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A New Bond & Continued Renovations

The Saga Continues

SUPERINTENDENT MONTHLY UPDATE **BY JON H. ROTHER**

One of the most frequent questions I receive is, “When are you going to do another bond?” Or some variation of this question. My answer varies as any upcoming construction bond is yet to be fully defined. Since the July 2023 failed bond, the school board has been continually working to figure out a project that would meet the needs of the district, and come in at a number that is financially practical.



For a school district our size (approx. 500 students PK-12), one of the positive aspects of our current district set up is we have facilities. We have three school buildings that include four gym spaces, a performing arts auditorium (which is combined with one of the gym spaces), field spaces for football practices and an all-weather track. The challenge of our facilities is the differing building ages and not being located in the same place:

- Tecumseh Site Elementary (1931)
- Cook Site (Original Building 1958)
- Cook Site (Addition 1999)
- Tecumseh Site High School (1966)

When the Tecumseh Elementary, original Cook Site, and the Tecumseh High School buildings were constructed, the following items either did not exist, were not required, or were simply not part of standard building practices at the time of construction:

- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)
- Sprinkler systems
- Smoke barriers
- Electrical outlet standardization
- Central communication systems (phone and Internet)
- Central air conditioning
- Active shooter awareness

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Eventually, all these facilities need to be brought up to modern standards. There comes a time, as with this summer's high school projects, when a district is left with no choice but to spend the money to upgrade.

The aforementioned logistical challenges and our aging facilities combine together and make it very hard to find the "right way" to solve our known financial inefficiencies. We can either

- 1) Fully staff each building with the people to teach and support our students in their classes and activities, or
- 2) We have staff drive from one site to the other to perform the same duties at different sites. To date, our district has chosen this option.

This means we are choosing to pay staff for "windshield time" vs actually teaching our children. This is a time, logistics and financial inefficiency. Being in one building, or at least one site, would help eliminate these inefficiencies and will require fewer staff.

Regarding the facilities themselves, a single PK-12 facility seems to be "off the table" due to the sheer overall cost of such a facility. If a PK-8 construction bond is sought, this would mean the elimination of the Tecumseh Site Elementary and the Cook Site.

The "good" part of this option is much more efficient use of the asset that drives over 60% of our annual budget - our people (i.e. administration, teachers and our support staff) as duplicity in services would be reduced).

If a PK-8 facility is built on the recently purchased 52 acres directly northeast of the existing high school football field and track, all operations would now be at one "campus" in Tecumseh.

The down side to eliminating both the elementary and the middle school is the loss of three gym spaces (one of which serves as the wrestling room and the performing arts auditorium). We would need to find solutions for the loss of these spaces.

A few of the options that have been discussed to date:

- 1) Adding dedicated, separate spaces to accommodate performing arts, wrestling and court sports. While this is an "ideal" option on paper, this greatly increases construction costs due to increased overall square footage. Construct a single gym space that

is large enough to be "split down the middle" with a hanging curtain. This would allow a single space to function more like two separate spaces in that more than one activity can happen at a time. It can be utilized throughout the school day for Pre-K, elementary & middle school physical education classes, recesses, science fairs, athletic events (i.e. practices, games & tournaments of the high school, junior high, & community "little kid" practices), music concerts, play productions, blood drives, end of year awards ceremonies, graduations, school dances, pep rallies, & all the other school functions that occur in a gymnasium.

- 2) Continue to utilize the north end of the Cook site to provide for some of these spaces. Use the existing stage & gym for plays and musical productions where sets and props need to remain in place for months at a time. Convert & combine existing classrooms into a large, dedicated wrestling room so the mats could remain in place year round.



Combine these dual purpose spaces, such as having a performing arts stage on one side of the gym. The question the board is wrestling with now is, "How much will our taxpayers support?"

They have been in countless meetings with engineers, architects, facilities advisors and financial advisors. They've discussed what is needed and what is wanted. They have looked into various construction methods, materials and financing options.

They have parted ways with the Construction Manager At-Risk strategy (Boyd Jones) and have transitioned to the Design-Bid-Build strategy. This means the architect designs the facility with input from the board, once a bond is passed the design goes out for bid, then the

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winning bidder (construction firm) builds the facility.

In the meantime, renovations to the high school will continue. Upcoming projects within the next two years include:

- 1) Renovation of the high school entrances to create a dual entry vestibule for security and ADA purposes.
- 2) Possible installation of a new elevator is being considered for ADA purposes (as the existing elevator shaft no longer meets today's building codes).
- 3) The replacement of all windows to create a more efficient heating and cooling system.
- 4) The track is set to be resurfaced in the summer of 2027.
- 5) Renovations of the high school science rooms for electrical code and safety standards.
- 6) Possible installation of bathrooms on the second floor.

If you have thoughts, opinions and/or questions about a future facility for JCC, you are encouraged to contact our board members.

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Welcome New Staff

Alberto (A.J.) Jaramillo
4th/5th Grade Special Education Teacher



Alberto Jaramillo, from Lemoore California, attended Lemoore High School. Attended York College, Bachelors in Physical Education, Coaching Endorsement, and a provisional license in Special Education.

I enjoy fishing, spending time with my family, I'm a huge movie buff, I love to cook and grill, and I enjoy camping/backpacking.



Kade Davis
5th Grade Teacher



Hi everyone! My name is Kade Davis, and I'm truly excited for the opportunity to join the Johnson County Central community as a fifth grade teacher. I'm originally from Johnson and graduated from Johnson-Brock in 2022, where I first discovered my passion for working with elementary students and knew I wanted to pursue a career in Education.

After high school, I attended Wayne State College where I earned my degree in elementary education. I strongly believe in the power of building positive relationships in the classroom and creating a supportive, unified culture both within my class and throughout the school.

Outside of school, I enjoy staying active through sports, whether that's watching or playing, and spending time traveling and being with my family and dogs. I've heard so many great things about the JCC community, and I'm excited to be part of it as a Thunderbird teacher and coach. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and making it a fantastic year!

Macully Coffey
Elementary Physical Education/Middle School Technology Teacher



My name is Macully Coffey. I grew up in Blue Hill, Nebraska. My hobbies include playing sports, hanging with friends and family, and lifting weights. I went to high school at Blue Hill Community Schools and continued my education at Concordia University.

I come from a supportive family. I have two parents, Jon and Brenda Coffey, and two older sisters, Maddie Kokesh and Maci Sharp. I was a three-sport athlete in high school, participating in football, basketball, and track.

I went on to play college basketball at Concordia University, where I competed for four years and earned my teaching degree. I earned my degree in K-12 Physical Education with certifications in NHSSCA (High School Strength & Conditioning), QPR (Suicide Prevention) and Ministry Safe.

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Welcome New Staff

Makenna Eisenbarth
4th Grade Teacher



Hello! My name is Makenna Eisenbarth, and I am excited to be joining the Thunderbird family.

I am originally from Beatrice and graduated from Beatrice Public Schools. I then attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where I earned my degree in Elementary Education (K-6).

I currently live in Adams with my husband, Gabe, and our dog, Bruce. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, golfing, camping, and reading.

I am looking forward to meeting the wonderful students and staff and having a great school year together!

Cheyenne Bishop
Instrumental Music Director



Cheyenne Bishop is the Instrumental Music Director at Johnson County Central. She graduated from Minooka Community High School in May of 2021, and then went on to earn her Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

In her free time Ms. Bishop enjoys rock climbing, playing video games, making crafts, walking/running outdoors, and spending time with friends. You can also hear her performing the french horn with the Waverly Community Band and the Husker Horn Choir.

Phillip Buck
Technology Integration Specialist



Phillip Buck is a graduate of Johnson County Central Public Schools in Nebraska. After completing high school, he chose a non-traditional path rather than pursuing a college education, instead gaining hands-on, real-world experience in the contracting industry. Through this work, he developed practical skills and a strong understanding of discipline, responsibility, and how day-to-day work environments operate.

Outside of his professional experience, Phillip has a strong background in martial arts, including karate and self-defense training, and has spent significant time focusing on Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, which has become a major personal passion. He continues to train regularly and values the discipline, growth, and community the sport provides.

In his free time, Phillip enjoys riding his motorcycle and getting out to explore when he can. He currently lives in the area with his girlfriend of five years and their pit bull, Bandit, who keeps life entertaining at home.

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Welcome New Staff

Linda Jaquez
High School Spanish



I have one daughter, two sons and five grandchildren. I received my Associates Degree from Aims Community College in Greeley, CO. From there, I went on to earn my Bachelor's Degree from the University of Northern Colorado and my Master's Degree from Colorado State University.

I taught middle school and high school in Colorado until moving to Lincoln, NE. I retired from teaching after teaching for Lincoln Public Schools. Since retirement, I have taught as an adjunct for Southeast Community College's English Department and English as a Second Language Department.

I moved to Tecumseh in December of 2024 to live closer to my son Scott, his wife Andrea and their daughter Robin

Allie Swanson
Cook Site Nutrition Services



I grew up in Tecumseh and graduated from JCC in 2023. My parents are Ben Swanson and Emilie Rinne. I have three siblings, my brother Wes, and sisters Rikki and Brooklyn. I like to watch sports, especially JCC teams and the Huskers.

In my free time, I enjoy walking, pickleball, shopping, and playing on my iPhone and computer. I am really excited to continue to be a Thunderbird!

The USDA's Summer Food Service Program provides no-cost meals to children ages 1-18 years at approved locations across the state.

To find information about summer meals sites near you, visit the SFSP Site Finder.



<https://usda-fns.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e27b6688505340baa54f-684193656cdb>

2026-2027 Calendar *UPDATE*

***Teacher In-Services on
May 3rd and 17th are moved
to May 7th and 21st.**

***The Last Day for students
in 2026-2027 is May 20th.**

2026-2027 School Calendar

July 2026						
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August 2026						
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September 2026						
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October 2026						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2026						
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January 2027						
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February 2027						
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28						

March 2027						
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April 2027						
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May 2027						
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June 2027						
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27	28	29	30			

January		Student Days = 16	Teacher Days = 18
1	New Year's Day - NO SCHOOL		
4	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
11	NO SCHOOL		
18	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
25	NO SCHOOL		

February		Student Days = 16	Teacher Days = 19
1	ESU4 In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
8	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
15	NO SCHOOL		
22	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 11a-7p		

March		Student Days = 17	Teacher Days = 19
1	NO SCHOOL		
8	Teacher In-Service - ECNC Quiz Bowl @ JCC		
12	End of 3rd Quarter		
15	NO SCHOOL		
22	Teacher In-Service - MUDECAS Music @ JCC		
26-29	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break		
Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days = 40, Teacher Days = 46			

April		Student Days = 18	Teacher Days = 20
5	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
12	NO SCHOOL		
19	Teacher In-Service - District Music		
26	NO SCHOOL		

May		Student Days = 12	Teacher Days = 15
7	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
8	JCC High School Graduation		
12	Last Day for 3-Year Old Preschool		
13	NO SCHOOL for students - District Track		
20	Last Day for Students - End 4th QTR		
21	11 AM Dismissal - Teacher In-Service		
21-22	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
21-22	Class C State Track & Field		

Total 4th Qtr. Student Days = 39, Teacher Days = 45
 Total 2nd Sem. Student Days = 79, Teacher Days = 91

2026-2027 TOTAL = 154 Student Days
 2026-2027 TOTAL = 177 Teacher Days

August		Student Days = 12	Teacher Days = 16
6-7	Teacher In-Service		
10	NSAA Official Start of Fall Practice		
10	First Day For Students - 1:00 PM Dismissal		
14	NO SCHOOL		
17	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
18	First Day for Preschool		
24	NO SCHOOL		
31	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		

September		Student Days = 18	Teacher Days = 20
7	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL		
14	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
21	NO SCHOOL		
28	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		

October		Student Days = 18	Teacher Days = 20
5	NO SCHOOL		
9	End 1st Quarter		
12	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 11a-7p		
19	NO SCHOOL		
26	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
Total 1st Qtr. Student Days = 36, Teacher Days = 42			

November		Student Days = 14	Teacher Days = 16
2	NO SCHOOL		
9	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
16	NO SCHOOL		
25	1:00 PM Dismissal		
26-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break		
30	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		

December		Student Days = 12	Teacher Days = 13
7	NO SCHOOL		
18	End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester/Teacher Work Day		
21-31	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break		
23-27	NSAA Winter Moratorium		
Total 2nd Qtr. Student Days = 39, Teacher Days = 44			
Total 1st Sem. Student Days = 75, Teacher Days = 86			

Cook Site Honors

The Middle School Academic Awards Program and the 4th & 5th grade Thunderbird Assembly were held on Monday, May 18, in the Middle School gym while the 6th-8th grade assembly was held on Wednesday, May 20. Many students were recognized by their teachers for academic achievements and other accomplishments that were earned throughout the year.

The prestigious President's Award for Educational Excellence. This award recognizes academic success in the classroom as each of these 5th & 8th grade students maintained a grade of 90% or above throughout the school year and scored in the 85th percentile on a national assessment in math or reading. Each of these students was honored with a certificate of achievement, a pin, signed letters from President Donald Trump and Education Secretary Linda McMahon.

8th Grade President's Award for Educational Excellence



Eighth grade recipients include from left to right: Brynn Weber, Edith Blomstedt, Courtney Oltrogge, Lila Britt, Angel Lara Rojas, Jay Chaudhari, and Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen.

5th Grade President's Award for Educational Excellence



Fifth Grade recipients from left to right include: Beau Winslow, Henry Smith, Kaydence Bauman, Baylee Shirley, Lily Bilsend, Reagan Bischoff, Bristol Meints, Emma McCoppin, Jacob Griess, and Ethan Barnes.

Academic Excellence: All A's Second Semester



Middle School students include 6th Grade: Nora Britt, Gabriella Brown, Rylin Campbell-Thies, Alivia Gottula and Evelyn Little. 7th grade; Ada Goodrich. 8th grade; Lila Britt, Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen, Kyndall Meints and Brynn Weber.

Middle School Community Service Recipients

All JCC middle school students are eligible to receive the Community Service Award for volunteering in their community. Students volunteering 1-9 hours receive a certificate, 10-19 hours receive a bronze medal, 20-29 hours a silver medal and 30 hours or more get a gold medal.



This year's Community Service Award recipients are:

8th graders: Jamison Bacon (Gold), Lucas Cropp (Gold), Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen (Gold).

7th graders: Presley Juilfs (Gold), Kolby Kunzman (Certificate), and Ian Robeson (Bronze)

6th graders: Quinlynn Beethe (Certificate) Rylin Campbell-Thies (Bronze), Alivia Gottula (Bronze), Evelyn Little (Bronze), and Tyson Shirley (Silver).

Howard McNiff Community Service Award

The Cook Lions' Club, in recognition of the importance of community service and the people who volunteer their time to help their communities, presented two students with the Howard McNiff Community Service Award.

These students worked to improve their communities and donated their time to help others. The two students selected this year for the Howard McNiff Community Service Award are Lucas Cropp and Jamison Bacon.



Perfect Attendance Cook Site



Perfect Attendance was awarded to Rylin Campbell-Thies (6th), Stetson Miller (5th), Ethan Barnes (5th) and Shelby Rothfuss (4th).

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Cook Site Thunderbirds of 2nd Semester



4th grade: Baeley Neemann, Alexa Merlin Lara, Ariyah Kinnison, Dawson Beethe, Humberto Campos Silos and Isabell Gerking.



5th Grade: Stetson Miller, Josie McCoy, Bristol Meints, Kaylen Najera, Torin DeBoer and Reagan Bischoff.



Middle School from left to right Madilyn Jensen (6th), Harper Beck (6th), Kelly Kongmanyvong (7th), Prezleigh Hazen (7th), Emma Othmer (8th) and Emry Pollard (8th).

Patriots Pen and American Essay Award Recipients

VFW Post #8221 representative Mr. Tim VanLaningham from the American Legion Auxiliary was on hand to present award for the Patriot's Pen Contest.



Patriots Pen Contest Award Winners:

first place-Brynn Weber (8th) second place-Maelyn Hamilton (6th) and third place-Prezleigh Hazen (7th).
Also included in the photo is Mr. Tim VanLaningham from VFW Post #8221.

Americanism Essay Contest Winners



Americanism Essay Contest Winners from Grade 6 include: Kelvin Clements, Alivia Gottula, Evelyn Little and Gabriella Brown.

These were just a few of the students to receive recognition for their academic achievements.

Congratulations to all students for the many wonderful accomplishments that were achieved this past school year.

High School News

From Principal Justin Damme

Summer is here...which means hot weather, family vacations, and summer camps.

The High School Honor Assembly was held on May 1st, 2026. Many awards were given to students to recognize and celebrate their many accomplishments throughout the school year.

The United States Marine Corps

Scholastic: Ashley Beethe, **Outstanding Musician:** Cameron Werner, **Male Athlete:** Wesley Swanson, **Female Athlete:** Harley Lubben

The United States Navy

Math: Wesley Swanson, **Science:** Owen Weber, **Community Service:** Trevin Huskey, Levi Othmer, and Cameron Werner, **Athlete:** Ashley Beethe

The Cook American Legion Auxiliary #360

Scholarship recipients were: Levi Othmer, Owen Weber, and Cameron Werner

VFW Post #8221 Voice of Democracy

Recipients were: Jacob Nixon and Madison VanLaningham

Woodmen Life

Presented a special History award to Molly Weber.

Omaha World-Herald 2026 Academic Recognition Honorable Mention

To qualify schools in Nebraska and Western Iowa were asked to nominate their current senior who was ranked #1 or #2 in their class, and any other seniors with an ACT score of 32 or higher.

Recipients are: Ashley Beethe, Wesley Swanson, Owen Weber

President's Education Excellence Award Winners

To qualify for recognition, students must be seniors and have a 90% cumulative grade point average and score at the 85th percentile or higher in Math or Reading on the MAP assessment, the ACT, or the SAT.

Recipients are: Ashley Beethe, Charlyn Bobadilla, Zeke Burki, Danny Kongmanyvong, Harley Lubben, Marisol Mandl, Tan Nguyen, Levi Othmer, Briana Robeson, Saige Rother, Aiden Strecker, Wesley Swanson, Jack Waring, and Owen Weber.

ECNC Academic/Activity All Conference Award

To earn recognition, students must be graduating seniors, must rank in the top 25% of the class, must participate in at least one ECNC activity their senior year, and must have participated in at least one ECNC activity in previous years. Recipients are: Ashley Beethe, Charlyn Bobadilla, Danny Kangmanyvong, Levi Othmer, Briana Robeson, Saige Rother, Wesley Swanson, Jack Waring, and Owen Weber.

ECNC ACT Awards

The ECNC recognizes students who have achieved ACT scores of 24 and above.

ACT Bronze Underclassmen (Score of 24-26):

Harrison Bacon, Brayden Beethe, Amelia Britt, Regan Campbell Thies, Anthony Campos, Erik Prado, AJ Rautenbach

ACT Silver Underclassmen (Score of 27-29):

Abigail Blomstedt, Amilia Gentert

ACT Gold Underclassmen (Score of 30 and above):

Molly Weber

ACT Seniors Bronze (Score of 24-26):

Levi Othmer, Wesley Swanson, Aleciauna Young

ACT Seniors Silver (Score of 27-29):

Zeke Burki, Tan Nguyen

ACT Seniors Gold (Score of 30 and above):

Saige Rother, Owen Weber

Perfect Attendance

To have perfect attendance you had to be perfect. You could not be tardy or absent for school for any reason other than a school activity.

Recipient: Madison VanLaningham

Honor Roll and Class Awards were also recognized.



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Summer Items

- Our student athletes have many **camps and weight lifting/ conditioning** throughout the summer schedule. Encourage your student athletes to attend and stay disciplined in helping them become better student athletes by attending the camps and daily weight lifting/conditioning.
- The second-semester **report cards** should be arriving in the mail shortly. If any dues from last year are still needed, they will be included as well.
- **Summer school** starts on Monday, June 1, 2026 - classes are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The last day of summer school is Thursday, June 25, 2026. Classes will be held in room 206 of the Elementary in Tecumseh.
- **Driver education classes** start on Monday, June 2, 2026, through Thursday, June 5, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. After students have completed the class, they will schedule driving time behind the wheel. The teachers are Mr. Luke Boldt and Mr. Greg Peterson, and will be held in room 204 of the Elementary in Tecumseh.
- During the second semester, all students pre-registered for the 2026-2027 school year. Once the official class schedule was completed, Mrs. Reuter worked with students to complete their schedules. Every student will receive a letter around the End of July, which will include their schedule showing their classes and periods for the coming school 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 between the time of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. starting Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Students may also change their classes during the first 5 days of the school year.

Have a great Summer!



Thunderbird Golf Classic 2026

4 PERSON
SCRAMBLE!



Saturday, September 26
Tecumseh Country Club
9:00 AM

Contact
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ACADEMICS



students can get hands-on experience beyond the classroom

ACTIVITIES



band, cheer and student government can all see benefits from your sponsorship

BUDGET



your business can help pay for the video board itself, and add to school funds

ATHLETES



students get pumped up when they see themselves in lights

GAIN THE HOME-FIELD/COURT ADVANTAGE PARTNER WITH JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH

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- 6 Show support for our community and students
- 7 Help keep athletic programs healthy and competitive
- 8 Enhance the fan experience and leave a positive impression about your business and our team
- 9 Reach local and out-of-town customers more effectively

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FOUNDING PARTNERSHIP (4 TOTAL, \$7,500/YEAR)

STATIC SIGNAGE

One (1) logo on an ad panel on side of the outdoor video board, approximate size TBD.
 One (1) logo on an ad panel above or below a scoreboard in the gym, approximate size TBD

OUTDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

Two (2) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

One (1) quarter of first down sponsorships per every home varsity football game. Sponsor logo will play on the Eagle's first down graphic on the video board for a whole quarter. Sponsors will each take one of the four quarters.

One (1) :30 second IN-game sponsor supplied video commercial OR full color logo with corresponding announcement per regular season home varsity game

MULTI-MEDIA/PRINT/PROMOTIONS

One (1) grouped PA announcement at all home varsity events (boys and girls)

One (1) ad exposure on the JCC athletics live stream per regular season varsity event

PROMOTIONAL GAME SPONSORSHIP

One (1) game day sponsorship per year. School and sponsor will choose (1) home indoor varsity game per year. Game day sponsorship could include:

- Additional PA announcement and digital content recognizing sponsor
- Opportunity for promotional giveaway or contest
- Opportunity to promote or distribute specialty items
- On field recognition

INDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

One (1) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

One (1) :30 second IN-game sponsor supplied video commercial OR full color logo with corresponding announcement per regular season home varsity game

One (1) in game sponsor feature entitlement per home varsity basketball or volleyball game. Sponsor logo can play on animated graphics such as National Anthem, Starting Lineups, Halftime, Timeout, etc.





JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

ANCHOR PARTNERSHIP (6 TOTAL, \$3,500/YEAR)

OUTDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

Two (2) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

One (1) :30 second PRE-game sponsor supplied video commercial OR full color logo with corresponding announcement per regular season home varsity game

PROMOTIONAL GAME SPONSORSHIP

One (1) game day sponsorship per year. School and sponsor will choose (1) home indoor varsity game per year. Game day sponsorship could include:

- Additional PA announcement and digital content recognizing sponsor
- Opportunity for promotional giveaway or contest
- Opportunity to promote or distribute specialty items
- On field recognition

MULTI-MEDIA/PRINT/PROMOTIONS

One (1) grouped PA announcement at all home varsity events (boys and girls)

One (1) ad exposure on the JCC athletics live stream per regular season varsity event

INDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

Two (2) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

One (1) three point sponsor feature entitlement. A founding partner logo will play on the three point animation and founding partners will rotate the turns as three pointers are made.

One (1) :30 second PRE-game sponsor supplied video commercial OR full color logo with corresponding announcement per regular season home varsity game

PREMIER PARTNERSHIP (8 TOTAL, \$1,500/YEAR)

OUTDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

One (1) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

INDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

One (1) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

MULTI-MEDIA/PRINT/PROMOTIONS

One (1) grouped PA announcement at all home varsity events (boys and girls)

One (1) ad exposure on the Eagle Eye Broadcasting stream per regular season varsity event



ACTIVITIES UPDATE BY GARRETT COLLIN

Greetings Thunderbird Family

We have ended the 2025-2026 school year and all the activities! **I have attached all of our award winners from this year to show the accomplishments our athletes have gotten this year!** But first, here is a spring season wrap-up.

The **boy's golf team** competed in the district meet on Tuesday, May 19th at Hidden Valley in Lincoln. Jack Waring, Wesley Swanson, Caden McDonald, Regan Thies, and Trey Lubben represented JCC and golfed well that day. The squad placed 5th and just missed making the state meet (they take the top 3 teams). Jack finished as the 7th place medalist and is a state qualifier! The state meet takes place in Grand Island on May 27th and 28th. Thank you to Coaches Ben Swanson & Russ Waring for their coaching expertise and for taking the time to help our golfers.

JCC hosted the **C-1 District Track Meet** on Thursday, May 14th and we had a few that qualified for the state meet at Burke High School in Omaha! Harley Lubben in the shot put and discus, Gabe Bernadt in the shot put, Molly Weber in the 100m, 200m dash and long jump, Trevin Huskey in the 3200m & 1600m run, and Madison VanLaningham in the 3200m run. We wish good luck to the athletes and coaches and we know they will represent the JCC community with pride! Thank you to Coach Nick Weber, Coach Angela Huskey, Coach Reid Genuchi, and Coach Brad Gabriel for all the time they have put in with their athletes.



Now that the school year has come to a close, it is time to look forward to the next! The **weight room** will be open starting June 1st and run through July 31st. There will be three sessions in the morning and one in the evening that athletes will have the chance to get in and work out. The weight room will be open Monday-Friday with session times running from:

- 6:30 AM-7:30AM (HS)
- 7:30 AM-8:30 AM (HS)
- 8:30 AM-9:30AM (JH), and
- 6:00 PM-7:00PM (OPEN) **except Fridays.

Athletes are strongly encouraged to attend 4 out of 5 days a week and to be in attendance on a regular basis. It is very important that our athletes take advantage of these opportunities to increase their abilities and give us the best chance to compete in the upcoming school year. Please help keep your athlete accountable with the weight room and the various sport-specific camps they will be asked to attend! Summer is a very important time to develop themselves, hone in on their skills, and be together with their teammates.

HEADS UP: Due to the upcoming high school high school renovations, the **High School Weight Room is being moved to the Tecumseh Elementary Gym**. The Weight Room in the Elementary Gym will be made available to the public starting Friday, May 22.

Access to the Weight Room in the Elementary Building will be through the West and North exterior doors. Access to the Elementary Gym area will be through the hallway South doors.

Beginning Monday, May 25, the High School Gym will be closed until further notice. This will likely be for the remainder of May and the months of June and July.

The Cook Site Weight Room and Gym will remain open to adults who have purchased a key.

Remember that no children/students are to be in the Weight Room or Gyms unless accompanied

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by an adult. Public users are not to be in the Weight Room(s) or Gym(s) while being used for school activity purposes.

Lastly, all students, grades 9-12, who plan to participate in NASA-sponsored activities during the 2026-2027 school year need to turn in a signed **Parental Consent form**. This must be done before a student is eligible for practice and competition in any activity that is under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska School Activities Association. The participating student and one of his/her parents or guardians must sign the certificate of consent and turn it into the school office.

Each student, grades 7-12, who expects to participate in athletic contests shall present to the superintendent, principal, or school representative once each year, before actual participation in any interschool sport, a **physician's certificate** on a form recommended by the NSAA that he/she is physically fit for athletic participation. This physical examination must be given during the school year in which the student participates or during the summer vacation period which precede the school year in which the individual participates.

Please contact the school if you have any questions and please take care of this prior to the beginning of fall practice on August 10, 2026.

I hope everyone has a great summer! Go Thunderbirds!

Garrett Collin

SUMMER WEIGHT ROOM SCHEDULE

Dead week: Monday, May 25th through Sunday, May 31st

Opening day: June 1st

CLOSED: Friday, July 3rd

Closing date: Friday, July 31st

Dead week: Monday, August 3rd - Sunday, August 9th

Fall practice begins: Monday, August 10th

Session 1: 6:30am-7:30am (*High School Athletes*)

Session 2: 7:30am-8:30am (*High School Athletes*)

Session 3: 8:30am-9:30am (*Junior High Athletes*)

Session 4: 6:30pm-7:30pm (*All Athletes*) *except Fridays

****Please note:** all sessions will be a mix of boys & girls.



SENIOR PARTICIPANTS

ASHLEY BEETHE

Volleyball - Letter Winner, Omaha World-Herald Class C2 State All-Tournament Team, Lincoln Journal Star Class C2 State All-Tournament Team, KMA Land Nebraska Player of the Year, KMA Land All-Nebraska First Team, MUDECAS A Division All-Tournament First Team, NebPreps Class C2 Hitter of the Year, NebPreps Class C2 Player of the Year Finalist, ECNC First Team All-Conference, NCPA Academic All-State, Omaha World-Herald Class C2 All-State First Team, Lincoln Journal Star Class C2 All-State Second Team

Basketball - Letter Winner, KMA Land Honorable Mention, ECNC First Team All-Conference, NCPA Academic All-State, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention

GABE BERNADT

Basketball - Letter Winner
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 6th Place Medalist Shot Put, MUDECAS 7th Place Medalist Discus

CHARLYN BOBADILLA

Volleyball - Letter Winner
Basketball - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State, Teammate of the Year
Track & Field - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State, MUDECAS 2nd Place Medalist 400m Relay, MUDECAS 7th Place Medalist 1600m Relay, MUDECAS 5th Place Medalist Pole Vault

EZEKIEL BURKI

Cheer - Letter Winner
Wrestling - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 6th Place 300m Hurdles, MUDECAS 6th Place Medalist 1600m Relay

WYATT CASE

Football - Letter Winner, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-District Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention
Basketball - Letter Winner

THERESA DOIEL

Unified Bowling - Letter Winner

TREVIN HUSKEY

Cross Country - Letter Winner, ECNC All-Conference (2nd Place Medalist ECNC), District Runner-up, State Qualifier, 7th Place State Medalist, NCA All-State Class C Cross Country Team, All-KMAland Cross Country Team, NCPA Academic All-State
Wrestling - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State
Track & Field - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State, MUDECAS 1600m 5th Place Medalist, MUDECAS 3200m 3rd Place Medalist

DANNY KONGMANYVONG

Football - Letter Winner, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention
Basketball - Letter Winner

HARLEY LUBBEN

Volleyball - Letter Winner, KMA Land All-Nebraska Second Team, MUDECAS A Division All-Tournament First Team, ECNC First Team All-Conference, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention
Basketball - Letter Winner, KMA Land First Team, ECNC First Team All-Conference, MUDECAS A Division All-Tournament Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS Shot Put Champion, MUDECAS Discus Champion

MARISOL MANDL

Golf - Letter Winner, ECNC 5th Place Medalist, ECNC All-Conference

CADEN MCDONALD

Wrestling - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, District Runner Up, 6th Place State Medalist
Golf - Letter Winner

JOSEPHINE MCDONALD

Cheer - Letter Winner

BRAIDEN NICHOLS

Football - Letter Winner, All-District Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention
Wrestling

TAN NGUYEN

Track & Field

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS

LEVI OTHMER

Cross Country - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State

Track & Field - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State, MUDECAS 3rd Place Medalist 110m Hurdles, MUDECAS 5th Place Medalist, MUDECAS 5th Place Medalist 300m Hurdles, MUDECAS 6th Place Medalist 1600m Relay

TREVOR PIETZYK

Golf

ALEJANDRA REYES

Wrestling - Letter Winner, ECNC Conference Champion, ECNC First Team All-Conference, District Champion, State Runner Up, Senior All-Star Dual Team Selection

BRIANA ROBESON

Golf - Letter Winner
Track & Field - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State, MUDECAS 4th Place Medalist Shot Put

SAIGE ROTHER

Volleyball - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State
Basketball - Letter Winner
Track & Field- MUDECAS 5th Place Medalist 3200m Relay

ANNA RUSSELL

Unified Cheer
Unified Bowling - Letter Winner
Unified Track & Field - Letter Winner
Cheer - Letter Winner

AIDEN STRECKER

Unified Bowling - Letter Winner

WESLEY SWANSON

Football - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District, Omaha World-Herald All State Honorable Mention, NCPA Academic All-State
Basketball - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, MUDECAS A Division Honorable Mention Tournament Team, NCPA Academic All-State, KMALand First Team, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention
Golf - Letter Winner, ECNC Champion, ECNC All-Conference, NCPA Academic All-State

MADISON VANLANINGHAM

Cross Country - ECNC 10th Place Medalist
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 5th Place Medalist 3200m Relay, MUDECAS 4th Place Medalist 1600m Run, MUDECAS 4th Place Medalist 3200m Run

JACK WARING

Football - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District, Omaha World-Herald All State Honorable Mention, NCPA Academic All-State
Basketball - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention
Golf - Letter Winner, ECNC Runner Up, ECNC All-Conference, NCPA Academic All-State

OWEN WEBER

Cross Country - Letter Winner
Golf - Letter Winner

CATHERINE WENDT

Golf - Letter Winner, ECNC All-Conference, State Qualifier, NCPA Academic All-State, KMALand Nebraska Golf Team
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 7th Place Medalist 1600m Relay, MUDECAS 8th Place Medalist Pole Vault

CAMERON WERNER

Cross Country - Letter Winner
Wrestling - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State

LEE XAYAPHONESONGKHAM

Football - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-District
Wrestling - Letter Winner
Golf - Letter Winner

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THUNDERBIRDS

JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS

HARRISON BACON

Football - Letter Winner
Basketball
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 7th Place Medalist 3200m Relay

BRAYDEN BEETHE

Football - Letter Winner
Basketball - Letter Winner
Track & Field - Letter Winner

ABIGAIL BLOMSTEDT

Golf

AMELIA BRITT

Golf - Letter Winner, ECNC 4th Place Medalist, ECNC All-Conference, NCPA Academic All-State

NEVAEH BROWN

Basketball

AYDEN CANNON

Basketball

ANTHONY CAMPOS

Soccer - Letter Winner, Trailblazer Academic All-Conference, NCPA Academic All-Sate

JON DEFREECE

Cross Country
Track & Field - Letter Winner

NANCY DUARTE

Unified Bowling - Letter Winner

CONNOR HAUFLE

Golf

MARIO LARA JR.

Unified Bowling

JACOB NIXON

Football

MEMPHIS PINGEL

Cross Country
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 6th Place Medalist 200m, MUDECAS 8th Place Medalist 400m, MUDECAS 6th Place Medalist 1600m Relay

ERIK PRADO

Wrestling - Letter Winner, ECNC All-Conference, District Champion, State Champion

WILLIAM RADEMACHER

Basketball

AJ RAUTENBACH

Football - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District
Basketball - Letter Winner
Baseball - Letter Winner, Trailblazer Academic All-Conference

HARLEY REYES

Golf - Letter Winner, ECNC Runner Up, ECNC All-Conference
Basketball - Letter Winner

AURORA STEPHENS

Unified Bowling - Letter Winner

REGAN THIES

Football - Letter Winner
Basketball - Letter Winner
Golf - Letter Winner

PRESTIN THOMAS

Football - Letter Winner
Wrestling - Letter Winner

HAYLEE TREW

Wrestling - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, ECNC Champion, District Champion, State Champion

MOLLY WEBER

Volleyball - Letter Winner, KMA Land All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, ECNC Third Team All-Conference, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention
Basketball - Letter Winner, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 2nd Place Medalist 400m Relay, MUDECAS Long Jump Champion, MUDECAS 100m Dash Champion, MUDECAS 200m Dash Champion



SOPHOMORE PARTICIPANTS

RODRIGO AGAPITO

Football

TYLER ALBERS

Football

Wrestling - Letter Winner

Golf

GERARDO BECERRA

Football - Letter Winner

Wrestling

Track & Field

LEIGHTON BEETHE

Basketball - Letter Winner

Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 7th Place

Medalist 1600m Relay

PAYTON BRANDT

Volleyball - Letter Winner

Basketball

Track & Field

ANTHONY BROOKS

Golf

NAYELI BOBADILLA

Cheer - Letter Winner

ANGEL BUCHANAN

Cheer - Letter Winner

Volleyball - Letter Winner

Unified Track & Field - Letter Winner

Track & Field - Letter Winner

ABIGAIL BURKI

Cheer - Letter Winner

Volleyball

REESE CARTER

Volleyball - Letter Winner

Wrestling - Letter Winner, NCPA Academic All-State

ADREE CASE

Cross Country

Basketball

Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 5th Place

Medalist 3200m Relay

SYLUS DESMOND

Football

GRACE FREDERICK

Basketball

KAEL FRICKE

Cross Country

Track & Field

SOFIA GOLDA

Cheer - Letter Winner

CONNOR GERKING

Cross Country

Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 5th Place

Medalist 110m Hurdles, MUDECAS 3rd Place

Medalist Triple Jump

CHASE HARRIFELD

Cross Country

Track & Field

DALTON HENDERSON

Cross Country - Letter Winner

Basketball

JESUS HURTADO

Football - Letter Winner

Wrestling

Track & Field

COOPER JONES

Football - Letter Winner

Basketball - Letter Winner

Golf - Letter Winner

AARYN KASTER

Cross Country

Wrestling

Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 7th Place

Medalist Pole Vault

BOHDI KLEIN

Football

Wrestling - Letter Winner

Golf

TREY LUBBEN

Football - Letter Winner

Basketball - Letter Winner

Golf - Letter Winner

ARIANA MYERS

Unified Track & Field - Letter Winner

SOPHOMORE PARTICIPANTS

KENE OFOEGBU

Football - Letter Winner, ECNC All-Conference
Honorable Mention
Track & Field - Letter Winner

ANTHONY OROZCO

Football
Basketball
Track & Field

YARETSY ORTIZ

Cheer - Letter Winner

STEFANI PETERS

Cheer - Letter Winner
Volleyball
Track & Field

DAMIAN PRADO

Football
Wrestling
Track & Field

DONOVAN PROCHASKA

Track & Field

SOPHIA SCHMID

Volleyball - Letter Winner, KMA Land All-Nebraska
Honorable Mention, ECNC Third Team All-
Conference, Omaha World-Herald All-State
Honorable Mention
Basketball - Letter Winner, Omaha World-Herald
All-State Honorable Mention
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 7th Place
Medalist 1600m Relay, MUDECAS 6th Place
Medalist 100m Hurdles, MUDECAS 5th Place
Medalist 300m Hurdles

WESLEY SCHMID

Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 4th Place
Medalist Pole Vault

ALEX THIPPHAVONG

Football

LANDON TOOHEY

Wrestling - Letter Winner
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 6th Place
Medalist 1600m Relay, MUDECAS 7th Place
Medalist 3200m Relay

TEGAN TOPP

Cheer - Letter Winner
Track & Field
Unified Track & Field - Letter Winner

RENE VILLALOBOS

Cross Country - Letter Winner

RILEY WELLENSIEK

Volleyball - Letter Winner, KMA Land All-
Nebraska Third Team, MUDECAS A Division
All-Tournament Honorable Mention, NebPreps
Class C2 Setter of the Year, ECNC First Team
All-Conference, Omaha World-Herald All-State
Honorable Mention
Basketball - Letter Winner, ECNC All-Conference
Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-
State Honorable Mention
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 2nd
Place Medalist 400m Relay, MUDECAS 6th
Place Medalist Triple Jump, MUDECAS 5th
Place Medalist Long Jump, MUDECAS 8th Place
Medalist Shot Put



FRESHMEN PARTICIPANTS

JOSE AGUILAR

Wrestling - Letter Winner

JUAN AGUILAR

Cross Country - Letter Winner, ECNC 14th Place Medalist

Wrestling - Letter Winner, ECNC First Team All-Conference, State Qualifier

Track & Field - Letter Winner

DAMIAN ANDRADE

Football

Basketball

Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 7th Place Medalist 3200m Relay

XAVIER ARGUELLO

Track & Field - Letter Winner

BENTLEY CAMPBELL

Cross Country

Basketball

Track & Field

HARVEY CRABLE

Football

MATTHEW CRUZ

Cross Country

Wrestling - Letter Winner

Track & Field - Letter Winner

JAMES FRANCIS

Basketball

JACKSON GOTTULA

Football

Basketball

Track & Field - Letter Winner

JUNIOR GURROLA

Wrestling - Letter Winner

HADLEY HARTMAN

Golf

ASHTON HUSKEY

Cross Country - Letter Winner, ECNC 10th Place Medalist

Basketball

Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 7th Place Medalist 3200m Relay

MARLEY JENSEN

Volleyball

JANEL LEYVA

Volleyball

DIEGO MARTINEZ

Football - Letter Winner

Basketball

Track & Field - Letter Winner

REESE MCDONALD

Volleyball

Track & Field - MUDECAS 5th Place Medalist 3200m Relay

BENTLEY MYERS

Football

Wrestling - Letter Winner

Track & Field

MARVIN NAJERA

Football

Basketball

Track & Field

BRODY NICHOLS

Football

Wrestling

Golf

THU NYUGEN

Basketball

Track & Field

Unified Track & Field - Letter Winner

RAYHAN RENTAS

Football

Basketball

Track & Field

HEIDI REYES

Unified Bowling - Letter Winner

Volleyball

Basketball

Track & Field

DANICA RUSSELL

Volleyball

FRESHMEN PARTICIPANTS

FAITH TEX-SHERMAN

Basketball
Track & Field

KENNA THOMAS

Volleyball

ELLIOTT WERNER

Football
Wrestling - Letter Winner
Golf

TYLYNN WELLENSIEK

Unified Bowling - Letter Winner
Volleyball
Basketball
Track & Field - Letter Winner, MUDECAS 2nd Place
Medalist 400m Relay



** Awards listed through May 1st, 2026
Spring Sports Letter Winners will be awarded
at the conclusion of the season.*

Greetings From the Elementary!

Summer 2026



As this school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank you for your partnership and support. It has been exciting to watch our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Their hard work, curiosity, and enthusiasm have truly made this year a success.

Summer is a great time for children to relax, explore, and make memories with family and friends. While there should be plenty of time for fun and adventure, it's also important to keep young minds active. Even small learning moments here and there can help students hold on to the skills they worked so hard to build during the school year.

Reading is one of the best ways to keep learning going. Encouraging your child to read for 15-20 minutes a day can make a real difference. Visiting the library, reading together as a family, and letting children choose books that interest them can all help foster a love of reading. Everyday activities like cooking, playing board games, writing in a journal, visiting parks, or practicing math while shopping can also turn into meaningful learning experiences.

Most of all, I hope you enjoy your time together as a family. Summer offers children the chance to discover new interests, spend time outdoors, and recharge for the year ahead. On behalf of our entire staff, thank you for making this school year so special. We are proud of all our students have accomplished and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall, ready for another year of learning and growth.

Have a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer!



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4th Quarter Thunderbirds

Summer 2026



Kindergarten: Parker Collin, Lana Mahoney-Pletcher, Boone Lada, Baylor Winslow, Alex Myer, not pictured: Ma'Teah Throckmorton-Ellsworth



First-Grade: Luis Cardona Juarez, Bruin Schaardt, Leena Dinan, Norah McCoppin, Liam McDonald



Second-Grade: Beckett Gist, Nora Britt, Yuleidi Cardona Juarez, Caleb Griess, Emmalynn Blecha, not pictured: Luna Herrle



Third-Grade: Freyja Walton, Elizabeth Orozco, Noah Vermeer, Wren Bischoff, not pictured: Addilynn McCoppin

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Elementary Perfect Attendance

Summer 2026

Achieving perfect attendance is something to be really proud of. It shows a student is dependable, responsible, and willing to stick with it, even when it's not always easy. Students with perfect attendance set a great example by demonstrating that showing up every day matters.

Being in school each day helps students stay connected to their learning, take part in class discussions, and build strong relationships with classmates and teachers. This kind of commitment helps prepare them for the future and supports a love of learning that can last a lifetime. We also know that perfect attendance isn't always possible. Illnesses and unexpected events do happen. Even so, aiming for strong attendance helps build good habits, a positive attitude toward school, and a solid work ethic. We want to recognize and celebrate students who reach this goal, because their efforts help create a positive, energetic school community.

As educators, we're here to support every student in doing their best, one day at a time. Each school day is a new chance to learn, grow, and contribute, and every student's presence makes a difference.



2025-2026 Perfect Attendance Students:
Brewer DeKoning, Liam Little, Tori Juilfs,
Ainsely Rothfuss, and Penny Barnes

Thank you to our community supporters who donated items for the students' prizes:

Dollar General, The Grain Bin, Exmark Manufacturing, TSCI, Tecumseh Federal Bank, State Bank of Table Rock, Western National Bank, Remedy, Super 7 Inn, Johnson County Hospital, Dairy Queen, NAPA, Tecumseh Central Market



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Cook Counseling Update

4-5th Grade Self-Reflection Data Insights

This year, I have worked with students on the three goals for life that have been outlined for the district through our BIST framework. The three goals for life are as follows:

1. I can make good choices even when I am upset (overwhelmed, excited, full of emotions, etc.)
2. I can be okay even when others are not okay. (I can ignore peer pressure, I won't let other people's negative moods affect my own, etc.)
3. I can do something even when I don't want to (because it is difficult or boring).

Most of the problems students face throughout the day will come back to one of these three goals that they are struggling to master. I encourage parents to continue to use these goals as a reference point throughout the summer. For example, if your child is having a difficult time making appropriate choices when they are upset, use questions like, "Can you still make good choices even when others around you are frustrating you?" or "Can you communicate with me when you are getting frustrated and it is hard to control yourself, so I can help you"? These types of questions revert back to the terminology used throughout the school year and may help you with some of those difficult behaviors at home.

At the end of the year, I had a chance to get feedback from the fourth and fifth grade students about how they felt their year went. I asked them specific questions about the goals for life on the survey. Here were some interesting statistics as well as some analysis based on the student responses:

- Nearly 50% of the students said that they often make good choices when they are upset. Another 28% said that they sometimes make good choices when they are upset. However, only 5% of the students reported that they always make good choices when they are upset or overwhelmed. What does this tell us, and how can it be helpful? For me, I can see that students generally want to make good choices even when they are upset. Unfortunately, very few of the students at this age can make a good choice every single time they are feeling overwhelmed and upset. Even as an adult, I still lose my temper on occasion. It is important that adults acknowledge and validate the difficulty of always making good choices and give children the flexibility to make mistakes. Focus on improvement rather than perfection. If your child rarely makes good choices when they are upset, perhaps the goal should be to move to sometimes making good choices in those situations (or from sometimes to often, so on and so forth). Emphasizing improvement rather than setting unattainable goals will help your child with their coping skills in the long term.
- To the question, "How often are you willingly able to participate in activities that you find to be boring?," 20% of students responded 'rarely'. This was by far the most negative response out of the four questions that I asked about the goals for life. In fact, students would seemingly rather complete a difficult task than a boring task based on the survey responses. While there were a range of responses for both of my questions about boring and difficult tasks, there is an observation here that I want to pass along to parents before the summer months commence. Most of your children want to be pushed and challenged. They would rather take on difficult tasks than be bored. Over the past several years (with the advancement of technology) educators are seeing an increase of children who lack the grit to be bored. At times, it appears as though they have to fill every silent, boring moment with something. During the summer, this is intensified because they do not have the daily routine and structure to keep them occupied. It is okay for your child to not be entertained constantly. It is okay to restrict their access to devices (a quick cure for boredom) during the summer months. It is okay to push your child outside of their comfort zone. Help train your kids to embrace boredom rather than take the quick and easy way out. Boredom can often lead to creativity and a reignition of the imagination.
- I also asked students about their most and least improved skills this year. Behind academic performance, the next two most improved skills were related to improving their behaviors and controlling their emotions when they were overwhelmed and upset. Personally, I am glad that so many students saw individual growth in these areas. I hope this gives parents encouragement heading into the summer months. Most children do not actively want to have behavior problems or to be inept at controlling their emotions. They want to improve in these areas. Sometimes, they just need some guidance, boundaries, patience, and encouragement.

Remember, you are not in this alone. Although raising children and helping them grow into mature young adults can be incredibly difficult, you are not their only source of guidance. During these summer months, I encourage you to search for appropriate materials to help guide you in your parenting journey, and while the school doors may be closed, we are always here to support you and your children in their journeys.

Resources and Book Recommendations:

Books

- The Anxious Generation - important research and discussion about the impact of social media and technology on the mental health and development of young people
- Big Kids, Bigger Feelings: Navigating Defiance, Meltdowns, and Anxiety to Raise Confident, Connected Kids - geared towards parents of 5-12 year-olds

Resources

- The Family Behaviorist - Mandy Grass (social media, instagram, podcast, materials on website (thefamilybehaviorist.com))
- Dr. Becky Kennedy (podcast appearances and talks, social media, Good Inside - website and parenting program including workshops)
- 1-2-3 Magic (parenting materials such as books, video, and other formats- check out the website at 123magic.com)

**Note: These materials are simply supplemental suggestions for parents. They are not a direct reflection of practices used at JCC. They are the thoughts and productions of the authors and creators of the materials and are not indicative of JCC's stance on any particular parenting issues.

News from the Director of Student Services and Special Education

Dr. Laura Rademacher

June/ July 2026



SUMMER! Who doesn't love summer... the pool, softball, baseball, bon-fires, vacations, there is so much to do. This summer I challenge you to try and explore different opportunities for learning.

Reading Activities

- Local Library Summer Reading Programs- see flyer below.
- Pizza Hut's Camp **BOOK IT**: PreK - 6th grade, and your kids can earn free pizza when they complete their reading goals.
 - To register, follow these steps:
 1. **Download** the BOOK IT mobile app from the App Store (Google Play coming soon).
 2. **Begin registration** as a parent and enter your child's information.
 3. **Set their daily reading goal** from 20 - 60 minutes per day, and document how much they read.
 4. **Start tracking** towards their goal.
- Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Journal Grades 1-6: Kids complete an 8-book reading journal and return it to a local B&N to get a free book of their choice. See [website](#) for more details and [print out the journal](#) in English
- Book Exchange Parties: Trade favorite books with friends for a fresh stack of reading material.
- Book Clubs: Either everyone reads the same book to talk about or gather together to talk about what books everyone is currently reading.

STEM Activities

- Free Coding Classes for Kids and Teens: Kids as young as four can learn to code online for free. [Code.org](#) and [Khan Academy](#) are excellent places to start.
- Science Experiments With Household Items: Try safe, simple experiments like vinegar and baking soda volcanoes to spark curiosity. The [Children's Science Center](#) has some at-home options.
- Math Games Using Everyday Objects: Use items like coins, dice, or snacks to practice math through playful activities.
- Bake Sales and Lemonade stands.
- DIY Engineering Challenges: Build bridges, towers, or birdhouses.

Other Activities

- Visit a Farmers Market
- Sign up for Kids Bowl Free today; FREE bowling has already started at some locations. <https://go.kidsbowlfree.com/fun>
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Scavenger Hunts <https://www.kcedventures.com/summer-scavenger-hunts-for-kids/>
- Create a Summer Bucket List

STICKS STONES AND BONEZ PRESENTS

KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMPS 2026

The Prospector July 7-10 Fossil Digs Gold Panning Gem Mining and more!	Living Lab July 14-17 Plants Animals Insects oh my!	Kids of Science July 21-24 STEM Experiments Dissections and more!
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7-24 July At Sticks Stones and Bonez
 489 Broadway St., Tecumseh, NE 68450

Registration Coming Soon
 www.sticksstonesandbonez.com (402)335-9088

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

THE LIBRARY IS FOR EVERYONE!

TECUMSEH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us on Tuesdays in June from 9:30-10:30 for reading, art projects and snacks!

June 2: Pets
 June 9: Monsters
 June 16: Robots
 June 23: The Library is for ME!
 June 30: Carnival Day

UNO COMMUNITY COUNSELING CLINIC

About our clinic

For 50 years, our university-based counseling clinic has provided affordable, high-quality mental health services to our community while training the next generation of professional counselors.

Sessions are conducted by advanced graduate practicum students under the supervision of licensed mental health professionals, ensuring thoughtful, evidence-informed care.

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are offering free counseling sessions for a limited time as a thank-you to the community we proudly serve.

Free Sessions this summer!

Book Now
 In Person or Telehealth at the UNO Campus or at Metro South Campus

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 UNO's Dodge Street Campus
 6005 University Drive North
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Please scan the QR Code to complete the initial consultation form

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FREEBIES

BARNES & NOBLE
 FREE book for reading books and writing about them in their Reading Journal!

IMAGINATION LIBRARY
 FREE books for ages 1-5 from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

PIZZA HUT BOOK IT!
 PreK-6th grade earn a FREE personal-sized pizza for hitting monthly goals!

PANDA EXPRESS
 FREE kids meal coupon when students read 5 books!

CHUCK E. CHEESE
 10 FREE play points for reading and filling out the Reading Rewards Calendar!

MENSA FOR KIDS
 Earn a commemorative certificate and FREE t-shirt!

See Store Websites for more details Locations may vary.

2026-27 Census

Every year Johnson County Central Public Schools is required to conduct a school census. We are making every effort to complete an accurate census, and your help would be appreciated. This information is used to determine State and Federal funding and for long term planning.

Please complete the following information for a child living in your household from birth to age 18. If you have more than one child in the household, please complete the form for each child you have living in the household.

If you have any questions please contact Kendra Gottula at 402-335-3320

English

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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.