

FARRAGUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2008

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 4, 5, 7, 8 & August 11-14 - Band Camp 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, August 11 - Football practice begins

Wednesday, August 13 - 7th Grade Orientation 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 18 - School Starts ☺
Pre-School Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 29 - Football vs. Adair Casey Here 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 1 - Essex Labor Day Parade 2:00

Tuesday, September 2 - Volleyball vs. Stanton Here Fr/JV/V 5:30/6:30/7:30
JH Volleyball vs. Clarinda Lutheran Here 3:30

Thursday, September 4 - School Pictures Pre-K through 11 grade starting at 8:30 a.m. (Any other Pre-School students not attending school will be taken at 8:30 a.m.)

Friday, September 5 - Varsity FB at Walnut 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 6 - Varsity VB at Clarinda High School 9:00 a.m.
JV VB at Shenandoah TBA
Hamburg Popcorn Parade 1:00

Monday, September 8 - JH/JV FB vs. Villisca Here 4:00/6:00
Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9 - Fr/JV VB at Clarinda Academy TBA

Thursday, September 11 - VB vs. F-M Here (JH/FR/JV/V) 4:00/5:30/6:30/7:30

Friday, September 12 - Varsity FB vs. Hamburg Here 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
Band Parent Tailgate

Monday, September 15 - JH/JV FB vs. Stanton Here 4:00/6:00
JV Quad VB at South Page 5:00

Tuesday, September 16 - VB vs. East Mills Here (JH/FR/JV/V) 4:00/5:30/6:30/7:30

Thursday, September 18 - VB at Sidney (JH/FR/JV/V) 4:00/5:30/6:30/7:30

Friday, September 19 - Varsity FB at Sidney 7:30

Saturday, September 20 - Varsity VB at West Harrison TBA

Monday, September 22 - JH/JV FB at East Mills 4:00/6:00

Tuesday, September 23 - VB vs. South Page Here (JH/FR/JV/V) 4:00/5:30/6:30/7:30

Friday, September 26 - Varsity FB at Stanton 7:30

Saturday, September 27 - ShenFest Parade 2:00 (Tentative)

Monday, September 29 - JH/JV FB vs. Hamburg Here 4:00/6:00
Lenox Triangular Volleyball Here TBA

Tuesday, September 30 - VB at Stanton (JH/FR/JV/V) 3:30/5:30/6:30/7:30

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!

School will be open on Monday, August 18, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m., with a full day of classes. Upon arrival at school the first day, kindergarten will report directly to their room. Grades 1-6 will line up in front of the old building and the classroom teachers will meet them there. Grades 7-12 will report to the new gym at 8:30 for general information and instructions from our Jr./Sr. High Principal Mr. Sam Swenson.

FARRAGUT PRESCHOOL FOR 2008-2009

Farragut 3 and 4 Year Old Preschool Programs - This year we are holding an evening Preschool meeting, hopefully, making it easier for parents to attend. There will be a meeting for the 3 year old and 4 year old Preschool programs Monday, August 18, at 7:00 PM in the Media Center. Information will be shared about the programs, tuition grants through Corner Counties Empowerment, transportation, home visitations, and parent support. If we do not already have a copy of the birth certificate and immunizations, please bring them with you to the meeting. Babysitting will be provided.

Preschool classes will begin the Tuesday after Labor Day on September 2nd. The 4 Year Old Preschool class is held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:20-11:20. The 3 Year Old Preschool class is held on Monday and Thursday from 1:25-3:25.

Please call the school 385-8131 to enroll your preschooler if you have not already done so.

MATERIALS FEE

Again this year, we will be charging a \$15.00 per student fee with a maximum of \$60 per family, K-12, rather than charging workbook fees. This will help offset the cost of these expenses. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW TO THE DISTRICT

If you know of any families or someone who is not receiving the district's newsletter, please contact Pam Nebel so we can add them to our mailing list. This invitation is also open to any community members that would like to receive the newsletter.

TO REPORT HARASSMENT

The Farragut Community School District will make every effort to protect students and staff from harassment or sexual harassment. School officials will investigate reports of lewd or suggestive comments, obscene gestures, unwanted touching, unwarranted advances, graffiti, threatening behavior, or other harassing behavior. A student or parent wishing to file a complaint of harassment by another student or school employee may file a complaint with the Level One Investigators, Mrs. Penny Bredensteiner or Mr. Sam Swenson. The Level Two Investigator is the County Sheriff or Fremont County Attorney. Please call the school at (712) 385-8131 to report harassment.

TO REPORT ABUSE

A person who thinks that a school employee has physically or sexually abused a student may contact the school's Level-One Investigators, Mrs. Penny Bredensteiner or Mr. Sam Swenson at (712) 385-8131.

OPT-OUT

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Section 9528 requires that high schools must provide military recruiters access to student names, addresses and telephone listings. Parents or 18 year old students can ask for a form to "Opt-Out" of student recruitment. The choice can be made to not meet with athletic, college or military recruiters.

MULTICULTURAL GENDER FAIR POLICY

Students will have an equal opportunity for a quality education without discrimination, regardless of their race, religion, color, sex, marital status, national origin or disability.

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX, Title VI, or Section 504 may be directed to: Jay D. Lutt, Superintendent, Farragut Community School District, 907 Hartford Avenue, Farragut, Iowa 51639, (712) 385-8131. For more information, see board policy or district plans available in the office or online.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

School Accident Insurance will be available through Student Assurance Services, Inc. Several variations are available. Football insurance 9-12 will cost \$178.00. However, the school shares in paying one-half of the amount due, which is \$89.00. We are not insisting that all football players carry these plans. If the family feels they have adequate coverage at home, there is no need for this coverage.

Insurance leaflets are enclosed in this package, including all school-time and interscholastic sports prices. Please have the student return the insurance leaflet, whether or not you want your child to be insured. We need complete records of who does or does not have insurance. We encourage you carrying school insurance particularly if you do not carry health and accident insurance at home. The school nurse will handle all insurance claims and information.

AUGUST 2008 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

Summer is almost over and it's time to start a new school year!! First of all, I would like to introduce myself as the new 7-12 principal of Farragut Community Schools. My wife, Deana, who will be the new guidance counselor of Farragut Schools, and Colton and Bailey are excited and look forward to starting a new chapter of our lives together with all of you. We have only been here a few short days but have felt extremely welcomed and we look forward to meeting all of you. Also, new to the staff this year, along with me and Deana is John Kerr. John will be the new 7-12 math teacher and is also coaching football and basketball.

Students may start picking up their schedules in the office starting August 11. Please look at your schedules and try to make any changes before school starts. Once again there will be no study halls, except opposite band and choir, so students will need to choose a class for each period of the day.

With the warm temperatures we have been having lately, and most likely will be having during the start of school, students are reminded that shorts should not be too short; they should come down to mid-thigh in length. Also, no midriffs or chests should be showing for girls or boys. Inappropriate material will not be allowed on any clothing. If any clothing is found not meeting these requirements the student will be required to change clothes. Also with the new gym floor Regarding electronic technology such as cell phones, iPods, cameras, and other devices: students are reminded if they choose to bring them to school, they need to be shut off and kept in their schools bags, preferably locked up. If you choose to bring these items to school the school is not responsible for damage or theft. The best plan is to leave them safely at home.

One of the most important issues contributing to the success of your student is attendance of the school day. The school asks that if you know your student will not be in school please call the school by 9:00 a.m. the day of the absence. If you do not call, the school may notify you of your students' absence. In order for the day to count as an excused absence you must have a doctor's note, funeral announcement, or a court order- those are the only excused absence. You can have up to 10 absences per semester. Unexcused absences may results in loss of credit or other punishments within the discretion of the principal. Along with attendance, it is important that your student not be late for class or school. Students that have (5) tardies will receive a detention.

In my short time here, I have talked to the coaches of the summer and upcoming fall sports. I would like to congratulate the softball and baseball teams for their accomplishments this season. The sponsors for football, volleyball, and band are already hard at work with students and we wish them the best of luck on the upcoming season. Anyone that would like to help out this year for any of the sporting events, please call the office and let us know. Any help we receive will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a 7th grade orientation for fall 7th graders and new students and their parents, Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 P.M. in the concourse. Students will be given their schedules, and a tour of the secondary building. Please call the school if you cannot attend, and we will make arrangements for another time.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for making my family and I welcome in your community. The start of every new school year is exciting, and no one knows what lies ahead, but with hard work of the dedicated staff of Farragut Schools, the student body, and community members of Farragut, the future for each and every one of us is bright!!!

MILK FEE

The price for afternoon milk for Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be \$20.00 per semester or \$40.00 for the whole year. This is payable when you register for school.

BAD CHECKS - ATTENTION:

The Board of Education has approved an administrative policy towards bad checks. A bad check made in the amount of under \$100 will warrant a phone call to secure funds on the next business day. More than one bad check in the amount under \$100 during a school year will be considered a major transgression. A bad check made in the amount of over \$100 will receive a letter from the superintendent asking for immediate payment and cash or money orders used for the next 90 school days. Bad checks are immediately to a recovery service. Multiple bad checks will cause forbidding of checks accepted at the school.

LUNCH PRICES

Unfortunately with the increase in food costs, the Board of Education was forced to increase hot lunch prices for the 2008-2009 school year. If you qualify for free and reduced price lunches, please make sure that all sections are completed and signed in this newsletter. Lunch prices are as follows:

Secondary School Lunch	\$1.70
Elementary School Lunch	\$1.65
Adult Lunch.....	\$2.30
Reduced Lunch Price.....	\$0.40
Extra Milk.....	\$0.35

Breakfast Prices for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows

Elementary School Breakfast.....	\$1.10
Secondary School Breakfast.....	\$1.15
Adult School Breakfast.....	\$1.35
Reduced Breakfast price.....	\$0.30
Extra Milk.....	\$0.35

BUS ROUTES

Bus routes will be somewhat different this year. During registration, pick up an approximate time that the bus will be there the first day. Please have your children ready early the first day or so until the schedules are firmly established. If you are new to the district, check with a neighbor or call the school about what time the bus will arrive. If you have not registered your new students by the time you receive this letter, please do so as soon as possible so they can be placed on a bus route.

LOCKS

Every student that uses a locker in a dressing room in Grades 7-12 will be issued a lock. There will be no charge for this lock unless the student fails to turn in the lock. If the lock is not turned in, a fee of \$5.00 will be charged to replace the lock. The student is responsible for the lock from the time of issue until return. Parents, please insist that your children keep their lockers locked any time there is anything of any value in them. We try to keep mysterious disappearances to a minimum, but your child must cooperate and keep his/her possessions in a safe place. If students will always lock their lockers, losses of articles and locks will be greatly reduced. School locks are to be used by all students so that coaches can help them open them with a master key in emergencies.

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

Kindergarten will run all day, every day as always, with students picked up and delivered by the regularly scheduled buses for all the students.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 4 for Pre-K-11 students. Preschoolers and any other students not in school will be taken at 8:30 a.m. Information will be handed out prior to picture day. If paying by check, PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO INTER-STATE STUDIO.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The school will publish a monthly newsletter at the beginning of each month. If there are particular items that you would like to see in this newsletter, please offer your suggestions to the building principals. We would like to have this letter provide the information that you desire. Articles you want in the newsletter must be in to Pam by the 3rd Monday of the month. This will include a calendar of two month's school activities for your convenience.

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTION

Students in grades 11 and 12, for courses approved by the Board of Education on a case-by-case basis, will be reimbursed for tuition and other costs directly related to the course up to \$250. These costs will not be reimbursed to the student if enrolled full-time in the post-secondary institution. The following factors shall be considered in the reimbursement of Post-Secondary tuition and in the board's determination whether a student will receive high school credit for a course at a post secondary institution:

- *The course must be taught at a public or accredited private institution;
- *A comparable course is not offered in the school district;
- *The course must be a credited course at the post-secondary institution;
- *The course is not religious or sectarian.

Prior to taking a course at a post-secondary educational institution, students must receive the approval of the Board to receive credit toward the graduation requirements set out by the Board. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in the student reimbursing up to \$250.00 tuition cost. See Mrs. Colleen Slavik, Guidance Counselor, for additional information.

SCHOOL DISMISSALS AND CLOSINGS

School closings and early dismissals will be announced on KMA-960 on the a.m. dial. We will make these announcements as soon as possible after a decision has been made. We always try to get early morning announcements on the air by 6:30 a.m. Please listen to the radio when there is question as to whether or not school will be in session. DO NOT call the radio station for information. They will announce information as soon as they receive it and have no way of knowing what is being planned until we call them.

JH/HS PHYSICALS

Just a reminder that if you are planning on going out for any sport this coming school year, you must have a physical on file at the school. These physicals must be completed before you will be allowed to practice.

LABELING OF BELONGINGS

Would all parents please see that any clothing, shoes, notebooks, or other school materials that are needed are properly labeled with your child's identification prior to bringing them to school. This should reduce loss and theft both.

SEASON TICKETS

Unfortunately season ticket prices will be increasing this year due to the fact that the corner conference has changed their admission rates to \$5.00 for adults & \$3.00 for students starting this year. The board will be deciding at their August 11 board meeting the new prices for season tickets. They will be on sale at our first home volleyball game on Tuesday, September 2 and our first home football game on Friday, August 29 or may be purchased from Pam in the office at any time. These tickets are good only for regularly scheduled home games, not tournaments anywhere or any away games. THESE TICKETS DO NOT ADMIT COLLEGE STUDENTS BACK FOR THE SUMMER OR ANY CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL FOR SOME OTHER REASON. Preschoolers are admitted free.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Pam Nebel and Becky Hughes will be on duty daily Monday through Friday beginning August 11. They will collect your fees whenever it is convenient for you to stop in. We would appreciate your early attention to these obligations to avoid a rush the day school starts.

BUS INFORMATION

The Farragut Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on the school buses to promote and maintain a safe environment. Student and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined to be necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

WELCOME TO JUNIOR HIGH

To help our new 7th graders, we would like to invite those students and their parents to a meeting at the school. You will receive information about policies, classes, schedules, and procedures; anything that might be helpful and we will try to answer any questions you might have.

WHAT: 7th Grade Orientation
WHEN: Wednesday Evening, August 13 - 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: High School Concourse

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Parents or guardians intending to open enroll students in or out of the resident district must complete all application materials by March 1 of the year proceeding the school year of the student's open enrollment. For example, to open enroll during the 2009-2010 school year, the open enrollment application must be completed by March 1 of 2009. An open enrollment request for a prospective kindergarten student may be filed with the receiving district by September 1 of the school year of enrollment into kindergarten. Contact [Jay D. Lutt](#) or [Pam Nebel](#) more information or to request an application.

NOTICE TO PARENTS:

1. If you move from the district you currently live in during the term of the open enrollment, it is your responsibility to notify your resident district and the district to which you are moving.
2. Approval for one child in a family does not guarantee approval for younger children in the same family. Each child in a family must have an open enrollment request filed for him/her.
3. If your income is below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines, you qualify for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or a reimbursement paid directly to you.
4. A pupil who transfers school districts under open enrollment in all grades 10 through 12, shall not be eligible to participate in varsity interscholastic contests and competitions during the first 90 school days of transfer. For questions on eligibility please contact the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union at (515)288-9741 or the Iowa High School Athletic Association at (515)432-2011.

FARRAGUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COORDINATORS FOR TITLE IX, SECTION 504, AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Farragut Community School District's Coordinator for Title IX is Mr. Sam Swenson, Secondary Principal. The Section 504 Coordinator is Mrs. Penny Bredensteiner, Elementary Principal. The Affirmative Action Coordinator is Mr. Jay D. Lutt, Superintendent.

The Farragut Community School District shall not discriminate in our educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, gender, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification.

Inquiries concerning application of this statement, including grievance procedures, should be addressed to Jay D. Lutt, Equity Coordinator, 907 Hartford Avenue, Farragut, Iowa 51639. The telephone number for all the above information is (712) 385-8131.

MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE - MRS. MCCALL

Please mark your calendars for Band Camp on August 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14. Rehearsals will be at 7:00 p.m. each evening. We will be marching at the following parades: Essex Labor Day Parade-Sept. 1, Hamburg Popcorn Days-Sept. 6, Shenandoah ShenFest Parade-Sept. 27, Clarinda Band Days-October 4, State Marching Band Contest-Oct. 18. We will be marching at home football games on Aug. 29, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, 17, & 24. **All parades will be afternoon times, except Clarinda and State Marching Band. The exact bus times will be announced during band camp. All football games will be a 6:30 meeting at the school.

NOTICE TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, & EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AND DISTRICT ASBESTOS ACTIVITY SUMMARY

District: Farragut Community School

Building: Elementary, High School, Voc. Agriculture, Art/Home Ec, Old Bus Barn

Address: 907 Hartford Avenue - Box 36 - Farragut, Iowa 51639

Date of Notification: August 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, a copy of the asbestos management plan for each school building is available for review in each respective facility. A complete set of management plans is available for review in the district administration office.

Asbestos-related activities described below include inspections, response actions, periodic re-inspections, and surveillance activities that have occurred, are planned, or are in progress.

The district implemented its original management plan as of July 9, 1989. A three-year inspection was placed in July 2007, where no change in any asbestos containing materials. The detailed plan and updated information for each building or for the entire district are available for public review. If you have any questions, please contact the district asbestos program manager, Pat Rucker, Head of Maintenance & Transportation at (712) 385-8131.

FARRAGUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2008-2009

THANKS to a grant secured by the Farragut PTO, parents/guardians will be asked to furnish fewer supplies this year.

PRE-SCHOOL - large paint shirt, 1 pocket folder, back pack without wheels, 1 jar of juice each month, 1 box of crackers or another snack item each month.

KINDERGARTEN - pencils, large eraser, pencil box, back pack, Kindermat (no rugs please), 1 box of crackers, and a paint shirt.

1ST GRADE - (1) eraser, (1) 70 count spiral notebook wide ruled paper, (1) pocket folder, (1) plastic school box

2ND GRADE - pencils, big eraser, subtraction flash cards, pencil box, ruler, two folders, (2) 50-75 count spiral notebooks (wide-ruled and avoid the easy tear page variety!), PLEASE DO NOT bring 3-ring binders, trapper keepers or oversized pencil boxes, as our desks are too small.

3RD GRADE - (2) 100 count spiral comp. book wide rule, (1) 1/16" plastic ruler - 12" standard & metric, (1) pkg. Crayola or any brand colored markers, (1) multiplication flash cards, (1) subtraction flash cards, (1) plastic school box.

4TH GRADE - (1 dozen) #2 pencils, notebook paper (wide-ruled), 4 spiral notebooks, (2) 2-pocket folders, ruler w/inches & centimeters, multiplication and division cards, (1) 2-pocket folder (plastic)

5TH GRADE - #2 pencils, big eraser, ruler w/inches & centimeters, (2) pocket folders (for classroom use-Reading & Science), bag or art box, (1) spiral notebook (70 count) for Reading, no binders, notebook paper.

6TH GRADE - (4) 70 Count Spiral Comp. Book Wide Rule, (1) eraser, (7) asst. pocket only folders (1) 24 count crayola crayons, (1) nylon pencil bag, (1) protractor.

JH & HS STUDENTS - (5) spiral notebooks, (5) pocket folders, pens, pencils and an extra eraser.

ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED CLEAN GYM SHOES TO LEAVE AT SCHOOL. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE ON THE GYM WITH STREET SHOES.

NURSE'S NOTES - CHRIS BLANK

Once again, I'm looking forward to being the nurse associate at Farragut this year. Please contact me at school at 385-8131 with any health questions or concerns for your children, or feel free to stop in if needed.

I would encourage parents to carefully check children for head lice before school starts, to nip any problems early. We will be conducting head lice checks the second week of school.

Make sure your child's immunizations are current and that a record is on file at school.

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

The administration and staff is looking forward to a great year. With the cooperation of all parents and students involved, it proves to be an exciting year in the education of your children. Whenever you have questions, we hope that you will immediately contact the school to discuss whatever situations may arise.

FARRAGUT CSD - HOMELESS POLICY

If your family lives in any of the following situations, then your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Your children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school your child(ren) attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended, if you or a guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

When you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

For more information from the Farragut Community School District, contact [Jay D. Lutt](#), 712-385-8131. If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at the toll-free Help Line number: 1-800-308-2145.