



Creighton Community Public School

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Quarter 1 Newsletter

We have had a great start to our 26-27 school year. Thank you to all of our students, staff, families, and community members for your continued support that allows our students to have a great educational experience. Here are a few of our highlights from quarter 1:

Academic Updates

1. AIMS Web → DIBELS - The Nebraska Department of Education is now requiring all school districts to utilize DIBELS as our literacy screening tool to measure literacy growth and intervention needs. School districts are required to make this change to DIBELS by next school year, but we made the change a year early to become comfortable with the new program. We are looking forward to sharing results in the Spring when we have results to compare.
2. AQuESTT Accountability Ratings - The Nebraska Department of Education has utilized AQuESTT as our accountability rating program for about a decade. The results from the 2025-2026 school year will be released in late November. After reviewing the embargoed results, we are extremely excited to celebrate the results when they are made public.

Activity Highlights

1. Cross Country - Congratulations to our boys cross country team on earning a trip to state! The girls had a great season as well. We would also like to thank Ms. Eisenhower for hosting our first ever elementary cross country meet. We had a great turnout!



2. FCCLA - Our FCCLA group has been busy this school year. We would like to thank Ms. Long and our student members for their willingness to be involved in our community and to create community partnerships. They recently were a part of the Creighton Harvest Fest. (Photo credit to Creighton Park Facebook page).



We would also like to congratulate our volleyball team on a successful season and wish our football team luck in the state playoffs!

Finance Update

Our school district attended the property tax joint public hearing in September due to increasing our tax asking above our allowable 2% growth. While we understand the burden placed on our tax payers, we have been very deliberate in only asking for what we need. In fact, our 4 year average of property tax increases is still right around 2% (23-24 = -1.6%, 24-25 = 0%, 25-26= +1.5%). Some of the reasons for the larger increase this year include: increased special education costs (especially for our birth - 3 year old services), increased salaries and compensation to stay within our legally required array limits, increased insurance costs, and saving for several building maintenance projects. Additionally, we have continued to decrease our levy each year accordingly as valuations continue to increase.