



Heartland Community School

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March 2010 Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Patrons, and Friends of
Heartland Community Schools,

Kindness is an innate quality of most human beings. When we see it directed toward others, it makes us feel good. When it is directed toward us, we feel great. Yet sometimes we feel kindly toward someone around us, but feel uncomfortable showing it. Why not let your kindness show? One of the best ways to do this is by practicing random acts of kindness.

Kindness doesn't cost anything. In fact, it's much easier to be kind than to be mean. In addition, the kind acts we perform will often prompt others to act in the same way, even if we may not always see it.

The secret to practicing kindness is to not expect a reward. If we're not dependent on the other person's reaction, we can enjoy the simple act for itself. As adults, we can set an example for those around us by how we treat others and how we react to the way other persons treat us. How we act and react can be a tremendous influence on the young persons in our families and in our school.

How kind are we to those around us, to people we know, and to people we don't know? These acts can be a powerful influence in how people look at us and how they look at our school community. Sometimes these acts of kindness or unkindness tend to surface at athletic events. Unfortunately, they can cast a negative influence on our school and our students if they are acts of unkindness toward our own athletes and/or coaches, other team's players, coaches, fans, or officials. When we display negative actions at athletic events it presents a tremendous influence on our students. How kind are we?

I would like to challenge each one of us to look for ways we can be kind to others, whether we agree or disagree with their actions. It helps us all to build on the positives in life rather than the negatives. It helps us to build a positive school district that we can all be proud of. This is a challenge for all of Heartland staff members as well as parents and friends of Heartland Community Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Norm Yoder
Superintendent



SMORGASBORD

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 20, 2010. Serving will be from 5:00PM to 7:30PM and a band concert will be held at 7:45PM. Adult tickets are \$10.00, children ages 4-12 are \$5.00. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased from any band member or by stopping by the Heartland school office.

HEARTLAND KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6th

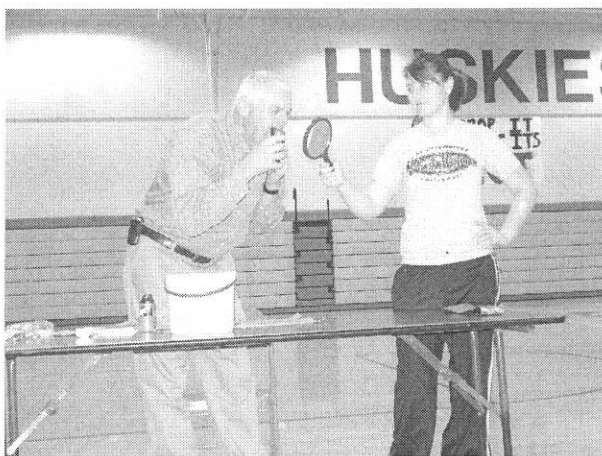
Heartland Community Schools will hold Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, April 6th, in the kindergarten room.

The purpose of Roundup is to provide an opportunity for next year's kindergarten students to meet their teacher, Mrs. Thiesen, and to meet other prospective kindergarteners, while their parents register their children for attendance at Heartland Community Schools. Children who will be five years of age by October 15 of 2010 are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2010 and should consider attending Roundup.

Two sessions will be held. The morning session will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00 P.M. Parents will meet in the conference room with Cindy Huebert, elementary principal. Parents and guardians will have this time to register their children for attendance in kindergarten next year.

Parents should bring their child's immunization records with them as well as an original copy of their child's birth certificate. Birth certificates are available from: Vital Records, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065 for \$12.00, 402-471-2871. You can download a form or fill out an online request by going to www.hhs.state.ne.us/vitalrecords/index.htm.

All eligible children residing in the Heartland district whose names are on the current census list will receive an invitation to Roundup by March 8th. If you are planning on optioning your child into the district, all option papers must be turned in by March 15th, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know of a child who will be five by October 15 and for any reason may not have his or her name on the school census list, please call the school office so that an invitation can be prepared for them. The office number at Heartland Community Schools is 723-4434.



Mr. Ehly, with the assistance of Crista Buller, is shaving his beard off after the goal was reached.

"DIMES FOR DIABETES" FUNDRAISING PROJECT

The Heartland FBLA organized a fundraising drive for the American Diabetes Association during the week of January 18. We set a goal of raising \$1,000 in one week. To motivate the students in our fundraising drive, Mr. Ehly agreed to shave his beard if we reached our goal. Well, if you have seen Mr. Ehly lately, you know we raised more than \$1,000.

Thanks to the Heartland community, we raised a total of \$2,212.96. The funds were raised in a variety of ways. First, we encouraged the students to donate by having a class competition. The class that raised the most money won a pizza party. The third grade class won the pizza party by donating \$474. 92. We then had a 3-point shooting contest at halftime of the Heartland-Centennial basketball game. If the participants made a 3-pointer, they won a 2-liter bottle of pop. Finally, we passed the bucket at the Heartland-Sutton basketball game.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our community service project. The American Diabetes Association is a very worthy cause, and we are excited about donating so much to this organization.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Heartland National Honor Society will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive.



Where: Heartland High School Old Gym

When: Tuesday, March 9, 2010
11:30 AM until 5:00 PM

Remember to drink plenty of fluids and bring a photo ID! Students who are 16 years old may donate blood with parental consent.

HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS WIN AWARDS

Ten members of the Heartland FBLA chapter won awards during two business competitions attended in the month of February. On February 3, the students competed in the SECC-Beatrice Business Competition. The results are as follows: Crista Buller – 3rd Accounting II; Randian Spencer – 7th Office Systems and Procedures; Sondra Buller – 8th Accounting I; Ashley Quiring – 8th Introduction to Business and 10th Business Communication; and Kim Goossen – 9th Accounting II.

On February 16, the students competed in the Phi Beta Lambda UNK Business Competition. The following students won awards: Ashley Quiring – 1st Spelling, 2nd Keyboarding I Production, 3rd Keyboarding I Speed and 6th Introduction to Business; Sondra Buller – 1st Keyboarding II Production; Rachel King – 2nd Accounting I; Lincoln Ruybalid – 3rd Keyboarding I Production; Crista Buller – 4th Marketing; Emily Huebert – 4th Business Math and 6th Business English; Tori Bittinger – 5th Marketing; and Tyler Kliever – 5th Business Systems and Procedures.



Pictured left to right (back): Emily Huebert, Tori Bittinger, Lincoln Ruybalid, Rachel King, Tyler Kliever, (front) Kim Goossen, Ashley Quiring, Crista Buller, Randian Spencer

LARRY VANCURA SELECTED AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR FOR DISTRICT 1

Larry Vancura, athletic director, at Heartland has been selected by the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as District I Athletic Director of the year. He will be honored at a Luncheon at the UNL Champions Club on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Vancura has served as an athletic director for the past 26 years. During that time he has also served as a Head Track Coach, Assistant Track Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Head Junior High Football Coach, and worked with the weights program. He currently serves as Head Track coach, Junior High Football coach, and in weight training, in addition to his Athletic Director responsibilities. He also teaches high school math classes. He is in his 41st year as a teacher and coach in the Heartland and former Henderson school system.

Vancura has been dedicated to leading a quality athletic program and to his teaching and coaching responsibilities. Heartland Community Schools says, "Congratulations Mr. Vancura on this well deserved recognition".



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FAMILY READING NIGHT & BOOK FAIR

Come and get lost in a book together with your child

WHAT: Family Reading Night is a celebration of reading! Parents and kids come together for a special evening of books, stories and reading fun. Special guest readers from the community will be reading and sharing their favorite stories. Face painting, book swap and other activities will be part of the fun filled evening.

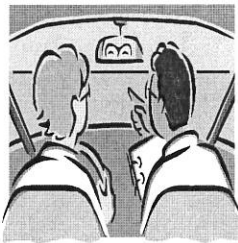
WHO: Kindergarten thru sixth grade (younger siblings will enjoy the readings too!)

WHEN: Thursday, March 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Heartland Community Schools

Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair will also be set up so that you and your child may browse through the books. If your home library is already stuffed, you may purchase a book for your child's classroom. Your child's teacher will have his or her list displayed at the fair. There will be hundreds of books on display!

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2010 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 2010. You can go online and download a registration form at 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 by June 30 2010, to have a spot reserved for each student.

- **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 14. The behind-the-wheel instruction will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

TRY FAMILY MEETINGS TO TEACH RESPONSIBILITY, COMMUNICATION

Now that your child is in elementary school, he's probably ready to participate in family meetings. Led properly, family meetings can teach your child about responsibility, communication, negotiation and cooperation. Here are some tips for your family meetings:

- **Meet once every week or two.** Since you're the parent, all final decisions will be yours. But be open to your child's views and let him request meetings when he wants to discuss important issues.
- **Make an agenda.** Each family member may bring one problem to the table. Make a list of topics to be addressed. Leave time for each concern, although the meeting should take less than an hour.
- **Put someone in charge.** The meeting "chairperson" will probably be an adult, but some older children are mature enough for the job. The chairperson must stick to the agenda and give everyone a fair, uninterrupted say. This might not be easy!
- **Take turns.** After one person describes a problem, everyone else can explain how they feel about it. Brainstorm solutions, giving each person time to contribute. Choose an idea--or a combination of ideas--to try, with parents having the final say.
- **Write down decisions.** As each problem is solved, record the family's plan. Keep notes in a journal or post them as a reminder. Remember, however, that many solutions will need more work, and you can always revise them at the next meeting.

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OPTION ENROLLMENT

Student may enroll in on-resident school districts when approved through the option enrollment program. Individuals may only option once unless they change residences. Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students.

If you know of someone who would be interested in option enrolling their children into 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 15, 2010 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

FBLA AND FFA RAISE MONEY FOR HAITI RELIEF

The Heartland chapters of FBLA and FFA worked together to raise money for Haiti Relief. The members from each organization donated one dozen cookies to sell at the Heartland/Milford basketball game. A total of \$365.38 was sent to the American Red Cross to help with Haiti Relief and Development. Thank you to all for making this project a huge success.

YOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER WILL LIVE UP (OR DOWN) TO EXPECTATIONS

Your child will live up to your expectations. Or, she'll live down to them. That's the advice of Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg. He says there are several ways you can help children learn to feel that they can handle any situation.

Here are some tips:

- **Help your child recognize** that she has individual strengths. Not every child (and not every adult) is good at everything. But knowing that she is a great reader--or soccer player--can help her feel more competent and confident.
- **Don't overprotect.** Yes, parents always want children to be safe. But if you are always stepping in to handle every tough situation, your child will assume it's because she can't do so for herself.
- **Let your child make** decisions. Even two-year-olds can decide if they want to wear the red shirt or the yellow one. As your child grows older, she should get to make more and more choices. But once she makes those choices, she needs to learn to live with the consequences.
- **Let your child know** you have faith in her. That doesn't mean you have to praise everything she does. But kids who know someone believes in them will grow up to believe in themselves.

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FCS Corner

The Family and Consumer Science classes have been busy being creative. The Freshman have constructed quilts while the Skills for Life class is working on individual projects including; a pet bed, locker caddy, stuffed animals, gym bags, and sports pillows. The junior high FCS class are busy preparing for their St. Patrick's day open house for their parents and grandparents. They are also finishing cartoon pillows which they plan to display at the open house as well.

YOUNG ARTIST WINS AWARD AT STATE LEVEL

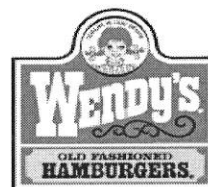
Congratulations to art club member Katie Wilhelm for receiving an art award on February 27 in Omaha at the Omaha Public Schools TAC Auditorium. Katie won an award in the Nebraska State Visual Arts Competition for her artwork titled, Textured Tiles. Katie is a senior at Heartland and is planning to pursue a career in the field of art/design.



"Textured Tiles" by Katie Wilhelm.



Art Club is excited to announce they will be attending the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha on March 10. Upcoming events for art club include the Elementary Art Show on Thursday, April 1st from 2:30-4:30 and the High School Art Show will be Tuesday, May 4th.



COMMUNITY NIGHT AT WENDY'S RESTURANT IN YORK

2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 5-8 PM
10% OF ALL SALES DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS -

Henderson/Bradshaw
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2010
Conference Room
7:00 PM
MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Kerri Kliever, Paul Brune, and Mark Dick. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr and Cindy Huebert. Faculty:

I. Call to Order

President Braun called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. President Braun 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 Kliever, second by Brune, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IV. Election of Officers

The following were elected officers for 2010:

President: Paul Brune
Vice President: Mark Dick
Secretary: Debra Wilhelm
Treasurer: Kerri Kliever

VI. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

VII. Minutes of Meeting

VIII. Treasurer's Report

The General Fund Treasurer's report was reviewed and filed pending audit.

IX. Claims

X. Financial Reports

The financial reports for the School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, Unemployment Fund, and the Depreciation Fund were reviewed and filed pending audit.

Action 2: Motion by Kliever, second by Braun, to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the December 14, 2009 regular meeting and the general fund claims except claim #17328 & #17350 Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 3: Motion by Friesen, second by Dick, to approve claims #17328 & #17350. Motion Carried: 4-for; 0-against; 2-abstained (Brune & Kliever).

XI. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports including that the district has received about \$80.00 a month for the 10% of

sales of Heartland Night which is the second Wednesday of each month at Wendy's, \$530.00 from Big G Box Tops this past year, the 3rd and 4th graders meeting together each day for WWW Time (Wacky Word Wisdom), the NHS food drive distributed food to over 30 families, the Chamber singers and Brass Choir performances for NTV's Holiday Harmonies, successful Christmas concerts, technology training for the use of Clickers in the classroom, and problems that the district has had with our calling system for all telephones with the 723 prefix.

XII. Lighting Projects

Action 4: Motion by Braun, second by Dick, to authorize the superintendent to secure bids for updating and adding additional lighting in front of the school.

Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

The board discussed the possibility of replacing light fixtures at several locations in the building for energy savings.

XIII. Discussion with Neighboring Districts

There have been no further discussions at this time.

XIV. Five Year Revised Plan for Facilities/Major Maintenance Projects/Vehicle Replacements.

Action 5: Motion by Dick, second by Friesen, to give tentative approval to the revised Five Year Plan for Facilities/Major Maintenance Projects/Vehicle Replacements. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XV. Legislative Update

The board briefly reviewed current proposed legislation.

XVI. Board Tentative Annual Calendar of Meeting Topics

The board reviewed the tentative calendar of meeting topics for 2010.

Action 6: Motion by Braun, second by Wilhelm, to approve the tentative calendar of meeting topics for 2010. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVII. Workshop plans.

Plans were made for several board members to attend the NASB Legislative Issues Conference on January 25 and the Labor Relations Conference on February 1 & 2.

XVIII. Personnel

Action 7: Motion by Dick, second by Braun, to approve Dan Gilson to conduct the elementary basketball program. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 8: Motion by Kliever, second by Wilhelm, to go into executive session to review a possible early retirement request at 7:54 p.m. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 9: Motion by Braun, second by Friesen, to exit executive session at 8:04 p.m. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XIX. Adjournment

President Brune adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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**2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR
INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE!**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2nd - 9-12 Winter Concert Vocal and Instrumental 7:30PM

March 5th - NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation

March 8th - Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM

March 12th - NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation

March 22nd & 25th - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 PM-8:30 PM

March 26th - NO SCHOOL in lieu of Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 6th - Kindergarten Round-Up