

# BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - JULY 2024 - VOLUME 1 - ISSUE 1

## AUGUST

**14th** - Back to School Night & Popsicles with the Principal from 6 pm - 7 pm

**15th** - First Day of School - Early Out - 11:15 am Dismissal

**19th** - First Day of Preschool

**26th** - PFE Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Longhorn

## SEPTEMBER

**2nd** - No School

**20th** - Walk-A-Thon

**24th** - Picture Day

**30th** - No School

## OCTOBER

**18th** - End of the Quarter

**18th - 24th** - Book Fair

**23rd** - Parent Teacher Conferences

**24th** - Parent Teacher Conferences

**25th** - No School

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In true back to education form, I have to say, where has the summer gone? Whether you are ready for the school year to begin or you wish we had a few more weeks of summer, I cannot wait for the doors to open and school to be filled with busy bodies of students and the sounds of learning.

Now, it is time to look forward to a wonderful new school year. Our school wide theme is "Pioneers are Incredible". What does that mean for our students, staff, and parents/guardians? As a pioneer at Fort Calhoun Elementary School, we will be working diligently, each and every day, to follow our school wide expectations; to be **safe, brave, respectful and responsible**. Just like Mr. Incredible from the movie *The Incredibles*, we must be strong and use what we have learned to make the best decision we can in order to keep others **safe**. Mr. Incredible has stamina; so, we must always work hard and be **responsible** for our learning even when things are challenging. Finally, Mr. Incredible is dependable and honorable. Therefore, we must do the right thing when no one is looking and continue to be **brave** in tough situations to make sure we are always showing others **respect**. When we incorporate these expectations into our time at school, I know we will function at a high level.

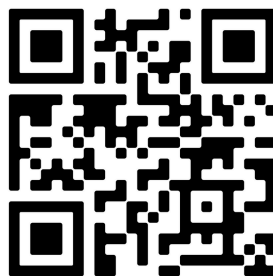
I hope you and your family enjoy the last couple of weeks of summer together. I look forward to seeing you very soon for our back to school night on August 14th!

Take care,

*Mrs. Horstman*

## TEACHER WISHLISTS

The following teachers have created an Amazon Wishlist for their classroom. If you are interested in donating to a classroom, please scan the QR Code.



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## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Please welcome our new staff members to Fort Calhoun Elementary School. We are excited to have these new faces in our building for the upcoming school year.

Kinsey Knorr - Vocal Music Teacher  
Katy Kelsey - Kindergarten Teacher  
Eric Jones - 5th Grade Teacher  
Chelsea Ewart - Special Education Teacher  
Sarah Schmidt - Paraprofessional  
Candace Hutchson - Paraprofessional  
Amber Howell - Food Service

Finally, we congratulate Miss Rice on her special day this summer. She will now be going by Mrs. Harmon.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

7:45 am - Buses Arrive & Students Enter School  
8:00 am - School Begins  
8:05 am - Students are Tardy  
10:10 am - Kindergarten Recess  
10:45 am - Kindergarten Lunch  
11:20 am - 1st & 2nd Grade Recess  
11:20 am - 1st & 2nd Grade Lunch  
11:55 am - 3rd & 4th Grade Recess  
11:55 am - 3rd & 4th Grade Lunch  
12:30 pm - 5th & 6th Grade Recess  
12:30 pm - 5th & 6th Grade Lunch  
3:00 pm - Dismissal on Monday - Thursday  
\*Friday's dismissal is 1:15 pm

## COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS

Communication is such an important component in your child's education. There are several different platforms the school will utilize for communication purposes. Please ensure your contact information is current in Powerschool.

- Fort Calhoun Community Schools Website
- The District's Facebook Page
- School Messenger - Email, text and phone call
- Monthly Newsletters
- Seesaw
- Staff Email
- Digital Thursday Folders
- Elementary School Marquette



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## 2024 - 2025 HANDBOOK CHANGES

The following updates have been made to these district policies which are reflected in the elementary handbook.



Policy 5052: School Wellness  
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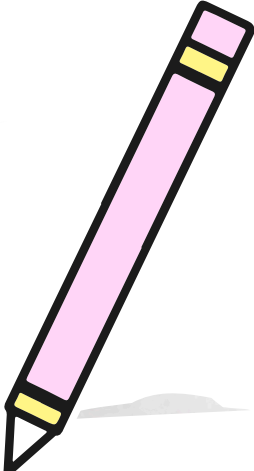
Policy 3053: Nondiscrimination  
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Policy 5035: Discipline  
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Policy 3057: Title IX  
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## PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

The first day of preschool will be Monday, August 19th. Morning preschool is from 8:00 am - 11:15 am and afternoon preschool is from 11:50 am - 3:05 pm. In addition to preschool on Monday through Thursday, there will be preschool on the following days as well. Morning preschool will meet on October 23rd, November 27th, and February 19th, from 8:00 am - 11:15 am and afternoon preschool will meet on October 24th, December 20th, and February 20th from 8:00 am - 11:15 am, and no school on November 25th for the afternoon session.

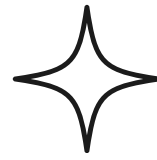


Before the school year begins, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and current immunization records. The first tuition payment is due on or before August 1, 2024. Payment for each subsequent month will be due on or before the 20th of the month. There will be a grace period of five days if payment is not received by the 20th. Payments can be mailed to the elementary school (PO Box 430 Fort Calhoun, NE 68023), brought to the elementary office during school hours, or by setting up automatic payments through eFunds. Tuition is \$150 per month.

If you have any further questions regarding preschool, please contact the Fort Calhoun Elementary School Office.



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You're invited to...

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY

**Who:** All preschool through sixth grade students, parents/guardians, staff, and principal

**What:** Bring all your school supplies and a smile

**When:** Wednesday, August 14th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Where:** Fort Calhoun Elementary School - 1020 Monroe Street

**Why:** To kick off the 2024-2025 school year



### POPSICLES WITH THE PRINCIPAL

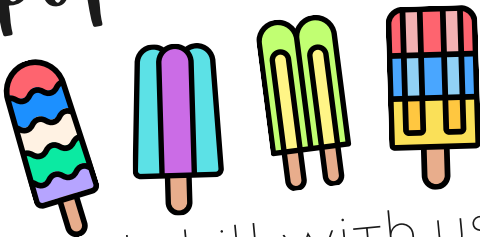
Your child is invited to come and enjoy an ice cold popsicle after spending some time meeting their new teacher and dropping off school supplies in their classroom!

I will be set up with plenty of delicious popsicles for each elementary student and their siblings as your family exits the building through the gym doors. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourselves while enjoying a tasty treat before school starts!

I look forward to seeing you there!

*Mrs. Harstman*

pop on over



and chill with us  
after you meet your teacher and  
drop off your supplies!