. If you're a junior, this is the ideal time to narrow down the list of colleges that might be a good fit for you. If you're a sophomore, use this event to kick-start your college planning.

### [Lincoln Area College Fair](#)

Sunday, April 22

1:00-3:00 PM

Southeast Community College – Lincoln

### [Omaha Area College Fair](#)

Sunday, April 29

1:00-3:00 PM

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Sapp Fieldhouse

Admission is free.

Before you attend a College Fair, register for a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](http://NebraskaCollegeFairs.org). Print the barcode—or save it to your smartphone—and take it to the fair so college representatives can scan your demographic information.

## Seniors: Haven't Completed Your FAFSA Yet?

No problem! Students and parents can complete the form at [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov). Before you start, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). You'll need them to access and sign the FAFSA.

For free help with the FAFSA, watch the [FAFSA Demo](#) or use the free [FAFSA tools](#) on the EducationQuest website, or call EducationQuest to make an appointment:

Omaha – 888.357.6300 or Lincoln – 800.303.3745



## Speech Room News by Kim Mueller

This year sure has flown by! The students who receive speech have been busy improving their speech sounds, learning grammar rules, practicing conversation skills, and working on problem solving skills. Learning goals has been a focus of this year as well. Most of the students in speech should know their goals. The students enjoy working on their goals through the use of games. I have cards for Candy Land with speech sounds, verbs, pronouns, and fluency goals. Ned's Head is a great game for predicting, describing, and object function. Chutes and Ladders works very well for cause and effect as well as irregular past tense verbs. Headbands is a commonly requested game to target describing, specific vocabulary, synonyms, and categories. All games target the social skill of turn taking. It has been a wonderful school year and I hope everyone has a fantastic summer!

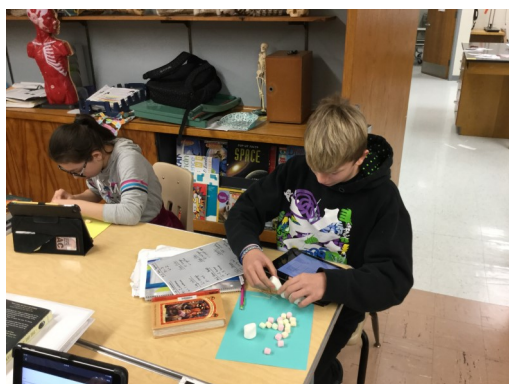


## 7th & 8th Grade Science Maggie Rother

What a fantastic year in science! I am in the process of creating inquiry activities to help students grow in their abilities to think and solve problems. Students are learning how to “DO” science. The skills of logical reasoning, spotting patterns, visualizing, and modeling are great ways to work solving a problem or answering a question.

7th Grade started the year learning about Chemistry. They used Legos to model different elements, compounds, and mixtures. Students were able to design and conduct their own experiments to test questions about the properties of different compounds. They have also discovered what it means to be alive and are currently using an iPad app to organize and categorize the living things into the correct Kingdoms, Phyla, Classes, and Orders.

8th Grade focuses more on Physics and Earth Science. Students asked questions about heat and conducted their own experiments to answer them. The classes collaborated and came up with an impressive amount of evidence backed claims about how heat is defined and how it works. We also studied the space, the stars, and the Earth. 8th graders competed in the AHEC Health Science Meet in Beatrice. Students verbally and visually presented their science fair projects to judges. Several of these meets were held at locations across the state. Six of our students were selected as state winners and will attend the State Science Meet this summer at the University of Nebraska - Omaha. Congratulations to Jeremiah Barnts, Roberto Borboa, Vanessa Jiminez, Jazmin Cabrales, Emma Straka, and Emma Swanda!



## HS Social Studies & Strength Training– Derek Kuhl

Hello:

As the school year winds down in World History we are about to finish up with the Industrial Revolution. I do believe students have learned quite a bit about how the technology that popped up in the 1800s led to what we all enjoy today. We will then move on to our last topics for the year: World War I and World War II.

In Geography class we are finishing up with our first chapter on the European Countries. Then we will take a look at the rest of Europe to finish out April. Unfortunately, there just isn't enough time in the school year cover all the world's countries – so, students will finish the year with a choice between Australia and Africa!

In Strength Training we are currently working on Athletic Performance training. Students are starting to realize what a school year of hard lifting can do for them from a performance and strength standpoint. There have been multiple students make large jumps this year, especially in the back squat – we are talking jumps of 100+ lbs. from the Fall until now. And the back squat is, after all, the most important lift you can do (Zach Duval – Nebraska Cornhuskers Football Strength Coach).

Thanks,

Coach Kuhl

# Career Education by Marsha Bacon, PK-8 Counselor

## Middle School

This school year, 8<sup>th</sup> graders have had several opportunities to learn about colleges in Nebraska. They toured



campuses at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Wesleyan University. Through these visits they earned how to apply to college, pay for college and the different program of study offered at each College.

In addition, this school year 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had economic learning opportunities. Students attended a poverty



Simulation to learn about various aspects of financial literacy provided by SENCA. They also learned about finances and being money wise with Ms. Katie Hupka from Mainstreet Bank. This year, students grades 7 and 8 attended the JCC

Career Fair held at the high school in Tecumseh. Over 40 businesses and colleges were represented. Students were able to talk to representatives from local businesses as well as businesses represented from different locations in Nebraska. It was a great learning experience for our students.



## Elementary

Elementary students are also participating in career readiness lessons. Students learned about the various types of colleges and degrees offered as they prepare for their post-high school careers. They also learned about the colleges JCC staff attended and the degrees staff members earned from those colleges. We made a connection between our careers and the preparation needed to obtain our positions as teachers, counselors, principals and Superintendents. Students had a day in which all teachers shared their story of how they went to college, who helped them, and other information teachers thought might benefit students. Students were able to ask all of their teachers' questions about college, classes and why they thought college was important.





Through the college and career readiness lessons, students learned about personal characteristics that help people become successful and the importance of making good connections with others, particularly adults that work in their area of interest. They also noted people from school and their families that will be able to help them as they prepare for college applications and their future careers.

Using information from the Nebraska Department of Labor, students were informed of careers in the 16 clusters, occupations related to those clusters, and incomes that accompany those occupations. There are many great career resources available at the following Nebraska organizations:

EducationQuest (<https://www.educationquest.org/>)

Career Connections (<http://www.nebraskacareerconnections.org/>)

Nebraska Department of Education (<http://www.education.ne.gov/>)

Nebraska Department of Labor (<http://www.dol.nebraska.gov/>)

Visit these websites or college websites of interest to your child. Continue to talk about your child's interests, strength, and future career possibilities. Keep the conversation going about career readiness in your home.

Career Readiness helps our students achieve goals established in the Johnson County Central mission statement. Educating students about college and career readiness enables them to be lifelong learners as they prepare for college and their careers. We are creating positive citizens for tomorrow in our communities as we prepare students for their futures.



### Career Day

This year we held our K-6 Career on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Community members working in various fields came to school and spoke to our students. It was an exciting day in which students learned a lot about different occupations and career fields. In addition, students were able to dress to reflect the occupation in which they are currently interested or in the gear of a favorite college. Guest Speakers included: Mr. Barrett Waldrep and Mr. Jed Droge from Tecumseh Family Health/Johnson County Hospital; Mr. Derek Gottula from Brinkman Brothers Auto; Dr. Kristin Bohling from Town and County Veterinary; Mr. Andre Rautenbach from Kudu Lawn; Ms. Ann Wicket from the Tecumseh Chieftain; Mr. Matt Weber from Tecumseh Federal Bank; Mrs. Kim Wellensiek from Ebler Insurance and Mr. Jack Moles from Johnson County Central Schools. We greatly appreciated the amazing people who came to talk to our students about their career choices. We learned about the skills needed to work in those fields and what skills we could utilize in elementary school to be more prepared for the future.



\*If you are interested in speaking at the elementary career day next year, please contact Marsha Bacon at the school.

Guest Speakers at the K-6 Career Day include from left to right (back row): Mr. Andre Rautenbach, Mrs. Kim Wellensiek, Dr. Kristin Bohling, Mr. Jack Moles, and Mr. Matt Weber. (front row): Ms. Ann Wicket.

Not pictured: Mr. Jed Droge, Mr. Derek Gottula, and Mr. Barrett Waldrep.

# Open to the public...

## JCC Preschool Advisory Board Meeting Monday, May 7, 2018 9:00 a.m. Tecumseh Elementary Auditorium

This meeting will give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas regarding our preschool program.

If you have questions, please call:  
402-335-3320.



Many things will wind-up our year in preschool in May. Both the Tecumseh and Cook preschool classrooms set up incubators in April and are in the process of hatching eggs. What kind of eggs has been the topic of discovery these past few weeks. Some believe dinosaurs, snakes, alligators or chicks will be coming. Don't forget to ask your preschooler what hatched!

The tower garden has been a huge success in the preschool classroom at Cook. We have enjoyed watching our plants grow and having our salad parties. The Cook site has been studying insects. They can tell you many interesting facts about insects including how many body parts and legs they have. They are also discovering how insects work together, eat, and camouflage themselves. The Tecumseh site will end their year with a Reduce, Re-use and Recycle unit to promote taking care of our planet. They will learn about how we can utilize the things that we have already used to make new items. Should be fun and exciting!

Preschool will end their year with a combined performance and graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 16th, 6:00 p.m. in the Tecumseh elementary auditorium. **-Cheryl Panko**

### District Music Contest– Tom Doran

Johnson County Central hosted District Music Contest on Thursday, April 19. The following are JCC's results.

#### **Superior ratings (receiving I's):**

Men's Choir (earned a plaque for receiving a superior from all 3 judges);

Mixed Octet - Jenifer Acosta, Haley Beethe, Joachim Boog, Chloe Curry, Johnny Kongmanyvong, Aleisha McDonald, Simon Rother, & Andruw Stafford.

Boys Quartet – Joachim Boog, Gabe DeFreece, Simon Rother, & Andruw Stafford (Outstanding Performance Award).

Boys Duet – Simon Rother, & Andruw Stafford.

Vocal Solos – Aleisha McDonald;  
Haley Beethe (Outstanding Performance Honorable Mention)

#### **Excellent ratings (receiving II's):**

Women's Choir

Mixed Choir

Concert Band

Jazz Combo

Girls Triple Trio – Jenifer Acosta, Katelyn Alexander, Haley Beethe, Cheshire Burger, Kathia Castor, Chloe Curry, Hollie Gartner, Aleisha McDonald, & Emalee North.

Vocal Solos – Katelyn Alexander;  
Jenifer Acosta

Instrumental Solos – Taylor Gerdes;  
Hannah Swanda

# THUNDERBIRD



3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



## BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

THE JCC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STAFF IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT(2017-18) 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE ATHLETES TO IMPROVE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL SKILLS INCLUDING SHOOTING, BALL HANDLING, FOOTWORK AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS.

- DATES: May 29, 30, 31
- TIME: 1:00-3:00 pm
- WHERE: JCC HS GYMNASIUM, TECUMSEH
- CAMP FEE \$30/ATHLETE
- MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: JCC
- REGISTRATION AND FEE DEADLINE IS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT
- LATE REGISTRATION IS POSSIBLE UP TO THE DATE OF THE CAMP BUT LATE REGISTRANTS MAY NOT RECEIVE A T-SHIRT.
- ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE JCC BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM.
- CONTACT COACH FARIS WITH QUESTIONS (402) 515-0426 or [kirk.faris@jccentral.org](mailto:kirk.faris@jccentral.org)

Follow us on Twitter  
[@jcccentralhoops](https://twitter.com/jcccentralhoops)

Complete and return the attached form to Coach Faris at the HS or Julie at the Cook site.



# THUNDERBIRD BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

## 3rd– 5th Grade Boys Registration Form

Complete and return this form to Coach Faris at the HS or Julie at the Cook site.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one)

**Youth**

Small      Med      Large  
(6-8)      (10-12)      (14-16)

**Adult**

Small      Med      Large      XL XXL

### Parents Release and Waiver Agreement

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Parent or Guardian (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# THUNDERBIRD



## JUNIOR HIGH

# BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

THE JCC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STAFF IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT(2017-18) 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE ATHLETES TO IMPROVE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL SKILLS INCLUDING SHOOTING, BALL HANDLING, FOOTWORK AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS.

- DATES: May 29, 30, 31
- TIME: 9:00 AM – NOON
- WHERE: JCC HS GYMNASIUM, TECUMSEH
- CAMP FEE \$30/ATHLETE
- MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: JCC
- REGISTRATION AND FEE DEADLINE IS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT
- LATE REGISTRATION IS POSSIBLE UP TO THE DATE OF THE CAMP BUT LATE REGISTRANTS MAY NOT RECEIVE A T-SHIRT.
- ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE JCC BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM.
- CONTACT COACH FARIS WITH QUESTIONS (402) 515-0426 or [kirk.faris@jccentral.org](mailto:kirk.faris@jccentral.org)

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Complete and return the attached form to Coach Faris at the HS or Julie at the Cook site.

# THUNDERBIRD BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

## Junior High Boys Grade Registration Form

Complete and return this form to Coach Faris at the HS or Julie at the Cook site.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one)

**Youth**

Small      Med      Large  
(6-8)      (10-12)      (14-16)

**Adult**

Small      Med      Large      XL XXL

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# ♥ Welcome to Preschool!

## Open House @ Tecumseh and Cook

May 7, 2018

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Open to all families who are currently enrolled or interested in enrolling their child in the Johnson County Central Public Schools Preschool Program. This open house will give you an opportunity to see the preschool classroom, meet the teacher, and ask any questions you may have. An Orientation night will also be held in August.

If you have any questions, please call: 335-3320.



Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

# May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Sub Sandwich Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>2</b> Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>3</b> Pizza Fruit & Veggie Bar Cake Milk	<b>4</b> Chefs Chioce	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Beef Fingers Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	<b>8</b> Hotdog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>9</b> Taco Salad Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>10</b> <b>No School</b> <b>District Track</b>	<b>11</b> Pizza Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Mother's Day	<b>14</b> Chicken Tenders FF Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>15</b> Meatball Sub Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>16</b> Chefs Chioce Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>17</b> Chefs Chioce Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>18</b> <b>Last Day of</b> <b>Classes</b> <b>Early Dismissal</b> <b>Have a Great Summer!!</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Memorial Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
		<b>Menu is subject to change with out notice</b>				
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# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 -4&5th Gr. MAP Testing- Reading -V Track @ Freeman HS, 9am -V B Golf @ Grandpas Woods (Murdock), 10am	2 -4&5th Gr. MAP Testing- Math -HS Honors Day @ HS Gym, 2:00pm -FFA National Land Judging Contest in OK	3 -4&5th Gr. MAP Testing- Language Arts -Kindergarten Field Trip to Morri Hall & Lincoln Chil- dren's Museum, 9am -V B Golf @ Tecumseh, 9am -FFA National Land Judging Contest In OK City	4 -4&5th Gr. MAP Testing- Science -V Track @ JCC HS, 9am -3rd Gr. Field Trip to Joselyn Museum/Platte River State Park, 9am	5 -HS Choir, Music In The Parks @ World's Of Fun, 6am
6	7 <b>-NO SCHOOL- Cook Site ONLY</b> -ECNC Honor Band @ Cook Site, 8am -Preschool Advisory Board Meeting @ Tec Site, 9am -Preschool Round-Up @ Both Sites, 4:30-6:30pm	8 -V B Golf @ Hidden Valley Golf Club, 9am -JH Track @ Auburn HS, 4pm -MAP Testing Gr. 6- 8th	9 -Board of Education Meeting @ Tec. SPED Rm, 7:30pm -MAP Testing Gr. 6-8th -8th Gr. Orientation @ HS, 2:30pm	10 <b>-NO SCHOOL-</b> V District Track @ JCC HS	11 -Tec. Elem. Track & Field Day @ HS, 1pm -Sr. Art Show Public Reception @ HS Cafete- ria, 6:30pm -4.8th Gr. Spring Concert @ JCC MS, 7pm	12 -Sr. Art Show @ HS Cafeteria, 12:30pm -JCC Graduation @ HS Gym, 2pm
13	14 -6th Gr. Field Trip to Henry Doorly Zoo, 8am	15 -Kindergarten Gradua- tion @ HS Gym & K-3 Spring Program, 7pm	16 -Preschool Program/ Graduation @ Tecum- seh Elementary Audi- torium, 6pm -MS Honors Program @ JCC MS Gym, 2pm	17 -1st Gr. Field Trip to Henry Doorly Zoo, 8am -4.6th Gr. Track & Field Day @ JCC MS, 11:30am	18 <b>-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-</b> 11am dis- missal -V Track State Cham- pionship @ Burke HS	19 -V Track State Cham- pionship @ Burke HS
20	21	22	23 -Summer Cheer Prac- tice @ HS Gym, 7am	24	25	26
27	28	29 -Elem/JH Basketball Camp @ HS Gym, Elem: 9am-12pm & JH: 1-3pm -Driver's Ed @ JCC HS, 9am	30 -Summer Cheer Practice @ HS Gym, 7am -Elem/JH Basketball Camp @ HS Gym, Elem: 9am-12pm & JH: 1-3pm -Driver's Ed @ JCC HS, 9am	31 -UNK Cheer Camp @ Kearney -Elem/JH Basketball Camp @ HS Gym, Elem: 9am-12pm & JH: 1-3pm -Driver's Ed @ JCC HS, 9am		



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### Child find

Children that are birth to 5 years old who are experiencing problems with speech language, cognitive, emotional and/or physical development or have a disability can receive services through Early Childhood Education Services. If interested or in need of more information please contact Rebecca Kling, Special Education Coordinator or Jack Moles, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

## No School Days:

COOK SITE ONLY: May 7th  
(ECNC Honor Band)

Both Sites: May 10th  
(District Track)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:  
May 18th - 11am Dismissal

