



The Huskies Leader



From Brad Best, Superintendent...

Happy 2013! I hope that your holiday season is one of family and happiness.

I want to utilize my space this month to mention some of our results from the state assessments that our students complete each spring. In reviewing our latest data, we are pleased, overall, with the progress of our students and feel that we have many great things happening within our classrooms. In nearly every subject area and every grade level, we are at or above the state averages. As our students move through the school system, our achievement grows to show a result well above those averages.

As our teachers review and analyze all of the data that we collect from various sources, they have identified a couple of areas upon which to focus. One is to increase our students' vocabulary at all grade levels. It stands to reason that one's reading comprehension is

higher if the understanding of vocabulary is greater. The other area is to revisit what we teach each day in each subject and tweak the alignment of those objectives with the state standards and between grade levels. The more aligned we are in our efforts, the more efficient and effective we are in helping our students reach the benchmarks set by the state department and to reach goals of becoming a well-rounded lifelong learner.

With a new basal reading program in the elementary grades and a renewed focus on those areas mentioned above, we are confident that we can continue to improve an already good situation. We will share specific information with you over the next few months. You can always access our state achievement scores at: <http://reportcard.education.ne.gov> and access our annual report from last year at: <http://www.heartlandschools.org> at "Our District >> District Profile". If you don't have online access, please stop by or give us a call and we can provide you with printed information.

Thank you for your continued support!

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."- Eddie Robinson

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather requires 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, NTV and KOLN.

We have implemented an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. More information about School Reach is later in this newsletter.

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.



FBLA NEWS

Members of Heartland FBLA hosted an evening of BINGO at the Henderson Care Center on December 3. The students were in charge of calling out the numbers and handing out prizes to the winners. Prizes included M&M candy canes, lotion, socks, chocolate-covered cherries, crossword puzzles and mints. The evening concluded by sharing cookies and punch with the Care Center residents.



The group sponsored a shooting contest at the December 4 basketball game with Harvard. Participants paid \$1 to shoot a 3-pointer (ages 10 and under shot a free throw). If they made the shot, they won a bottle of pop or a box of candy. All funds raised were donated to the food drive sponsored by the National Honor Society, FFA and FBLA. Thank you to all who participated in the shooting contest.

The final activity for FBLA members in December was a Christmas party to celebrate the upcoming holiday. On December 17 the students exchanged gifts and then participated in several holiday games. Everyone enjoyed a festive evening together.



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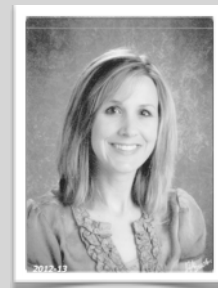


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HEARTLAND STUDENTS CHOSEN TO PERFORM AT THE UNK MUSIC FESTIVAL



Back Row: *Rachelle Allen-Tenor Saxophone; Leah Friesen-Clarienet; Kaitlyn Quiring-Trumpet; Sheppard Ruybalid-Percussion; Aubrey DeBraal-Baritone Saxophone; Front Row:* *Sam Boardman-Trumpet; Ashley Quiring-Clarinet .*



Back Row: *Ashton Kroeker, Lincoln Ruybalid, Daniel Quiring, Aaron Jensen, Emily Ott. Front Row:* *Tierney Casper, Morgan Michel & Kaci Hiebner.*

The Heartland Music Department has a number of students accepted, by audition, into the UNK Music Festival. The UNK 2013 Honor Band & Choral Clinic will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013. The Concert will be presented in the Heartland Sport Center Arena at 6:30pm. The Concert will present the Women's Choir, Festival Band, Festival Choir, Honor Band & Honor Choir. Tickets are \$3.00 and go on sale at 5:00pm at the Health & Sports Center.

ONE ACT PERFORMANCE PLACES THIRD AT DISTRICTS

Heartland's performance of *Be Careful What You Wish For* placed third on November 28 at the District C2-3 Play Production. In addition, six students were recognized for superior performances. These students were: Lew Marsolek as Wish Giver Mitsuko, Ashley Quiring as Wish Giver Angelique, Cody Kroeker as Hotka the stonecutter, Owen Wurst in his role as a cloud and Ashton Kroeker as the fisherman's wife, Michelle. The cast and crew also received a superior rating for their performance.



Cody Kroeker, Ashton Kroeker, Ashley Quiring, Lew Marsolek, Coby Steingard, & Owen Wurst.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM**

Evernote- <http://www.evernote.com>- With Evernote, students can take notes in the classroom, add pictures, audio clips, and attach documents. Evernote is cloud-based which allows students to access their notes on any device at any time.

Prezi- <http://www.prezi.com>- Prezi allows students to create presentations in a new and exciting way. Prezi allows students to put their work all on one canvas then zoom in on each important concept. Users can embed videos right into the presentation.

Videos and Songs- Students are capturing themselves on video as they write and perform songs about classroom topics, read to check for fluency, practice speeches, and teach the class what they've learned from their reading. SWIVL, a tool that enables an iPod to follow a student or teacher around the room, records their presentations.

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DRIVE**

NHS has added partners to this year's food drive. The FBLA, FFA, and Henderson Health Care Services also took part this year. Deliveries were made on December 21. Thank you to all who donated food this year.

Upcoming Dates**Jan 8, 2013**

Second Semester Begins

Jan 10, 2013

Geography Bee 5-8th Grade @ 3:45

Jan 14, 2013

School Board Meeting 7:00PM

Jan 17, 2013

PTO Meeting @ 6:30PM

Jan 23, 2013

Inservice-2hr late start

Jan 25, 2013

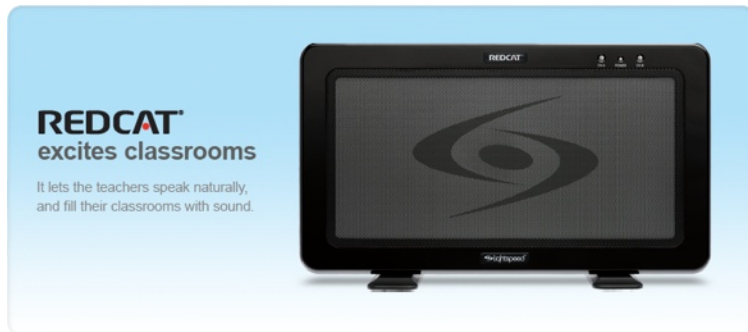
Jr Hi Vocal Clinic @ 12:00

Concert @ 7:00pm

Jan 31, 2013

County Spelling Bee

Elementary News



The 2nd and 5th grade classrooms have a new addition. It's a speaker! The Redcat is a way for the teacher's voice to fill the classroom in a very natural way. The teacher simply wears a microphone, turns it on and starts speaking. The benefits of having something like this in the room are endless. As parents and teachers of children with hearing loss, Mrs. Goff and Mrs. Maltsberger know first hand how it will help those students tune in even better. However, they are not the only students this system will benefit. One student's comment in Mrs. Maltsberger's classroom was, "Awesome!!!! It will keep me focused 100%."



ELEMENTARY ART WORKSHOP

The Art Club held their second session of the Elementary Art Workshop with grades K-4th on Tuesday, November 27th. The children finished painting and decorating their snowflakes.

Pictured below: Art club member: Katelyn Janzen, kindergartener: Jaylen Brown, kindergartener: Thane Wetjen, art club member: Dylan Johnson, kindergartener: Carter Siebert, first grader: Ben Janzen, and kindergartener: Austin Schmidt.



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THE 7TH GRADE FCS HOLDS AN OPEN HOUSE

The 7th grade Junior High Family & Consumer Science class held an open house for parents & grandparents on December 12th at Heartland Schools. They displayed sewing projects & served cookies & lemon bars. Students in the class include: Connor Boehr, Cheyenne Hiebner, Lane Huebert, Kyle Ott, Kristan Perez, Bailey Peters, Taylor Quiring, Jaden Regier, Tasia Soto, & Isabelle Vanderneck. Instructor is Mrs. Linda Zuehlsdorf.



Back Row: Cheyenne Hiebner, Bailey Peters, Tasia Soto, Isabelle Vanderneck, Taylor Quiring, Kristan Perez. **Front Row:** Connor Boehr, Jaden Regier, Lane Huebert, and Kyle Ott



Left to Right: Katriina Autio, Nya Chuol, Silvina Cruz, Brianna Heck, and Damian Carter.

THE FCS CONSUMER SCIENCE & CULINARY FOODS CLASS HOLDS AN OPEN HOUSE

Heartland Family & Consumer Science & Culinary Foods Classes held an Open House on December 6 for the staff, family & friends. The theme was Appetizers & Desserts. A variety of hot & cold samples of foods were served. Class members are: Katriina Autio, Nya Chuol, Silvina Cruz, Brianna Heck, & Damian Carter.

JUST A REMINDER

All offices will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan 1, 2013.



On December 5, 2012 the FFA members competed at the District Leadership Skills Event in Aurora.

Sam Boardman placed 1st in Interview and Brent Regier placed 2nd in Extemporaneous Speaking and will move on to the state competition held in early April. Emily Ott was runner-up in interview and will be the alternate for state.

8TH GRADE HISTORY-KEEP IT, JUNK IT, CLOUD IT

Ms. Mazour's 8th grade History class participated in an assignment that studied the Louisiana Purchase in an exciting new way.

The students were paired up to study and re-read their section and find key words that answered the focus questions. Next Ms. Mazour and Mrs. Mestl modeled the lesson. Then the students became the teachers. They hung their word poster on the board. They asked their classmates if they should keep the word, junk the word, or cloud (review later) the word. The "teachers" would then call on a few students and ask them to defend their decision. After the initial vote was taken, a second (final) vote on the word was conducted. Each student was involved at all times, which led to lively discussions about explorers and the expansion of the United States. This activity also promoted leadership and speaking skills, as well as analytical thinking and listening skills. The activity was recorded. You are welcome to stop by the library to view this lively discussion on an iPad.



SCHOOLREACH PARENTS APP

The Heartland Community School District has partnered with SchoolReach Instant Parent Contact. We will utilize this notification system for school closings, emergency communications, or other important announcements. The system will send messages to the phone numbers and email addresses that you have provided to the school.

If you have a smartphone, you can download the SchoolReach Parent App and have quick control over contact information and messages right in the palm of your hand. This will allow you to tell the system where and how you would like to be contacted as well as provide access to all previous messages that have been sent. If you do not have a smartphone, but would like to make changes to how you are contacted, please give the school a call and we can make those adjustments for you.



iPhone Users: Use the QR Code below to download your free SR Parents App for your iPhone.



Android Users: Use the QR Code below to download your free SR Parents App for your Android.



Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Heartland Community Schools receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Heartland Community Schools to amend a record should write the school, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

NEBRASKA SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK IS JANUARY 20-26, 2013

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Nebraskans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children.

Thus, Jan. 20-26 has been designated Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. It is part of January's National School Board Recognition Month.

The school board's job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make.

Everyone can use an encouraging "Good Job" once in awhile. In Nebraska, Jan. 20-26 has been set aside just for the purpose of recognizing our statewide volunteers who step up to serve their communities on the local school board.

Please take time to recognize and thank the current Heartland School Board members, Paul Brune, president; Gary Braun, vice president; Deb Wilhelm, secretary; Boyd Stuhr, Jr., Treasurer; Kent Allen, and Glenn Larson.














Gary Braun & Glenn Larson searching for sessions to attend at the Nebraska State School Board Association Conference.



January 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	 NO SCHOOL	8 Chicken Strips Au Gratin Potatoes Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	9 Sloppy Joes Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 	10 Steak Fingers M./P. Gravy Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	11 Pig in the Blanket Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar 	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	14 Tater Tot Cass. French Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar 	15 Chicken Nuggets Hash Browns Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	16 Enchilada's Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	17 Cheeseburger Soup Cinnamon Rolls Saltines Fruit & Veggie Bar	18 Ham Dinner M./P. & Gravy Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar 	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	21 Turkey Club Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	22 Salisbury Steak M./P/ Gravy Roll Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	23 French Dip Breakfast Cubes Fruit & Veggie Bar	24 Hamburger Sweet Potato Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	25 Taco Salad Mini Donut Fruit & Veggie Bar 	
27	28	29	30	31		
	28 BBQ Meatballs Cornbread Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	29 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar 	30 Chicken Fajitas Churo Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	31 		

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Offices Closed NO SCHOOL	1	2	3	4	5 3:00 PM G & B BB Cross Co. @ H 3:00/4:30/6:00
6	7 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice Workday	8 Begin Second Semester 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Superl- or 4:30/6:15/8:00	9	10 3:45 PM Geography Bee Grades 5-8 in theater	11	12 4:30 PM G & B BB Fillmore Central @ H 4:30/6:15/8:00
13	14 4:00 PM Jr. Hi B BB Sandy Creek @ H 4:00/5:15 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	15 4:30 PM G & B BB High Plains @ H 4:30/6:15/8:00	16 7:00 AM FCA Meeting	17	18 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Cen- tennial 4:30/6:15/8:00	19 9:30 AM Jr. Hi B BB @ Sl. Joe -York 9:30/10:30 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Sutton 4:30/6:15/8:00
20	21 7:00 PM FFA/FBLA Meeting	22 3:45 PM G & B BB Nebr. Christian @ Central City 3:45/5:00/6:15/7:30	23 10:15 AM Inservice (Two Hour Late Start)	24 4:30 PM G & B BB Tri- County @ H 4:30/6:15/8:00	25 12:00 PM Jr. Hi Vocal Clinic @ Heartland-Concert @ 7:00PM	26 9:00 AM Jr. Hi B BB Cross County @ H 9:00/10:00AM 6:00 PM FFA Fullerton Live- stock Judging
27	28 G & B BB SNC Tourney TBA	29	30 County Spelling Bee	31 G & B BB SNC @ Millford TBA	1	2 SNC BB Finals @ Millford

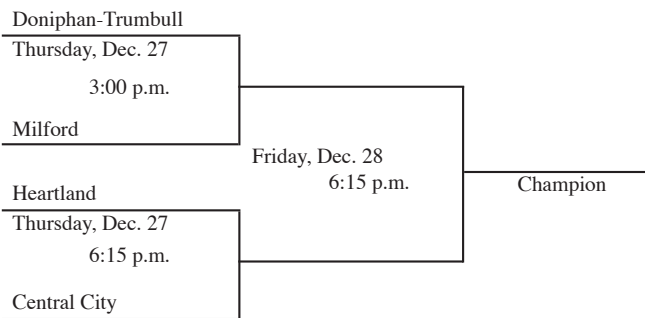


HEARTLAND HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

December 27 and 28, 2012

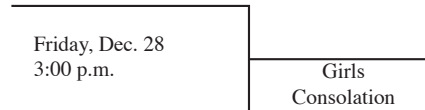
at Heartland Community School in Henderson

Girls

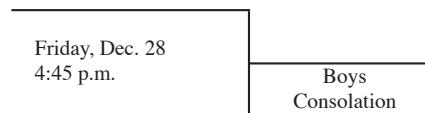
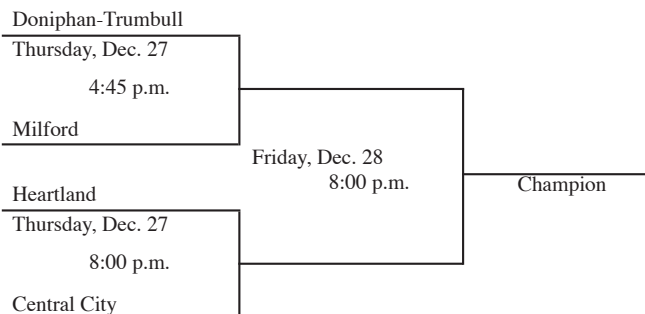


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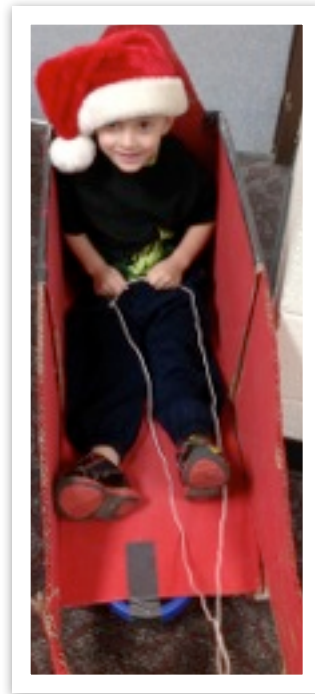
Adults: \$4.00
Students: \$4.00
(K-12)
Only Holiday Tourney
Passes are accepted



Boys



Kids at Heartland Preschool enjoyed playing “Santa and his reindeer” during December. The afternoon class made Santa’s sleigh out of a box duct taped to scooter boards, and both classes had a great time taking turns being “Santa”, riding in the sleigh and being the reindeer pulling it. The children were the talk of the elementary as they rode down the hallway. Many of the older children wished they could ride too, and a senior student commented that he wished he had a reindeer hat to wear!



February Reminders

Feb. 7-2013

Inservice-
Dismiss 11:40
(NO LUNCH)



Feb. 11-2013

School Board Meeting
@ 7:00PM



Feb. 23-2013

Henderson Homeshow

Feb. 25-2013

7-12 Vocal/Instrumental
Concert 7:30PM

Feb. 27-2013

Inservice-2hr late start

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