



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School News & Views

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MAY, 2026

FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Dear Parents, Patrons, and Community Members,

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community. The close of the school year always brings a mix of excitement, reflection, and appreciation for all that has been accomplished together.

This year has been filled with academic achievements, athletic success, fine arts performances, community service, and countless moments of growth for our students. From the classroom to extracurricular activities, our students have continued to demonstrate hard work, resilience, and pride in their school. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

I also want to recognize our outstanding teachers, support staff, coaches, and volunteers who dedicate so much of their time and energy to helping students succeed. Their commitment to providing meaningful opportunities and creating positive learning environments makes a tremendous difference every day.



To our parents and families, thank you for your partnership throughout the year. Your encouragement, involvement, and support at home play an essential role in student success. Education is truly a team effort, and we are grateful to work alongside such caring and supportive families.

As summer begins, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. Summer is also a wonderful opportunity for students to continue learning in different ways through reading, exploring new interests, participating in activities, and spending time outdoors. Even small moments of learning throughout the summer can make a big impact when students return in the fall.

We would also like to congratulate the graduating Class of 2026. Their accomplishments and leadership have left a lasting mark on our school, and we wish them the very best as they begin the next chapter of their journey. We are excited to see all they will accomplish in the future.

As we look ahead, we are already preparing for another great school year filled with opportunities for our students and community.

Thank you again for your continued support of our schools. It is a privilege to serve our communities, and we appreciate the trust you place in us each day.

On behalf of our entire school district, I hope you have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break.

Sincerely,

Justin Patterson
Superintendent



Moments with Muhlbach

Hello,

As we wrap up another great school year, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, and families for all of the hard work, support, and positivity that made this year such a success. This year brought so much to celebrate! Strong academic growth, new friendships and relationships, and continued improvements in the systems and practices that help our school run smoothly every day are just a few. It has been exciting to watch our students grow not only as learners but also as leaders, teammates, and members of our school community.

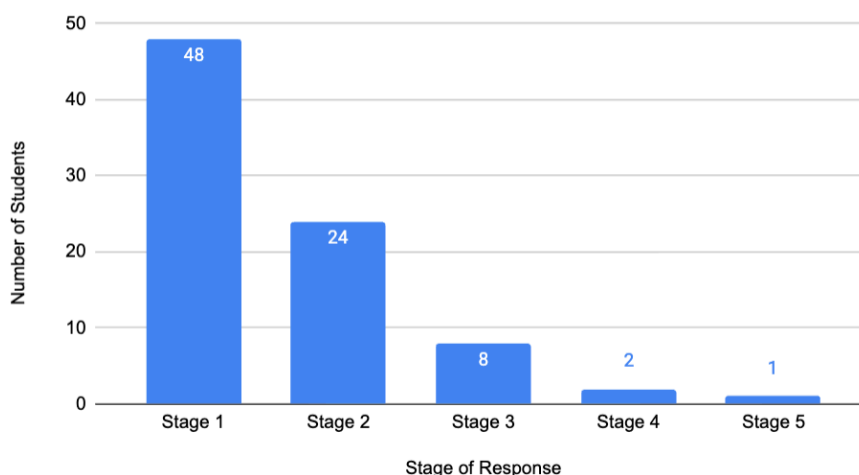
One of the biggest changes this year was the implementation of our no-device policy. As the data below shows, we saw a significant reduction in the number of students with repeat device-confiscation offenses throughout the year. That progress reflects the commitment of our students, the consistency of our staff, and the strong partnership we have with families. While any change takes adjustment, our students did a great job adapting and our staff worked hard to make the transition successful.

Most importantly, this would not have been possible without your support at home. Thank you for reinforcing expectations, encouraging healthy habits, and partnering with us throughout the year. Your support truly made a difference.

As summer begins, I hope everyone takes time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you again for a fantastic school year — we are already looking forward to another great year ahead!

Mrs. Muhlbach

Number of Students per Stage



The 2025–2026 school year is almost wrapped up at Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools!

We wrapped up the year by celebrating our 4th quarter attendance bashes, recognizing students with perfect attendance and those who achieved 95% attendance or better. We are proud to share that 70% of our entire K–12 student population finished the year at or above the 95% attendance mark!

It was another outstanding year, and it is clear that our students and families continue to make attendance a priority across our district. Thank you for your commitment, support, and dedication to student success. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Mr. Luke Glenn

WELCOME TO OUR

Counseling Newsletter

Introducing the Class of 2026

Jacob Dean Beck:

Southeast Community College (Beatrice),
Utility Lineman

Thomas Duane Biltoft:

Central Community College (Hastings),
Undecided

Brooke McKenzie Casper:

University of Nebraska (Lincoln),
Agriculture Communications

Dinah Alana Culp:

Southeast Community College (Lincoln),
Radiology Technology

Kaeden Tailor Davis:

Central Community College (Hastings),
Criminal Justice/Working with National Guard

Thomas Everett Donley:

Hastings College,
Agribusiness/Football

Ethan Michael Eiley:

Central Community College (Hastings),
Automotive Technology

Cheyenne Maxine Lieb:

Central Community College (Hastings),
Dental Hygiene

Kaylan Marie Ogier:

University of Nebraska (Omaha),
Criminal Justice/ Pre-Law/ Forensics Team

Aubree Taylor Overholser:

University of Nebraska (Kearney)
Elementary Education

Brody Kirk Patterson:

Central Community College (Kearney),
Academic Transfer/ Physical Education

Kamryn Zari Russell:

Kearney Public Schools,
Workforce Paraprofessional

Cody Tray Schriener:

Central Community College (Grand Island),
Criminal Justice/National Guard

Cauy Garrett Twohig:

Southeast Community College (Beatrice),
Livestock Management/Rodeo Team

Brandon Paul Wagner:

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture,
Livestock Management/Trap Team

Callen James Wenninghoff:

Central Community College (Hastings),
Diesel Technology/Trap Team

Brett Alex Woollen:

Northeast Community College (Norfolk),
Nursing

Cooper Gene Woollen:

Wayne State College,
Communications

Kaden Dean Woollen:

Northeast Community College (Norfolk),
Social Work

Parker Lea Woollen:

Central Community College (Hastings),
Media Arts

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026 ~ 8:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 05/07/2026
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 05/06/2026
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

2.A. Pledge

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular April 20, 2026 Board Meeting

3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

No visitors in attendance.

5. Action Items

5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the absense of Ryan Knaus

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the absence of Ryan Knaus.
Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson:
Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the purchase of a route bus.

Superintendent Patterson shared that the district is still waiting for bids to come in from different companies. The board discussed and made a motion to approve Superintendent Patterson to spend up to \$157,460 towards the purchase of a route bus.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the purchase of a route bus bid up to \$157,460.00. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson:
Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to review and update board policies 3028,3035, 4029

Superintendent Patterson reviewed the policies with the board.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to review and update board policies 3028,3035, 4029. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson:
Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Discussion Items

6.A. List of Summer repairs

Superintendent Patterson shared the list of repairs and summer projects that are schedule to be completed this summer.

6.B. NASB and ConnectNE Opportunity

Superintendent Patterson shared information about ConnectNE that was sent our by the NASB.

6.C. Potential Track Project Updates

Superintendent Patterson shared potential design layouts for moving the field events to the north side of the road during the track renovation project.

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

- School Finance Updates
- Transportation Needs
- Communication from a patron about using the practice football field space during non-school days
- Pool repair updates and pool cleaning

7.B. Principal Report

Mr. Glenn reported on student attendance.

Mrs. Muhlbach reported on TIP Data from the 24-25 and 25-26 school years and student device confiscations during the 25-26 school year.

8. Next Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Monday, June 15, 2026 in the Wilcox Conference Room.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to adjourn meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion Passed.

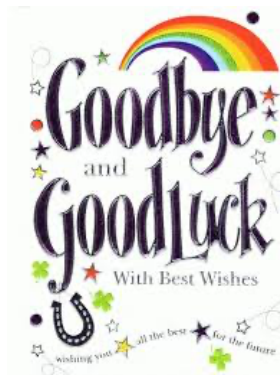
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Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1





CARLA WILSON – 20 YEARS



For those teachers and staff who are leaving Wilcox-Hildreth and moving on, we wish you all Best of Luck in your next adventure.

Emersen Lauder – 2 years

Melissa Myers – 7 years

Emilee Kelley – 2 years

Brad Youngmark – 7 years



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
8:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday
Closed - Friday



NOTICE TO PARENTS

Fourth Quarter report cards will be mailed after June 1st.



Wanting to relive the “glory days”? Are your children tired of hearing about how you were an all-conference athlete “back in my day”, but don’t have the evidence to back it up? Depending on when your glory days were, we might have some good news for you! The Falcon Athletic Department is uploading football, basketball, and volleyball game film from the past 12 years (2015-2016 school year) to YouTube (youtube.com/WHPSSports)! Girls basketball games from the 2015-2016 season through the 2019-2020 season are currently uploaded, while volleyball, football, and boys basketball games from 2015-2026 will be added throughout the summer. If you have digital copies of games prior to the 2015 school year (could be Wilcox Eagles games, Hildreth Greyhounds games, or W-H Falcons games) that you would like to see added to the page, please reach out to Cody Whipkey, Wilcox-Hildreth AD.

Scheduled summer activities for athletic teams can be found on our public Bound calendar at:

<https://www.gobound.com/ne/schools/wilcoxhildreth/calendar>

Wilcox-Hildreth YEARBOOK SALE

Preorders for the 2025-2026 yearbook are currently being taken. Reserve your copy today for just \$45.00. Please see Mrs. Marsh or email her at haley.marsh@whfalcons.org for more information or to place an order.

Summer Weights Schedule

Begins Monday June 1st

- **Monday-Thursday**
- **High School: 6:00—7:15 AM (weights + speed/agility)**
- **Middle School: 7:30—8:15 AM (weights + speed/agility)**
- **There will be NO Hildreth shuttle this summer**

Weight Room closed the week of July 20th-23rd

- **Coaches will be in Lincoln for a coaches clinic**

Last week of summer weights will be July 27-30

Fall sports conditioning can begin Monday August 3rd

Fall sports practices begin Monday August 10th

Summer Lunch Program

The United Methodist Church in collaboration with the Wilcox Food Pantry is offering a Summer Lunch Program.

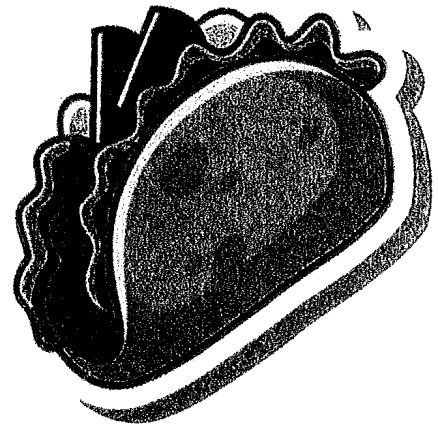
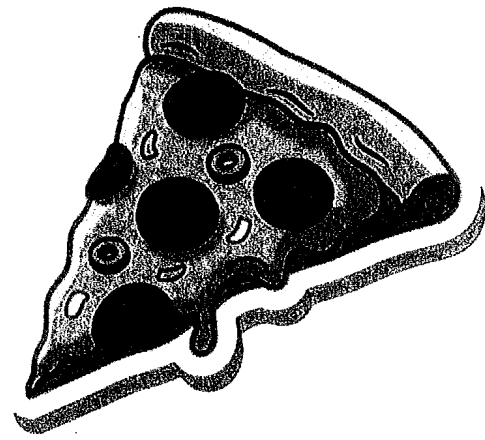
Free meals served

June 1 - July 31

Monday - Friday @ 12:00 pm

at the Methodist Church in Wilcox

sign up early or at the door!

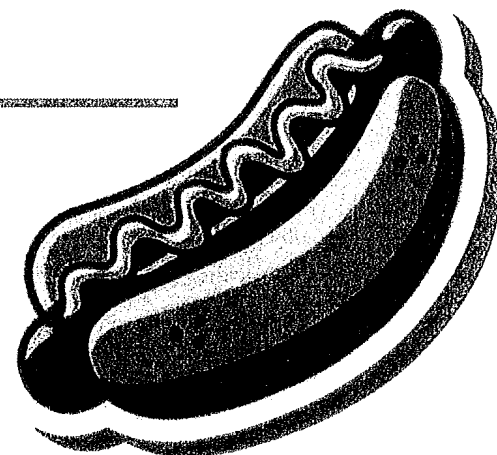
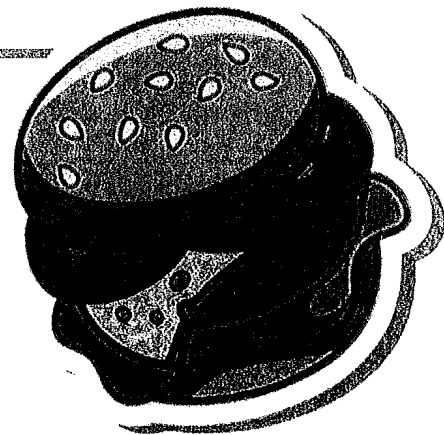


Donations & Volunteers Needed

Donations to the program, financial or grocery items welcome.

To help serve meals please contact

Marilee Aspegren at (308) 991-7705



The Summer Lunch Program will run 10 weeks providing nutritious, hot lunches to all children who have completed grades K-12 in the Wilcox-Hildreth School District. Meals will be served at no cost to the children or their parents. This program is by no means to take children from family meal time but offer an alternative to those that may not have that option for the day.

New Falcons joining the Family!



Madison Felt

6-12 Special Education

Favorite snack: Reese's (especially the Oreo ones)

Favorite drink: Iced chai or any iced fruit & vanilla matcha

Hobbies: Reading, diamond painting, discovering new music

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

I would be a veterinarian!

What are you most excited for as you join the Falcon Family?

Supporting my students and seeing them grow :)

Ashlynn Picquet

Second Grade

Favorite Snack: Doritos or Chex Mix

Favorite Drink: Dr Pepper, chai tea, and matcha

Hobbies: Taking care of houseplants and reading

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

I would be an interior designer.

What are you most excited for as you join the Falcon Family?

I'm excited to join a new community where I can grow and learn in my career, as well as grow my family.



Macy Crowley

Third Grade

Favorite snack: Peanut Butter Pickle Sandwich

Favorite drink: Dr. Pepper or Alani Nu

Hobby: Crafting

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

A veterinarian

What are you most excited for as you join the Falcon Family?

I am most excited to build meaningful relationships with students and colleagues

Band Camp 2026

July 20th-23rd, 2026

9th-12th Grade Band Members

8:00-8:45 Drumline

8:45-9:30 All Band Members Join

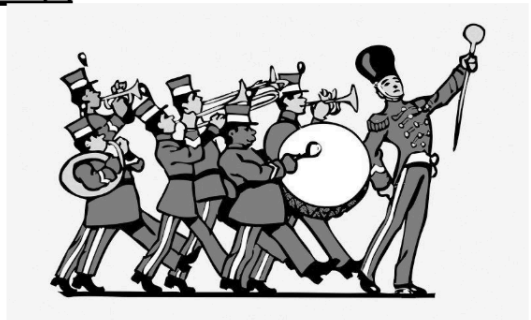
9:30-10:00 Snack Break

10:00-10:45 Marching & Music

10:45-11:15 Uniform Fittings

Contact Mrs. Arehart with any questions.

elaine.arehart@whfalcons.org



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

2026-2027

School Calendar Draft

August						
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Aug. 10	Fall sports practice begins
Aug. 10-12	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
Aug. 13	School begins 1:00 dismiss

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Oct. 5	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
Oct. 16	1st quarter ends (44 days)

February						
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Dec. 22	2nd Qtr Ends (44 days)
Dec. 22	End of first semester (88 days)
Dec. 23-Jan. 4	Christmas Break
Dec. 23-27	NSAA Moritorium

March						
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Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
Jan. 5	School Begins

Feb. 11	P/T Conf 2:00-8:00 1:00 dismissal
Feb. 12	No School

November						
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Mar. 5	End of 3rd QTR. (43 Days)
Mar. 8-9	NO SCHOOL- TEACHER INSERVICE
Mar. 8-12	NO SCHOOL - Spring break
March 26-29	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

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April 30	NO SCHOOL- TEACHER INSERVICE
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May 8	Commencement
May 18	End of Year 1:00 Dismissal
May 18	End of Qtr 4 (44 days) Sem. 2 (87 days)
May 19	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

December						
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	Staff Inservice-No School
	Students Return
	End of Qtr.or Sem.
	No School

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Total Student Days	175
Total Teacher Days	184
First Semester Days	88
Second Semester Day	87

Quarter 1 Teacher-48	Student-44
Quarter 2 Teacher-44	Student-44
Quarter 3 Teacher-44	Student-43
Quarter 4 Teacher-49	Student-44

Student Days by Month			
Aug 13	Jan 19		
Sept 20	Feb 19		
Oct 21	Mar 16		
Nov 18	Apr 21		
Dec 16	May 12		

