

The Huskies Leader

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

As we move into the second half of the school year, it is rewarding to look back over the last year and contemplate the work that we have done. Probably the largest change has been the implementation of laptop computers for all students in grades 7-12 and a cart full of iPads for every two classrooms in the elementary. While it may sound fairly straight forward, there was a tremendous amount of work to make this happen. First and foremost was the commitment by the board to move forward with this project. Hundreds of hours were spent readying the equipment, upgrading and programming the network and servers, working with software, and training teachers to use the technology in the classroom.

Another project included changing our school calendar to allow for full days of professional development. We fully utilize those days to continue moving forward with our school improvement goals. On a typical day of training, we may begin by meeting together to review our progress, look at student data, and discuss how best to move forward with instructional decisions. In the afternoon, teachers may have 6 different technology sessions from which to choose. We appreciate the opportunity to have these full days of professional development to focus on student learning.

Bus Driver

We are in **serious** need of a bus driver. We will help drivers become certified and offer them great opportunities to build relationships with young people. The commitment is approximately an hour and a half each morning and each afternoon on days that school is in session. Our pay rate is \$28.75 per route. Who wouldn't like having \$50 a day more in their pocket? We would even welcome two drivers splitting time. If you or anyone that you know could help us out, **please** contact the school and talk with Matt Quiring or Mr. Best.

School Closing Information

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather necessitates the closing of school for the safety of our students. School closing information will be announced over the radio station KAWL (1370) and television stations KHAS, KLKN, and KOLN.

We also use an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current numbers on file. Please call the school office if anything changes.

You may also call our school closing phone line at 402-723-4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM.



Addie Swartzendruber wins 1st place in the creed speaking event at Districts.



FFA holds their 1st annual welding competition



L to R: Judges: Louie Siebert & DeWight Goertzen; the OA & Overall winner was Alex Potter; ARC winner: Bret Jost; MIG winner: Matthew Hiebnr.

FFA members compete at District Leadership Skills Events in Aurora.

FFA NEWS



February "To Do" List

Complete these tasks during February to stay on track for college.

Seniors:

- ___ Complete student and parent 2013 tax returns.
- ___ Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov.
- ___ Continue to apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- ___ [Register](#) by March 7 for the April 12 ACT
- ___ Attend a college fair!



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Hayes Oswald Wins 2014 Geography Bee

The Potomac River rises in the Allegheny Plateau and empties into what large bay? **Hayes Oswald** correctly answered the Chesapeake Bay to win Heartland's 2014 Geography Bee. **Kalea Wetjen** was the runner-up.

Semi-finalists were: **Aaron Buller, Carson Amack, Reid Huebert, Katrina Hiebner, Emily Goertzen, Cooper Regier, Tobin Glinsmann and Nolan Boehr.**

Other participants were: **Brittany Quiring, Isabelle Vanderneck, Grace Janzen, Madison Gerken and Lauren Quiring.**



*Geography Bee winner: **Hayes Oswald** & runner-up: **Kalea Wetjen.***

Band German Smorgasbord

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014. The meal will be served from 5:00pm to 7:30pm and a band concert will be held at 7:45pm. Adult tickets are \$11.00, children ages 4-12 are \$6.00. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets will go on sale February 20, 2014 and may be purchased from any band member or by calling or stopping by the Heartland School Offices. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Four Heartland Musicians Attend Kearney High School Underclassman Honor Band

Four Heartland musicians attended the Kearney High School Underclassman Honor Band on Monday, January 20.

This Honor Band was made up of freshman and sophomores from across the state. The band practiced during the day and presented a concert at the Merryman Performing Arts Center in Kearney. **Megan Kroeker** played first chair flute, **Mark Perez** trumpet, **Kristine Goertzen** french horn, and **Ethan Hall** first chair Tuba. Professor Andy Feyes of the University of Nebraska at Omaha was the guest conductor.



Musicians pictured: L to R- Ethan Hall, Mark Perez, Kristine Goertzen & Megan Kroeker

MENU

KOHL SALAT
(cole slaw)
PARTZILKE
(New Years Cookies)
PLUMA MOS
(raisin and prune mouss)
PRIESHKE AND PLAUTZ
(fruit filled pastries)
SCHNETYA
(lady fingers)
WEIT BROT an BUTTA
(wheat bread and butter)
TWIEBACK and JELLE
(Zweiback and jelly)
CUFFA (coffee)
MILCH (milk)

KUMPST BORSCHT
(cabbage soup)
KLÜPTZ
(ground meat patties)
WORSCHT
(sausage)
SCHAUBLA-met schmont fot
(beans with cream gravy)
KIELKE-met schmont fot an sippla
(noodles with cream gravy and onions)
VERENIKE-yebrot oda yskookit
(cottage cheese bundles—fried or cooked)
KORN (corn)
GESCHMUCKE—relish
(pickles, celery, carrots, beets)



To view great artwork created by Heartland students, click on Artsonia on the right side under Quick Links on the school website. Ms. Renz is featuring all artwork from grades K-12 on this site. At this time, Heartland has 139 artworks on display. If you like the artwork, please post a comment on this site and become our students' fan club members.

Please visit this site to view the visual arts gallery for Heartland Schools and other schools across the United States. You can purchase the artwork on items such as t-shirts, coffee mugs, key chains, and many other items from the site as well.

Artsonia will donate 20% of every purchase of art keepsakes to the arts program at Heartland Community Schools. The money generated through Artsonia will help purchase art supplies for the school.



The Heartland Band Is Invited to Play at The Nebraska Danger Game

After hearing about the success of the Heartland High School band, Mike McCoy, General Manager for the Nebraska Danger Indoor Football Team, contacted Mr. Schweitzer and invited the band to play at a game. On Saturday, March 1, 2014, the band will play at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island when the Danger takes on Minnesota.



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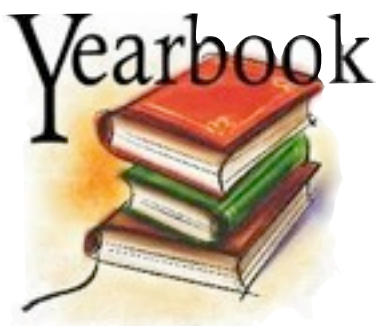


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HEARTLAND YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

The 2013-14 yearbook sales have begun! The yearbook will include all students from grades 9-12 as well as all of our extra curricular activities and events. If you or your child would like to purchase a yearbook, contact Mrs. Ostmeier via E-mail: sostmeier@heartlandschools.net. Yearbooks are \$35 each.

One Hundredth Day Of School

The 100th day of school was a reason to celebrate for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders. Students participated in a variety of activities as they traveled from Mrs. Thiesen's, Mrs. Peters', Mrs. Steevers, Mrs. Ratzlaff's & Mrs. Goff's classrooms. They made gorp, did various exercises for 100 seconds, built with 100 dominos, constructed paper chains, built objects out of marshmallows and pretzels, made 100's day crowns and 100's day glasses. Kids pictured here are building with dominos.

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Pictured Left to Right: Josephine Friesen, Kaylee Goertzen & Lane Farrall



Pictured Left to Right: Holden Switzer, Mariab Tessman & Thane Wetjen



Pictured Left to Right: Kayley Paitz, Trenton Goertzen & Jacob Buller



Pictured Left to Right: Jaelyn Brown, Sidda Kliewer, Urijah Morrison & Samuel Friesen

The 8th grade Exploratory FCS class made gingerbread cookies and Christmas stockings before the holiday break. We appreciated Mrs. Vanderneck's assistance in sewing the stockings.



Left to Right: Devon Stamp, Noah Boyd & Taylor Quiring decorating their gingerbread cookies.



Isabelle Vanderneck & Aaron Buller decorating their gingerbread cookies.



The High School Skills for Living Class are currently constructing patchwork quilts.

Cindy Huebert to Retire

Cindy Huebert, elementary principal, has announced her retirement effective at the end of this school year. The board of education accepted her resignation at the January meeting and thanked her for her 29 1/2 years of service.

Mrs. Huebert came to the Henderson elementary school in January of 1985. Her duties expanded to include the role of curriculum director and has since served as the elementary school principal for the last 7 years.

Mrs. Huebert stated that her desire for retirement revolved around the opportunity that she currently has to spend more time with her grandchildren before they are of school age. We know that she will miss the day to day interactions with students, parents, and adults and we will miss her dedication to the education of our students.

The opening has been advertised over the last couple of weeks. Interviews will be scheduled for the first full week of February. A survey for community input on administrative qualities was available online to help with the selection process.

Congratulations Mrs. Huebert!



Junior High Lip Sync Contest



Front Row :L to R- Bailey Peters & Sadie Carr. **Back Row: L to R-** Alexa Siebert, Kate Bergen & Krynn Arbuck.



Left to Right: Bryce Allen & Zach Dente



Left to Right : Olivia Casper, Brittany Quiring & Isabelle Vanderneck.

The day before winter break the junior high held their annual Lip Sync Contest. Four groups created dance and lip sync acts to perform before judges. The group that placed first used a Pitch Perfect Mix for their music. Included in this group were the following students: **Bailey Peters, Sadie Carr, Krynn Arbuck, Alexa Siebert, Kate Bergen, and Taylor Quiring.**



L to R: Kyle Ott, Aaron Buller, Luke Schaldecker, Connor Boehr, Lane Huebert & Noah Boyd.



Drivers Education 2014

Drivers Education Classes will again be offered to Heartland students through the Nebraska Safety Council. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. The fee for the classes are \$299.00 per student for the summer of 2014. You can go online and download a registration form at www.nesafetycouncil.org. Please send the completed form and registration fee to PO Box 30578, Lincoln, NE 68503-0578. Checks should be made out to the Nebraska Safety Council. Students can also pick up a registration form from the school office. The fee must be paid the first day of class.



- **Advanced registration and payment are required.**
- **Students must possess a school learner's permit, a school permit or a learner's permit to enroll.**

Only one session will be offered this summer and will run July 7-10, 2014 from 8:00-1:00pm. The behind-the-wheel classes will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Option Enrollment

Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students and we feel that we have much to offer! A student from another district may enroll at Heartland when approved through the option enrollment program.

If you know of someone who would be interested in enrolling their children to Heartland, please have them call the superintendent's office at 402-723-4434. High school students must have an option enrollment application filed and approved before March 14, 2014 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.



WANTED

The Art Room is in need of baby food jars as well as other small containers. They also would like buttons of all shapes, sizes and colors.



Upcoming Dates

Feb 3 & 4, 2014

G & B BB SNC

Feb 5, 2014

County Spelling Bee

FFA State Degree Interviews

Feb 6, 2014

G & B BB SNC Semi Finals @ Milford

Feb 8, 2014

ACT Test Date

G & B BB SNC Finals @ Milford

Feb 10, 2014

School Board Meeting 7:00PM

Feb 14, 2014

NO SCHOOL

Parents Night @ BB Games
with Cedar Rapids

Feb 15-22, 2014

National FFA Week

Feb 15, 2014

Winter Song-Winter Ball @ 7:30PM

Feb 17, 2014

No School-Teacher Professional
Development

Feb 17, 18 & 20, 2014

G BB Districts

Feb 18-22, 2014

Heartland Book Fair

Feb 19, 2014

8th Grade to York College @ 10:00AM

Feb 24, 25, & 27, 2014

B BB Sub-Districts


















Feb 28, 2014

G BB District Finals



February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 3 Hamburgers Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	4 French Dip Sandwich Hash Browns Fruit & Veggie Bar 	 5 Chicken Strips M.P./ Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	6 Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	7 Enchilada's Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar 	1 
2 	10 BBQ Pork Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 	11 Hotdogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	12 Spaghetti Corn Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar 	13 Chicken Fajitas Peas Long John Half Fruit & Veggie Bar	14 NO SCHOOL 	15
16 	17  NO SCHOOL	18 BBQ Meatballs Rice Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	19 Popcorn Chick. M.P./ Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	20 Sloppy Joes Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 	21 Baked Potato B. Chicken Strips Cornbread Fruit & Veggie Bar 	22
23 	24 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar 	25 Tacos Green Beans Coffee Cake Fruit & Veggie Bar	26 Pizza Corn Slushies Fruit & Veggie Bar	27 Chicken Strips M.P./ Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	28 Max Cheese Sticks Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar 	

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	School Board Recognition Week 4:30 PM G & B BB-Nebr. Christian (H) 4:30/6:15/8:00 (2 Quarters JV Girls/4 Quarters JV Boys)	4:30 PM G & B BB-Nebr. Christian (H) 4:30/6:15/8:00 (2 Quarters JV Girls/4 Quarters JV Boys)		4:30 PM G & B BB @ Tri County 4:30/6:15/8:00	8:30 AM 2nd Grade Bread Baking 12:00 PM Jr. Hi Vocal Festival- Concert @ 7:00	9:00 AM JH B BB @ Cross County-bus departs @ 7:30am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		SNC G BB vs...H -5:45pm SNC B BB -TBA @ 7:15pm	County Spelling Bee @ York FFA State Degree Interviews FFA Proficiency Awards 12:30 PM Art Club Meeting @ lunch	G & B BB Se...nals @ Milford		ACT Test Date G & B BB SN...nals @ Milford
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	7:45 AM NHS Recycling 12:30 PM NHS Meeting @ lunch 7:00 PM FFA/FBLA Meeting 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	4:00 PM G & B BB @ Deshler 4:00/5:15/6:15/8:00	FBLA Peru St...Competition Spelling Bee Snow Date @ lunch	4:30 PM G & B BB @ Osceola 4:30/6:15/8:00 6:00 PM JH B BB- Centennial (H)	No School Parents Night @ BB Game 6:00 PM G & B BB Cedar Rapids (H) 4:30/6:00/7:45	10:00 AM JH B BB- Friend (H) North Gym 7:30 PM Winter Song-Winter Ball
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	National FFA Week G BB Sub-Districts @ York No School- T...Development	Heartland Book Fair FBLA @ UNK...Competition G BB Sub-Districts @ York	10:00 AM 8th Grade to York College	G BB Sub-Districts @ York FFA Barnyard 4:00 PM JH B BB @ Harvard-bus departs @ 2:30pm	5:00 AM FFA-Made For Excellence Conference 6:15 PM B BB @ Doniphan-Trumbull 6:15/8:00	Henderson Homeshow ... FFA-Made For Excellence Conference
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	B BB Sub-Districts @ York 3:00 PM JH B BB @ Sutton-bus departs @ 1:45pm		12:30 PM Play lines @ lunch	B BB Sub-Districts @ York	G BB District Finals-TBA	9:30 AM JH B BB Tournament @ Harvard-bus departs @ 8:00am 7:00 PM Pep Band for Nebraska Danger Football Team

Heartland's 2013 Food Drive



Heartland's 2013 food drive was a successful one, serving over 30 families in our area. There were 1,607 items sorted by NHS, FFA and FBLA members. Collection competitions were held between elementary, jr. high and high school classes. The seniors and kindergarteners collected the most items to make the drive successful. Finally, thank you everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

Nebraska School Board Recognition Week was January 26-31, 2014

The Nebraska School Board Recognition week was January 26-31. It is part of the January's National School Board Recognition Month. Please take time to recognize and thank the current Heartland School Board members: **Gary Braun**, president; **Deb Wilhelm**, vice-president; **Boyd Stuhr Jr.**, secretary; **Kent Allen**, treasurer; **Paul Brune and Glenn Larson**.



March Reminders

- March 3, 2014**
NHS Blood Drive
Varsity Track Practice Starts
- March 4, 2014**
9-12 Vocal/Band Winter Concert @ 7:30PM
- March 5, 2014**
Dr. Seuss Day
- March 7, 2014**
3rd Grade Invention Convention @ 2:45
- March 10 & 11, 2014**
Parent /Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30
- March 14, 2014**
No School
- March 17, 2014**
Jr Hi Track Practice Starts
FFA Labor Auction
- March 18, 2014**
NHS Banquet @ 6:30PM
- March 22, 2014**
Smorgasbord @ 5:00
Band Concert @ 7:45PM
- March 24, 2014**
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Professional Development
- March 28, 2014**
4th Grade Field Trip to Kearney @ 8:15AM
- March 28 & 29, 2014**
All School Play



**Community Night At Wendy's!
February 11, 2014**

Eat at Wendy's on this night between 5:00pm and 8:00pm and they will donate 10% of their sales to Heartland.

At the end of the year, the school with the highest sales will have their donations DOUBLED!

March 3, 2014

**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

**American
Red Cross**



Saturday at 8:30 am
July 19, 2014

Bradshaw Community Center
Bradshaw, NE

\$10 Kids Dash Ages 8 and under	\$25 5k run/walk Now until May 27	\$30 5k run/walk May 28-July 12	\$35 5k run/walk Day of race
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Registration fee includes:

Race t-shirt (if registered by June 30)

Post-race snacks

Awards for top male & female finishers

Packet pick up will be held
from 7:45am – 8:15am on
race day.

Grab your friends or family
and come walk/run with us
in this inaugural event.

For all the details or to get signed up visit:

www.bradshawdays5k.weebly.com

A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Bradshaw Public Park in order to maintain and update park equipment for all families to enjoy.

Volunteers needed

July 19, 2014 in Bradshaw for the:



Saturday at 8:30 am
July 19, 2014

Bradshaw Community Center
Bradshaw, NE

- Course Set-Up & Assistance
- Registration
- Check-in – packet pick up
- Traffic Control
- Volunteer Assistance
- Timers - Finish Line Assistance
- Refreshment table
- Course Monitors
- Water Station
- Photographer
- Post-Race Breakdown/Clean-Up

To volunteer or for more race details visit:

www.bradshawdays5k.weebly.com

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