



Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools

“AWAKENING...DEVELOPING...ENHANCING”

It is hard to believe that I am entering my third year as superintendent of this incredible district. As I have stated before, “time flies when you’re having fun”, and the last two years have certainly flown by. 2017-18 was once again a historic, and tremendously successful year for Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools. Our students continue to outperform their peers on national and state-wide testing. Our staff continues to grow professionally, challenging themselves to develop and incorporate innovative and effective methods of instruction, while also demonstrating a tremendous amount of care, compassion, and support for all students. Our administrative and board of education teams continue to dedicate effort and resources to insure the academic and social success of our students. Finally, our community and families continue to give our district the necessary and positive support to be successful. All of these aspects play a key and integral role in our district being the best in the state of Nebraska. I look forward to another historic year in 2018-19.

“If you don’t raise the bar, how will you ever know your potential” - L Tom Perry

This year’s district mantra revolves around the theme, “RAISING THE BAR!” As you may or may not know, I spent eighteen years as an educator in a neighboring district. Thus, I knew much about the AGPS district. I was familiar with many individuals employed by the district as well as some from the community. During those eighteen years, I came to respect, admire, and appreciate the high bar and expectations that were set and sustained in relation to professional, academic, and extra-curricular achievement. These expectations were a huge reason the AGPS district provided so much intrigue. As I came on board in 2016, the district’s high bar and expectations became even more evident. I anticipated what I would see and feel related to the district’s expectations, and I have not been disappointed. A huge factor in maintaining such a high bar is a tremendous amount of teamwork and fellowship amongst all invested parties. Thus, we once again look forward to teaming with you in 2018-19 and “RAISING THE BAR” to new heights!

Back to School Night - Monday, August 13th at 7:00 PM. Middle School Orientation - Monday, August 13th at 6:00 PM. 1st Day of School - Wednesday, August, 15th

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW TEACHING STAFF

Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools has hired eight new teachers for the 2018-19 school year. The number of quality applicants from across Nebraska and the nation as a whole is a compliment to the school and the community.

Mrs. Stacy Lawley / Elementary: Stacy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the AGES team. Stacy has taught at the elementary level since 2000, and has had a variety of experiences while working in California, Colorado, and most recently South Dakota. Stacy earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University, Chico, California. In addition, she earned a Masters of Arts Degree from National University.

Mrs. Bandi Lambert / Elementary: AGES is excited to welcome Brandi Lambert to its 2nd grade teaching team. Brandi has been teaching 1st grade at Waverly Elementary School since 2006. Brandi and her family live near Greenwood, and her children attend AGPS. Brandi earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Peru State College and a Master of Education—Curriculum and Instruction from Doane College in Crete.

Mrs. Allysia Kelley / Elementary Special Education: Allysia, a Mead, Nebraska native, has been teaching within the Lincoln Public School system since 2012. Allysia earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Northwest Missouri State, Maryville, Missouri, and a Master of Science in Education: Curriculum and Instruction from Peru State College, Peru, Nebraska.

Ms. Morgan Meyer / Middle School Special Education: The Ashland-Greenwood Middle School Special Education Department will be welcoming a new face this year. Morgan will be entering her first year of teaching. She earned her Bachelor of Art’s Degree from Doane University in Crete. Morgan is extremely excited to meet her students and to begin her career as a Bluejay!

Mr. Jeff Westover / Middle School Social Studies: Jeff, a Wahoo, NE native, will be taking over the 7th and 8th grade Social Studies caseload. Over the past six years, Jeff has been teaching middle school and high school Social Studies at Natoma High School, and Ell-Salina High School, both located near Salina, Kansas. Jeff is looking forward to moving back to the area and will be coaching middle school boy’s basketball as well.

Mrs. Stacy Johnson / High School Special Education : Stacy has been teaching within the Wayne Community School District since 2015. Stacy will be overseeing the high school special education students and caseloads during the 2018-19 school year. She and her family are looking forward to becoming a part of the Ashland-Greenwood school system and community.

Mrs. Nicole Burg / High School Language Arts: Nicole has been a Secondary Language Arts teacher at Wahoo Public Schools since 2013. Nicole earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Santa Clara, and her Masters of Secondary Education degree from Creighton University. Nicole brings a plethora of experience to her teaching position, including working in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002.

Mr. Clinton Anderson / High School Science: Clinton has been teaching in the Riverside District, located in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, since 2014. Clinton will bring these experiences into teaching Chemistry and Physical Sciences at AGHS. Clinton earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Concordia University, in Seward. Clinton will be assisting with high school football and coaching high school track in the spring.

Rizzo: Rizzo, a new and unique addition to the AGPS team, is a Bordoodle (Border Collie/Poodle mix). He is so excited to serve as a therapy dog to students in both the elementary and MS/HS buildings, and has been working with a trainer since he arrived in Ashland. He is excited to begin meeting students and making a difference in their school day, and we are all extremely grateful for the generosity of Calvin’s Legacy Foundation and their ongoing support of our school district. Additional information regarding Rizzo’s duties within our district will be sent home prior to the beginning of the school year.

Check out the new **ATHLETICS CALENDAR** on the school district’s homepage. This is a one stop spot for all calendar events, directions to away venues, and your opportunity to sign-up for automatic notifications for schedule changes.



Annual Asbestos Notice



Federal regulations require all schools to inventory asbestos containing materials and develop management plans to identify and control asbestos containing materials in their buildings. The presence of asbestos in a building does not mean that the health of building occupants is necessarily endangered. As long as asbestos containing material remains in good condition and is not disturbed, exposure is unlikely. The plan is available for review in the school administrative office during normal business hours.

At least once each six months periodic surveillance is being conducted on all asbestos containing materials and suspect material assumed to contain asbestos. A re-inspection is being conducted every three years in all schools that have asbestos containing material.

From time to time operations and maintenance activities may be conducted to maintain all material in good condition. For more information please contact: Jason Libal, Superintendent and Asbestos Program Manager at 944-2128.

PLEASE NOTE: Student Handbooks posted on-line.



As a reminder, families can access a student handbook on-line at www.agps.org. To access click on the "Parents" or "Students" drop down bucket. Then select "handbooks and forms." If you are not able to access a copy on-line you may also request a hard copy from the appropriate school building's office. Please make sure you review the handbook as it serves as a great guide to several questions and/or situations. The handbooks have information on school times, calendar, key staff, hot lunch, student fees, student discipline, and school records. The handbooks also include several important forms. If you do not have access to a handbook please notify your child's school.



The Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools provides bus service to students living outside the city limits of Ashland. Routes for the 2018-19 school year are being established. If your child did not previously ride a school bus but plans to ride the school bus during this school year, please contact your child's school and request to be added to the school bus list.



Our school wants every child to arrive to school and home safely. If you plan to drive your child to school, drive slowly and carefully in the school zone. Do not pass school buses with a stop arm extended, and please let the school know if your child will not be riding the bus at anytime.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The activity participation fee for the 2018-2019 school year is \$25.00. Each student that participates in any extracurricular activity (7-12) must pay a \$25.00 fee unless they qualify for free or reduced lunches AND have signed and completed the waiver form for 2018-19. The Hot Lunch Application form can be found at your students respective office or on the district website under PARENTS>HOT LUNCH LINKS.



August-2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Building Offices Open	2	3	4
5	6 HS Fall Sports Begin Football, Volleyball Softball, Cross Country	7	8 New Staff Orientation	9 All Staff Returns	10 Staff In-Service	11
12	13 Staff In-Service MS Orientation 6:00 PM 6th - 8th Gr. Main Gym FFA BBQ 7:00 PM Back to School Night 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	14 Staff In-Service	15 School Resumes Full Day Schedule 	16 Softball Home vs Tekamah-Herman 5:00 PM	17 Football - Blue & White Scrimmage 7:00 PM High School Track	18
19	20 MS Volleyball, CC and Football Start Regular Board of Ed Meeting 6:00 PM JV Softball at Bishop Neumann 5:00 PM	21 Softball at Platteview 5:00 PM	22	23 Volleyball Jamboree vs Tekamah-Herman 6:00 PM Home Budget & Bagels 9:00 AM High School Conf. Room	24 FFA Temple Grandin Presentation V Football at Ft Calhoun 7:00 PM	25 Softball at Blair Tourney 9:00 AM
26	27 JV / C Football at Freeman HS 5:30 PM	28 Softball Home vs Arlington 5:00 PM Volleyball 9/JV/V at Waverly 5:30 PM	29	30 Cross Country DC West at Two Rivers St Park 3:30 PM Softball Home vs Centennial 5:00 PM Volleyball 9/JV/V vs Bishop Neumann 5:00 PM	31 Varsity Football vs Platteview Home 7:00 PM 	

Fans of Bluejay Athletics



The AGHS Booster Club is currently taking donations of \$30.00 to support AG athletes for the 2018-19 season. If you would like to make a donation please send payments to AG Booster Club Attn: Dana Allington, 1842 Furnas Street. Ashland, NE 68003. Deadline for donations is August 17, 2018. In addition, a Booster Club Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8th, in the cafeteria and immediately following the fall sports parents meetings.

THANK YOU!!! Ashland-Greenwood Elementary is thrilled to receive \$1,000 as a part of No Frills' Direct Your Dollars program. Lora Nissen, Ashland-Greenwood PTO special funding coordinator, worked diligently to collect, clip and count the needed receipts. We are fortunate to have such wonderful PTO and community support! The money will go a long way in providing our students with some great learning and enrichment opportunities.

School Nutrition Update

It is a pleasure to once again offer your student an incredible lunch and breakfast program. The following lunch and breakfast prices have been set for the 2018-10 school year. PK-12 Student Breakfast: \$1.80, PK-5 Student Lunch: \$2.75, 6-12 Student Lunch \$2.95, Adult Breakfast \$3.50, Adult Lunch \$4.50. In addition, beginning this school year our online lunch payment will once again be available for parents to use, starting this year there will be a low cost fee of \$1.00 per transaction. Please contact the district office with any questions you may have.



The BlueJay Tweet

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