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Fairfield kindergarten class August 2019!



7th Grade Math News

The seventh grade has been learning about mnemonics and how to use them to better their learning. They can be used in all subjects. Sometimes they are a drawing, or how you hold your hands, or the first letter of each word, etc. Mnemonics help to train your brain.

Food Service News

Everyday we are offering three entree choices. The students may choose the main dish on the menu or a school made ham sandwich or an uncrustable and string cheese combo entree. Hopefully this will help with picky eaters.

The food service staff is proud to welcome Mia Belvin to the kitchen. She brings a lot of energy and a sweet smile to the cafeteria.

Jr Class After Prom Fundraiser

Fairfield's Junior Class is busy raising funds for their After-Prom party. They will be offering a few different activities at home football and volleyball games. T-shirts will be sold during school and during games. We will have a Football Toss and winners will take home a 2-liter bottle of soda, and we will be offering face painting. Keep your eyes open for more information and pricing. Thanks for your support!

School Vehicles Ready To Go For The School Year



Fairfield held their bus inspections on August 14th. The fleet is all up and running for the new school year. Big thanks to Tyler Eash and Rolla Fetterman for all their hard work.



Unruh Math News

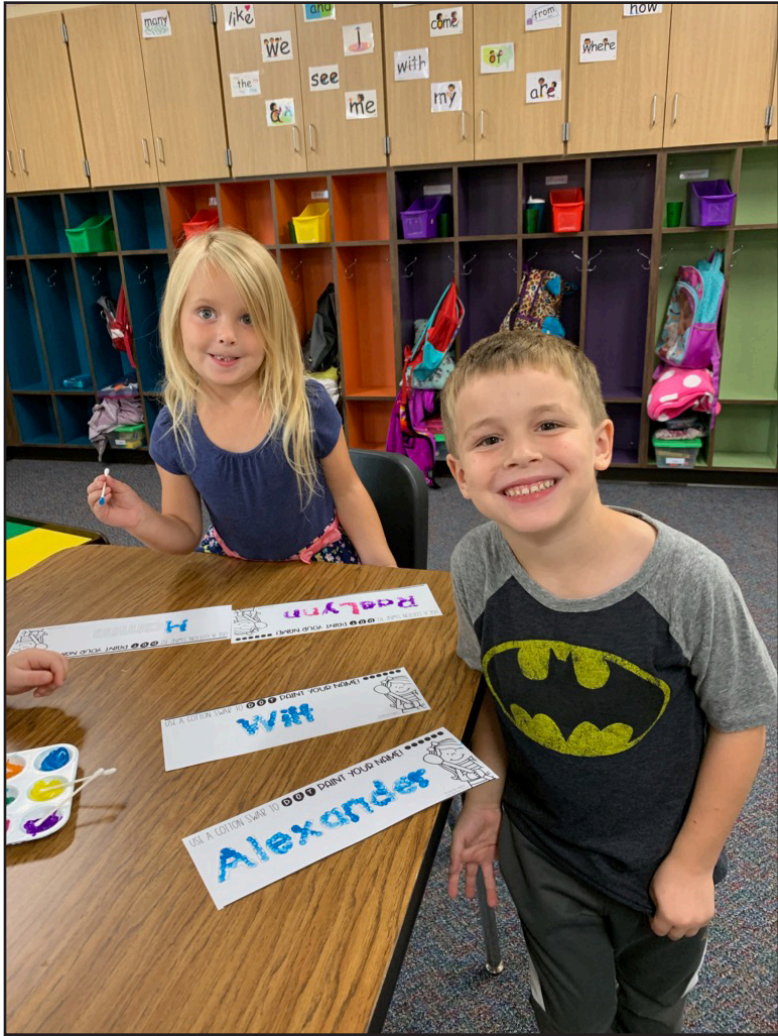


We have a great group of seniors taking Senior Math this semester. The concepts will be taught out of an Intermediate Algebra textbook. This course work gives the students a quick review of math concepts needed to prepare them for College Algebra. After students have completed this first semester class, they will be taking College Algebra during second semester. Students that receive a qualifying score on either the math portion of their ACT or an Accuplacer test will take College Algebra for dual credit through Hutchinson Community College. The students taking Senior Math/College Algebra include: Bailey Basye, Kaylyn Bauman, Serena Chantra, Chris Feulner, Abigail Geesling, and Felicity Nienke. I am very proud of their hard work and look forward to teaching these seniors all year.

First Grade Practicing Indoor Recess Center!



Kindergarten Students Painting Their Names For The Classroom.



Fairfield Welcomes Two New More New Classified Staff

There are two new employees at Fairfield U.S.D. #310, and both are Fairfield graduates. Hannah Richardson is the new paraprofessional for Mrs. William's three-year-old class. Also new is Mia Belvin, who will take on the role as Assistant Cook. We asked these two ladies to share information about themselves with you, so here it is.



“Hi! My name is Hannah Richardson. You probably thought once I graduated I’d be out of Fairfield forever, but I guess I can’t stay away! I am going to be working as a para for the three year old pre-k class while I’m taking classes through Cowley County Community College online. I’m majoring in creative writing, but I’m not completely sure what I’m going to do with that at the moment. I love writing and in my free time I watch a lot of netflix and spend time with my friends. I’m so excited to be working at Fairfield!”



“Hello! I am Mia Belvin. I graduated in May 2018 from Fairfield High School. My hobbies include sudoku and reading anything from Kasie West. My father, brother, and I all graduated from Fairfield High School. My sisters still attend there and my mother used to work there. My grandmother, Janis Murphy, works there as well. I am excited to be back with all the people that made me who I am today, and also getting to see my family everyday is my favorite part. I will be working as an assistant cook, and I will help prep and make breakfast and lunch everyday.”

Blast From The Past

Article Two

This is the second of a series of articles concerning the early history of the Fairfield District. Article Reprinted from April 29, 1961.

FAIRFIELD VOTE BACKS DISTRICT

Fairfield Rural High School District voters voted Saturday to retain the district. Two-thirds of the district voters balloted against disorganization. Final vote was 765 against disorganization and 368 for it. Langdon, where a consolidated school would be situated, voted 221 against disorganization and 17 for. Turon recorded 224 no votes and 207 yes votes. Plevna had 179 novotes and 87 yes votes. Abbyville voted 141 against disorganization and 67 for. This was the fifth election in the troubled life of the district. Fairfield was formed by consolidation of Plevna, Langdon, Abbyville, and Turon by a 454 to 189 vote March 6, 1959. Since then patrons have defeated a bond issue (by a vote of 530 to 474 on May 14, 1960) and approved an \$890,000 (by a vote of 516 to 434 on June 18, 1960), and picked the Junkyard Corner site for the new school in a special election. Last month, opposition to building a new school at this time boiled into a full-fledged row. Petitions were circulated to delay construction, but were rejected by the board because they did not meet legal requirements.

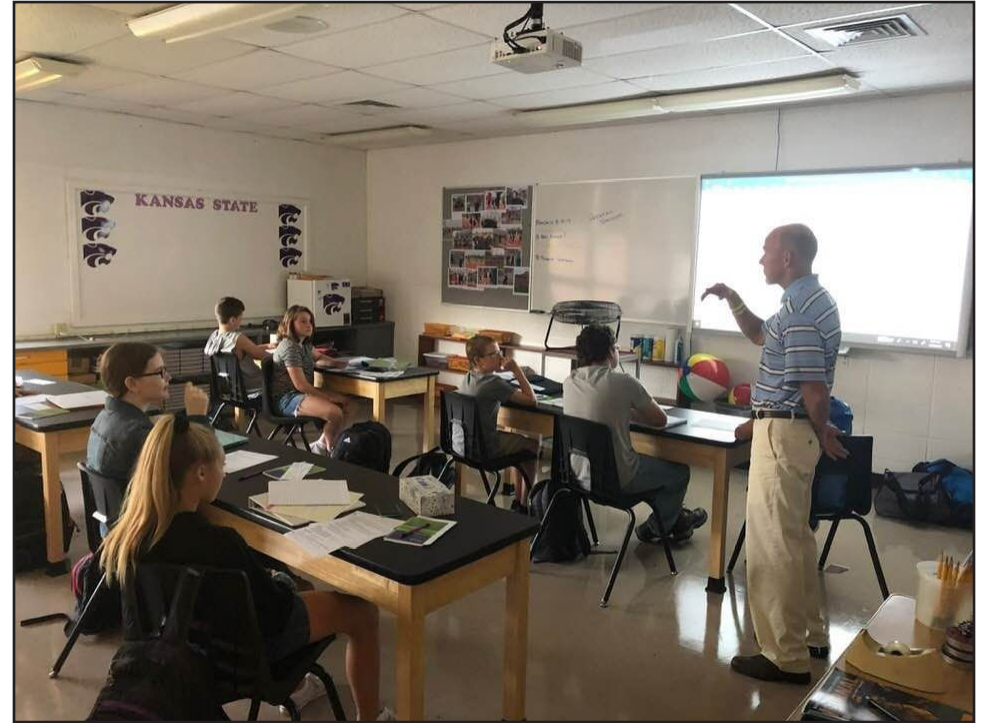
New School Year Underway

The 2019-2020 school year is underway! This is going to be an exciting year for our students. Our students have been busy adjusting to a new school year and all that comes with it! September is a busy month here at Fairfield. Be sure to check the website for all of the upcoming events.

We have new staff members who have joined us for the 2019-2020 school year. Nathan Schaefer will be teaching government, US History, World History and Current Events. Mr. Schaefer will also be coaching high school boys basketball. John New has returned to the district this year. Mr. New will be teaching art along with psychology. We are excited to have both of these teachers at Fairfield!

This year, our middle school football team will be combining with Stafford due to a low number of middle school students at each school. Practices and games will alternate between Fairfield and Stafford. The volleyball schedule will also be affected by this joint venture. This year, the volleyball team will play a triangular on each game night.

---Mrs. Jessica Mathes
7-12 Principal



Mr. Bingham's 8th grade science class on the first day of school!

Game and Practice Schedule

Fairfield-Stafford Middle School Football Schedule:

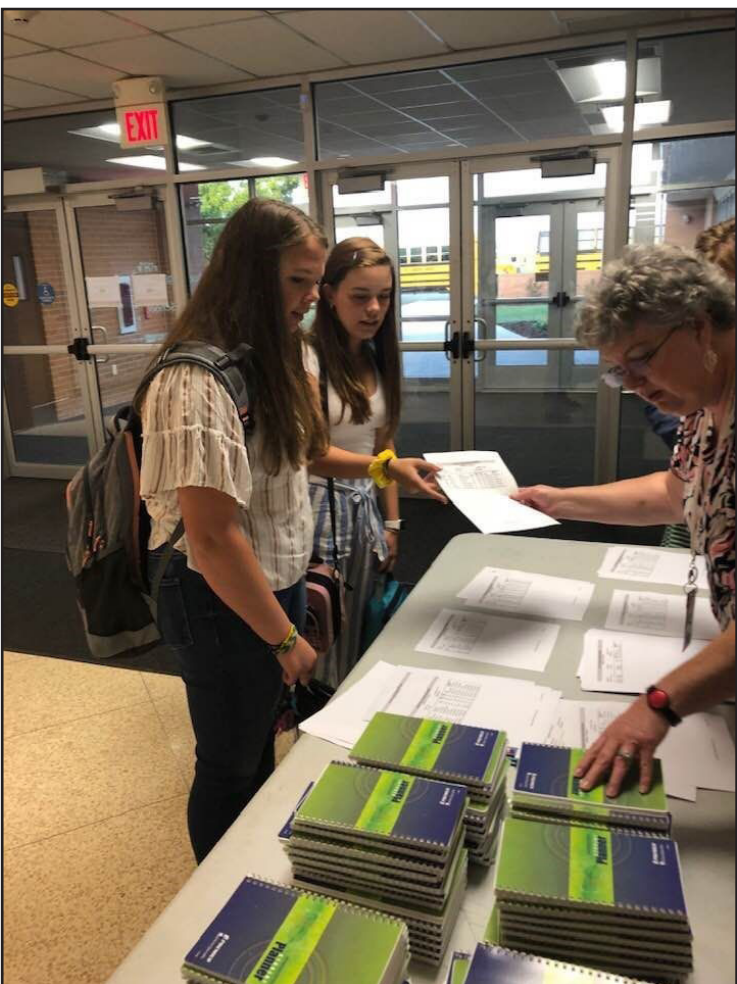
Week #	Week Dates	Where is practice?	Where is the game?	Date of Game
1	8/19-8/23	Fairfield	No Game	NA
2	8/26-8/30	Stafford	@ Fairfield, 8/30 @5 pm Preview Night	8/30 Friday (5 pm)
3	9/3-9/6	Stafford*	@ Burrton	9/5 Thursday (6 pm)
4	9/9-9/13	Fairfield	@ Fairfield (vs. Cunningham)	9/12 Thursday (6 pm)
5	9/16-9/20	Stafford	@ Stafford (vs. South Barber)	9/19 Thursday (6 pm)
6	9/23-9/27	Fairfield	@ Norwich	9/26 Thursday (6 pm)
7	9/30-10/4	Fairfield	@ Fairfield (vs. Attica)	10/3 Thursday (6 pm)
8	10/7-10/11	Stafford	@ Pretty Prairie	10/10 Thursday (6 pm)
9	10/14-10/18	Stafford	@ Stafford (vs. Skyline) *****Parents' Night	10/17 Thursday (6 pm)



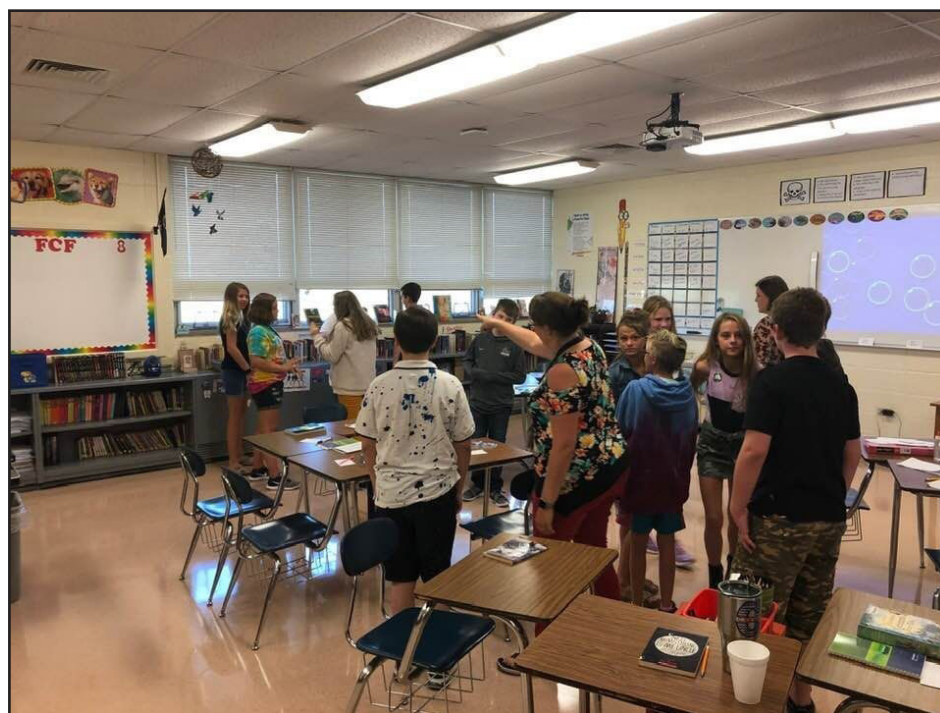
Freshmen Taylor Mathes and Dylan Metzger listen as Mr. Hirt discusses class expectations on the first day of class at FHS.



Freshmen girls are ready for a great year!

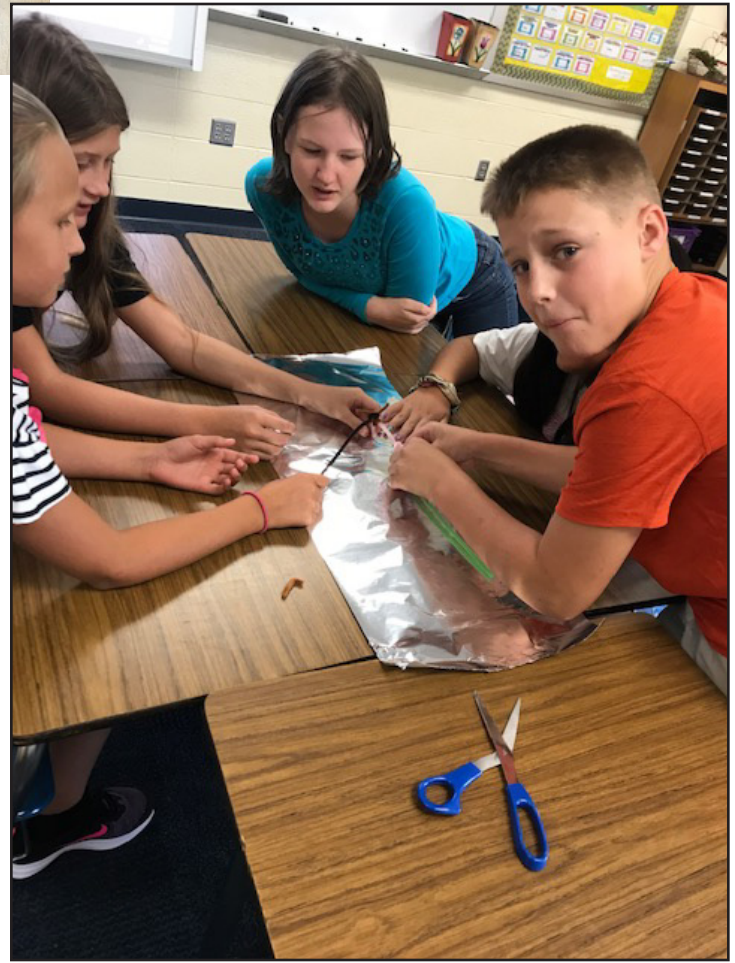
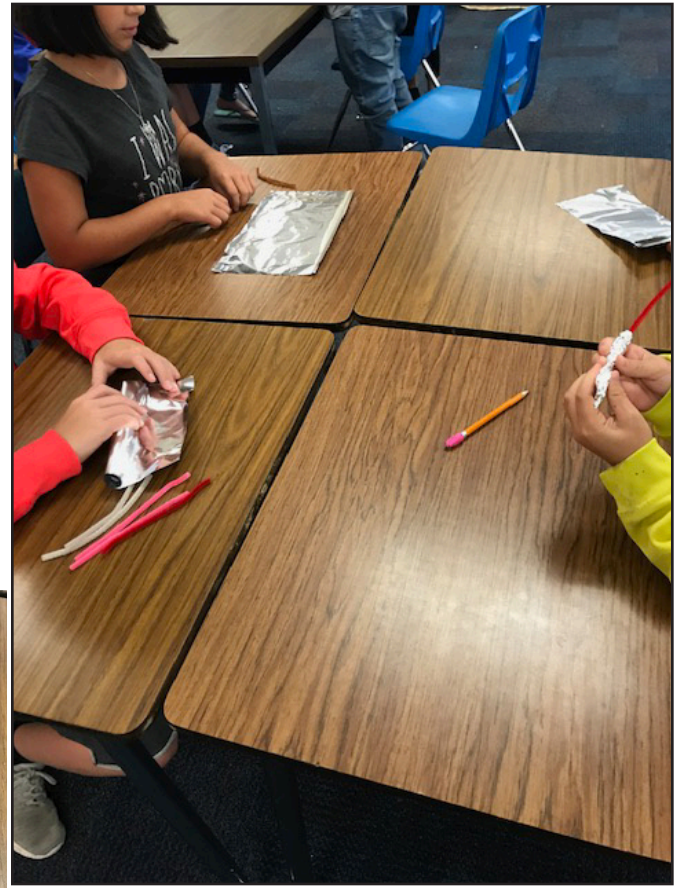


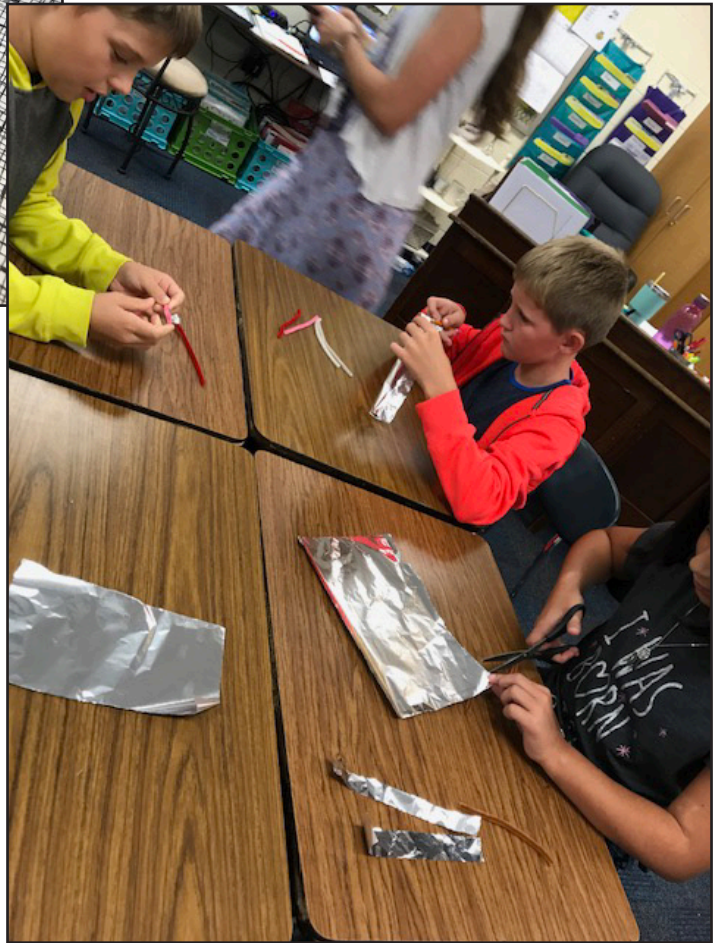
Students Dusti Ryan and Kayley Brown pick up their schedules from Mrs. Glascock on the first day of school.



7th graders in Ms. Juenemann's class participate in an icebreaker activity on the first day of school!

6th Grade Math Challenge





FFA News



As the school year gets ready to begin the Fairfield FFA officer team took another officer retreat. This year the officer team consist of President- Abby Geesling, Vice President Garry Haskins, Tresurer- Eva Schwertfeger, Secretary- Kaylyn Bauman, Reporter- Kaylie Combs, Sentinel- Jose Zapien and Student Advisor- Brady Fowler. We traveled to Ms. Fulk's hometown of Mansfield Ohio.



After a good nights sleep on the road we go again, but this time we split into groups all the girls went to Crossroads Candle Factory, Cooper Mills jam and jelly factory and then the Hords Livestock hog farm where the girls learned how a hog farm operated which included 15,000 sows.. The boys split up to have more fun Jose Zapien and Brady Fowler went with Ms.Fulk's uncle Hollis and cousins Mark and Adam to tour H.E Walter Farms and Grain. A very modern farm with 300,000 bushels of storage on sight. Then to the welding shop Garry Haskins went with uncle Phil. Garry had the opportunity to operate some of the machinery as well. After all the fun the time had come to say our goodbyes and wipe our eyes because who would want to leave the beautiful O-H-I-O. After the long 15 hours we made it back safely to wonderful Kansas home sweet home.



Ms.Fulk's FFA advisor invited us to come tour the robotic dairy. The Albright farm was a great experience for our officer team and it's always fun to hear crazy stories about our teacher.



After arriving in Ohio and getting settled in our adventures begin with the Fulk Family Farm's where the officers spent the day touring Crestview High School and meeting the Crestview officer team and of course learning how the Fulk family milks cows. We finish the day with a good swim in the pond.



After the long day before we had no time to rest we have more fun to come. We traveled to Marblehead State Park to see the glorious lighthouse then to Lake Erie we go where we swam. Wwe had a cookout with the whole Fulk family where we played games, had a bonfire and made Smores.



DO YOU NEED FRIDAY CHILDCARE FOR YOUR PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHILD?



IF SO....CHECK OUT OUR FUN FRIDAY PROGRAM DETAILS:

Who is this for? Only Fairfield Pre-K (3 and 4 year-old-students)

When is the program? On Fridays when there is school at
Fairfield USD #310

What do we do? Crafts, Learn, Play, Sing, Dance, Create,
Artwork, & have fun every Friday.

Who is in charge? Leslie Richardson, Fairfield Pre-Kindergarten
Paraeducator

What is the cost? \$30 per Friday, payable in advance (meals/milk
for snacks are both extra expenses on parents if you don't
qualify don't for free/reduced). You must fill out paperwork
in advance to be able to attend.

When does it start? Friday, August 30th

Can my student ride the bus? Yes, just like a regular school day

Is there a limit on the number of students? Yes, so contact Mrs.
Richardson ASAP at lrichardson@usd310.org. First priority
will be given to any student who attended last year AND who
will be present on each Friday.

USD 310 School Board Minutes

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2019

Order: Derek Zongker, President, called the Board Meeting to order on

1. Call to

August 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Fairfield BOE Meeting Room.

Roll Call found the following Board Members present:

Voting:	Non-Voting:
Derek Zongker - President	Betsy McKinney, Superintendent
Martha Robertson	Amy Riggs, Clerk
Steven Westfahl — Vice President	
Jim Combs	

Absent: Eric Geesling,
Seth Beck.

Audience in Attendance.

Jason Smyth.

Jim Combs and Brent Fowler moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

2. Audience with visitors. None at this time.

3. Board Member Comments.

Derek Zongker commented on how nice the campus looks and wanted to thank the summer help for all of their hard work.

Brent Fowler commented on the positive improvements around the football field area.

4. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

1. Monday, July 8, 2019 (Regular).

b. Approve the bills and authorize payment. c. Approval of Gifts / Grants:

1. Kansas State Department of Education (Safe and Secure School Grant) \$2,825.00.

2. Small Rural Schools Grant \$20,679.00.

3. Mental Health Intervention Grant \$32,785.00.

4. After School Enhancement Grant \$5,495.00.

5. Hutchinson Community Foundation (3yr old) \$5,469.49.

Approve Consent Agenda Items Con't:

d. Approval of KASB Policy CGK.

Jim Combs and Martha Robertson moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Superintendent's Update:

a. Back to School In-Service. Mrs. McKinney invited the BOE members to come to the Employee and Teacher of the Year Awards presentations that were being held during the Back To School in-service.

b. FMS Football Update. Included in the packet. At this time there are thirteen players. Practice times are still being worked out at this time.

c. Enrollment. FES numbers have increased by nine students and FMS/FHS have increased by two students as of today.

d. Staffing Update. Mrs. McKinney let the BOE know of the new staff that has been hired.

6. Capital Outlay Projects.

a. Project Updates. List included in the packet. Mrs. McKinney did let the BOE know that the foam from the driveway concrete does need to be repaired before winter. This was a recommendation from Maintenance Director Aaron Basye.

7. Committee Report(s):

a. RCEC (Steve Westfahl).

The 2019-2020 budget was approved. RCEC has signed contracts for new therapists.

>>>>>>> Break 7:48 p.m. to 8:18 p.m.

8. Executive Session.

a. Non-Elected Personnel.

Mr. President, I, Brent Fowler, move we go into executive session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room 8:28 p.m. Seconded by Jim Combs. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. McKinney was invited to join executive session.

Mr. President, I, Brent Fowler, move we go into executive session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room 8:33 p.m. Seconded by Jim Combs. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. McKinney was invited to join executive session.

b. Matters Pertaining to a Student.

Mr. President, I, Steven Westfahl, move we go into executive session at 8:33 p.m. to discuss confidential student information for the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Martha Robertson. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. McKinney was invited to join executive session.

Mr. President, I, Steven Westfahl, move we go into executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss confidential student information for the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Martha Robertson. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. McKinney was invited to join executive session.

9. Personnel:

a. Approval of Personnel.

1. Diane Wilt — Bus Driver.

2. Mia Belvin — Food Service.

3. Hannah Richardson — Pre-K Para.

Jim Combs and Brent Fowler moved and seconded the approval of personnel. Motion carried. 5-0.

b. Approval of Contracts for 2019-2020:

1. Betsy McKinney - Superintendent.

2. Jessica Mathes - FMS/FHS Principal.

3. Dan-in San Romani - FES Principal.

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b. Approval of Contracts for 2019-2020 Con't:

Brent Fowler and Jim Combs moved and seconded the approval of the contracts for 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Adjournment.

Steven Westfahl and Jim Combs moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

USD 310 Employees Honored



Congratulations to the Fairfield Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Cindy Roth, who was recognized and honored today. Thanks for all you do and have done for Fairfield students, Mrs. Roth



*Proud
Of Our
Faculty*



Aaron Basye and Jaqui Conrad were both recognized today as Fairfield's Co-Employees of the Year. Aaron is our Director of Maintenance while Jaqui serves as our Food Service Director. Board President Derek Zongker presented the awards with Superintendent Betsy McKinney.

Three Fairfield USD 310 employees were recently honored at the back-to-school district in-service meeting.

Selected as "Fairfield Teacher of the Year" was Cindy Roth, who teaches elementary music and also serves as the After-School Program Director. Roth, who has been with the district for 39 years, graduated from Tabor College and earned her master's degree from Wichita State University. She was chosen from among several nominees by the district's Professional Development Council.

"The Professional Development Committee chose Mrs. Roth as our Teacher of the Year because of her long term commitment to the children of USD 310. She continues to show the love of her students by showing up every day with energy, and she also has a willingness to teach and learn more herself," said Committee Chairperson Lou Ann Buckwalter.

Selected as one of two "Co-Employees of the Year" was Maintenance Director Aaron Basye, a 1990 Fairfield High School graduate who has been with the district for 12 years.



More Than 1,000 Violations Reported In 2019 one-Day Survey

Stop on Red, Kids Ahead is a new campaign launched by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to bring awareness to the Kansas school bus stop arm law.

As Kansas schools gear up for the 2019-2020 school year, it is critical for drivers to be vigilant when school buses are in the vicinity and to obey the law, which requires all motorists to stop when approaching a stopped school bus from either direction when it's displaying its flashing red lights and stop arm. Motorists have to remain stopped until the bus is no longer displaying its flashing red lights and stop arm. Violation of the law endangers children and is punishable by a fine and court costs in excess of \$420.

The Stop on Red, Kids Ahead campaign includes news releases, social media reminders, posters for schools, safety flyers, informational handouts and bumper stickers.

In April 17, 2019, Kansas bus drivers reported 1,040 stop arm violations. The data was collected during the Kansas One-Day Stop Arm Violation Count. There were 220 districts and 3,300 buses that participated in this year's Kansas survey. In April 2018, 214 districts and 3,347 buses participated and reported 1,030 violations. There were 691 violations reported by 188 districts (2,527 buses) in April 2017.

The surveys are conducted every year at the request of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, said Keith Dreiling, director of KSDE's School Bus Safety Unit.

"School bus safety should be a top priority year-round," Dreiling said. "It is the responsibility of everyone to make sure Kansas students remain safe. School buses remain very safe, but we know that student passengers are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus, so please obey the stop arm law."

When a school bus stops and activates its stop arm and flashing red lights, all traffic must stop from both directions – despite if it is a two- or four-lane roadway. When a school bus stops and activates its stop arm and flashing red lights on a divided highway with a median separation, traffic approaching the bus from behind must stop.

For more information on the Kansas One-Day Stop Arm Violation Count, visit <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/School-Bus-Safety/School-Bus-Safety-Illegal-Passing-Information>.

Remember, Stop on Red, Kids Ahead

AFTER SCHOOL AND ACTIVITY ROUTES

The buses leave the school at 5:30 pm

There are in-town drop offs only!

Doug: Arlington and Abbyville

Arlington: 5:45 pm Bank/Old School

Abbyville: 6 pm west of Fire Station

Penny: Turon and Langdon

Langdon: 5:40 pm Bus Barn

Turon: 5:45 pm to 5:50 pm Old School

Enola: Sylvia and Plevna

Sylvia: 5:45 pm City Park/City Hall 5:50

Plevna: 6:05 pm Old Bank



Back To School Night






Many of our Pre-K 3 families visited Mrs. Williams classroom for Back To School Night on August 16th. Our youngest Fairfield Falcons were excited to visit their classroom as they explored finding their cubbies, their chair to sit at and of course looking at all the fun centers they will enjoy playing at with new friends. We are looking forward to another fantastic year in Pre-K 3!





WHO'S DYING TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?



Announcement! This year's high school play will be "Who's Dying to be a Millionaire?" Auditions will be at the beginning of September. This group is for cast and crew and they parents for announcements and information. If you would like to audition this year, make sure you are part of this group!
The middle school drama club play will be chosen later in January.

USD 310 School Board Minutes

BOARD MEETNG MNUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
SPECIAL MEETNG - BUDGET HEARNG 2019-2020

1. Call to Order: Derek Zongker, President, called the Board Meeting to order on August 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Superintendent's Office.

Roll Call found the following Board Members present:

Voting:	Non-Voting:
Derek Zongker, President	Betsy McKinney, Superintendent
Eric Geesling	Amy Riggs, Clerk
Steven C. Westfahl, Vice-President	
Brent Fowler	
Martha Robertson	

Absent: Jim Combs and Seth Beck

Brent Fowler and Eric Geesling moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience in Attendance.

None.

2. USD #310 Budget:

a. Budget Hearing,

Mrs. McKinney reviewed the mill rate and informed the BOE that it was decreased by almost 1.4 mills. At this time, we will not need to republish.

b. Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget.


Martha Robertson and Eric Geesling moved and seconded to approve the 2019-2020 Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Adjournment.


Steven Westfahl and Brent Fowler moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 5-0.

Breakfast And Lunch Menus

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST 2019

2 NO SCHOOL	3 STRING CHEESE CEREAL JUICE PEARS MILK	4 BREAKFAST PIZZA JUICE MANDARIN ORANGES MILK	5 PANCAKES JUICE TROPICAL FRUIT MILK	6 CHOC. DONUTS CEREAL JUICE FRUIT MILK
9 POPART CEREAL JUICE PEARS MILK	10 MUFFIN CEREAL PEACHES JUICE MILK	11 SAUSAGE LINKS CEREAL FRUIT COCKTAIL JUICE MILK	12 BREAKFAST SLIDER JUICE PINEAPPLE TIDBITS MILK	13 BREAKFAST ROUND CEREAL JUICE TROPICAL FRUIT MILK
16 STRAWBERRY BAGEL CEREAL PINEAPPLE RINGS JUICE MILK	17 SOFT PRETZEL MANDARIN ORANGES JUICE MILK	18 BANANA BREAD FRUIT CUP JUICE MILK	19 BISCUITS & GRAVY PEACHES JUICE MILK	20 POP TART CEREAL TROPICAL FRUIT JUICE MILK
23 STRING CHEESE CEREAL PINEAPPLE TIDBITS JUICE MILK	24 SUPPER DONUT PEACHES JUICE MILK	25 HAM COMBO PEARS JUICE MILK	26 BREAKFAST PIZZA MANDARIN ORANGES JUICE MILK	27 LONG JOHN CEREAL FRUIT MILK
30 FRENCH TOAST JUICE PINEAPPLE TIDBITS MILK				

SEPTEMBER LUNCH 2019

2 NO SCHOOL	3 CHICKEN WRAP MIXED VEGETABLES PINEAPPLE RINGS MILK MUFFIN 9-12	4 DELI SANDWICH COTTAGE CHEESE FRESH VEGETABLES W.G. CHIPS PEACHES MILK	5 GOULASH GREEN BEANS BABY CARROTS WATERMELON 2 oz ROLL MILK	6 CORN DOGS BAKED BEANS TRI TATER ORANGE WEDGE MILK
9 NACHOS CORN PICANTE SAUCE TROPICAL FRUIT MILK	10 TACOS PICANTE SAUCE REFRIED BEANS APPLESAUCE MILK	11 CHICKEN TENDERS MASHED POTATOES GTAVY CARROTS CINNAMON APPLES MILK	12 MEAT BALL SUBS GREEN BEANS BABY CARROTS MIXED FRUIT MILK	13 QUESADILLA NORMANDY VEGETABLES MARINARA SAUCE STRAWBERRY SIDE KICKS MILK
16 CHICKEN NUGGETS MASHED POTATOES GRAVY CARROTS SLICED PEARS MILK 1oz ROLL 9-12	17 CRISITOS PICANTE SAUCE REFRIED BEANS GRAPES MILK	18 COUNTRY STEAK AuGRATIN POTATOES CALIFORINA BLEND VEGETABLES APPLE WEDGE MILK	19 SPAGHETTI GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE TIDBITS GARLIC TOAST MILK	20 HAMBURGERS FRENCH FRIES FRESH CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI MANDARIN ORANGES MILK
23 MR.RIB/BUN SWEET POTATOE FRIES CUCUMBERS ORANGE WEDGE MILK	24 TACO SALAD PICANTE SAUCE REFRIED BEANS TOMATOES LETTUCE FRUIT COCKTAIL MILK	25 SAUSAGE PIZZA CORN CAULIFLOWER STRAWBERRIES MILK	26 SLOPPY JOE/BUN PEAS & CARROTS FRENCH FRIES SLICED PEARS MILK	27 CHICKEN SANDWICH SWEET POTATO GEMS PEAS BABY CARROTS PEACHES MILK
30 BEEF NACHOS PICANTE SAUCE BLACK BEANS PEARS MILK	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE			FRESH SALAD SERVED EVERYDAY

Tallman Education Report - Back to School Highlights: More Excitement Than Usual This Year

By Mark Tallman, KASB Association Executive Director

As nearly half a million Kansas public school students return to class for 2019-20, here are some highlights of a new school year.

Higher goals for students. Nearly 90 percent of students now graduate from high school “on time” in four years. That is the highest rate ever, and graduation requirements are higher than ever before.

However, over 70 percent of future jobs are expected to require more than a high school diploma alone. Kansas employers already report shortages of qualified workers in many areas.

To increase the number of students going on to successful complete postsecondary training, schools are working with students and families to develop individual plans of study based on career interests so their high school choices better match what they want to do. Schools are expanding real world work-based learning, from guest speakers and field trips to full internships and student-run businesses. Over 13,600 high school students received college credit last year, compared to just 4,125 in 1996. For the first time last year, the state paid for all students to take the ACT test and Workkeys career skills test at no charge.

The State Board of Education is also rolling out a new school recognition system this year, which will give awards to schools based on high results in student testing, graduation, postsecondary participation and civic engagement, with more categories added in the future.

Kindergarten readiness. The experiences of young children impact not only their success in school but the rest of their lives. There are vast differences among kindergarteners in language, ability to interact with other children and basic personal skills. Those differences can last throughout the child’s school years.

As the state looks for ways to improve services to preschool children and their families, schools are both expanding their preschool programs and trying to partner with and support other childcare providers and families.

Health and safety. School leaders are increasingly worried that the biggest challenges facing many students are not academic but mental and physical health and safety. Youth suicide rates have been climbing, more students are using electronic cigarettes or vaping, concerns about harassment and bullying, especially on-line, are growing, and educators report increasingly serious emotional and behavioral problems affecting not only a particular child but the entire classroom. All this is against the backdrop of mass shootings in schools and other public places.

In response, schools across the state have been adding counselors, mental health staff and school resource officers; and partnering with local health providers and law enforcement. Many districts have also added security features to school buildings. These programs have been supported by increased state funding and grants for mental health programs and safety improvements. In addition, state committees and agencies have been developing recommendations and resources to combat bullying, violence and vaping in schools.

School redesign. Although most students do well in the current system, too many children still struggle, and many more students will need to reach higher levels to be successful after high school. As a result, schools across the state are working on ways to redesign how they operate. These changes focus on both higher academic expectations and more support for social and emotional needs; stronger partnerships with families, business and communities; more personalized learning for students and more real-world experiences.

Some schools are doing this as part of the State Board of Education’s “Moonshot”

redesign program, with Mercury, Gemini and Apollo groups; others are working on their own. Educator pay. From 2009 to 2017, as state funding was cut or lagged behind inflation, teacher salaries fell behind inflation, teacher salaries in other states and pay for other professions. One result is a serious shortage of quality educators in many areas.

Now, after three straight years of increased state funding, most school districts have been able to raise salaries to more competitive levels. Some, however, continue to struggle with declining enrollment that results in reduced funding. Districts are also balancing pay for current employees with adding staff for new programs, as well as salaries for other school jobs that are also in competition with other employers.

Court approved funding. For the first time in five years, the school year opens without a court order for the Legislature to address aspects of school funding. The Kansas Supreme Court ruled in June the Legislature had resolved constitutional concerns by adopting a series of funding increases beginning in 2017-18 and continuing through 2022-23. This plan is designed to restore school operating funding to inflation-adjusted 2009 levels. The Court, however, has retained jurisdiction as the phase-in continues over the next four years.

Every school year begins with excitement. This year, there really are exciting new things happening in Kansas public schools.

Source:

https://kasb.org/blog/back-to-school-highlights-more-excitement-than-usual-this-year/?utm_source=KASB+Members+-+December+2012&utm_campaign=1708c6098e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_24_COPY_04&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0e36d3bc0d-1708c6098e-216093073

We hope to see YOU at the next FPO Meeting!



FPO stands for Falcon Parent Organization, consisting of parent/guardians and teachers working together to support our school. Our objective is to provide our school with funds that will go directly back to the school for school field trips, school/sports equipment, teacher appreciation week and more.

Come be a part of our energetic group!

Next Meeting is Monday, September 16th 7:00 p.m.
Fairfield High School Library

Spring Break, March of 2021

Fairfield's Second Washington DC trip

Informational meeting in the auditorium

Monday, September 30, 2019 6:00 PM

Students currently in 6th—11th grade have the opportunity to go to Washington DC over the spring break holiday in 2021.

FINANCIAL AID is available and ample. Don't let money be your deciding factor until you have all of the information!

The families of these students are allowed to come on the trip as well.

Come see your Fairfield friends who took the trip last March.

Learn more about the trip and how to go at the informational meeting.



Fairfield MS/HS

Are you wondering what

L.I.F.E.

is all about?

L.I.F.E. = Literacy Integrated Family Engagement

LIFE is a program sponsored by KRR to help give families an opportunity to engage with one another in a fun and laid back environment, set aside from the hustle and bustle of the average American Family day. For 8 days in the fall, and then again in the spring, the LIFE program hosts families for 2 hours in the evening, providing a sit down home-cooked meal, family game time, family arts/crafts time, parent group time, where you can mingle and network with other parents and share tips and concerns on parenting, recreation time for the kids, one-on-one play time with parent and child, and book circle, which allows family reading time. The evening is organized to be an environment supporting a culture of literacy and aimed at increasing the children's reading skills, while also geared towards helping them grow within their social and emotional intelligence.

Oh, and did I mention gifts and prizes!?

At the end of every evening, each family is gifted a basket of goodies that supports the theme for the evening, as well as a family book to take home and add to your personal library!

So come join the fun, and find out for yourself what L.I.F.E. is all about!!

The next 8 sessions of LIFE are fast approaching, they are as follows:

- *Monday September 23rd
- *Monday September 30th
- *Monday October 7th
- *Monday October 14th
- *Monday October 21st
- *Monday November 4th
- *Monday November 11th
- *Monday November 18th

Family



Dinner each night will be provided by Cara's Café & Pizzeria

Space is limited, so if you and your family would like to participate, prompt response is encouraged. The only requirement is that you have at least one child in your family that is in elementary school grade K-3rd. My contact information is below. I look forward to seeing you at LIFE!

GRADUATION!



FAMILY GIFT BASKETS!



FAMILY READ ALOUD TIME!



FAMILY DINNER TIME!

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Family Games & Activities!



September Calendar

FAIRFIELD USD #310

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL District Office Closed LABOR DAY	3 FHS VB (Home) 4p Soph. Class Ring Mtg 9:30a Josten's Sr Grad. Mtg 9:45a RCEC 7p	4	5 FHS CC @ Pretty Prairie 4p FMS VB 4p/FB 6p @ Burrton	6 FHS FB (Home) vs Wheatland 3p State Fair Begins	7 FHS CC @ Hoisington 9a FHS VB Tournament @ Inman 9a
8 Grandparent's Day	9 Picture Day 7:45a BOE Meeting 7p	10 FHS VB @ So Barber w/ Attica 4p Soph. Class Ring Orders Due Josten's Sr Grad. Orders Due	11 FHS Band Performing @ State Fair	12 FMS VB 4p/FB 6p (Home) vs Cunningham 5th Grade Band Display 6p-7p Dental Exams – All Grades	13 FHS FB (Home) vs So. Barber 7p FES Grandparent's Day Celebration 2p	14 ACT Testing FHS CC @ Skyline 10a FHS VB @ Goessel 8:30a
15	16 FFA Greenhand Confer. @ Renwick 9a FPO Meeting 7p (MS/HS Library)	17 FHS VB @ Cunningham w/ So Barber 4p	18	19 FMS VB 4p/FB 6p (Home) vs So. Barber FHS CC @ St. John 4p	20 FHS FB @ Burrton 7p OFFICAL COUNT DAY	21
22	23 Progress Reports Due AUTUMN BEGINS	24 FHS VB (Home) vs Norwich & Stafford 4p	25 FFA District Land @ Centre 9a	26 FMS VB 4p/FB 6p @ Norwich FHS CC @ Larned 3:30p	27 ACT Deadline for Oct 67 th Testing HOMECOMING/DANCE FHS FB (Home) vs Pretty Prairie 7p FFA Pork Chop BBQ (Shop) 4p-8p	28
29	30 Grades 6-11 Parent Meeting for Washington DC Trip 6:30p Auditorium					