



Tiger In-School Savings Bank

Now in its second year at South School, the Tiger In-School Savings Bank program involves fifth-grade students who apply, interview, and accept the role of a bank teller. This not only provides them with authentic hands-on learning but also serves as a platform to practice essential financial literacy skills. Students in grades 3 through 5 have the opportunity to open savings accounts and make deposits. The program further nurtures the development of consistent savings habits by allowing students to make deposits twice a month. This early exposure to saving lays the foundation for long-term benefits, fostering financial responsibility in the students.



The picture above features fourth grader, Scott Bachman, who was selected as a winner in the NDOT name a snowplow contest. His snowplow was named, "A Little Push." Thank you NDOT for this great opportunity and congratulations Scott!



FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Quarterly Update

Community Partnership Initiative

Our district recognizes the importance of integrating students into the community and encouraging them to explore a diverse array of career paths, including vocational trades. To achieve this, we are actively seeking opportunities to establish partnerships between FCPS and area businesses. These collaborations aim to provide students with real-world insights, bridging the gap between classroom education and practical application, ultimately fostering a more engaged and motivated learning environment.

We invite area businesses to participate by hosting internships, mentorship programs, or providing guest lectures. This involvement will give students valuable hands-on experiences and exposure to a variety of career paths.

In summary, a partnership between local businesses and our school district can significantly enhance student learning by offering practical insights, promoting engagement, providing real-world experiences, and improving overall educational resources. If you're interested in joining this program, please scan the QR code.



Unlocking Student Potential with Youscience

All of our students in grades 9-12 have been engaging with a program called YouScience. This program is a combination of an interest inventory/career aptitude test. This allows students to glean a better understanding of what potential career path they may want to pursue. Once students have their results, they will meet with a counselor to help them chart a path for what comes next looking at potential courses, internships, and other avenues to help them achieve their goals.



FCPS Partners with SCC

FCPS is thrilled to announce a forthcoming collaboration with Southeast Community College starting in the fall of 2024. This partnership will enable us to offer a diverse range of dual credit courses during regular school hours at the SCC Falls City Campus. The course offerings encompass various fields, including welding, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), and education. Participating students will have the opportunity to earn college credits or potentially achieve certification in their chosen field of study.

Jack Bangert, our SCC Partnership Coordinator had this to say, "Our Career Academy will allow us to expand our space for vocational education while also giving students the opportunity to earn college credit in these areas. It has also provided the opportunity to align our courses to the needs of the local labor market in Falls City while also meeting the needs of our student population."

This initiative aligns seamlessly with our Strategic Planning Initiatives, adopted in the fall of 2023, reinforcing our commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for students. Moreover, it will establish a direct link between students' interests and potential career pathways post-graduation. This exciting venture underscores our dedication to providing a comprehensive and forward-thinking education for our students

Arts NOWS Grant

FCPS was awarded funding through NDE's (Nebraska Department of Education) Arts NOW Grant. This program is aimed at increasing the availability of quality fine arts education throughout the state. As a result of this funding, FCPS was able to purchase materials to improve our media broadcasting and publications courses at both middle and high school. This opportunity will allow our students to engage meaningfully in every part of the creative process from conception to execution. We are extremely thankful to NDE for their support!

AQuESTT Results

The Nebraska Department of Education provides a classification for all Nebraska school districts and schools (Excellent, Great, Good or Needs Improvement) through a system called AQuESTT (Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow). Falls City Public Schools received a designation of "Great"

- School district proficiency scores from the spring 2022 state assessment indicate that FCPS exceeds state average scores in English/Language Arts in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, 8th Grade Science, and 7th Grade Math
- As a district, our chronic absenteeism rate dropped 7.9 percentage points.
- At the high school level, FCPS Juniors exceeded the state benchmark in both English and Writing.
- In 2022-2023 the four year graduation rate was 100%.

