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Public Schools
Newsletter

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**Dr. Candace Conradt,
Superintendent
May 2014**

**MAY 21
LAST DAY
OF
SCHOOL
DISMISS AT
11:30**



Superintendent's Message:

School Year Winds Down

It is a somewhat mistaken idea shared by many outside our schools that the school year is winding down. Speak to any teacher, secretary, principal or custodian and you'll hear about all the events, activities, projects, concerts, celebrations slated to be held in these last few weeks of schools. Our school website and calendars provide details on these events. I often say we don't wind down as much as gear up to a crescendo as we race toward the end of the school year.

When the last day of school rolls around, students and staff will leave school anticipating summer. However, during the summer months, there will be lots going on in preparation for the start of school in August.

- Teachers will be working on dedicated curriculum projects, participating in trainings, and taking graduate college courses.
- The maintenance and custodial crew will be hard at work repairing and replacing necessary items in preparation for the start of a new school year.
- Administrators will be immersed in developing schedules, planning professional development days and in the overall preparation for the year ahead.

Special Thanks

As the school year ends, I want to extend my appreciation to so many who worked diligently with commitment and passion to make this year a great one for our students. First of all, I want to thank the fine teachers who work in our schools. Their creativity, hard work, and dedication comprise the foundation of what makes our schools great. Many will continue over the summer taking courses, developing curriculum units, reviewing textbooks and materials to contribute to our work for next year.

I want to thank the support staff which includes paras, school nurse, secretaries, custodians, maintenance, bus drivers and food service personnel for their teamwork and investment in our district. You are key components to our daily operations.

A special thanks to the building principals for their teamwork and commitment to our students.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the community for the many ways it supports our schools with resources, time, and advocacy for the work we do educating students for their future. It truly does "take a community" to educate a child. Last, many thanks to the entire Central City Public Schools community.

*Educationally yours,
Dr. Candace Conradt
Superintendent*





Central City Public Schools will be offering SPORTS physicals at the high school on May 14, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year starting at 5:30PM. The cost of the sports physical is \$25.00. Please contact the middle school, high school, superintendent's office or check the school website for further information and required paperwork.

IN ADDITION, IMPACT TESTING FOR CURRENT 6, 8, 10 GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE DONE AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

- 5:00 - CURRENT 6TH GRADE STUDENTS**
- 5:45 - CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENTS**
- 6:30 - CURRENT 10TH GRADE STUDENT**

Attention Merrick County District Residents!

Do you have a new neighbor? Do you have an addition to your family? Has your household increased or decreased in any way? Are you new in the district? These are questions that need answers so that the Central City school district census can be updated. Each year the total of all children in the district, birth to age 20 as of June 30, is included in a report to the Nebraska Department of Education. Information required for children is full name, date of birth, and place of birth, sex, parents name and address, phone number, and county of residence. All people living in Central City, Archer, Chapman, and country homes in the school district are included in the school census. If you have any information at all that may be helpful in the updating process, please call the superintendent's office at 308-946-3055, or mail the information to Superintendent's Office, PO Box 57, Central City, NE 68826. Your help in obtaining this information would be greatly appreciated!

CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CENSUS INFORMATION

The Central City Public Schools is required to conduct a census of all persons living in our district.

If you are new to Central City, please fill out this form and mail to Central City Public Schools, PO Box 57, Central City, NE 68826 or email LFRITZ@ESU7.ORG. Please list all persons living in household.

Father's name _____

Mother's name _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Names of children through 20 years old	Date of Birth	Birth Place
_____	_____	_____
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CCMS Parents

I wouldn't go so far as to say that we are in the homestretch portion of the school year, but you can see it from here! There are many exciting things happening this time of the year, all of which point to the fact that we are winding down. It is so important to finish positively so that both students and teachers enter summer break satisfied with how closure came to the school year. I've visited with teachers about finding the right blend of expectations and tolerance. The primary struggle this time of year is getting students to fulfill their academic responsibilities. Teachers are spending more time before school, during lunch, and after school tracking down kids and requiring them to complete work or redo substandard assignments. If we all of the sudden start accepting mediocrity, the message our students will receive is that these final weeks of school really aren't that important. Our goal is to hold students accountable and help them be successful, to the last day of school.

There are several "end-of-the-year" events taking place that we want to make sure you are aware of:

- April 29--Washington D.C. Parent Meeting for interested 7th/8th grade parents & students @ 6:30 in MS Commons
- May 1--8th Grade Field Trip
- May 6--Band "Ice Cream Social" @ 6:30 in the PAC/MS Commons
- May 8--6th Grade Field Trip
- May 9--7th Grade Field Trip
- May 13--Vocal Pops Concert @ 7:00 in the PAC
- May 14--Sports Physicals @ 4:30 in the HS
- May 16--6th Grade Field Trip
- May 20--Awards Night/8th Grade Promotion @ 6:30 in the PAC
- May 21--LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (11:30 Dismissal)

I want to thank all of you for supporting us this past school year and communicating the message to your children that school is their primary responsibility (it is their job!) and that the adults at school are here to support them in their efforts and that they (adults) are in charge. I've shared with our kids many times that I can tolerate some horseplay behavior and sporadic substandard effort, but I have zero tolerance for kids disrespecting authority (adults). There is never an excuse for a 12-year old to sass or mouth-off to a school staff member. This will be a constant and consistent message so there is no misunderstanding how I will respond if a student chooses to sass a staff member. I've seen lots of growth and maturity from many students and we have most all of our student on the H.E.R.D. wall. I believe it takes a few years to change or build the culture that a school leader expects and I feel good about where we are and the momentum we have toward the positive and encouraging culture I expect. A principal's personality shapes the environment and culture of a school to a great extent and I am not unaware that the intensity of my nature can sometimes be quite imperious. I am passionate in just about everything that I do. My goal is to always strive to focus on giving students what they need to be successful. Many times, that means they might get something they don't want. I think your children would attest however, that when they are doing their best to contribute to the positive climate of our school, I am a passionately happy and positive person.

I am proud to promote our 8th grade class to the HS, we WILL miss them and their "spirit"! On behalf of the CCMS staff, we hope you enjoy lots of family, friends, fun, and sun until we see you again in August!

Darron Arlt, Middle School Principal

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, 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.

CCHS Hall of Fame Nomination Announcement

If you would like to nominate an athlete or coach you will need to fill out the nomination form below. The athlete must have graduated from CCHS on or before 2009. Athletic contributions can be on the high school, college, or national level.

If you would like to write a letter of support for any candidate- please send the form to Justin Anderson. Please confine these letters of support to their athletic contributions. All letters must be received by May 12, 2014.

All announcements on selections will be made through the CCHS Activities Director's Office in May or June.

Nomination Form

Name _____

Coach or Athlete _____

Graduation year of athlete _____

Coaches-years coaching at CCHS _____

Please give any information about the athlete or coach that will be helpful to the committee in making its selections. Information may include character, leadership, statistics, and any individual athletic awards on the local, state, or national level.

Signature of nominator _____

Return to: Justin Anderson
Activities Director
1510 28th Street
Central City, NE 68826





CENTRAL CITY ELEMENTARY NEWS

RODNEY ENGEL, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Nearing the End of the Year

As we continue our daily routines and instruction is is hard to look past the fact that the end of the year is coming very soon. The last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 with an 11:15 AM dismissal (at the elementary). We still have many important topics, concepts, and other skills to teach in the last few weeks of school. We will continue to keep our daily routines and procedures consistent in order to provide structure during this exciting time.

A Quick Review of the Year

This year was our second full year with our new Saxon math materials. We continue to see positive gains from students as they continue to develop deeper understandings of math concepts, basic facts, and much more. Our students made great gains in year one of Saxon on the State NeSA test and we are anticipating strong results again.

This is our first year in our new reading block and the full use of Reading Mastery materials. We have continued to see great gains (more than a years worth of growth) by individual and small groups of students.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL: Students of Central City Public Schools will improve the lifelong skill of reading comprehension in all curricular areas.



Dates of Importance:

- April 29 - Elementary Music Concert 6:30 (1st & 2nd) 7:15 (3rd & 4th)
- May 2 - 4th Grade Field Trip to the State Capital - Lincoln
- May 7 - Kindergarten Field Trip to Stuhr Museum
- May 9 - Elementary Track & Field Day (Rain date May 16)
- May 13 - Groundwater Festival - 4th Grade
- May 21 - Last Student Day - 11:15 AM Dismissal for Elementary

Elementary Track & Field Day

Friday, May 9

(Rain Date - May 16)

What is New in the Elementary?

Don't miss Track and Field Day
Friday, May 9



Don't forget to follow us on
Twitter!
CCPS Elementary





Central City

May, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Columbus Lakeview, vs. Multiple Schools	2 4th Grade @ Lincoln, NE 10:00am Hastings Symphony Orchestra @ Central City Performing Arts Center 3:00pm TR-Varsity Away vs. Ord 4:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity (Rescheduled from 04-28- 14) Schuyler Community 4:00pm GOLF-B/JV (Rescheduled from 04-28- 14) Schuyler Community	3 Power Drive Team @ Omaha, NE 9:30am TR-JV Away vs. Northwest
	4 4:00pm TR-Middle School (Location Changed) Boone Central vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm HS Pops Concert @ Central City Performing Arts Center	5 6:30pm HS/MS Ice Cream Social @ Multiple locations	6 Kindergarten Field Trip @ Stuhr Museum, Grand Island NE Kindergarten Field Trip @ Stuhr Museum, Grand Island NE 6:00pm Athletic Banquet @ Multiple locations	7 6th Grade Field Trip @ Fort Kearney 10:00am 4th Grade @ Central City Elementary School 4:30pm TR-Middle School Grand Island Northwest vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm Honors Night (H.S.) @ Central City Performing Arts Center	8 Elementary Track And Field Day @ Bison Field "MS Field Trip" 10:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Northwest vs. Multiple Schools	9 10:00am TR-Varsity York vs. Multiple Schools
	11 Graduation @ Central City Middle School	12 9:00am GOLF-B/JV Away vs. Osceola 2:30pm TR-Middle School Barr Middle vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm DECA Meeting @ Central City High School	13 5th Grade Field Trip @ Central Community College, Grand Island, NE 4th Grade @ Central Community College, Grand Island, NE 10:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. Fullerton 7:00pm MS Pops Concert @ Central City Performing Arts Center	14 5:30pm Physicals & IMPACT Testing @ Central City High School	15 TBD TR-Varsity Away vs. TBA	16 6th Grade Field Trip @ Henry Doerly Zoo, Omaha NE 3:30pm Show Choir @ Performing Arts Center
	18 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. TBA	19 6:30pm Honors Night (M.S.) @ Central City Middle School	20 Last Day Of School	21 Last Day Of School	22 3:30pm TR-Varsity Away vs. Burke	23 9:30am TR-Varsity Away vs. Burke
25 Memorial Day	26 Memorial Day	27 Drivers Education	28 Drivers Education TBD GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. TBA	29 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity Away vs. TBA Drivers Education	30 Drivers Education	31



May

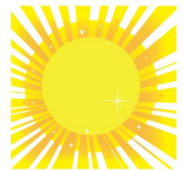
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Cereal, yogurt and fruit are served every day.

Choice of milks and juices are offered daily.

All meals are subject to change.

	15 DAYS= \$24.75			1 Egg Tac Go Peaches	2 Cherry Strudel Mixed Fruit	3
4	5 Cereal Applesauce	6 Cinnamon Roll Mandarin Oranges	7 Omelet Pineapple	8 Breakfast Pizza Pears	9 Muffins Peaches	10
11	12 Cereal Mixed Fruit	13 Breakfast Cookie Applesauce	14 Frittata Omelet Mandarin Oranges	15 French Toast Pears	16 Pancakes Pineapple	17
18	19 Cereal Mandarin Oranges	20 Cook's Choice	21 Cook's Choice	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices

All meals are served with choice of fresh and canned fruit and vegetables. Choice of milk available also.

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.

New USDA Nutrition Standards Implementation of The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act's new nutrition standards begins this year. Your school meal program was already in compliance with most of the new requirements including fruit and vegetable servings and fat limits. We have adjusted our menus to offer the required whole-grain-rich foods, and to stay within the minimum and maximum number.

May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Cook's Choice will be announced to students the day before meal is served.	Adults who wish to eat lunch should notify the school office before 9:00 a.m.	14 DAYS=\$32.90 ELEM 14 DAYS=\$34.30 MS/HS		1 Beef Sticks Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	2 Pork Rib Sandwich Corn	3 ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
4	5 Hot Dog on WG Bun Potato Wedges HS Cook-out	6 Chicken & Noodles Peas	7 Taco Salad Red Beans Cinnamon Roll	8 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Green Beans	9 Chicken Fajita Wrap Rice Broccoli & Cheese	10
11	12 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Carrots	13 Fiestada Corn	14 Hamburger On WG Bun Tator Tots MS Cook-out	15 Cook's Choice	16 Cook's Choice	17
18	19 Cook's Choice	20 Cook's Choice	21 Early Dismissal No Lunch Served	22	23 USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.	24
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