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Central City Public Schools Newsletter
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

National School Board Convention

The National School Board Association hosted their annual conference for school board members and superintendents from April 20-23 in Boston, Massachusetts. The conference featured more than 200 workshops and sessions on everything from raising student achievement, creating world-class schools, enhancing fiscal oversight, board member training, to learning about special education law.

NSBA's Annual conference offered school board members leadership development and opportunities for collaboration from a nationwide network of colleagues. With a focus on workable solutions for school districts, the conference featured sessions on current hot topics affecting local school districts, including increasing student achievement; federal legislation and funding; managing schools during these tough economic times; education technology, school law issues; school and cyber bullying; and school health and nutrition.

Board members Lisa Wagner, Kent Malm, and Dale Palsler attended along with Superintendent Candy Conradt. The convention is a vital educational component of board training that focuses on finding solutions and working together to improve student achievement. We returned with practical ideas and a renewed commitment to accomplish the important work ahead.

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. During the April 16th school board meeting, the board approved moving the last day of school from Thursday, May 24th to **Tuesday, May 22nd**. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

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.

The CCPS school board also deserves special thanks for their support and investment for 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*



Dr. Candace Conradt, Superintendent
May 2012



From the Office of the High School Principal

The school year will soon become part of history, however we will be educating up until the last day of school. It is important that we all finish the school year on a positive note and make sure all requirements are met before the last bell rings in May. During the last week of school, students will be taking final exams or completing various projects to fulfill the class requirements, therefore it is very important that students are in attendance and get everything turned in by the last day of the semester.

Once again, we are offering Driver's Ed. this summer in our effort to help students learn how to drive safely. Parents if you are interested in having your teenage son or daughter enroll in this program, then please contact the office for additional information. We are limited to the number of seats in the class; therefore it is important that students are registered through the high school office by May 10.

I am hopeful our students have shared with parents information about some of our new class offerings. Below is a list of new classes added to the curriculum in an effort to improve our elective offerings.

CURRENT EVENTS - Students will research current economic, political, social, and cultural problems, and explore how ongoing conflicts affect groups as well as individuals. Emphasis is upon America as a dynamic society in the 21st century, witnessing changes involving community, state, nation, and world. Some of the pressing problems facing our rapidly changing society will be examined in detail using a variety of media. Critical thinking skills and technology related research is emphasized. Speaking and listening skills are reinforced through class discussions and oral presentations. The study of interdisciplinary connections relates current events to history, plus a variety of technology is integrated throughout the curriculum.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE-This course provides the philosophical and historical background of the agencies that compose the criminal justice system. It focuses on the development of justice and law, crime and punishment, the administration of laws, the agencies' functions, career orientation, and public relations. We will cover different types of crimes and the difference between felonies and misdemeanors. We will also review the rights of the accused including 4th and 5th amendment rights. Class will also include mock trials, case studies, and the chance to talk to those in the criminal justice field.

POWER DRIVE – This course, originally designed by the Nebraska Public Power District, will allow 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 design and build one-person electric vehicles during the school year. In the spring, these teams of students will compete with one another at organized rallies in areas such as vehicle breaking, maneuverability, and endurance.

TECHS - TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CHALLENGE-This is a year-long course designed for students who have a strong interest in technology for personal and professional use. It consists of ten units of study including the annual "Build-A-Computer Day" and the "Wii Whiteboard Unit". This course was developed through ESU 10, through the support of UNK and CCC.

READING ESSENTIALS-Reading Essentials will provide students who struggle in reading an opportunity to develop the student's phonetic awareness, reading fluency, reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. Admittance will be required based on the students Terra Nova and NeSA scores, and teacher recommendation.

MATH ESSENTIALS-Math Essentials will provide students who struggle in mathematical fundamentals an opportunity to develop their mathematical skills and knowledge. Admittance will be required based on the students criterion referenced assessment scores, NeSA scores, and teacher recommendation. The class will be devoted to developing rudimentary math skills that will assist students in Algebra and Geometry.

Have a great summer vacation!

Mr. McDiffett

SPORTS PHYSICALS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 2ND FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. PLEASE WATCH THE SCHOOL WEBPAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CCMS NEWS

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 balance between expectations and tolerance. The primary struggle this time of year is getting students to fulfill their academic responsibilities. We have started a "working lunch" for those students who come to school unprepared. When their classmates go to lunch, they go to the media center and work on assignments that they didn't get completed on time. Then when their classmates go outside following lunch, they go and eat. We feel this is better than trying to make phone calls home during the day to see if they can stay after school to get caught up on any missing assignments. Our goal is to hold students accountable and help them be successful, to the last day of school.

Like most schools in Nebraska, and indeed the nation, the two most important skills that schools recognize are Math and Reading. At CCMS next year, we will have two new proven approaches to improving our performance in these two vital core academic areas. We have adopted a new math series called Saxon Math for all students K-8. This diversified approach to mastering math skills is wildly popular throughout the nation and when placed in the hands of a properly trained master teacher, students develop a solid foundation for their future in mathematics. We also are planning an aggressive approach to closing the achievement gap in reading. *Corrective Reading* is a program designed to provide more support for those students that are significantly below grade level in their reading achievement. We are in the process of screening students to determine just how many will qualify for this additional reading class. We plan to train several teachers and paraprofessionals so that we can meet the variety of needs of our student population. I will be contacting families of students that will be in this class later this summer.

I want to thank all of you for supporting us and being patient with me during this first year. 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. I think that still stems from my U.S. Army Basic Training from 1988! My goal is to always strive to focus on giving students what they need to be successful. Many times, that means an unpleasant consequence that comes with being held accountable for their actions and words. 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 realize I still need to meet most all of you and I look forward to focusing more on that during my 2nd year as your principal.

Mr. Arlt

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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From the Desk of Mr. Engel

Elementary News

Last Day of School CHANGED:

On April 16, 2012 the School Board approved an early dismissal since we didn't use any of our built in snow days. School will dismiss at 11:15 AM (in the elementary and 11:30 in MS/HS) on Tuesday, May 22.

Track and Field Day:

We are excited to announce our plans for an Elementary Track and Field Day on Wednesday, May 16. We will plan to begin the events of the day at 9:00 AM at the High School track. All students, 1st through 4th grade, will be participating in three events during the day. Kindergarten will be going to the park for lunch and to play the same day. Come on out and join us for our first Track and Field Day!

2012-2013 Class Lists:

As we move closer to the end of the school year there is still lots of work to be done in preparation for next year. Our teachers will begin meeting in May to develop class lists for the 2012-2013 school year. Class lists will be posted on the doors in the elementary building on August 1, 2012.

Summer Reading & Math Practice:

Summer can be a fun filled time with lots of outdoor play. Don't forget to continue reading with your child and working on their basic math facts. There are many websites available for extra practice. Check out the some the of these sites for extra practice:

www.starfall.com

www.funbrain.com

www.coolmath-games.com

www.mathplayground.com

www.coolmath4kids.com

www.pbskids.org

There are many great websites with both reading and math games. Any extra practice over the summer can help build those skills learned during the school year!



4th Grade Bison Badge:

Students earning a Bison Badge for the month of February:

Tanner Belitz

Emily Blomstedt

Jonah Gress

Anna McReynolds

Grant Linder

Shannon Manhart

Peyton Bulter

Ruby Bueno

Daphney Nichols

Zoe Snyder

Rylie Young

Austin Wells

Lost and Found:

We have many articles of clothing outside the elementary office in our lost and found. Make sure you stop in before the end of the school year and find your children's missing coats, jackets, hats, and gloves.



Have a safe and fun filled summer vacation!

Mr. Engel

APRIL 16, 2012

					Student Days	Teacher Days
M	T	W	Th	F		
		1	2	3		
6	7	8	9	10		
13	14	15	16	17	2	5
20	21	22	23	24	7	10
27	28	29	30	31	12	15
September						
3	4	5	6	7	16	19
10	11	12	13	14	21	24
17	18	19	20	21	24	28.5
24	25	26	27	28	29	33.5
October						
1	2	3	4	5	34	38.5
8	9	10	11	12	39	43.5
15	16	17	18	19	43	48.5
22	23	24	25	26	48	53.5
29	30	31			51	56.5
November						
			1	2	53	58.5
5	6	7	8	9	58	63.5
12	13	14	15	16	63	68.5
19	20	21	22	23	66	71
26	27	28	29	30	71	76
December						
3	4	5	6	7	76	81
10	11	12	13	14	81	86
17	18	19	20	21	85	89.5
24	25	26	27	28		
31						
January						
	1	2	3	4	87	92.5
7	8	9	10	11	92	97.5
14	15	16	17	18	97	102.5
21	22	23	24	25	102	107.5
28	29	30	31		105	112
February						
				1	105	112
4	5	6	7	8	110	117
11	12	13	14	15	114	121
18	19	20	21	22	119	126
25	26	27	28		123	130
March						
				1	124	131
4	5	6	7	8	128	136
11	12	13	14	15	133	141
18	19	20	21	22	138	146
25	26	27	28	29	142	150
April						
1	2	3	4	5	145	154
8	9	10	11	12	150	159
15	16	17	18	19	155	164
22	23	24	25	26	160	169
29	30				162	171
May						
		1	2	3	165	174
6	7	8	9	10	170	179
13	14	15	16	17	175	184
20	21	22	23	24		185
27	28	29	30	31		

Aug 9 & 10 New Teachers Inservice
 Aug 13, 14, 15 Tchr. Inservice - No Students
 Aug 16 **First Day of School (1:00 pm Dismissal)**

Sept 3 Labor Day (No School)
 Sept 20 Tchr. Inservice 8:00-11:30 - No Students
 Sept 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:30
Sept 21 No School

Oct 18 End 1st Qtr. (43 days)
 Oct 19 Tchr. Inservice - No Students
 Oct 31 Early Dismissal 11:30 am - Tchr Inservice

Nov 21 Early Dismissal 11:30 am
Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

Dec 20 Early Dismissal 11:30 am
 Dec 20 End 2nd Qtr (42 days)
 Dec 20 End 1st Semester (85 days)
Dec 21 Winter Break (No School)

Jan 2 Inservice - No Students
 Jan 3 Begin 2nd Semester

Jan 31 Tchr. Inservice - 8-11:30 - No Students
 Jan 31 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:30
Feb 1 No School

Feb 15 No School

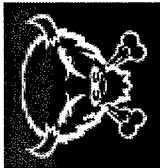
March 7 End 3rd Qtr (43 days)
 March 8 Tchr. Inservice - No Students
 March 28 Early Dismissal 11:30 am - Tchr Inservice
March 29 No School - Good Friday

April 1 No School
 April 2 Tchr. Inservice - No Students
 April 12 Early Dismissal 11:30 am
 April 12 CCPS Track

May 1 Early Dismissal 11:30 am - Tchr Inservice
 May 12 Graduation
 May 17 Early Dismissal 11:30 am
May 17 Last Day of School
May 17 End of 4th Qtr (47 days)
May 17 End of 2nd Semester (90 days)
May 20 Last Contract Day for Teachers

Calendar Legend	
Parent/Teacher Conferences	▲
Early Dismissal 11:30 am	▧
Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	▨
End of Qtr/Sem	▩
Tchr. Inservice - No Students	▫
No School - Students/Faculty	▬
New Teachers Inservice	▭

Snow Make Up Days Over 3
 Added to the end of the year in the following order
 May 20, May 21, May 22, May 23 etc.



Central City

May, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1st Grade @ Multiple locations 10:00am 4th Grade @ Multiple locations 6:30pm HS/MS Ice Cream Social @ Performing Arts Center	2 Ashfall Fossil Beds (8th Grade) @ Multiple locations Kindergarten @ Multiple locations	3 Kindergarten @ Multiple locations 4:30pm TR-Middle School Away vs. Multiple Schools, @ Aurora High School 7:00pm HS Pops Concert @ Performing Arts Center	4 3rd Grade @ Multiple locations 10:00am GOLF-B/V (H) vs. Multiple Schools @ Central City High School	5 9:30am TR-V Away vs. Schuyler Community @ Schuyler Central High School
6	7 2:30pm TR-Middle School Away vs. Barr MS @ Grand Island Senior High School 7:00pm Honors Night (H.S.) @ Performing Arts Center	8 Seniors Last Day 10:00am GOLF-B/V Away vs. Fullerton @ Pawnee Hills Golf Club 7:00pm MS Pops Concert @ Performing Arts Center	9 8:00am Graduation Practice 6:00pm Athletic Banquet @ Multiple locations	10 TBD TR-V Northwest @ Northwest High School	11 6th Grade Field Trip @ Fort Kearney	12
13 2:00am Graduation @ Central City Middle School	14 TBD GOLF-B/V Away vs. Adams Central Junior-Senior High School	15	16 5th Grade @ Multiple locations Elementary Track And Field Day @ Bison Field	17	18 6th Grade Field Trip @ Multiple locations TBD TR-V Away vs. Omaha Burke @ Omaha Burke High School	19 TBD TR-V Away vs. Omaha Burke @ Omaha Burke High School
20	21 TBD GOLF-B/V Away vs. TBA @ TBA 7:00pm Honors Night (M.S.) @ Performing Arts Center	22 TBD GOLF-B/V Away vs. TBA @ TBA 7:00pm Honors Night (M.S.) @ Performing Arts Center	23 TBD GOLF-B/V Away vs. TBA @ TBA	24 4:00pm Drivers Education (Group A)	25 4:00pm Drivers Education (Group B) @ Central City High School 6:00pm Crossroads/Goldenrod Conference All-Star Game 8:00pm Crossroads/Goldenrod Conference All-Star Game	26
27	28	29 8:00am Drivers Education (Group A) @ Central City High School 1:00pm Drivers Education (Group B) @ Central City High School	30 8:00am Drivers Education (Group A) @ Central City High School 1:00pm Drivers Education (Group B) @ Central City High School	31 8:00am Drivers Education (Group A) @ Central City High School 1:00pm Drivers Education (Group B) @ Central City High School		



MAY BREAKFAST

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2	3	4	5
Cereal Peaches	Donut Mixed Fruit	Cereal Pears	Bagel Fruit Cup	

All meals are subject
to change

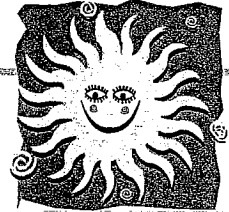
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Cereal Mandarin Oranges	Egg Wrap Pineapple	Cereal Ham	Pop Tart Peaches	Cereal Tropical Fruit	

Served with a fruit
juice
and milk.

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	French Toast Stick Pears	Cereal Applesauce	Cinnamon Rolls Mixed Fruit	Cereal Pineapple	Cereal Fruit	

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Cereal Fruit	Last Day of School No Breakfast				

27	28	29	30	31
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MAY LUNCH

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2	3	4	5
Chicken Wrap Corn	(Hamburgers Cookout HS) MS/ EL Burrito (w/cheese)	Pizza Green Beans	Chicken Sandwich Tri Potatoes	

All meals are subject to
change.

All meals served with fruit
and vegetable bar.

Milk offered daily.

Choice also available if main
entrée is not desired and
those choices are:
yogurt, peanut butter & jelly
or chef salad.

Seconds and A la Carte
items also sold in the High
School & Middle School.

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Pasta	Ham Dinner Mashed Potatoes Dinner roll	(Hamburgers Cookout MS) Hamburgers-EL Potato Salad HS-Burrito/cheese	Chicken Alfredo Peas	Corn Dog Cheesy Broccoli	

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Cheeseburger Mac Dinner Roll	Hot Dog on Bun Mac and Cheese Peanut Butter Bar	Max Sticks Green Beans	Cooks Choice	Cooks Choice	

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Cooks Choice	Last Day of School No Lunch Served		Parents need to notify Elementary School by 9:00 a.m. if they plan to eat hot lunch		

27	28	29	30	31
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