



FAIRBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



AUGUST 2016

SUPERINTENDENT - STEPHEN GRIZZLE
JR./SR HIGH PRINCIPAL - NICHOLAS KROON
JEFFERSON INTERMEDIATE PRINCIPAL
JEREMY CHRISTIANSEN

ASSIST. PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIR
DEREK ANDERSON
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
PATTY SMITH



CALENDAR EVENTS



AUGUST 11

7TH GRADE /NEW
STUDENT ORIENTA-
TION 7:00

AUGUST 12

BUSINESS AFTER
HOURS 5:30-7:00

AUGUST 16

3RD GRADE /NEW
STUDENT ORIENTA-
TION AT JEFFERSON
4:15-5:00
ELEMENTARY BACK
TO SCHOOL NIGHT
5:00-7:00

AUGUST 17

FIRST DAY K -12
1:35 DISMISSAL
BOOSTER BASH 5:30

AUGUST 18

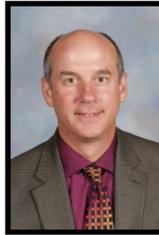
FIRST DAY PREK

AUGUST 24

SCHOOL PICTURES

SEPTEMBER 5

NO SCHOOL
LABOR DAY



Greetings!

Can you believe summer is rapidly coming to an end! Looking at all of the social media posts, EVERYONE has had a hectic, activity-filled summer!

Everyone should be ready to come to school so they can REST!

As we head into this school year, there are several new faces to get to know! I still consider myself as one of those, so please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to me. I may recognize your face, but this year I would really like to solidify the name that goes with each face! So, if I ask for your name, you understand why. Let me introduce you to our administrative team:

Central Principal - Patty Smith.

We are excited to have her Early Childhood and Reading Instructor Coaching experience for our school! For the last couple of years Patty was a Reading Specialist and Early Childhood Coordinator for Lincoln Public Schools. We were looking for someone with Early Childhood experiences and reading experiences. Her background and personality fits perfectly with our Central Elementary community!

Jefferson Intermediate - Jeremy Christiansen. This will be his third year at Jefferson, but 15th with our district. Jeremy does an outstanding job leading our Intermediate school kiddos and staff alike. He also serves as our Special Education Director for the entire district. We are fortunate to have him on our administrative team!

Fairbury Jr/Sr High School Principal - Nick Kroon. Nick was promoted from his Assistant Principal/AD post he held last year. Nick has a great vision for our high school and cares deeply for our students and wanting each one to succeed!

Fairbury Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal/AD - Derek Anderson. Derek comes to us from St. Paul, Nebraska, by way of Omaha Central High School. He taught Social Studies at Central since 2008. This last year, Derek was on the leadership team for their school improvement, focusing on engagement strategies. His experiences working with the Central community will help us tremendously. We are excited to have him join our team!

As we get ready to start this school year, take a moment and welcome our new team members! Give them our "Jeff Pride" welcome and make them feel like they are home!

2016-17 Calendar Changes

With school starting in a few short weeks, I wanted to remind everyone of the calendar changes for the upcoming year. When we were crafting the new calendar, we really tried to build in more things in common, than different. For example:

- **PT Conference schedules** - These are more similar for both high school and elementary than before. The elementary still devotes a little more time for PT Conferences, but starting this year, we do have a common day and time as well.
 - ◇ **10/18** - Elem. PT Conference 4:00 - 8:00 PM
 - ◇ **10/20 - No School**; Elem & HS PT Conference 12:00 - 8:00 pm
 - ◇ **3/7** - Elem. PT Conference 4:00 - 8:00 PM
 - ◇ **3/9 - No School**; Elem & HS PT Conference 12:00 - 8:00 pm
- **Tardy Bell/Start time for each school day** - All schools will begin instruction at 8:15 am. So, the school day (Monday - Thursday) is as follows for each building:
 - ◇ **Central** - 8:15 am - 3:15 pm
 - ◇ **Jefferson** - 8:15 am - 3:25 pm
 - ◇ **High School** - 8:15 am - 3:35 pm

- **Staff In-Service time** - In-service time is a valuable tool for our district's teachers. This is an opportunity for our teachers to plan, work on special projects and to learn new skills from presenters or each other. We have crafted the new schedule to include opportunities for our district staff to have a consistent time to devote to professional development.

◇ **Elementary Collaboration Days** - This year we have reduced our number of Elementary Collaboration Days to four (4) Fridays (2 each semester).

- * **9/23** - Elementary Collaboration Day
- * **12/9** - Elementary Collaboration Day
- * **2/3** - Elementary Collaboration Day
- * **3/31** - Elementary Collaboration Day

◇ **Friday Early Dismissal times** - Another change to the calendar for this year is each Friday, we will have an early dismissal. So the schedule for each building on Fridays will be as follows:

- * **Central** - 8:15 am - 1:15 pm
- * **Jefferson** - 8:15 am - 1:25 pm
- * **High School** - 8:15 am - 1:35 pm

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are excited to return to school! I know we are and we look forward to seeing you soon!



Patty Smith

Greetings!

I am very excited and honored to begin a new journey and join an outstanding administrative team in Fairbury. I will be coming from Lincoln Public Schools where I was an Early Childhood Supervisor, Coordinator and Instructional Coach and Interventionist. I also spent 3 years at UNL as an RTI Reading Coach and trainer for Project Readers.

My husband, Jerry has been an administrator in McCook for the past 18 years. Our daughter, Abby will be a junior who loves dance, plays volleyball, serves as manager for girl's basketball and track. Nicholas will be a 3rd grader who enjoys gymnastics, reading and football. Natalie, Alex and Andy are finished with school and working in Boston, Lincoln and Omaha. I look forward to getting to know the students, staff and community in Fairbury. Please stop by Central so I can begin to get to know each of you.

Nick Kroon
Jr/Sr High School Principal

Good summer afternoon to all. The next time you read a Fairbury Public School's newsletter, we will all be a month deep into our new school year! The next month will be a sad time as summer comes to a close, but also an exciting time as school and school activities gear back up. Our teachers and administrators have spent the summer in workshops and meetings learning new things and ideas to help our students learn, and our students have prepped for school activities with weights and skill development sessions. I am very optimistic that this year will be one of Fairbury's finest in academics and extracurriculars.

With the new school year also comes changes, new people, and new things. Jeff Vetter has departed Fairbury for the pastures of superintendency in Pleasanton after dedicating 15 years to our district as the principal. Thanks Jeff and God Bless ya! I will be taking over his duties as principal and look forward to the exciting opportunities to come. Derek Anderson has recently moved to Fairbury to take over as the assistant principal and activities director. Derek brings with him much energy and passion for student learning in the classroom and in extracurricular activities! We also have some new faces in the teaching ranks. Logan Kats will be our newest business teacher, Ashton Feldkamp will take over in the JH physical science department, Trevor Kern will take over as our 5-12 vocal instructor, and Travis Steinhoff will now serve as one of our 7-12 PE teachers. These teachers will also fill roles vital to our school in JH Track, Musical, Show Choir, Head Boys Basketball, and VB & BB officiating. These newbies will bring lots of dedication to our school district and we all look forward to watching them grow as educators!

There were lots of new things done to the high school this summer that you might never see. We have a new roof and many (can't quite remember how many) new heat pumps in our hallways and classrooms. You may notice the gym floor is different, but not necessarily changed that much. We have switched to the Southern Nebraska Conference and with that came a little lane paint job to cover up the old Central Conference writing in the lane. We were supposed to get a whole new floor design, but that is now not going to happen until the summer of 2017.

Also something new this year is our Friday teacher professional development. This will require an early out (1:35 pm for the HS) every Friday. This does eliminate our Friday Academic Hour, but we will have something to replace this that really aides students who are struggling with material. This new 'Jeffs' program (Jeffs Educational Fitness and Feats) will require students who are failing, to report before school, after school, or a combination of both to a group of teachers in the area in which they are struggling. The first meeting will be set up between the teacher and the student. If the student fails to report to that designated time, the teacher will alert the parent/guardian of the failure to report and explain the new time the student has to report. This would be a sort of 2nd chance for the student. If the student fails to report on the second time, he/she will be assigned an ISS for the day. The goal is to get all students to the level of passing to open doors of opportunity once the students leave Fairbury High School.

So with August right around the corner, here are some important dates. We will see a lot of all of you really soon!

August 8: Girls Golf, Softball, and Football Practice begins

August 11: 7th Grade/New Student Orientation @ 7:00 pm

August 15: All teachers report & Cross Country and Volleyball Practice begins

August 17: First day of School (1:35 pm HS Dismissal)

“Welcome Back to School Night”

Elementary students and family members are invited to attend this year's WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT at Central Elementary and/or Jefferson Intermediate schools on Tuesday, August 16th anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This is the *best opportunity before school begins for families to visit their child's new classroom and to meet their child's new teachers. For families' convenience, cafeteria staff will be available to process meal account deposits during this year's event. Representatives from the Fairbury PTA will also be available to share planned programs and activities, school spirit wear, volunteer opportunities, and membership details. We encourage all students and families to join us for introductions and excitement as we celebrate the start of another spectacular school year!*

Elementary Registration Notes

With school about to begin we need to make sure all registration and enrollment requirements have been met before the doors open in August. Here is a list of things that parents must have accomplished in order for their children to start school.

All Returning Students - Need to complete their E-Registration online by accessing the Parent Portal. An information packet with directions will be sent to all families via US mail in mid-July.

Kindergarten Students – Need to have a state certified copy of their birth certificate, updated immunization documentation, a physical and vision exam, and an emergency contact form filled out. All of these forms need to be returned to Central Elementary. Students will not be able to start school without current immunizations.

Transfer Students – Out of state transfers need to have a physical and vision exam. All transfer students need to provide immunization records and certified birth certificate along with transfer paperwork. Students with Allergies or Asthma – We need to have an action plan on file for these students in case of an emergency. We want to know what your child is allergic to or what might trigger an asthma attack and how you want us to proceed. We have forms that need to be filled out and they may be picked up at any school or mailed to you.

Students with other Medical Diagnoses – Please inform the school of any medical concerns your student has so that we are aware and any information as to what we need to watch for and/or how to treat them. Medication at School – Students needing to take medicine at school must have a “Medication Administration” form filled out and signed by their physician.

The medicine needs to be in its original container and have the name of the student, the amount to be given and the time it needs given on it. Medication needs to be brought to the office of the school, preferably by the parent. Sending medication to school with a child is risky.

Elementary School Supplies

Recommended school supply lists for elementary students (Kindergarten through Grade 6) can be found on the school district's website (www.fairburyjeffs.org) and have been made available to local retail stores and businesses. Please contact the customer service desk or your child's school for more information.



Greetings!

I want to start off by saying how grateful my family and I are to have been welcomed to Fairbury. My family and I are excited to serve the Fairbury community and look forward to building relationships with all community members.

It has been a pleasure to watch our student-athletes throughout the month of July work to improve their skills and strength in preparation of the 2016-17 school year. It has been great to see the amount of time and effort that these students have put into their preparations, and the coaches are to be commended for their hard work!

Fall activities are about to get underway. Practices for girls golf, softball and football will begin on August 8th. Volleyball and cross country practices will start the following week on August 15th. With these dates in mind, it is time for your son/daughter to get his/her sports physical. All physical forms must be signed and turned into the office before your student-athlete can compete in practices or games.

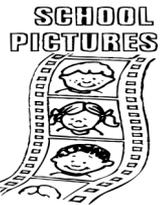
Next, on August 17th, the Booster Club will be sponsoring its annual Booster Bash. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The meal will consist of a hot dog or brat, chips, dessert and drink. Following the meal, the guest speaker will be Matt Coatney, who is the Women's Basketball play-by-play announcer for the Husker Sports Network. Once Mr. Coatney's speech has concluded, there will be mandatory fall sports parent meeting. During the Booster Bash, there will be plenty of time to purchase the necessary Jeff gear and sign up to be a booster club member. This event will be an exciting way to kick off the 2015-2016 school year, and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Lastly, this is the inaugural year of Fairbury joining the Southern Nebraska Conference. Be sure to check out www.southernnebraskaconference.org for all updated schedules. Most schedules are set as of right now, but slight changes can occur as the year progresses. I also intend to keep you updated through Facebook and Twitter with any changes. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you! I have already stated to so many my pride in my new community, but for those who have not heard me say it yet... "It's a Great Day to be a JEFF!"

Derek Anderson
Assistant Principal/AD

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken Wednesday, August 24th. Martin Photography will once again be taking our students' pictures this school year. Please look for a flyer with picture information that will be sent home with your child(ren). School picture orders are required to be pre-paid and students' families will be asked to send the money for their pictures by picture day. All picture packages will be delivered to school and then sent home with individual students. There is no obligation to purchase school pictures. All students will be photographed for inclusion in the annual yearbook. District families having preschool-age children at home and not enrolled in school may also take advantage of this photo opportunity from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24th at Central Elementary School.



SCHOOL LUNCH

Summer break is almost over and it is time to think about how to feed your children while at school. The nutrition services staff would like to help you. Nothing is more convenient and affordable than school breakfast and lunch.

Prices for Breakfast and Lunch for the 2016-2017 school year:

	Pre-K/Reduced	K-6/Reduced	7-12/Reduced	Adult
Breakfast	\$2.60/\$0.30	\$1.65/\$ 0.30	\$1.75/\$0.30	\$1.95
Lunch	\$2.60/\$0.40	\$2.60/\$0.40	\$2.85/\$0.40	\$3.40

Where can you get a breakfast that includes whole grains, low fat proteins, fruit, juice and milk for that price? And don't forget that school lunch includes low fat proteins, whole grains, a fruit/vegetable bar with a variety of fresh vegetables and an assortment of fruit choices and milk. If your child brings their lunch from home or they want to purchase an extra milk, the cost is only 40 cents.

The nutrition services staff works hard to offer a wide variety of delicious healthy choices for breakfast and lunch. Your child should have no trouble finding something they like. When everyone is rushed in the morning trying to get out the door, why not school breakfast? School lunch means, no lunches to pack, no lunch boxes to carry or remember at the end of the day. What could be easier?

Parents are always welcome to join us for lunch at any school. If you are planning to eat lunch at Central or Jefferson, we ask that you notify the office by 9:00 am to be included in their lunch count for the day.

Free/reduced meal applications need to be returned **as soon as possible**. Current applications allowed to expire will be required to pay full price for all meals until new applications are approved. Remember that when approved for free meals that includes breakfast and lunch. If your financial situation changes throughout the year, you may reapply at any time.

Lunch accounts need to have a positive balance to purchase a meal, unless free meal application has been approved. You may view your student's lunch account balance in PowerSchool. Lunch payments are accepted at all schools by check or cash, please include your child/children's name with payment. Online payments may be made at eFunds for schools. On the fairburyjeffs.org website, go to the Parents link – Nutrition – eFunds for Schools. A \$1.00 fee will be charge for each checking (ACH) payment and a fee of \$2.65 per \$100 will be charged for each credit or debit card payment. Payments can be made for multiple students at multiple schools.

Our staff looks forward to serving you and your children. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 402-729-6119 or at jrhine@fairburyjeffs.org. I will be happy to help you any way I can.

Thanks
Jane Rhine
Food Service Supervisor

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a brand new school year. Mid States School Bus is now your transportation provider for Fairbury Public Schools. You shouldn't see any dramatic changes as the same staff will be here to provide you with the same great service the District has come to expect.

At Mid States, our number one commitment is to safety. We feel distracted school bus drivers cannot be safe drivers. The Transportation Policy is set down by a joint effort of Mid States and Fairbury Public Schools and will be available at the bus barn. **The discipline policy states that the first infraction is a verbal warning and/or assigned seating, the second is a written warning to the parents, and the third infraction will result in a bus suspension. If you are not familiar with this policy please stop by the bus barn at 1126 24th Street and pick up a copy or visit the school website for a copy as well.**

All Pre-schoolers must be accompanied to the bus. On the return trip, a responsible party must also be waiting at the curb to accept the student when the bus arrives.

Please call the bus barn if your child will not be riding the bus 402-729-2705. If we stop for three consecutive days and your child does not ride, you will be dropped from the route until you call to make arrangements for the child to ride

Also, please let me know if you have a child with a medical problem that we need to be aware of for treatment if necessary (asthma, diabetes, seizures etc.).

One final note..... Please keep me up to date if you have a change in contact information. (Phone numbers) This is extremely important in case of an emergency!!!

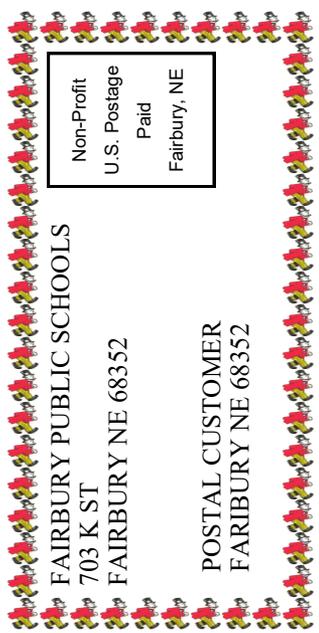
Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can have a great and safe school year!

Sincerely,
Roger Bailey Location Manager

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