



Superintendent Monthly Update

by **Jon Rother**. March 2024

Nebraska School Boards

Did you know?

- 79% of Nebraska's 1,700 locally elected School Board Members serve at or within 100 miles of where they graduated ... with 51% serving AT the district they graduated from.
- 74.63% of school board members would you consider themselves as someone connected to/engaged in production agriculture or agribusiness
- U.S. Senator Deb Fischer was President of NASB in 1998 and served on the Board of Directors from 1994-2000
- 58% of school board members have school-aged children in K-12
- 68% of board members in Nebraska are between the ages of 36 and 55
- 64% of board members have served between 1 to 8 years
- 4% of Nebraska's 1,700 school board members have served their board for more than 20 years
- On average, a school board in Nebraska is 36.5% female and 63.5% male
- 15% of Nebraska's school boards are served by a female majority
- 3 of Nebraska's school boards are all female
- 6% of Nebraska's school boards are all male

*Data provided by the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB).

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

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The JCC School Board

(Since 2007!)

January 21 was Nebraska School Board Appreciation Week! Serving the public “pro bono” and serving on a public board can be a very rewarding experience. Nurturing the educational needs and experiences of our children is a weighty responsibility. However, it can also be a very underappreciated position.

Offering to serve as a school board member is not something that young people aspire to do. It is more of a “calling”; a sense of wanting to give back to the community. To be certain, the county clerk’s office is not being overrun by candidates wanting to file to run for the school board.

I am very thankful for those who currently serve on JCC’s board of education! They take considerable pride in the district. This is reflected in the amount of time, effort and thought they put into their board work. Not only do they commit personal time to each month’s board meetings, but they are also active in state conferences, workshops, special meetings, serving on committees and community forums. I have nothing but admiration and respect for those who are willing to not only serve others freely, but to put themselves out there; as Theodore Roosevelt has put it, “daring greatly” for the sake of the district.



Thank you, JCC School Board members Kim Wellensiek (President), Arlin Beethe (Vice President), Gail Hutt (Treasurer), Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt and Rebecca Plager!

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of a school board member, go to the link provided by the Nebraska Association of School Boards or scan the QR code:

https://nasb.envisiams.com/docs/default-source/board-leadership-resources/preparingtoserve2022.pdf?sfvrsn=b84ce423_2



January Thunderbirds of the Month



K (L to R) - Cassidy Russell,
David Shirley, Emmalynn Blecha,
Dalary Zepeda, Brock Schultz,
Emersynn Gartner, Luna Herrle
Not pictured - Max Georges,
Ryder Myers

1st (L to R) - Jacoby Heideman,
Addy McCoppin, Victoria Chavez Acosta,
Noah Lehn, Johan Villalobos,
Penny Barnes, Elizabeth Orozco,
Brayden Cramer
Not pictured - Wren Bischoff,
Rainey Neemann



2nd (L to R) - Mateo Campos,
Violet Arguello, Tucker Helmick,
Karla Prado, Alexis DeMar,
Sofia Rojas-Pena
Not pictured - Zakylah Bell

3rd (L to R) - Grant Wellensiek,
Jaxon Heideman,
Kaylen Najera-Andrade,
Clayton Weber, Emma McCoppin,
Isaiah King, Jose Lucena
Not pictured - Reagan Bischoff



Mrs. Borrenpohl's Kindergarten News

The 17 students in Mrs. Borrenpohl's Kindergarten Class have been very busy in the beginning of the 2024 year. We celebrated the 100th day of school on February 7th. The students decorated a cape that they wore with 100 items of anything they selected. The children also counted collections of 100 items and wrote their numbers to 100. We went on a scavenger hunt in our classroom to find 100 chocolate kisses with the numbers on them. We collected them all!



Kindergarten Enrollment

For the 2024-2025 School Year

Johnson County Central Public Schools kindergarten registration and visitation day is **Monday, April 8, 2024, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Tecumseh site.** Parents will attend a short presentation where you will be introduced to the faculty that will be working with your child and given the necessary paperwork for enrollment. At the conclusion of the parent presentation you will be asked to leave so that the kindergarten children can experience a half-day of school on their own. Your child will be exposed to curriculum and activities that they will encounter next year. You will return to school at 11:30 a.m. to pick-up your child.

What to bring on April 28, 2023 (report to the kindergarten room– no office sign-in required):

- * **State sealed birth certificate**

- * **Immunization records**

**** If you don't have these or cannot find these now that's okay, but they are a state requirement for all Nebraska kindergarteners prior to attending class.

Students reaching age 5 on or before July 31, 2024 are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

Students who will reach the age of 5 between August 1 and October 15 this year, can be enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. However, the student must demonstrate through JCC's recognized assessment procedure that they are capable of performing the work of Kindergarten. JCC School Board Policy 5055 states:

“The board delegates to the elementary principal responsibility for determining whether the conditions of this policy have been met. The elementary principal may deny early enrollment of a child who meets the early enrollment criteria if, in the principal's professional judgment, the child lacks the academic or social skills to be successful in the district's kindergarten program.”

Early enrollment requests for the 2024-2025 school year must be submitted by March 29, 2024.

Parents please stop by school and check out the lost and found – both schools have an abundance of lost and found clothing.



Proposed

2024-2025 School Calendar

July 2024							January 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	New Year's Day		1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31				26	27	28	29	30	31	

July							February 2025						
4	Independence day						Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
							1						
							2	3	4	5	6	7	8
							9	10	11	12	13	14	15
							16	17	18	19	20	21	22
							23	24	25	26	27	28	

August							March 2025						
7-9	Teacher In-Service						Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
12	First Day For Students - 1:00 PM Dismissal						1						
16	Teacher In-Service						2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19	NO SCHOOL						9	10	11	12	13	14	15
20	First Day For Preschool						16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	Teacher In-Service						23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Teacher Days = 17 Student Days = 12						30	31					

September							April 2025						
2	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL						Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
9	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						1						
23	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18						9	10	11	12	13	14	15
							16	17	18	19	20	21	22
							23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					

October							May 2025						
7	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences						Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
11	11 AM - 7 PM						1	2	3	4	5		
21	End 1st Quarter						6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Student Days = 19 Teacher Days = 21						20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Total 1st Qtr. Student Days = 36						27	28	29	30			
	Total 1st Qtr. Teacher Days = 44												

November							June 2025						
4	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
18	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						1	2	3	4	5	6	7
27-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break						8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Student Days = 15 Teacher Days = 17						15	16	17	18	19	20	21
							22	23	24	25	26	27	28
							29	30					

December							Total 2024-2025						
2	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						Total 4th Qtr. Student Days = 44						
16	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						Total 4th Qtr. Teacher Days = 49						
20	End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester						Total 2nd Sem. Student Days = 80						
23-31	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break						Total 2nd Sem. Teacher Days = 90						
22-26	NSAA Winter Moratorium						2024-2025 TOTAL = 154 Student Days						
	Student Days = 12 Teacher Days = 14						2024-2025 TOTAL = 177 Teacher Days						
	Total 1st Sem. Student Days = 74												
	Total 1st Sem. Teacher Days = 74												

January							Total 2nd Qtr. Student Days = 38						
1	New Year's Day						Total 2nd Qtr. Student Days = 38						
6	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.												
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day												
20	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.												
	Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18												

February							Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days = 41						
7	ESU4 Engaging Educators Conf. - NO SCHOOL for						Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days = 41						
14	Valentines Day												
17	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences												
	Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18												

March							Total 4th Qtr. Student Days = 44						
3	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						Total 4th Qtr. Student Days = 44						
7	End 3rd Quarter												
14-17	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break												
24	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.												
	Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18												
	Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days = 36												
	Total 3rd Qtr. Teacher Days = 41												

April							Total 4th Qtr. Teacher Days = 49						
7	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.						Total 4th Qtr. Teacher Days = 49						
18	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break												
25	NO SCHOOL - District Music Competition												
	Student Days = 18 Teacher Days = 20												

May							Total 4th Qtr. Teacher Days = 49						
10	JCC High School Graduation						Total 4th Qtr. Teacher Days = 49						
14	Last Day For 3-year-old Preschool												
15	NO SCHOOL - District Track & Field												
22	Last Day for Students - 11 AM Dismissal												
23	End 4th Quarter/2nd Semester												
	Teacher In-Service												
	Student Days = 14 Teacher Days = 16												

Make-Up Dates:						
April 7, April 28, May 5						

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

A very important date you need to mark on your calendar is Tuesday, March 26, 2024. All juniors in the State of Nebraska will be required to take the ACT test on this date. Our JCC juniors will test at the high school - and around the first week of March, our high school counselor Mrs. Reuter, will be mailing out a letter with the agenda for this day to all junior parents. On this day our seniors will be going to Auburn Theatre and lunch - our freshmen will be going on a college visit and our sophomores, who have not yet taken the ACT, will be taking the Pre-ACT test. Sophomores who have already taken the ACT will go on a college visit with the freshmen. We will start the morning off with breakfast pizzas and other breakfast items for all students to start the day off right. Please make sure your student attends school on this day as we have a lot of plans in the making.



Greetings Thunderbird family!

Winter is almost over! With that comes the end of the winter sports season and the beginning of spring sports.

The boys and girls basketball teams wrapped up their respective seasons the last two weeks in sub district play at Freeman. The girls finished their season 10-12 and the boys are 17-7 (at the writing of this letter there is still an outside chance the boys get a district final game).

The wrestling team had a successful postseason with sending Levi Boardman, Terry Trew, Erik Prado, Haylee Trew, Alejandra Reyes, and Jocelyn Prado to the state meet in Omaha. Erik came back a 6th place medalist and Jocelyn defended her title and once again finished as a state champion! Congrats, Jocelyn!!

We will have more winter results and awards in next month's article.

Spring practice is quickly approaching with a start date of Monday, February 26th. Our athletes will have the chance to participate in these opportunities: Boys golf, boys and girls track, and boys and girls soccer (co-op with Nebraska City).

Here is a list of the coaches for these activities:

High School Track - *Angela Huskey, Nick Weber, Reid Genuchi, Justin Damme*

Junior High Track - *Tim Hedger, Cody Franklin, Brad Gabriel, Madison Moran*

Boys Golf - *Benjamin Swanson, Russ Waring*

**If you see any of these coaches please thank them for the time they put in with our student-athletes.

Opening dates:

HS Track: March 15th - Indoor invite @ Doane University

JH Track: April 11th - @ Palmyra

Boys Golf: March 25th - @ Auburn Country Club

Go Thunderbirds!

Garrett Collin



NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR Mrs. Olivia Reuter

FAFSA Update and How to Create an FSA ID

The 2024-25 FAFSA is now open!!!! Students and parents must create a Student Aid Account (FSA ID) – including parents without a Social Security number.

- If parents file as married filing jointly – *only one parent FSA ID is required.*
- If parents are unmarried but live together or are married and filing taxes separately, *both parents must have an FSA ID.*
- The Social Security Administration must verify the FSA IDs *before* a FAFSA can be started (allow 3 days)
- FSA IDs will use two-factor authentication.
- Those without a Social Security Number will be able to create an account when the FAFSA opens.

EducationQuest provides free help to Nebraska families!!! Their college planning experts are also ready to provide personal assistance in person at their offices, through a Zoom meeting, or on the phone.. Contact EducationQuest offices in Lincoln (402-475-5222) or Omaha (402-391-4033) with any questions you have that you can't find answers to or to set up an appointment to receive help in filling out the FAFSA.

Johnson County Central Foundation Scholarship Applications- Due March 15th

The Johnson County Central Foundation is offering nine scholarships to JCC seniors this year. To apply, seniors must fill out the application that was emailed to them. Seniors will need to follow the instructions on the application and also have two references, one from someone in the school, and one from someone outside the school (an employer, community member, church pastor, etc.) There will be three \$2000 four year college/university scholarships awarded, three \$1000 two-year college scholarships available, and three \$1000 trade school scholarships awarded. All scholarship applications must be given to Mrs. Reuter by March 15th.

Cook Lions Club Scholarship Applications- Due March 15th

The Cook Lions Club is offering three \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors. All seniors have been emailed this application. Seniors need to submit their completed application and all requested supporting documents to Mrs. Reuter by March 15th.

Applications for Johnson County Hospital Foundation Scholarships Open Until April 26th

The Johnson County Hospital is offering scholarships to high school seniors. Seniors must fill out the scholarship application that was emailed to them. They then need to email their application and all requested supporting documents to Tiffany Clifton, the Johnson County Hospital Foundation director.

Meet JCC's Class of 2024

In each newsletter, I'll be featuring a few of our JCC seniors. This month, I'm continuing with four more members of the JCC class of 2024.



Diego Becerra

Diego Becerra is the son of Gerardo and Mara Becerra of Tecumseh. He has one brother, Gerardo, who is 14 years old. According to Diego, the best thing about being a senior is "moving on to the next step in life." Diego's favorite high school class is Team Games and his most challenging class is Business Math. His favorite high school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. While in high school, Diego has been involved in BUDS where students spend time getting to know one another while participating in fun activities once a week during study session. Outside of school, Diego likes to hang out with his friends. After high school, Diego hopes to become a para professional and work at the school. In ten years, Diego sees himself working at a job that he enjoys and living with family and friends.

Colby Strecker

Colby Strecker is the son of Betsy and Tim Herbert of Tecumseh. He has two siblings, Aiden and Ava. His favorite high school class has been strength training and his most challenging high school classes have been his math classes. According to Colby, the best thing about being a senior is, "getting out of here soon." During his high school years, Colby has participated in wrestling, track, FFA, and FBLA. His favorite school lunch is tachos (tator tots with pork and queso sauce on them). Outside of school, Colby likes to lift and hang out with friends. After he graduates, Colby plans to attend Southeast Community College. In ten years, Colby says, "I have no clue what could happen in the next 10 years but hopefully I'm rich."



Kyle Bartels

Kyle Bartels is the son of Dan and Kim Bartels and lives on a farm near Tecumseh. He has an older brother, Cody, who is 23. Kyle's favorite high school class is English because Mrs. Little made the class fun and is willing to help you with anything and his most challenging class is Math because it is hard and I don't like it. During high school, Kyle has been involved in Unified Bowling, JAG, BUDS, and choir. His favorite school lunch is spaghetti and garlic bread. According to Kyle, the best thing about being a senior is "Almost being done with school and able help on my family farm more after I graduate." After high school, Kyle's plans are to live and work on his family's farm. In ten years, Kyle predicts that he will still be living and working on his family's farm and that he won't be married and won't have kids.

Charlie (CJ) Rinne

Charlie (CJ) Rinne lives near Dunbar. He has one brother, Trevor, who is 16. His favorite high school class is weights because he gets to release a lot of anger and his most challenging class is Business Math because he says that he is not good at it. His favorite school lunch is rice and sweet chicken. CJ has participated in wrestling in high school. When he's not in school, CJ likes to fish or work on his car. After high school, he wants to go to a community college and enroll in a trade program, he isn't sure which one yet. In ten years, CJ predicts "I see myself in a single style ranch house in the woods with three kids, also with a coon dog or a great Pyrenees's dog.) I hope to be working for the CIA."



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

Johnson County Central 8th Graders visited Southeast Community College-Lincoln on February 13. They were able to meet and talk with campus representatives and were given a tour of this expanding campus. Some of the programs our students were introduced to included computer programming and robotics, automotive repair, welding, culinary arts and several opportunities in the healthcare field.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for the 2nd semester were held in the middle of the quarter again this year on February 12th. Thank you to all parents who took time out of their day to attend conferences. Parents who were unable to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences are encouraged to make contact with their child's teachers to get clarification on how their student is doing in all areas of their education, not just grades. This important interaction between teacher and parent can benefit the student immensely.

Congratulations to 8th grader Jesus Hurtado for winning the Johnson County Spelling Bee. Jesus earned the right to represent JCC and Johnson County at the next round. Congratulations also go out to JCC spellers who finished in the top three in their grade level on the written portion of the Bee. 8th grade: 1st Place-Stefani Peters, 2nd-Jesus Hurtado & 3rd-Kenny Ofoegbu; 7th Grade: 1st Place-Heidi Reyes, 2nd-Jackson Gottula, & 3rd-Wyatt Lueders; 6th Grade: 1st Place-Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen, 2nd-Jay Barot & 3rd-Lydia Bilsend; 5th Grade: 1st Place-Damien Hinojosa, 2nd-Ada Goodrich & 3rd-Eleanor Burgett; 4th Grade: 1st Place-Salena Cabrales & 2nd-Nathaly Hurtado-Arellano. Congratulations and great job by all JCC medalists and participants!

Good luck to the 6th grade and Junior High Chorus and Band students and small groups/solos as they prepare for the HTRS Music Contest held on Thursday, March 21 at HTRS Schools. They will be holding a pre-contest concert on Thursday, March 14 at the Middle School. We hope to see you there.

The Junior High Wrestling season got underway with a triangular between JCC, Syracuse, and Ashland-Greenwood on February 20th. Johnson County Central has 14 boys and 1 girl wrestling this year. In addition to the triangular at Ashland, the wrestlers will have meets at Falls City on February 22nd, Weeping Water on February 23rd, Auburn on February 29th, Norris on March 2nd, Nebraska City on March 7th and finish their season at the ECNC Championships at Palmyra on March 12th. Good luck to the JH wrestlers as they finish their season. GO THUNDERBIRDS!



Here is a friendly reminder about School Pay!

JCC uses a secure online payment platform called SchoolPay where parents can create accounts to pay for some of the student fees and lunch balance. The website is <https://www.schoolpay.com/login> and from there you can create an account for yourself and associate with your child/children. There is also a direct link from the JCC website: Quicklinks > SchoolPay (Online Payment)

Previously the link was listed as "Online Lunch Payment."

Not only can you pay for lunches, some of the other items that can be paid for online are iPad Insurance, Instrument Rental Fee, Student Activity Fee, Adult Activity Pass, & After School Program. There is a FAQ page on the website that answers common questions about how to create an account and add your children.

SchoolPay[®]

Congratulations to the Johnson County Central students in grades 4-8 who represented JCC at the Johnson County Spelling Bee!



4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee Participants

Front Row Grade 4: Selena Cabrales, Nathaly Hurtado-Arellano, Rylin Campbell-Thies, Evelyn Little.

Back Row Grade 5: Ian Robeson, Damien Hinojosa, Eleanor Burgett, Ada Goodrich.



Middle School Spelling Bee Participants

Front Row Grade 6: Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen, Lydia Bilsend, Lilyana Birdwell and Jay Chaudhari.

Middle Row Grade 7: Jackson Gottula, Damian Andrade, Heidi Reyes and Wyatt Lueders.

Back Row Grade 8: Kenechukwu Ofoegbu, Jesus Hurtado, Stefani Peters and Wesley Schmid.

Grade Level Spelling Bee Winners



Grade 4: 2nd Place-Nathaly Hurtado- Arellano; 1st Place-Selena Cabrales



Grade 5: 1st Place-Damien Hinojosa, 2nd Place-Ada Goodrich; 3rd Place-Eleanor Burgett



Grade 6: 3rd Place-Lydia Bilsend; 2nd Place-Jay Chaudhari; 1st Place-Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen



Grade 7: 3rd Place-Wyatt Lueders; 2nd Place-Jackson Gottula; 1st Place-Heidi Reyes



Grade 8: 3rd Place-Kenechukwu Ofoegbu; 2nd Place- Jesus Hurtado; 3rd Place-Stefani Peters



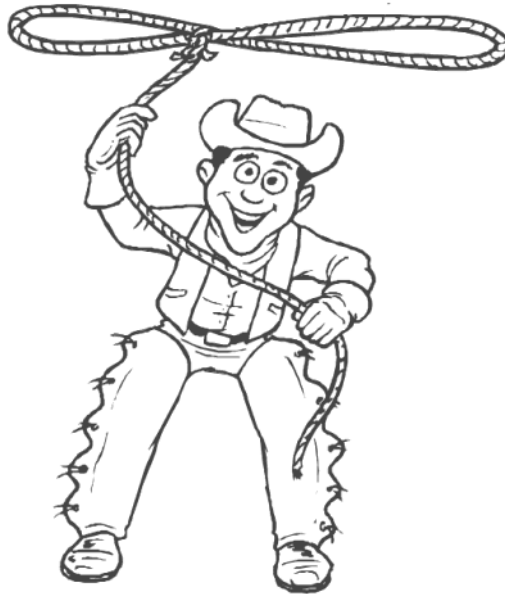
Johnson County Spelling Bee Winners

1st Place: Jesus Hurtado

2nd Place: Stefani Peters

3rd Place: Wesley Schmid

Kindergarten Round-Up



WHEN: Monday, April 8, 2024
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, 2024.

Individual letters will be sent in March 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 (402-335-3320) and let us know that you will be attending the 2024 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 29, 2024.

NEBRASKA SMART IS A FREE VIRTUAL TUTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12.



Teacher education candidates from Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State Colleges remotely tutor students in Educational Service Units 1, 4, and 13 through an online tutoring platform.

HOW IT WORKS

Nebraska students in grades K-12 within Educational Service Units 1, 4, and 13 have free access to online tutoring with a qualified Tutor in specific subject areas. Students can request pre-scheduled appointments with a Tutor or log in to be connected with the next Tutor available in the queue. Students should provide homework for which they wish to receive help or topics that they would like to cover.



TUTORING HOURS

For tutoring hours, please visit:

nscs.edu/NebraskaSMART

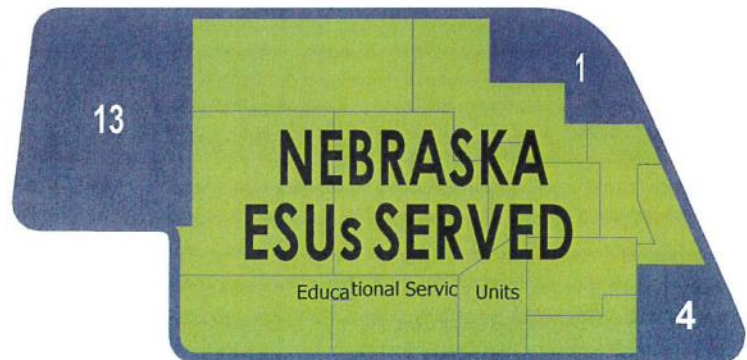
OUR PARTNERS

The Nebraska Department of Education has awarded a grant to the Nebraska State College System to develop a program that provides tutoring to students in grades K-12 in Educational Service Units 1, 4, and 13.



OUR TUTORS

Tutors are full-time students at Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State Colleges who have been admitted to the teacher education program; have completed background checks; and received training through their teacher education program coursework.



ESU 1 Schools

Allen Public Schools	Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School	Umó'Ho' Nation Public School
Bloomfield Community Schools	Niobrara Public Schools	Verdigre Public School
Cedar Catholic High School	Pender Public Schools	Wakefield Community School
Creighton Community Public Schools	Ponca Public Schools	Walthill Public School
Crofton Community School	Randolph Public Schools	Wausa Public Schools
East and West Catholic Elementary School	St. Augustine School	Wayne Community Schools
Emerson-Hubbard Community Schools	St. Ludger School	Winnebago Public Schools
Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools	St. Mary's School	Winside Public Schools
Holy Trinity Elementary School	St. Michael's School	Wynot Public Schools
Homer Community Schools	St. Rose of Lima School	
Isanti Community Schools	South Sioux City Community Schools	

ESU 4 Schools

Auburn Public Schools	Johnson County Central Public Schools	Palmyra-Bennet Public Schools
Falls City Public Schools	Lewiston School	Pawnee City Public Schools
Falls City Sacred Heart	Lourdes Central Catholic Nebraska City	St. Andrew Catholic School
Humboldt - Table Rock - Steinauer Public Schools	NCECBVI	Sterling Public Schools
Johnson-Brock Public Schools	Nebraska City Public Schools	Syracuse - Dunbar - Avoca Public Schools

ESU 13 Schools

Alliance Public Schools	Gering Public Schools	Morrill Public Schools
Banner County Public Schools	Gordon-Rushville Public Schools	Pine Ridge Job Corps
Bayard Public Schools	Hay Springs Public Schools	Potter-Dix Public Schools
Bridgeport Public Schools	Hemingford Public Schools	Scottsbluff Public Schools
Chadron City Schools	Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School	Sidney Public Schools
Community Christian School	Kimball Public Schools	Sioux County Schools
Crawford Public Schools	Leyton Public Schools	St. Agnes Academy
Creek Valley Public Schools	Minatare Public Schools	St. Agnes Catholic School
Garden County Schools	Mitchell Public Schools	Valley View School

For more information, please visit: nscs.edu/NebraskaSMART

Sing Sing Sing

We're moving into the busy season in the music department (and everywhere else it seems). Honor choirs, Freshmore, Contests, Home Concerts, and the Musical are all around us.

Recently, we had several students attend Singing Youth of Nebraska Honor Choir for grades 7-9. We had 25 students audition for this honor choir, 17 make the honor choir, and 14 students attend the honor choir in Kearney, NE. They joined over 150 students from across the state in this event. The students that attended this year were freshmen: Monica Jimenez - Alto, Jon DeFreece - Tenor, and Trevin Huskey - Tenor; 8th Graders: Reese Carter - Soprano, Adree Case - Alto, Stefani Peters - Alto, Tegan Topp - Soprano, Jesus Hurtado - Bass, Kenny Ofoegbu - Tenor, Tony Orozco - Tenor, Damian Prado - Bass, Wes Schmid - Tenor, Alex Thipphavong - Bass; and 7th grader: Xavier Arguello - Bass.

Several students in 7th and 8th grade have also auditioned for Meridian Honor Choir. This honor will take place on Friday, April 5th at Meridian High School in Daykin, NE. Unfortunately, we haven't heard yet who made it into this honor choir, but we should have the results back within the next week.

Freshmore is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th. This choir clinic will feature freshman and sophomore students from area schools that come together to learn more about how to be better singers through repertoire chosen. Our clinician this year is Rachel Kornfeld from Waverly and our accompanist is Judy Vrbka. This clinic will be in its 31st year and was originally started by Mr. Tom Doran. Most of our Freshman and Sophomore choir students will be attending this event. Currently, there are 72 students signed up to attend from the schools of JCC, Conestoga, Falls City, HTRS, Louisville, and Palmyra. The concert will open with a short program given by the Homestead Harmonizers of Beatrice. Admission for this concert is \$1. Please come and support our younger singers with the concert at 6:30pm that evening!

Our MS and HS choir students will be attending music contests coming up in March (both MS and HS) and April (HS only). Students are hard at work preparing for these events and to showcase not only their talent within the choir itself but individual talents as well with solos and participation in small group ensembles. Contests are open to the public and free of charge. We would love for anyone interested to attend and support our music students. Please refer to the listed schedule on the next page.

~We Are The Music Makers and We Are the Dreamers Of Dreams

This year's musical is Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. As I write this, auditions are already underway for the musical and the kids could not be more excited about it! The public performances are scheduled for Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm and Sunday, April 28th at 2:00pm. This is a long and time consuming process that requires students to take time after practices and sometimes even on the weekends to prepare and rehearse for a show like this. If you have a student or know a student that is involved with the musical whether it be in the cast or crew, please take a minute to commend them on their hard work and dedication. It's sure to be a great experience for all of them.



Music Calendar



Music Calendar for the remainder of the year:

March	5	Tuesday	30th Annual Freshmore Clinic - Tecumseh
	14	Thursday	MS Contest Concert - Cook @ 6:30 pm
	19	Tuesday	HS MUDECAS Music Contest - Sterling
	21	Friday	MS Contest - HTRS
	23	Saturday	Class C Allstate Band
April	5	Friday	Meridian MS Honor Choir and Band (7th/8th)
	8	Monday	HS Contest Concert @ 7:00pm
	18	Thursday	HS District Music Contest - Tecumseh
	24, 26	Wed & Fri	Musical - Wed @ 2, Fri @ 7
	26	Friday	Band Recruitment Day
	28	Sun	Musical - Sun @ 2
	29	Monday	HS Spring Concert and Art Show @ 7:00 pm
May	6	Monday	ECNC Honor Band @ Auburn
	11	Saturday	HS Band at Graduation
	13	Monday	4-8 Spring Concert - Cook 7:00pm
	14	Tuesday	K-3 Spring Program - HS GYM, 7:00 pm

Title 1 Book Bingo

March 4, 2024

7:00 p.m.

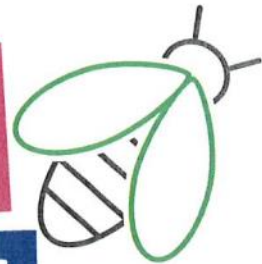
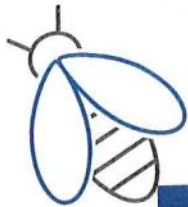
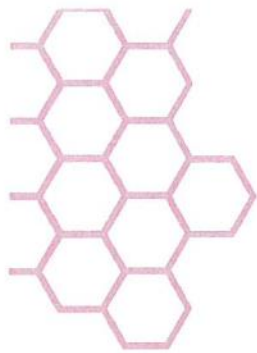
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to win
books!



K-5th grade students
with their parents
are invited to attend.
(Younger siblings may
also attend.)



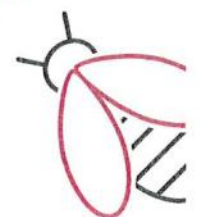
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BEE THERE FOR JCC CHEER

Price List	5K	10K
JCC Student (10 or younger) with One Adult	\$30	\$50
JCC Student (11 to 18)	\$15	\$30
Adult	\$25	\$40
Bee Team of 4 Adults	\$80	\$140
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CHEER TRYOUTS



FAMILY MEETING

FEBRUARY 28
ROOM 100
AT 6:00 PM

MARCH 18 - 21, 2024

MANDATORY PRACTICES

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM





TRYOUTS MARCH 21

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March 2024

Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
			Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice "This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider"			
3	4 Br Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	5 Spaghetti / Meat sauce Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Garlic Bread Milk	6 Hot Ham & Cheese Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes Bread Stick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	8 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	2 1 Cheese Pizza Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk
10	11 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	12 Hot Dog w/ Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Walking Taco Black Bean Corn Salsa Fruit & Veggie Bar Cheese Bread Milk	14 Breakfast for Lunch Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	15 Fish Sticks French fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	16
17	18 Totcho's W/g Dinner Roll Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 Chicken Fajita Wrap Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Meat Ball Sub Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	22 Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	23
24	25 Riblet WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Goulash Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 Chicken Patty WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	28 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	29 NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	30
31						
						

March 2024

JCC Activities Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>JR & SR High ECNC Quiz Bowl @ Weeping Water - 10:00 am</p> <p>Title 1 Book Bingo @ JCC HS Cafeteria—7:00 pm</p>	<p>FFA Career Development Events SCC—8:00 am</p> <p>Freshmore Honor Clinic @ JCC HS—9:00 am</p> <p>Freshmore Concert @ JCC HS—6:30 pm</p> <p>Read Across America Week</p>	<p>BB V Boys State Tourney in Lincoln</p>	<p>END OF 3RD QUARTER</p> <p>BB V Boys State Tourney in Lincoln</p> <p>Wrestling JH Invite @ Nebraska City HS—4:30 pm</p>	<p>BB Girls State Tourney @ Lincoln</p> <p>JCC Cheerleader Virtual 5k/10k begins</p> <p>Grades 6-8 JH Dance @ JCC MS Cook Site—6:30 pm</p>	<p>BB Girls State Tourney @ Lincoln</p> <p>Wrestling JH Invite @ Norris HS—9:00 am</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>Daylight Savings</p> 	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>District Speech Meet @ Tri-County—9:00 am</p>	<p>Wrestling JH ECNC Meet @ Palmyra HS—4:00 pm</p> <p>Sophomores to SCC Beatrice Career Event—9:00 am</p> <p>JCC School Board Meeting @ JCC HS Computer Lab—6:00 pm</p>	<p>FFA Leaders in Ag Day DeWitt—9:00 am</p>	<p>6-8 Grade Middle School Concert @ JCC MS, Cook Site—6:30 pm</p>	<p>Track V Indoor Meet @ Doane College—10:00 am</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p> 	<p>Cheer Try-out Practice March 18–21 @ JCC HS— 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Mudecas HS Music Contest @ Sterling HS—8:00 am</p>	<p>JCC Foundation Mtg @ JCC HS Computer Lab—6:30 pm</p>	<p>6-8 Grade HTRS Band & Choir Contest HTRS—9:00 am</p> <p>MS Student Leadership Academy @ ESU #4 - 9:00 am</p>	<p>ESU #4 JH Quiz Bowl @ Peru State College</p> <p>Class C All State Honor Band @ Kearney— March 22 & 23</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>Golf V Boys Invite @ Auburn Country Club—9:00 am</p>	<p>Juniors to take ACT Test</p> <p>Senior Class to Movie & Lunch @ Auburn</p> <p>JAG NE—Legislative Day @ State Capitol—9:30 am</p> <p>Track V Invite @ Auburn HS -2:30 pm</p>	<p>Mudecas HS Quiz Bowl @ Lewiston HS—10:00 am</p>		<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>EASTER BREAK</p>
31	<p>HAPPY EASTER</p> 				

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Contact Mr. Rother or Laurie Badertscher if interested.
402-335-3320

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Child find

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NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 8th —Monday, March 11th

No School for Students

SPRING BREAK

Friday, March 29th —Monday, April 1st

No School for Students

EASTER BREAK