



# Heartland Community School

## Henderson/Bradshaw

April 2012 Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Patrons and Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

Students are extremely busy with activities this time of the year. Miss Bartling and the play cast put on two excellent performances of "Wrangler Ranch". Congratulations to each student for their part in an entertaining production. The FFA and FBLA students are involved with their state conventions, the track and golf teams are already participating in meets. Since many of the students participate in more than one of these activities they can wear down and find it difficult to find time to prepare for their classes. I would encourage you as parents to work with them to help them manage their time effectively. I am always amazed at how well most of them are organized and keep up with their studies. I believe that is a positive reflection on their commitment and the high expectations of their teachers. We are fortunate for both the quality of staff and students that we have here at Heartland.

Two former alumni of our school district are returning to teach in the elementary for the 2012-2013 school year. Tara Maltsberger, a 1992 graduate, will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She is replacing Sherryl Friesen who is retiring. Tara has 14 years teaching experience in Independence, Florence, and Neodesha Kansas and the last two years teaching in York. Tara is a graduate of Bethel College in Newton, Kansas. Tara and her husband Matt and children Morgan and twins Merrick and Madelyn currently live in Henderson.

Tami Peters, a 1994 graduate, has been hired for the second kindergarten class. With the additional kindergarten enrollment a second teacher was needed. Tami has been teaching in Aurora since 2000 and previously taught pre school in Henderson. She is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University. Tami and her husband Jeff and children Bailey and Trev live in rural Henderson. We feel fortunate to be able to hire persons with their experience and expertise to the Heartland staff. Please welcome Mrs. Maltsberger and Mrs. Peters to our teaching staff.

Currently, we have three additional support staff openings at Heartland. Bob Orlando, who has served as a custodian since 2005 is retiring at the end of April and Shirley Ulrich, who has served as a lunch room assistant since 2007 is also retiring at the end of the current school year. We congratulate both Bob and Shirley and thank them for their service to the students and staff at Heartland. We are looking for a replacement for Bob to begin the first of May and the replacement for Shirley to begin with the beginning of

school in August. The custodial position is a full time, 12 month, position from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The lunch room assistant position is from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the school year. In addition, we are looking for a person to do the mowing, trimming and lawn care from now until the mowing season ends in the fall. This position is approximately 20 hours a week. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me for more information.

As I stated last month, Heartland has the opportunity to host both the District Music Contest on Thursday evening, April 19 and all day Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the District Track Meet on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. As a result we will be dismissing classes at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 and there will be no school on April 20<sup>th</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup>. All staff are involved in helping to host each of these events. Volunteers are also needed for both events. If you would be willing to help out, please call the school office and let us know.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent

### HEARTLAND TO HOST DISTRICT TRACK ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9



Heartland will be hosting the Class D-1 District track meet on Wednesday, May 09, 2012. As a result, there will be no school on Wednesday, May 09. If you would be interested in helping with the track meet, please contact Jon Baehr, Heartland's athletic director. It takes a lot of people to run a track meet so anyone willing to volunteer would be appreciated. Come out and support the Heartland athletes at the District Track meet as well as at the Heartland Invitational track meet on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and the Heartland Junior High Invitational track meet on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK IS APRIL 15-21

A special thank-you to all those who volunteer in so many ways to help the students and staff at Heartland. We sincerely appreciate everyone who helps out, whether it be assisting in an elementary classroom, in the lunch room, at athletic events, or through the parent teachers organization. Each person is a valuable asset to the education of Heartland students.

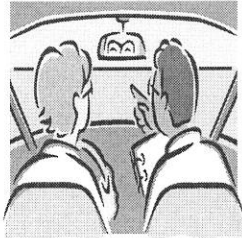
## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET & PROM

On May 5th, 2012, we will hold the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a banquet meal for Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:30 p.m. in the Old gym. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for juniors and guest, complimentary for seniors. After the banquet, the students will do a walk-through from the cafeteria to the theater starting at 7:45 p.m. Pictures may be taken at this time. The 9-12 student body, parents and guests are invited to the Royalty ceremony held in the school theater starting at 8:15 p.m. The prom dance will be held in the South (Old) Gym starting at 9:00 p.m. Students will need to purchase a \$5.00 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All Heartland 9-12 students and guests are invited to the dance and post prom activities. All activities are chaperoned by parents. Any students leaving the prom early will need sponsor permission and parents will be called.



## 2012 DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver Education instruction will again be offered to Heartland students through the Nebraska Safety Council. The instruction will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. The fee for the instruction will be \$280.00 per student for the summer of 2012. You can go online and download a registration form at [www.nesafetycouncil.org](http://www.nesafetycouncil.org). Please send 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 5-July 10. The behind-the-wheel instruction will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## FCS Corner

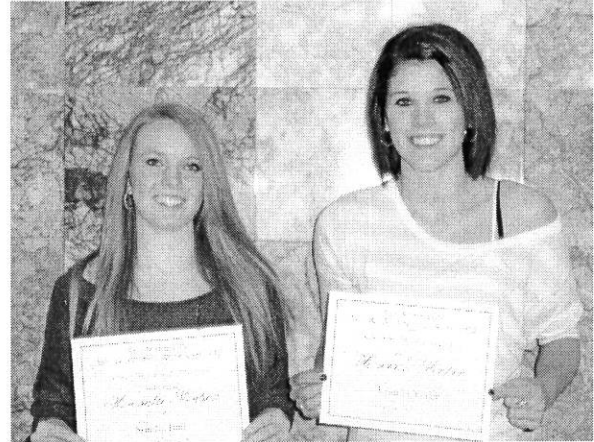
The Family and Consumer Science department has been busy this year. They would like to thank those who helped to enhance learning in all classes.

Special appreciation goes to Mrs. Sarah Boardman-Goertzen for the wonderful selection of fabric that was donated; Mrs. Tammy Johnson for the use of her extensive cake decorating pans; Mr. Greg Vanderneck who demonstrated how to prepare beef jerky in his hydrator. Thank you again to the support and help of everyone!



This month the Art Club members have been occupied with preparation for the silent auction that will be held on May 1st, 2012 during the high school art show. Each member will prepare an art piece of choice to be auctioned off.

Jen Yoder and Sondra Buller received a Nebraska Scholastic Art Award on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in Omaha. Jen earned Honorable Mention on her ceramic "Monster". Sondra received Honorable Mention on her "Lily Pad" batik and her pointillism "Owl Eyes". Their artwork was on display in the Omaha Public Schools Administration Building from February 22 to March 14<sup>th</sup>.



Pictured from left to right: Sondra Buller, Jennifer Yoder.

## ATTENTION SMORGASBORD PARENTS!

There are still some items left here from the Smorgasbord.: a roaster, a crock pot and some storage containers. Please come pick them up!

## VOLUNTEER DINNER PLANNED

The Heartland Administration will host a special dinner for all of the volunteers who have volunteered on a regular basis during the school year. The dinner will be held during the National Volunteer Week on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 12:00 Noon in the cafeteria. A special invitation will be sent out to each of you who have been volunteering on a regular basis during the current school year.



## COMMUNITY NIGHT AT WENDY'S!

**April 09, 2012**

Eat at Wendy's on this night between 5-8pm 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



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### PREPARE YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER FOR TAKING STANDARDIZED TESTS

Standardized tests are part of your child's life, and they can have a big effect on his future education. So the next time one of these multiple-choice exams looms, prepare your child by teaching him test-taking strategies. He should:

- **Read the whole question.** If he's being timed, your child may be tempted to race through the test. Remind him to slow down and read the entire question before he jumps to finding its answer.
- **Pick out key words.** As he reads each question, your child should note key words like including, except and compare. They go to the heart of what's being asked.
- **Consider each available answer.** Even if your child feels certain that the first answer he sees is correct, he should look through the rest. It's possible that another answer is stronger.
- **Answer the easiest questions first.** To make sure he completes as many questions as possible, encourage your child to tackle the easy ones first. Once he gets past those, he can use the remaining minutes to revisit the tricky ones.
- **Make an informed guess.** If your child has no clue about a certain answer, he should guess (assuming there's no penalty for doing so). To make a solid guess, he should eliminate answers that are obviously wrong and then choose from the remaining options.

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### IS YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD OVERSCHEDULED

Like you, your child needs downtime to unwind. But if his schedule is packed, he won't get it. To determine whether your child's after-school hours are overscheduled, ask yourself:

- **Is he frequently irritable or tired?** If he has too many things on his to-do list, he may not be getting the proper amount of rest. Experts recommend preteens get nine to 10 hours of sleep per night.
- **Does he struggle to finish his homework?** If he's

taking appropriate classes but can't seem to get his work done, it may be because he has too many other things on his plate.

- **Do "mystery illnesses"** keep him from participating? If he often gets a stomachache right before soccer practice, it could be a clue that he's doing too much.

Once you've thought these questions over, talk with your child. "You seem super busy and stressed lately. How can we adjust your schedule so you get to do your favorite activities and have time to relax, too?"

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### HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – HENDERSON/BRADSHAW SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Monday, February 6, 2012 Conference Room MINUTES

Members Present: Paul Brune, Gary Braun, Boyd Stuhr, Jr, Kent Allen, Deb Wilhelm and Glen Larson. Others Present: The FGR Group representatives.

I. President Brune called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. President Brune declared the meeting to open, legal, and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received all related information. He also pointed out the open meetings law poster at the front of the room.

III. Approval of agenda

**Action 1:** Motion by Stuhr; second by Wilhelm, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried: 6 – for; 0 – against.

IV. Superintendent Search

The FGR Group was present to help determine interview questions and finalize the schedule for superintendent candidates to interview on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

**Action 2:** Motion by Brune; second by Larson, to go into executive session to review superintendent candidates at 8:05 p.m. Motion Carried: 6 – for; 0 – against.

President Brune declared the board come out of executive session at 11:22 p.m.

V. Adjournment

President Brune adjourned the meeting at 11:22 p.m.



## HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS -

Henderson/Bradshaw  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2012  
Conference Room  
7:00 PM

### MINUTES

Members Present: Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Paul Brune, Boyd Stuhr, Jr., Glenn Larson, and Kent Allen.  
Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr, and Cindy Huebert. Faculty: Lindsay Bartling

#### I. Call to Order

President Brune called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. President Brune declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He also indicated the posting of the open meetings law at the front of the room.

#### III. Approval of Agenda

**Action 1:** Motion by Larson, second by Braun, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

#### V. Consent Agenda

**Action 2:** Motion by Wilhelm, second by Allen, to approve consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2012, the special meeting minutes of February 6, 2012, and February 11, 2012, the general fund claims, and financial reports. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-abstain (Braun)

#### VI. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on student achievements in the National Geography Bee, the York County Spelling Bee, state writing assessments, norm referenced tests, state reading tests, Mrs. Koehler teaching a series on bullying to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, teachers attending a workshop Using iPods to Enhance Reading, staff training on Google Docs, and instructional units for high school students.

#### VII. Discussion with Neighboring Districts

No further discussions have taken place with neighboring school districts

#### VIII. Policy Review

The board reviewed Section H – Negotiations in the Board Policy Manual as part of their on going review of the board policies.

IX. Review of Curriculum and Graduation Requirements  
The board reviewed current curriculum offerings and graduation requirements.

#### X. Federal and State Programs Representative

**Action 3:** Motion by Braun, second by Larson, to appoint

the superintendent as the representative for Federal and State Programs. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XI. Summer Projects

**Action 4:** Motion by Larson, second by Stuhr, to approve refinishing the south gym floor by Hart Floors. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XII. Review ESU Programs

The administrators reviewed the current ESU programs that school personnel are using, including sped, speech, staff development, internet access, distance learning, psychological testing, and printing.

#### XIII. Board Goals for 2012

The board reviewed the board goals that they worked on at the board retreat.

**Action 5:** Motion by Stuhr, second by Braun, to approve the 2012 board of education goals for 2012 as revised. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XIV. NRCSA Spring Conference

Plans were made for several board members to attend the spring NRCSA Conference in Kearney on March 22 and 23.

#### XV. Sunday Use of Football Field by Youth Team

**Action 6:** Motion by Larson, second by Braun, to allow the use of the football field for organized youth football on any day but Sundays. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XVI. Summer transportation for Athletic Teams

The board reviewed Policy EDDB – Summer use of Vehicles.

#### XVII. Personnel

**Action 7:** Motion by Wilhelm, second by Stuhr, to recognize the Heartland Education Association as the official negotiating body for the certified teaching staff. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 8:** Motion by Braun, second by Allen, to approve Jaime Oswald as a para-professional in special education. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 9:** Motion by Larson, second by Wilhelm, to approve the early retirement request for Sherryl Friesen, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and express appreciation for her 27 years of service to the school district. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 10:** Motion by Braun, second by Allen, to approve Justin Sand as assistant track coach. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 11:** Motion by Larson, second by Allen, to accept the resignation of Shirley Ulrich as lunch room assistant and express appreciation for her years of service to the Heartland District. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 12:** Motion by Braun, second by Stuhr, to approve Brad Best as Superintendent to begin July 1, 2012. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XVIII. Adjournment

President Brune adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

## To parents of young children in the Heartland School District:

All of us know the importance of social attachment (or bonding) with infants. As young children continue to grow, their experiences with the special people in their lives (parents, extended family, daycare providers and preschool teachers, other adults and friends) help them develop the communication and social skills they need.



Research, as well as our experience as educators, tells us that the single best predictor of school success is communication skills. Children entering kindergarten who can process (listen) and use language (speak) do well in school. However, those who do not process or communicate well will struggle without assistance or intervention in school. The school is responsible for providing free early intervention services to children from birth to age five who qualify, so that they can receive the help they need.

As children grow, learn and change, they can benefit from *developmental wellness visits*, just like they need regular preventive check-ups from a family doctor. Our school provides this “developmental check-up” to parents of children birth to age 5 to share developmental information on communication, gross motor, fine motor, self-help, and social skills.



We invite you to join us for **Ch.I.L.D. Day –**  
*Childhood Information on Language and Development:*

**Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 4:00 to 8:00p.m.**

Please call the school office to schedule a 45-minute time slot for you to bring your child for an informal and fun time with the early intervention staff. The Ch.I.L.D. Day will be conducted in the Heartland Preschool room at the Heartland School in Henderson. Participation in Ch.I.L.D. Day is free and completely voluntary.



### Communication Milestones

#### By 4 months:

- eye contact; social smile
- laughs aloud, squeals, coos

#### By 9 months:

- babbles; uses repeated consonant sounds, like “mama” or “dada”
- plays “peek-a-boo”

#### By 12 months:

- imitates sounds and actions
- understands simple phrases
- waves good-bye, plays patty-cake

#### By 18 months:

- says “Mama/Dada” for parents
- uses at least 5 words
- Asks for food/drink with words

#### By 24 months:

- says 10 or more words
- follows simple instructions
- uses two-word combinations

#### By 3 years:

- uses words that are easily understood by unfamiliar adults
- talks in at least 3-word phrases
- engages in pretend play

#### By 4 years:

- plays cooperatively with peers
- totally understandable in conversation by unfamiliar adults/peers
- adjusts easily to changes in routine or schedule
- speaks in complete sentences, combining ideas with “and”, “or”, “but”
- has an extended vocabulary

## Early Intervention Counts!



Parents,

Want to know how your baby, toddler, or preschooler is developing?

Have questions about parenting and helping your child learn?

## **Ch.I.L.D. Day**

Childhood Information on Language and Development

**Thursday, April 12—4-8p.m.**

Call for a 45-min. appointment  
in the preschool room

**Heartland Community School**  
**723-4434**

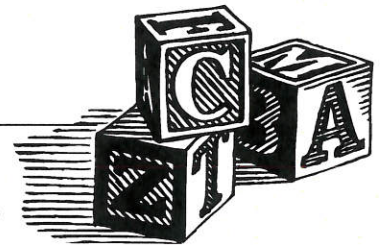


### Developmental Check-up

- ⇒ Socialization
- ⇒ Language
- ⇒ Early Learning
- ⇒ Motor Skills

### Parent Interview

- ⇒ Behavior Strategies
- ⇒ Parenting Skills
- ⇒ Home Activities
- ⇒ Early Literacy



Helping parents build their children's future...

Ch.I.L.D. Day is a free and voluntary screening  
with early education specialists

**START EARLY, GROW BETTER—EARLY INTERVENTION COUNTS!**

# April 2012

Lunch Menu	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Mon:</b> BBQ Beef Sandwich <b>Tues:</b> Corn Dogs <b>Wed:</b> Pizza <b>Thurs:</b> Salisbury Steak <b>Fri:</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>2</b> Boys Golf Dual -Thayer Central @ (H) 4:00 pm Band Contest Clinic 7:30-11:45 pm @ (H)	<b>3</b> Track Invite @ Sandy Creek 1:00 pm	<b>4</b> Boys Golf Invitational @ Friend 9:00 am	<b>5</b> JH Track Invite @ Sandy Creek 2:00 pm Track Quad Make-up @ Sutton 2:30 pm 3rd Grade Invention Convention	<b>6</b> NO SCHOOL - Good Friday	<b>7</b>
<b>Mon:</b> NO SCHOOL <b>Tues:</b> Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich <b>Wed:</b> Chicken Noodle Soup <b>Thurs:</b> Ham & Noodles <b>Fri:</b> Sloppy Joes	<b>9</b> NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation Board of Ed mtg @ 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Fillmore Central Boys Golf Invite @ Geneva 10:00 am Heartland Track Invite @ (H) 1:30 pm Elementary Art Show 2:30 -4:30 pm	<b>11</b> Boys Golf Milford Invite @ Milford 9:30 am	<b>12</b> Heartland JH Track Invite @ (H) 1:30 pm 5th grade field trip to Lincoln 3rd grade field trip to Edgerton	<b>13</b> JH Honor Music Clinic @ Meredian	<b>14</b> ACT Test Date
<b>Mon:</b> Tacos <b>Tues:</b> French Dip Sandwich <b>Wed:</b> French Toast Sticks <b>Thurs:</b> Mr. Rib Sandwich <b>Fri:</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>16</b> FFA/FBLA mtg @ 7:00 pm	<b>17</b> Centennial Track Invite @ Utica 2:00 pm Volunteer Dinner @ Noon	<b>18 Teacher In-service - Dismiss @ 1:30 pm</b> Boys Gold David City Invite @ David City 9:30 am	<b>19</b> JH Track Doniphan-Trumbull Invite @ Doniphan 1:30 pm District Music Contest <b>Dismiss @ 3:00 pm</b>	<b>20 NO SCHOOL</b> Hosting District Music Contest @ Heartland	<b>21</b>
<b>Mon:</b> Pig in a Blanket <b>Tues:</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich <b>Wed:</b> Tater Tot Casserole <b>Thurs:</b> Baked Potato Bar <b>Fri:</b> Max Cheese Sticks	<b>23</b> Centennial JH Track Invite @ Utica 2:00 pm Central NE Track Invite @ GI 2:00 pm	<b>24</b> Track Quad Centennial/NE Lutheran/Sutton @ Sutton 4:15 pm	<b>25</b> National Volunteer Week	<b>26</b> Fillmore Central JH Track Invite @ Geneva 2:00 pm FFA Banquet 6:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> SNC Track Meet @ Sutton 9:00 am
<b>Mon:</b> Nacho Supreme <b>Tues:</b> <b>Wed:</b> <b>Thurs:</b> <b>Fri:</b>	<b>30</b> Sutton S-Club JH Track Invite @ Sutton 2:00 pm					