

TIGER TALK



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Dear Parents and District Patrons,

With less than eight weeks of school left, I think you will agree that this year has flown by. You know the saying, "time flies when you are having fun".

The students and staff at Paxton Schools are staying focused on completing end of the year projects and assessment tests. With many activities ahead of us, the end of school will be here before we know it. With the end of school quickly approaching student attendance is very important to a successful completion to the school year for your student.

Thank you for your continued effort to schedule appointments that will not require your student to miss school. As the school year winds down, student attendance is very important. Students will begin the required NSCAS (Nebraska Student Centered Assessment) in grades 3 through 8 this month. Students are tested in Reading, Math and Science. Students in Grade 11 have taken the ACT Test as their Nebraska State Assessment. Students take practice tests, attend workshops and attend classes regularly to prepare themselves for all state testing and complete all required testing on their iPads.

This often provides immediate student results for use in school improvement decisions. Testing outcomes have shown that students who are well rested and have eaten a good breakfast do better on testing. Please help your student to have every opportunity to be successful with their testing.

We will decide on the last day of school at the April 13th School Board meeting. This will then be released on our school webpage and social media sites.

This day will be here before we know it so hold on tight!

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring.

Educationally yours,

Delbert Dack
Superintendent



Elementary Testing Dates:

April 9th - 3rd - 5th NSCAS Reading
April 14th - 3rd - 5th NSCAS Math
April 21st - 5th NSCAS Science
April 28th - 2nd grade MAPS Reading
April 29th - 2nd grade MAPS Math
April 29th - KG - 1st MAPS Reading
April 30th - KG - 1st MAPS Math

PTO

Thank you parents for being a part of our Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. Your response to this new program has been exciting for us at Paxton Schools. It is never too late to join if you haven't already. Just call the school office and we will put you in touch with the right person. Go Tigers!!!

Grandparents Day

Elementary students would like to cordially invite their grandparents to Grandparents Day on Friday, April 10th from 1:00-2:00 mt. This is a wonderful opportunity for the KG through 5th grade students to show you their school. We hope you can join us on the 10th.

Important Dates to Remember

- No School - Easter Break, April 3rd and 6th
- MS/HS Spring Concert - April 9th at 6:30 pm
- Grandparents Day - April 10th at 1:00 pm
- Late Start - April 13th - 10 am
- PK-5 Spring Concert - April 16th at 6:30 pm
- MS Orientation - May 4th at 6:30 (incoming 7th graders) 7:00 pm (incoming 6th graders)
- MS Honors Night - May 12th at 6:00 pm
- HS Honors Night - May 12th at 6:45 pm
- Elementary Track and Field Day - May 15th at 9:00 am
- Senior Family Night - May 15th at 7:00 pm
- Graduation - May 16th at 3:00 pm

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Happy Easter!!

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Paxton Consolidated Schools Breakfast/Lunch Menu

THIS IS AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY
PROVIDER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Pancake Casserole	Breakfast Burritos	NO SCHOOL	** DONATED BEEF BY TIGER BEEF PROGRAM
			Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Roll & Butter	Leftovers	EASTER BREAK	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NO SCHOOL	Combo Bars	Breakfast Sandwich	Strawberry Bagel	GRAB & GO		
EASTER BREAK	Chicken Alfredo, Veggie & Garlic Toast	Tacos & Corn	Breaded Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Roll & Butter	Chicken Patty on a Bun & Chips		
						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Late Start	Yogurt Parfaits	Scrambled eggs with Cheese	Apple Cinnamon Bread or Muffin	GRAB & GO		BREAKFAST IS SERVED WITH FRUIT/ FRUIT ALTERNATE, CEREAL & TOAST
No Breakfast	Cheeseburger & Fries	Biscuits and Sausage Gravy & Veggie	Pizza	Pulled Pork on a Bun & Potato Wedges		
Chicken Fajita Casserole, Veggie & Breadstick						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Uncrustable	Breakfast Pizza	Breakfast Casserole	Pancakes	GRAB & GO		
Speghetti, Veggie & Garlic Toast	Orange Chicken, Rice & Veggie	Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Veggie Roll & Butter	Chicken or Beef Enchiladas	Mini Corn Dogs & Fries		
26	27	28	29	30		
Cini Minis	Yogurt Parfaits	Scrambled Eggs with Cheese	Breakfast Burrito			
Chicken Bacon & Cheese Wraps & Potato Wedges	Walking Tacos	Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Roll & Butter	Bunzas & Veggie			

MRS. MCABEE'S NEWSLETTER

E-SPORTS TEAM



Not pictured: Briley, Gauge, and Thomas

The E-Sports teams have had a successful year! The Mario Kart team consisting of Jakcee Mitchell, Ella Fote, Abigail Fote, Tori Fox, Cayla Peterson, and Avery Kugler ended up as the 9th team in the state.

The Fortnite team competed in the state competition on Saturday, March 28th. This competition was played on home sites due to technology restrictions for an in-person tournament. The team consisting of Briley Dorram, Keegan Florom, Thomas Jay, and Xavier Diaz finished 4th place in the state.

The Valorant team will compete on site at Doane University on April 17th. This team consists of Gauge Florom, Kepler Spurgin, Thomas Jay, Chase Holm, James Potts, and alternate Brodie Bartlett. Congratulations Coach Uden and students. Good Luck at state!!

TIS THE SEASON FOR TESTING

As we head into our spring state testing window, your support at home makes a world of difference in helping your student feel confident and prepared. These assessments are a valuable opportunity for students to showcase the progress they've made this year, so we want to ensure they can perform at their best. Please help us by prioritizing a consistent early bedtime to ensure they are well-rested, and providing a nutritious breakfast each morning to fuel their focus. A little extra rest and a healthy start can significantly reduce testing anxiety and help them shine!

April 1st - Reading test (Grades 6-8)

April 14th - Science (8th grade only)

April 21st - Math test (Grades 6-8)

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Middle & High School March Students of the Month

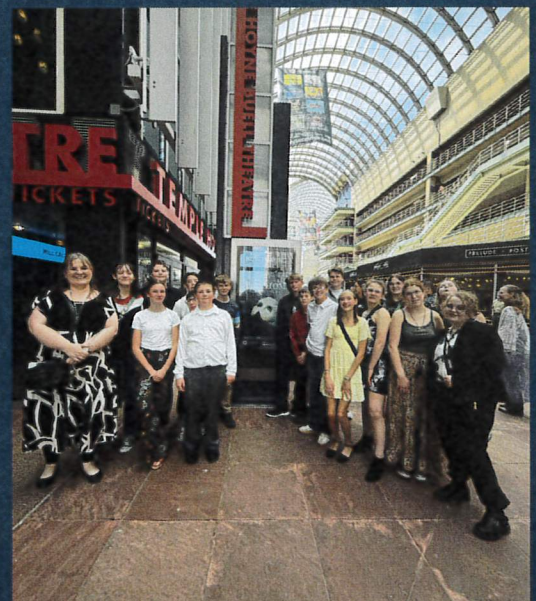
In grades 6-8, Quinn Wigget-Jenkins was named the March Student of the Month. Quinn's teachers stated that he continues to improve in all areas since he started attending Paxton Schools. He doesn't give up and pushes through even when things challenge him. Congratulations Quinn!

In grades 9-12, Avery Kugler was honored as the March Student of the Month. Her teachers said she is kind, dependable, and always willing to help out. She puts forth her best effort in class whenever possible. Congratulations Avery!

MUSIC IS IN THE AIR!

The Music Department is busy in the spring! They recently traveled to The Phantom of the Opera in Denver. Part of this trip was funded through the Paxton Foundation and the rest was due to the hard work of the students raising money. It was a successful trip and as one student stated "I never thought I would love it more than Hamilton, but I did!"

The music department will also be sharing their talents at their spring concert on May 9th. Please come out and enjoy the Middle and High School program beginning at 6:30 pm.



Music Students who attended Phantom of the Opera in Denver on March 29th

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Happy Easter!

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Paxton Consolidated Schools Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Mullen Art Show	2 Track @ Perkins Co @ 10:00	3 NO SCHOOL Easter Break	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL Easter Break	7 Track @ Creek Valley @ 9:00 Golf @ Dundy Co @ 9:00	8 JH Track @ Paxton @ 9:00 Science Olympiad @ Ogallala	9 MS/HS Spring Concert @ 6:30	10	11 State FPS
						
12	13 10:00 Late Start	14	15 JH Track @ Perkins Co @ 9:00	16 Golf @ Med Valley @ 9:00 Elementary Spring Concert 6:30	17 Track @ Sutherland @ 9:00	18 State Science Olympiad @ Lincoln
19	20	21 Golf @ Perkins Co @ 9:00	22 JH Track @ Sutherland @ 9:00	23 Track @ Paxton @ 9:30	24 District Music Contest @ Perkins Co	25
26	27	28 Golf @ Garden Co @ 9:00	29	30 RPAC Golf @ Curtis @ 9:00		

Counselor Corner

Upcoming dates:

- 7th graders went to MPCC to explore different careers at their Expanding Your Horizons event. Always a good experience.
- The Juniors took the ACT test. Results should be sent to their email between 3-8 weeks after it was completed.
- The Sophomores took the PreACT test. Their results will likely come in before the junior results are in.
- We celebrated the 3 seniors who have built a tiny home in their Ready to Work program through MPCC - Ogallala with a ribbon cutting ceremony. They gained experience they might not have had the opportunity to receive otherwise.
- NHS chapter inducted 5 new members: Abigail Fote, Emma Lake, Jakcee Mitchell, Kaydence Mullen, and Cayla Peterson.
- Junior and seniors will be taking the YouScience assessment on April 22. This will help steer them in a career/job choice that best suits their abilities and interests.
- STUCO and NHS members are assembling a Clothing closet for students of all ages. We've had many donations from the community and we appreciate them. Right now the things that we are in need of are socks and personal hygiene items (deodorant, soap, shampoo & conditioner, combs, brushes, hair ties, toothbrush and toothpaste).
- Seniors and their parents completing the FAFSA is a graduation requirement. If you choose not to complete it, make sure you've signed the opt out forms. These can be found by asking Mrs. Spencer.
- More and more scholarships are coming in. These are posted on a website that is linked on the Paxton Counseling page on the school website. Please let me know if you have questions or need any assistance in this opportunity for free money to attend college.
- There will be a couple of local scholarships that will have an interview to complete their application. Interview night will be April 27 at 6 pm at the school.

Students can sign up to take the ACT test on their own. They will need to set up an account at myact.org. Below are the National Test dates. Let me know if you need any assistance in getting signed up to take it. I also have some waivers so that you don't have to pay for the test. The test given in the spring at Paxton schools is not one that you have to pay for.

2026 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 11, 2026*	June 5	June 24



Dear Paxton Consolidated School Patron,

Paxton Consolidated Schools began the Tiger Beef program in 2017. This program partners area Paxton Beef Producers and District patrons with the school to serve Nebraska grown beef for school lunches. After starting the beef program, we have also accepted pork donations as part of the program. We are very fortunate to have local patrons get involved in both of these programs and continue to donate. We would like to invite you to partner with the school and participate in the beef and pork in schools program. Currently in Nebraska many schools are joining forces with area beef and pork producers and patrons to feed students locally grown products.

Participation in the program is not only for the beef and pork producer. Monetary donations can be given in lieu of beef and pork from any patron wishing to participate in the program. Funds are needed to cover the cost of processing or may be given to the school to purchase locally raised beef and pork. All funds can be given directly to the school or through the Paxton Schools Foundation and designated to the Tiger Beef or Pork Program.

Donated beef and pork must be processed in a USDA approved facility in order to be used in schools. The school lunch program uses primarily ground beef in school meals so beef donors can choose to donate all the meat as ground beef or donate a portion of the beef and keep some of the prime cuts if so desired.

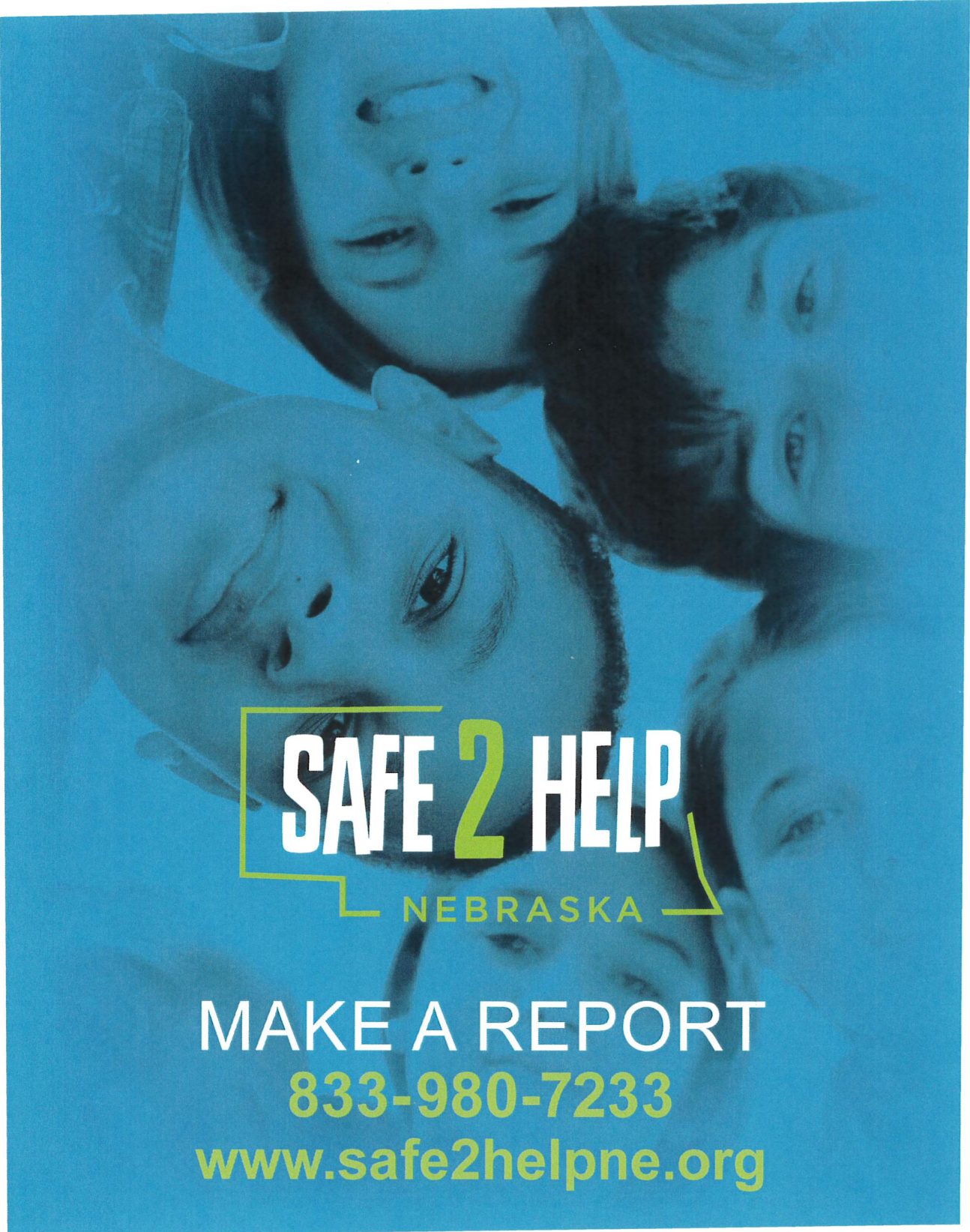
In return for your kind donation, producers and patrons will be recognized by the school on the district webpage, school marquee and displayed within the school. Beef and pork production and nutrition education in the classrooms will also evolve as a portion of the program. Donors will be invited to join students for school lunches to enjoy local raised beef and pork on the menu.

If you are interested in learning more about this program or wish to make a donation, please contact Superintendent Del Dack at Paxton Consolidated Schools 308-239-4283 or email del.dack@paxtonschools.org.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Del Dack.

Del Dack
Superintendent



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All A Honor Roll

Seniors

Eva Crowley
Marlee Gleason
Jaleigh Hansen

Juniors

Thomas Jay
Natalie Jorgensen
Tyler Markussen
Matthew McMillan-Peters

Sophomores

Abigail Fote
Victorah Fox
Emma Lake
Jakcee Mitchell

Eighth Graders

Hadley Gleason
Brynn Kuenning
Makayla Runge

Seventh Graders

Jacob Fote

Sixth Graders

Hynlee Mitchell

3rd Quarter

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A Average Honor Roll

Seniors

Briley Dorram
Kenyon Florom
Ella Fote
Tristen Hebblethwaite
Fernando Hernandez
Skylar Johnson
Maddex McConnell
Madilynn Mullen
Griffin Perlinger
Kepler Spurgin
Angeline Villa Enriquez

Juniors

Kade Bartow
Colton Fote
Reece Glinn
Hadleigh Kramer
Raleigh Reeves

Sophomores

Avery Kugler
Humberto Lujan
Mavrik McConnell
Kaydence Mullen
Cayla Peterson
Jaden Searl

Freshmen

Addison Holm
Olivia McBride
Cale Potter
James Potts

Eighth Graders

Allahna Finch
Ayleen Villa Enriquez

Seventh Graders

Paisyn Dancer

Sixth Graders

Gavin Connick
Rebekah Flaming

3rd Quarter

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B Average Honor Roll

Seniors

Destiny Florom
Gauge Dubry-Florom
Christopher Natividad
Preston Runge

Juniors

Landon Drews
Chase Holm

Sophomores

Austin Bush
Jesse Connick
Xavier Diaz
Andromeda Spurgin

Freshmen

Landon Cleveland
Keegan Florom
Brooklyn Velazquez
Kashley Walker

Eighth Graders

Brodie Bartlett
Jaydan Brewster Clouse
Tristan Connick
Joshua Dalrymple
Hogan Florom
Macy Harger
Heidi Turner
Treyson Warner
Quinn Wigget-Jenkins

Seventh Graders

Owen Andre
Taven Beachy
Chase Hendon
Elihu Jenkins
Harper McMahon
Clyde Rogge
Tycho Spurgin
Jaxson Stewart

Sixth Graders

Broghan Bartlett
Harper Morrow
Bently Potter
Jocelyn Potts
Bella Stevens

3rd Quarter

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