



FENNVILLE FORWARD

NOVEMBER 2023

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

2023 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY STATE QUALIFIERS!



2023 BOYS SOCCER CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS!

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Central Office Hours

Monday - Friday
7:00am - 5:00pm

Elementary Hours

Monday
7:45am - 2:20pm
Tuesday - Friday
7:45am - 2:45pm

MS & HS Hours

Monday
7:50am - 2:25pm
Tuesday - Friday
7:50am - 2:50pm

FROM THE DESK OF DR. GREER

Thank you again for the warm welcome to this wonderful community which I am convinced is the best kept secret on the lakeshore. One of the statements I have come to embrace is the symbiotic relationship between the school and the community, such as “Fennville Schools is the heart of the Fennville Community and the Community is the heart of the Schools.” With the input the community has provided into our district strategic plan, I am excited to share an update on how we are moving Fennville Forward. Our dedication to excellence in education is unwavering, and we are committed to four focus areas of development as our strategic goals:

Communication: Effective communication is vital for a strong school-community relationship. We have increased our efforts by establishing a new rhythm for this publication such that everyone might receive a copy quarterly: a) July/Aug, b) November, c) February, and d) May/June. We're also actively working on enhancing our website platform, social media presence, and ClassTag notifications at all levels for more efficient communication. Please take a look at the updated website, especially the home page, district calendar, and community recreation with a link to a press release and a survey regarding the upcoming recreational programming and facilities.

Staffing: Our commitment to our dedicated educators is unwavering. At a recent public meeting, after students were recognized for their accomplishments, the board approved revisiting guidelines to ensure we are taking care of the educators who are taking care of our students.

Academics: One item to communicate regarding our “best kept secret” is our academic performance. The last time the Reading Now Network released state level data for 2022 showed the district outscored similar schools across the state based on “at risk” factors by 9% and Fennville Elementary led the way by exceeding expectations by more than 14% of proficient students. Literacy is essential and we also want our students to think like historians, scientists, and mathematicians.

Wellness: Fostering the physical and mental well-being of our students is paramount. In this edition you will find celebrations from the performing arts such as the marching band and “Some Enchanted Nights,” as well as some athletics accolades such as soccer conference champs and the history making girls’ cross country team who qualified for being the one of the best teams in the state. In addition, we are beginning to explore the benefits of outdoor education and ways we might expand, providing opportunities for improved health and a deeper connection to nature.

These are the pillars upon which we are building the future of Fennville Public Schools. Our collective efforts are shaping a brighter, more promising future for our students. We encourage your engagement, ideas, and continued support as we work together to make this school year the best one yet.

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Thank you!

Fennville Community Recreation Board would like to thank the community for their support of the recent Community Recreation Millage. It is our goal to continue to strengthen the bond between the City of Fennville, the surrounding community, and Fennville Public Schools (FPS) to enhance the recreational experiences for community both indoors and outdoors. Board member Hedy Morse added, "As a Community Recreation Board Member I would like to thank all those who supported the millage. Not only will we be able to restore the outside Community Recreation area, but we will be able to bring back activities that used to be offered and start new ones. A win-win for kids and adults!"

Since the passage of the 2019 Recreation Millage usage of the Community Athletic Center (CAC) is up 121%, showing that the Fennville community is increasingly engaged with recreation opportunities. Dr. Doug Greer, FPS superintendent, stated "With the incredible increase of the indoor facility usage (Community Athletic Center), we are excited to be able to provide additional space for outdoor recreation on our campus for the community. We already have community members making great use of the basketball courts that are in desperate need of repair." The passing of the recreation millage along with the opportunity to apply for a joint grant with the City of Fennville and Fennville District Library are important steps in moving Fennville recreation forward. City Manager, Katie Beemer, added "Creating places to play is one of the most rewarding things we do in local government. The City is committed to creating and improving places of recreation in our community and is excited to work with Fennville Public Schools and Fennville District Library on placemaking for recreation. The recreation millage that was recently passed is one way that we will be able to increase recreational opportunities for our community members, which in turn will continue to help make Fennville a community where people of all ages can play!"

Fennville Community Recreation is operated by the recreational millage and utilized by community members. The indoor facilities at the CAC offer many recreation options for the community. Over the next months and years, Fennville Community Recreation is projected to grow exponentially. The passage of the 2023 Community Recreation Millage and the above-mentioned grant opportunity allows for an increase in offerings and much needed renovations to the outdoor court facilities.

The Fennville Public School District is the heart of the Fennville Community, and the Fennville Community is the heart of Fennville Public Schools. We are grateful for the partnerships between the City of Fennville, the surrounding community, and Fennville Public Schools that work together to support moving the community forward.

FPS AT RED HORSE CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP



FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS & RED HORSE CENTER



WE'RE SPREADING AWARENESS & RAISING SUPPORT FOR "HORSES EMPOWERING YOUTH"

a suite of programs that provides equitable access to trauma-informed experiential learning, mental health support, and leadership development for students, faculty, and staff.

H.E.Y. includes facilitated workshops that work in collaboration with nature, art, dogs, and horses.



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HORSES EMPOWERING YOUTH | H.E.Y.

A COLLECTION OF PROGRAMS TO SERVE YOUTH THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.



This suite of programs are offered in any combination, to provide experiential learning, mental health support and developmental opportunities to youth, students, faculty and staff in collaboration with nature, art and horses.

CURRENTLY INVITING COLLABORATIVE FUNDRAISING GRANT PROPOSALS SPONSORSHIPS

Congratulations



Natalie Wyman

Class of 2024 DAR Good Citizen

Please help us celebrate Natalie Wyman! She has been selected by FHS staff and her classmates as this year's Class of 2024 DAR Good Citizen Award recipient! Natalie was chosen for her display of dependability, responsibility, leadership, and loyalty. Natalie is a member of NHS, senior class president for student council, and has participated in volleyball, cross country, softball, and basketball. Natalie often volunteers to support school and community events. She is a very deserving recipient!



Fennville High School Choral Department

Some Enchanted Evening

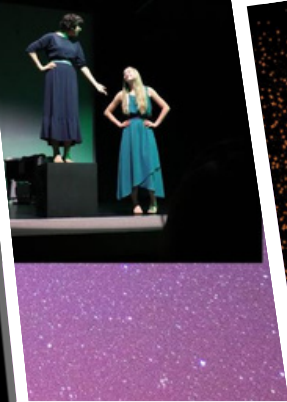


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STATE 2023
DIVISION D
3RD PLACE

HIGHEST 1 PERSON D TEAM PLACED!

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Homecoming 2023!



*Queen Jennifer Banda
King Miguel Solis Salazar*

Holiday Magic

In Downtown Fennville

Saturday, December 2nd



Lights Parade – Holiday Market
Live Reindeer – Holiday Crafts
Christmas Carol-oke
Santa Snaps
and Much More!

Brought to you by the Fennville DDA

@fennvilleholidaycelebration

Winter Band Concerts

Thursday, December 7th

6th & 7th Grade 6:30pm

8th & High School 7:30pm

Fennville High School
Sheehan Auditorium

Elementary School

Holiday Sing

Tuesday, December 19th

12:00 (K - 2nd)

1:30 (3rd - 5th)

FHS Morehead Gymnasium

BLACKHAWK ATHLETICS

HIGHLIGHTS

Boys Soccer

- Back to Back SAC Lakeshore Conference Champs!

Girls Cross Country

- Qualified for the State Finals as a team, first time in school history!
- Nidia Martinez, Samantha Giles & Isabelle Sliter made it to the FHS All-Time Top 10 Leader Board!



WINTER SPORTS IN ACTION!

High School

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Co-ed Wrestling
- Competitive Cheer

Middle School

- Boys Basketball (Nov/Dec)
- Competitive Cheer (Nov/Dec)
- Girls Basketball (Jan/Feb)
- Co-ed Wrestling (Jan/Feb)

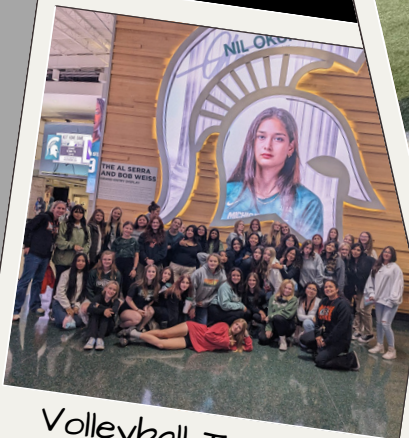


Check out the
athletic schedules at
fennvilleathletics.org

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Football Seniors!



Volleyball Teams at
MSU v Nebraska Game!



Homecoming 2023!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Youth Wrestling & Basketball
Registration ends 12/1**

Fennville Community Rec is the foundation of our athletic teams! Participating in rec sports is a great way to develop athletic skills in a fun environment while learning to love the game.

- **Co-ed Wrestling** K-5th grade
- **Basketball** boys/girls
 - 3rd/4th Grade
 - 5th/6th Grade
- **Boys 6th - 8th Grade Volleyball** registration ends 1/1



**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Get involved in the rewarding
experience of coaching youth sports!

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Fennville Pickleball Group Drop In Doubles Play

M/T/W 8am - 11am

T/Th 7pm - 9pm

Senior Socials return to the CAC!

11/30 10am

in the community room



Winter Game Afternoon

Bring the family or just yourself and enjoy an afternoon of cribbage, euchre & board games in the community room at the CAC!

Sunday 12/3 3pm - 4pm

additional dates will be posted

FREE with membership

HOURS

- Monday - Thursday: 6am - 11am & 3pm - 9pm
- Friday: 6am - 11am
- Saturday: 8am - 1pm
- Sunday: 1pm - 4pm

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FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Schedule

3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm
Central Office Board Room

President: Toby Hutchins

Vice President: Manuel Sanchez

Secretary: Ross Thiele

Treasurer: Paul Hapke

Trustee: Juliet Michele

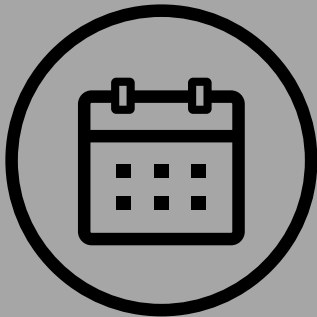
Trustee: Natalie Bosby

Trustee: Angie Pena-Smith

The public is invited to attend all Board of Education meetings. All regular meetings are held in the Central Office Board Room located at 5 Memorial Drive, Fennville.

All Special Meetings and Work Sessions will be scheduled as necessary. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to participate in these meetings.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/22 - 11/24 Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 12/7 MS & HS Winter Band Concerts
- 12/19 Elementary School Holiday Sing
- 12/21 - 1/2 Holiday Break - No School
- 1/3 School Resumes
- 1/15 No School
- 1/19 Half Day - school dismissed at 11:05am
- 2/6 - 2/8 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/12 - 2/16 Winter Break - No School
- 4/1 - 4/5 Spring Break - No School

The full district calendar can be found at fennville.org/calendar