



Palmer Public School



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Superintendent's Newsletter – August/September, 2021

It's Back to School time! Please join me in welcoming these new staff members to our Palmer School Family: Emily Byerly, Kindergarten; Kyndsay Herrick, Art/FCS; Conner Lowery, P.E.; and Kristin Nicholas, Assistant Cook.

Palmer Pride Night will be on **Monday, August 9**. We're planning on CARNIVAL theme activities, students dropping off supplies, family pictures, 7-12 laptop checkout, and, of course, food! A map of the activity locations is on the next page. Activities will run from 5:00-8:00 p.m., and families will again be staggered for registration: Last names A-L will register from 5:00-6:30, and M-Z will register from 6:30-8:00.

"Back to the Basics" is the theme for this year. After several years now of implementing ideals from the Ron Clark Academy - striving to "create a loving, dynamic learning environment that promotes academic excellence and fosters leadership" (quoted from the Ron Clark Academy website), we'll work to re-emphasize and re-focus this year on our basic RCA concepts: conversational skills, handshakes, knowing names, eye contact, leaving a place better than we found it (picking/cleaning up), and the Palmer Pillars:

- **High Expectations** - "We show respect by listening and waiting our turn to speak."
- **Welcoming Atmosphere** - "We greet ALL visitors and introduce our self."
- **Caring Relationships** - "We know ALL students and staff by name."
- **Everyone Is Committed** - Buy in by ALL stakeholders and tied into all three above.

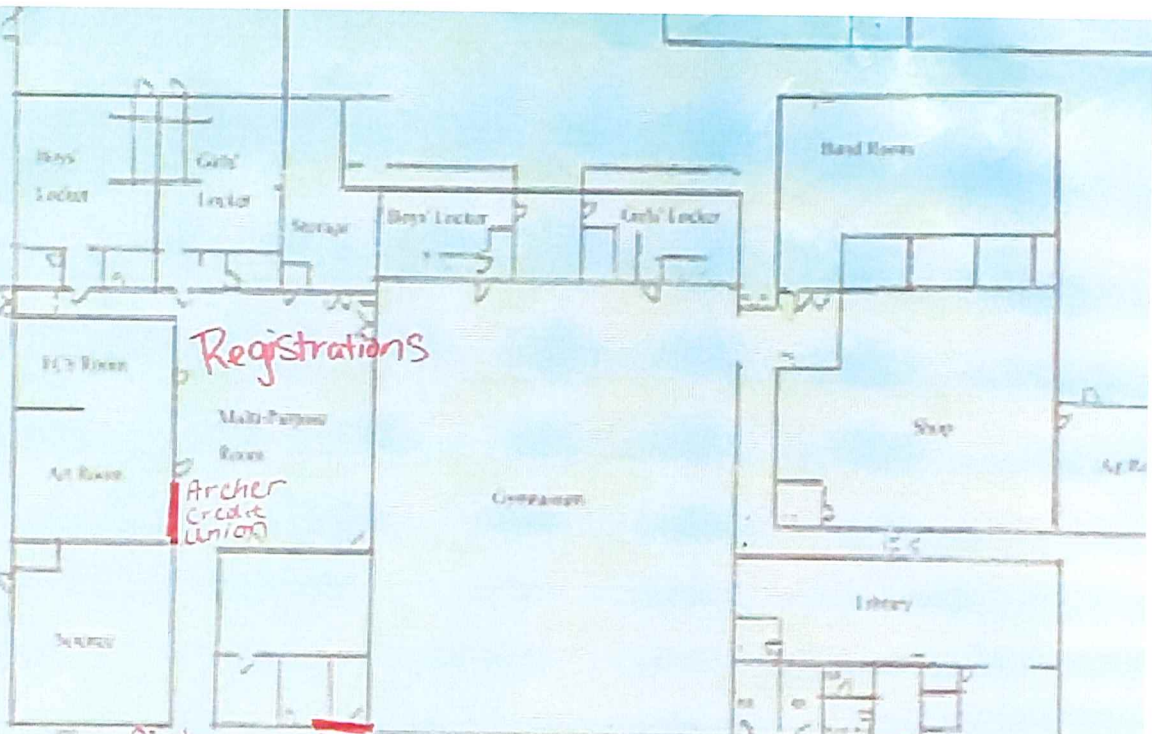
We all know how important these interpersonal "soft skills" are for students' future, and we frequently receive feedback on how well Palmer students represent our community whenever they travel for school activities. We appreciate the community's support in reinforcing these skills!

Here's to a GREAT 2021-22 school year!!

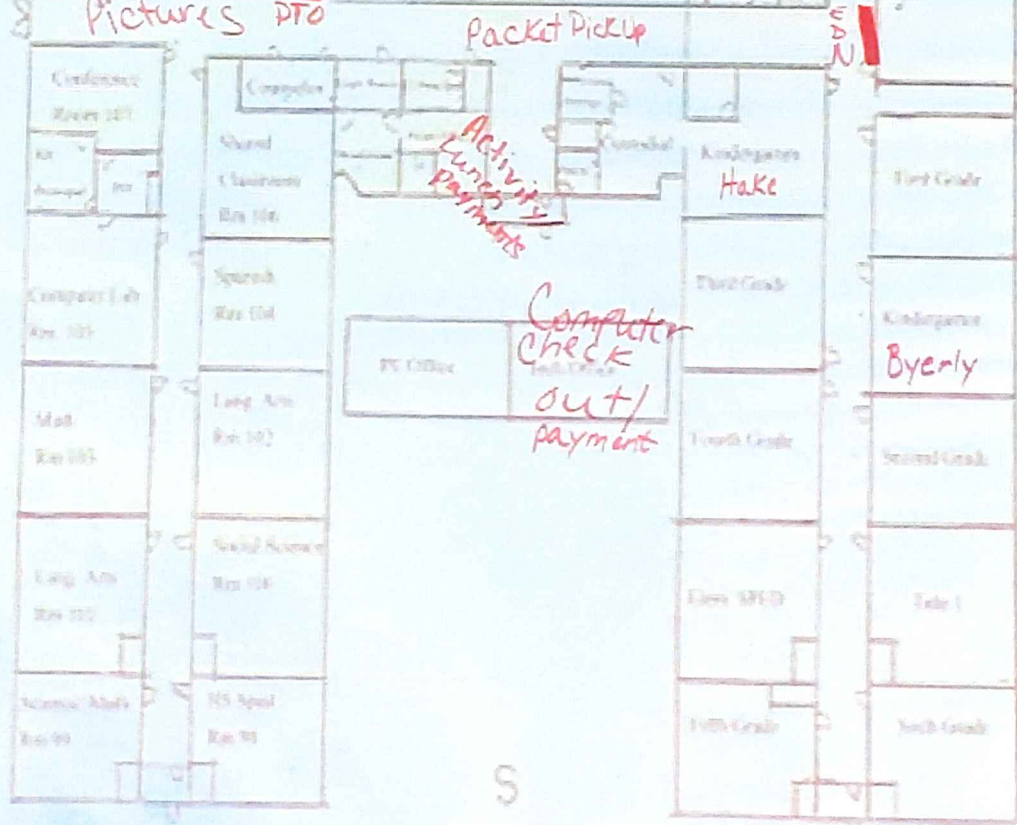
Dr. Bohlken

"Palmer Public Schools... a community that prides itself on commitment, growth, and achievement."

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School is evolving back to before COVID "normal", at least in most realms. The transition into the school year 21-22 holds a few less unknowns than last year and that is definitely welcomed! While there are always going to be the unanticipated events, it is safe to say that COVID definitely took us all by surprise.

So here we are, ready for another fun filled school year! **August 12th** will be our first day with dismissal at 1:30. Please check online on our school page for your child's supply list and if you would like to, you can bring those items in on Palmer Pride night. Also online, throughout the school year you can check on your child's grades/attendance/lunch count on the parent portal of powerschool. If you need assistance signing up please contact the office. Breakfast and lunch will be free again this year but that does not include extra lunch or seconds.

Morning drop offs will be available at both buildings at 7:30. All students entering the big building will need to go straight to the Chochon room (lunch room) upon entering until 7:45. At 7:45 they will be escorted out to the playground from the Chochon room or can go straight outside if entering at that time. If, at the end of the day, you are picking up from Tiny Tigers Early Learning Center please do so by 3:20. The parking lot is smaller at TTELC and busses will be coming to pick up students shortly after 3:30. **All changes in typical afternoon pickups/drop offs will need to be made by 2:45** to give our office enough time to communicate with teachers/drivers! It is very challenging to ensure all students are getting where they need to go if we are contacted later than that. We do our best to make this as smooth as possible and it is a large undertaking to make sure all students get to the right locations! Thank you in advance for assisting with this!

I hope that you were able to have some relaxing time this summer with family and friends. Palmer Pride night is going to be August 10th so I hope to see you then to welcome you back as we embark on the school year 2021-2022!

Sincerely,

Sherise Loeffelbein
Pk-6 Principal/Special Education Director



How quickly time flies!! It won't be long and another school year will be upon us. My prayer is that Covid-19 is behind us and it can be a normal school year at PHS. We would like to welcome two new teachers to the Secondary side of the building this school year. First, Kyndsay Herrick will be our new Art/Family Consumer Science teacher. She comes to us from St. Paul and many of you know her already as her children go to school at Palmer Schools. Mrs. Herrick will be teaching four classes of Art along with classes in Fundamentals of Food, Culinary and 8th Grade Exploratory. We are most excited to have her with us as she starts a new program for PHS. Secondly, we want to welcome Ms. Conner Lowery to Palmer Schools. Ms. Lowery comes to us from Wayne State College via Davenport, Nebraska. She will be teaching all the Elementary Physical Education classes, along with High School Strength Training classes. Mrs. Herrick will also be the Dance Coach along with being an Assistant High Track Coach. Ms. Lowery will be the Junior High Girls Track Coach. Welcome to Palmer Schools Mrs. Herrick and Ms. Lowery.

We are always trying to approve our curriculum and this school year we will be adding new classes in Culinary 1 & 2, Fundamentals of Food, Introduction to Design, Introduction to Business and classes offered through Nebraska High School via Distance Learning. Those students that are Juniors and Seniors will still have the opportunity to enroll in college courses through Central Community College and students that are vocationally inclined can enroll part-time at the Grand Island Career Pathways Institute. Overall, we offer our students plenty of educational opportunities for a small school.

We will be looking forward to starting the 2021-22 school year off with a bang!! Enjoy the summer as the new school year will be upon us before you know it.

Greg Morris
Secondary Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BACK TO SCHOOL



Hello all!

Welcome back for the 2021-2022 school year! This will be my 2nd year at Palmer as our K-12 school counselor and I am looking forward to everyone being back in the building and getting another year underway. Although the beginning of the school year is an exciting time of year, it can be a hectic time for parents, teachers, staff, and students! Below are some tips from teachers to help with your transition back into the swing of school and a new routine.

Start a sleep schedule – About a week before the first day of school, children should begin a bedtime and wake-up schedule that mirrors their impending weekday routine.

Don't skip breakfast – While mornings can be extremely hectic, it's crucial – particularly for youngsters – that breakfast not be sacrificed due to the morning rush.

Set after school rules – Before school starts, sit down as a family and map out the after school rules, including: when and where homework will be done (your house should include a distraction-free area equipped with a desk and well-stocked with school supplies); the amount of time that's allowed for watching TV and playing games; and how many extracurricular activities – such as sports and scouts – can be juggled.

Create a family calendar – Stay on track as a family by posting a calendar in a central area, such as the kitchen, that lists each family member's appointments, activities, events, due dates and test dates.

Foster organizational skills – In addition to creating a family calendar, help your child develop a personal organizational system to stay on top of assignments, tests and important dates. Possibilities include a white board, a day planner or a smart phone's notes function.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at ewolfe@palmer.esu7.org or call 894-3065.

Emi Wolfe

Tiny Tigers Preschool-Mrs. Lizzy Shotkoski

I have so much to share with you as this school year is set to begin! Here are a few helpful pieces of information about the Tiny Tigers Preschool program.



Location-All preschool classes will be located at our Tiny Tigers Early Learning Center, across the street from the K-12 building. This facility is equipped with classrooms for 3 preschool groups. It has its own cafeteria, indoor recess space, library, lunchroom, and a fenced outdoor play space.

Teachers-Ms. Dawn Tedmon is our PreK 3 teacher. This year in PreK 4 students will be split into two groups between myself and Mrs. Tayma Rasmussen. We are all so excited to spend this year helping our community's littlest learners grow!

Classes-PreK 3 is for students who are age 3 prior to August 1st. There is a morning session, and an afternoon session of PreK 3. Sessions run from 8:00-11:30 and 12:00-3:30. PreK 4 is for students who are age 4 prior to August 1st. PreK 4 has one session running preschool focus hours from 8:00-1:00 and supplemental activities until the end of the school day. If families wish to pick up their child after focus hours are concluded they are welcome to do so.

Transportation-All preschool students are welcome to ride the AM and PM public school bus routes. A midday route will run to and from eligible daycare centers for PreK 3 students. Transportation will not be provided by the school at the conclusion of PreK 4 focus hours at 1:00.

Schedule-The preschool program will operate Monday through Thursday. There are no preschool classes on Fridays. We follow the same schedule as the K-12 students in terms of late starts, early outs, and days off. The first day of preschool is set for Monday August 16th. This is NOT the same date as the start for K-12 students.

Curriculum-We follow a play based curriculum...yes our students play most of the day! Learning through play is what is developmentally appropriate for preschoolers. As preschool teachers we provide hands-on play experiences that foster development in academic, emotional, social, physical, and language skills.

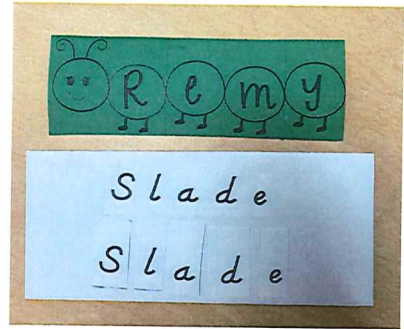


At Tiny Tigers Preschool we are committed to teaching through play and student discovery. We believe that a caring mutually respectful atmosphere promotes the learning process. We feel families are a vital partner in the education of their child and strive to make those home connections strong. We cannot be more excited to get this school year underway, see you soon!

Teaching the WHOLE Child

Tayma Rasmussen

At Tiny Tigers, we strive to not only develop students academically, but socially, emotionally, physically as well. We assess students on all of these developmental realms based on the [GOLD standards](#). Here are some of the activities that we do in preschool that engage and develop students that parents can do at home!

Developmental Realm	Activities we will do at school	Activities for practice at home
Cognitive - Literacy and Mathematics	<p>Name puzzles: We write the students' names out and have them cut the different letters apart. Then, they have the challenge of putting it back together in the correct order.</p> <p>Number identification games: We play roll and count games. With this activity, students are instructed to roll a dice, count the dots, and then find the number they counted and color it in. It feels like a game!</p>	<p>Make your own name puzzles:</p>  <p>Play board games that get students counting or matching numbers like UNO!, Sorry!, Chutes & Ladders, etc. Any board game by Educational Insights are great too!</p>
Social	<p>Dramatic Play: Students interact with each other at our dramatic play center. We create realistic environments so students can pretend play. During the year we might do a restaurant, fire station, flower shops, grocery store, hair salon, etc. This is fantastic for their social skills with their peers as well as language development.</p>	<p>Parents could create similar environments for their children at home! Do you have lots of amazon package boxes laying around? Use them to create kitchen appliances, tables, a baby crib, a bathtub, etc. Pack the pretend fridge full of cleaned out used food containers like applesauce and ice cream tubs or empty shampoo bottles next to your pretend bathtub. Have your child help you come up with ideas for what to create next!</p>

Monday, August 9th

BROKEN DOWN BY LAST INITIAL

A-L 5:00-6:30 PM

M-Z 6:30-8:00 PM

Please join the faculty and staff of Palmer Public School for our
2020-2021 School Year Kickoff Event:

BACK TO THE BASICS

It promises to be a fun-filled family evening.

Activities will include:

Meet the Teachers

Free Food

Ring Toss

Target Golf

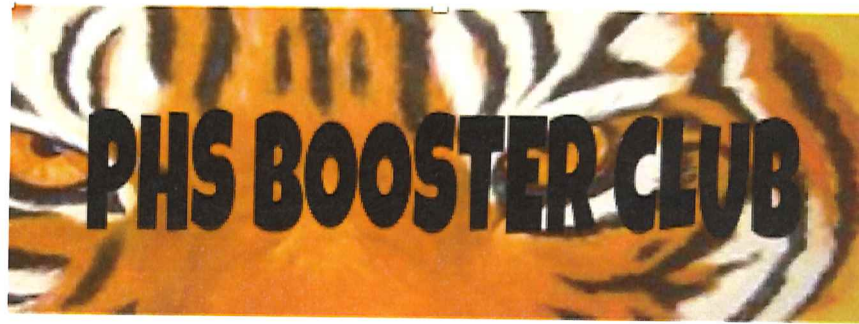
Laptop Checkout (Grades 7-12)

And Much More!

New Students Welcome! Bring the Whole Family!

We will be accepting cash, credit and checks for computer fees, lunch money, ect. Please MAKE SEPARATE CHECKS per lunch money, computer fees, ect.

PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL



ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12!

If your child(ren) is in grade 7-12 and participates in any extracurricular activity, you are automatically a member of the Palmer Booster Club! There are numerous positions that will be open this year in the organization so please consider being an active member! President, Vice-President, Treasurer are positions that need to be filled!

Meetings are held four times a year in the Chochon Room.

Please check your email, ebulletin, or the Palmer Tiger Facebook page for any upcoming meeting dates & times.

Our mission is to be an action-oriented group of parents that work together to enhance and expand the academic, social and athletic programs that are available to each individual student at Palmer Public School.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY

Federal regulation requires all schools to inventory asbestos containing materials and develop Management Plans to identify and control asbestos containing materials in their building. The District's Facilities were re-inspected and the Asbestos Management Plan was updated on December 12, 2018. The report is available for inspection (without cost) to the general public and employees. Independent copies will be made available upon request within five working days by contacting custodian: Vicki Fellers, Palmer Public School, Asbestos Coordinator, Phone 308-894-3065. (The school may charge for photocopies of the plan)

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

State law requires that a certified copy of a student's birth certificate be used when enrolling a new student in school. If your child is registering with Palmer School for the first time, you may obtain this document from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state in which your child was born. Assistance in obtaining birth certificates may be obtained from Health Records Management, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065. There is a fee per certificate.

Please note: The document parents receive from the hospital looks like a birth certificate, but it is not a certified copy. A certified copy has the raised seal of the state of Nebraska on it and is signed by the director of vital statistics.

If a birth certificate is unavailable, other reliable proof of a student's identity may be used. These documents could include naturalization or immigration documents showing date of birth or official hospital birth records, a passport, or a translation of a birth certificate from another country. The documents must be accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.

Certificate of Birth

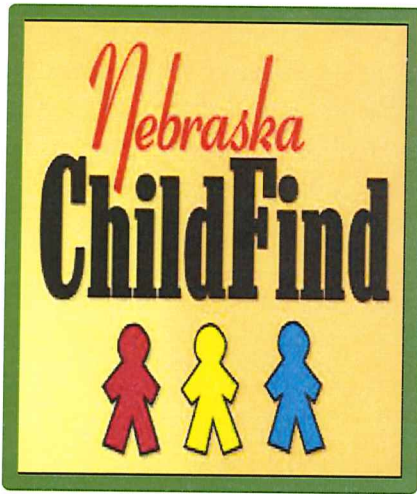
Name _____ Sex _____
Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Registration District _____ Sub-district _____

I, _____ Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-district of _____
do hereby certify that the above particulars have been compiled from an entry in a registrar in my custody.

Witness my hands this _____ day of _____ 20____

Note: - Any person (1) who falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

Registrar of Births & Deaths



The Palmer School district is looking for unidentified children with special needs as it participates in "Nebraska Childfind". This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved handicapped children, age's birth through 21.

Children who would benefit from special education services may not be receiving them because parents may not know of available programs or because they do not recognize the handicapping condition(s) of their children.

Special programs are available through public school for handicapped children whose impairments pose

restrictions on learning.

These impairments include:

Speech/Language disorders; Hearing/Visual impairments; Specific Learning disabilities; Behavioral disorders; Physical handicaps and severe or multiple handicaps. Nebraska law guarantees a free appropriate public education to all children.

Parents who feel their children should be receiving special education services are asked to contact the Palmer School District. Nebraska Childfind provides information also through their toll free number, 888-806-6287.

Schools are DRUG FREE ZONES

It shall be the policy of Merrick County School District No. 49, to absolutely prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities. This shall include such unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by any student of the District on District property, during regular school hours, during after school hours, and at school-sponsored activities. Palmer Public School declares all of our school buildings to be smoke-free, including electronic cigarettes or vapor devices. We would appreciate your help in meeting the goal of a smoke and tobacco free environment for our children.



Notice of Nondiscrimination

Students, their parents and employees of School District #49 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of sex, 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 School District #49's compliance with title IX and Section 504 and Title VI is directed to contact Superintendent Dr. Joel Bohlken, 201 Commercial St., Palmer Public School, 202 Commercial St. Palmer, NE 68864, phone 308-894-9053. Superintendent Dr. Joel Bohlken has been designated by School District #49 to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI.

PHONE CALLS

Students at Palmer Public School are expected to be respectful, responsible and resourceful. However, on occasion, students will forget things such as band instruments, laptops, permission slips, ect. Use of the office phone will be allowed for such calls but repeated occurrences will result in administrative intervention to discourage further occurrence. A telephone/intercom system is in each classroom. Students are prohibited from using this system unless permission is given by the teacher or in case of an emergency (dial 911). Students will not be called to the telephone during class periods except in case of emergency. When students are sick they will go to the office and school personnel will call their parents. Calls concerning doctor's appointments, work, etc. will be done before school, after school or during lunch. Administrative discretion will be used to allow students the use of the phone during the school day. Teachers will not allow students to use a school phone unless directed by the teacher to do so.

PARENT ACCESS TO POWER SCHOOL

If you are interested in being able to see your child's grades, attendance, lunch balance and the daily school bulletin through your web browser from home or any computer with internet access, contact Megan Urban or Katie Crawford, Office Secretaries at Palmer Public School murban@palmer.esu7.org or kcrawford@palmer.esu7.org or call 308-894-3065 for the URL, ID and password. You do not need a new ID and Password every year. If you have previously been a Power School user, please continue to use your ID and Password from the previous year. If you have forgotten your ID and Password or are a new Power School User, please contact Megan or Katie and they will set it up for you.

TITLE I

Title I is a federally funded program that targets student achievement. During the 2021-2022 school year Palmer Public School will participate in a school wide Title I program. This means that any student who is showing academic need throughout the year qualifies for extra help. In previous years certain students were targeted based on their skills from the preceding grade. Students will no longer be targeted at the beginning of the year. Instead, when they reach a topic that proves tough for them they will receive support through Title I.

Support through Title I include:

- Co-teaching: having two teachers in the classroom.
- Class size reduction through breaking a lesson into two groups
- Pull out skill pre-teaching or re-teaching
- Extra assistance on worksheets

We believe with this extra help and your support at home your child will preform to the best of her/his ability.

VISITING SCHOOL

Parents and Grandparents are invited to visit school at any time. A door-lock and security system has been installed for the safety of our students. For entrance during school hours, please push the button to the immediate left of front (center) entrance. This button will activate one-way audio communication with front office personnel. All visitors will be required to wear a visitor's badge. If you do not have a badge on, staff will stop you and ask you to report to the main office. This is for the protection of students and staff. You are welcome to eat lunch with your child/children. Adult meal prices are as follows:

Adult Lunch: \$3.75

Adult Seconds: \$1.25

Extra Milk: \$.75

VISITOR	
Name:	
Destination:	
Date:	Time In:

RITA'S PHOTOGRAPHY

FALL SPORTS PICTURES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH
DON'T FORGET YOUR FALL SPORTS UNIFORMS!
JH @ 2:40 PM, HS @ 3:30 PM



SCHOOL PICTURES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH (K-12)
COME LOOKING YOUR BEST!



PRE-K PICTURES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

RETAKES

WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.



ATHLETES PHYSICAL REMINDER:

All Students in grades 7-12 planning to participate in any NSAA Sanctioned activity is required to have a physical on file with the school before they will be allowed to participate in that activity.

Physical forms are available on the school website or in the school office. August 10th is the first day for the following fall activities: Softball, Football, Cross Country, and Volleyball.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

REQUIRED FOR:

KINDERGARTNERS, SEVENTH & ATHLETICS

Nebraska State Law requires evidence of a visual evaluation by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse or an optometrist, within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, must be furnished to the school unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a visual evaluation. The visual evaluation is to consist of testing for amblyopic, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity.

A physical examination by a doctor or a licensed physician's assistant is required for all students at "grade of entrance", upon entrance to seventh grade and students new to school in Nebraska. Statute does not define "grade of entrance" and this may mean either Kindergarten or Preschool. Law requires that this physical must be completed before a student may enroll in school. Parents may sign a waiver to exempt students from this physical required for admission to school.

Low-income families who qualify should contact Kids Connection at 800-632-5437 to receive information regarding fee or reduced-cost visual and physical evaluations.

Any student planning to complete in athletics in grades 7-12 is required to have a physical exam before the student can practice with the team. The physical for athletics cannot be waived. One physical will meet the requirements for both admission and athletic competitions. Forms are available at the Palmer Public school main office for examinations.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Palmer Public School does not provide any type of health insurance or accident insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school.

We encourage all families to have accident coverage on their child/children prior to participation in any sports or school sponsored activity. Families may purchase Student Accident Insurance to supplement their own primary health insurance. Students out for football or volleyball will receive Student Accident application forms at the first day of practice. All other Students will receive them in their packets on Palmer Pride Night. Football coverage, grades 9-12 is \$250.00. The Athletic department will pay half the premium (\$125.) as they have in the past.

IMMUNIZATION

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Board of Education, in compliance with Nebraska law, requires each student be protected against measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, Hepatitis B and varicella by immunization prior to enrollment. Any student not in compliance shall not be permitted to continue in school until this requirement is met (79-444.01). Students shall be provisionally enrolled if the immunization procedure has commenced and continues as rapidly as possible (79-444.07). Families shall be notified of this requirement prior to the date of registration (70-444.01). Immunization shall not be required for enrollment if: **(1)** The school is provided with a written statement signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner that the immunization would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or any member of that student's family; or **(2)** The school is provided with a written affidavit signed by the student, or, if a minor, by the legal representative of the student, that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized religious denomination and that the student is a practicing member of that religion (79-444.08).

The cost of such immunization shall be borne by the student's parent or guardian or by the Department of Health in situations where such cost would prohibit immunization (79-444.01).

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

Student Age Group Required Vaccines 2021-2022

Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider

- 4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine
- 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age
- 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine
- 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age
- 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.
- 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age

Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)

- 3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine
- 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age
- 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.

Students entering 7th grade

- Must be current with the above vaccinations
AND receive
- 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)

Students transferring from outside the state at any grade

MUST be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. . For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_t173.aspx (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011) Updated 01/26/2018

MEDICATIONS

Whenever possible, parents should arrange medication schedules to eliminate the need for giving medication during school hours. When necessary, it shall be the policy of the Palmer Public Schools to adhere to the following guidelines regarding the administration of prescription and non-prescription medication to students:

1. The school will not provide non-prescription medication for students.
2. Any prescription or non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication sent to school by a parent/guardian should be sent in the original container, along with a note signed by the parent/guardian with complete instructions as to dosage, time, etc.
3. An authorization form must be completed and placed on file in the Administration office for those students who require a routine (daily), long-term (more than fourteen days) medication (i.e. insulin, Ritalin, inhalers, etc.) during school hours. This form is to be renewed annually. (See Attachment A)
4. The school will maintain a record of the administration of medication to students during school hours that includes the student's name, name of medication with dosage and date and time of administration. The medication record is initiated via the school secretary or the designated school personnel administering the medication. All medication logs will be filed and retained for a minimum of five years.
5. In the absence of the school secretary, the school administrator in collaboration with the school secretary will designate other school personnel who may assist the student with medication. Designated school personnel will receive in-service from the county nurse prior to providing such assistance. The in-service will include:
 - a. Method of administration.
 - b. Possible signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omissions, or overdose.
 - c. Proper handling and storage.

NOTE: The Palmer Rescue Squad wants the community to be aware of the locations of several heart defibrillators located in Palmer. They are at the Palmer School, baseball concession stand, DXI, the Palmer fire barn, Trotters and Palmer Service Center. These defibrillators are very user friendly and could save someone's life in the case of a cardiac arrest.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Palmer Public Schools has agreed to participate in the National School Lunch Program and accepts responsibility for providing free and reduced price meals to eligible children in the schools under its jurisdiction. The school food authority assures the State Department of Education that the school system will uniformly implement state and federal guidelines to determine children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals in all National School Lunch Programs.

In accordance with Federal law and U S Department of Agriculture policy, Palmer Public Schools is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20520-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Palmer offers a Breakfast Program, Hot Lunch Program and milk break each day. All meals and extra milk must be paid in advance in the office. No student will be allowed to charge at any time. Applications for Free and Reduced Priced Meals are available in the office. Applications will be accepted throughout the school year. To receive an application please contact Candace Gleason at 308-894-9053, or send an email to bookkeeper@palmer.esu7.org.

The applications for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program will be available at Palmer Pride Night, August 9th. We ask all families to fill out the form, even if they believe they won't qualify. The information is strictly confidential and will not be shared. The larger percentage of families that fill out the application, the larger the savings for the school. The school greatly appreciates your time and effort to save money!

2021-2022 Lunch Prices

PK-6 Breakfast-\$1.75

7-12 Breakfast-\$1.95

Adult Breakfast-\$2.45

PK-6 Lunch-\$2.70

7-12 Lunch-\$2.90

Adult Lunch-\$3.75

Extra milk-\$0.75

Pk-6 Seconds-\$1.05

7-12 Seconds-\$1.25

Adult Seconds-\$1.25

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE: As the 2021-2022 School Year approaches we would like all parents to be aware that hot lunch money is due prior to eating lunch. We will not allow students to eat lunch this year if their account has fallen to a negative balance. If your child's lunch account falls to a negative balance the lunch room will be notified and your child/children will be refused lunch.

You can keep track of your children's lunch accounts by signing up for Parent Power School. Also, you may call or visit the office to check out your child's hot lunch balance. Those parents who sign up for Parent Power School will automatically be notified by email and/or mail. Please be aware that if your child's hot lunch account does fall below \$0, you will receive a phone call. Thank you.



As a reminder, the following expectations of students riding the bus:

BUS RULES

Transportation is a very important function in a district such as Palmer, and it takes the cooperation of everyone in it to perform safely and efficiently. In order for safety to prevail in the program, it is important that student behavior on the bus follow very closely to student behavior in the classroom. It is our opinion that riding the bus is a privilege rather than a right; therefore, students who cannot follow rules will be removed from the bus and will have to use other means of transportation to and from school.

Listed below are the basic rules of conduct expected of students riding the bus, and it will be appreciated if all students and parents will help to see that they are followed.

- Under the direction of the driver, students may be assigned seats, if the driver feels this is necessary.
- Students must be on time; the bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
- Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed by students. Any pupil guilty of unbecoming conduct or using inappropriate language will forfeit the privilege to ride on the bus. No gum, candy, or other food or drink is allowed without the driver's permission.
- Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited.
- Students must not throw waste paper or rubbish on the floor of the bus, or put anything in the aisles.
- No students will, at any time, extend arms, head, or other parts of the body out the bus windows.
- Students must not get on or off or move about within the bus while it is in motion.
- When leaving the bus, students should cross the road ten feet in front of the bus, look both ways and make sure it is safe. **DO NOT CROSS BEHIND THE BUS.**
- The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. Students are to comply promptly, cheerfully, and fully with his/her requests.
- If monitors or patrols are on duty, students must obey and respect their orders.
- Any damage to the bus is to be reported at once to the driver.
- Students will be especially quiet when the bus is stopped at a railroad crossing so the driver can hear oncoming trains.
- No student will leave the bus other than at the assigned stop or at his/her school without the permission of the driver.

PENALTY: Violation of the above rules will render the student immediately liable for temporary or permanent debarment from riding the bus.

Extra Curricular/School Activity Trips

School buses with adult sponsors will be permitted to leave for extra curricular/school activity trips. School bus drivers are instructed not to leave unless an adult supervisor is present in the bus. The sponsor needs to leave a complete list of passengers in the office before departure. While transporting students on the Interstate, maximum speed limit will be 65 mph.

ACTIVITY PASSES

2021-2022

Enjoy watching the Palmer Tigers compete? Want to save a little money? Why not buy an activity pass?!?! Activity passes for the 2021-2022 school year are now available. Passes may be purchased at the Palmer Pride Night, as well as throughout the school year at the main office. Passes will be required to be shown at each event. Please call the main office with any questions, 308-894-3065.

Varsity Adult	\$5
Varsity Student	\$5
JV only Adult	\$4
JV only Student	\$3
JH only Adult	\$2
JH only Student	\$2
Adult All Season Pass	\$80
Senior Citizen All Season Pass	\$40
Student All Season Pass	\$40
Family All Season Pass	\$200



WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS & ACH PAYMENTS ONLINE

Palmer Public School will be accepting credit card payments and direct debit from your checking accounts online. The link to set up your accounts and payments will be located in the front page of the palmertigers.org website. This link will take you to a secure website where you'll be able to login and select your payment options. You'll be able to pay multiple bills, all with one payment/direct debit. The convenience fee, paid by the parent/guardian, will be \$1 for direct debit from a checking account and will be \$2.45/\$100 per transaction for credit card payments. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. Megan Urban can be reached at 308-894-3065 or by email murban@palmer.esu7.org.

**PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL
ELEMENTARY STUDENT SUPPLY LIST
2021-2022**

*****Physical Education Shoes Required for K-6!! All students are required to have a separate pair of gym shoes for indoor Physical Education. These should be clean, non-marking shoes.*****

NO TRAPPER KEEPERS or PENCIL BOXES for all grades, unless otherwise noted

Pre-School (Shotkoski-PK4/Tedmon-PK3)

1 Book Bag 1 Large Box Kleenex 1 Change of Clothes

Kindergarten (Hake/Byerly)

1 Box of Treats (to share at snack time) 1 Book Bag (large enough for 8 1/2 X 11 papers)
2 Large Boxes Kleenex 1 pair of headphones (not earbuds)
1 Container Clorox/Lysol Wipes ***Please mark all supplies with your name.

First Grade (Norman)

1 Pocket Folder 1 Container Clorox/Lysol WipesBackpack
1 8 pk Washable Markers 1 24 count box of crayons
1 pair of headphones/ear buds (fit in pencil box) ***Please mark all supplies with your name.

Second Grade (Mamot)

2 Lg. Box Kleenex 1 Lrg Container Clorox Wipes 1 backpack
1 pair headphones (fit in pencil box) 1 pkg markers 1 pencil box (approx. 8.5" x 5")
1 dz #2 pencils sharpened (no designs please) ***Please mark all supplies (except pencils) with your name.

Third Grade (Valasek)

2 Lg. Box Kleenex	1 Container Clorox Wipes	2 doz. #2 Pencils (sharpened)
1 Notebook	1 Folder	1 Set Headphones for Computers

***Please mark all supplies with your name.

Fourth Grade (B. Thompson)

1 Red Ink Pen	2 dz #2 Pencils (NO Mechanical Pencils please)
5 Pocket Folders	1 Lg. Pink Eraser
1 Container Clorox Wipes	2 Lg. Boxes Kleenex
	1 Glue Stick
	1 pkg Loose Leaf paper

Fifth Grade (Rolf)

2 Red Ink Pens	2 Notebooks	1 pkg loose-leaf paper
1 Lg. Box Kleenex	2 Dozen #2 Pencils	Earphones

Mechanical pencils allowed (must be 0.7 mm)

*****5th Grade Band Students: You will need to have an instrument purchased by the first day of school along with the correct method book (may be purchased at Ron's Music (Essential Elements 2000 - yellow))*****

Sixth Grade (Samuelson)

Earphones/Headphones	2 Pocket Folders	3 Notebooks
*no binders or pencil boxes allowed	1 Container Clorox Wipes	2 Lg. Box of Kleenex

**PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL
SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPLY LIST
2021-2022**

All 7-12 Grade students will need to have one pair of headphones or ear buds

English 7-10, 12

1 box of kleenex 2 packages of note cards 1 set of highlighters (red, green, and yellow)
1 3" binder (9th-11th binder only) 1 package of loose-leaf paper (7-8 only)
1 package of pens 1 package of pencils 2 packages of 5 dividers for binder

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7-12 Math

Paper (loose leaf or notebook) Pencils
Calculator (TI30X-IIS for 7-9, Graphing TI83 or TI84 for 10-12)
1 2" binder and package of dividers (8th & 9th Grade)

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Reading 7 & 8

1 1" binder 1 pkg of pens
1 pkg of note cards 1 pkg of pencils

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7-8 Science

Pens
Pencils
2 two-pocket folder
(Designated for Science Only)

9-12 Science (excludes Physics)

Pens 2 two-pocket folder
1 pkg dividers for binder (Designated for Science Only)
1 pkg of College Ruled Paper 1 cloth book cover
Pencils

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English 11

1 box of Kleenex 1 package of note cards
1 binder (11") 1 package of pencils
1 package of pens 1 set of highlighters

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Speech

Highlighters 1 pkg of notecards 1 pkg Pens

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7-11 Social Sciences

1 Box of Kleenex

Calendar Events August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<div> </div>			

This Institute is an equal opportunity provider.
All Meals served with choice of milk.
Menu is subject to change without notice.

B-Soft Pretzel
L-Fiesta, Pink Applesauce, Corn, Cookie

L-Teriyaki Chicken on Rice, Pineapple, Broccoli

L-Chicken Tenders, Pink Applesauce, Scalloped Potatoes
B-French Toast

B-Fruit Turnover
L-Crispitos, Spanish Rice, Pineapple, Corn

L-Salisbury Steak, Peaches, Whipped Potatoes, Dinner Roll
B-Cereal

L-Pork Patty on a Bun, Peas, Baked Beans, Rice Krispie Bar
B-Scrambled Eggs

L-Macaroni & Cheese w/Ham, Mandarin Oranges, Peas
B-Cinnamon Roll

L-Hamburger, Mandarin Oranges, Smiley Fries
B-Pancakes

L-Walking Taco, Pink Applesauce, Corn, Brownie
B-Cereal

B-Donut
L-Cream Chicken on a Biscuit, Pineapple, Peas

B-Cheese Omelet
L-Pizza, Glazed Bananas, Green Beans



L-Sandwich Bar, Grapes, Carrots, Chips, Cookie
B-Breakfast Pizza

L-Chicken Sandwich, Pink Applesauce, Green Beans, Cheese Its
B-Soft Pretzel

L-Sack Lunch
B-Cereal

L-Sandwich Bar, Grapes, Carrots, Chips, Cookie
B-Breakfast Pizza

Calendar Events August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 First Day of Fall Practice	10	11	12 	13	14
15	16	17	18 5:30pm VVB Twin River Jamboree	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 9:30am XC (A) St. Paul Invite 5:00pm VVB vs. Heartland, Osceola	26 7:00pm VFB vs. Nebraska Christian 7:00 pm	27 11:00am VVB (A) Axteell Tourney	28
29	30	31 6:00pm JVB (A) Lawrence-Nelson 7:00pm VVB (A) Lawrence-Nelson				

Calendar Events September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 L-Chicken Fried Steak, Peaches, Whipped Potatoes, Dinner Roll B-Donut	2 B-Cereal L-Mini Corn dogs, Pears, Baked Beans, Potato Chips	3 B-Cheese Omelet L-Hamburger, Mandarin Oranges, Potato Triangle	4
5	6 L-Meat in a Bowl, Pineapple, Dinner Roll B-French Toast	7 B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Hot Ham & Cheese Croissant, Pink Applesauce, Scalloped Potatoes	8 L-Spaghetti, Strawberry Cup, Green Beans, Garlic Bread B-Egg Tac-Go	9 L-Sandwich Bar, Grapes, Carrots, Cookies, Chips B-Breakfast Pizza	10	11
12 L-Baef Pizza Quesadilla, Pears, Green Beans, Fruit Snacks B-Fruit Turnover	13 L-Chicken Sandwich, Peaches, Baked Beans, Cookie B-Cereal	14 L-Super Nachos, Mandarin Oranges, Corn B-Donut	15 B-Scrambled Eggs L-Sloppy Joe, Pineapple, Potato Triangle	16 L-Cream Chicken on a Biscuit, Pink Applesauce, Pears B-Breakfast Sandwich	17	18
19 L-Fiesta, Pineapple, Corn, Cookie B-Soft Pretzel	20 B-Pancakes L-Strawberry, Strawberry Cup, Pears, Ice Cream Cup	21 B-Cheese Omelet L-Rib Patty on a Bun, Mandarin Oranges, French Fries	22 L-Chicken Alfredo, Peaches, Green Beans, Garlic Bread B-Cereal	23 L-PB&J Sandwich, Pink Applesauce, Carrots, Cheetos B-Breakfast Pizza	24	25
26 All Meals served with choice of milk. Menu is subject to change without notice. This institute is an equal opportunity provider.	27 L-Pork Patty on a Bun, Pineapple, Baked Beans, Potato Chips B-French Toast	28 L-Crispitos, Spanish Rice, Pears, Corn B-Fruit Turnover	29 B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Chicken Tenders, Glazed Bananas, Scalloped Potatoes, Dinner Roll	30 L-Macaroni & Cheese with Ham, Pink Applesauce, Pears B-Donut		

* = Event displays only in this view

Calendar Events September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						
5 FFA @ NE State Fair	6 FFA @ NE State Fair	7 5:30pm JVB (H) Shelton 5:30pm VVB vs. Shelton	8 9:00am FFA - St. Paul Range Judging	9 6:00pm VVB vs. Harvard 6:00pm JVB vs. Harvard	10 7:00pm VFB @ Humphrey St. Francis	11 9:00am JVB @ St. Paul Tourney
12 5:30pm JVB (A) Central Valley	13 5:00pm VVB @ High Plains Inv.	14	15 FFA Area 4 Range Judging (Dawson Co.)	16 5:30pm JVB (A) Giller 6:30pm VVB (A) Giller	17 7:00pm VFB vs. Nebraska Lutheran (Homecoming)	18
19 6:00pm JVB (A) Nebraska Christian	20 5:00pm VVB (H) Palmer Triangular	21	22	23 6:00pm JVB (H) Cross County 7:00pm VVB (H) Cross County	24 7:00pm VFB (A) Osceola	25
26	27	28	29	30 5:30pm JVB (H) Shelby-Rising City 6:30pm VVB (H) Shelby-Rising City		

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Members of the Board of Education

Kathy Wolfe- President

Todd Weller- Vice President

Daniel Hake- Secretary

Brian Friedrichsen- Treasurer

Heather Shotkoski- Member

Brett Santin- Member

2020-2021 Palmer Public School Board Meeting Schedule

Monday August 16th @ 7:00 PM

Monday October 11th @ 7:00 PM

Monday December 13th @ 7:00 PM

Monday February 14th @ 7:00 PM

Monday April 11th @ 7:00 PM

Monday June 13th @ 7:00 PM

Monday September 13th @ 7:00 PM

Monday November 8th @ 7:00 PM

Monday January 10th @ 7:00 PM

Monday March 14th @ 7:00 PM

Monday May 9th @ 7:00 PM

Monday July 11th @ 7:00 PM

2020-2021 Palmer Public School Personnel

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Joel Bohlken, Superintendent

Sherise Loeffelbein, PK-6 Principal/K-12 SPED Coordinator

Greg Morris, 7-12 Principal/K-12 Curriculum Coordinator, K-12 Activities Director

Emi Wolfe, K-12 Counselor

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Tayma Rasmussen, Early Childhood

Dawn Tedmon, Early Childhood

Whitney Hake, Kindergarten

Emily Byerly, Kindergarten

Sheryl Norman, Grade 1

Shelbea Mamot, Grade 2

Carissa Valasek, Grade 3

Brenda Thompson, Grade 4

Brandon Rolf, Grade 5

Joanie Samuelson, Grade 6

Melissa Kriz K-6 Resource

Becky Meyer, Title I

Conner Lowery, PE & Weight Training

Juliana Kroeger, 7-12 Ag ED

James Chvala, 7-12 Foreign Language/DL

Jaime Green, 7-12 Language Arts

Cindy Doggett, 7-12 Math/Assess. Coordinator

Nathan Glaue, 7-12 Business/Technology

Mary Gregoski, K-12 Media/7-12 Lang. Arts

Luke Thompson, 7-12 Social Sciences

Kristin Reimers, 7-12 Natural Sciences

Anna Sake, K-12 Music

Jim Sake, Health/PE & Weight Training

Natalie Bohlken, 7-12 Resource

Support Staff:

Candace Gleason, Bookkeeper

Megan Urban, Office Secretary

Katie Crawford, Office Secretary

Kim Sullivan, Paraeducator

Kelly Kunze, Paraeducator

Kristin Nicholas, Nutrition Services Assistant

Jeanne Happ, Library Aide

Vicki Fellers, Custodian

Elwin Beed, Custodian

Rod Rice, Custodian

Kayla Dobson, Tech Coordinator/LAN Mgr.

Trish Harrahill, Special Education Para

Veronica Lane, Special Education Para

Candice Muller, Nutrition Services Manager

Jody Tibbetts, Nutrition Services Assistant

Janet Eckstrom, PK Nutrition Services

Judy Bennett, Paraeducator/Bus Driver

Charlie Berney, Paraeducator/Bus Driver

Cathy Blauhorn, Bus Driver

Tom Weller, Bus Driver