

# **BISON BANNER**

**From: John McLane, Central City Public Schools Superintendent of Schools**

**To: All Central City Public Schools Community and Staff**

We have enjoyed a busy month in our schools. Our Administrator Team has been reviewing plans for next year's school calendar, plans for Summer School this year, preliminary work for next year's course offerings and daily schedule, planning for staff training for our Reading program as well as discussion of other topics.

Our Board of Education has been busy as well. The Board has approved to hold a Monthly Work Session on the first Monday each month. The Work Sessions will be for discussion and presentations only, with no action items on those agendas. The regular board meetings will still be scheduled, as in the past, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

The Board has approved replacement of lighting in the Elementary and High School gyms; to repair water drainage problems at the Middle School; to make repairs for coverings on steel bleacher supports at the Stadium, and to replace windows at the Concessions Room with stainless steel roll-up serving windows. Additionally, the Board has approved to move the supervision of our Special Education program to ESU 7 of Columbus, and to advertise for the District's Special Education Director, a new position. This change will be effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year. The need for changes in our SPED program have been discussed since last Fall. Our current board has 3 new members, seated in January, and I must note that all six members are working together in a very effective manner. All members are concentrating on providing excellent leadership for our school district and students.

Our plans for the 2015-2016 school year calendar are underway, and we are trying to provide for 175 student days in our classrooms, and to start the school year a week later than this year. Our current working draft has the first day for students on Monday, August 17. We are considering to provide Christmas Vacation December 23 to January 3. The High School Graduation is scheduled for May 15, 2016. The calendar will be approved at the April board meeting.

We have used Survey Monkey as the tool to ask for and receive input from parents of students on a couple of calendar items of some concern for the next year. Another survey will be sent to parents on another concern for the calendar. We will welcome and appreciate the parents' input. We are having a very good school year now, and are planning for a successful 2015-2016 school year.



**April  
Newsletter**

**John McLane,  
Superintendent**  
**Shawn McDiffett,  
H.S. Principal**  
**Justin Anderson,  
Activities Director**  
**Darron Arlt,  
M.S. Principal**  
**Neely Moser,  
Elementary Principal**



**April 3 & 6  
NO SCHOOL**

**April 17  
11:30 DISMISSAL**

**April 24  
NO SCHOOL**



### From the High School Principals Desk

I would like to bring the community up-to-date on the high school driver's education program and the Power Drive class. Both of these programs deal with transportation and both impact student's skills and knowledge of vehicles.

First and foremost, it is vitally important that all kids behind the wheel of 2000 pound vehicle that is capable of traveling 100 plus miles per hour have the necessary training and skills to operate the motorized vehicle. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, there were 3,328 *people killed because of distracted drivers during 2012 in the U.S.* To put it in perspective, in the U.S. alone, there were about the same number of people killed due to distracted drivers as there are people in Central City. Additionally, it is the responsibility of both parents and the school to work together to help give our kids the necessary driving skills and knowledge to operate automobiles skillfully.

On behalf of the school, I asked the school board to continue to support and approve the driver's education program. They demonstrated their support by approving the high school driver's ed. program by their unanimous votes at the last board meeting. As a district, we have always tried to keep our costs of the program below what other schools in the area are charging. Many of the conference schools charge between \$280.00-\$300.00 for the class. Central City High School charges students who attend Central City Public Schools \$250.00 and out-of-district students \$280.00. Students are eligible to participate in the program by being 14 years of age at the time of the driver's education class and the student must have a driver's permit. The students will receive 20 plus hours of classroom instruction and six hours of driving and observation. Upon successful completion of the program, students can waive the DMV written and driving test. Both Mrs. Anna Detlefsen and Mr. Duerkson teach the driver's ed. course and are DMV certified. For registration information, parents can contact the high school office.

Speaking of transportation, we recently added a class called Power Drive. This course, originally designed by the Nebraska Public Power District, allows students a hands-on way to apply their studies through types of automotive, electric, and energy technology. This course is an educational effort that challenges high school students to engineer and build a one-person electric vehicle during the school year. The Power Drive Program encourages interest in energy-related and automotive-related industries. A light-electric vehicle (LEV) competition, Power Drive does so by bringing a practical focus to students' math, science and/or vocational education. During the course of a school year, students design and construct a safe, energy-efficient electric vehicle that they showcase during a series of rallies in the spring. They work in teams, under the direction of instructors who have been trained at Power Drive workshops. The teams of students compete with other teams at organized rallies in areas such as vehicle breaking, maneuverability, and endurance. Many schools receive sponsorships from local businesses to support the added costs of the program. Mr. Matt Shrader is the instructor that teaches and sponsors the Power Drive class/activity.

*Mr. McDiffett,  
High School Principal*



**FULL TIME BUS DRIVERS NEEDED FOR  
THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR  
PLEASE CONTACT LES JENSEN AT  
308-946-3918**

## College Tours

*In an effort to promote further education for Central City High School students -*



**CCHS Sophomores toured Central Community College in Hastings and the University of Nebraska at Kearney on March 3rd. A special thank you goes out to Lisa Wagner, Amy McReynolds, Stephanie Christensen and Sandi Abbott for sponsoring our students.**



**CCHS Juniors toured the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and Southeast Community College in Lincoln on March 4th. We appreciate the assistance from Suzanne Philippi, Kevin Wall and Mel Schuller for sponsoring our students on this chilly day.**



**Both trips were funded by Central City High School and our EducationQuest College Access Grant.**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Central City Elementary School is requesting your attendance at Kindergarten Registration on Thursday, April 9th, 2015. Every child who is age 5 on or before July 31, 2015 will be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2015. Registration will be held in the commons area of the elementary building from 6:15-7:15 PM. **This session will be for parents only.**

♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten

**REQUIREMENT:** Please bring your child's immunization records with you and we will make a copy. Central City Public Schools requires each child to have a physical, a dental exam, a complete vision exam no more than six months prior to the start of school, and that the children be fully immunized before the start of school. Please see information on back. **YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL UNTIL THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.**

During registration you will hear from the kindergarten teachers and Mrs. Moser, visit the classrooms, and much more. Following registration you will be given an opportunity to complete the required registration forms. For those who are unable to attend on Thursday, April 9th, you can register your child on Friday, April 10th from 9:00-3:00 pm. Please call Elementary Office if you have questions at 308-946-3057.



## Elementary News

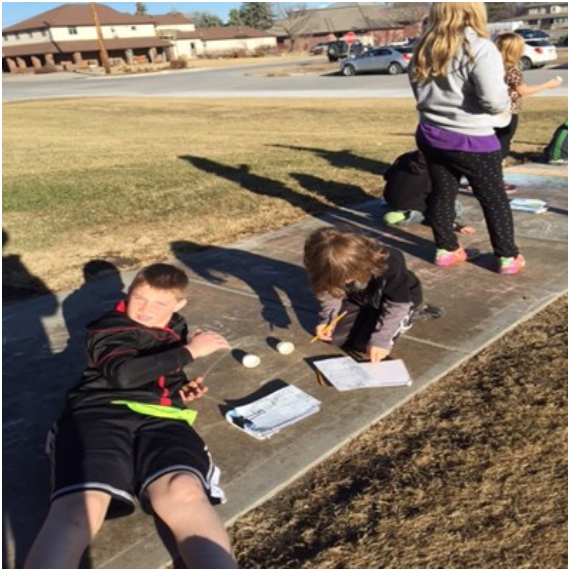
The scene was one of excitement as tents and sleeping bags decorated the gym. The children were dressed in pajamas anxiously awaiting the excitement to come. March 3<sup>rd</sup> marked Central City Elementary School's annual Family Literacy Night. This being my first year as elementary principal, I was overjoyed at the attendance of the special night! From what I'm told, attendance was tripled from the usual attendance. This is a testament to what we are working so hard to do here at Central City Elementary School. We are striving to partner with parents in educating children. We are striving to connect with our community. The evening's activities consisted of a welcome to parents from myself and two of my staff members who put their heart and soul into preparing for the evening: Brianna Burdick, Kindergarten Teacher and Donnette VanPelt, Reading Specialist. Kirstin Fasbender presented on behalf of our wonderfully supportive PTO who helped in the planning of the evening. Kirstin shared how the PTO is partnering with our Public Library to provide a motivating summer reading program. Next was the reading of a story by second grade teacher, Abby Griffith. PTO sponsored a prize drawing and we concluded with a family activity in which parents and children decorated pillowcases to take home. It was definitely quite a beautiful sight to see parents, children, and educators sprawling the floors, tables, and bleachers of our gym working together in support of literacy. The evening ended with all children having their choice of a book to go home with them. On all levels this evening was what it's all about – Central City Public Schools partnering with our community. It's amazing what we can do when we all work together and there is nothing more rewarding than seeing it in our children's faces!

*~Mrs. Moser, Elementary Principal*



## 4th Grader Scientists

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy working on a scientific experiment. Half of the students are determining which of 3 sunscreen brands (Coppertone, Equate, or Banana Boat SPF 30) is most effective in preventing ultra-violet ray damage to our skin. The other half of the class are checking to see which Coppertone SPF (8, 30, or 100) works best against ultra-violet rays. After writing the problem they were trying to answer, the students came up with a hypothesis for each problem. Next, they used their materials list to prepare the experiments, then they wrote a step-by-step procedure in following through with the experiments. After going outside during the beautiful weather to gather the necessary information using ultra-violet beads in the sunlight, the students made a graph to record their findings. If the beads in sunscreen remained colorless or a dull color the sunscreen was effective. Our control with no sunscreen turned a very bright color in the sun. The data was analyzed to prepare a conclusion relating to the hypothesis. Some students from Mrs. Gillan's biology class will be coming to share their science projects with us. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be able to see how the High School students are also using the Scientific Method in their experiments with Fast Plants. Now the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be doing a scientific method experiment at home and sharing their results with the class.



Students, their parents, and employees of the Central City Public School District No. 4 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of sex, national origin, handicap, or race and is required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI not to discriminate on the basis of sex or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning Central City Public School District No. 4's compliance with Title IX and Section 504 and Title VI is directed to contact: Central City Middle School Principal, Phone: (308) 946-3056, who has been designated by Central City Public School District No. 4 to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with Title IX, Section 504, and Title VI. Reference – Board of Education Policy 103 R3.




# Central City

April, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PAC Event @ Central City Performing Arts Center	2 2:00pm TR-Varsity Away vs. St. Paul 4:30pm GOLF-B/Varsity Fullerton	3 Good Friday No School	4
5 No School	6 10:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. Wood River Rural 1:00pm TR-Varsity Away vs. Sandy Creek Junior / Senior 1:30pm TR-Middle School Away vs. Wood River Rural	7 FFA @ Lincoln, NE 10:00am GOLF-B/JV Away vs. Grand Island Northwest	8 FFA @ Lincoln, NE 10:00am GOLF-B/JV Away vs. Grand Island Northwest	9 FFA @ Lincoln, NE 4:30pm GOLF-B/JV Fullerton Registration @ Central City Elementary School	10 FFA @ Lincoln, NE	11 9:30am Power Drive Team @ UNL, Lincoln NE 6:50pm Prom @ Central City High School
12 4:30pm GOLF-B/Varsity Central City vs. Multiple Schools	13 NeSa Math Testing 4:30pm TR-Varsity Central City vs. Multiple Schools	14 NeSa Math Testing	15 NeSa Math Testing	16 10:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. Adams Central Junior-Senior	17 Science Fair @ Lincoln, NE Early Dismissal (11:30am) 2:00pm TR-Varsity Central City vs. Multiple Schools	18 ACT Testing 9:30am Power Drive Team @ Grand Island, NE
19 11:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Central City vs. Multiple Schools 6:00pm PTO Meeting @ Central City Elementary School 7:00pm School Board Meeting @ Central City Elementary School	20 NeSa Science Testing @ Central City High School Pre-Contest HS Band & Choir @ Central City Performing Arts Center 1:00pm TR-Middle School (Time Changed) Away vs. Grand Island Central Catholic 7:00pm PAC Event @ Multiple locations	21 NeSa Science Testing @ Central City High School Pre-Contest HS Band & Choir @ Central City Performing Arts Center 1:00pm TR-Middle School (Time Changed) Away vs. Grand Island Central Catholic 7:00pm PAC Event @ Multiple locations	22 NeSa Science Testing @ Central City High School	23 1:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. St. Paul 2:00pm TR-Varsity Away vs. Northwest	24 No School - Professional Development District Music Contest	25 8:00am Power Drive Team @ Hastings, NE 9:00am TR-Middle School Aurora vs. Multiple Schools 7:30pm PAC Event @ Central City Performing Arts Center
26 2:00pm TR-Varsity Away vs. Northwest	27 MAP Testing @ Central City High School 8th Grade Field Trip 12:30pm Kindergarten Field Trip @ Stuhr Museum, Grand Island NE 4:00pm GOLF-B/JV Away vs. Schuyler Community 4:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:30pm 1st & 2nd Spring Program @ Central City Performing Arts Center 7:15pm 3rd & 4th Spring Program @ Central City Performing Arts Center	28 MAP Testing @ Central City High School 8th Grade Field Trip 12:30pm Kindergarten Field Trip @ Stuhr Museum, Grand Island NE 4:00pm GOLF-B/JV Away vs. Schuyler Community 4:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:30pm 1st & 2nd Spring Program @ Central City Performing Arts Center 7:15pm 3rd & 4th Spring Program @ Central City Performing Arts Center	29 MAP Testing @ Central City High School Trip @ Stuhr Museum, Grand Island NE	30 MAP Testing @ Central City High School 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Columbus Lakeview vs. Multiple Schools 6:30pm FFA Banquet (PAC) @ Multiple locations		

# April Breakfast



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cheese Omelet Muffin Peaches	2 French Toast Pears	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Assorted Cereals Mixed Fruit	8 Pancakes Sausage Patty Pink Applesauce	9 Bacon Scramble Breakfast Pizza Mandarin Oranges	10 Breakfast Cookie Pears	11
12	13 Assorted Cereals Peaches	14 Sausage Biscuit Round Pineapple	15 Waffles Mixed Fruit	16 Frittata Omelet Applesauce	17 PBJ Graham Snackers Peaches	18
19	20 Assorted Cereals Applesauce	21 Egg Tac-Go Peaches	22 Pancake & Sausage Bites Pineapple	23 Breakfast Pizza Mandarin Oranges	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 Assorted Cereals Mixed Fruit	28 Ham Breakfast Bar Pears	29 PBJ Sandwich Peaches	30 Omelet Pineapple		


All meals are subject to change.

Cereal, yogurt and fruit are served everyday.  
Choice of milk and juice are offered daily.

High School Breakfast :  
Features a fresh fruit or 100% juice, carton of milk, WG pop tarts, or cereal. Student must have three items to count as a meal. A la carte items are also available for students with money in their accounts and approval for a la carte items.

# April Lunch



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Rotini & Meat Sauce Green Beans Bread Stick	2 Chicken Patty on Bun Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Chocolate Chip Cookie	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Cheese Stuffed Sticks & Marinara Carrots	8 BBQ Teriyaki Chicken Rice Peas Egg Roll/Muffin	9 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll & Jelly	10 Pulled Pork on Bun Baked Beans	11
12	13 Corndogs Broccoli & Cheese Sauce	14 Baked Chicken Baked Beans Biscuit & Honey Cake	15 Breaded Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Stuffing Muffin	16 Chicken Quesadillas Corn	17 NO LUNCH SERVED SCHOOL DISMISS AT 11:30	18
19	20 Crispito & Cheese Sauce Carrots Chocolate Chip Cookie	21 Chicken Strips Rice Corn Bread & Jelly-HS	22 Cheese Lasagna Rollup Green Beans Garlic Bread Stick	23 Popcorn Chicken Peas Dinner Roll	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 Hot Dog on Bun Potato Triangle Mixed Vegetables Gripz-MS/HS	28 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Green Beans Bread Stick/ Garlic Bread	29 Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Muffin	30 Taco Salad Corn Tortilla Chips Red Kidney Beans Cinnamon Roll		USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER

Elementary Lunch Choices  
Kindergarten & Gr 1  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Sandwich as alternate  
main meal every day.  
Grades 2-4 alternate  
main menu is Peanut  
Butter/Jelly Sandwich  
on Mon/Wed/Fri  
Chef Salad on  
Tues/Thur.

Fruit/Veggie Bar & Milk  
Choices  
All meals are served  
with choice of fresh  
and canned fruit and  
vegetables. Choice of  
milk available also.

ALL MEALS ARE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Adults who wish to eat  
lunch should notify  
the school office  
before 9:00 a.m.



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