

Superintendent Monthly Update

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**Getting Proactive**

Preparedness vs. Hesitancy

by **Jon Rother**. February 2021

**Pro●ac●itive** - *Adjective* - creating or controlling a situation by causing something to happen rather than responding to it after it has happened.

The word “proactive” is made up of two parts. The first is “pro” which means forward. The second is “active”. Putting the two together we can derive the meaning to be “to take action for the future”. Too often, as a society, we tend to be reactive. We see or experience what is happening, immediately respond by trying to figure out what should have happened, and then try to fix the problem in the moment. To be sure, something *must* be done in the immediacy, but probably not to the extent that we want to see. A better option is learning from the situation and becoming proactive to make sure it doesn’t happen again. Being proactive can also pertain to looking ahead, coming up with some well-educated conclusions about what can and could happen, and then preparing for the future.

When I assess our school district, the campuses, the resources, our educational and extracurricular offerings, I also examine how we have previously operated. In some areas we were proactive, and in others, not so much. The goal is to have effective proactive practices that gain us the results we are after. Eventually, these same successful practices become our culture.

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**What is an “Option Agreement to Purchase Real Estate”?**

At the January 2021 Johnson County Central school board meeting, the board unanimously decided to enter into an “Option Agreement to Purchase Real Estate” contract. This option gives our district the ability to purchase 52.3 acres of property that is adjacent to the existing track and football field at the Tecumseh site and extends North to Highway 136. With this contract, JCC has the exclusive right to purchase this property at some point over the next five years. The cost to enter into this agreement was \$50,000. Should JCC decide to purchase the property, it will come at a final installment of \$800,000. This cost would be paid out of JCC’s Building Fund. During this five-year period that commenced on January 15, 2021, the agreed upon price for the property cannot fluctuate. Should JCC decide not to purchase the property, as the district is not obligated to do so, the payment to enter into the contract is nonrefundable.

Entering into this agreement is exciting news for our district! It means we are moving forward. It means we are thinking ahead regarding our district’s future. It means that when our district is ready to act on plans to build a facility uniting everyone at one site, the space to do so would be readily available. How soon will this begin to happen? That is a question for our public to decide.



**JCC Mission Statement:**  
**Journey together...**  
**Creating opportunities...**  
**Committed to excellence!**

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## **NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER**

The month of February is our first step in preparation for next fall where our students will start pre-registration for the 2021-2022 school year.

What is pre-registration? The students choose their top eight classes and two options – at this time there is no set schedule. Once all pre-registrations are complete we'll plan the class schedule. Every student must sign their pre-registration form and their parent must also sign the form. This gives the parents the opportunity to see their student's class selections and "sign off" on it. Mrs. Reuter, the school counselor, is the final signature on every student's pre-registration form. She reviews each student's class selection to verify they are taking appropriate classes which are required for each grade and are meeting their graduation requirements.

Students will receive their pre-registration forms on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. They will be due back to the office on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. This due date is necessary so that we can plan the class schedule. We try to create a schedule that accommodates the most students with the least amount of conflicts. Once we have the best class schedule created, Mrs. Reuter will personally meet with each student who has a class conflict. A student will only have a class schedule conflict if they are unable to get an eight period class schedule by using their eight selected classes or two options. Mrs. Reuter will then aid them in selecting an additional alternate class until we are able to fill their eight periods with an appropriate schedule.

After we have completed a successful class schedule, I will send out summer pre-registration letters to all students. Around the first week in August, each student will receive this letter which will contain their actual class schedule, complete with periods and teachers for every class. If the students and parents are satisfied with this schedule, nothing more needs to be done before the beginning of school next fall. If students desire to make changes to their class schedule they will have two days (to be announced), to meet with the counselor to make changes prior to the start of school. Students will also have the first five days of the 2021-2022 school year to change their class schedule.

I encourage all parents to work with your student to help them plan their 2021-2022 class schedule – your input and encouragement is essential.

# **Go Thunderbirds!**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

BY RICH BACON

As we start the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester it's a good time to review our COVID-19 expectations and procedures. Temperatures will be taken when students get to school or get on the bus. Anyone with a temperature over 100 degrees will not be allowed to come to school. Shuttle buses and route buses are dropping students off at designated doors at the middle school to help reduce the amount of congestion in the hallways. We are currently following the Orange Level protocols, so everyone is required to wear a mask at all times. At the end of each period, students wipe down their desks and chairs so it is sanitized for the next class. Our elementary and middle school lunch periods are divided into two groups so not everyone is eating at the same time. This allows students to sit six feet apart as they eat lunch and tables are sanitized between groups. Students are also bringing their own refillable water bottles as the regular drinking fountains are shut off. In addition to these new procedures, students are being strongly encouraged to follow good hygiene practices, such as sanitizing hands when entering and leaving a room, washing hands frequently and thoroughly, and coughing and sneezing into their sleeve. All of our students should be commended for how well they have followed these procedures. With just a few reminders, everyone has done an outstanding job adhering to these new expectations.

Any students who are quarantined, or have elected to do remote learning, need to make sure they are meeting classroom expectations. Students who are using our remote learner option need to make sure they are participating in the Zoom sessions for each class. Most middle school core teachers Zoom every day during the regular class time. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will Zoom every day at different times during the day. Teachers communicate the Zoom schedules for their classes and links are sent out for these Zoom sessions either through Google Classroom or email. Students are responsible for attending their classes via Zoom at the assigned time and for completing any and all work when it is assigned. Students are accountable for the work assigned and are being graded for this work.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter/1<sup>st</sup> semester report cards were handed out to students the week of January 11. If you haven't seen your child's report card, please talk to them or call the office.

Congratulations to the following students who earned straight A's for both the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Gabe Burki, Salena Conley, Alex Cruz, Keegan Jones, Lydia Mejia, & Nolan Wellensiek; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ashley Beethe, Elizabeth Bstandig-Rowland, Trevin Huskey, Danny Kongmanyvong, Levi Othmer, Briana Robeson, Saige Rother, Wes Swanson, Jack Waring, Owen Weber, Catherine Wendt, & Cameron Werner; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Harrison Bacon, Amelia Britt, Regan Campbell-Thies, Anthony Campos, Mario Lara Jr., & Molly Weber.  
**Congratulations to these students for their hard work!**

The Junior High Boys' Basketball teams finished their season at the Malcolm Tournament. The A-team finished with a 7-4 record, the B-team finished with a 2-9 record and the C-team finished with a 0-3 record. The A-team finished as Tournament Champions at the Malcolm Tournament, runner-up at the JCC Tournament, and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Palmyra Fun Day Tournament. The B-team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the JCC Invite. Congratulations to Coach Weber, Coach Jones, and the boys on an outstanding season.

Good luck to the Junior High girls' basketball team and the wrestling team as they begin their seasons. Go Thunderbirds!



## Greetings Thunderbird Family!

I hope you had a great and safe holiday season.

At the writing of this letter, the winter sports have gotten along quite well (knock on wood) as we have had only one hiccup in scheduling. The wrestling and basketball coaches are working hard to have their athletes ready for the postseason. Junior high girls basketball and junior high wrestling have also started practicing.

Each year the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association recognize students who have been nominated by their schools, based on their individual academic excellence, leadership, and significant contributions made to their NSAA activity. These were our JCC students who were recognized this fall:

Boys Cross-Country: Hayden Huskey, Jason Kettelhake  
Girls Cross-Country: Ashley McDonald, Madison Pingel  
Football: Logan Barras, Treyton Holthus  
Girls Golf: Kaita Baird, Vanessa Jimenez  
Play Production: Logan Barras, Saylor Rother  
Unified Bowling: Jack Leuenberger, Hayley Neemann  
Volleyball: Zadie Plager, Saylor Rother

Here are the finishing touches on our fall season accolades;

In volleyball, Saylor Rother and Ava Berkebile both made the MUDECAS B Division 2nd team. Ava also made ECNC 2nd Team All-Conference and Morgan Moran made ECNC Honorable Mention.

In football, the 1st Team All-District included Hunter Haughton and Dalton Berkebile. Calvin Antholz, Sam Agena, Roberto Borboa, and Cameron Schuster all made Honorable Mention All-District. These same individuals were also named to the ECNC Conference team.

For Girls Golf, Anzel duPreez finished as the ECNC conference champion, in that same tournament, Vanessa Jimenez finished 5th, and Kaita Baird finished 9th.

In Cross Country, Ashley McDonald finished 8th at the state meet and was a state medalist all four years!

One-Act Conference took place in Palmyra this year and the cast and crew finished 4th, and Saylor Rother won the award for Best Actress.

Saylor Rother also won the statewide award of the NSAA Believers and Achievers. Saylor was one of 48 individuals that were recognized. This award is given to student-athletes who uphold certain academic standards along with being involved in NSAA activities all four years of high school and are involved with their community. Good job Saylor!

Garrett Collin

# CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for qualifying for the

## JOHNSON COUNTY SPELLING BEE!!

### 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade

Elliott Brommer  
Jackson Gottula  
Jamy Rentas  
Lucy Hippen  
\* Wyatt Lueders  
\* Reese McDonald

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Stefani Peters  
Tony Orozco  
Kael Fricke  
Trace Houseman  
\* Alex Thippavong  
\* Jesus Hurtado

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Amelia Britt  
Molly Weber  
Harley Reyes  
Erik Prado  
\* Calyssta Frampton  
\* Jillian Cropp

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Danny Kongmanyvong  
Shelbi Peters  
Briana Robeson  
Marisol Mandl  
\* Elie Bstandig-Rowland  
\* Abby Mejia

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lydia Mejia  
Salena Conley  
Keegan Jones  
Hailey Stafford-Thompson  
\* Jaxon Zimmerman  
\* Alex Cruz

These students will compete at the Annual Johnson County Spelling Bee. They will compete against each other and the qualifying students from Sterling.

\* designates alternates



# NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

## Ms. Olivia Reuter

### **Upcoming ACT and Pre-ACT Testing**

On March 23, all juniors will be taking the ACT test as a part of Nebraska statewide testing. All sophomores will take the Pre-ACT, and all freshmen will take the Pre-ACT 8/9. This testing is free of charge and will take place at our school.

### **Seniors: Now Is the Time to Start Applying for Scholarships**

All seniors have been emailed the information and applications for many scholarships, including local ones, over the past three months. The deadlines for these scholarships are now getting closer. It's important to keep those deadlines in mind and give yourself plenty of time to complete all of the steps for applying for each scholarship. The earlier you start applying, the better. Don't wait until the week of or the day of the deadline to start applying. Additional scholarship information will be emailed to seniors as soon as it is received. If any senior parents would like to be added to my scholarship list, please let me know. I'll gladly send you the scholarship information that I send seniors.

### **ASVAB Testing**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, all juniors will be taking the ASVAB test. ASVAB scores can be used to enter the military, however they are also part of a comprehensive career planning program tied to career clusters and the American School Counselor Association national standards. After taking the ASVAB, juniors will attend an interpretation session where their scores will be explained to them and where they can see what their identified strengths are. They will be shown what career fields align to their strengths and be introduced to a way to explore different careers related to their strengths.

### **Seniors: Apply for a Susan Buffett Foundation Scholarship Now**

Seniors- Apply for a Susan Buffett Foundation Scholarship if you are eligible. The online application for this program is open from November 1<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>. As part of the application, students must attach a seven-semester high school transcript. Seniors can request their seven-semester transcript from me starting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. They can complete all other parts of the application before then. For more information and to apply, visit <https://buffettscholarships.org/>

To be eligible for a scholarship from The Susan T. Buffett Foundation, a student must:

- Be a resident of Nebraska
  - Residency is determined by the institution where you enroll
- Graduate from a Nebraska high school or earn a Nebraska GED
- Achieve at least a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA in high school
- Be a first-time freshman when entering college
  - Students obtaining dual enrollment credits in high school are still eligible to apply
  - **Nebraska Community Colleges** - CCC, MCC, MPCC, NECC, SCC, or WNCC;
  - **Nebraska State College System** - Chadron State, Peru State, Wayne State; or
  - **University of Nebraska** - NCTA, UNK, UNL, UNMC, or UNO
- Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend school
  - **Note:** Students do not need to be Pell Grant eligible to qualify
  - Students must have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the FAFSA below \$10,000. Students' EFC numbers are on the SAR form that they receive after they complete the FAFSA online. Many students end up qualifying to apply because this scholarship allows higher family income levels than many need-based scholarships.

### **Seniors: If You Haven't Already and You Are Planning to Attend College, Complete the FAFSA**

- First, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You'll need it to access and sign the FAFSA. Click here for instructions.
- Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. You may also complete it via the new myStudentAid app for iOS and Android.
- For free help with the FAFSA, see FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org or call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – (888) 357-6300 or Lincoln – (800) 303-3745

## Meet the JCC Class of 2021

Here are the five more senior profiles of the JCC class of 2021.

### **Morgan Moran**

Morgan Martina Moran is the daughter of Eric and Janelle Moran. She lives near Tecumseh and has one sister, Maddie, who is 21. Her school activities at JCC have been volleyball, basketball, track, and FBLA. Morgan's favorite class was Geography because "Mr. Kuhl was the best teacher ever!" Her most challenging class was Anatomy. Outside of school, Morgan loves music, going out with friends, and traveling. According to Morgan, the best thing about being a senior is "Facing all the challenges this year has thrown at me." Her advice to freshmen is, "Do what makes you happy." After high school, Morgan plans to attend the College of Hair Design in Lincoln to complete their cosmetology program. In ten years, Morgan sees herself living in Florida with a job at a salon/barber shop. She adds, "But wherever life takes me, I will make the most of it and continue to be blessed with all I have."



### **Saylor Rother**

Saylor Shea Rother is the daughter of Jon and Maggie Rother. She lives west of Tecumseh, near Vesta. Saylor's siblings include, Simon (20), Sunnie (15), and Saige (12). During her high school years, Saylor has been involved in basketball, volleyball, track, unified bowling, one act, musical, NHS, student council, HOSA, FBLA, and quiz bowl. Her favorite classes are art and strength training because they let her have some personal freedom and creativity. She also has liked her English classes because its one of her strong suits and she likes reading and writing. Her most challenging classes have been the different sciences that she has taken. Outside of school, Saylor likes to draw, read, lift weights, and ride horses. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Saylor's favorite thing about being a senior is, "the prospect of going to college next year." Her advice to freshmen is, "Get involved. Your life might become a bit hectic, but you will develop many friendships and skills." Saylor is undecided on what career she will pursue and where she will attend college. She is still considering multiple colleges and universities at the moment. In ten years, Saylor would like to have graduated college. She adds, "Other than that I do not have a definite plan for the next ten years. Life is unpredictable, and plans get changed abruptly. I have seen and experienced so little of this world, it seems confining and premature to start mapping out my life. I plan to



fully explore my options before deciding what I want from my future."

## Madison Adams

Madison Adams is the daughter of Cassandra Adams and Andy Topp. Devin Topp is her step-mom. She lives outside of Tecumseh and has one sister, Jessa, age 11. Madison's school activities have been FCA, FFA, and unified bowling. Her favorite classes are Botany, because she gets to study plants, and Strength Training because she gets to work out. Her most challenging class was Marketing and her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. According to Madison, the best thing about being a senior is, "I finally get to graduate and move on in life." Madison's advice to freshmen is, "Don't slack on your school work and stay in school." Outside of school, Madison likes baking, cooking, singing, playing video games, art, and painting. She also hopes to learn to rock climb someday. After high school, Madison plans to attend Southeast Community College for their Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program. In ten years, Madison says that she will mostly likely still live in Nebraska and that she will be married with kids.



## Hunter Haughton

Hunter Haughton is the son of Ryan and Lynn Haughton. He lives in Tecumseh and has three brothers, Ryly (22), Brady (21), and Jackson (14). His extra-curricular activities include football, basketball, track, and FFA and his favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. According to Hunter, the best thing about being a senior is, "Being looked up to by younger kids." His favorite classes are the classes he has with Mrs. Hodges because he likes how she teaches her classes and how she explains things. His most challenging class is advanced English 4 because "there is a bunch of papers that you are required to write to prepare for college and it is tough". Hunter's advice to freshmen is, "Work hard to keep your grades up so that you are prepared for college or whatever you are doing once you get out of high school, and so you have a better chance at being successful." Outside of school, Hunter likes to go fishing, hang out with his friends, and cruise around. After high school, Hunter's plans are to attend Peru State College and major in health and education. Ten years from now, he sees himself working as a P.E. teacher and married with maybe one kid.

## Hayley Neemann

Hayley Marie Neemann is the daughter of Mitch and Emilie Neemann of Tecumseh. She has three siblings, Maecee (14), Kloie (9), and Baeley (5). Her favorite classes have been Anatomy and her CNA class because both classes kept her interested and motivated her to learn more. The most challenging class she has taken is Physics. Her extra-curricular activities have been basketball, volleyball, HOSA, FBLA, student council, and National Honor Society. She has also been a class officer. According to Hayley, the best thing about being a senior is, "Being able to go to college next year." Outside of school, Hayley likes to play softball and help out in her community. Her advice for current freshmen is, "Never take anything for granted and do what makes you happy." After graduation, Hayley plans to attend Bryan College of Health Sciences to earn her Bachelor's in Nursing Science. From there, she will work towards becoming an RN. She will work at Gold Crest while in college to gain experience in nursing. In ten years, Hayley sees herself working at Children's Hospital with hopefully her own house and family of her own.





**Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll  
Second Quarter 2020-2021**

**Grade 8**

**Kayden Badertscher (All A's)**

**Gabriel Burki (All A's)**

**Salena Conley (All A's)**

**Alexander Cruz (All A's)**

Kali Drake

Jersey Graham

**\*Juanita Grobler**

**\*Jackson Haughton**

Avery Houseman

Madison Jansen

**Keegan Jones (All A's)**

**Lydia Mejia (All A's)**

Jocelyn Prado

Dawn Sejkora

Tucker Thomas

**Logan Topp (All A's)**

**Nolan Wellensiek (All A's)**

Jaxon Zimmerman

**Grade 7**

**Ashley Beethe (All A's)**

Charlyn Bobadilla

**Elizabeth Bstandig-Rowland (All A's)**

Wyatt Case

Kaiden Dorn

**Jocelyn Duarte (All A's)**

**Trevin Huskey (All A's)**

**ChanhviLay Kongmanvong (All A's)**

Harley Lubben

**Levi Othmer (All A's)**

Yvette Prado

**Briana Robeson (All A's)**

**Saige Rother (All A's)**

**Wesley Swanson (All A's)**

**Jack Waring (All A's)**

**Owen Weber (All A's)**

**Catherine Wendt (All A's)**

**Cameron Werner (All A's)**

**Grade 6**

**Harrison Bacon (All A's)**

**\*Bryce Beckman**

**Amelia Britt (All A's)**

Zoey Bryant

**Regan Campbell-Thies (All A's)**

**Anthony Campos (All A's)**

**\*Jillian Cropp**

Hayley Jones

**Mario Lara Jr. (All A's)**

Erik Prado

**\*Andre Rautenbach**

Harley Reyes

Haylee Trew

**Molly Weber (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

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First Semester 2020-2021**

**Grade 8**

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**Gabriel Burki (All A's)**  
**Salena Conley (All A's)**  
**Alexander Cruz (All A's)**  
Kali Drake  
Jersey Graham  
\***Juanita Grobler**  
\***Jackson Haughton**  
Madison Jansen  
**Keegan Jones (All A's)**  
**Lydia Mejia (All A's)**  
Maecee Neemann  
Jocelyn Prado  
Tucker Thomas  
\***Logan Topp**  
**Nolan Wellensiek (All A's)**  
Jaxon Zimmerman

**Grade 7**

**Ashley Beethe (All A's)**  
Charlyn Bobadilla  
**Elizabeth Bstandig-Rowland (All A's)**  
Wyatt Case  
Ricardo Castor  
Kaiden Dorn  
\***Jocelyn Duarte**  
**Trevin Huskey (All A's)**  
**ChanhviLay Kongmanvong (All A's)**  
Harley Lubben  
Marisol Mandl  
**Levi Othmer (All A's)**  
**Briana Robeson (All A's)**  
**Saige Rother (All A's)**  
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# **BACKPACKS ARE AN IMPORTANT PROJECT**

Greetings in a new year from the Backpack Program of Johnson County! This program provides 60 backpacks to families of Sterling, St. Andrews, and Johnson County Central. Students in grades K-High school are eligible.

The items in the backpack are intended to supplement the family's meals over the weekends. The backpack helps families provide a little more on weekends when the students aren't eating breakfast and/or lunch or both at school during the week.

In some week's backpack, there is a bread or egg voucher included to be redeemed at Tecumseh Central Market in Tecumseh or at The Jet Stop in Sterling.

Thank you to all those individuals, businesses, organizations and Church groups who have donated toward this most important project. Please consider donating if possible. Please direct any questions toward Jon Rother at JCC 402-335-3320 or Nicole at SENCA at 402-335-2134.

Each backpack costs \$250 a school year per family. If you are able to donate any amount toward a backpack, please write your check to JCC Schools and on the memo line, write Child Hunger. Please mail donation to: Johnson County Central, Attn: Daisy, P.O. Box 338, Tecumseh NE 68450.

Thanks for your consideration!



# JCC Preschool Enrollment Opens February 1, 2021

We know you are your child's first and most important teacher, and we would love to join you in the education of your young learner.

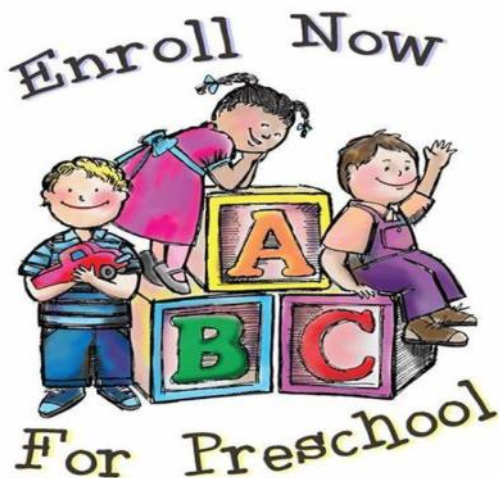
Our focus is to provide learning opportunities for those students who will be entering kindergarten the following year. Therefore, the majority of our enrollment will be filled by prekindergarten students. **Prekindergarten** is defined as a child who will be four years of age on or before July 31, 2021. A **three-year-old** is defined as a child who will be three years of age on or before July 31, 2021. Being potty trained is a requirement of the program. We offer a full-day program for prekindergarten students in Tecumseh and Cook. Three-year-olds will join the morning of the full-day program. Preschool is in session Tuesday through Friday.

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

There is no tuition fee for preschool. However, breakfast and/or lunch fees will be charged when applicable. An application for free and reduced meals will be offered at orientation.

Transportation will be provided between sites as well as to and from licensed child care providers within close geographic proximity of the attending site at no cost.

Enrollment will be filled according to the following criteria: Rule 11 guidelines, students currently enrolled in our program, and the date an application is received. If interested in the preschool program, please complete the electronic application which will be available beginning **February 1, 2021** on the school website: [www.jccentral.org](http://www.jccentral.org). If you would prefer a paper application, please contact the elementary office.



Contact will be made by March 20, 2021 regarding enrollment for the 2021-22 school year. 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.

\*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.

# Kindergarten Round-Up



**HOWDY, PARDNER!**

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 15, 2021  
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, 2021.

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 2021 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 12, 2021.



**TECUMSEH COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS  
IS SEEKING AN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

Do you have a passion for early childhood development, moving initiatives forward, building relationships, coordinating efforts, and stakeholder/business engagement?

This is a part-time 5-10 hours (up to 15) per week, grant funded (potentially 3 years) position in which the individual will be considered an independent contractor. Contractor will be expected to maintain an in-home office. Flexible schedule.

The individual we are seeking needs to be a motivated self-starter and able to move work forward with minimal supervision.

High School graduate; some post-secondary education preferred. Bi-lingual skills preferred, but not required.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Susan Borchert at [sborcher13@gmail.com](mailto:sborcher13@gmail.com). For questions or more information please email [sborcher13@gmail.com](mailto:sborcher13@gmail.com).

# February 2021

## Johnson County Central School Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chicken Tetrazzini Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Garlic Bread Milk	2 Cheeseburger / WG Bun Corn Fruit & Veggie Milk	3 Chef Choice	4 Chili / Cheese Stick HS/MS Beef Fingers TE/PK Fruit & Veggie Cinnamon Roll Milk	5 Pizza Salad Fruit & Veggie Cookie Milk	6
7	8 Taco Salad Bread Stick Fruit & Veggie Milk	9 Hot Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Milk	10 Shredded Pork / WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Milk	11 No School	12 No School	13
14	15 Chicken Nuggets Fruit & Veggie Bread & Butter Milk	16 Slippy Joe / WG Bun Corn Fruit Cake Milk	17 Fish Sticks Cole Slaw Tater Tots Dinner Roll Milk	18 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Popcorn Chicken Tec Elem. & St Andrews Fruit & Veggie Dinner Roll Milk	19 Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Fruit & Veggie Milk	20
21	22 Spaghetti / Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Garlic Bread Milk	23 Hot Ham & Cheese Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Milk	24 Slippy Nacho Veggie & Fruit Garlic Bread Stick Milk	25 Br. Beef Patty / WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Milk	26 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit & Veggie Cookie Milk	27
28	<b>Menu is Subject to change without Notice</b> <b>"This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider"</b>					



# February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 BB Girls Varsity ECNC Tournament—TBD	2 BB Boys Varsity ECNC Tournament—TBD	3 All Juniors to take the ASVAB Test in HS Gym	4 BB Girls Varsity ECNC Tournament @ SCC, Lincoln—TBD BB Girls Jr High vs Palmyra @ Palmyra—4:00 pm	5 BB Boys Varsity ECNC Tournament @ SCC, Lincoln —TBD	6 BB Girls Varsity ECNC Tournament—TBD BB Boys Varsity ECNC Tournament—TBD Wrestling Varsity Sub Districts @ East Butler HS— Brainard—Time TBA
7	8 BB Girls C Team vs Elmwood Murdock @ Elmwood Murdock— 6:00 pm BB Boys C Team vs Elmwood Murdock @ Elmwood Murdock— 7:15 pm	9 Wrestling Varsity @ Lincoln High Invite—3:30 p.m. BB Girls Jr High vs Weeping Water @ JCC Cook Site— 4:00 p.m. BB Girls JV/V vs Elmwood- Murdock @ Murdock — 4:30/6:00 p.m. BB Boys vs Elmwood-Murdock JV @ Elmwood—4:30	10 <b>Johnson County School Board Meeting @ JCC High School Cafeteria— 6:30 p.m.</b>	11 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS BOTH SITES</b> <b>Parent Teacher Conferences Both Sites 12:00—8:00 p.m.</b>	12 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS BOTH SITES</b> Teacher In-service— Engaging Educators Conference BB Girls JV/V vs Yutan @ Yutan —4:30/6:00 p.m. BB Boys JV/V vs Yutan @ Yutan —4:30/7:45 p.m.	13 BB Boys and Girls C Team Tournament @ JCC Central Middle School. Cook— 9:00 a.m. Wrestling Varsity Districts @ Central Valley High School—Greeley—Time TBA
14	15 BB Girls Varsity Sub Districts—TBD BB Girls Jr High vs Syracuse @ JCC Middle School, Cook—4:30 p.m.	16 BB Girls Varsity Sub Districts— TBD Wrestling Jr High Triangular @ JCC Middle School, Cook— 4:30 p.m.	17 Wrestling Varsity State Championships Class D—Round 1 & 2 @ CHI Conv. Center, Omaha— 4:00—9:00 p.m.	18 Wrestling Varsity State Championships Class D— Round 3 @ CHI Conv. Center, Omaha— 1:00—5:00 p.m. Wrestling Varsity State Championships Class D— FINALS @ CHI Conv. Center, Omaha— 7:00—9:00 p.m.	19 JCC Boys Basketball & Cheerleaders <b>Parents Night</b> BB Boys JV vs Auburn @ JCC HS—6:00 p.m. BB Boys Varsity vs Auburn @ JCC HS—7:30 p.m.	20 BB Girls Jr High Fun Day Tournament @ Palmyra 8:00 a.m.
21	22 BB Boys Varsity Sub Districts—TBD BB Jr. High vs Pawnee City @ Pawnee City— 4:00 p.m.	23 BB Boys Varsity Sub Districts— TBD	24 FFA District Welding Competition @ SCC—9:00 a.m. ECNC Speech Contest @ Malcolim—9:00 a.m.	25 BB Girls Jr High vs Falls City @ JCC Middle School, Cook— 4:00 p.m. Wrestling Jr. High vs Falls City Invite @ Falls City—4:30 p.m.	26 BB Girls Varsity District Championship—TBD Wrestling Jr High vs Weeping Water Invitational @ Weeping Water— 4:00 p.m.	27 BB Boys Varsity District Championship—TBD
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# Johnson County Central

## Return to School Plan

*(Southeast District Health Department will be the primary resource for aiding JCC in any COVID related decisions.)*

	GREEN	YELLOW	ORANGE	RED
<b>Transportation</b>	Temperatures will be taken prior to boarding school vehicles. Students with temperatures of 100 degrees or greater must stay home. Parents will be notified immediately to make arrangements.		All students will participate in remote learning from their homes. All activities will be suspended.	
	Masks will be required when social distancing on school vehicles cannot be maintained.	Masks will be required at all times on school vehicles.		
	Masks will be provided upon entry of the school vehicle should the student not have a mask/face covering. School masks will be collected by the vehicle driver when students exit at the end of the day.			
	Students will have assigned seats. When possible, students of the same household will be seated together.			
	Students will have a designated entry and exit order.			
	All school vehicles will be sanitized/disinfected after each use.			
		Additional shuttles will be utilized to maintain distancing of students.		
<b>School Arrival</b>	Students awaiting entry onto buses or the school will have temperatures taken and will have designated areas to congregate. Social distancing practices will be enforced and face masks/coverings will be in use where social distancing cannot be maintained.		Tecumseh Site Elementary students will have temperatures taken and will be sent in to their classroom. Cook Site Elementary and Middle School students will have temperatures taken and will wait for buses in designated areas.	
	Students will have designated entries to the buildings based on grade level and/ or teacher. Entry will be staggered by grade and classroom.			
<b>Breakfast</b>	Students will be served in the cafeteria. Social distancing practices will be observed.		Students will receive a bagged breakfast to be eaten in the classroom.	
<b>Classrooms</b>	Students will maintain social distancing with barriers in place where distancing cannot be maintained. Where distancing and barriers cannot be maintained or are not feasible, face masks/coverings will be utilized. <i>*In circumstances of higher risk, some classrooms will require masks at all times.</i>		In addition to distancing and barriers, face masks/coverings will be used to the extent practical. Additional spaces will be used for learning to limit the number of students in one space.	
<b>Lunch</b>	Additional spaces (gyms, commons, etc.) and classrooms will be utilized to distance students during lunch periods.			
	Elementary lunches will be delivered to their classrooms.			
<b>Recess</b>	Students will take recess with their classroom cohorts.		Recesses will remain separate and staggered, however due to space restrictions activities may be limited and face masks/coverings may be in use.	
	Multiple play areas will be designated and used in rotation.			
	Playground equipment will be sanitized after use.			
	Recess times may be staggered to allow for space.			
<b>Dismissal</b>	Students will be dismissed by grade levels with staggered dismissals through designated exits.			
<b>Bus Room</b>	Students will sit with social distancing in practice in assigned seats.		Students will wait in their classrooms for the arrival of buses.	
<b>Activities</b>	JCC activities will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The health of our students and staff, along with the health conditions of any participating schools, will be considered when making a decision about JCC's participation.			

*\*These protocols are subject to change in response to ongoing health regulations and the wellness of students at Johnson County Central.*

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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 Jon Rother, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

NO School— Thursday,  
February 11th  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
12:00 pm—8:00 pm

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NO School— Friday,  
February 12th  
Teacher In-service Engaging  
Educators Workshop

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**Sunday, February 14th**