Pawnee City Public School

October-November 2025 Newsletter

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From the Superintendent, Mr. Evans

The shared responsibility of school safety

One of my mother's favorite parting words when we left her home was, "Take care of each other." She'd always say it with that Mom look that let us know she meant it. Looking back, I realize she was passing on a life lesson: we are all responsible for one another.

The week of October 19–25 is **America's Safe Schools Week**, a time to reflect on the shared responsibility of keeping schools safe. In today's world, where violence in schools, workplaces, and even places of worship has become more frequent, school safety must remain a top priority.

Experts agree that while technology and security measures help, the most effective tool in preventing school violence is strong, trusting **adult-student relationships**. Every student should know at least one adult they can go to if they're worried about their safety or someone else's.

Here are some important reminders about maintaining safe schools:

- **Everyone plays a role.** Most violent acts are preceded by warning signs. If you see or hear something concerning, report it. It's far better to make a report that turns out to be nothing than to stay silent and regret it later.
- **Avoid spreading rumors.** If you learn of a potential threat, contact school officials or police right away. Spreading speculation—especially online—only makes things worse.
- **Talk with children.** Speak with them regularly about kindness, respect, bullying, and standing up for others. These conversations matter. Even more important, model the behavior you expect from them.
- **Respect safety procedures.** Pawnee City Schools require visitors to be buzzed in. Please follow these procedures, even if they feel inconvenient. And if you notice safety steps being ignored, report it.

Every year, we're reminded how violence has reshaped our communities. America's Safe Schools Week is a powerful call to stay alert, stay connected, and—above all—take care of each other.

From the Principal

The 2025-26 school year has brought a lot of change to our school. We welcomed new staff members and new students but are also continuing work to change our systems to improve the efficiency and efficacy of our school.

Math and ELA Acceleration - Staff have worked through many PD sessions to build capacity and increase rigor in math and ELA instruction. They've dug into the curriculum together to make decisions about appropriating pacing and use of the curriculum components, and they engaged in discussions about pedagogy around supporting struggling students. We continue to make observations using Instructional Practice Guides to support the use of efficient teacher actions like asking purposeful questions, facilitating student discourse, providing opportunities for students to explain their thinking, carrying the cognitive load of the lesson, finding text evidence, and more. This process began in the 2023-24 school year and we are seeing the results in math scores and testing data.

MTSS (Multi Tiered System of Supports) - We have continued to develop and refine our MTSS structures. MTSS provides the structure for supporting students when they struggle without reinventing the wheel each time we see a problem. Changes to support academic MTSS include restructuring our special education and intervention support and schedule changes to provide extra time with teachers. MTSS also provides structure around behavior concerns, social/emotional struggles, attendance, and more.

Communication - At the beginning of this year, PC families received information about a new communication platform called "Rooms". This was a very thoughtful choice made to address communication concerns and respond to feedback from stakeholders. Rooms gives us a singular platform to utilize. All stakeholders can utilize Rooms to get in touch with any PC staff member and expect a timely response. It is a shift in thinking but will provide more consistency in the long run. Parents do NOT need to download another app. It works efficiently within our Pawnee City app. At this point, we have at least one parent in over 90% of student households. If you haven't yet, please consider setting up your Rooms account. Office staff can help if you need it!

Strategic Plan - Each Professional Development day provides an opportunity for our Strategic Plan Committees to meet. These groups have shown a great amount of enthusiasm and leadership. The committees are each responsible for actions associated with one of the specific goals within our plan.

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to continue improving our school so we are best serving our students.

Respectfully,

Derek Niss
6-12 Principal, AD

From the Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Lisa Blecha

Apply2College

Apply2College Day will be on Thursday, October 30! We have over 25 different individuals representing college, career and also military branches! Each class in grades 9-12 will have a time frame where they would be able to visit with all the representatives. Seniors will have a catered lunch and the financial aid presentation will start at 1:00. Seniors parents, please join us starting at 1:00. All activities will be in the PC gym.

Pathways to Success

Our junior level class, OPathways to Success, is going well! Students will be presenting their Passion Projects at the Beatrice Country Club on December 2!

Senior Passports

Recently, seniors have been given a "Senior Passport". This passport contains required and optional tasks. As the students complete the tasks, they will receive stamps. There are rewards and prizes for completing the passport.

FAFSA

Completing the FAFSA is now a graduation requirement for all 2026 seniors in the state of Nebraska! During Apply2College Day, we will have a representative from EducationQuest sharing details about this requirement. Seniors parents, please check out the flier and save the date for October 30th!

Scholarships

Be on the lookout for scholarships! You can go to the following link to learn more about scholarships that are available for students: https://www.pawneecityschool.com/page/counselor

Community Service Hours

Please do not forget about community service projects! Projects must be pre-approved through myself or Mr. Niss. If your student has a project in mind, please have them come visit with me or Mr. Niss to get their project approved. The guidelines for community service projects are stated below and also in the school handbook.

Twenty hours of community service are required for graduation from Pawnee City High School. Students may complete these hours at any time while enrolled in grades 9-12 and must be completed prior to students' last day as a senior. Community service projects must be pre-approved by the guidance counselor or principal. Students must submit a completed Community Service Form within 30 days of completing their project. A list of community service resources is also located on the school website under the counselor tab. Forms are located on the school website or in the guidance counselor's office. Community service projects must meet the following criteria for approval.

- No financial compensation may be received by the student.
- Community service hours may not be completed for a relative.
- Community service hours may not be logged during hours in which school is in session.
- Half of hours earned can be for a school group or organization.
- Community service projects may be completed for any organization in Burchard, DuBois, Pawnee City, Steinauer, Table Rock, and surrounding areas.

College Visits

We have several college visits coming up! I will email students about all visits and how they can sign up to go!

October Visits

- 10/2 - SCC Lincoln, Careers in Healthcare Day
- 10/21 - Peru State College
- 10/30 - Apply2College Day

2026 Seniors & Senior Parents

APPLY2COLLEGE DAY

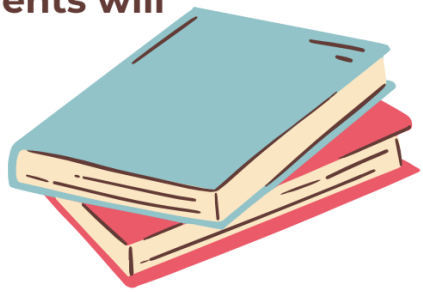
Financial Aid Presentation & Celebration

OCTOBER 30, 2025

1:00-2:00 PM

PC Gymnasium

- **EducationQuest will have a Financial Aid presentation starting at 1:00 PM.**
- **Application time will be at 2:00, followed by a celebration at 2:45.**
- **Completing the FAFSA is a graduation requirement in the state of Nebraska.**
- **To start the FAFSA process, students will need their SSN.**



From the Office:

Writing Checks

When writing checks to the school for items such as preschool tuition, lunch accounts, computer fees, and/or class/activity dues, ***please*** make out ***separate checks***. These each go into different accounts. ***Thanks in advance for your help!***

Census: We Need Your Help!

Nebraska Law requires that the Board of Education take an annual census. If you have recently moved to our area and have a child between the ages of 0-18 or have recently (within the last 18 months) given birth to a child, please help us update our records by calling the school at 402-852-2988 or 402-852-2411.

Thanks again for your help!

Regular School Hours

School will begin at 8:05 a.m. for all students in grades PreK through 12, and classes will end at 3:40 p.m. every day (with the exception of early outs, late starts, etc.).





🏐 Past, Present, and Future Night – October 9 🏐

Join us as we celebrate our volleyball family across generations! On **Wednesday, October 9**, the volleyball team will host **Past, Present, and Future Night**, honoring former players, our current athletes, and the future stars of Pawnee City Volleyball.

This special evening will also recognize our **seniors**, celebrating their dedication and leadership throughout their volleyball careers. We look forward to filling the gym with alumni, families, and fans as we honor the past, cheer on the present, and inspire the future!

Preschool News from Ms. Coffey

Greetings! The preschoolers are getting to experience a lot of firsts this month: PBIS pep rally, play on the playground, extension office visit, centers, public library, school library, small groups, etc. We will continue to work on expecations and learning! It's going to be a great school year!



The extension office came to and helped us learn about growing vegetables! The preschoolers got to help plant and is now growing them outside of our classroom. We cannot wait to harvest our vegetables!



The preschoolers are enjoying their time outdoors playing on the equipment, toys, and bikes!









Small groups with partners!



KINDERGARTEN

THIS MONTH

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Summer went so fast, but the kids are excited to be back in school. We are practicing all of our classroom expectations. This year, we have 22 students in our class.

Mrs. Matthewson brought pretzels and donuts to celebrate learning the number 10. We loved learning and celebrating with a treat!

We had our first visit to the public library. We are so lucky to have this opportunity in our community.

MATH



CARPET TIME





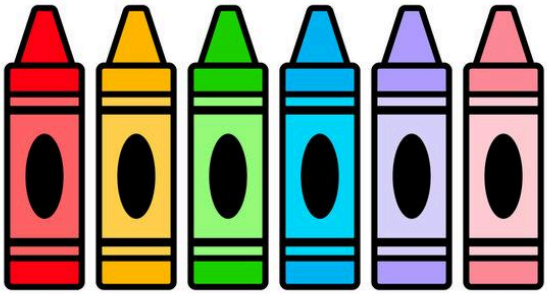
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REMINDERS

Mrs. Lang will be returning from maternity leave on September 16th. We thank Mrs. Matthewson for all of her work in our classroom!

First Grade News

It's hard to believe that we are almost 2 months into the school year. The first graders have already come so far. I will tell you about some of the academics we have learned, but we have also learned about responsibility.



The First Graders have learned how to be responsible for their own items. They have their desk neat at all times. I don't even have to remind them. Their papers are either in their folder if they are done, or on top of their desk if they are not done. Their pencils, erasers and markers are always in their basket on their desk until we are ready to use them. They get their own scissors, glue, and crayons out and put them away whenever needed. They have learned to take their jackets and lunch boxes to recess with them without being reminded. Most of them have learned to tie their own shoes.

It must sound like that is all we do in First Grade, but we have learned a lot of academics. In Math we have been working on number bonds, missing addends, number sentences, expression, counting by 2's with even and odd numbers, counting by 10's starting with any single digit, and so much more.



In Reading and Phonics, we have been reading many different genres, writing sentences, working on alphabetical order, learning about nouns and verbs, and we're soon going to start adjectives.

We are all excited about AR as this is our first year doing this. There are so many good books and so many positive incentives for reading, quizzing, and doing well on a quiz. We have treats, bookmarks, pizza parties and ultimately we are working towards getting a medal at the end of the year.

These First Graders have been a joy to work with, and I am looking forward to the rest of the school year!

Mrs. Sejkora
First Grade Teacher

Second Grade News …

Mrs. Heidi Koster

Hello!

Eureka Math continues to help us become mathematicians. We measure using centimeters and meters, and we are working on sums and differences to 100, using the number system's base 10 structure. The strategies that we are using to solve equations include take away 10 and how many more to make the next ten. For word problems we are using the Read-Draw-Write (RDW) strategy to solve one- and two-step addition and subtraction word problems by using drawings and equations.

We are reading non-fiction and fictional books. Identifying and utilizing text features is a focus as well as comprehension and retelling with LOTS of detail. Students are encouraged to have collaborative conversation, turn and talk, to discuss characters, setting, key details, and new vocabulary words.



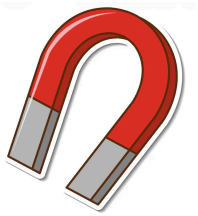
In phonics, we have been learning about combinations (this is when two letters come together to make an unexpected sound like -ar and -or), digraphs (when two letters come together to make one sound), and spelling with long and short vowel sounds. We also practice quick erase where we substitute vowels and consonants to make new words.

In addition to studying the curriculum, we also are learning about our peers and their interests. Second grader, Colby Farwell, brought in his bottle calf named Eagle for show and share. He talked about how he takes care of it (feeding and grooming) and how he showed it at the Pawnee County Fair.

Keep up the hard work, second grade! Keep being AMAZING!

Hello From 3rd Grade!

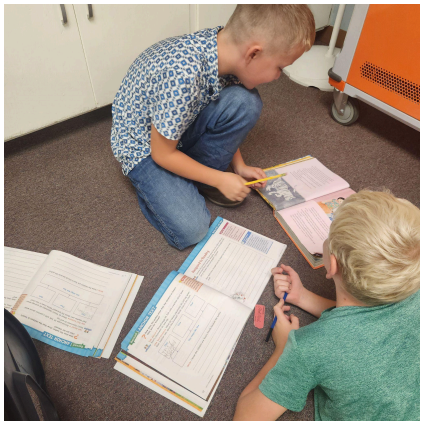
We are off to a great and busy year full of learning. Students have read a variety of great books in our curriculum and have engaged in various reading activities. We have talked a lot about plot and how stories build up to the most exciting part and then end with a resolution. In Math, students are improving their multiplication skills, learning a variety of ways to solve problems, and doing a great job of explaining their thinking! Science is all about Magnets and Social Studies has been about Maps. Students are in the process of creating a map of their very own island!

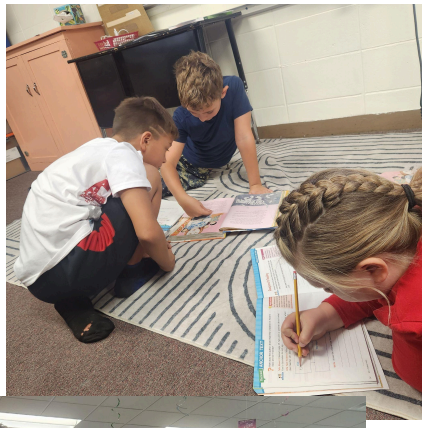


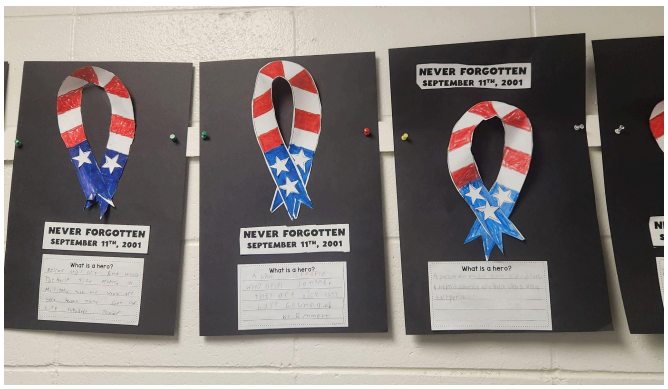
To honor September 11, students created a ribbon and wrote about what makes a hero. They also worked together to make a collaboration poster.

We have made a couple trips to the public library. (A Favorite!) The next big adventure is a field trip to the Southeast NE Ag Literacy Festival! I look forward to sharing photos from our trip in the next newsletter.

With Best Wishes,
Mrs. Hoffman









Fourth Grade



Fall Is Here!
By Miss Gyhra

Fall is such a bustling time. We have our first state tests, relearning expectations after a summer away, new topics, and Homecoming all in the first few months of school. This is a lot to take on, but we are taking the challenges in stride.



In math, we are learning how to round to any place value, adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers, and tackling multi-step word problems. This is all to build up to learning multi-digit multiplication and long division in the coming months. As always, automatizing our multiplication and division facts is a priority prior to learning those concepts as well. In reading, we are pushing progress in our fluency the most! This means that, within a minute, we want to be able to read more words, more accurately than we could before. This aids a fourth grader's comprehension, especially with the complex texts they are now expected to read and analyze. In science, we are working towards a solution to a proposed problem regarding blackouts. We have built solar panel systems, used a simulator to test, and built our own windmills to test our hypotheses.

It is so important to spend these first few months getting to know each other as a class. This is my fourth year getting to know a new set of students and there is always something for me to learn and change up. It is what makes this job hard and purposeful at the same time. This class loves to have fun! They give our Just Dance and gonoodle breaks their all. They laugh at my jokes and have taught me some new kid lingo. They are in the thick of their football and volleyball seasons themselves.

They are getting to know my personality and quirks as well. I often use the phrase "pep in our step" when teaching because it matches the intensity I want them to bring to their education. It is often hard to convince 9 and 10 year-olds that fourth grade should deserve their full commitment and attention, but that is the ultimate goal I work towards day-by-day. They deserve the absolute best out of life, and I take my part in that very seriously!

We have so many experiences and lessons yet to come. Let's do this!

From Mrs. Pierce

YEARBOOK

Elementary yearbooks are in. The book, Indian Territory, is a great buy. Each copy is only $10. There are copies still available for purchase. Please contact Julie Pierce or the elementary office to obtain a copy.

PBIS in the Elementary

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive framework aimed at promoting positive behavior in schools. Key components include:

1. **Clear Expectations**: Defining and teaching specific behavioral standards.
2. **Positive Reinforcement**: Recognizing and rewarding good behavior rather than focusing solely on negative actions.
3. **Data-Driven Decisions**: Using data to monitor behavior and improve interventions.
4. **Tiered Support**: Offering varying levels of support based on student needs.

PBIS has been shown to reduce disciplinary issues, improve behavior, and enhance academic performance, creating a positive and inclusive school environment for all students.

Pawnee City Elementary has a token system to recognize positive behavior. PC dollars are given to students by staff to recognize and give specific praise for responsible, respectful, and/or safe behavior.

Every month in the elementary, the students and staff hold a pep rally to reinforce the expectations of common areas in the school. Part of the rally is to recognize the Spotlight Students for the month and reward students for positive behavior.



Spotlight Students for the month of August



PBIS raffle prize winners for August.


PAWNEE CITY TITLE 1
TURKEY BINGO
Night
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Pawnee City Cafeteria
Popcorn Provided
TITLE 1 PRESENTATION
PRIOR TO BINGO

Middle School ELA, Mrs. Farwell

In sixth grade, we just finished Unit 1 in StudySync! Everyone has done a wonderful job discussing comprehension questions and providing in-depth understanding. Seventh grade is still plugging away at Unit 1 and working on grammar every Wednesday. The eighth grade crew is also working in StudySync and grammar on Wednesdays. We did take a break from StudySync the week of testing for a fun writing prompt. Students were paired together and given a picture card. They were then instructed to create a narrative of their choosing that revolved around the picture. It was a lot of fun hearing everyone's story and what crazy ideas they came up with. While English is not everyone's cup of tea, each grade is doing a great job, and I am super proud of their hard work!

Noteworthy News, Mrs. Dieckgrafe



Welcome back to another wonderful school year! I look forward to diving into another year of concerts and musical learning with your students. The 6-12 choirs will kick off the concert season on October 23 with the Fall Concert in the auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sixth and seventh graders in General Music are learning to play the ukulele. Students have reviewed parts of the ukulele and how to tune the four strings. My elementary singers have learned the routines and procedures of the music room and are enjoying playing singing games and learning rhythm reading.

Fall Semester Concerts:
Oct. 8: Little Caesars Pizza Sales begin
Oct 23: Fall Concert, 7:00 PM, 5-12 Band and 6-12 Choir
Nov 10: Pioneer Conference Vocal @ Sterling, Concert @ 7PM
Nov 11: Veterans Day, 10:00 AM
Dec. 8: Elementary Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM, K-5 (including 5th band)
Dec 14: Vespers, 3:00 PM, 6-12 Band and Choir

If you would like to see all concert dates or see what my expectations are, please see my handbooks on our website. Menu → Sports & Activities → Choir. You can also email me at ldieckgrafe@pawneecityschool.net with any questions throughout the year.

Veterans Day Program

Tuesday, November 11, 10 am
Pawnee City School Gym
Meal to follow for veterans and their families.



Please call the office to reserve your meal by Nov. 3

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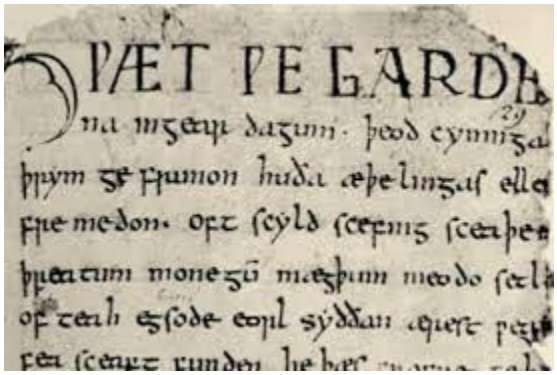
High School ELA and Play Production, Mrs. Laura Bloss

In **English 9**, the freshmen have just finished up a book called *Speak*. It's about a girl who doesn't. Speak, that is. Students examined the symbols of trees and the motif of silence and reviewed figurative language with the novel's vivid examples. Next up–just in time for Halloween season–is Edgar Allen Poe. Freshmen will read a selection of his short stories and poems and will finish up the unit with the movie that combines many Poe elements as it solves a murder mystery. It's called *The Raven* and if you need a good wholesome thriller for your October nights, we recommend it!

In **English 10,** the sophomores have completed their unit on *The Lord of the Flies*. Ever thought about what happens when we don't have laws and expectations to guide our decisions anymore? The sophomores have! The book has lots of figurative language and examples of how weather and everyday actions can symbolize our emotions. Students read about real-world historical events surrounding WWII like Operation Pied Piper that influenced the author and his message. And, through reading the author's obituary, they saw how his own life experiences drove his opinion on humanity. After finishing the novel, the class watched the movie, *Castaway* and analyzed its messages to audiences. There are many similarities (and a few significant differences) to Lord of the Flies that they can now articulate. Sucks to your assmar, Wilson!



In **English 11**, the juniors have finished reading The Crucible. Did you know it's not just about witches in Salem? The juniors know! It's an allegory for McCarthyism in America in the 1950s. We like to think of allegories as a delicious cake an author makes for us. The top layer is what's on the surface and easily seen. But, there's a second layer down below. It's held together by a beautiful smear of frosting that connects the symbols from both stories. Yum, indeed. Next up for them will be The Scarlet Letter. Oh, and did you know that the author of this novel (one of the first mass-produced ones in our young country) was a direct descendant of one of Salem Village's judges? Probably not, since he changed his name to distance himself from that stain of history and thus sell more books.



English 12 just finished Beowulf--the first story EVERY WRITTEN DOWN IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE! We know; it's a big deal. But did you know, if you read the original version, you wouldn't even recognize it as English? That's because it's written in Old English. It might sound similar to German to our ears because that's where the Anglo, Saxton, and Jute tribes came from when they invaded Britain. Next up is The Canterbury Tales–our Middle English example. It's filled with knights, priests, and local idiots all together on a pilgrimage. And, don't worry, medieval road trips had plenty of shenanigans just as modern ones can. Like last year, the senior English class will likely take a trip to the KC Renaissance Festival on October 9th. Huzzah!

Speech class has given several speeches so far–an introduction speech, a top-3 speech, a how-to speech, a demonstration speech, and a dictionary speech. We've played games to work on

confidence and comfort speaking in front of others, and we've analyzed body language and voice when it comes to how we communicate.

The seventh graders are into their second unit in their new **Exploratory Spanish** class. We've learned a few verbs, some vocabulary for sports and food, and we've practiced saying what we like and what we don't. Once a month we zoom with a Spanish teacher to learn in-person. Other days, we watch videos within the curriculum, play games, and practice our flash cards.

Set Design is another new offering for students in both junior and senior high. We have a mixed class of seniors, eighth graders, freshmen, and sophomores. So far, we're deep into building large set pieces and covering existing boxes with some distressed wood donated by community members. It's a great class because Mrs. Bloss has lots of ideas, but very few construction skills.

Play Production: And finally, the play production team is in full swing of the early season's work. In August, we had try-outs, in September, we've been working on character development and basic blocking, and in October we will continue to work in small groups. At the end of the month, we will have all-cast practices. This year's production is The Diviners by Jim Leonard Jr. It's a drama about a preacher who doesn't preach anymore, a boy who won't bathe, and a town that does its best to survive the Great Depression. We've been having bootcamp practices for acting fundamentals with our new team members, big ensemble practices with our more experienced kids, and some really amazing work with our veteran lead actors. Thank you to those of you who've already donated set pieces and props to the team! We can't wait to show you what we've been working on.

Band Notes, Mrs. Andrea Veleba



What a GREAT start to the 2025-2026 school year! The 7-12 band has already marched in Richardson County Fair Parade since school started, and now we're getting ready for the following performances:

- **Thursday, Oct. 23** - Fall Concert at 7:00 p.m. for 5-12 bands and 6-12 choirs
- **Tuesday, November 11** - Veterans Day Program in the gym - 10:00 a.m. for 8-12 band
- **Monday, December 8** - Elementary Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. - including 5th grade band and 4th grade recorders, as well as singers in grades K-5
- **SUNDAY, December 14** - Middle and High School Christmas Concert at 3:00 p.m. for 6-12 bands and choirs - There will be a cookie and punch reception following this performance. Each family will be asked to bring one dozen cookies/treats for the occasion.

As always, I want to say thanks to everyone, especially the Fine Arts Boosters, for their support of the band program and the music program in Pawnee City! We hope to see everyone at all of our upcoming events.

storytime

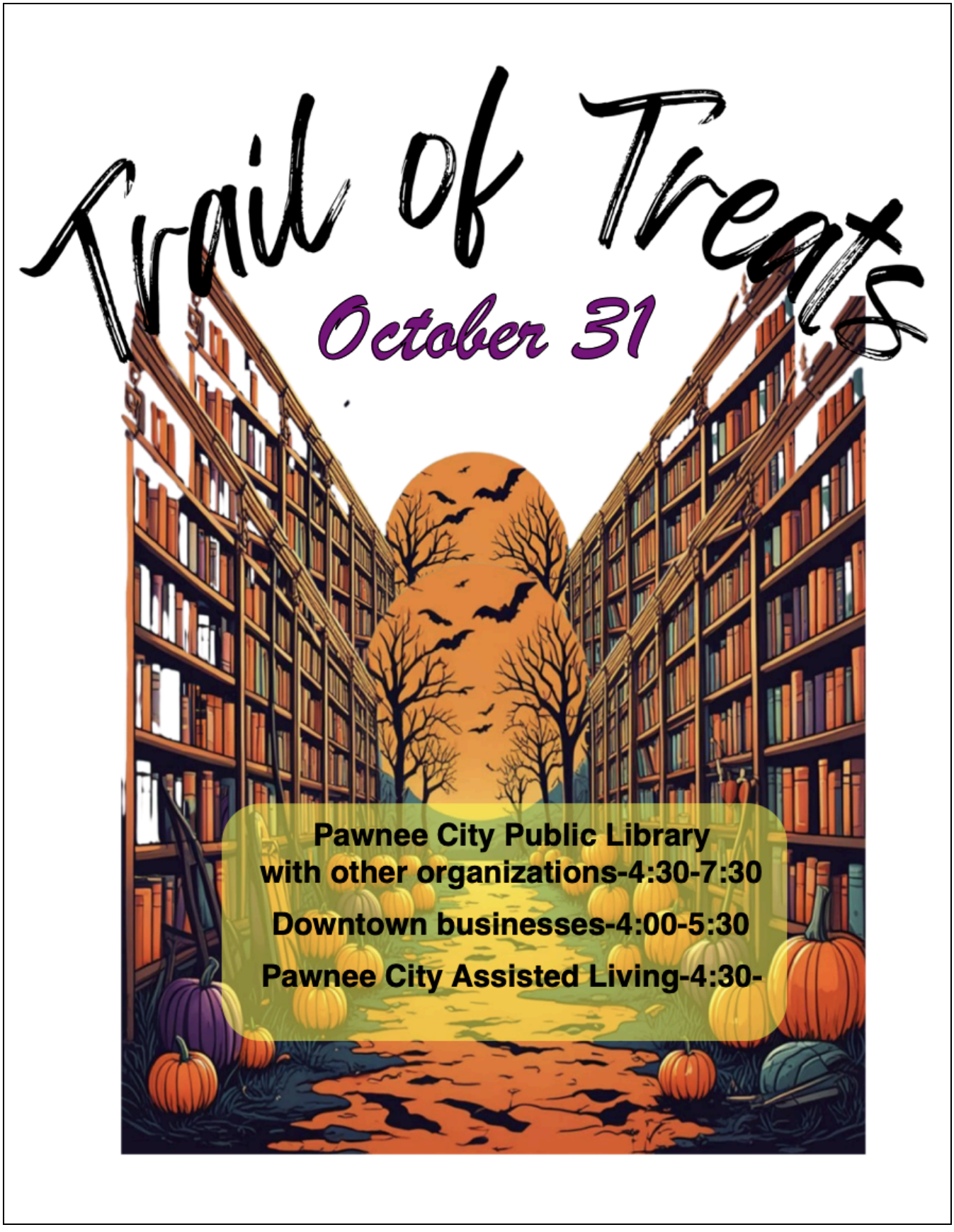
With Pam, Lisa, and Jill

1st Saturday of
each month @ 10 am

Stories,
Crafts,
and Snacks!



All programs sponsored by the
Pawnee City Public Library are FREE of charge.


Trail of Treats
October 31
Pawnee City Public Library
with other organizations-4:30-7:30
Downtown businesses-4:00-5:30
Pawnee City Assisted Living-4:30-

PAWNEE COUNTY HOLIDAY ANGEL TREE



Christmas is just around the corner!

Pawnee City Hall will sponsor the Angel Tree again this year.

Households that have children ages 18 and under may qualify to receive gifts to help make the season a little brighter.

Applications may be picked up at Pawnee City Hall (605 G Street) starting Oct. 27 between 8:00 am. and 4:30 pm. and must be returned by Nov. 18. For more information, please stop by or call the office at (402) 852-2781.

Thank you!

Pawnee City Clerks



Nebraska Extension in the Classroom

The School Enrichment program by Nebraska Extension is designed to provide students with hands-on learning experiences during the school day. This program encourages long-term involvement in 4-H, enhances the relationship between 4-H and school systems, and offers informal education to complement formal education. The program utilizes research-based curricula that meet Nebraska Department of Education Content Standards and is delivered by 4-H staff, volunteers, or classroom teachers.



We kicked off our year with the Pre-K class. Our adventure focused on container gardens. Students helped prepare soil and plant carrots, beets, lettuce and spinach. This hands-on experience introduced them to gardening and showed how seeds thrive with soil, water and sunlight. Ms. Coffey shared how excited the students were when they noticed germination. We look forward to reconnecting with these students at harvest time.



We also learned about the water cycle with the First-Grade class. We started by reading the book "Hey, Water" by Antoinette Porthis. The students learned the importance of water in our lives. They made water cycle models to hang in their classroom window. Students will see the water cycle in action as water evaporates, collects on the side of their model, and drips down like rain. We also read "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister, then students used watercolors to color their own rainbow fish.



In the coming weeks, we have several enrichment activities scheduled for students at Pawnee City Public Schools. These include Pollinator Sundaes with 2nd grade, Apple Dissection with Kindergarteners, and Wind Energy with 4th grade. In addition to enrichment activities in the classroom, we are planning our annual Southeast Nebraska Agriculture Literacy Festival to be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Tecumseh on October 28th & 29th. To see all of our School Enrichment activities visit our website https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pawnee/school-enrichment/ and you can also see what Nebraska Extension in Pawnee County offers by following Nebraska Extension – Pawnee County on Facebook.





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To Pawnee City School Parents:

Pawnee County Memorial Hospital will be onsite at the school on **Tuesday, September 30** from 7:30-9 am for the flu shot clinic. We will also have available doses of the Covid vaccine. A consent form has been made available to you if you choose for your child to get the Flu Shot or a Covid Vaccination.

Please bring the signed letter to the school on October 3. Please bring a copy of Insurance Card or Payment. Flu Shots (regular=trivalent) will be $30. Students who don't have a form and money/Insurance card will be asked to schedule an appointment at the PCMH-Rural Health Clinic.

We're looking forward to serving our community!

Susan Singleton

Clinic Director/Senior Leadership

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INJECTABLE FLU IMMUNIZATION RELEASE

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

Flu immunizations will not protect all persons who get the flu. Flu immunizations will not protect against other illnesses that resemble the flu.

FOR PATIENTS (BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS) TO BE VACCINATED: The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason, we should not give you or your child inactivated injectable influenza vaccination today. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you (or your child) should not be vaccinated. It just means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please ask your healthcare provider to explain it.

Is the person to be vaccinated sick today?	YES	NO	Don't Know
Does the person to be vaccinated have an allergy to a component of the vaccine?	YES	NO	Don't Know
Has the person to be vaccinated ever had a serious reaction to the influenza vaccine in the past?	YES	NO	Don't Know
Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillian-Barre' Syndrome?	YES	NO	Don't Know

SIGNATURE:_____DATE_____

REVIEWED BY:_____DATE_____

LOT # _____ DATE GIVEN _____

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Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth	M F

COVID-19 VACCINATION CONSENT FORM

SCREENING FOR VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY		
1. Are you feeling sick today?	Yes	No
2. Have you ever received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine?	Yes	No
a. If yes, which product?	Moderna	Pfizer
3. Have you ever had a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis, trouble breathing) to any vaccine or injectable therapy, or a history of anaphylaxis due to any cause?	Yes	No
4. Have you had a severe allergic reaction to any component of a COVID-19 vaccine, including lipid nanoparticles or polyethylene glycol (PEG)?	Yes	No
5. Have you ever had a positive test for COVID-19?	Yes	No
a. If yes, did you receive convalescent plasma or monoclonal antibodies for COVD-19 within the past 90 days?	Yes	No
6. Have you received any other vaccine within the past 14 days?	Yes	No
7. Do you have a bleeding disorder or are you taking a blood thinner?	Yes	No
8. Do you have a weakened immune system caused by something such as cancer or HIV or do you take any immunosuppressive drugs or therapies?	Yes	No
9. Are you pregnant or breastfeeding?	Yes	No

CONSENT FOR VACCINATION

I will/have reviewed my answers to the questions above with the vaccinator. If I experience any adverse reactions after leaving, I will notify my primary care provider. I have viewed the Emergency Use Authorization Fact Sheet provided to me today. I understand the benefits and risks of the vaccine.

Signature of Patient/Guardian _____ Date_____

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY				
Vaccine	Date Given	Route – IM	Lot No.	Vaccine Admin

Pawnee City Pubic Schools

EDUCATION FOUNDATION



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

- **Nelson Mandela**

Every student is different, and so is every dream. They all deserve an opportunity. For over thirty years, Pawnee City Public School Education Foundation has been supporting the students and educators of Pawnee City Public Schools by providing scholarships to graduating high school seniors and education grants within the school. We work closely with community supporters and generous donors to provide the right scholarship opportunities for deserving students of PCPS. It is our number one priority to ensure those students who are motivated and able to go to college have the financial resources to do so. Knowing that someone is behind them helps drive students forward. Teachers are no different. The Foundation believes in giving teachers the tools they need, because no one spends more time or effort guiding our students toward greatness through different programs and events, we're working hard to ensure that PCPS has the very best. Therefore, educated and supported teachers are the reason for better students – which makes for a better community.

Have you considered donating to the PCPS Education Foundation? Here are just a few things your donation provides:

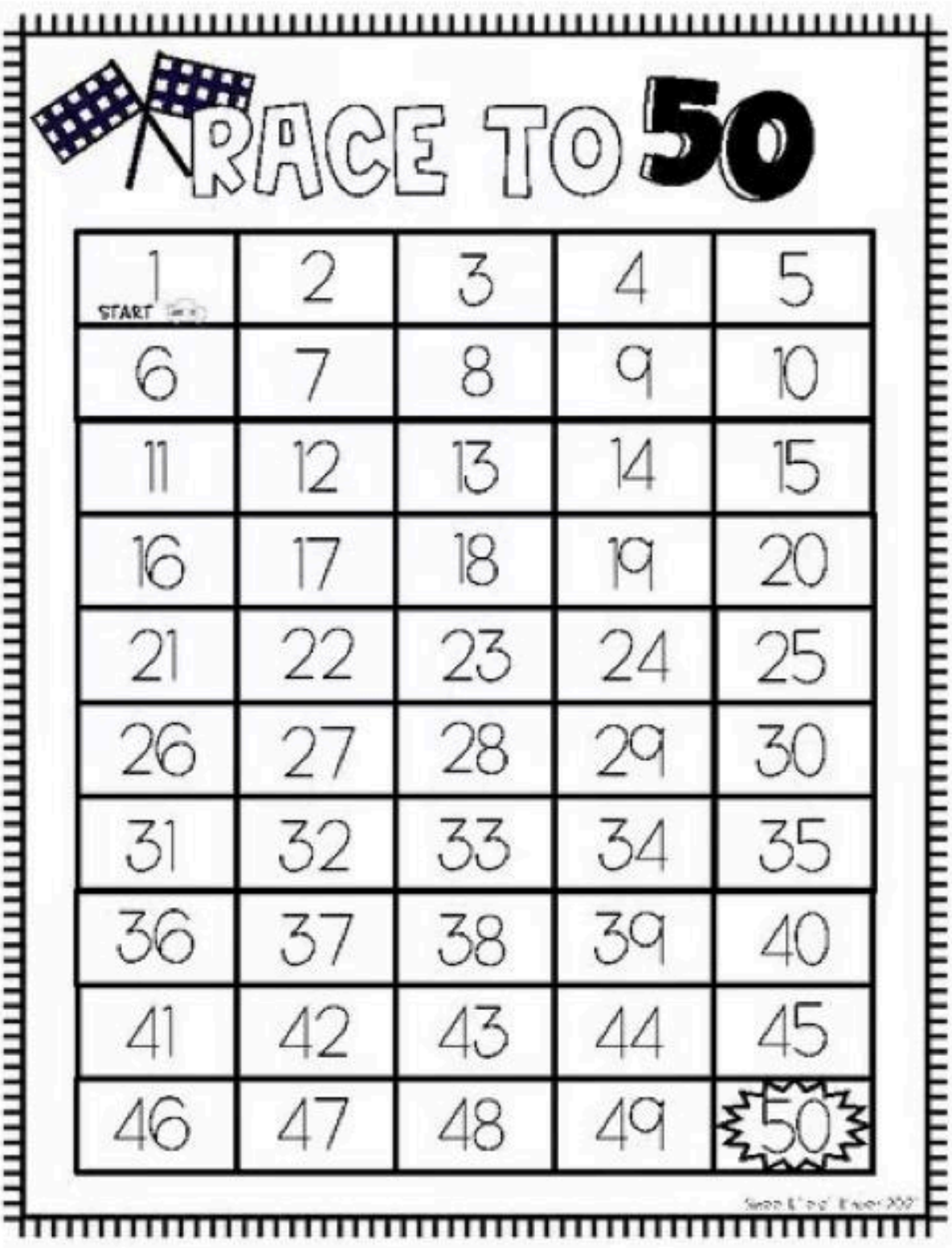
- Is an investment in the next generation of professionals in our communities
- Lessons the impact of rising tuition costs for students and their families
- Allows students more time to focus on their studies
- Decreases the number and amount of loans students need to complete higher education
- Teaches philanthropy
- Is tax-deductible! The Foundation is a 501c (3) tax-exempt organization

It is the Pawnee City Public School Education Foundations vision to ensure that every student graduating from high school is ready for the next step towards a promising future with post-secondary education goals or work-force ready skills. Individuals and corporations in the community can help us achieve this vision by donating to our scholarship program. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference.

Pawnee City Public Schools Education Foundation Board of Directors

Jason Vetrovsky – President Hanna Brumbaugh – Vice President Mary Moser Julia Smith
– Treasurer Marie Glenn – Secretary Jason Turnbull

“Best Choice” Collection Sheet



Name: _____ Grade:_____

October

(All events and times are subject to change.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:30AM SCC Lincoln - Careers in Healthcare 9AM G Golf @ Lincoln Christian	3 12:30PM JH FB @ Lewiston 3PM HS FB @ Lewiston	4 8:30AM JH VB @ Southern Invite 2PM Orpheum Theater
5	6 HS G Golf Districts 4PM JH FB @ Weeping Water **Homecoming**	7 HS G Golf Districts 4PM JH VB @ Falls City **Homecoming**	8 8AM District Land Judging @ Beatrice **Homecoming**	9 4PM HS Cross Country @ McCool Junction 4:30PM JH VB Tri @ HTRS w/ Lourdes **5PM HOME HS VB Tri vs D-O & HTRS (Senior Night AND Past, Present, Future Night)** **Homecoming**	10 2:30PM Homecoming Pep Rally at the Courthouse **7PM HOME HS FB vs Sterling** Coronation and dance to follow the game **Homecoming**	11 9AM HS VB @ Falls City Invite
12 1PM Youth Volleyball @ Pawnee City	13 HS G Golf State Competition 3PM HS VB Pioneer Conference 6PM School Board Meeting	14 HS G Golf State Competition 3PM HS VB Pioneer Conference 4PM JH FB @ HTRS	15	16 9AM SCC Accuplacer Testing HS Cross Country Districts	17 **NO SCHOOL** **End of 1st Quarter** 7PM HS FB @ Diller-Odell	18 3PM HS VB Pioneer Conference
19	20 **NO SCHOOL for Students** **Teacher Inservice**	21 8:30AM Peru State College Visit	22 8AM FFA State Land Judging @ Wahoo **2PM HOME JH VB vs Sterling**	23 **7PM 5-12 Band, 6-12 Choir Concert**	24 HS Cross Country State **7PM HOME HS FB vs Red Cloud**	25
26	27 HS VB Subdistricts	28 HS VB Subdistricts	29 National FFA Convention	30 **NO PRESCHOOL** 8:30AM Apply2College Day National FFA Convention	31 **NO SCHOOL** **Teacher Inservice** HS FB First Round Playoffs National FFA Convention	

November

(All events and times are subject to change.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 National FFA Convention 12PM HS VB Districts Final
2 Daylight Savings Time ends - Set clocks BACK 1 hour	3	4 Election Day	5 9AM UNL College Visit HS VB State Championships	6 HS VB State Championships	7 Playoffs-Quarterfinal Round HS VB State Championship	8 9AM One-Act @ York HS VB State Championships
9	10 6PM School Board Meeting 7PM Pioneer Conference Vocal @ Sterling	11 **10AM Veteran's Day Program - See page 16 for more information**	12 7:30AM UNK College Visit	13 Health Van 6PM Turkey Bingo in Cafeteria	14 Health Van 9AM One-Act @ Peru State College HS FB Playoffs-Semifinal Round	15 9AM One-Act @ Fairbury
16	17 4PM JH BBB @ HTRS	18 9AM K-State College Visit	19 9AM Pioneer Conference One-Act @ Nebraska City	20 4PM JH BBB @ FCSH	21 HS FB State Finals	22 **9AM One-Act PC Invite** 9AM JH BBB @ HTRS Invite
23	24	25 **NO PRESCHOOL** PBIS PepRally-Gym **3PM One-Act Matinee** 4PM BBB @ JCC	26 **NO SCHOOL**	27 **NO SCHOOL** **Happy Thanksgiving!**	28 **NO SCHOOL**	29
30 **6PM One-Act Public Performance**	December 1 **No School** **Teacher Inservice**	December 2 8:30AM Juniors-Pathway to Success Project Conference **2PM HOME JH BBB vs Diller-Odell** **4:30PM Paint Your Own Ornament Family Night**	December 3 **NO SCHOOL - PC to host District One-Act** **9AM District One-Act** 6PM School Board Meeting	December 4 4PM HS BB @ Diller-Odell (Odell)	December 5 **4PM HOME HS BB vs Frankfort, KS**	December 6 9AM HS Wrestling @ Conestoga Invite

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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Important Dates:

August
- 7, 8, 11 & 12 - Teacher Professional Development
- 11- Start of HS Fall Sports (FB, VB, CC & Girls Golf)
- 12 - Open House Night
- 13 - First Day of School - 2:00 PM Dismissal

September
- 1 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 15 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development
- 24 & 25 - Parent/Teacher Conf. (4:00-7:30 PM)

October
- 13-14 - Girls State Golf
- 16 - End of 1st Quarter
- 17 - NO SCHOOL
- 20 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development
- 24 - State Cross Country
- 31 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

November
- 5-8 - State Volleyball
- 17 - Start of HS Winter Sports (BB & Wrestling)
- 21 - D6 State Football
- 26-Dec.1 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

December
- 1 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development
- 10 - Class C State Play Production
- 11 - Class D State Play Production
- 19 - End of 1st Semester (Full Day)
- 24-28 - NSAA Moratorium

January
- 5 - Teachers Return
- 6 - Students Return (Full Day)
- 19 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

February
- 2 - NO SCHOOL - ESU 4 Engaging Educators Conf.
- 11 & 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:30 PM)
- 19-21 - State Wrestling

March
- 2 - Start of HS Spring Sports (Track & Boys Golf)
- 4-7 - State Girls Basketball
- 11 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 12-15 - State Boys Basketball
- 12-16 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 16 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development
- 25-27 - State Speech

April
- 3-6 - NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
- 6 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

May
- 5 - Last Day for Seniors ◇
- 13 - Class D District Track (No School if PC Selected as Host Site)
- 13 - Earliest Last Day of School (12:30 PM dismissal)**
- 16 - Graduation (2:00 PM) ⬭
- 21 - Latest Last Day of School (12:30 PM dismissal)** Final staff workday will follow last student day.
- 22-23 - State Track
- 27-28 - Boys State Golf

** The Last Day of School will be set at the March 2026 Board meeting to equal up to 185 teacher contract days.

- Full School Day
- NO SCHOOL
- Early Student Dismissal
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development
- Flex Days for Weather/Emergency Closure
- End of Quarter or Semester

JANUARY 2026

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Important Dates

October 6-10	**Homecoming Week**
Fri., Oct. 17	**NO SCHOOL - End of 1st Quarter**
Mon., Oct. 20	**NO SCHOOL for Students - Teacher Inservice**
Thurs., Oct. 30	**NO PRESCHOOL**
Fri., Oct. 31	**NO SCHOOL for Students - Teacher Inservice**
Sun., Nov. 2	**Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set clocks BACK 1 hour**
Tues., Nov. 11	**10:00AM Veterans Day Program**
Tues., Nov. 25	**NO PRESCHOOL**
Wed.-Fri., Nov. 26-28	**NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**
Looking Ahead:	
Mon., Dec. 1	**NO SCHOOL for Students - Teacher Inservice**
Wed., Dec. 3	**NO SCHOOL - PC to Host District One-Act**