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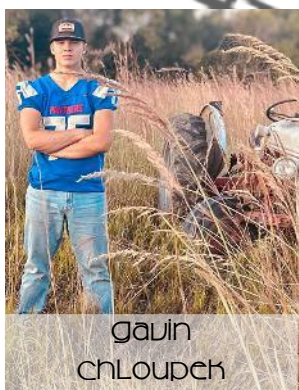
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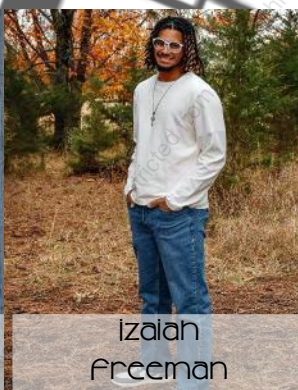
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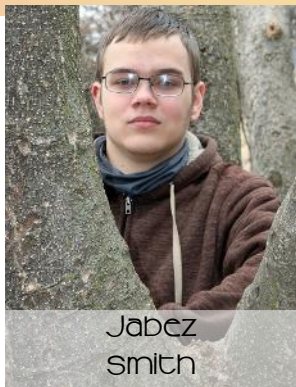
Snapshot

of the class of 2025





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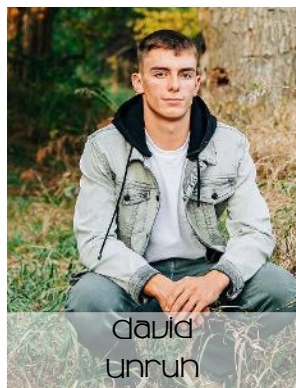
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Rylie Waller (left) & Madi Dvorak
(right)



Alivia Tenney (left) & Leslie
Kavan (right)

Class Colors
Red, White, & Blue

Class Flower
White Lily

Class Motto
"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."
-Neale Donald Walsch

Junior Ushers
Bella Chambers Conner Petersen
Grace Green Harrison Boyte

Student Council Representatives
Gage Bohaty Bettie Chambers Erin Chambers Emily Moyer
Emily Van Meter Haylie Vollman Rylie Walter

Administration
Michael Hart, Superintendent
Heath Johnson, Secondary Principal
Jared Haag, Elementary Principal
Linde Walter, Student Services Director

Board of Education
Brandon Desh Josh Penterman Jaimi Calfee
Dean Busch Tim Cheney Dee Moore

Foundation for Knowledge Board Members
Melanie Cheney Warren Cheney James Penterman
Dave Hall Amy Fitzpatrick Josh Penterman
Tyler Maas Lori Hallowell Jaimi Calfee
Erin May James Waltke

Palmyra High School
Commencement Exercises



Saturday, May 10th, 2025
2:00p.m.

Palmyra High School Graduation Exercises

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance PHS Band

Class of 2025

Daxin Paul Benes	Christopher Dale Phillips
Gage Steven Bohaty	Temperance Lynn Rugland
Matthew Noelani Bryan-Aldrich	Mattilynn Kay Schroeder
Bettie Jo Chambers	Daisa Jean Smidt
Erin Claire Chambers	Jabez Rephael Smith
Gavin Lyle Chloupek	Kalyn Roxanne Smith
Madison Jean Dvorak	Cameron Robert Steinblock
Jayden Edward Fox	Brandon Peyton Steinhoff
Izaiah Arwin Freeman	Alivia Noelle Tenney
Kylie Grace Harig	Kayley Lynn Thompson
Collin Richard Hillman	David Alexander Unruh
Leslie Jean Kavan	Emily Claire Van Meter
Noah Matthew Lang	Travis Dillon Vandervort
Hayden Royal Laschanzky	Addison Leigh Vasa
Priyanka Marie Malhotra	Haylie Jae Vollman
Emily Quinn Moyer	Rylie Rose Walter
Wesley Joseph Parolek	Scarlett Jean Weitzel
	Cayden Timothy Zuhlke

Senior Slide Show

Burke Brown

Welcome

Emily Moyer

Graduate Introductions

Kori Vodioka, Counselor

Foundation For Knowledge Awards

Amy Fitzpatrick Todd & Jaimi Calfee

Presentation of Flowers

"The Climb" by Miley Cyrus PHS Choir

"I Lived" by One Republic PHS Choir

Presentation of Graduating Class

Michael Hart, Superintendent

Awarding of Diplomas

District OR1 Board Member Brandon Desh

Closing

Leslie Kavan

Recessional

PHS Band

Please remain seated during Processional and Recessional.

Please exit in a timely manner after pictures.



Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Pancake & Sausage on a stick Scrambled Eggs	Egg, Sausage & Cheese on a Croissant Potato Triangle	Biscuit & Gravy Scrambled Eggs	Breakfast Casserole Biscuit	Pastry Yogurt

Lunch Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Chicken Patty On a Bun Carrots	Spaghetti Green Beans Breadstick	Crispitos Cheese Sauce Black Beans	Chicken Tenders Seasoned Rice Broccoli	French Bread Pizza Potato Smiles Peas

Happening this week at PHS

Saturday, May 10th– Graduation 2:00 pm

Live streamed on the Palmyra HUDL TV/FAN account

<https://fan.hudl.com/palmyra>

**Monday, May 12th– ECNC Instrumental Clinic @ Elmwood
Murdock High School 9:00 am Bus leaves @ 8:30 am, Golf @
Hidden Valley 9:00 am Van leaves @ 7:30 am**

**Tuesday, May 13th– FFA Cornhole Tournament 6:00 pm @
PHS grass football field**

Wednesday, May 14th–

**Thursday, May 15th– HS District Track @ JCC 10:00 am Bus
leaves @ 7:15 am, Elementary K-2 Track Day @ Olson Complex**

Friday, May 16th– Elementary 3-5 Track Day @ Olson Complex

**Saturday, May 17th– JH State Track Meet @ Gothenburg 11:00
am**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, May 19th– Golf Districts, 5th Grade Graduation,
HS Girls Basketball meeting (grades 8-11) 3:25 pm**

Tuesday, May 20th– Last day of school at Bennet Elementary

Wednesday, May 21st– Last day of school @ PHS 1:00 Dismissal

Thursday, May 22nd–

**Friday, May 23rd– HS School State Track @ Omaha Burke
HS TBD**

**Saturday, May 24th– HS School State Track @ Omaha
Burke HS TBD**

GO PANTHERS!

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Newsletter - May 8th, 2025

Arrival 7:55-8:25

Dismissal 3:20

Early Dismissal Days 1:00

Principal's Update

Track Day

Our tentative dates for Track Day 2025 are as follows:

Thursday, May 15th – K-2 Track Day

Location: Olson Sports Complex | Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Students will rotate between the park, the track, and wrap up with a picnic lunch.

AR awards will be awarded during these times at the track.

Friday, May 16th – 3rd-5th Grade Track Day

4th & 5th Grade: Morning / 3rd Grade: Afternoon (after lunch)

Teachers will provide more details as we get closer to the event.

AR awards will be awarded during these times at the track.

Lunch Balances

As we approach the end of the school year, we kindly ask that you check your child's lunch account and take care of any negative balances. Clearing these balances helps us close out the year smoothly and ensures we're set up for success next school year. If you have any questions or need help accessing your account, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! We'll be clearing it out over the summer, so please make sure to check for any missing items before the last week of school. All unclaimed items will be donated after that time. Thanks for your help!

Upcoming Events

- May 7th, 8th, 12th- 4th Grade Homestead Field Trip
- May 9th- No School- Staff Development/ ECNC Track Meet Host
- May 11th- Last Day for AR Tests
- May 14th- 5th Grade Field Trip
- May 14th- Last Day of PreK
- May 15th- K-2 Track Day
- May 16th- 3-5 Track Day
- May 19th- Fifth Grade Graduation- 2:00-3:00 @ Palmyra High School
- May 20th- Last Day of Elementary School

● Panther Paw Winners ●



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[Student Directory Link](#)

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

A few reminders that I would like to share to help everyone get in and out quickly:

- Please have students enter and exit your vehicle on the passenger side of your vehicle. The drop off lane is extremely effective and the safety of your student is our top priority. By doing this, we can ensure that students are not in zones of traffic and are not in harm's way.
- If you are using the parent drop/pick up lanes, please stay in your vehicles. If you would like to park and walk up, please utilize the parking spaces in the interior of the parent pickup/dropoff lane.
- In the afternoon **only**, Kindergarten parents may utilize the bus drop off lane for pickup for Kindergarten students and older siblings. Grades 1-5 will continue to use the primary pickup/dropoff lane. Teachers have now been assigned zones to help aid in the location of your students to help you get in and out quickly.
- For preschool students, we have begun a student drop-off zone similar to the primary drop-off lane. If you would like to stay in your vehicle, a staff member will assist with getting your student out of the vehicle.

Arrival Times

Students that are participating in the Rec program can be dropped off starting at 7:00. All other students can arrive no earlier than 7:50 unless they are utilizing school busing or the Rec Program. School starts at 8:20 and the tardy bell rings at 8:30. Breakfast begins at 7:50 and ends at 8:20.

PowerSchool

Please check PowerSchool to view grades, missing assignments, and lunch balances. If you need to set up your account, please call Melissa in the office.

District Calendar

[24-25 District Calendar](#)

[25-26 District Calendar](#)

Transportation:

If you have any questions regarding bussing, please contact Cathy Fick at 402-540-2879.

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Our TeamMates chapter has a partnership with Linked2literacy where mentors read with their mentees in grades 3 to 5 to help increase literacy in youth. Books are available to students in a vending machine at the Elementary school as illustrated in the photo to the right.

One way you can help us keep the book vending machine full is through the Lincoln Community Foundation program-Give to Lincoln Day (GTLD), which is available through the month of May. Over 400 nonprofits in Lancaster County are registered with GTLD. Every donation through GTLD is boosted with a share of \$650,000 matching funds through the Lincoln Community Foundation and funds provided by West Gate Bank and many other sponsors.

Donation Options should you wish to do so:

Online gifts by credit card can be directed to our TeamMates chapter from May 1 to 29 by scanning the QR code to the right.

Checks can be mailed by May 22 to the following address: (Please indicate TeamMates Bennet Elementary on the check memo line.)

Lincoln Community Foundation
215 Centennial Mall, Ste 100
Lincoln, NE 68508

<https://givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/teammates-mentoring-program-bennet-elementary-school>

Thank you for your support of our TeamMates Chapter

Austin Lahmon
School Counselor
Bennet Elementary
lahmon.aus@districtor1.net



Interested in getting involved with TeamMates?

We are always looking for mentors! Just 20-30 minutes a week is all it takes to make a difference in the lives of our youth. We know life happens and every week isn't always possible. Just doing the best you can to be there for youth in our community is what matters!

We also have an exciting opportunity for new board members to join or local chapters TeamMates board and help continue to drive the future of our chapter. If you are interested in serving on our board that meets a few times a year, please reach out!

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Austin Lahmon at Bennet Elementary.

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To the Parents of 4th grade students of District OR-1

From Mr. Furrow

Re: Joining the Band Program!

Hello! As we are winding down the 24-25 school year, the beginning band is getting geared up for the 25-26 school year! I wanted to give you some information on the process this year as it is changing from previous years.

May 2 - Mr. Furrow will be bringing the instrument zoo over and with the help of some high school students, your 4th grader will be able to hold and try out various band instruments. They will go home with some recommendations of instruments that they may have some immediate success with based on the testing.

Thursday May 8th @ 6 pm in the Bennet Elementary Lunchroom

This will be the display night & where and when you can sign your student up for 5th grade band. Don't worry if you already have family plans that night, you will still get to register your student for the band class. Please make sure the sign up sheet is returned to the school office by Monday May 19th.

July 28-Aug. 1 - 5th grade band camp will happen. This will take place at the high school from 10:45-11:45 and the students will learn skill basics so that we can start playing right at the beginning of the school year. Friday Aug. 1st at 11:30 there will be a showcase of what the students learned! Please enter through the south doors. We will have some 8-12 students there to help out as well.

This is the beginning of creating championship level bands as it is an expectation to compete for state titles in marching band, jazz band, and concert band! We hope you and your student will consider joining the program! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email.

Musically Yours

Mr. John Furrow BA; MEd

Director of Instrumental Music

District OR-1 Schools

Furrow.joh@districtor1.net

2024 Class 1 A State Marching Band Champions
Palmyra High School



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2025 PANTHER FOOTBALL

SUMMER CAMP DATES



JULY 14-18, 21&22
HS CAMP
8:30-11:00 am
OLSON FIELD

JULY 28TH-30TH
JH CAMP
7:00-8:30 pm
OLSON FIELD

JULY 28TH-30TH
YOUTH CAMP
5:30-6:30pm
ENTERING 3RD THROUGH 6TH GRADE
OLSON FIELD

INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS?
CONTACT COACH BAUMERT
BAUMERT.TAY@DISTRICTOR1.NET
CAMP FLYERS WILL BE SENT HOME SOON!



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LOUISVILLE YOUTH TRACK INVITATIONAL

Saturday, May 31st - 10:00 AM Start

@ Louisville Public School's Track

Pre-Entry by **May 25th** is encouraged. Pre-meet registration from 8:30-9:30 AM.

****ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES OR CHANGES ACCEPTED AFTER 9:30 AM on Meet Day****

*Meet will be timed by Louisville High School's FAT (Fully Automated Timing) Crew.
Follow @LouisvilleFAT on Twitter for Live Updates.*

ENTRY FEE:

\$12.00 per event or \$40 for four events (**Meet day registration: \$15 per event or \$55 for four events**). Four individual events ONLY per child. \$10 additional relay team entry. Cash or Check made out to 'Louisville Youth Track Club'. Payments & completed registration form can be mailed or dropped off at Louisville High School c/o Kaleb Walker; 202 West 3rd St., Louisville, NE 68037. **No refunds. 4 & Under events are FREE. **ALL LYTC athlete entries are free with their initial club payment & meet day concession help/donations. ****

ADMISSION:

FREE WILL DONATION TO "LYTC". Concession stand will be available during the day!

AWARDS:

Medals to top three finishers in each event. Ribbons to 4th - 6th places.

RELAYS:

Relay teams MUST wear the same color. (Batons available)

CANCELLATION POLICY: If meet is cancelled due to weather, we will have a **Rain Date of June 1st**. Follow @LouisvilleYTF on Twitter for information regarding the meet, weather, etc.

MEET DIRECTORS:

Kaleb Walker; 402-525-8531, kwalker@lpslions.org
Micah Kohles; 402-525-9010, mkohlesdvm@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

10:00 AM	G 7-8, 11-12 Softball Throw G 9-10 Long Jump (East Pit) B 7-8, 11-12 Shot Put B 9-10 High Jump	1:00 PM	G 5-6 Long Jump (East Pit) G 9-10 Shot Put G 11-12 High Jump B 9-10 Softball Throw B 11-12 Long Jump (East Pit)
10:45 AM	G 7-8 Long Jump (West Pit) G 9-10 Softball Throw G 11-12 Long Jump (East Pit) B 9-10 Shot Put B 11-12 High Jump	1:45 PM	G 4&U Long Jump (East Pit) B 5-6 Softball Throw B 7-8 High Jump
11:30 AM	G 7-8, 11-12 Shot Put G 9-10 High Jump B 7-8, 11-12 Softball Throw B 9-10 Long Jump (East Pit)	2:00 PM	Running Events Begin 1600 M Run (ages 9-10, 11-12) 100 M Run (ages 7-8, 5-6, 9-10, 11-12) 75 M Low Hurdles (ages 9-10, 11-12) 400 M Run (ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12) 50 M Run (ages 4&U, 5-6) 200 M Run (ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12) 800 M Run (ages 9-10, 11-12) 4x100 M Relay (ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12)
12:15 PM	G 4&U, 5-6 Softball Throw G 7-8 High Jump B 5-6 Long Jump (West Pit) B 7-8 Long Jump (East Pit)		

****The times & events listed are an estimate as to when each event will start & are subject to change based on registration numbers. When an event finishes, we will roll into the next event even if ahead of schedule. All running events will be separated into age unless there are a limited number of entries in a specific event. However, those individuals will still be running for their specific age group.****

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PERU STATE BASEBALL CAMPS



**WORKOUT WITH THE BOBCATS
COACHING STAFF**



YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

AUGUST 2, 2025

CHECK IN AT 8:00 AM

CAMP BEGINS 9:00 AM

CENTENNIAL PARK - PERU STATE COLLEGE,
PERU, NEBRASKA

K - 8TH GRADE (AS OF FALL 2025)

HIGH SCHOOL PROSPECT CAMP

AUGUST 9, 2025

CHECK IN AT 8:00 AM

CAMP BEGINS 9:00 AM

CENTENNIAL PARK - PERU STATE COLLEGE,
PERU, NEBRASKA

9TH - 12TH GRADE (AS OF FALL 2025)



**SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW
THE LINK TO REGISTER**

[HTTPS://BASEBALL.PERUSTATECAMPS.COM/INDEX.CFM](https://baseball.perustatecamps.com/index.cfm)

Peru State has shared that the QR Code is not working
but you can use this link below to register:

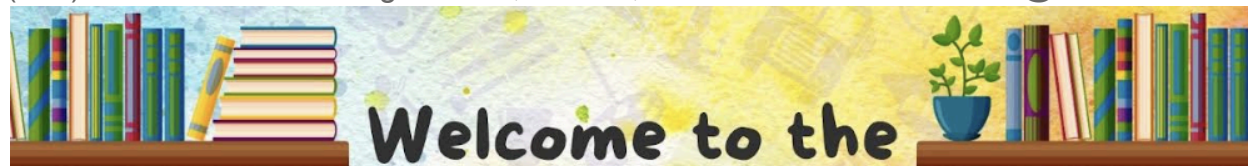
<https://baseball.perustatecamps.com/>

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Welcome to the

PALMYRA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Summer Programs 2025

Contact 402-890-0964 Lucinda's cell
PalmyraMemorialLibrary@gmail.com
525 Illinois Pl, Palmyra

Open hours 2-8
Sun, Mon and Tues





May
30,31 Garage Sale at Church
31st Book sale at park

June
6th 5-7pm Fancy Nancy Tea Party
RSVP* for 3-7 year olds
13th Yarn Camp 9:30-11:30am
20th 5-8pm family game night Fundraiser
22nd Print making class RSVP*
27th 1-3pm Bluey Party 3-7 years old RSVP*

July
Summer reading Wednesdays
2nd. 9th 16th 23rd 30th
6:30-8pm Registration required
*Alice in Wonderland exhibit
12th open house Sat 2-6
13th exhibit open 2-4

Aug
6th Back to school Blanket BINGO Fundraiser

All events will be advertised on our Facebook and Instagram pages with more information
Library is free to everyone!



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Palmyra Memorial Library 2025

Summer Reading

Let a book color your world



Children ages four through eleven are welcome to register. Registration begins May 1st and runs through June 30th. You may attend all five sessions or check the session(s) that best fit your schedule. We will meet 6:30-8:00 PM for each session. Check in at the library, except for the July 9th Dress for the mess we will meet at the park, and July 16th magic show we will meet at the community center. A waiver must be signed for each child.



We have listed the dates and sessions below. Registration can be completed by bringing this form to the library, calling the library at 402-780-5344, calling Lucinda's Cell 402-890-0964, by emailing the library at Palmyramemoriallibrary@gmail.com or by sending in Facebook messenger. *Registration is required so that we can plan for each event. We have fun-filled activities and presenters for each night.

____ July 2 – Pop of color! Check in at the library

____ July 9 – Dress for the mess! (Old clothes) We will meet at the park check and in and out at the west covered picnic area

____ July 16 – Colorful magic with Jeff Quinn– We will meet at the activities center downtown

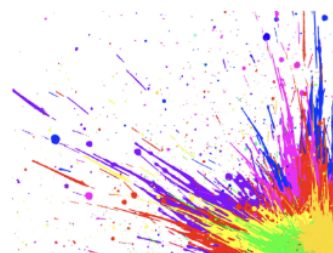
____ July 23- Live action Color! (Color competitions) Check in at the library

____ July 30 – Blast of color! final party Check in at the library

Regular Library Hours: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday 2:00-8:00 P.M.

*Save this portion for your records ^^

Return this section vv



We will attend: ____ July 2nd, ____ July 9th, ____ July 16th, ____ July 23rd, ____ July 30th

Summer reading will meet from 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Registration is required so that we can plan for each event. Please list all children from your family that will be attending

Parent's Name _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

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Standard Response Protocol

Bennet Elementary's adoption of the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) provides a standardized approach to managing various events, both threatening and non-threatening, that may happen in or around our school.

These protocols provide actions for the following situations:

- Lockout (danger is outside the school)
- Lockdown (danger is inside the school)
- Evacuate (leave the school building, such as a fire)
- Shelter (tornado or severe weather)
- Hold (stay in classrooms due to a non-threatening event outside the classroom)

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

OCCUPANTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

STAFF

Close and lock door
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

OCCUPANTS

Return inside
Do business as usual

STAFF

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

OCCUPANTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

STAFF

Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Account for occupants and staff
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

OCCUPANTS

Evacuate to specified location
Bring your phone
Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings

STAFF

Lead evacuation to specified location
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

OCCUPANTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

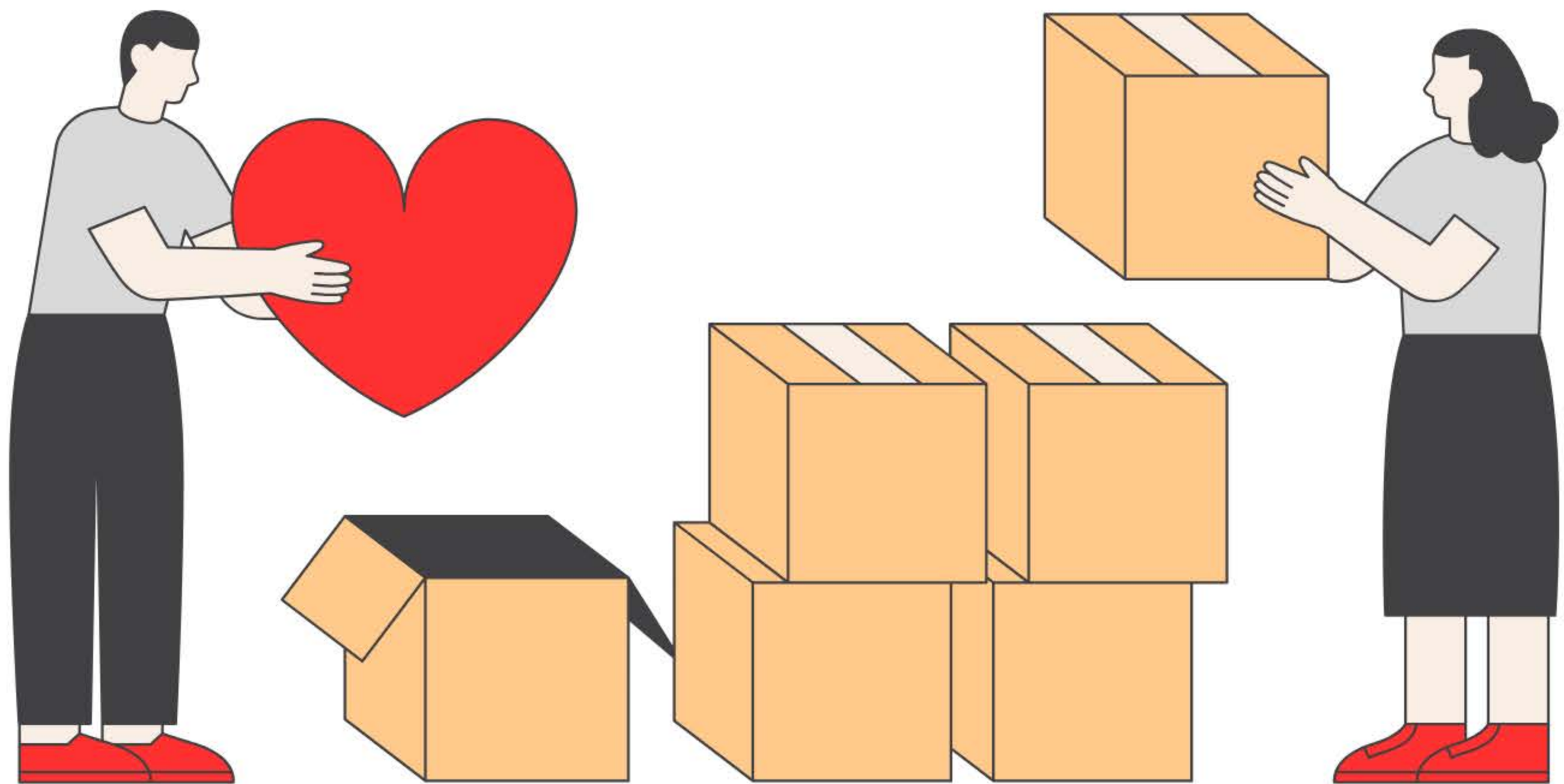
STAFF

Lead safety strategy
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people

POP TAB COLLECTION

Palmyra FCCLA

**START SAVING TABS TODAY —
WE'RE COLLECTING ALL YEAR!**



Drop off your pop tabs
at Palmyra High School
or to an FCCLA Member

POP TABS GOING TO

Ronald McDonald
House Charities,
Omaha, NE

WHY POP TABS?

Pop tabs may be small in size, but they have a big impact. Your aluminum can tab donations help light the way for families at the House.

Thanks to schools, businesses, community organizations, and families like ours, they have recycled approximately 35 million pop tabs last year, and the money from those donations helps pay for their electric bill each month.

SUMMER WEIGHTS SIGN UP

Start Date: June 2nd

Training Days: 4 days per week (Monday - Thursday)

Sessions:

- 1st Session: 7:00 - 8:15
- 2nd Session: 8:15 - 9:30
- JH Session: (Boys M/W & Girls T/TH) 9:45 - 10:30

Summer weight training is open to all High School and Junior High students for the upcoming school year.

As in the past, high school boys and girls will rotate between the early and late sessions weekly. A calendar with the weekly breakdown is included in the band app.

Athletes planning to attend summer weights will need to fill out the sign up form below!

Sign Up Form:



<https://forms.gle/4Yvhf9JAagP8ZkoW9>

**Band App:
Calendar and Updates**



<https://bit.ly/SummerWeightsBand>