Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
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FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Falcon Nation,

As we move into the spring months, it is hard to believe how quickly this school year has gone by. Spring is always a busy and exciting time in our schools as students finish the year strong while participating in many activities and celebrations.

First, I want to thank our families and community members for the continued support you show our students and staff. The partnership between our school and community plays a critical role in the success of our students. Your involvement in school events, activities, and programs makes a meaningful difference.

Throughout the year, our students have continued to work hard in the classroom, and we are proud of the progress they are making academically. Our teachers and staff remain committed to providing engaging learning opportunities that challenge and support every student. As we approach the final quarter of the school year, we encourage students to stay focused, continue building strong study habits, and finish the year with pride.



Graduation will soon be here, and we are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our senior class. This milestone marks the culmination of many years of hard work, and we are proud of the young people they have become. We wish them the very best as they take the next steps toward their future.

In the coming weeks, please watch for communication from the school regarding upcoming events, testing schedules, and end-of-year activities. Staying connected helps ensure a successful finish to the school year for all students.

General Announcements:

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** We are always looking for volunteers for school events. Please reach out if you'd like to get involved! The Falcon Track invite is right around the corner.
- **Job openings:** We have current openings for daily and substitute route bus drivers and activity bus drivers.
    - We have several future positions available as well.
        - Kitchen, start date of August 2026
        - Full time custodian, start date of May 2026.
- If interested please contact the school office at **308-478-5265**, job descriptions are posted on the school website.

Stay Connected
For the latest updates and news, please visit our website at **https://www.whfalcons.org**, follow us on social media, or contact the school office at **308-478-5265**.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students!

Best regards,

Justin Patterson

Superintendent
Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

Moments with Muhlbach

Hello,

As we near our spring testing period, I'd like to share a friendly reminder about how you can help your child feel prepared and confident. Students in grades K–2, 9, and 10 will take the MAP assessment in the areas of math and English Language Arts, which they have completed in previous years. In addition, 10th-grade students will take the PreACT to help prepare for next year's state assessment. Students in grades 3–8 and 11 will participate in required state assessments (NSCAS for grades 3–8 and the ACT for grade 11). Most of this testing will take place during April.

Below are a few simple ways to help your child do their best:

- Get Plenty of Rest – Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep before testing so they are alert and focused.
- Eat a Healthy Breakfast – A nutritious meal in the morning can help boost energy and concentration.
- Stay Positive – Encourage your child by reminding them they've worked hard all year and are ready to succeed.
- Offer Support – Let them know that doing their best is what truly matters.

By working together, we can help our students approach testing with confidence and a positive mindset. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Muhlbach

WELCOME TO OUR

Counseling Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

Volunteering

The senior class has been active in the community doing volunteer work throughout their young adult lives. As they have worked on resumes it has become apparent that our students have been involved in a number of volunteering activities, and that list continues to grow. This spring, high school seniors have, and will continue to, be involved in helping the school and community. Students have worked to help clean-up and organize outdoor buildings and equipment for the school. We will continue to get outside for some further community clean-up. All of this work goes to show the character and class of our students here at Wilcox-Hildreth.



ACT

The ACT test measures a high school student's readiness for college by providing schools with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. As part of the college admissions process, admissions officers will review your portfolio of documentation, including your test scores. High ACT scores help to provide opportunity for students past high school, including: admissions, scholarships, and program accessibility. This exam helps to measure where a student stands in a national setting; it is also a measuring point for us as a school district. Please make sure that your student is well fed and rested before taking the exam. Our ACT is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th.

Upcoming Events

Juniors are studying and preparing for the ACT on March 24h 2026

Academic Banquet April 23rd 6:30pm

Graduation: Commencement May 9th 2:00pm

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting and Board Retreat
Monday, March 9, 2026 ~ 8:00 AM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 02/26/2026
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 02/25/2026
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 Ryan Knaus, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular February 16, 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 revise/review board policies 4003, 4037, 4039,4041, 4062, 5035, 5067, 3013, 3016, 3019, 3026, 3039, 3046.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Teresa Carey, to revise/review board policies 4003, 4037, 4039,4041, 4062, 5035, 5067, 3013, 3016, 3019, 3026, 3039, 3046.. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the academic for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to approve the academic for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the resignations of staff.

The board acted on the resignation of Emersen Lauder.

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the resignations of staff. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the transfer of $25,000 from the Special Building Fund to the General Fund.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the transfer of $25,000 from the Special Building Fund to the General Fund. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.E. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve a bid to replace windows in the Hildreth building around the stage and locker rooms.

The board reviewed cost estimates to replace windows at the Hildreth building. The project would include windows in the gymnasium and northwest side of the building, including the shop, music room and locker rooms.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve a bid to replace windows in the Hildreth building around the stage and locker rooms. Motion Tabled.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Discussion Items

6.A. Strategic Plan review with the NASB

The Board of Education and NASB reviewed the progress that the district has made with the Strategic Plan. The Board reviewed the progress for each objective area. The administration provided the documentation for what has been completed in each objective area.

6.B. Board Governance Training with the NASB

The NASB provided a 90-minute training session for the Board of Education in the area of Board Governance.

6.C. Estimated Costs for Future Track Remodel

Superintendent Patterson provided some updated forecast numbers for the Board for replacement costs for the track. The track base was installed in the late 1980s and is deteriorating. A new track base will need to be installed and the estimated cost for replacing the track base and surface is $800,000. The board will get cost estimates for replacing the concession stand at the track and

incorporating restrooms in that building, and get cost estimates for replacing the bleachers, and relocating the shot and discuss rings to the north side of the road. To finance the project, the board could utilize the depreciation and special building funds if a project was approved at a future date.

6.D. 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. Current Financial Updates
2. Cost estimates for potential facility projects
3. Financial Forecast updates
4. Review of current legislative bills and how they would impact the district

7.B. Principal Report

Principal Muhlbach and Glenn reported to the board progress that the district has made on the Strategic Plan.

8. Next Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Monday, April 20, 2026 in the Wilcox Conference Room.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Chris Stuehm, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to to adjourn at 11:24am. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

2026-2027

School Calendar Draft

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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

January

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Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Sept. 24	P/T Conf 2:00-8:00 1:00 dismiss
Sept. 25	No School

February

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Oct. 5	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
Oct 16	1st quarter ends (44 days)
Nov. 25-27	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving break

October

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

March

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

November

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29	30					

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
April 30	NO SCHOOL- TEACHER INSERVICE

April

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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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May

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

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

LOST & FOUND

The pile is getting out of control. There are winter coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. Parents – if your child is missing any of these items, please stop by and look through the pile. Everything will be donated if not claimed by the end of the school year. Thank you!!!!



KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Class of 2039

April 17th, 2026

Get ready for the new school year by coming to round-up, finding your new classroom, and meeting your teacher

RSVP to Julie Rahmann:
308-478-5265


Wilcox-Hildreth Prom
2026
Saturday, April 25
Walk-Up 6:30 pm
Photography 7:00 pm
Dinner 8:00 pm
Dance 9-11 pm

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza A: Egg rolls with rice B: PB&J	2 Breakfast:Breakfast Rounds Beef Pizza B: PB&J Beef in school	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Breakfast:Breakfast Nugget A: Walking Tacos B: PB&J Beef in school	8 Breakfast: Monte Cristos A: Bosco Stix B: PB&J	9 Breakfast:Donuts A: Spaghetti Bar B: PB&J Beef in school	10 Breakfast:Cinn. Rolls A: Chicken Legs B: PB&J	11
12	13 Breakfast: Banana Bread A: Chicken Patty on Bun B: PB&J	14 Breakfast: Pancakes A: Nacho Day B: PB&J Beef in school	15 Breakfast:Breakfast Pizza A: BBQ Rib Sandwich B: PB&J	16 Breakfast: Breakfast Round A: Sloppy Joes B: PB&J Beef in school	17 Breakfast: French Toast A:Corn Dogs B: PB&J	18
19	20 Breakfast:Muffins A:Crispitos B:PB&J	21 Breakfast: Breakfast Nugge A: Soft Shell Tacos B: PB&J Beef in school	22 Breakfast: Monte Cristos A: Hot Ham and Cheese B: PB&J	23 Breakfast: Donuts A: Beef and Noodles B: PB&J Beef in school	24 Breakfast: Cinn. Rolls A:Chicken Fajitas B: PB&J	25
26	27 Breakfast: Banana Bread A: Cheese Pizza B: PB&J	28 Breakfast: Pancakes A: Walking Tacos B: PB&J Beef in school	29 Breakfast:Breakfast Pizza A. Italian Dunkers B. PB&J	30 Breakfast:Breakfast Round A. Chicken Strips B. PB&J		
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May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Breakfast:French Toast A: Mand. Orange Chicken B: PB&J	2
3	4 Breakfast: Muffins A.Hot Dogs B: PB&J	5 Breakfast: Breakfast Nugge A: Nacho Day B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	6 Breakfast: Monte Cristos A:Chicken Fried Steak B: PB&J	7 Breakfast:Donuts A:BBQ Chicken On Bun B: PB&J	8 Breakfast: Cooks Choice Falcon Field Day A.Beef in Schools Burgers B.PB&J	9
10	11 Breakfast:Cooks Choice A.Cooks Choice B: PB&J	12 Breakfast: Cooks Choice A:Cooks Choice B: PB&J	13 Breakfast: Cooks Choice A: Cooks Choice B: PB&J	14 Breakfast:Cooks Choice A.Cooks Choice B.PB&J	15 Breakfast: Cooks Choice A.Cooks Choice B.PB&J	16
17	18 Breakfast: Cooks Choice A.Cooks Choice B.PB&J	19 Breakfast:Cooks Choice A. Cooks Choice B.PB&J	20 Breakfast: Cooks Choice A:Cooks Choice B: PB&J	21 LAST DAY! Cooks Choice!	22	23
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