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Johnson County Central Public Schools

Monthly Newsletter

Superintendent Report March 2020

by Dr. Galen Boldt



Greetings!!!

Wow....where did 2 years go?? It's nearly been that long for my tenure here at Johnson County Central Public Schools, and my experience has been nothing but enjoyable for me. The community is a wonderful community that is the heart of Johnson County, and the staff that comprise our school are as good as any school in the country. The demographics of our students and parents provide for a diverse experience that not many other southeast Nebraska schools can offer, and I have been thoroughly impressed with watching the overall operation. That includes our Board of Education who give countless hours in service of the school and get to see the governance components up close for their 4 year terms, many of which have served more than 1. Their decisions lay the ground work for the future of the school, and supporting the staff as we help students pursue their hopes and dreams!!

As we near the midpoint of the current legislative session, the property tax reduction bill, LB 974, is the main topic for many senators. I have been in close contact with our Senator, Julie Slama, about my feelings and what the ramifications of new legislation might mean for Johnson County Central. In a note to her last week I laid out the concerns that I have:

"A reduction in our reliance on property tax is a no-brainer for everyone, yet how we get to that point has lots of roadways. In the matter of LB 974, I am still of the opinion that it does not represent good policy. I was a part of a group of superintendents that met with Senator Linehan on Monday morning to allow her to explain to a group of rural superintendents how her bill would be good for us. It was very apparent that this legislation is close to her heart and with great passion she badly wants to support schools as she fashions a law that provides property tax relief, especially for our farmers. I am very appreciative of her efforts and a willingness to listen.

I was given hand-written numbers from her that specifically outlined the impact on Johnson County Central. I know that she is the most familiar with the intent of the legislation and how the specifics might affect schools. However, after listening to her and reviewing the information given all of us, I still would have serious questions about moving forward with the legislation. My concerns are as follows:

- The numbers that fall at the heart of the legislation (according to her hand-written notes) for 2019-20 reflect our expenditure limitation at \$8,073,476 for General Fund Expenditures, yet our approved 2019-20 budget is set at \$8,333,317. I don't know how this difference in what she believes is our spending limit is works with what the Board approved for the current year.

- In explaining the spending limits for the next 3 years mean, she indicated that the increases are based on our expenditures from 2018-19. The bill requires a 3.3% increase the first year of implementation, then 4% each of the next 4 years. She told our group that in order to get maximum spending growth in year 4 that we needed to spend at least up to those increases. I even got the idea that in order to take full advantage of the bill, she encouraged increased spending. I am not comfortable with that idea in the light that at JCC, I believe that we should look for opportunities to reduce expenses, and with staff salaries taking up nearly 80% of our entire budget, reducing staff through attrition before we need to achieve reductions through reduction-in-force is the best way to do so.
- Especially in the first year, our farmers and residents would not achieve any property tax relief because we would be required to raise our levy to replace funds lost through a reduction in valuation. While it is true that we receive an additional amount of state aid through the foundation aid, it does not replace the revenue lost by the decrease in property tax. There are varying figures out there right now about how much replacement we lose based on valuation projections, but the resulting rise in levy would mean that our patrons would have nearly the same tax bill.
- The increase in foundation aid in years 2, 3, and beyond would certainly be welcome revenue to help us with a reduction in property tax revenue, but those numbers are based on projections of a good economy staying good or improving. They are not based on a new revenue stream to replace that lost through the property tax reduction. I'm not sure about trusting those concepts.
- With implementation for this bill set to have immediate impacts for next school year, I don't think it gives schools time to sort through and plan for all the outcomes.
- JCC is between a rock and a hard place when it comes to facilities. The reduced ability to build or renovate through the Building Fund by reducing the maximum levy limit to 6 cents would certainly hurt our future plans for improving the school buildings.

While these points are some of the things that I am worried about, perhaps the biggest objection I have falls in the concept of lack of trust in local officials making good decisions for their schools and communities at the local School Board level. We have good people on our school board who understand the nature of our school and community and the thought of the legislature making laws that supersede their ability is uncomfortable to me. I also believe that the underlying cause of the property tax issue is found in the out dated tax codes that currently govern our revenue streams. I believe that an overhaul of those codes is foundational to an improved revenue stream that is fair to all. I also believe that shifting revenue reliance away from property tax to other revenue streams like sales tax is not an increase in taxes, but a shift in taxes."

The Legislature has its work cut out to get something done, and I'm not sure exactly what will happen. The legislation is being billed as property tax relief, but I hope that everyone understands the double edge that 974 brings with the Budget Authority Limitations providing implications that are far-reaching for school budgets. The bottom line is that this is a complex issue. If any of you have questions about any aspect, I would encourage you to talk with Senator Slama, or stop up to school and I will try and answer them the best I can, or help to find an answer.



NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Cold.... Warm.... Cold.... Warm, I'm hoping spring is just ahead of us! At JCC, Prom is just around the corner – Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Hartman's Cattle Company. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m. - parents are welcome to take pictures until 8:45 p.m. The Dance will be held from 8:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Prom attendees will bring their change of clothes for Post-Prom with them to the dance. When Prom attendees are dismissed at 11:15 p.m., they will go straight to the high school locker rooms to change into their Post-Prom clothes. Prom participants that want to attend Post-Prom (at "The Mark" in Elkhorn, NE) will be leaving from the high school at 12:00 a.m. sharp.

To help ensure that we have a safe, drug and alcohol free Prom and Post-Prom, the Johnson County Sheriff's department will be administering breathalyzer tests before Prom and before students enter the buses for Post-Prom. Prom participants will also have a ticket of admission form to sign as well as their parents to give them access for the dance and Post-Prom activities.

A very important date you need to mark on your calendar is Tuesday, April 7, 2020. All juniors in the state of Nebraska will be required to take the ACT test on this date. Our JCC juniors will test at the high school and around the first week of March, high school counselor Mrs. Reuter, will be mailing out a letter with the agenda for this day to all juniors. Our freshmen and sophomores will be taking college visits on this day, and parents will receive a letter with the agenda for this day. Seniors can use this day for personal college visits, filling out scholarship forms, and making preparations for graduation.

Census Collection Just Around the Corner

It is important for all of our Johnson County Central residents to understand the importance of an accurate accounting of our people for many reasons, but in particular for the benefit of our school. According to information from the US Census Bureau we all need to understand the importance of accuracy because:

- The Census determines how funds are spent for Early Childhood care, K-12 and higher education
- The Census determines how funds are spent for technology training

At Stake in the 2020 Census are some 300 federal programs that distribute more than \$800 billion in federal dollars to states. A recent analysis by George Washington University found that Nebraska in 2016 received just under \$4 billion through such programs. At those funding levels, each person missed in the 2020 Census costs the state about \$21,000 over the 10 years until the next Census. If the state count is off by one-tenth of a percent, it would cost Nebraska \$400 million over those 10 years.

Information regarding the collection will be coming out in Mid-March about how to respond to the invitation to participate. Please make a conscious decision to provide accurate information to the government that will result in benefits for the students at Johnson County Central.

Information taken from resources from:

US 2020 Census <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

US Census Bureau U.S. Census 2020

Be A Census Taker <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>

2019-2020 School Calendar 2nd Semester

March 2020						
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March	
5	End of 3rd Quarter
6	No School - Spring Break
9	No School - Spring Break

April 2020						
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April	
3	Early Dismissal 1:00
10	Easter Break - No School
13	Easter Break - No School
23	No School—District Music Contest

May 2020						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

May	
9	2020 Graduation
21	Last Day of Classes - End of 4th Quarter
22	Teacher Workday

Go Thunderbirds!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

BY RICH BACON

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held in the middle of the quarter this year on February 19th. Parents who were unable to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences are encourage to make contact with their child's teachers to get clarification on how their student is doing in all areas of their education, not just grades. This important interaction between teacher and parent can benefit the student immensely when utilized.

Students will be taking the state accountability tests, officially called Nebraska Student Centered System (NSCAS) Summative assessments, starting in late March through the last week of April. These assessments are very important for our students and the district. Results from these assessments provide data which help guide curriculum decisions for our district.

We had several Middle School students that auditioned for the Meridian Honor Choir and Honor Band. Students selected to the Honor Choir were: Catherine Blomstedt, Mia Castor, Cameron Daniels, CadiJohn Rivera, Sunnie Rother, Bailey Sterup, Kali Drake, Jennifer Hernandez, Avery Houseman, and Alivia Tenney. Maya Straka and Lydia Mejia were selected for the Honor Band. The public can see these students, along with the entire 7th & 8th grade and 6th grade choirs and bands perform in late March. On Thursday, March 26th there will be a middle school music concert in the main gym. On Friday, March 27th, our Middle School students will be participating in the HTRS Middle School Music Contest. The performance times will be available as we get closer to the contest date. We hope to see you at one of these performances.

JCC is again hosting an after school robotics program for 6th grade students this year. Classes meet after school in the Middle School library from 3:45-5:30 on Fridays. Students from the University of Nebraska - Omaha will be providing instruction and activities using JCC's Sphero and Ollie robots.

The Junior High Wrestling season got underway with a triangular with between JCC, Syracuse, and Ashland-Greenwood on February 18th. Johnson County Central has 16 wrestlers competing this year. The wrestlers will have meets at Falls City on February 27th, Weeping Water on February 28th, Auburn on March 5th, Norris on March 7th, Nebraska City on March 12th and finish their season at the ECNC Championships in Malcolm on March 17th. Good luck to the wrestlers as they finish their season. GO THUNDERBIRDS!

As a yearly reminder, Johnson County Central utilizes an activity scheduler called rSchoolToday. Through rSchoolToday, a conference website has been created which provides links to school calendars and school websites of all the conference schools. Since this is a web-based calendar it will provide the user with instant access to the most up-to-date activity information at all times. Users can set themselves up for automatic email reminders or text messages to your cell phone or other mobile device and be instantly notified of any changes to any schedules. This is especially handy when games are postponed due to weather or if the start time for an event has been adjusted. You can access this website by going to www.eastcentralnebraskaconf.org. For help navigating the calendar you can click on "Parent Guide" and it will provide brief instructions on how to get started. You can also access the Johnson County Central calendar by simply clicking on the "Sports Calendar" on the school website. This is a great way to keep informed of any last minute changes to our sports schedule.

Elementary News

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Lesson Learning

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Thurs. March 5—
End 3rd Quarter.
- Fri. March 6—
NO SCHOOL.
- Mon. March 9—
NO SCHOOL.
- Mon. March 23—
Preschool Family Fun
Night, 6 PM,
HS Cafeteria.
- Mon. March 30—
PTO Meeting,
5:30 PM, TEC ELEM
Room 105.

When I reflect on my own children and all my good intentions to raise responsible children, I sometimes come across times and areas where I missed the mark. After these revelations, the best I can do is to apologize to my children and offer to learn and do better. I try not to get too wordy (and for me, this is a challenge), but to explain that my intentions were good, that I love them, (now the rolling eyes of a teenager) and that I'm not going to give up trying to be the best parent I can for them.

One area that I have found myself at fault is my emotional response to what I perceived as a failure or poor performance. I want my children to be successful. I want them to strive for excellence. I want them to be intense and enthusiastic about the things they do. And, if you noticed, I've used the words "I want" a lot. Sometimes not paying attention to what *they* want.

I can still remember being told by one of my children, "I just want to make you happy." I could barely see through the haze of my emotions and the things I thought they wanted. (And trust me, it is easier to see this happening with someone else than when it is happening to you.) I had realized that my child was not enjoying what they were doing because I wasn't happy with the outcome. It wasn't the activity my child was enjoying. They were just trying to make me happy, knowing that their success at the activity did so. If I wasn't happy with the outcome, then they didn't want to participate in an activity that continued to make me unhappy. I was the "joy killer". I was the "fun sucker". I had to change. If my child was to enjoy all the activities that make growing up fun, then I had to respond differently. As much as I wanted to push for greatness, I had to find a different way. And I did. I found a few things to work on that helped me. And they are still a work in progress:

- Let my child broach the subject and lead the discussion.
- Listen to learn about my child, not to respond.
- I'm not the one in charge of the activity.

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- Offer my help, and when they want it, they can take it.
- Only give advice when asked (This is tough!).
- Encourage, don't criticize.
- Support the program. Support the other adults.

All of this, in my experience, is hardest with the oldest child; the first experience for us as parents. (Sorry Simon.) So, we attempt to correct it with the second; messing it up a little more. (Sorry Saylor.) But, I hope to get a handle on this parenting thing. (Good luck Sunnie and Saige!) You can too. We just need to support each other. We just need to be willing to admit our mistakes and learn to do better. It's hard. In my house, I'm the paterfamilias and should always be right. Right? Well, I've found it doesn't really work that way. Not unless I like the couch in the basement.

That last bullet up above; that's an important one. If we want our children to be taught, to be coached, to be employed; then they have to trust the adults in their lives. To be certain, there are times they shouldn't. But, when we discredit or show disrespect or disdain for the adults in charge of our children, then they will have a hard time being mentored by that adult. You are the parent, the most beloved person in your child's life. They trust you. And when you aren't happy with something or someone, then they have a hard time trusting in that activity or adult. It puts the child in a tough place: honoring their parent or respecting the person in charge. It can tear a child up emotionally. And, one of my biggest regrets is being part of putting my children under emotional strain.

Kindergarten Round-Up

WHEN: Monday, April 27, 2020
9:00-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Johnson County Central Elementary Building
in Tecumseh.

WHO: Children residing in the Johnson County Central
school district who are, or will be, age 5 on
or before July 31, 2020.

Individual letters will be sent in April to the parents of all Kindergarten ready students residing in Johnson County Central's school district. If you do not receive a letter, please call the school and let us know that you will be attending the 2020 Kindergarten Round-Up.

If applying for early registration (child will be 5 years old on or after August 1 and on or before October 15), JCC must have received your written request by March 13, 2020.



JCC Preschool Program

The Johnson County Central Preschool Program is now accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in preschool and you did not receive an application in the mail, pick up an application from the elementary office in Tecumseh or Cook, print an application from the school website: www.jccentral.org, or call the school: 402-335-3320.

The preschool schedule encompasses discovery through active involvement. "The Creative Curriculum" program is implemented and activities, materials, and equipment reflect and respect the diversity of race and multiculturalism and the physical and mental abilities of all children.

The program focuses on providing learning opportunities for those students who will be entering kindergarten the following year. Therefore, the majority of our enrollment will be filled by prekindergarten students. **Prekindergarten** is defined as a child who will be four years of age on or before July 31, 2020. A **three-year-old** is defined as a child who will be three years of age on or before July 31, 2020. Being potty trained is a requirement of the program. We offer a full-day program for prekindergarten students at both sites. Three-year-olds will join the morning of the full-day program at both sites. Preschool is in session Tuesday through Friday. There is no tuition fee for preschool.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a classroom visit, please call the elementary office: 402-335-3320. Thank you for considering Johnson County Central Preschool. We would love to join you in the education of your young learner!

*All preschool children, regardless of their abilities, disabilities, or the social, linguistic, or economic diversity of the children's families are eligible to be served in our preschool program.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Ms. Olivia Reuter

A Day in the Life of a Bobcat- Opportunity for High School Juniors and Seniors

Peru State College is offering their “A Day in the Life of a Bobcat” program on Friday, April 3, 2020. High school students will see what a day in the life of a Peru State student is really like! Whether they’re just beginning to think about college, or still haven’t made up their mind about post-secondary plans, this is an opportunity to learn about Peru State firsthand. Students will need their own transportation to this event. It is preferred that they attend with a parent. Students should register online at www.peru.edu/perustate101

Apply Now- Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich Scholarship

JCC seniors who plan to major in business, medicine, or religion are encouraged to apply now for the Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich scholarships. The Lilliches wanted to give something back to the community in which they were raised. Having been reared during the Depression, Wayne and Wanda appreciated every little thing they received in those early years. When they had the opportunity to gain some wealth, they never forgot their roots. Two scholarships worth \$1800 each are available to be awarded to JCC seniors who meet the scholarship’s requirements, fill out the application completely, and attach all required materials. The deadline to submit applications is 11:59 PM on March 15th. To apply for this scholarship, seniors apply through the Lincoln Community Foundation at <https://lcf.academicworks.com/>

Bryan College of Health Sciences- Summer Healthcare Camps

Bryan College of Health Sciences in Lincoln is offering two healthcare camps this summer for high school students who are at least 16 years old. The first camp is Biomedical Sciences Camp. This will be held June 24th and June 25th and is for students interested in pre-med, pre-PA, and sciences. The cost is \$100. Students will learn hands-on in Bryan’s science labs, explore career paths in healthcare, see the cadaver lab, and much more. The second camp is Health Career Camp. This will be held from July 13th through July 16th and is for students interested in nursing, sonography, view simulators, and job shadow. The cost for this camp is \$250. Students can start registering for these camps on March 1st by visiting the following website bryanhealthcollege.edu/events

Seniors- Apply for Scholarships Now

The local scholarship form along with many other scholarship opportunities and forms have been emailed to all JCC seniors in the past month. Seniors are welcome to ask Mrs. Reuter for help with any of these scholarships. It is very important that they start working on these scholarship forms well before the deadline dates as several require a number of steps to complete. Many also require teacher or counselor recommendation letters. Students will need to ask for these letters at least a week or two ahead of time. The deadline to turn in most of our scholarships is March 27, 2020.

Looking Ahead- Education Quest Spring College Fairs

These free events will feature colleges across the state, region, and country to help you find the right fit. Before you attend: Register for a barcode at NebraskaCollegeFairs.org and come up with questions to ask college representatives. The two fairs nearest Tecumseh are:

Lincoln Area College Fair
March 29, 2020
Southeast Community College - Lincoln
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Central Time
8800 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68520

Omaha Area College Fair
April 5, 2020
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Central Time
Sapp Fieldhouse - UNO
6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68182

Meet the Class of 2020

This month, I am continuing to feature the Class of 2020 in my newsletter article. Here are the next seven senior profiles.

QUENTIN XAYAPHONESONGKHAM



Quentin Xayaphonesongkham lives in Tecumseh and is the son of Heather Stone and Samuel Xayaphonesongkham. He has one brother, Lee, who is 11. Quentin's school activities have been football and basketball and his hobbies and interests outside of school include playing basketball in the park and putting stereo systems in cars. Quentin's favorite lunch at JCC is the popcorn chicken bowl and his favorite class at JCC was geography because he learned about a lot of new things about the world. His most challenging classes have been his English classes because some of the books they have read and the assignments they have had, have been challenging. Quentin's advice to freshmen is, "Take your studying seriously and don't give up."

His favorite thing about being a senior is that he was able to take more of the elective classes that he enjoys. After he graduates, Quentin plans to go into the welding program at SCC-Lincoln. In ten years, he sees himself working for a traveling welding company.

ANDRUW STAFFORD

Andruw Stafford is the son of Brian and Stacy Shirley of Tecumseh. He has four siblings, Ella (9), Tyson (6), Baylee (4), and David (2). While in high school, he has been involved in football, band, choir, golf, basketball, one act, and musical and spring play. Andruw's favorite classes at JCC have been his music classes because he enjoys music and his P.E. classes because he likes staying active, and his most challenging class has been calculus because it's a big step up from his previous class. Andruw's interests outside of school are sports and music and his favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. His favorite thing about being a senior is, "Knowing it's my last year of high school and the opportunities I have had to be a role model." The advice he has for freshmen is, "Your first years of high school are important, don't slack off." After high school, Andruw plans to attend SCC-Lincoln, Peru State College, or Wayne State College. At this time, he is looking at majoring in music education. In ten years, he sees himself living in a small town in the Midwest working as a music teacher.



DEMETRIUS MURRAY



Demetrius Murray lives in Tecumseh and is the son of Jessica and Charles Jr. He has one brother, Jonathon (16). His favorite and most challenging class at JCC has been chemistry because Dr. Boone made it fun and challenged his class. Outside of school, Demetrius likes to work and make money. His activities while in high school have been track, yearbook, and basketball, and his favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. According to Demetrius, the best thing about being a senior is, "I am going to graduate soon." His advice to freshmen is, "Don't do drugs." After he graduates,

Demetrius plans to attend a trade school and become an electrician. In ten years, he sees himself living in Fiji and working as an electrician.

ALEX ORTIZ

Alex Ortiz is the son of Manuel and Marilu of Tecumseh. He has two sisters, Daisy (15) and Yaretsy (10). Alex's favorite classes at JCC have been chemistry and P.E. and his most challenging classes have been English and chemistry. His school activities have been basketball, football, band, soccer, and cross country, and his favorite school lunch is stromboli. Alex's hobbies and interests outside of school are working and playing sports. According to Alex, the best thing about being a senior is, "We are almost out of school." His advice to freshmen is, "Get involved in sports and activities." After high school, Alex plans to attend Metro Community College and enter into their construction management program. In ten years, he sees himself owning his own construction company, married with one child, and living in either California or Oklahoma City.



PAOLA SOLIS ROJAS

Paola Solis Rojas lives in Tecumseh and is the daughter of Estela Rojas and Jorge Chavez. She has three siblings, Valeria (26), Alejandra (20), and Alex (16). Her favorite classes at JCC have been art and journalism because she feels like she has been able to express herself in both classes and they are both great programs that are continuing to get better. Her most challenging classes have been her math classes and her activities while in high school have included golf, soccer, FBLA, one act, journalism, and choir.

Paola's hobbies and interests outside of school include taking pictures with her camera, whether that be for seniors, friends, or just for fun, and doing makeup and helping other girls with new looks for events such as quinceaneras, proms, and homecomings. Her favorite lunch at JCC has been the popcorn chicken bowl and her advice to freshmen is, "Live life day by day." The best thing about being a senior, according to Paola, is, "I am able to say that this is finally my last year of high school and I am also able to set a good example for underclassmen." After graduating high school, Paola plans to go into the construction management program at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha or the Capitol School of Hairstyling and Esthetics.

In ten years, Paola sees herself married and living in Texas in her own house with hopefully at least one kid, if not two. She will hopefully have her bachelor's degree in construction management or have her own business in some type of cosmetology.



MARIA ELENA CHAVEZ LUNA



Maria Elena Chavez Luna lives in Tecumseh and is the daughter of Magdalena Luna and Joel Chavez. She has two siblings, Joel (12) and Victoria (2). Her favorite classes at JCC have been psychology, medical terminology, and anatomy/physiology, and her most challenging class has been physics. Her hobbies and interests outside of school include listening to music and reading and her activities in high school have been cross country, striv broadcasting, HOSA, National Honor Society, and student council. Her favorite school lunch at JCC is the popcorn chicken bowl. The advice she would give freshmen at JCC is, "Don't get involved in drama and mind your own business. Join activities right away, don't wait, or you will regret it." The best thing about being a senior, according to Elena, is, "Knowing that I will graduate soon." After high school graduation, Elena plans to earn her bachelor's degree in pre-med at Wayne State College and then move on to medical school at UNMC in Omaha. In ten years,

Elena sees herself working on becoming a doctor and studying at UNMC.

COURTNEY MARIE SNYDER



Courtney Marie Snyder lives in Talmage and is the daughter of William Snyder and Shannon Sudman. She has five siblings, Haley (16), Aiden (12), Kyran (9), Layla (5), and Treytin (1). Her favorite classes at JCC have been sociology, criminal justice, and her business classes. Her most challenging class has been management and hobbies and interests outside of school are hanging out with friends. After she graduates from high school, Courtney plans to work in Omaha. Her favorite school lunch is chicken and rice. Courtney’s advice to freshmen is, “Do your homework, come to school, and keep your head in the game.” The best thing about being a senior, according to Courtney, is, “I will be getting out of school soon.” Ten years from now, she sees herself graduated from college with a good job and maybe a family.



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Mrs. Michelle Borrenpohl's Kindergarten News

The 16 students in Mrs. Borrenpohl's Kindergarten Class have been very busy in the beginning of the 2020 school year. We celebrated the 100th day of school on January 29th. The students decorated a cape that they wore with 100 items of anything they chose. The children also counted and wrote their numbers to 100. We went on a scavenger hunt in our classroom to find 100 chocolate kisses with the numbers on them. We collected them all!



Front Row Left to Right: Triton Gorman, Bryson Williams, Zephan Creek, Liam Jarrett, Genesis Reyes, Rylin Campbell-Thies, Abby Oenbring, and Harley Savago
Back Row Left to Right: Tyson Shirley, Gabriella Brown, Josephine Burki, Everest Droge, Liam Thompson, Evelyn Little, Maelyn Hamilton, and Dakotah Daniels)

We made it!
100
Days of School



Title 1 Book BINGO



Title 1 Bingo Night was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the high school lunchroom. Several families enjoyed an evening filled with numbers, pop, popcorn, and best of all, books as prizes. Each student could win up to 3 books of their choice. Thank you to all teachers, parents and students who participated and made this time together enjoyable and fun!



ART DEPARTMENT NEWS SPRING 2020 JFox

EAST Central Nebraska Conference
2020
High School Art Exhibit

Johnson County Central is a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference; each year the conference hosts a High School art exhibit during March, “Youth Art Month”. The show features 10 art works from 11 schools.

The E.C.N.C. exhibit will be on display in the Wells Fargo Bank Atrium, downtown Lincoln, February 28th – March 24th. Our conference exhibit represents high-school artists during Nebraska’s Youth Art Month. The display space is generously provided by NAI FMA Realty.

How are the top ten works chosen?

Johnson County Central art students are encouraged to submit their best art projects created during the current school year. JCC school faculty, staff, administrators, and students are invited to serve as judges. The judges are asked to look for creativity, originality, and craftsmanship. This year on site judging took place February 20-21st.

CONGRATULATIONS Top 10:

1. Saylor Rother, Scratch Board observation; Tiger Portrait
2. Jazdia Ascherman, Scratch Board observation; Elephant Portrait
3. Gwen Goracke, Digital Self Portrait
4. Ashlei McDonald, 3-D Wolf Mask
5. Miguel Orozco, water color, Desert Silhouette
6. Paola Solis, 3-D Painted Horse mount
7. Fran Xayaphonesongkham, 1pt Perspective Name, color pencil
8. Emma Straka, 1pt Perspective Name, color pencil
9. Abbigail Jamison, 3-D Mask assemblage
10. Kobe Wilken, 3-D Mask assemblage

Tecumseh Communities for Kids Survey

Please take the time to complete the TC4K survey as it will assist our community in gaining a common understanding of the challenges we face regarding child care. Analyzed survey data will allow the team to work with local partners to find solutions to address identified needs allowing our youngest members and community to thrive.

We are eager to learn about residents' perceptions of child care. All residents of Tecumseh and the surrounding area, with and without young children, are encouraged to fill out the survey. The following communities are included in the survey: Burr, Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek, Lorton, Steinauer, and Talmage. Use the link provided or scan the QR code.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TecumsehEarlyChildhoodSurvey>

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/SpanishTecumsehECSurvey>

English Survey QR Code



Spanish Survey QR Code



The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete. To thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, you will have the option of registering to win one of ten \$50 Tecumseh Chamber Bucks gift certificates. Please complete one survey per household.

A paper copy of the survey is available at the Tecumseh Library and the JCC Elementary Offices. You can return the completed survey to one of those locations or to a core team member.

Tecumseh Communities for Kids was formed through a partnership with Nebraska Children and Families Foundation's **Communities for Kids Initiative**. **This initiative was created in response to community requests across Nebraska for assistance with shortages of high-quality early care and education programs. These shortages impact children's optimal development and pose a challenge for communities hoping to attract and retain the viable workforce they need to thrive.** The Communities for Kids Initiative partners with **communities' public and private entities to address each community's unique assets and needs**—so each community can grow and prosper well into the future.

If you have additional questions or wish to be a part of Tecumseh Communities for Kids, please contact one of the core team members: Sue Borchert, Doug Goracke, Lisa Othmer, Jon Rother, Dr. Nicole Turner, and Matt Weber.

Johnson County Central School Lunch Menu

March 2020

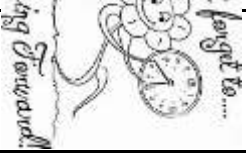
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 PB Jelly Elem. TotCho's Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	3 Chicken Nuggets Potato Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	4 Hot Ham & Cheese WG Bun Corn Chips & Veggie Bar Fruit Milk	5 BBQ Meat Ball Mashed Potato Casserole Fruit & Veggie Bar B&B Milk	6 No School!!!	7	
8	9 No School!!!	10 Cheeseburger WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Fruit & Veggie Bar WG Dinner Roll Milk	12 Corndog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Fish Sandwich WG Bun French Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14	
15	16 Breakfast for Lunch Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	17 Asian Chicken Asian Rice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	18 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 Br. Chicken Patty WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Cheese Stick/ Marinara Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	21	
22	23 Chicken Nuggets Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	24 Sh BBQ Pork WG Bun Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	25 Taco Salad Cheese Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Br Beef Patty wg Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 Cheese Quesadilla /Salsa Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	28	
29	30 Chicken Tender Wrap Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	31 Br Pork Patty WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<p>Important Reminders</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Menu is Subject to change without Notice "This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider"</p>				

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

ECNC High School Art Exhibit 2/28—3/24/2020 at Wells Fargo Atrium downtown Lincoln

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	JH & HS Quiz Bowl Scrimmage @ JCC Tecumseh— 5:00 pm	27th Annual Freshmore Clinic @ JCC Tecumseh— 9 am FFA District CDE's @ SCC Beatrice—8:00 am	SENCAP Resume Workshop @ Falls City Learning Ctr—8:30 am Cheer Info Meeting for Parents @ JCC HS—Room 307—6:30 pm	END OF 3rd QUARTER JH Wrestling Invite @ Auburn—4:30 pm	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	JH Wrestling Invite @ Norris HS— 9:30 am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK JH & HS ECNC Quiz Bowl @ Conestoga—9 am		JCC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ Cook Site Media Center—6:30 pm 5th Grade Water Celebration 2020 @ Peru State College—9:20 am HS Quiz Bowl & Freeman—5 pm	JH Wrestling Invite @ Nebraska City HS—4:30 pm Midland University College Visit—9 am		Official 2020/2021 Cheer Tryouts @ JCC HS Tecumseh 1 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	District Speech Competition @ Thayer Central HS— 8 am	JH Wrestling ECNC Tourney @ Malcolm— 4pm			FIRST DAY OF SPRING Annual Dodgeball Tournament @ JCC HS Gym Tecumseh 6:30 pm	Varsity Track Invite @ NE Wesleyan— 9:30 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Preschool Family Fun Night @ JCC HS Tecumseh— Cafeteria—6 pm	HS Mudcras Contest @ Pawnee City—9 am ECNC Art Clinic . 9:00 am		6th–8th Grade Contest Concert @ JCC Cook Site— 6:30 pm Concordia College Visit— 9 am	6-8th Grade Music Contest @ HTRS—8:00 am	CLASS C All State Honor Band @ Kearney— 8 am
29	30	31	3/22 - 3/24/2020 HOSA State Leadership Conference—Omaha			
	PTO Meeting—Tecumseh Elementary Room 105— 5:30 pm 3/30-4/1/2020	FBLA State Leadership Conference	Conference & Competition @ Kearney			

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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 Dr. Galen Boldt, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

Thursday March 5th
END OF 3RD QUARTER

NO School
March 6
and
March 9
Spring Break



March 8, 2020

