

'Rider News

From The Desk Of Superintendent Todd Porter

We have been very fortunate during this first few weeks. I appreciate the caution that parents have been taking with their children, keeping them home when they are ill and checking with their health care providers for the best information they can get. It is very important that we keep that up and make sure that we keep all illnesses at the lowest point we can. We will continue to keep a close eye on our students, keep sanitizing our buildings and buses, and encourage all students to keep up with their school work, even when they are home. We want to keep our kids in school and learning, but when a child does have to stay home it is very important that they do as much as they can to keep up. When a child returns to school, we will do all we can to make sure they are aware of everything they need to do to get back on track. If you have any questions about missing assignments, tests, etc., please email your child's instructor. All of us want your child to be as successful as possible.

For those parents who have kids that drive

themselves to school, I'd really appreciate you to remind them that driving is a very important activity, but it is especially important to be safe around schools and children. Many students, and their parents, walk or ride a bike to school. The sidewalks, parking lots, and paths to school should always be an area to take extra caution. The simple message is "slow down." If that means you're arriving to school a minute or two later it's much better than causing an accident.

Riding the bus is also a place where students must be on their best behavior. It is difficult to drive a bus with a loud group of children on the bus. Drivers need to be able to focus on the road and traffic, not on students being distracting or getting up out of their seat. It is very important that children are ready to go when the bus arrives, as well. Buses run on a very tight timeline, and we don't want to have a group of children late to school because the entire route has been delayed. When the weather becomes more difficult, it's just that much more important. By the way, if

you're interested in driving a bus, contact Mr. Springer. It is a very good paying part-time job and we are always looking for route and activity drivers.

As we move into September, that means budgeting and grant writing, continuing our free breakfast and lunch program paperwork and programs, and doing the best we can to keep our students in school. If your child is not taking advantage of the free "grab and go" breakfast at school I urge them to do so. It is great for the kids and also great for our school nutrition program. It's a great program all the way around. Thank you for your continued support of our students.



September 2021

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Special points of interest:

- Sept. 6 - NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 13 - 10:00 Late Start for all students
- Sept. 13 - School Board Meeting at 7:30 PM at Elem
- Sept. 20 - Health Screenings at EL-EM
- Sept. 23 - Polish Your Pearls at the Elem

Jr/Sr High News - Mr. Springer

The summer has been very busy with all of the changes, as we work toward opening the JR/SR High School building. The student schedules have been entered and we are in the process of getting the schedules ready for the first day. If you have any questions about schedules, please call Jordan Lewis or myself.

Communication is a great tool that makes any job easier. This is especially true in the area of education. All of our staff members have email and are willing to communicate in any way that is helpful if you find your child struggling. It is very difficult for staff at the school to answer phone calls during the day as they are teaching our students. I would encourage you to email the teachers if you have any concerns. This way we can work together to ensure your child is getting the education they deserve.

There have been many improvements to the buildings and grounds this past summer. The building has had a lot of areas painted and new colors added fresh carpet and new concrete installed. These are just a few of the improvements that have taken place this summer.

Please feel free to stop by the school if you have questions or concerns. By working together, we can create a great learning environment for our students.

Elementary News - Mrs. Fries

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start. Sadly we said goodbye to some amazing staff and students, but have happily embraced many new ones. Our elementary enrollment is at 161 students this year. The staff and students are working hard every day and accomplishing great things. We started our MAPS testing on August 30th for grades K-5 and will continue to work on completing the Math, Reading, and Science assessments by September 10th. The MAPS assessment, or the **Measure of Academic Progress**, is a computerized adaptive test that is given in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. The testing information is important to teachers because it indicates a student's strengths and helps determine areas that students may need extra support. Teachers can use this information to help them guide instruction in the classroom.

Our district adopted a new math curriculum this year, *HMH Into Math*, for grades K-5. *Into Math* develops a student's conceptual understanding that helps them become more mathematical thinkers. Lessons provide students with the opportunity to express what they already know, challenge themselves for what might be coming next, and engage in mathematical conversations with their peers. This program provides opportunities for family support at home. Some of these tools include Math on the Spot videos, School-Home Letters, and interactive practice on Ed, the online platform. We are still learning how everything works and how we can best utilize these tools. It is my goal to have a parent night soon so that we can demonstrate the online portion of this program. Until then, please be patient while we work on mastering this new curriculum and all of its resources!

News From The AD - Mr. Roggenkamp

NFHS Network- The High School will be installing camera in the Gym and at the Football Field that will allow for streaming of sporting activities from our home games. The NFHS Network is a subscription based network that allows Southwest to air games to all who subscribe to NFHS.

First Responders

Southwest would like to honor all first responders prior to Kickoff on September 10th, 2021. We would like all first responders to meet at the West End Zone at 6:45 PM. We will present colors and play the anthem at 6:50 PM. All first responders from the area are invited to walk out with the presentation of the flag before the game.

Seniors:

Scholarships:

Seniors can access scholarship applications on their "Class of 2022" Canvas site. A list of available scholarships can be found at:

Go to www.swpschools.org

Hover over the Jr. Sr. High School tab at the top

Go to the bottom of the selection and choose "Senior Scholarships"

Click the google link

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vC-cN8tlc6Rv-3NYNzGsGz8xpwkEdgZSccFZBPWI9DQ/edit?usp=sharing>

The spreadsheet is organized by monthly due dates so be sure to click the month tabs at the bottom of the page!!

FAFSA:

Looking forward- the FAFSA parent day is Thursday, October 21st. Appointments will be available from 8:30AM-3:00PM. Education Quest will be available via video calls to help parents apply for FAFSA. If your student is planning to attend college, you can fill out the FAFSA. This is an opportunity for financial aid. By the time you leave your student's FAFSA application for college will be finished! Take advantage of this great opportunity. Please email me at jordan.lewis@swpschools.org to let me know you are attending and to book an appointment!

ACT :

Register for the ACT at: actstudent.org

Southwest School code: 280151

MCC test site code: 024600

Test Date:	Registration Deadline:	Late Fee Deadline:
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	August 20, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022

Sophomores: will be taking the ASVAB September 1st. This is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. The results of this test can help match students to career strengths and interests.

On September 22nd, sophomores will be attending the Connect the Dots Event, hosted by the UNL Extension office at McCook High School. This event helps students explore careers.

**Board of Education Special Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
August 9, 2021**

President Duane Teter called the special meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education, School District 179, to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 9, 2021, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Brooke Brooks, Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, John O'Dea, Jason Kloepping, Principal Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach.

President Teter summarized current Board Policy #5018 Parent and Guardian Involvement in Educational Practices. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss, consider, receive input, and suggest modifications from district patrons relating to the current parent and guardian involvement policy.

No public comment was received.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

**Board of Education Special Meeting
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President Duane Teter called the special meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education, School District 179, to order at 7:37 p.m. on August 9, 2021, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, Jason Kloepping, Jason Neseth, John O'Dea, Brooke Brooks, Principal Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach.

President Teter discussed current Board Policy #5045 Student Fees. The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of district patrons relating to the current student fees policy.

No public comment was received.

The meeting at was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

**Board of Education Special Meeting
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District 179
August 9, 2021**

President Duane Teter called the special meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education, School District 179, to order at 7:41 p.m. on August 9, 2021, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, John O'Dea, Brooke Brooks, Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, Jason Kloepping, Principal Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach.

President Teter summarized current Board Policy #5057 District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss, consider, receive input, and suggest modifications from district patrons relating to the current parent and guardian involvement policy.

No public comment was received.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
August 9, 2021**

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:47 p.m. on August 9, 2021 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, John O'Dea, Jason Kloepping, Brooke Brooks, Jason Neseth, Principal Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Teter, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice newspaper and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, Brooks, O'Dea, Kloepping, and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Brooks, Teter, O'Dea, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the resolution that the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education will make decisions on the Nebraska Department of Education's proposed health standards, and not the Department of Education. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, Brooks, O'Dea, Kloepping, and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to reaffirm Board Policy 5018—Parent and Guardian Involvement in Educational Practices. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to reaffirm Board Policy 5045—Student Fees. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to reaffirm Board Policy 5057—District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, O'Dea, Brooks, McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board members discussed the plan that the ESSER III Grant allocations will be used for the salary and benefits of elementary instructors for splitting two grades and an additional interventions instructor for two to three years.

Action Item 6, Discuss and take appropriate action on updating security camera systems, under New Business, was tabled until the September board meeting

The Return to School Plan, as posted on the school website, was discussed by school board members.

Superintendent Porter is waiting for county valuations, but he doesn't anticipate much change in the levy for the 2021-2022 budget year.

Board Minutes Continued

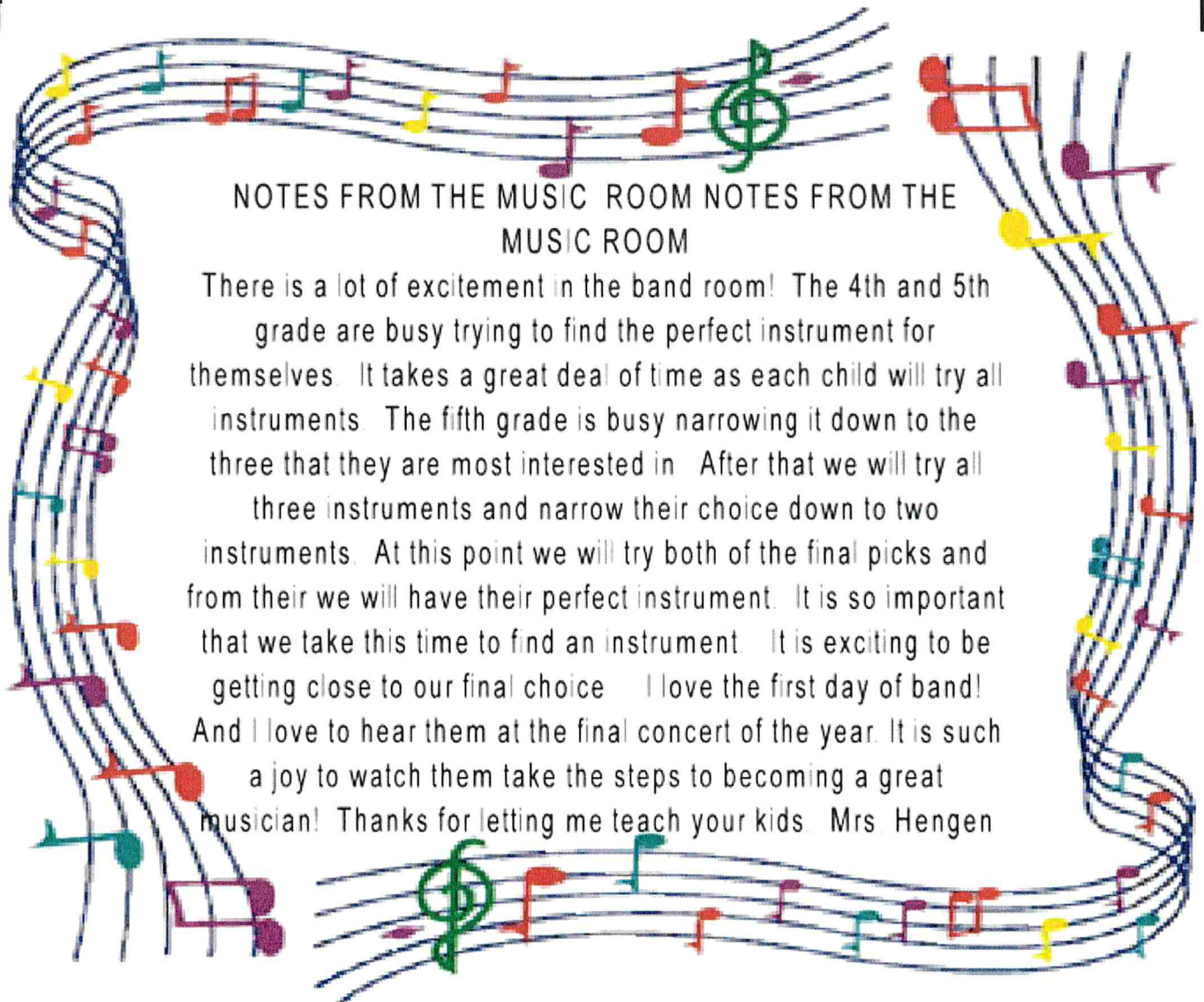
Principal Fries informed the Board that the elementary wall has been installed between classrooms. The cabinets will be delivered in October, so plans are to install the cabinets and countertops over the weekends.

Agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School to pay remaining 2020-2021 bills, approve transfers, and preview the 2021-2022 budget.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.



SOUTHWEST SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

September-21

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider	Salad Bar Daily Milk With All Meals		1 Breakfast Oatmeal Round Lunch Turkey Slice	2 Breakfast Cereal Lunch Jiffy Burger	3 Breakfast Cereal Bar Lunch Quesedilla	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	7 Breakfast Chocolate Crescent Lunch Orange Chicken	8 Breakfast Pancake Sausage Sandwich Lunch Beef and Noodles	9 Breakfast Muffin Lunch Sausage Gravy over Biscuit	10 Breakfast Strawberry Pancakes Lunch BBQ Pork Sandwich	11
12	13 NO BREAKFAST 10:00 Late Start Lunch Ham Slice	14 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Bar Lunch Beefy Nachoes	15 Breakfast Rice Krispie Bar Lunch Breakfast for Lunch	16 Breakfast Cinnamon Toast Bar Lunch Hamburger or Cheese burger	17 Breakfast Pancake Sausage Stix Lunch Mac and Cheese	18
19	20 Breakfast Cinnias Lunch Chicken Sandwich	21 Breakfast Cereal Lunch Pizza Burger	22 Breakfast Pancakes Lunch Fajita	23 Breakfast Bagel Lunch Baked Potato Bar	24 Breakfast Pop Tart Lunch Hot Beef Sandwich	25
26	27 Breakfast Churro Lunch Taco Salad	28 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Lunch Mini Corndogs	29 Breakfast Cereal Lunch Fish Sticks	30 Breakfast Frudel Lunch Goulash	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	



Southwest Public Schools

September, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30am-12:00pm ASVAB Test-	2 7:40am NHS Meeting- 9:00am GGOlf at Indianhead (Grand Island)- 5:00pm VB Trl @ MHC (SW/RC)-	3 10:00am CC @ Cambridge-	4 State Fair (FFA Division)-
5 State Fair (FFA Division)- No School-	6 6:30pm FFA Meeting-	7 9:30am Art-Hastings Mural Comp.- 6:30pm District Ag Teachers Meeting-	8 First Eligibility- 1:30pm JH VB @ Wauneta Palisade- 4:00pm JH FB @ Wauneta Palisade- 4:30pm CC @ Chase County- 5:00pm VB Trl @ SV (SW/Suth)-	9 7:00pm FB vs. Red Cloud- 9:00pm Fall Sports Meal (Red Cloud)(Bartley Fire Department Sponsor)-	10 7:00pm FB @ Silver Lake (Bladen)-	11 State Fair (FFA Division)-
12 10:00am Late Start/Teacher Inservice- 1:30pm JH VB @ Loomis- 4:30pm CC @ Alma- JH-FB vs Franklin- (Cancelled) 6:30pm JV VB vs Franklin- 7:30pm Board Meeting-	13 9:00am GGOlf @ Gotthenburg- 5:00pm VB @ Wauneta Palisade-	14 FFA Husker Harvest Days-	15 12:00pm GG Quad (SW/DC/PC/Her)- 2:30pm JH VB @ Cambridge- 4:30pm CC @ Arapahoe-	16 7:00pm FB @ Silver Lake (Bladen)-	17 11:00am VB Tournament @ McCook-	18
19 Dessert Theater- 8:30am Health Screenings Eltern-	20 5:30pm VB vs Arapahoe-	21 8:00am-3:00pm Connect the Dots Career Day- 2:00pm JH VB vs Wallace- 3:00pm JH FB vs Wallace-	22 9:00am GGOlf @ Holdrege- 10:00am Polish your Pearls- 4:30pm CC @ Hayes Center (MHC)-	23 7:00pm FB vs Wauneta Palisade-	24 Heritage Day Parade- 10:00am VB @ Sutherland Tournament-	25
26 CC @ UNK (Kearney Invite)- 5:30pm JV FB @ WP-	27 2:00pm JH VB vs Hitchcock Co @ SW- 4:30pm VB Trl @ Oberlin (St.Francis/Decatur Comm.)-	28 7:00am-3:30pm Health Careers Fair @ UNK- 10:00am GGOlf @ DCS- 9:00pm STUCO Workshop RPAC-	29 Parents Night VB/Cheer- 2:00pm JHVB @ Wilcox/Hildreth- 3:00pm JHFB @ Wilcox/Hildreth- 5:00pm VB Trl @ SW (Alma/Overton)-	30		



The Southwest Volleyball Team
is having a
DIG PINK Night!

September 30, 2021

vs.

Overton & Alma

SIDEOUT
FOUNDATION
side-out.org

The Southwest volleyball team is participating in the Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally. Southwest volleyball will be raising money for the Side-Out Foundation by selling T-shirts. T-shirts will be pink. If you would like to order a T-shirt, please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to the Southwest High School office by **September 11, 2021**.

If we reach our goal of \$2000, Coach Barnett will donate her hair. If we reach \$3000, Coach Barnett will get a "SPECIAL" haircut. Please list a player that you want to "sponsor". The player with the most \$\$\$ gets to cut Coach Barnett's hair.

Don't want to buy a shirt and still want to make a difference? Donations will be accepted at the volleyball game on September 30th.

We will also have a memorial/survivor wall. You can purchase a picture of a volleyball and put the name of the person whom you would like to recognize on it. The wall will be displayed at the event.

A special thank you to Anna Powell and Aphrodite Salon!!!!

Name: _____ Sponsor Player: _____

Phone: _____

Shirt Sizes \$16 each

YM	YL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	TOTAL

Please make checks to Southwest School. Due Sep. 11th at 8:00 am

Volleyballs may be purchased up until the game on Sept. 30th.

Total \$ _____
(include volleyballs)

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Please check if you have volleyball orders on the back.

Memorial/Survivor Volleyball \$5

Name of Person purchasing: _____

Phone: _____

Circle one: Memorial or Survivor

Name to be placed on volleyball: _____

Cancer type: _____

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