



Superintendent Monthly Update



The Wheels on the Bus...

JCC Transportation by the Numbers

by **Jon Rother**. November 2021

Last month (October newsletter), we talked about where our students reside within our district and outside our district. The following are some of the numbers which help to tell the story of how our students get to our school buildings, their services and what it takes to get them there.

JCC has a total of 234 students who rely on school transportation each day. In order to get these students to their educational service centers, JCC currently uses 6 buses, 3 vans and 1 car. Therefore needing at least 10 drivers. All 10 of these drivers are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current Operator’s License (Class O).
- Pass a medical examination (valid for 2 years).
- Submit their driving record from the DMV.
- Submit to a criminal background check prior to hiring.
- Successfully complete behind the wheel training and pre-service evaluation.
- Successfully complete 3 hour Level I Instruction Course.

In addition to the above, bus drivers must also:

- Hold a CDL (Commercial Drivers License).
- Provide proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful status.
- Successfully complete 11 hour Level I Instructional Course.
- Successfully complete DMV Driving Skills & Written knowledge exam.

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

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	Number	Students/ Day	Miles/Day	Miles/Year (175 student days, 141 PK days)
Bus Routes	10 (5 morning, 5 evening)	70	244	42,700
Bus Shuttles	12 (6 morning, 6 evening)	178	154	26,950
Preschool Van Routes	6 (2 morning, 2 midday, 2 evening)	13	38	5,206
Car/Van Routes	4 (2 morning, 2 evening)	4	60	10,500
TOTAL	32	265	496	85,356

When doing the math, we must remember that some of the same students relying on transportation to a school site are the same students on the shuttles. The total number of students per day in the chart (265) is higher than stated earlier in the article. The total number of 234 requiring transportation takes into account those that are riding both a route bus and a shuttle. Also, the math in the chart is assuming the full 175 student days and 137 student days for preschool.

Next month, we'll get into the cost for daily transportation and look at the transportation numbers for activities. Stay tuned!

What's Going On With The Building Project?

Great question! Last month's board meeting (October 2021) approved a contract with Boyd-Jones as the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) for Johnson County Central. Moving forward, there will be a Steering Committee to "steer" the board as to what will go on a bond to be put before our district. The Steering Committee will consist of patrons throughout the district and, for a committee, will be a fairly large group (15-18 people).

During the Steering Committee meetings, the group will receive information from Boyd-Jones (CMAR), Clark Enersen (Architectural Team), D.A. Davidson (Bond Agent), KSB School Law (JCC's legal consultants) and myself. They will discuss the needs and wants of the school district, the physical space of any new facilities and the financial needs of any construction and/or renovation projects.

Rebuilding The Thunderbird

Mr. Marcus Scheer, JCC's Technology Coordinator, and I have been working on acquiring a "vector file" of JCC's Thunderbird logo. Basically, a vector file is an image that will not distort when enlarged or "zoomed in" on. This file can then be used when applying our logo for various purposes (i.e. posters, apparel, vehicles, etc.). Some other changes that were made had to do with feathering and detailing. Some may be hard to see. See if you can spot the differences!



Here are some more new logos:



2021 September K-3 Thunderbirds of the Month



Kindergargen - Cooper Kuhl, Karla Prado, Sofia Rojas Pena, Dawson Beethe, Charlie Brandt, Isabell Gerking, Mitchell Sedersten, Alivia Rodriguez

1st - Baylee Shirley, Kaylen Najera Andrade, Bristol Meints, Jacob Griess, Raytin Wagner, Ethan Barnes, Brylee Cropp, Lily Bilslend, Aires Savago, Alexa Merlin Lara

2nd - Quinlynn Beethe, Alivia Gottula, Everest Droge, Selena Cabrales, Gabriella Brown, Dakota Daniels

3rd - Presley Juilfs, Lucy Rademacher, Roman Coenen, Jude Fricke, Eleanor Burgett, Kelly Kongmanyvong

Go Thunderbirds!

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Fall is officially here and with that comes the end of our fall sports and the end of the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. The high school students received their first quarter report cards on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Please feel free to call or email your student's teachers if you have any questions or concerns about your student's academic standing. I encourage every parent to be involved and show interest in their student's academic progress. I know we are all busy, but your student's academic success is linked to your interest. It is a proven fact that the more interest a parent shows in their student's academics, the better the student's desire to succeed. Here are some ideas:

- You can ask your student about their classes, or a specific project.
- Help them set aside a specific time or place to study.
- Listen to their concerns
- Praise their successes as well as encourage their struggles.

You would be amazed how these small gestures will help your student to improve in the classroom. As always, if you have questions please call, and have an awesome Thanksgiving break with your family!

The Wish Tree

Starting November 15th, please stop by the entry way of each JCC site and check out the wish tree ornaments! Each ornament lists a request from a JCC teacher for items to use in their classrooms. Participating is easy!

- 1) Pick an ornament.
- 2) Fulfil the request.
- 3) Return the item(s) to the school office with the ornament tag attached.
(Before Dec. 17th, please!)

*Please check out our Amazon Wish List as a shopping option!
From the Amazon.com site, just search for **JCC Wish Tree 2021** for easy selection and delivery. Happy shopping!

Let's help make a few classroom wishes come true for our teachers!
If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Brommer at abrommer01@gmail.com.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

BY RICH BACON

The first quarter ended on Thursday, October 14th and report cards were sent home with students on Friday, October 22nd. The end of the quarter is an excellent time for parents to sit down with their children and discuss grades and homework. If your child did well during the 1st quarter, make sure you acknowledge this, let them know you are proud of them, and most importantly, tell them that they should be proud of themselves. If the report card hasn't made it home yet, talk to your child. If that doesn't produce the report card, you may contact the school. Please take an interest in your child's academic performance on a daily basis, talk to your child about school, and praise your child when they do well on a particular academic task. Sometimes this small effort will make a huge difference in a child's success at school. Parental involvement is one of the main ingredients to academic success.

The Junior High volleyball, football and cross country teams have concluded their seasons. For the 2nd year in a row, the junior high football team has finished their season undefeated with a record of 6-0 after an exciting overtime victory over Sidney, Iowa in the last game of the season. The volleyball A-team finished with a 4-9 record and the B-team finished with a ---7-3 record. With four runners placing in the top 15 the JCC boys' cross country team finished 2nd at the ECNC Meet, and the JCC girls' cross country team finished 3rd with three runners placing in the top 15. Boys' medalists at the ECNC Meet were Trevin Huskey -6th place, Wyatt Case-9th place and Levi Othmer-10th place. Girls' medalists were Catherine Wendt-5th place and Madison VanLaningham-7th place. The football, volleyball and cross country teams all worked hard and had competitive seasons. Congratulations to the boys and girls who competed for the Thunderbirds this fall and their coaches Mr. Jones, Mr. Lester, Mr. West, Mrs. Hunzeker, Mrs. Peoples, Mr. Weber and Mrs. Huskey.

Congratulations to the following students selected to the Middle School Leadership Team:
8th grade – Ashley Beethe, Trevin Huskey, Levi Othmer, Briana Robeson, Saige Rother, Madison VanLaningham, Wes Swanson, Jack Waring, Owen Weber, Catherine Wendt;
7th Grade – Harrison Bacon, Brayden Beethe, AJ Rautenbach, Regan Thies, Molly Weber;
& 6th Grade – Anthony Orozco, Stefani Peters, Sophia Schmid, Wes Schmid, Tegan Topp, and Riley Wellensiek

A special thank you goes out to Tom Dieckgrafe, Jason Brandt, & Diane Wilken of the Cook Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for speaking to our Preschool and 4th and 5th grade students about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week.



Greetings Thunderbird Family!

The fall season quickly flew by and at the writing of this article only volleyball sub-districts remain. We will have a full recap of fall sports in the December article when we have received all of our award winners.

One thing to note happening this month, is that by November 30th we will have to declare to the NSAA whether we decide to stay 8-man with the 2-year grace period or change back to Class C-2 and 11 man. Should we opt to stay in D1 (8-man), we will have a two year grace period in which we still can be playoff eligible.

Winter sports are set to begin practice on Monday, November 15th and the coaches and athletes are preparing for their seasons. Here is the list of coaches and activities that will be taking place this year.

Wrestling: Neil Bowman, Larry Kuhl, Josh Bailey, Carlos Prado

Boys Basketball: Kirk Faris, Ben Swanson, Ryan Haughton

Girls Basketball: Garrett Collin, Justin Damme, Reid Genuchi

JH Boys Basketball: Nick Weber, Dan Jones

JH Girls Basketball: Julie Beach, Casey Fricke, Susan Peoples

Unified Bowling: Lisa Schuster, Maggie Rother

One-Act: Matt Dierking, Amy Little

Here are some upcoming home events in the month of November:

November 8th - JCC Booster Club Meeting - 5pm - HS

November 11th - Staff v Students Basketball Game - 6:30pm - HS

November 18th - Unified Bowling Meet - 4pm - Harvest Bowl

November 22nd - One-Act Public Performance - 7pm - Elem. Auditorium

Please reach out to a coach and tell them thank you for all the time they put in and sacrifices that they make to help our athletes be successful!

Good luck to our athletes and coaches as we get started on this upcoming season!

Go Thunderbirds!

Garrett Collin



Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll
First Quarter 2021-2022

8th Grade

Ashley Beethe (All A's)
 Isaac Beethe
Charlyn Bobadilla (All A's)
Ezekiel Burki (All A's)
 *Wyatt Case
 Ricardo Castor
 Theresa Doiel
 Kaiden Dorn
 *Jocelyn Duarte
Trevin Huskey (All A's)
Chanhyilay Kongmanyyong (All A's)
 Harley Lubben
 *Marisol Mandl
Nayeli Manriquez (All A's)
 Caden McDonald
 Abriella Mejia
Lillian Monarrez (All A's)
Levi Othmer (All A's)
 Alejandra Reyes
Briana Robeson (All A's)
Saige Rother (All A's)
 *Aiden Strecker
Wesley Swanson (All A's)
 Madison VanLaningham
Jack Waring (All A's)
Owen Weber (All A's)
Catherine Wendt (All A's)
Cameron Werner (All A's)

7th Grade

Harrison Bacon
 Bryce Beckman
 *Brayden Beethe
 Trevor Bohling
 Addison Borrenpohl
Amelia Brit (All A's)
 Nevaeh Brown
 Zoey Bryant
Regan Campbell-Thies (All A's)
Anthony Campos (All A's)
 Kyler Cruz
 Jonathan DeFreece
 Nancy Duarte
 *Nayeli Prado
 William Rademacher
Andre Rautenbach (All A's)
 Harley Reyes
 *Haylee Riesland
 Brayden Taylor
 Haylee Trew
Molly Weber (All A's)
 Trinity Williams

6th Grade

Jessa Adams
Reese Badertscher (All A's)
Leighton Beethe (All A's)
 *Nayeli Bobadilla
 *Payton Brandt
 *Angel Buchanan
Abigail Burki (All A's)
 *Reese Carter
Adree Case (All A's)
 Kael Fricke
Conner Gerking (All A's)
 Chase Harfield
 *Cooper Jones
 Bodhi Klein
 *Trey Lubben
Anthony Orozco (All A's)
 *Stefani Peters
 Edgar Damian Prado
Sophia Schmid (All A's)
Wesley Schmid (All A's)
 *Tegan Topp
Riley Wellensiek (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



NEBRASKA CULTURAL ENDOWMENT
Arts + Humanities
LIVELIHOOD

First Grade News!!!

With the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment organizations, we are excited to tell you that we received a **School Bus for the Arts** grant from these organizations to support our visit to The Rose Theater in Omaha, Nebraska, on Friday, November 5, 2021. We will be watching the performance of **Corduroy**. This is a book by Don Freeman. It is a story of friendship. We will be practicing our active listening skills and theatre etiquette as we observe the elements of the theater - posture, movement, facial expressions, gestures, vocals, costumes and makeup, props and scenery. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to see a book that they've heard in the classroom come alive with the performance of this story.

The Nebraska Arts Council Executive Director Suzanne Wise commented, "The Rose Theater contributes a great deal to the advancement of the arts in Omaha, Nebraska. We commend the work being done by organizations such as The Rose Theater because the arts are important to the education and quality of life for all Nebraskans."



We are thrilled with this opportunity to attend this performance. We are so thankful to the Nebraska Arts Council. It is a state agency that provides numerous grants, services and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts throughout Nebraska. The Nebraska Arts Council is supported by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraska Legislature and National Endowment for the Arts. If you'd like to learn more about the Nebraska Arts Council you can visit: artscouncil.nebraska.gov.

This document was included on our school website and in our newsletter.



Johnson County Central Veteran's Day Program on Thursday, November 11th

The Cook Site program will begin at 9:00
with students grades 4-8.

Featuring guest speaker: Chief Warrant Officer 5

Keith Osterhoudt

United States Army

The Tecumseh Site program will begin at 10:15
with students grades K-3 and High School.

Featuring guest speaker: Officer Candidate

Kristen Gordon

United States Army

Stream both programs Live at striv.tv/JCC

**Meals to follow at both sites. Please contact the school if you plan to
stay after the program for a meal.**

Cook site at: 402-864-4171

Tecumseh site at 402-335-3320





MUSIC BOOSTERS PIE NIGHT!



LISTEN TO

PERFORMANCES BY
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL
VOCAL MUSIC GROUPS

7TH & 8TH GRADE 6:30 PM
SR. HIGH 6:45 PM
IN THE AUDITORIUM

THEN ENJOY

PIE IN CAFETERIA - 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

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Save the Date

Johnson County Central Preschool

2022-23 Enrollment Opens

December 1, 2021

An on-line application can be completed
beginning December 1, 2021

www.jccentral.org



If you have any questions or would like to schedule a classroom visit, please call the elementary office: 402-335-3320.

*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.

Pumpkin Night Julie Beach



The Annual Title 1 Pumpkin Night was held on Friday, October 1 in the High School cafeteria. Attendees listened to a short informational meeting about the Schoolwide Title 1 program that is offered at JCC. Title 1 is a state-funded program that is offered to students who need extra time and/or assistance in the areas of Reading and Math. Anyone who attended the informational meeting got free admission tickets to that night's Varsity Football game against Palmyra.

Upon arriving to Pumpkin Night, each student got to pick a pumpkin to decorate, they were served hot dogs, chips, and water, and they got to guess the weight of Mrs. Judi Borrenpohl's HUGE pumpkin! There was a three-way-tie, and the winners were: Bailey Shirley, Audrey Rodriguez, and Angelica Daniels. The pumpkin weighed

49.25 pounds!! After the meeting, students got to read, or listen to, a Halloween book with the adult that they were with. It was wonderful to see young readers sharing a festive story with an adult!! Once they were done reading, it was time to decorate the pumpkins!! Great fun was had by all!

A huge thank you goes out to Bloom Where You're Planted Farm in Avoca for their donation of two Family Four-Pack passes to their Pumpkin Patch! The winners of the passes were Amelia Miller & McKinlie Lewis. We'd also like to thank all of the teacher/staff volunteers who helped us have another successful Pumpkin Night!!



Vocal Music - Mr. Doran
Cameron Daniels - Reporter

Conference Honor Choir

Students selected for our ECNC honor choir (East Central Nebraska Conference) to be held in Murdock on Monday, November 8:

High school:

Soprano – Ava Berkebile, Gina Golden, & Vanessa Jimenez;

Alto - Sunnie Rother, Bailee Sterup, Emma Straka, & Emma Walters;

Tenor – Logan Barras, Cameron Daniels, & Tanner Woods;

Bass – Jonathon Duncan, Jacob Graham, & Hayden Huskey;

Alternates: Alto – Emma Straka; Bass – Uriel Cabrales.

Middle school:

Soprano – Ashley Beethe, Theresa Doiel, Marisol Mandl, & Josie McDonald;

Alto – Saige Rother, Molly Weber, Abby Mejia, Alejandra Reyes;

Baritone – Brayden Beethe, Zeke Burki, Trevin Husky, A.J. Rautenbach, & Cameron Werner.

Tri County Junior Honor Choral Clinic

Mr. Doran was able to select ten JCC 7th & 8th grade students to attend the Tri County Junior High Choral Clinic. The students were selected through their singing test at the end of the quarter and consist of:

Soprano – Bryce Beckman, Amelia Britt, Marisol Mandl, & Josie McDonald;

Alto – Monica Jimenez & Molly Weber;

Baritone – Harrison Bacon, Zeke Burki, Wyatt Case, Jon DeFreece, Connor Haufle, Trevin Huskey, & Brayden Taylor.

The singers will start rehearsing at 10:30 AM, Thursday, November 4 at Tri County High School. A public concert will be at 5:00 PM. There is a \$1.00 admission charge for those attending the concert.

Music Calendar:

Fall-Winter performances will include the following:

- Tri County Junior High Choral Clinic Concert – Thursday, November 4 @ 5:00 PM in Dewitt
- ECNC Honor Choir Concert – Monday, November 8 @ 7:00 PM in Murdock
- Vocal Music Pie Night – Tuesday, November 9 @ 6:30 PM in Tecumseh
- High School Concert – Thursday, December 2 @ 7:00 PM in Tecumseh
- 4-8 Grade Concerts – Friday, December 10 @ 6:30 PM in Cook
- K-3 Elementary Program – Monday, December 13 @ 6:30 PM in Tecumseh
- High School Vocal Christmas Caroling (open to community) TBA

November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK 1 HOUR	8 ECNC Vocal Honor Choir Clinic @ Elmwood Murdock-1:00 pm JCC Booster Club Meeting @ JCC HS-5:00 pm	9 8th Grade to UNL Pep Rally Lincoln-9:30 am Pie Night Concert @ JCC HS (7-12 Grades) 7:00 pm	10 <i>Picture Retake @ Both Sites</i> JCC Board of Education Meeting @ JCC HS-6:00 pm	11 Veteran's Day Programs available live via striv.tv/jcc Cook Site 9:00 am Tecnunseh Site 10:15 am Staff vs Students Basketball Game @ JCC HS-6:30 pm	12 <i>Early Dismissal-Both Sites-1:00 pm</i> Shop Class College Visit @ SCC Milford-9:00 am	13 CNA Class Clinicals @ Auburn Good Sams-6 am
14 CNA Class Clinicals @ Auburn Good Sams-6 am	15 Winter Sports Practice Begins	16 One Act Play ECNC Competition @ Palmyra-9:00 am	17 NMEA Conference & All State Music Honor Band/Choir @ Lincoln	18 NMEA Conference & All State Music Honor Band/Choir @ Lincoln Unified Bowling @ Harvest Bowl-4:00 pm	19 NMEA Conference & All State Music Honor Band/Choir @ Lincoln	20 One Act Play Festival @ Paunee City HS-9 am Unified Bowling Tournament @ Dodger Bowl, North Bend-10 am
21	22 K8 One Act Matinee @ JCC Elem Awd.-2:45 pm One Act Play Public Performance @ JCC Elem Auditorium-7:00 pm	23	24 No School Thanksgiving Break	25 No School Thanksgiving Break HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27
28	29 Unified Bowling Districts-TBA-Lincoln BB Girls/Boys Jamboree @ Nebraska City HS-5:30/6:45 pm	30 JH Boys Basketball vs Syracuse @ Syracuse-4:40 pm	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>All Activities are Subject to Change</p> </div>			

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This newsletter is produced monthly to inform parents, district patrons and others about school events, classroom events, and student achievements in the classroom and extra curricular activities. This information is submitted by faculty and staff members. Information may be submitted to offices at Tecumseh and Cook.

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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.

**EARLY 1:00 P.M. DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12**



**** NO SCHOOL ****
Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 24
Thursday, November 25
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Friday, November 26