

Special Recognition

Samantha Fuhrman was the 12th Grade winner of the 2012-13 Fleet Reserve Association - Branch 276 Essay Contest. Her winning essay was on the topic "What My Vote Will Mean to Me".

Justin Drowne and **Amanda Hansen** were selected to participate in the Blair Middle School Honor Choir.

Shilee Erwin received the "Youth Engaged" speech award through benefactors Pam and Dan Daly.

Whitney Bendorf won the "O Pioneers" Essay Contest sponsored by the Willa Cather Foundation. **Ben Everswick** and **Ben Winter** were runners-up.

Megan Hillmer was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Omaha Teens by the Omaha Jaycees. This scholarship is awarded based on leadership and service.

Sarah Determan was selected as one of 60 students nationwide to participate in the Women Explore Engineering Summer Camp at Texas A & M University.

Trae Bradburn and **Anna Koenecke** were selected for the 2013 Pinnacle Bank High School Leaders Award through Midland University in Fremont.

Instrumental Superiors from District Music are: **Concert** and **Jazz Bands**, Solos: **Josh Pace** in both Piano and Mallets, **Chloe' Delgado**-Clarinet, **Tyler Pace**-Tenor Sax, **Brandon Wynn**-French Horn, **Tessa Stevens**-Mallets, **Taylor Sutherland**, **Chloe'** and **Shea Kister**-Clarinet Trio, and **Josh**, **Jared Nelsen**, **Tessa**, **Becca Schumaker**, **Karina Stevens** and **Landon Folkers** - Percussion Ensemble.

Vocal Superiors from District Music are: - **Mixed Chorus**, **Men's Chorus**, **Women's Chorus** and **Show Choir**-these four Superiors were 1+, unanimous; Senior Ladies Quintet-**Chloe' Delgado**, **Whitney Bendorf**, **Christa Conrad**, **Jessica Gammons**, **Katy White**; Mixed Octet - **Whitney**, **Chloe'**, **Katy**, **Jessica**, **Josh Pace**, **Luke Ashton**, **Wayne Stratbucker**, **Alex Tietz**; Ladies Ensemble-**Kate Edie**, **Chelsea Lukasiewicz**, **Julie Hofer**, **Kenzie Carlson**, **Delaney Bruening**, **Brooke Welchert**, **Hailey Hansen**, **Sarah Rife**, **Riley Kister**, **Sarah Determan**, **Brianna Namuth**, **Grace Herold**, **Brielle McCuen**; and **Whitney** and **Josh** for solos.

Winners of the 2013 Science Fair are: Junior High - 3rd Place - **Brad Lester**; 2nd Place **Jessica Gravert** and **Mandy Hansen**; 1st Place **Morgan McNew**; High School - 3rd Place **Paige Johnson**; 2nd Place **Sadie Brown** and **Amber Howell**, 1st Place **Zane Fickbohm** and **Cade Babin**; Grand Prize Overall Winners - **Nolyn Appel** and **Cain Coontz**.

Danny Sill and **Joey Genoways** were named All Conference Baseball 1st Team. **Danny** is also one of the Honorary Captains. **Trae Bradburn** and **Jacob Wilson** were named 2nd Team All Conference and **Jon Keenan** was All Conference Honorable Mention.

Mr. Mark Bouwman was selected as the Class B-C-D Omaha area Coach of the Year during the Boys and Girls Club All Star Basketball Game.

Josh Pace and **Brandon Wynn** received the Music Achievement Award from the UNO Jazz Festival. **Josh** was also named Outstanding Soloist at the Festival.

The NSAA has released its list of Academic All State Students for the Spring Season. They are Baseball--**Jaden Boudle** and **Jon Keenan**; Music--**Whitney Bendorf** and **Josh Pace**; Boys Track and Field--**Kellon Johnson** and **Josh Pace**; Girls Track and Field--**Brooke Linnenbrink** and **Chelsea Lukasiewicz**.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Coming Down to the Wire

May is both a crazy and exciting time around the school district. We have roughly 17 days of school left and just about 50 activities to fit into those days. It is a time where you can attend any one of several concerts and also witness the closing Spring sports. I absolutely love this time because I get to see Pioneers of all sizes giving it their best either in the classroom, on the front stage or on the field of competition. I love to see the joy on our kids' faces when they're singing and playing, and the desire in their eyes as they strive to compete. Honestly this is reason I got into the field of education.

The month of May is also a time where we need the parent's cooperation to keep the kids on task as we finish the school year. There are still assignments to do and test to take throughout the remainder of the year. Attendance is really important so be sure you plan your activities accordingly.

I sincerely believe that the community of Fort Calhoun can be very proud of this Class of 2013 and their school-mates for having an outstanding year both in the classroom and in the field of competition. This group of seniors represents kids who have outstanding work ethic and leadership ability. I believe that these seniors have set the bar high for their predecessors and that their predecessors will be ready to carry the torch forward.

While I find graduation to be a time of celebration, this class of 2013 is the last class that will have one of my own kids in its numbers. I feel very blessed that I have had the opportunity to have all three of my children graduate from the "FORT". All three have had excellent experiences and all three will have graduated with "Honors" (Thank God they have their mother's brains). It has been a privilege to watch them grow up under my very own eyes on a daily basis. It is because of them and because of the many kids that walk through the hallways here at the "FORT" that I promise you we will continue to strive for excellence and build relationships that will make all our students successful as they graduate from this institution.

Happy Spring and God Bless!

Don Johnson
Superintendent of Schools

The Senior Art Show will continue at the Washington County Museum, Fort Calhoun, until May 8th. Museum hours are 9 to 5 M-W & F, 9 to 8 on Thursday and Noon to 4 on Sunday. An Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday May 1st.

The Fort Calhoun Schools' offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2013.

Mr. Jerry Green
Secondary Principal

To The Seniors

In less than a week you will be finished with classes. In less than two weeks you will be a high school graduate. For most of you it has been six years in this secondary building. Transitioning from the big dogs of the elementary to the lowly seventh grade only to make a quick trip to the great 8th grade, king of the junior high. Then the four-year climb. Ninth grade was more about survival and building a strong academic foundation, finding somewhere to fit in and getting to your sophomore year. As sophomores it was about passing Biology and, well that's it, passing Biology. As juniors you really start to become comfortable with your status in the building and with the teachers. Maybe you are seen more like adults and the responsibility of "what am I going to do after high school" becomes more real. ACT tests, college visits, visiting with military recruiters, visits with mom/dad/grandma/grandpa or Mrs. Hernandez about your "future" - everyone wanting to know what your plans are after high school and you're not even a senior yet. Then it arrives, your senior year, you feel like you have been here forever and as fast as that first semester goes by you can't wait for graduation. Are you ready for what is next? Are you a little worried about being a rookie all over again? You might want out but there is comfort in the old high school. You know how it works; you know the people and the game. Now you get to start all over. The reality is some of you will struggle, others will get along, some will fit in just fine and others will excel. Regardless of where you go and what you do you will all have what most of you have always wanted. The opportunity be an adult, have the responsibilities that go along with it and hopefully the desire to work toward a goal that will bring you happiness. I believe all of you can be successful, reach your goals and make a positive difference in the world.



Apple Computer has honored Fort Calhoun High School and its 1 to 1 iPad Initiative as a Distinguished Program for 2012-13. Our school was chosen through an application process and is one of only 130 in the Nation.



*Life brings us tears,
 smiles, and memories.
 The tears dry.
 The smiles fade,
 but the memories last forever.*

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2013!

**THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR
 DRIVERS EDUCATION IS JUNE 1ST**



Good luck and welcome to the rest of your life.

CENSUS 2013

Fort Calhoun Community Schools strive to keep informed of the changing needs of the community and its residents. A census of all residents is taken each year for this purpose. The School District also publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Dispatch*.

Are you new to the area? Is there a change in your household? We would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to the address listed, or call 402-468-5591 and we can take the information over the phone. We are interested in all families, whether or not there are school-age children or if the children attend Fort Calhoun Community Schools. Also, if you know of any new families, please pass this information along.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Fort Calhoun Community Schools

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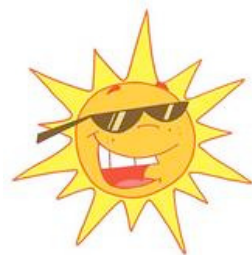
**FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 DISTRICT CENSUS RECORD**

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 He/She
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 Date _____ For Office Use Only: _____ Census ID # _____

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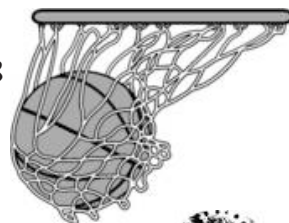


SUMMER 2013 HAPPENINGS **

ELEMENTARY NEWS
Your Principal: Mr. Drew R. Wagner



- 5/10 Sports Physicals at Fort Calhoun Clinic
- 5/28-30 Girls Basketball Camp Grades 3-6
- 6/3-July Weight Lifting 8:00 AM
- 6/8 Boys Basketball Fort Calhoun Camp Grades 3-8
- 6/14 Fort Calhoun Gridiron Golf Tournament
- 6/14 Washington County Relay for Life @ HS
- 7/1-11 Senior High Band Trip
- 7/8-7/19 Drivers Education Class
- 7/8-7/26 Drivers Education Driving
- 8/3-9 HS Gym Floor Refinishing---Gym will be closed
- 8/5-7 Varsity Band Camp
- 8/12 First Day of HS Football & Softball Practices
- 8/15 First Day of School
- 8/19 First Day of HS Volleyball and Cross Country Practices



**Partial Listing -- All Summer activities will be listed on the school calendar located on the website -- www.fortcalhounschoools.org. Click on Calendars and then the second entry. From here you may navigate by month, date, or activity. Expand the selection to see full information, or call the schools.



MR. NICK WEMHOFF Assistant Principal/AD

The Fort Calhoun Clinic will be offering sports physicals on Friday May 10th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Any student who plans to participate in athletics next year in grades 8-12 must have a sports physical to be able to participate. All 7th graders must have a regular physical so a sports physical is not needed. The clinic will have the proper forms to fill out when you go there. The cost is \$20 on this Friday. If you go any other day, it will be \$30. If you decide to go somewhere else for your sports physical that is fine. I would ask that you please stop in and pick up a sports physical form from the High School office to have filled out by the doctor.

I would like to take a moment to thank the many people who help support our activities here at the Fort: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Green, and Mr. Wagner for all their help and support all year long. Head coaches, assistant coaches, junior high coaches, and volunteers for investing their time in our student-athletes. The Booster Club, Booster Corporate Sponsors, and all the Booster Club Members for their contributions to our programs. Booster Club officers are: Greg Schulz, Tim Erwin, Sidney Genoways, Dennis Keenan, Anita Shull along with support from Teri Rheinheimer and Gloria Penas. Patty Appel, Rose Tinkham, Jean Welchert, and Chriss Lloyd for all their work behind the scenes to get ready for events. To Deb Hoer, Sara Maslowski, Doug Appel, Jane Harnack, Ron VanVleet, and David Bochnicheck for all their work preparing meals for athletes and workers at many events throughout the year. Jim Shields for the time he volunteers to take pictures for all of our activities. All the parents who take time to be a part of their child's extracurricular life. Jerry Mink, Kathy Masloskie, and Mike Peters for all their hard work making sure everything is set up and ready for events. And to anyone volunteered their time to work events this year.

Our programs would not run as smooth as they do without the support of all of you. Thank you so much for your support of our activities here at the FORT!

*"There is incredible value in being of service to others."
- Elizabeth Berg*

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather we are having it's about time. I look forward to continue our journey together as a school family. I wanted everyone to be aware of some changes that have been made to Field day. This is a great day for students and families to enjoy the weather and be healthy. Thank you all in advance to being open to new ideas and the support you provide. Mrs. Rutledge wanted to pass along some information she thought is important to have for this fulfilled day.

Field Day Information

The end of the year is quickly approaching which means that Field Day is almost here! It has been a fun year and the students have done a wonderful job at improving their skills and showing off their talents during our many units through out the school year. Field Day is an opportunity for us to come together as a school family and show off these talents for some fun and friendly competition.

This year Field Day will be held at the elementary school on Friday May 17th and go throughout the school day from 8:00am to 1:15pm. (In case of bad weather, Field Day will be moved to Monday May 20th.) There will be a total of 14 stations that the students will go through. Out of these stations, there is a combination of typical track and field day events such as hurdles and relay races, but there are also some different events such as the javelin throw (foam javelins of course) and scooter races. I don't want to tell too much though! We will be practicing many of these events during P.E. to make sure we are ready to be our best and then the students will get to show off their skills to everyone!

After the students have completed all 14 stations we will come together, find a shady spot, and have lunch. Our wonderful cafeteria workers will prepare a nutritious sack lunch for the students to dive into after all their hard work. Students may bring their own sack lunch if they prefer. Concessions will be available for parents and students to purchase food items.

Make sure that your athletes wear comfortable clothes that they can move in and tennis shoes for Field Day. Thanks again for all of your support and we can't wait to see you all there cheering on your favorite Pioneers!

We always encourage sportsmanship and having a great attitude.

Thank you for your support. Upcoming Events for May:

- April 30 Spring Music Concert
- April 29-May 3 Maps Testing For K-2nd Grade
- May 4 Teammates/Booster Club Fun Run/Walk
- May 9 No School**
- May 6-10 NWEA Testing For 3rd-6th Grade
- May 14 Talent Show
- May 17 Field Day At The Elementary
- May 21 Last Day Of School; 11:15am dismissal**

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