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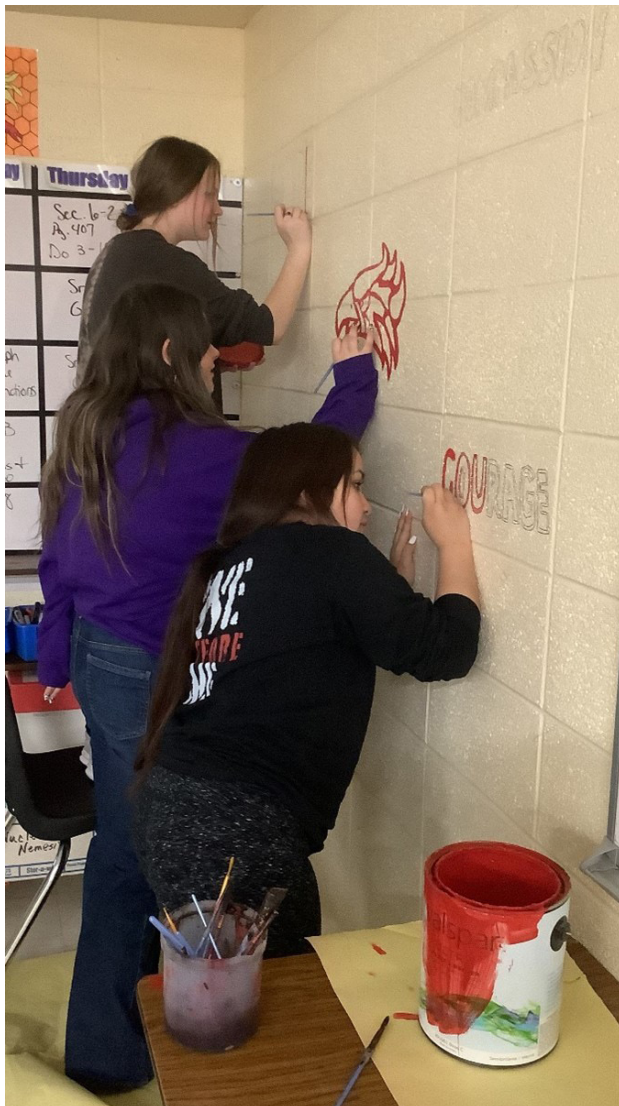
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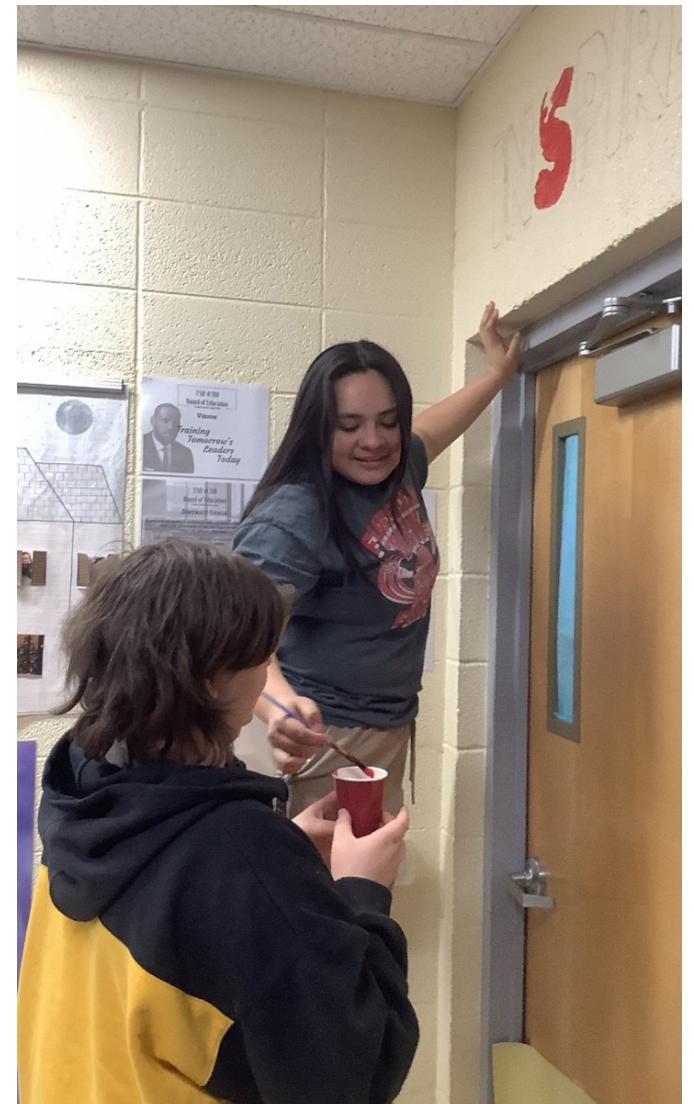
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Unruh Advisory News

Falcon Advisory Time happens every school day from 9:40 to 10:05. On Monday's the students get to read a book, Tuesday is time to work on their Individual Plans of Study, Wednesday is a day for Civic Engagement, Thursday was set aside for preparing for their Student Led Conferences, and Fridays are often used for Social Emotional Learning, group or club meetings, or a study hall. The Freshmen in Mrs. Unruh's advisory class (Abigail Lofton, Yareli Martinez, Estrella Sanchez, Joshua Sedwick, and Cierra Westfahl) decided to make a positive word wall for their Civic Engagement project. They have chosen the words they want, created the template for them, and transferred them to the walls. They are now in the process of painting them. They are using our school colors for the words: inspire, compassion, courage, hope and confidence. The students are making great progress and should finish up in the next couple of weeks. They are working hard and doing a tremendous job!



Falcon Choir



The FHS choir spent three days on a trip to Branson in late March. On our first day, we got to ride go-karts and bumper boats and check out an arcade, had dinner at a wonderful catfish restaurant, and got to see Pressley's Country Jubilee. On the second day, we got to go to a new hands-on science museum called the Wonderworks, took in the Landing which is a very nice outdoor mall, had dinner at a great Italian restaurant called Pasghetti's, and then we had our rehearsal and clinic for our performance. The choir performed as the opening act to the Haygoods, which is Branson's most popular show. The hall holds more than 1000 audience members and it was a packed house. The Haygoods put on an amazing show, and after, we got to take several photos with them and ask them questions about what it's like to be a performer in Branson. On the final day, we braved the chilly (and wet) weather and took in Silver Dollar City. It was cold, but a good time. We would like to thank everyone who helped the students raise funds for this trip. It was a wonderful experience.





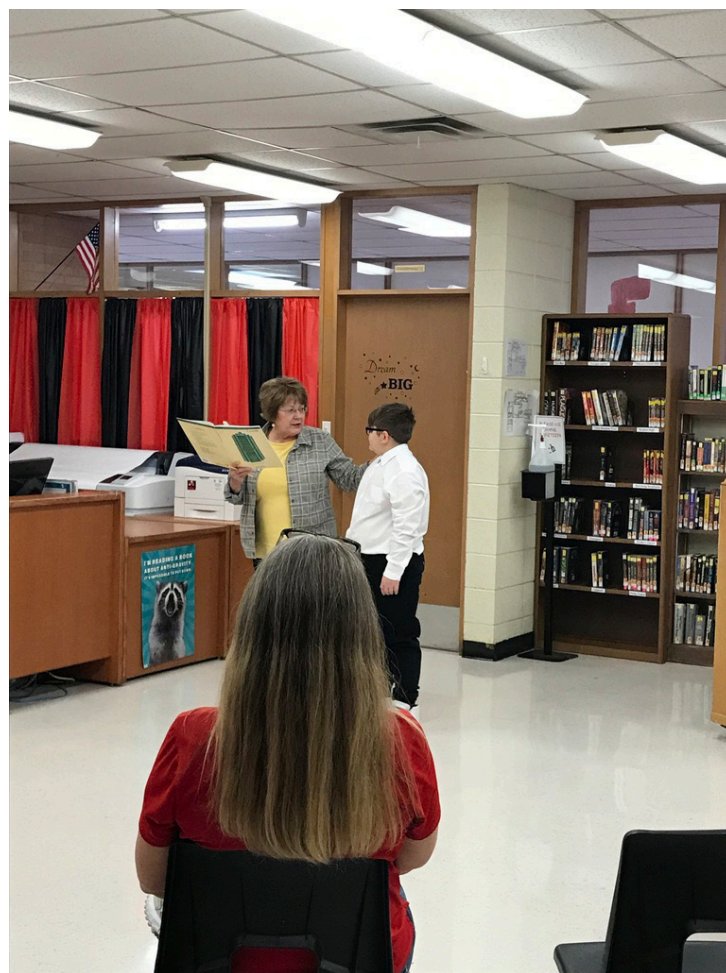
The Fairfield Music Department will present their final concert of the year on May 10 in the FHS Auditorium beginning at 6:30pm. The concert will include 5th grade through 12th grade bands, and 6th grade through 12th grade choirs. We look forward to seeing you in the audience to support these great kids.

Fairfield has had a very successful festival season. Our high school groups put on great performances with Fallon Brown receiving a “1” rating for her Baritone Solo at both League and Regional festival. Fallon will perform April 30 in Hesston College for the State music festival. This is quite an achievement for a freshman!

Our middle School band and choir also performed very well at our League festival, which was hosted here at Fairfield. Band, Choir, and

Kyle Haskins Alto Sax solo received “Excellent” ratings of 2.

Harper Elam vocal solo, Georgia Fry vocal solo, Holley Estes Vocal solo, Kora Zongker Vocal solo, Kyle Haskins Vocal solo, Jalen Henry Trombone solo, Kenley Fowler Flute solo, Lucy Steen flute solo all received “Outstanding” ratings of 1! Great job! And none of this could be possible without our amazing accompanist, Sharon Schwertfeger. Thank you for all you do for our kids. We also want to thank all the Fairfield Staff who helped to make this event run smoothly.



Middle School Scholar's Bowl



Middle School Scholar's bowl has been off to a great start this year. At our first meet, our first meet was at home, and both Varsity and JV took 2nd place. William McIver placed as a top individual scorer for JV. At our second meet, hosted by Skyline, the Varsity team took 3rd place, and the JV team took 2nd place. Lucy Steen took 3rd place in top individual score for Varsity and Ellie Davis took first place for top individual score.



Fairfield Track April Updates

FAIRFIELD TRACK APRIL UPDATES

The FMS and FHS Track teams have stayed active in April. On the 14th, the FMS team traveled to Stafford; on the 19th the FHS team went to a meet hosted by Berean Academy held in Remington. Those Falcon athletes finishing in the top ten are as follows:

Girls 100m Dash: Paisley Smyth (8th); Olivia Summey (8th); Kora Zongker (8th)

Girls 200m Dash: Paisley Smyth (6th); Abigail Lofton (8th)

Girls 400m Dash: Paisley Smyth (6th); Erin Schwertfeger (7th); Natlie Chavez (7th)

Girls 800m Run: Mikayla Pugh (10th); Ellianna Davis (10th)

Girls 1600m Run: Kerstin Schumann (7th)

Girls 3200m Run: Kerstin Schumann (5th)

Girls 100m Hurdles: Luella Hasson (9th); Ami Foster (10th); Kyle Haskins (3rd)

Girls 200m Hurdles: Luella Hasson (5th); Ami Foster (10th); Centhian Bankston (2nd); Kyle Haskins (6th)

Girls 4x100m Relay: FHS Team - Yesenia Espinosa, Paisley Smyth, Marissa Pugh, and

Erin Schwertfeger (4th); FMS7 Team - Olivia Summey, McKinzie Dickson, Aaliyah McGinnis, & Kenley Fowler (4th); FMS8 Team - Centhian Bankston, Kora Zongker, Fatima Espinosa, & Natalie Lofton (2nd)

Girls 4x200m Relay: FMS7 Team - Kaitlyn Bankston, Elliana Davis, Olivia Summey, & Aaliyah

McGinnis (2nd); FMS8 Team - Centhian Bankston, Kora Zongker, Fatima Espinosa, & Natalie Lofton (1st)

Girls 4x400m Relay: FHS Team - Fallon Brown, Karly Combs, Luella Hasson, and Estrella Sanchez (4th)

Girls 800m Sprint Medley: FMS7 Team - Kaitlyn Bankston, Elliana Davis, Olivia Summey, &

McKinzie Dickson (4th); FMS8 Team - Centhian Bankston, Kora Zongker, Fatima Espinosa, & Natalie Lofton (2nd)

Girls High Jump: Ami Foster (6th)

Girls Long Jump: Erin Schwertfeger (8th); Fatima Espinosa (9th)

Girls Shot Put: Estrella Sanchez (7th); Fallon Brown (9th); Rylee Wente (3rd); Kyle Haskins (10th)

Girls Discus: Karly Combs (8th); Estrella Sanchez (9th); Rylee Wente (10th)

Girls Javelin: Karly Combs (8th)

Boys 100m Dash: Andrew Kennedy (9th)

Boys 200m Dash: Mason Kalmar (7th)

Boys 400m Dash: Andrew Kennedy (9th); Mason Kalmar (10th); William McIver (7th)

Boys 1600m Run: William McIver (5th)

Boys 100m Hurdles: Ryland Perry (7th); Jalen Henry (8th)

Boys 4x100m Relay: FMS7 - Ryland Perry, Caleb Willard, Jalen Henry, & Gavin Foster (7th)

Boys 800 Sprint Medley: FMS7 - Ryland Perry, Caleb Willard, Enrique Espinoza, & Gavin Foster (6th)

Boys Long Jump: Mason Kalmar (8th); Brody Snodgrass (3rd)

Boys Shot Put: Zack Zongker (1st); Calen Wente (5th); Gavin Foster (6th); Dominic Sader

(8th); Aiden Dickson (2nd)

Boys Discus: Calen Wente (1st); Zack Zongker (2nd); Gavin Foster (2nd); Dominic Sader (7th); Aiden Dickson (6th)



Pictured: L to R: Fallon Brown, Karly Combs, Estrella Sanchez, and Luella Hasson all stepped up out of their comfort zone to run the 4 x 400 meter relay when some of the regular team members got sick. Coach Hewitt said, "We were very proud of them for doing this!"

FES Summer Academy

The USD 310 Summer Academy program is a safe, academically enriching environment for students. Our program focuses on educational, recreational, and enrichment activities. It is not a daycare program, but an opportunity for students to engage in positive experiences.

The summer program will provide reinforcement for reading, writing, and math skills, fun educational games, and enrichment activities including science and technology, arts and crafts, community service and teambuilding. Our summer program is designed to develop and increase students' self-confidence, self-esteem and social skills.

Regular attendance is extremely important. Students are expected to participate in the summer program 5 days per week and are expected to stay for the entirety of the program each day. Parents should notify the coordinator of absences in advance. Excessive absences will result in dismissal from the summer program. Summer Academy begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the school. The program begins Tuesday May 31st and ends on June 24th.

We will be taking field trips on Friday. In order to participate in the Friday field trips your student will have had to attend all the days of the week prior to that Friday. While we are out in public on our field trips the students are expected to represent USD 310 Fairfield in the best way possible. If we have problems on a field trip the student will be written up and excused from all future field trips. The field trips are meant for educational and fun purposes.

Enrollment forms will be sent home with students who are invited to participate first. We will then open enrollment to all kindergarten through third grade students. If you have any questions please contact the office. Thank you!

6-12 Principal Letter

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end! With the end of the school year come many exciting events. It is a busy time of year! We will kick off the month with the FHS awards banquet. This year's banquet will be held on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 pm in the FHS gymnasium. Again this year, FPO is providing the meat, table service, and drinks. We ask that students and their families provide the following:

Freshmen and Juniors–Side Dish
Sophomores and Seniors–Dessert

The FHS/FMS spring concert will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm. Come out and support our music students who have been working hard to learn new music for this spring concert.

Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 pm and the seniors' last day of school will be Thursday, May 12. We have a day full of activities scheduled for them on this final day. Parents of seniors should have received a schedule in the mail with progress reports. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

FHS graduation will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 4 pm in the FHS gymnasium. The 8th-grade promotion will be held on Monday, May 16 at 7 pm in the gymnasium.

Once again this year, FMS and FHS students will have the opportunity to attend summer school. This year, FMS is partnering with Kansas State University to offer a summer STEM Academy! The STEM Academy will run from June 6-24. Students will participate in science activities and study computer science, aerospace engineering and Artificial intelligence. Students will gain hands-on experience with drones and robotics! All students are invited to sign up for this awesome opportunity. A flyer will be sent home with all middle school students. If you have questions, please contact Julie Steen, FMS Summer School director! For our high school students needing credit recovery, will have the opportunity to make up credits with Mrs. Jody Lubbers. Those students and parents who need to make up credits through credit recovery will be contacted soon regarding details. Credit recovery will run from May 31-June 24.

Jessica Mathes
6-12 Principal
Fairfield Schools

Fairfield Track Teams Start Season Strong



Both Fairfield High School and Fairfield Middle School track teams are off to a good start for the spring 2022 season. At the CKTL meet held at Fairfield on April 5th, the FHS girls' team placed third overall, while the boys' placed fourth. FHS athletes finishing in the top four spots for this meet include: Erin Schwertfeger - third in Long Jump; Jacob Bauman - first in discus and shot put; Zack Zongker - second in discus and shot put; Calen Wentz - third in discus; Karly Combs fourth in javelin, discus, and shot put; Kerstin Schumann - second in 3200m and 1600 m runs; Paisley Smyth - second in 400 m & 200 m, and third in 100m dash; Mikayla Pugh, third in 800 m run; Girls Relay team of Yesenia Espinosa, Erin Schwertfeger, Marissa Pugh, and Paisley Smyth - third in 4x100m Relay.

At the FMS home meet on April 1st, the 8th grade girls placed fourth while the 8th grade boys placed third overall. Top four finishers included the following athletes: Olivia Summey - 4th in 200m dash; Rylee Wentz - second in shot put; Kyle Haskins - first in 100m hurdles, 2nd in 200m hurdles, and 4th in discus; Jalen Henry - third in 400m dash; Ryland Perry - second in high jump; Gavin Foster - second in discus and third in shot put; Brody Snodgrass - first in long jump and third in 200m dash; William McIver - first in 3200m and second in 1600m runs; Diesel Payne - second in 100m hurdles; Aiden Dickson - second in shot put and fourth in discus. Relay top finishers include: Girls 4x100 Team 7th Grade (Kenley Fowler, Kaitlyn Bankston, McKenzie Dickson, and Oliva Summey) - third place; Girls 4x100 Team 8th Grade (Cynthiyah Bankston,

Zoe Stringos, Kora Zongker, and Fatima Espinosa) - first place; Girls 4x200 Team 8th grade

(Cynthiyah Bankston, Zoe Stringos, Kora Zongker, and Fatima Espinosa) - second place; Girls

800m Sprint Medley Team 8th grade (Cynthiyah Bankston, Zoe Stringos, Kora Zongker, and Fatima Espinosa) - first place; Boys 4x100m Team (Ryland Perry, Jalen Henry, Caleb Williard, and Gavin Foster) - second place; Boys 800m Sprint Medley Team 8th grade (William McIver, Brody Snodgrass, Gage Brown, and Diesel Payne) - second place.

Fairfield Athletic Director Chris Hewitt stated, "It was a great start to the track season with several of our athletes doing well."

Breakfast And Lunch Menus

MAY BREAKFAST 2022

				MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
2 CEREAL YOGURT CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	3 SUPER DONUT CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	4 FRENCH TOAST CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	5 FRUDEL CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	6 WHOLE GRAIN DONUTS CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK
9 CEREAL STRING CHEESE CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	10 BISCUITS AND GRAVY CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	11 BREAKFAST BITES CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	12 DUTCH WAFFLE CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	13 SCRAMBLED EGGS/SAUSAGE LINK CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK
16 CEREAL CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	17 BANANA BREAD CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	18 COOKS CHOICE CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	19 COOKS CHOICE CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK	20 COOKS CHOICE CHOICE OF JUICE FRUIT MILK
				

MAY LUNCH 2022

	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE		FRESH SALAD SERVED DAILY	
2 CHICKEN NUGGETS MASHED POTATOES GRAVY CARROTS PEARS MILK	3 CHICKEN FAJITAS CORN PICANTE SAUCE GRAPES MILK	4 DELI SANDWICH COTTAGE CHEESE TOMATOES CUCUMBERS GREEN PEPPERS PEACHES MILK	5 STEAK FINGERS AuGRATIN POTATOES GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK ROLL 9-12	6 CHICKEN SANDWICH FRENCH FRIES NORMANDY VEGETABLES FRUIT FLUFF MILK
9 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK M.POTATOES GRAVY CORN PEACHES MILK	10 TACOS REFRIED BEANS PICANTE SAUCE MIXED FRUIT MILK	11 BONELESS CHICKEN WINGS BABY BAKERS CARROTS APPLE WEDGES MILK	12 TERIYAKI CHICKEN BROCCOLI FLORETS FRIED RICE PEARS MILK	13 HOT DOGS TATER TOTS BAKED BEANS STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE MILK
16 CORN DOGS BAKED BEANS TRI TATER FRUIT MILK	17 TACO SALAD CORN PICANTE SAUCE PEARS MILK	18 STUFFED CRUST PIZZA FRENCH FRIES MIXED VEGETABLES FRUIT SLUSH MILK	19 CHICKEN WRAP BABY BAKERS GREEN BEANS FRUIT SLUSH MILK	20 HAMBURGERS FRENCH FRIES PEAS & CARROTS FRUIT MILK
				

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McDonald's



Our last stop was for ice cream at McDonald's!



Lemon Park



Our 3rd stop was at Lemon Park for some play time!



Pizza Hut





Our 2nd stop was at Pizza Hut! We got to make our own pizzas for lunch! Thank you Jen and RJ and the rest of the staff for the wonderful time we had while visiting Pizza Hut!



BTI Field Trip



Fairfield kindergarten students enjoyed a field trip to Pratt! Our 1st stop was at BTI! The kids got to see many farm related things and even some tours of the facility! The sprayer they got to see was brand new and had a wing span of 120 feet! They thought it was awesome!





Fairfield High School
3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

High Honors

Seniors:

Bryndan Bradley
Brady Fowler
Camre Haumont
Kerstin Schumann

Juniors:

Jarod Bauman
Mason Kalmar
Paisley Smyth

Sophomores:

Erin Schwertfeger

Freshmen:

Fallon Brown

Academic Honors

Jacob Bauman
Griffin Fischer

Yesenia Espinosa
Taylor Mathes

Ethan Beck
MacKenzie Fischer
Kelly Griffin

Connor Fowler
Joshua Sedwick

Honorable Mention

Jacob Beck
Alayna Duffield
Marisol Martinez

Zackary Zongker Rex Zongker

Marissa Pugh
Brianna Rummel
Madyson Gorgas

Fairfield Middle School
3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll
2021-2022

Honorable Mention

6th Grade

Kaitlyn Bankston
Harper Elam
Enrique Espinosa
Holley Estes
Lukas Hasson
Machally McMann
Haylie Thomas
Rylee Wente

7th Grade

Dominic Sader
Gaines Sedwick
Cash Smiley
Braeden Witt
Jessica Zapien
Kaiden Zapien

8th Grade

Aiden Dickson
Morgan Gaston
Kaiyen Lobban
Skyler Schlumbohm
Brodie Snodgrass

Academic Honors

6th Grade

Teagan Buck
McKenzie Dickson
Kenley Fowler
Georgia Fry
Jalen Henry
Aaliyah McGinnis
Tagan Metzger
Ryland Perry
Stormie Schlumbohm
Wyatt Schlumbohm
Olivia Summey

7th Grade

Gavin Foster
Natalie Lofton
Emma Mathes
William McIver
Jaelyn Nickell
Gracie Smyth
Ava Zimmerman

8th Grade

Nataly Chavez
Chase Combs
Kassie Schwab

High Honors

6th Grade

Ellianna Davis
Kaiyden Lobban

7th Grade

Kora Zongker

8th Grade

Fatima Espinosa
Kyle Haskins
Lucille Steen

Falcon Athletic Club Hosts 3 on 3 Tournament



On April 16th the Falcon Athletic Club hosted their 25th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball

Tournament. The team “Old Guys” (consisting of Cody Cole, Todd Rambo, and

Jayson Artaz) defeated “Yerrr” (consisting of Damian Espinosa, Adre Ibarra, Emilio Ibarra and Caleb Yoder) for the championship. The winning team members received championship t-shirts.

The Falcon Athletic Club would like to thank all the players who participated as well as Fallon Brown, Mackenzie Fischer, Yareli Martinez, and Zack Zongker for helping with the scorekeeping. It was an exciting and competitive morning of basketball.

First Place Team: Cody Cole, Todd Rambo, and Jayson Artaz

Fairfield Middle School Drama Club presents

15 MORE REASONS NOT TO BE IN A PLAY

A short comedy by Alan Haehnel
Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

Friday, May 13, 2022
Fairfield Auditorium
10:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
Free admission

Daycare Easter Egg Hunt



Daycare had a fabulous morning for an Easter egg hunt! Even our Superintendent and District Clerk joined in helping us with the kiddos! So thankful to have so much support from the district!





USD 310 School Board Minutes

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 2022

1. Call to Order: Derek Zongker, President, called the Board Meeting to order on April 11, 2022, 6:30 p.m., BOE Meeting Room.

Roll Call found the following Board Members present:

Voting:	Non-Voting:
Derek Zongker — President	Betsy McKinney, Superintendent
Darren Busick	Amy Riggs, Clerk
Steven Westfahl — Vice President	
Jim Combs	
Seth Beck	
Jason Smyth	
Eric Kennedy	

Audience in Attendance.

Darrin SanRomani, Jessica Mathes.

Addition: 12.b.2. Danielle Prieb, Elementary Teacher.

Jim Combs and Eric Kennedy moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Audience with visitors. None at this time.

3. Board Member Comments.

Darren Busick shared that the school is an active part of the area's Care Portal, which is a program geared to meet family and student needs. The school's part of this effort is coordinated through Mrs. Barlow and Mr. Layne Pankratz.

Jim Combs thanked everyone for their hard work for both Prom and After-Prom.

Derek Zongker agreed that things went very well and there were zero problems. He said the students had a great time.

4. Educational Program:

Mrs. Mathes told the BOE about the changes in this year's Advisory Period. She also discussed the FMS Drug Prevention program on Tuesday's using the "Project Alert" curriculum. This is done in conjunction with both school social workers.

5. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

1. Monday March 21, 2022 (Regular).

b. Approve the bills and authorize payment.

Seth Beck and Darren Busick moved and seconded the approval of the consent agenda items. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Principal's Report.

Principal's reports included in the packet.

7. Superintendent's Update:

a. KESA Update. KESA Year Five Update - the District Leadership Team document was shared with the BOE, as well as initial results from the OVT visit on March 29, 2022. The OVT Chair, Solomon superintendent Justin Coup, told the DLT that we should have no problem receiving accreditation.

b. Daycare Playground. Plans for the daycare playground were shared and approved. The effort will be primarily funded by two large grants, in addition to other fundraising efforts.

c. Summer Program. The summer programs were reviewed. The dates for FES and FHS Credit Recovery will be from May 31 through June 24, 2022. The FMS program will begin a week later with a KSU sponsored STEM science program. Also, a special summer activity is the Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp, which will be held June 24th here on campus. It's for both boys and

girls, in two sessions (Grades 2-6 and 7-12.)

d. Other. The StopIt! Program was discussed. Fairfield was one of 15 Kansas schools chosen by the Smoky Hills Education Service Center to receive this program for free. It creates an anonymous reporting system as well as provides district staff with training and resources in Social-Emotional Learning. All that is left to do is to get approval from the sheriff's office.

8. Capital Outlay Projects.

List included in the packet.

9. Graduation Representatives:

a. FHS Graduation. Seth Beck and Derek Zongker.

b. FMS Promotion. Jim Combs and Darren Busick.

10. Committee Report(s):

a. RCEC (Steve Westfahl). Steven Westfahl reported that the RCEC Board approved the DEA assurance, reviewed the MOE report, and approved a hiring of a social worker for the infant/toddler program at Early Ed.

>>>>> Break 7:14 p.m. to 7:21 p.m.

11. Executive Session.

a. Teacher Negotiations.

Mr. President, I, Steven Westfahl, move we go into executive session at 7:21 p.m. for ten minutes, to discuss teacher negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the BOE meeting room at 7:31 p.m. Seth Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. McKinney was invited to join executive session.

b. Non-Elected Personnel.

Mr. President, I, Jim Combs, move we go into executive session at 7:32 p.m. for twenty minutes, to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the BOE meeting room at 7:52 p.m. Jason Smyth seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. San Romani was invited to join executive session.

Mr. President, I, Seth Beck, move we go into executive session at 7:52 p.m. for ten minutes, to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the BOE meeting room at 8:04 p.m. Jason Smyth seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. McKinney was invited to join executive session.

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12. Personnel.

a. Approval of Personnel.

1. Josh Lanning Academic Advisor. Steven Westfahl and Eric Kennedy moved and seconded the approval.

Motion carried 7-0.

>>>> Jason Smyth left the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

2. Megan Smyth Social Worker. Darren Busick and Seth Beck moved and seconded the approval. Motion carried 6-0.

>>>> Jason Smyth returned to the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

b. Approval of Resignation.

1. Mackenzie Spears FMS/FHS Band & Vocal Teacher. Eric Kennedy and Jason Smyth moved and seconded the approval of the resignation. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Danielle Prieb Elementary Teacher. Jim Combs and Jason Smyth moved and seconded the approval the resignation. Motion carried 7-0.

13. Adjournment.

Seth Beck and Jason Smyth moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Kindergarten Activities



Playing Shark Attack to practice our sight words and $-/+$ facts.



This structure was built using our waffle blocks and cups.



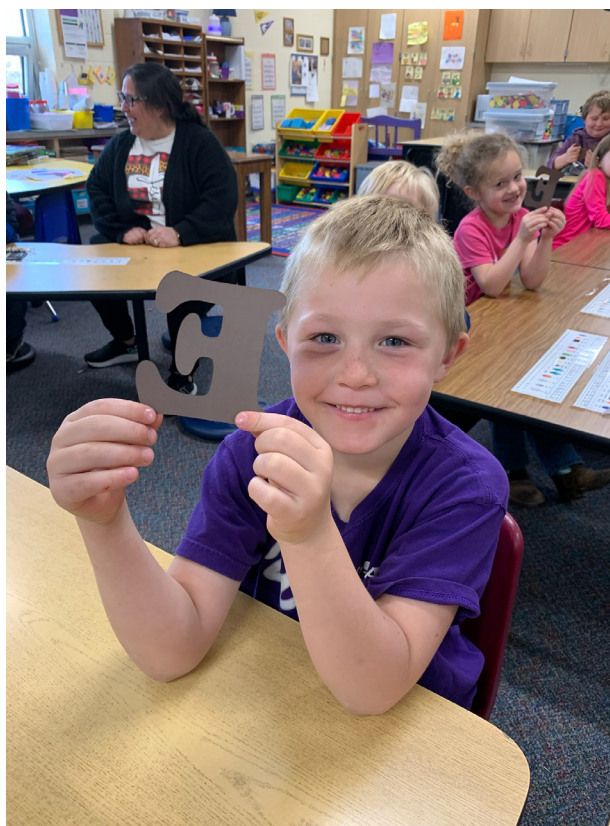
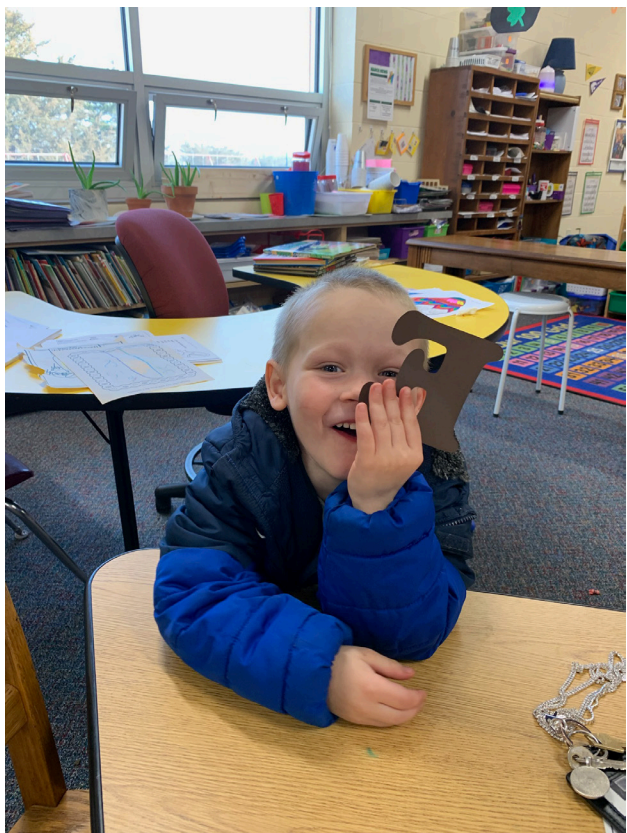
Kindergarten students get to play many games during our core reading time to help practice our skills- one of their favorite games is the cup game! They must say the sight word that is on each cup to see if they can find the hidden bear.



We have read books and talked about what it takes to be an architect in our classroom. After several weeks of working and playing with our magnets- we have had a couple of great structures built!



April Fools Day In Kindergarten





Fairfield FFA



April 2022

On Thursday, April 14th, the Fairfield FFA chapter held the annual banquet to celebrate all of the accomplishments members achieved in the past year. The chapter theme for the 2021-2022 school year was “The Sky’s The Limit.” Our chapter president Brady Fowler, stated our theme in his retiring address. Brady was also awarded the Armstrong Memorial Scholarship and the Sorenson Memorial Scholarship. This year, Brady Fowler and Camre Haumont were both awarded the Fairfield FFA Alumni scholarship. As all members in FFA know, the Greenhands are some of the most important people in our chapter. They are our future officers and leaders in our community. New members of the FFA chapter receive the

Greenhand Degree after their first year, this years recipients were: Caitlyn Fisher,

Ami Foster, Conner Fowler, Luella Gard, Aubure Katz, Matti Love, Yareli Martinez, Charles Mendenhall, Connor Middleton, MARRISA PUGH, Krestin Schumann and Aliciyah Torres. After announcing our Greenhand Degrees, we also recognized a Greenhand who stands out in their first year. This year’s star Greenhand was MARRISA PUGH. After the Greenhand ceremony we moved on to the members to achieve the FFA chapter degree, these recipients being: Erica

Gaeddert, Kelsee McMann, Mikayla Pugh, Erin Schwertfeger, Ethan Beck, Calen Wentz, Jaime Zapien and Rex Zongker. We then moved onto one of the most important degrees involved in FFA, this year’s state degree recipients were Brady Fowler, Paisley Smith and Zack Zongker. For the past thirteen years, a Fairfield student has achieved the DeKalb award, this being awarded to Brady Fowler, along with the Star Farmer award for the South Central Kansas District. Finally, some awards were also given to our community members, Angela Glascock and Heath Hewitt received our chapter Honorary degrees for the year. Last but not least, we would like to greatly thank our seniors, Brady Fowler, Jacob Bauman, Hunter Brown, Alayna Duffield, Camre Haumont and Kerstin Schumann for all their hard work and



dedication to this chapter and we are without a doubt going to miss them all next year. We wish them all the best in the future. Finally ending with our chapter pie auction, where the community members provided amazing pies to raise money for the chapter. We were able to raise money for our future events and would especially like to thank Kim Sorensen for her beautiful quilt. Thank everyone for our support and we hope to see you all in the future!

2022-2023 Chapter Officers:

President- Paisley Smyth
 Vice President- Erin Schwertfeger
 Secretary- Karly Combs
 Treasurer- Zack Zongker
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Join us for the K-State
SUMMER STEAM
VIRTUAL ACADEMY



June 6-23, 2022, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 2 PM

Facilitating Teacher: Mrs. Julie Steen

All students in grades 6th-8th are invited to attend STEAM Academy!

The Rural Education Center in the K-State College of Education, in collaboration with Fairfield Middle School, is offering Virtual Summer STEAM courses to enhance STEM awareness among middle schoolers. This classroom will offer instruction in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Aerospace Engineering taught by K-State faculty and facilitated by staff. Campers will receive hands-on experience with coding, robots, and drones.

Classes will take place in Fairfield classrooms. Mrs. Julie Steen will be present at all times. Transportation will be provided.

Monday-Thursday students will interact with K-State instructors to complete STEM activities. On Fridays, students go on various field trips.

The camp is **FREE** to students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily.

Schedule	Week 1 June 6-9, 2022	Week 2 June 13-16, 2022	Week 3 June 20-23, 2022
Weekly Session Focus (Mon.-Thurs., 9am-Noon)	Computer Science	Aerospace Engineering	Artificial Intelligence

Student Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Current School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

**A research consent form will be sent to this email address before the beginning of the camp to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. This form MUST be filled out prior to the start of the camp.*

Parent/Guardian Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Please return to the FHS/FMS office on or before May 13th
 Questions: Contact Julie Steen at jsteen@usd310.org or 620-596-2481



Recently a survey was given to teachers across Kansas as part of a program called the “Kansas Teacher Retention Initiative,” sponsored By Emporia State University. The goal of the program is “measuring, understanding, interpreting, and disseminating data-driven insights regarding the driving factors of teacher retention within school districts in Kansas. This program will continue overtime to track improvements and to collect data. The program was in response to a growing educator shortage through the United States. Not only is the study to collect data, but it is also to stimulate solutions-minded collaboration. Working with ESU on the study are the Kansas Association of School Boards, the Kansas National Education Association, and the United School Administrators. The surveys were collected in October through December of 2021.

Over 20,000 educators participated and 71% of those were classroom teachers. The average age was 43 years old and 44% classified themselves as Generation X (38% as Millennials.) There were 27% of educators who hold a second job outside of teaching, and 61% have worked in more than one school district in their teaching careers. Those taking the survey were asked to rate their likelihood of leaving their current role as an educator. Some of those results are as follows:

- 16% are “More Likely” and “Very Likely” to leave the education field.
- 14% are “More Likely” and “Very Likely” to retire in the next three years.
- 12% are “More Likely” and “Very Likely” to teach in a different district.
- 7% are “More Likely” and “Very Likely” to pursue an administrative role.

By combining the top two choices above, those who are more or very likely to exit our current educator pool is at 30% of our current teacher totals.

Those most likely to leave teaching come from three main subgroups: middle school teachers of students grades sixth through eighth; newer educators with 4-11 years of experience; and the Generation of ‘Millennials’ (ages 23-38.) The teacher groups with the lowest engagement levels included educators who live outside of the district they teach in; educators with 8 to 23 years experience, and the Generation of ‘Millennials’ (ages 23-38.) Some of the predominant reasons given for low education satisfaction include society’s view of the education profession and current salaries. For more information about this survey and its results, you can go to the following website:

<https://sites.google.com/g.emporia.edu/ks-teacher-retention/home>.

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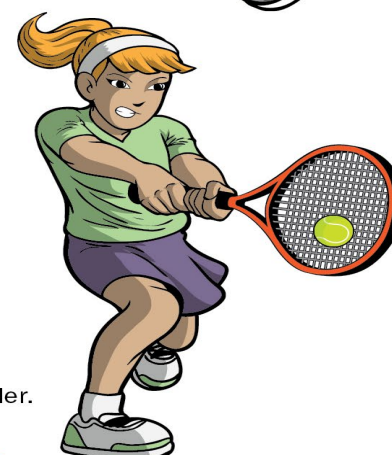
- Open to all children and teens **1–18**
- No registration or identification is required

Dates: May 31st to June 24th

Time: Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Fairfield Cafeteria

Contact: Jaqui Conrad 620-596-2007



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May Calendar

FAIRFIELD USD #310

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FHS Awards Banquet 6:30p FFA State CDE's @ Manhattan May 1 st -3 rd RCEC 7p	3 FMS Track @ Central Plains 1p	4 FES AR Store	5 FHS Track @ Pretty Prairie Crosley Invitational 3p Tennis Regionals May 5th-6th TBA	6 3rd Grade Wax Museum 8:45a-945a	7 State Forensics TBA
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9 BOE Meeting 6:30p	10 FMS/FHS & 5th Grade Band Spring Concert 6:30p	11 Baccalaureate 6p	12 Last Day for Seniors FMS HOPL Track @ Stafford 10a FHS HOPL Track @ Skyline 3p FES AR Reward Party	13 FMS Awards 2p FMS School Play 10a & 7p State Tennis May 13 th -14 th TBA	14
15 FHS Graduation 4p	16 8 th Grade Promotion 7p 8 th Grade Last Day	17 FES Awards 9a Lil' Falcon Field Day (PK-5) 12:30p	18 PK Last Day PK Celebration 3yr old: 9a 4yr old: 9:30p Kindergarten Roundup 10a FHS Finals 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip	19 FHS Finals	20 Last Day for K-11 Track Regionals - TBA	21
22	23 Teacher Work Day Last Day for Daycare	24	25	26	27 State Track - TBA	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY District Office Closed	31 FFA State Convention @ May 31 st -June 3rd				