

# The Huskies Leader

## Changes Are In Progress

*Changes in the newsletter and website occurring each week*



We hope that you enjoy the new format for our newsletter. Our goal is that it will be easier to read and filled with the latest information.

We are also including a lot more information on our school website, including

contact information, resources for students and parents, school board agendas and minutes, and student achievement data.

If you have suggestions on what to include through either resource, please give us a call.

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, 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.



### SCHOOL BOARD HAS GONE PAPERLESS

The Heartland Board of Education has decided to use the eMeetings online program offered through the Nebraska Association of School Boards. The new eMeetings program allows the board to conduct paperless board meetings. This new program is online, so the public will also be able to access agendas for upcoming meetings and review past meetings and minutes. Visit [www.heartlandschools.org](http://www.heartlandschools.org) and select "Board News" under the "Board" menu.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

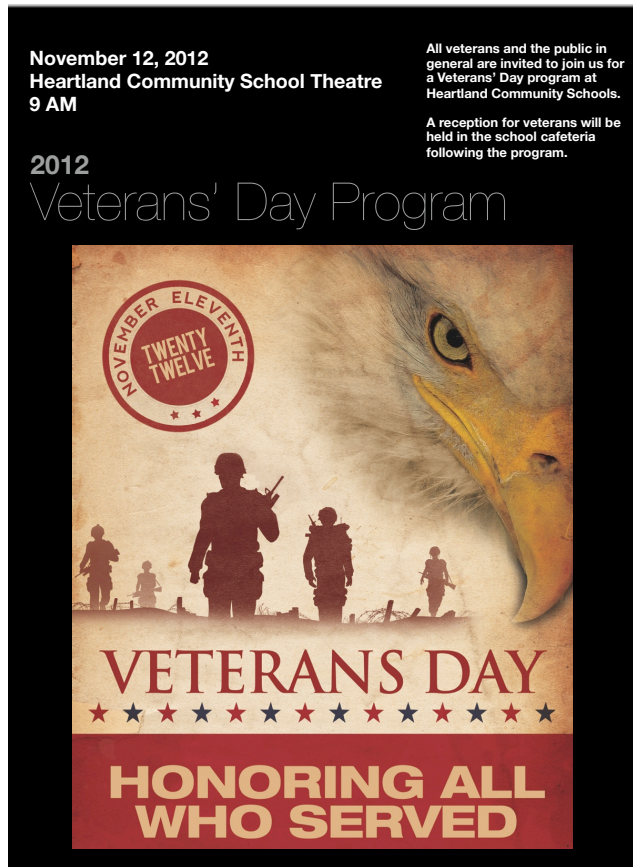
We would like to invite all area veterans and the general public to a Veterans' Day program at 9:00 A.M. on November 12th in the high school theatre.

Our program will be a collection of music, flag etiquette, a panel of ex-military teachers, and the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance. The program should not extend beyond an hour in length.

As a new state requirement, we are to recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day. We also have students interested in the proper treatment of our flag. So, aside from honoring those who have served, we would also like to use this day as an educational opportunity for our students.

We will also be hosting a reception for our veterans in attendance following the program in the school cafeteria.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US!



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ALL-STATE CHOIR & BAND SELECTIONS



Heartland students who have been selected to All State Chorus and All State Band. Left to right: Ashton Kroeker (chorus), Daniel Quiring (chorus), Ashley Quiring (band), Aaron Jensen (chorus), and Tierney Casper (chorus).

QUIRING IS A NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALIST

Heartland Senior Ashley Quiring has achieved something less than 1% of all high school students ever do - she was recently named as a National Merit

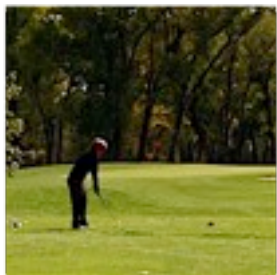


Semifinalist. As a junior, Quiring took the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) and her score qualified her as a semifinalist. She will find out later this school year if she has been named a National Merit Finalist. Congratulations Ashley!



OTT SELECTED FOR NSAA BELIEVERS & ACHIEVERS LIST

HCS senior Emily Ott has been selected as a 2013 Believer and Achiever by the Nebraska School Activities Association and US Bank. This is a state-wide program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders. Students who show a commitment to good citizenship and involvement in school and community projects are honored in the Believers & Achievers program. High schools are asked to nominate individuals to be honored. From those nominees submitted, U.S. Bank and the NSAA will select and honor 48 high school seniors throughout the 2012-13 academic year. The pictures and profiles of six Believers & Achievers will be featured monthly in the NSAA Bulletin and on posters provided to Nebraska high schools. Seniors to be, who have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75 (on an unweighted 4.0 scale) and participate in NSAA sponsored activities are eligible for nomination. Congratulations, Emily!



PAIGE MESTL COMPETES AT STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Paige Mestl for finishing 18th at state golf!



## Upcoming Dates

### Nov 5, 2012

One Act Community Performance

### Nov 6, 2012

Fall Vocal Concert

### Nov 7, 2012

Inservice- 2hr late start

### Nov 12, 2012

Conference One Acts

1st Day of Winter Sports Practice

### Nov 13, 2012

ASVAB Testing

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## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### “Be Careful What You Wish For”

Join the one act cast for a community performance on Monday November 5th at 7:30 PM. in Heartland’s theater. “Be Careful What You Wish For” includes several folk tales in which wishes have unexpected results. This lighthearted comedy showcases wish givers, a nearsighted gardener, a stubborn stonemason and an overzealous fisherman’s wife. Although there is no cost for admission, a free will donation will be collected to purchase a fog machine and strobe light for Heartland’s Theater Department.

### Learning Outside the Walls

While the biology class was studying ecology, the students took a trip to the Marie Ratzlaff Prairie to enhance their classroom learning and see the components of an ecosystem in action. Students collected plants and investigated the influence of a drought on our prairie. In cooperation with their English class, students also created a presentation connecting “My Antonia” with their visit to the prairie.

Mrs. Miller and five students, Megan Friesen, Sam Boardman, Lydia Quiring, Stephanie Stamp, and Dylan Johnson, recently attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. They were able to tour Trader’s Point Creamery, visit a Vet Tech program, tour the Indy 500 Speedway, and listen to guest speaker Scott Hamilton. Also at the FFA Convention, alumnus Brandon Friesen received his American Degree, the highest degree an FFA member can earn.

Members from the one act cast and their sponsors had the opportunity to attend the Doane Drama Conference. Participants attended workshops on auditioning, scene building, acting, stage combat and directing just to name a few topics. Doane College also presented “Boeing-Boeing”; a Tony award-winning comedy.

### COME AND ENJOY THE FINE ARTS!

You have several opportunities to see our students perform in the fine arts programs here at Heartland.

All performances are in the high school theatre beginning at 7:30 P.M.

November 5th - One Act Play Presentation

November 6th - Fall Vocal Concert

November 20th - Fall Instrumental Music Concert



## ELEMENTARY NEWS

**Reading Curriculum**

After looking at a number of reading series, one was selected and is being implemented for the first time this year. This research-based program has shown to be successful across hundreds of districts across the country and we are excited to be among them. One thing that parents may notice is that the level of vocabulary has been “ramped up” from the prior program. This is stretching both the students and the teachers, but we are confident that we are moving in the right direction to help our students become more efficient readers at a younger age. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Huebert or your child’s classroom teacher.

**Arachnid Attack**

No, Mrs. Steever and her student teacher Miss Alston are not torturing the 1st Graders at Heartland Elementary. They are finishing up a unit study on arachnids, for those who are not familiar - its the study of spiders.

**Scary Spiders**

Mariah Tessman has been attacked by the ‘creepy spiders’ in the First Grade Classroom.

*“To be successful, one must be willing to learn and apply new concepts and not be afraid of change.” - Craig R. Barrett*

**OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BOOK MONTH!**

5th & 6th graders had the opportunity to view a live webcast of Taylor Swift sharing her love of books and reading!!!

**Upcoming Dates****Nov 7, 2012**

Inservice- 2hr late start

**Nov 13, 2012**

5th Grade Dare Graduation in the Theater @ 7:00PM

**Nov 14,**

Life Touch Photo Retakes @ 8:00AM

**Nov 15, 2012**

Art Club Elementary Workshop @ 3:30PM

Preschool Child Day @ 4:30PM

**Nov 21, 2012**

Dismiss @ 1:30 - Thanksgiving Vacation

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**GLOW WALK**

Heartland’s First Annual Glow Walk was a huge success! The PTO along with the help of the National Honor Society raised over \$240 for the parent/teacher organization and our students.

The crowd of over 130 students and parents showed their spirit and support!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Heartland Community School is setting aside a special time for parents of children age 5 and below to participate in Ch.I.L.D. Day, which stands for Childhood Information on Language and Development. Just as parents take their young children to the doctor for medical check-ups, the school can provide to parents the services of a “developmental wellness visit”. The early childhood personnel at the school can provide current and useful information to parents concerning the early development of their baby, toddler, or preschooler.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is a childfind effort conducted by the Heartland Community School District. School districts are required to conduct childfind activities to ensure that young children who need early intervention services are identified. Involvement in Ch.I.L.D. Day is a free, completely voluntary service and is conducted in a confidential manner.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is set for Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 4:30 – 8:30pm and will be held in the Heartland Preschool room. Interested parents who live in the Heartland School District can call the school office in Henderson to register for a 45-minute time slot when they can bring their child to the school. Parents will be able to ask

questions about their child’s development, complete a developmental checklist, and have their child play and interact informally with adults knowledgeable about young children. Further information may need to be gathered at a later time if the parents and school staff see any concerns. Parental permission is required for any further evaluation.

The Heartland Community School wishes to extend this invitation as one way of providing support and information to parents of young children in our district. Again, parents of young children in the Heartland school district are invited to call the school at 402-723-4434 to register for Ch.I.L.D. Day.



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, Nov. 15**  
**4:30-8:30p.m.**

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

**Heartland Community School**  
**402-723-4434**

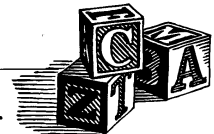


Developmental Check-up

- ⇒ 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!**



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 birth to age five who qualify, so that they can receive the help they need.



As your child is growing, learning, and changing, he/she can benefit from a developmental wellness visit, just like he/she benefits from regular preventive check-ups from your family doctor. Our school provides this to parents of young children in the Heartland School District:

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For the first time, Ch.I.L.D. Day is being offered in the evening to accommodate parents' schedules. Parents are invited to call the school office to schedule a 45-minute time slot on either Thurs., Nov. 15, 2012 from 4:30 to 8:30p.m. Ch.I.L.D. Day will be held in the Heartland Preschool room at the school.

**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

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS



Our school information system, PowerSchool, provides parents of students in grades 5-12 with the ability to stay in touch with the progress of their child in school and with the teachers.

By monitoring grades, attendance, the daily bulletin, and lunch balances via the internet, parents can work in cooperation with the school to keep abreast on the child's progress and to avoid any "surprises" along the way.

This system also provides you with an easy way to communicate with your child's teachers via email. Keeping the lines of communication open is critical for success.

Today's classroom landscape is changing and the growing communication between parents, students and teachers is impacting student achievement in a new way. Whether inside or outside the classroom, online access to schedules, grades, homework, and attendance information makes it easy for parents and teachers to stay in close contact regarding student progress.

If you would like information on accessing your child's information, please contact your school! Scan the code to the right to download the iPhone or iPad app for parents!



## SCHOOLREACH PARENTS APP

The SchoolReach Parents App offers the most secure solution available on the market today. You will have quick control over contact information and messages right in the palm of your hand. You will no longer have to call the school to ensure the replication of changes in your student database. Our unique process ensures that every change comes directly from the parents. School officials are immediately notified of every change and you don't have to sacrifice the integration between your database and your notification system.

- Manage multiple schools and students at once
- Review, edit and save all contact information
- Control Voice, Text and Email preferences
- Make instant "Opt In/Opt Out" elections
- Have easy & convenient 24/7/365 access
- Listen to all previous voice messages
- Review all previous text messages
- Uncompromising Security



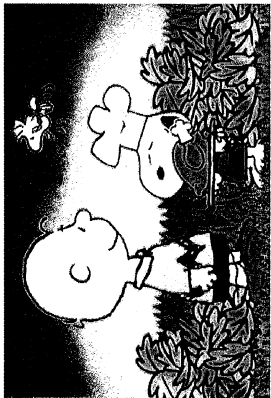
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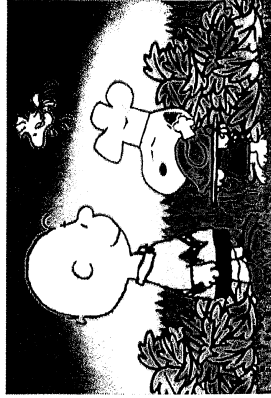
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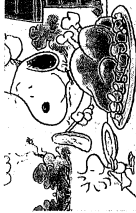









# November 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12 Sloppy Joe Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 	13 Baked Potato Bar Chicken Strips Bread Stick Fruit & Veggie Bar	14 Chicken Patty Sand. Scalloped Potatoes Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	15 French Dip Hash Browns Fruit & Veggie Bar 	16 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Breakfast Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar	17
18	19 Enchilada's Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar 	20 Ham & Noodles Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	21 Max Cheese Sticks Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar 	22 Happy Thanksgiving 	23 No School	24
25	26 Taco Salad Mini Cinn. Donuts Fruit & Veggie Bar 	27 Grilled Cheese Potato Stars Fruit & Veggie Bar	28 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	29 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 	30 Veggie Soup Cinnamon Roll Saltines Fruit & Veggie Bar 	

# November 2012

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Home

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 District VB	2 1:00 PM Jr. Sr. presentation from Education Quest 7:00 PM One Act Dress Rehearsal	3
4	5 7:30 PM One Act Community Performance	6 7:30 PM Fall Vocal Concert	7 Inservise - 2hr late start	8 VB State Championship 4:00 PM Girls JH BB @ Harvard	9 VB State Championship	10 VB State Championship
11	12 Conference One Acts 7:00 PM Bd of Ed Meeting	13 8:15 AM ASVAB Testing 7:00 PM 5th Grade Dare Graduation in Theater	14 8:00 AM Life Touch Photo Retakes	15 3:30 PM Art Club Elementary Workshop 4:30 PM Preschool Child Day - Preschool Room 6:00 PM JH G BB @ Sutton 6:30 PM PTO Mtg	16 6:00 PM JH G BB @ Sutton	17
18	19 7:00 PM FFA/FBLA Mtg	20 7:30 PM Fall Band Concert	21 1:30 PM Early Dismissal	22 Thanksgiving - on - NO School	23 Thanksgiving - on - NO School	24
25	26 4:00 PM JH G BB @ H vs Sandy Creek 6:00 PM Pre Season B & G BB Jamboree with York @ H	27 3:30 PM Art Club Elementary Workshop	28 District One Acts @ Harvard	29 4:30 PM G & B BB Malcolm @ H 4:30/6: 4:30 PM Science Club Cake Raffle	30 4:30 PM C & B BB @ Wilbur-Clatonia	31

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## HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS ATTEND FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Nebraska FBLA Fall Leadership Conference was held September 25 in Kearney. This conference was a one-day workshop for FBLA officers and members. The FBLA state officers shared information on various activities and state goals. This year's state theme is "Igniting Innovation."

The 2012-13 Nebraska FBLA goals are: SERVICE - Tally it Up to 8 hours per member of community service and contribute to Feed Nebraska, the Nebraska FBLA Foundation and March of Dimes; HONOR - promote FBLA scholarships and increase participation in the All-State Quality Member Award; INVOLVEMENT - increase membership by 3 per chapter, participate in the Go Green Challenge and publicize FBLA through FBLA Week; NETWORK - utilize social media communication through Facebook and Twitter; EDUCATION - implement a weekly state officer blog and ignite member participation in Money Smart Week.

The keynote speaker at the general session was Patrick George. His presentation was titled, "I Challenge You." He challenged members to set high goals, overcome obstacles and be ready to achieve greatness. Following the general session, the officers and members attended individual workshops.

The following officers and members attended the conference: President Ashley Quiring, Vice President Allison Braun, Secretary Janelle Huebert, Treasurer Bailey Carr, News Reporter Aubrey DeBraul, Historian Colton Siebert, Committee Rep Kaitlyn Quiring, Bailey Monnier, Owen Wurst and Adviser Kristy Most.



**Front Row:** Aubrey DeBraul, Allison Braun, & Ashley Quiring,

**Back Row:** Bailey Carr, Colton Siebert, Brittany Quiring, Janelle Huebert, Owen Wurst & Bailey Monnier

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## FBLA MAGAZINE SALES

We have recently wrapped up our annual magazine sale. We're sorry if we missed you. It's not too late to place an online order for a magazine or a gift item. Simply go to <http://www.gaschoolstore.com>. When you order a magazine or other gift items, you can still give credit to our school organization. Forty percent of your purchase will come back to our

group. The GA School Store has gift accessory items, jewelry, college apparel, in addition to magazines at great prices. This is a great place to do some of your holiday shopping. Be sure to enter our school ID 2519007 when you place the order so that we can be credited for the sale. Also type in the first and last name of an FBLA member so they get credit for the sale. Thank you for supporting Heartland FBLA.

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Happy  
Thanksgiving



# Homecoming Royalty



**Front Row:** *Samantha Boardman, Mikaelyn Dick, Sara Brune, Mattison Hiebner, & Maelyn Huebert*  
**Back Row:** *Matthew Hiebner, Daniel Quiring, Aaron Jensen, Brent Regier & Lincoln Ruybalid*

## December Reminders

**Dec. 2-14 2012**

NHS Food Drive

**Dec. 6, 2012**

State One Act

**Dec. 8, 2012**

ACT Test

**Dec. 10, 2012**

School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

**Dec. 13, 2012**

K-6 Christmas Concert @ 2:30 & 7:00

**Dec 18, 2012**

7-12 Band/Vocal Concert @ 7:30PM

**Dec. 24-Jan 8, 2013**

Christmas Vacation



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