

Three quarters of school is in the books, and the final quarter of school is upon us. The fourth quarter brings with it better weather, field trips, testing, and culminates with graduation. As the school year presses through the final quarter, it is important that students strive to finish strong and better themselves with each day.

Hopefully, many of you were able to attend this year's musical, *Footloose*, directed by Dane Christensen. The annual musical is unique to Central City Public Schools and is an impressive display of our talented students and the community support of the fine arts. The talent that exists here is simply amazing, and Mr. Christensen does an excellent job of getting the very best out of that talent. Every time I step into the Performing Arts Center, I cannot help but think about the remarkable facility our district has to showcase our talent.

Our district has continued our tradition of excellence in creating tremendous science fair projects. At the recent Central Nebraska Regional Science Fair in Hastings, Central City qualified five individuals for the state competition. These five students will have the opportunity to qualify for the National Science Fair Competition. Mrs. Chelle Gillan works a tremendous number of hours with our young people preparing them for these showcase events.

A big acknowledgement should also go out to Ms. Stephanie Shearer and her leadership with the Speech Program. Ten students recently qualified for the State Speech Meet with both Oral Interpretation of Drama teams qualifying. Countless hours have gone into preparing our students, over the past few months, for their speech competitions this season.

Many great accomplishments are taking place on a daily basis in our district. We are blessed to have many very talented students that work hard and make a commitment to their future. We are also blessed to have great family and community support. Thank you for entrusting us in the development of the youth in this community. Go Bison!!!