



BISON BANNER

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

To: All Central City Public Schools Community and Staff

We have just completed the Central City search for our new Superintendent. The Board offered the contract to Mr. Jeff Jensen, Supt. at Creighton Community Schools, one of the three interview finalists. Mr. Jensen has accepted the offer and we are working out the contract terms now. I am very positive that our Board of Education has offered the right person for this position. Mr. Jensen is scheduled to start July 1st.

I know, as a McPherson & Jacobson consultant, that we had a great search. It is a good feeling to know the Board had three good candidates to interview. The various Stakeholder groups' input seemed to be aligned with the Board's choice as well. Each group met with the candidates for one hour each of the three days. It is important to note the relevance of the Stakeholder's input to the Board; a very important piece. The groups were: High School Student Council, Classified Support Staff, Community Members, Certified Teachers, and Administrators. A big Thank You to these groups from our Board and myself.

The McPherson & Jacobson consulting firm provides a very transparent and involved stakeholders process; however, our search was more than that. Our Board met in open session to discuss the interviews, read stakeholder's input, and make their decision. This was the first search I have been involved with where the Board did not move to a closed session to discuss the interviews. My thought at the conclusion of that November 17 meeting was, the public attending tonight had to feel that our Board of Education can and should be trusted. This is a very important quality.

Besides working the next few months to assure Mr. Jensen a smooth transition to our School District, my final pleasure will be in Phase V of the search process. The other consultant, Dr. Mike Cunning, and I will meet with the Board and Superintendent sometime in early August. The purpose of this session will be to define the top 3 or 4 priorities the new Superintendent will focus on during his first year. The Board will be asked to determine what they will accept as evidence that progress is being made. Phase V is important because it will define in clear terms the beginning of a successful Board/Superintendent relationship. This is very important in keeping the main focus on our students and their learning experiences.

My one purpose with this column is for our community and staff to see that I am very proud to be part of Central City and our school district. The Board and I thank all of you for your support and appreciation of our Central City Public Schools

**January
Newsletter**

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



**January 6
School
resumes**

**Central City Public Schools would like to thank
Dale Palser—24 years,
Steve Belitz-12 years
& Kara Wells-4 years
for their time they served the school district on the
Board of Education.**



DECA WEEK

During November, the Central City High School DECA Chapter celebrated DECA Week! Each day during the week was a different activity to raise awareness of DECA. Monday was "Where in the School is the DECA Diamond?" Forty-five DECA Diamonds were hidden around the school. Students could turn in the diamonds for a prize. Tuesday was "Dress for Success" Day. DECA members dressed in business attire. Wednesday was "Staff Appreciation Day" where DECA members brought goodies for the faculty and staff at the High School. Thursday was "DECA Blue Day" where DECA members wore their DECA t-shirts and everyone was encouraged to wear blue. Friday was "Be a Smartie: Join DECA Day" when DECA members passed out Smarties after school. It was a fun and successful week!



NHS Attend Broadway Musical

On the evening of November 11th, National Honor Society Students spent the evening in Lincoln. After eating supper at the University of Nebraska Student Union, we walked to the Lied Center in brisk weather to watch *Elf the Broadway Musical*. It was a fun and educational time for our students. Many NHS members also participate in Choir and Show Choir. A big thank you goes out to our adult chaperones Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. VanPelt, and Mr. Christensen - Mrs. Anderson NHS Advisor.



Central City High School Career and College Fair - Earn to Learn

On November 26th Central City High School hosted its seventh annual Career and College Fair called **Earn to Learn**. High Plains Community High School Seniors also joined us for the event.

The Fair was rated highly by staff and students. Comments like "it was very informative", "great speakers", and "it taught me a lot about colleges and different career opportunities" were prevalent. Over sixty guest presenters volunteered their time and knowledge to our students during the Career and College Fair.

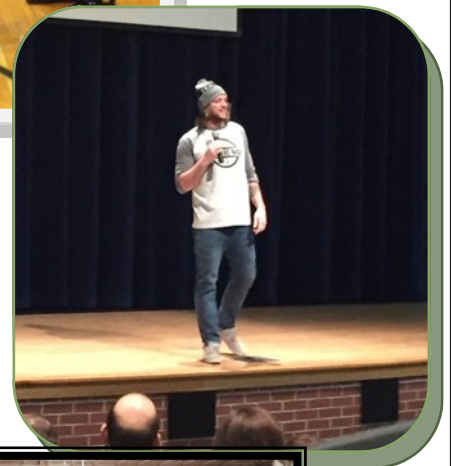
Our keynote speaker for the morning was Mike Smith, a native of Imperial, Nebraska, who is the founder of a non-profit indoor skateboarding park and youth outreach center called **the Harbor**, and a national movement called **Skate for Change**. He spoke about being kind, dreaming big, and taking action to meet goals.

After the keynote speaker presented, our students participated in informational sessions presented by W. David Barnes of Central Community College, Justin Davis of the Nebraska State Patrol, CCHS Alumni Chelsea Huston representing Wayne State College, and CCHS Alumni Brianna Bankson, Isabella Gomez, Ross Wagner, and Kevin Smith about making a good start in college. Our students heard from a variety of outstanding local and regional career awareness presenters about their specific occupations. Students spent time visiting with various college and military representatives in our gym. The event concluded with special drawings for the many prizes that were donated by the presenters, college representatives, and military recruiters.

The goal of the Career and College Fair is for students to become more aware of various careers and to develop an in-depth understanding of how education is relevant to helping them become successful. It is wonderful to have a mixture of local and regional presenters highlighting their occupations and expertise.

Many individuals contributed to the success of the event and a huge thank you also goes out to all of the high school personnel. A special thank you goes out to Rodney Lee, Jennifer Lani, Sherree Stahn, Sandi Abbott, Brandon Detlefsen, Doug Soll, Dale Soll, Justin Anderson, Shawn McDiffett and to all of our other special presenters including: Sharon Gilg, Tim Judy, Bruce Jensen, Scott Mallam, Jacey Schwarz, Norm Krug, Russ Charron, Matt Bennett, Robb Schnitzler, Cynthia Kissack, Molly Elge, Jessi Doke, Dr. David Lee, Norm Sodomka, Karen Neppl, Nate Krug MD, and Bob Jensen.

It is our intended goal to keep the Career and College Fair an annual event for our students. Central City High School appreciates the partnership between our community and the high school! The Career and College Fair was partially funded through our Education Quest Foundation College Access Grant and organized by High School Counselor Debra Anderson.



Middle School Families

The 2nd semester begins! One of the many great things about education is the opportunity for a fresh start. Teachers and students have time to reflect a bit and make some changes in effort and attitude which will lead to better performance. Almost like halftime of a ball game. How often do we see a team come out of the locker room after making some adjustments, and turn things around in the 2nd half? While most of our students are being quite successful here at CCMS, we do have some that struggle routinely with their performance...and that affects the performance of the entire team/herd. I believe that we can continue to work toward a culture of excellence here at CCMS but it's going to take a sustained effort on the part of ALL stakeholders. Along the way, we will experience setbacks but my resolve as principal will not diminish. Please visit with your child about their first 1/2 of the school year. Are they satisfied with how they are doing? Are they proud of their achievements? Have they contributed to the culture of our school in a positive way? Do they hold themselves to a high standard of accountability regardless of what is done around them or said about them? What can they do to improve their performance and thus the performance of our entire school? We will have students reflect on their first semester and make resolutions for the 2nd half of the school year when we return in January. Start the conversation with them already.

I appreciate your support and I encourage you to be a positive advocate for your child's teachers and our school. Please contact us if you need some clarification on anything that is happening here at CCMS. We will be happy to visit with you.

Blessings,
Mr. Art

2nd Annual Pennies for Patriotism Collection

The students and staff of CCES brought in their spare change to collect money to donate to the Wounded Warriors Fund. The project was presented to the students on November 7th and money was collect through November 21st. It was a school effort as the fourth grade students pitched in by counting the coins for us. The grand total was \$477.64! The fourth grade students also got to present the check to Mrs. Moser, Elementary Principal, who will send it in to the Wounded Warriors Fund. This is a great project to not only help others, but for the school to come together for the greater good of others.



Elementary Families~

With the start of the New Year it is a good time to reinforce good study habits and routines with your elementary child. Here are some tips to help your child develop study habits that will help them throughout their lives:

Make it routine. Have a plan for after school that your child knows when it is time to do homework and when to get started.

Be organized and develop a plan. Go through his or her backpack to see what all needs to be done and plan how it's going to get finished.

Break time - It's important to establish a break time especially if the task is difficult or longer.

Limit distractions – Students should have a quiet and clean space to do homework out of the way from distractions such as the phone, TV, etc.

Make help available – Encourage your child to work alone as appropriate, but also let your child know what to do if they need help. Ask them to try a problem first and then have you assist with the next one.

Set Goals & Track Progress – Set goals and reward your child for good study habits by giving them some additional mom or dad time or even going out for ice cream if they bring home a paper in which they've greatly improved. This teaches work ethic and patience in working hard to reach a goal.

Bottom line – Parent involvement is so important in the homework process. Believe it or not, the habits you are cultivating right now in elementary school set the tone for success in the middle, high school and even later in life. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself if you would like to talk about your child's study habits or ideas to help!

Mrs. Moser
Elementary Principal



The third graders have had the opportunity to interact with Fort Worth Zoo in Texas to further their knowledge on Animal Adaptations, Ecosystems, and Food Chains. The students have studied Animals and their interactions with our environment in Science and this was an awesome experience to connect with a zoo in order to hear experts on the subject.



Kindergarten students in Mrs. Speer, Mrs. Burdick and Mrs. Lanham's rooms enjoyed some family time at school the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. In conjunction with a Reading unit on folktales, families were invited to come to school to help their children decorate a gingerbread man craft. Families also enjoyed reading different versions of "The Gingerbread Man" folktale together and eating cookies as a snack. Lots of holiday and learning fun!



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

As winter is fast approaching, the potential for inclement weather is a distinct possibility. It may be necessary for the Central City Public Schools to close school, not open at all, or delay school due to poor visibility, slippery or snowy road conditions, or a combination of the above.



In the past, school has been delayed for an hour a number of times rather than place students on the roads in adverse weather conditions as well as in the dark. This allows the buses and student drivers daylight to drive to town, provides the time necessary to clean the roads and parking lots, and time to see how the storm will develop. The response to this has been positive and we will continue in that fashion under those kinds of weather conditions.

We will continue to use **Bison Alert** and the following radio and TV stations will be notified:

KZEN Columbus—100.3

KOLN-KGIN TV—Lincoln/Grand Island

NTV-Kearney

KHAS TV-Hastings

Please do not attempt to phone school or school officials during these times, as those persons are extremely busy gathering information on what is the best course of action. As always, safety is of utmost importance. No matter what the school does, if weather or road conditions seem unsafe where you live, do not have your students leave for school.

Head Lice

Children are prone to sharing head lice, frequently rearing its presence in the elementary grades. Although these insects cannot hop, jump or fly, they are easily transmitted from one child to another by head to head contact, sharing of hats, combs or brushes.

Students found to have head lice or nits will be sent home and not permitted to return to school until the district finds no live lice, eggs or nits.


If you find lice, do not panic. There are safe, non-toxic, effective measures you can use to treat head lice. If you should have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

January, 2015

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1:00pm-5:00pm Knights of Columbus Freethrow Contest @ Central City Middle School	Choir (Boone Central Choral Clinic) @ Boone Central, Albion NE 6:00pm BB-B/7th St. Paul 6:00pm PTO Meeting @ Central City Elementary School 7:00pm BB-B/8th St. Paul	4:30pm BB-B/8th Away vs. Schuyler Community 4:30pm BB-B/7th Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:00pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community 7:45pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Schuyler Community 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community	4:30pm BB-B/8th Away vs. Schuyler Community 4:30pm BB-B/7th Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:00pm BB-B/JV Away vs. Schuyler Community 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Away vs. Schuyler Community	6:00pm BB-G/9th York 7:30pm BB-B/9th York	4:30pm BB-B/JV Aurora 4:30pm BB-G/JV Aurora 6:15pm BB-B/Varsity Aurora 8:00pm BB-B/Varsity Aurora	4:30pm BB-B/JV Wood River Rural 4:30pm BB-B/JV Wood River Rural 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Wood River Rural 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Wood River Rural	Speech Meet @ TBA 9:00am WR-B/Varsity Aurora vs. Multiple Schools 10:00am BB-B/8th Away vs. Crete 11:00am BB-B/7th Away vs. Crete
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January Breakfast

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		19 DAYS = \$34.20			2	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 ASSORTED CEREALS PEARS	7 PANCAKES APPLESAUCE	8 OMELET PEACHES	9 BACON SCRAMBLE BREAKFAST PIZZA MANDARIN ORANGES	10
11	12 ASSORTED CEREALS CEREAL BAR MIXED FRUIT	13 FRENCH TOAST PEARS	14 SAUSAGE BISCUIT ROUND PINEAPPLE	15 BREAKFAST COOKIE APPLE SAUCE	16 PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH PEACHES	17
18	19 ASSORTED CEREALS MANDARIN ORANGES	20 EGG BREAKFAST SANDWICH PEACHES	21 WAFFLES MIXED FRUIT	22 BANANA MUFFIN PEARS	23 PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BITES PINEAPPLE	24
25	26 ASSORTED CEREALS APPLESAUCE	27 BREAKFAST PIZZA MANDARIN ORANGES	28 FRUIT STRUDEL PEACHES	29 BREAKFAST BURRITO PINEAPPLE	30 FRENCH TOAST PEARS	31

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.



January Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	EL 19 DAYS = \$47.50 MS/HS 19 DAYS = \$49.40	HAPPY NEW YEAR				3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 HOT HAM & CHEESE ON BUN POTATO TRIANGLE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	7 PIZZA PEAS & CARROTS MS/HS—GARLIC BREAD	8 SUPER NACHOS REFRIED BEANS CORN	9 CHICKEN PATTY ON BUN MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY	10
11	12 TERIYAKI CHICKEN RICE GREEN BEANS EGG ROLL	13 MAX STICKS & MARINARA SAUCE CALIFORNIA MIXED VEGETABLES	14 PULLED PORK ON BUN BAKED BEANS ROYAL BROWNIE	15 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY DINNER ROLL	16 TURKEY SUB SANDWICH SMILEY FRIES	17
18	19 TACO ON TORTILLA BROCCOLI PEANUT BUTTER SCOTCH BAR	20 MINI CORN DOGS BAKED BEANS	21 BAKED CHICKEN BISCUIT & HONEY GREEN BEANS APPLE PIE CAKE	22 PORK PATTY MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY DINNER ROLL	23 CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA CORN SALSA & WG CORN HS—TORTILLA CHIPS	24
25	26 CRISPITO W/ CHEESE SAUCE CARROTS CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	27 CHICKEN STRIPS MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY BREAD & JELLY	28 LASAGNA GREEN BEANS MS/HS—BREAD STICK DOUBLE CHOC. CHIP COOKIE	29 SLOPPY JOE ON BUN TATOR TOTS BAKED BEANS	30 POPCORN CHICKEN CORN DINNER ROLL	31 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.**