



Superintendent Monthly Update



Putting “It” In Front of the Public

A JCC Facilities Story

by **Jon Rother**. May 2021

When the Nemaha Valley and Tecumseh school districts merged in 2007, there was a lot of uncertainty. What will our new school name be? What about school colors? What will the mascot be? Now, fourteen years later, the uncertainty of how to address facility needs gets longer with each passing year and never goes away. The JCC board and administration will often be asked variations of the following questions:

- When will we build something?
- When will we get everyone to one site?
- What will happen to the old facilities if you do build something?

The process forward is somewhat of a “What comes first; the chicken or the egg?” scenario. Only in our case, it has more to do with “What comes first; the community input or the building design and plans?”

Rewind a few years and you might recall a series of community input meetings led by Dr. Boldt. This was the beginning of trying to figure out what our public wanted. During these meetings, people wanted to know what a new facility would cost. They wanted to know what exactly would be done. These questions were hard to answer because we had yet to consult with architects, engineers and financial advisers.

Here is what we learned:

- Most people are in favor of all JCC students being at one site.
- Most people agree that some form of new, or upgraded, facilities are needed.

In response to this information, the school board has taken direction from the following:

- Russ Koch – Educational Facilities Consultant
- Clark & Enerson - Architects
- D.A. Davidson – Public Finance
- KSB School Law – JCC’s Legal Counsel
- Boyd Jones – Construction Manager At-Risk
- Hausmann Construction – Construction Manager At-Risk

Although we have been advised by all the above, we have no binding contracts with any of these. Depending on the direction the school board and I receive from our constituents (you), one of the next steps would be to secure contracts for bonding, architecture and construction services.

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Journey together...
Creating opportunities...
Committed to excellence!

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In consulting with the aforementioned parties, we have seen renderings of what a new facility might look like, different building phase options that could be financed, very rough cost estimates and bond impact. We also learned that one of our best options might be to start new. Therefore, the school district entered into an Option Agreement to Purchase Real Estate. The terms of this agreement gives JCC five (5) years to purchase the property North of the Tecumseh Site football field (52.3 acres) at a set agreed upon price as a potential site for new facilities. This property would give JCC a nice platform from which to build a one-site campus with plenty of room for expansion. If nothing else happens, at least JCC would have the land secured for a future project.

In looking at preliminary renderings for a future PK-12 facility, then considering the needs of a district the size of JCC; we are looking at roughly \$56 million for the whole thing. We know our tax base cannot support that number. Even with some trimming of “un-needed spaces”, we just cannot afford the whole PK-12 right now. However, there are some factors that could affect this:

- Nebraska legislature passing a new school funding formula. Unfortunately, this is talked about every year, but we are yet to see a change.
- Should Niocorp break ground and begin construction of a mining facility near Elk Creek, their presence would add valuation that could give property owners a bit of relief allowing JCC to more readily pass a bond for construction.

These are both factors that are out of our control and we are not able to count on them changing our financial situation right now. We hope this changes, but right now they are both unknowns. Here is what we do know about right now:

- We have land available we could build on.
- Interest rates are very low. When we talk of financing a building project over 20 years, the interest rate is a large part of our cost.
- Relatively speaking, the agricultural economy is strong.
- Valuations have remained steady with a slight upward trend.

So, what are the next steps?

1. Work with Clark-Enerson to put together a few options of building phases for our constituents to think about and give feedback on.
2. Work with Clark-Enerson to provide some estimates on what construction of the different options would cost our district.
3. With the help of D.A. Davidson, provide the public with the levy and financial impact of each of the proposed phases.
4. Meet with and survey our public to find out what they want and what they will support financially.

These steps will then give the board and I further direction on how to move forward. So, here are a few questions for you to start thinking about, talking about and giving feedback on:

- What do you want?
 - ◇ Significant upgrades of existing facilities?
 - If so, to what buildings?
 - ◇ New construction?
 - ◇ An elementary school?
 - ◇ An elementary/middle school?
 - ◇ A high school?
 - ◇ A high/middle school?
 - ◇ A new competition gym with fitness facilities to include a walking track?
 - ◇ An elementary and a competition gym?
 - ◇ A high school and a competition gym?
 - ◇ Some other combination not mentioned?
- What will you support financially?
 - ◇ This is all dependent on how much real property (fixed land and buildings) you own and what it is valued at. This will be different for everyone.

And, you may have many more questions. But, we want people talking about this and we want your feedback. Look for future communications in regards to community meetings and surveys. In the meantime; think, talk, share ideas and please reach out to any of our school board members or myself! While there is no “right answer”, preparing for the future is always better than reacting to our circumstances.

Is there something you’d like to know more about?

Send your questions to:

jon.rother@jccentral.org

A Few Dates to Take Note of:

Monday, May 3: Tecumseh Site K-3 Spring Concert “Good Thinking”.

Monday, May 3: High School Spring Concert & Art Show.

Thursday, May 6: Cook Site 4-8 Spring Concert.

Saturday, May 8: JCC High School Graduation.

Monday, May 10: JCC Kindergarten Graduation.

Tuesday, May 11: JCC Preschool Graduation.

Wednesday, May 12: Last Day for Students, 11 AM dismissal.

Thursday, May 13: JCC hosts the Class C, District C-1 Track Meet.

Go Thunderbirds!

Congratulations
K-3 March
Thunderbirds of the Month

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>
Ethan Barnes	Quinlynn Beethe	Carter Allen	Lila Britt
Lily Bilslend	Rylin Campbell-Thies	Eleanor Burgett	Gabriel Cabrales
Brylee Cropp	Aahleiya Cooper	Brock Carter	Samantha Cottrell
Isaiah King	Triton Gorman	Hallie Frerichs	Haley Dixon
Josephine McCoy	Alivia Gottula	Brennan Garday	Hudson Harrifeld
Eliot Schultz	Abby Oenbring	Ada Goodrich	Nevaeh Harris-Ware
Baylee Shirley	Zoelly Rentas-Franco	Britton Gorman	McKenna Lade
Henry Smith	Tyson Shirley	Aubrey Herrera	Courtney Oltrogge
Elijah Turner	Noah Thompson	Giaus Stephens	Emma Othmer
Grant Wellensiek			Jack Sterup

Open to the public...
JCC Preschool Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2021
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.

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Summer vacation is sneaking upon us! For our JCC students, summer means conditioning and working on their preferred sport skills for the upcoming year. Summer is also the time for some JCC students to take advantage of summer school. Summer school is designed for students for credit recovery. Summer school begins Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and ends on Monday, June 28, 2021. Classes are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Summer school is administered thru a software program called Odysseyware. Each student will be working independently on the computer. Mrs. Devon Roesener will be monitoring and assisting the class, and be available for questions and help. 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 Monday, June 28, 2021 to receive credit.

All parents of students who lost credits first semester or who are in jeopardy of losing credits for second semester, will be sent a letter at the end of April explaining this opportunity. I will meet with these students to encourage them to take summer school and the importance of utilizing this program. Summer school needs to be registered and fees paid for before the first day of class on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Students may only take summer school to recover 1st or 2nd semester of a class and the fee is \$50 per class.

Another item to be aware of is our Driver's Education program. There is a sign-up sheet at the high school office and middle school office and an informational sheet which explains the qualification for students who want to take Driver's Education. Driver's Education classes will be held from Monday, May 24, 2021 thru Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a thirty-minute lunch. Classes will be held at the high school in room 200. The cost is \$210 with payment needed to be made to the school before the beginning of the first class.

In February and March all students pre-registered for the 2021-2022 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 9 or Tuesday, August 10 during their designated time (which will be in the letter) to make the change with the counselor.

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 involving students in grades 4-8 through the last day of school.

The Junior High Track team will finish their season at Tri County on Monday, May 3, the ECNC Meet at Malcolm on Friday, May 7 and at the Auburn Relays on Tuesday, May 11.

The K-6 Track & Field Day will be Friday, April 30th, starting at 1:00. All grades will be at the high school track in Tecumseh. Parents are invited to come watch the fun and games.

The 6th Grade will go on a field trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on Monday, May 3rd.

On Wednesday, May 5th our 8th grade will take a trip to the high school for their 9th grade orientation. They will meet with high school administration, teachers and activity sponsors and receive a tour of the facility.

On Thursday, May 6th we will welcome the next year's 4th graders to the building. They will eat lunch in the building and meet with their classroom teachers.

The Cook Site Elementary and Middle School Music Concert will be held on Thursday, May 6th, starting at 7:00. Please plan to attend this as I'm sure our band and choirs, and their directors, will put on an outstanding show.

The Junior High and Senior High ECNC Honor Band will be held at Elmwood-Murdock on Monday, May 10. 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.

The 4th & 5th Grade Thunderbird Assembly and the Middle School Honor Assembly will be held on Tuesday, May 11th. Students will be recognized for any awards and academic achievements they have earned throughout the year.

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 10th. 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. 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. All hotspots loaned out by the school for remote learning needs to be returned, as well. 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.



EMMA 'LOUUUU' SWANDA



JORDAN 'BREAK SCHOOL RECORDS' ALBRECHT

SHOOT THOSE HOOPS

GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP
ORGANIZED BY THE LADY THUNDERBIRDS

COMPLETE WITH GAMES AND COMPETITIONS!!

MORE INFO ON THE BACK ----->

MADELYN 'MAD DOG' HARRIFELD

AVA 'BREAK ANKLES' BERKEBILE



DATES: JUNE 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
TIME: 3RD-5TH GRADE // 8:00-10:00
6TH-8TH GRADE // 10:00-12:00
WHERE: JCC HIGH SCHOOL GYM
COST: \$30/PER ATHLETE

**** EACH CAMPER WILL RECEIVE A FREE BASKETBALL ****

*** PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JCC. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE JCC GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRAM. ***



Parents Release and Waiver Agreement

We (or I) as parents or guardian, hereby give permission for _____ to participate in the Lady Thunderbird Basketball Camp during the summer of 2021. We (or I) hereby release the Johnson County Central Board of Education and all of its employees and camp staff, from all claims on account of any injuries, which may be sustained by our daughter while attending the Lady Thunderbird Basketball Camp. We (or I) agree to indemnify the JCC Board of Education and all its employees and the camp staff for any claim, which may hereafter be presented by our daughter as a result of such injuries. I give permission to Garrett Collin, Justin Damme, and Reid Genuchi to make emergency medical decisions concerning my daughter in my absence.

Parent or Guardian (Signature) _____

Date: _____

***Please Return this form on the first day of camp.**



Bus Drivers Wanted

- Activities drivers (\$15/hour)
- Substitute route/shuttle drivers (\$32/route, \$28/shuttle)

Interested persons will need to:

- Complete Level 1 Class (11 hours split between 2 days).
- Complete a medical exam.
- Pass a CDL driving test.
- Complete behind-the-wheel training & pre-service evaluation.

Upon the successful completion of all bus driver license requirements, Johnson County Central Public Schools will reimburse registered parties for expenses incurred to obtain the license. Please contact the school office (402-335-3320) for more information or date and locations for Level 1 classes.



THUNDERBIRD



JUNIOR HIGH

BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

THE JCC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STAFF IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT (2020-21) 6th and 7th GRADE BOYS TO IMPROVE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL SKILLS INCLUDING SHOOTING, BALL HANDLING, FOOTWORK AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS.

- ◆ DATES: May 26, 27, 28
- ◆ TIME: 2:30 -5:00 PM
(FYI DRIVERS EDUCATION ENDS AT 2:30)
- ◆ WHERE: JCC HS GYMNASIUM, TECUMSEH
- ◆ CAMP FEE \$30/ATHLETE
- ◆ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: JCC
- ◆ REGISTRATION AND FEE DEADLINE IS MAY 12TH 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.
- ◆ CONTACT COACH FARIS WITH QUESTIONS (402) 515-0426 or kirk.faris@jccentral.org
- ◆ Complete and return the attached form to Coach Faris at the HS or Julie at the Cook site.





THUNDERBIRD



3RD - 5TH GRADE

BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

THE JCC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STAFF IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT (2020-21) 3rd through 5th GRADE ATHLETES TO IMPROVE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL SKILLS INCLUDING SHOOTING, BALL HANDLING, FOOTWORK AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS.

- ◆ DATES: May 26, 27, 28
- ◆ TIME: NOON-2:00 pm
- ◆ WHERE: JCC HS GYMNASIUM, TECUMSEH
- ◆ CAMP FEE \$30/ATHLETE
- ◆ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: JCC
- ◆ REGISTRATION AND FEE DEADLINE IS MAY 12TH 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

THUNDERBIRD BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Registration Form

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

Student Name _____ Current Grade (20-21) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent phone # _____

Parent Work Phone _____

Emergency contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

T-shirt size (circle one)

<u>Youth</u>			<u>Adult</u>				
Small	Med	Large	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL
(6-8)	(10-12)	(14-16)					

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We (or I) as parents or guardian, hereby give permission for _____ to participate in Thunderbird Basketball Camp during the summer of 2021. We (or I) hereby release the Johnson County Central Board of Education and all of its employees and camp staff, from all claims on account of any injuries, which may be sustained by our son while attending the Thunderbird Basketball Camp. We (or I) agree to indemnify the JCC Board of Education and all its employees and the camp staff for any claim, which may hereafter be presented by our son as a result of such injuries. I give permission to Kirk Faris, Ben Swanson, and Ryan Haughton to make emergency medical decisions concerning my son in my absence.

Parent or Guardian (Signature)

_____ Date _____

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR- MAY, 2021

Ms. Olivia Reuter

If You Are Interested in Taking the ACT in June, Register By May 7th

The ACT will be given in on June 12, 2021. The closest sites offering the June test are Auburn, Lincoln Southeast, Lincoln East, Lincoln Southwest, Lincoln High, Lincoln Northeast, Lincoln North Star, Gretna, and Sabetha, KS. Register online at www.act.org You choose your testing location when you register. It costs \$55 to register. If you are on the free and reduced lunch program, ask Mrs. Reuter for a fee waiver and you can test for free.

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. Complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov. For free help with the FAFSA, see FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org or call Education Quest to make an appointment: Omaha – (888) 357-6300 or Lincoln – (800) 303-3745

Juniors: Start Visiting Colleges

Most colleges and universities are now offering individual visits for students and parents on campus. It's a good idea to visit at least one or two colleges your junior year to make it easier to make a decision your senior year. To set up a visit, go to the website of the college you are interested in visiting and look at the admissions section. Most colleges have it where you can set up a visit online. You can also call the admissions office to set up a visit. If you need help, ask me, and I will gladly get a visit set up for you.

Meet the JCC Class of 2021

Here are the last six senior profiles of this year's seniors.



Alfredo Gonzalez

Alfredo Gonzalez lives in Tecumseh. He is the son of Juan Luis Gonzalez and Annette A. Gonzalez. He has five siblings, Juan Luis Jr. (20), Ailine (17), Anessa (14), Victor (8), and Daleyza (5). He attended JCC his freshman year and now he is here again for the second half of his senior year. Alfredo spent the rest of his high school years in Dumas, TX and attended Dumas High School. His

favorite classes in high school have been strength training and advanced P.E. because they are fun. His most challenging class at JCC is American government. His hobbies and interests outside of school are hanging out with his friends and family, driving around, and listening to music. After high school, Alfredo plans to work in construction with his dad. He might join the military someday and might go to college after being in the military. Alfredo's advice for freshmen is, "Keep your nose clean and stay out of trouble. Enjoy these four years and make sure you end your high school days with no regrets." While he was in Texas, Alfredo participated in track, cross country, and power lifting in high school. According to Alfredo, the best thing about being a senior is, "The fact that I'm almost done with school and that I'm one step away from adulthood." His favorite school lunch at JCC is the popcorn chicken bowl. In ten years, "I see myself owning a house and a car and having a job as a safety, living in Texas. I hope to be married with kids."

Devin Conley

Devin Conley is the son of Roy and Joy Conley of Tecumseh. He has one sister, Salena, who is 14. During his high school years, Devin has been involved in golf and academic decathlon. His favorite high school class is academic decathlon because of the range of subjects it covers and his most challenging classes in high school have been chemistry, his junior year, and physics, this year. Devin's main hobby outside of school is astronomy. After high school, Devin plans to attend Southeast Community College for two years and then transfer to a four-year college or university. His advice to underclassmen is, "Don't let boredom slow you down or keep you unfocused." According to Devin, the best thing about being a senior is, "Knowing that I am close to moving on to a new chapter." Devin's favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. In ten years, Devin sees himself graduated from college, working in a career field dealing with



Sean Golden

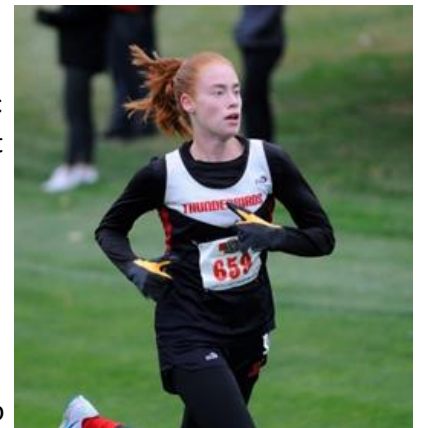
Sean Golden is the son of Kevin Golden of rural Tecumseh. He has three siblings, Gina (17), Greg (13), and John (8). His favorite classes at JCC have been strength training and advanced PE. His most challenging class was Chemistry I because he had to take it twice. His hobbies and interests are lifting weights and hanging out with friends. After high school, Sean plans to take a year off and then enlist in the military or go to college. His advice to freshmen is, "Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way because time flies by fast, too fast."

Throughout his high school career, Sean tried several different activities including football, wrestling, track, soccer, choir, FBLA, FFA, HOSA, student council, academic decathlon, and quiz bowl. The best thing about being a senior, according to Sean, is, "I get relieved from my four-year educational sentence." Sean's favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. In ten years, Sean sees himself with a job he enjoys, a girlfriend, a couple of kids, and living in any other state besides Nebraska.



Ashlei McDonald

Ashlei McDonald is the daughter of Mike and Sheena McDonald of rural Tecumseh. She has two older sisters, Annika and Aleisha. Her favorite class has been academic decathlon because it was fun and helped her with all of her other classes. Her most challenging class has been anatomy/physiology because she doesn't really know what she is doing or learning half of the time. Her hobbies and interests outside of school are running, movies, art, and listening to music. Her advice to underclassmen is, "Don't drop out, you've already devoted ten or eleven years of your life to school, it's only a few more years." After high school, Ashlei plans to attend Iowa Western to complete her first two years of college and participate in cross country and track and field, and then transfer to a four-year college or university to finish a degree in geology. During high school, Ashlei has participated in cross country, track, academic decathlon, basketball, and one act. According to Ashlei, the best thing about being a senior is, "I am one step closer to graduating." Her favorite school lunch is "Cheese sticks because they look good, smell good, and actually, surprisingly taste like cheese sticks." In ten years, Ashlei says, "I see myself running in the Olympics and being a well-known geologist. I obviously will be single and I hope to be living in Alaska or somewhere not close to Nebraska."



Boston Bailey

Boston Bailey is the son of Jeff and Jodee Bailey. He lives in Tecumseh and has three siblings, Lyndee (24), Sydnee (22), and Houston (15). His favorite classes at JCC were his strength training classes with Mr. Kuhl. His most challenging class is chemistry II. His main hobby and interest outside of school is hanging out with friends and playing video games. After high school, Boston plans to attend Southeast Community College and then transfer on to a four-year college or university. He doesn't know what he wants to major in yet. His advice to freshmen is, "The coldest water fountain is in the weight room, the one in the shop is cold too." He participated in one act and Striv while in high school. His favorite lunch at JCC has been pizza. According to Boston, the best thing about being a senior is, "Getting out of school and being out in the world on my own." In ten years, Boston says, "I will have graduated college in whatever major I chose and I will be living out of state. I will be married and possibly have kids."



Dalton Berkebile



Dalton Berkebile is the son of John Berkebile and Stephanie Berkebile. He lives in Tecumseh. He has one sibling at JCC, Ava, who is a junior. Dalton's favorite classes at JCC have been his shop classes because he likes welding. His most challenging classes have been chemistry II and English, and his hobbies and interests outside of school are hunting and farming. After high school, Dalton plans to attend Northeast Community College in Norfolk for their utility line program. His advice to underclassmen is, "Keep working hard." During his high school years, Dalton has been involved

in football and FFA. His favorite lunch at JCC is hamburgers and according to him, the best thing about being a senior is, "Seeing how close the future is." In ten years, Dalton sees himself working as a lineman, having his own house probably married, and maybe having two kids.

Preschool Enrollment 2021-22

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.

The Johnson County Central Preschool Program has openings available for the 2021-22 school year. **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 at both sites. 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 and 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 from the Tecumseh site to the Cook site in the morning as well as back to the Tecumseh site at the end of the school day. Transportation will also be provided to and from licensed child care providers within close geographic proximity of the attending site at no cost.

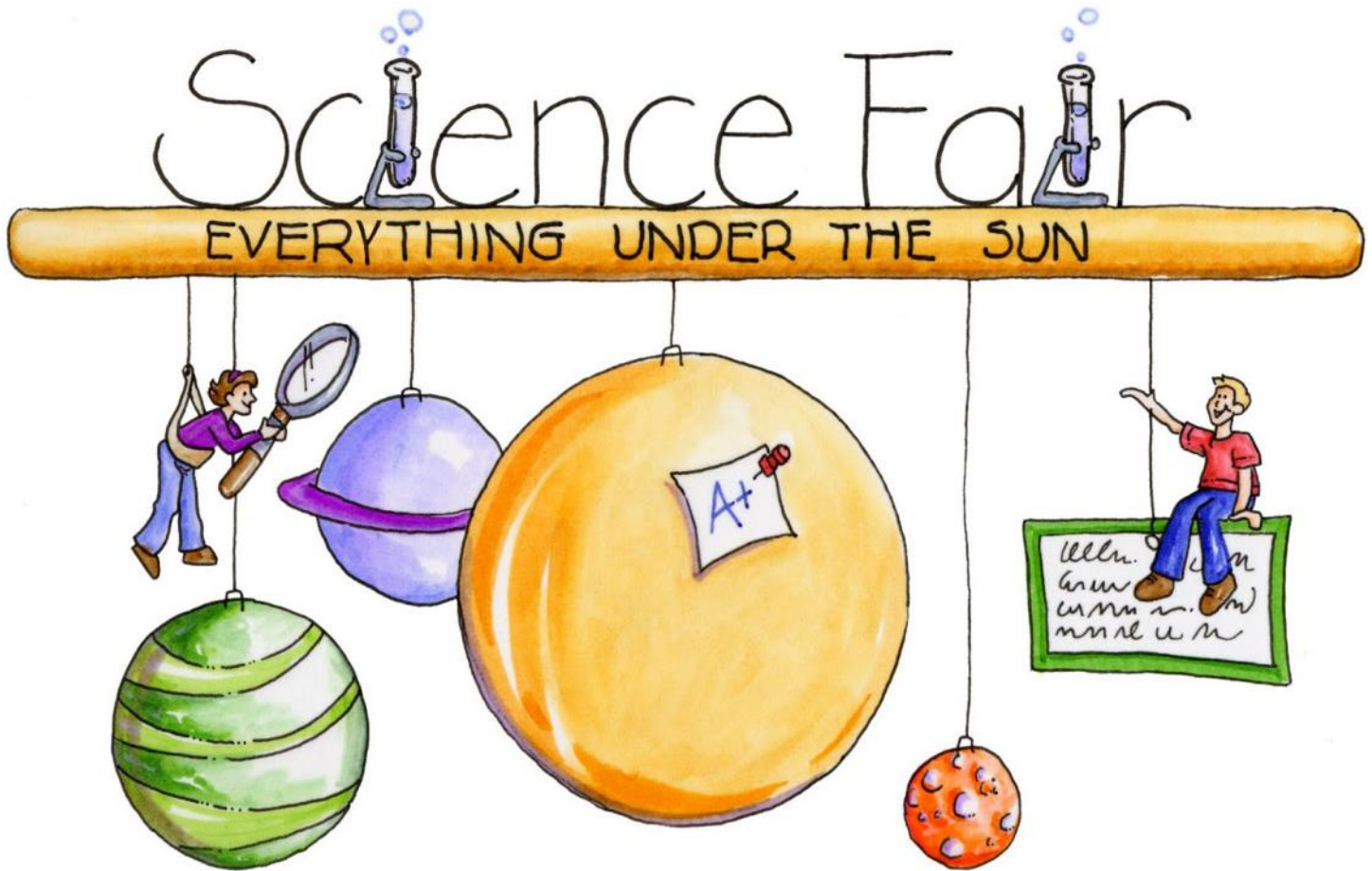
Enrollment will be filled according to the following criteria: Rule 11 guidelines, students currently enrolled in our program, and the date an application is received. If interested in the preschool program, please complete the electronic application which will be available on the school website: www.jccentral.org. If you would prefer a paper application, please contact the school.



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.



JCC 8th Grade Science Fair

The 8th grade Science Fair will be held on May 10th at the JCC Middle School—Cook Site from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Please feel free to come and check out 35 science demonstrations by our 8th Graders that will be on display for you to enjoy.



Here are important upcoming dates for the High School 2021 Marching Season

*Unless otherwise noted attendance at each of these events is required.
Let Mrs. Fricke know immediately of conflicts!*

July 21 Otoe County Fair Prep Rehearsal; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

July 22 Otoe County Fair Prep Rehearsal; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

July 24 Otoe County Fair Parade (Syracuse)

July 27 Rehearsal; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

July 29 Rehearsal; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Aug 2-6 Marching Band Camp (8:30-3:00)

August 9 Rehearsal, 6:00pm -8:00pm

August 16 First Day of School

August 22 Johnson County Fair Parade (Tecumseh)

***Please note that pep band for home football, volleyball, and basketball games are required but not listed here. A full music schedule will be available at the beginning of the school year in paper form, on your iPad, and on the school calendar. Please plan accordingly.

**August 28 State Fair Parade (Grand Island) -
Performance time TBD**

**September 18 Applejack Parade (Nebraska City)
Peru Homecoming Parade (Peru) (TBD)**

October Miles for Music 5K Fundraiser (TBD)



HOW TO EARN



No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.



Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!

HOW IT WORKS



BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Look for the logo.

You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.



SCAN

YOUR RECEIPT

No more clipping.

Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN

CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

It's that easy! Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

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Greetings Thunderbird Family!

We are at the end of the tunnel for the school year and things are quickly winding down. It has been a year full of challenges and adversity for our athletes and coaches and they should be acknowledged for a job well done! Everyone should be proud of what they have accomplished!

We have a few more events that you can come out and support your Thunderbirds. They include:

- May 6 - JCC Invitational Golf Meet
- May 7 - JCC Invitational Track Meet (varsity)
- May 12 - District Track Meet at JCC High School

As we head into summer, keep an eye out for summer schedules and information such as weight room hours and specific-sport open gyms and camps. It is extremely important that our athletes take advantage of these opportunities to hone their skills. Please encourage them to attend.

As we did for the fall activities, we held an assembly where we celebrated our student-athletes for their individual accomplishments in their respective winter activity. Here is the list of recipients:

Boys Basketball

Calvin Antholz - ECNC 2nd Team All-Conference, Lincoln Journal-Star Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention.

Treyton Holthus - MUDECAS A Division All-Tournament Honorable Mention Team, ECNC 2nd Team All-Conference, Lincoln Journal-Star Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention, NCPA Academic All-State

Logan Barras-Carnagey - NCPA Academic All-State



Girls Basketball



Madelyn Harrifeld - Teammate of the Year

Morgan Moran - NCPA Academic All-State

Saylor Rother - Lincoln Journal-Star Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention, NCPA Academic All-State.

Zadie Plager - Lincoln Journal-Star Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald Class C2 All-State Honorable Mention, MUDECAS B Division All-Tournament Honorable Mention Team, ECNC 3rd Team All-Conference.

Wrestling

Sam Agena - ECNC All-Conference, NCPA Academic All-State, Most Outstanding Wrestler

Rita Ceballos - NCPA Academic All-State, Most Improved Wrestler

JaPreece Moorehead - ECNC All-Conference, Rookie of the Year

Christian Harrifeld - Teammate of the Year



Speech

Emma Straka - NCPA Academic All-State

Kaita Baird - NCPA Academic All-State

In other JCC Thunderbird news, our very own **Rita**

Ceballos has been selected to serve on the NSAA Student Advisory Committee for her junior (2021-

2022) and senior (2022-2023) years. This is a great honor because they only select ten juniors each year across the entire state to be on the committee. The NSAA student advisory committee helps to promote the mission of the NSAA, encompassing leadership, sportsmanship, and integrity. The focus is on providing education and leadership through open and honest communication with all member schools and their students, administrators, and coaches.

The duties and responsibilities of students on the committee are: discussing current student and association issues, assisting with various association functions, helping to maintain an avenue of communication between the association and student participants, creating and implementing initiatives within their respective schools,

communities and/or school conferences, providing input, helping to develop and attending the sportsmanship and leadership summits in conjunction with the Nebraska Coaches Association, and recording public service announcements (PSAs), through NSAA's media partner, STRIV.TV.



Great job, Rita! We are proud of you!

May 2021

Johnson County Central School Lunch Menu

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Menu is Subject to change without Notice
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PB Jelly Fruit & Veggie Bug Bites Milk	Cheeseburger / WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & veggie Milk	Hot Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Milk	Pizza Fruit & Veggie Cookie Milk			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HAPPY <i>Mothers</i> DAY	Chicken Nuggets Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Dinner Roll Milk	Hoagie Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Milk Dessert	Last Day Of School Early Out No Lunch <i>Have A Great Summer Break!!</i>			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
	MEMORIAL DAY					



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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.



May 12

11 a.m. Dismissal

