



THE HUSKIE LEADER

June / July 2022
Heartland Community School News



Staff Celebration and Recognition

We recognized a number of staff members on the last workday of this school year. Congratulations to those meeting longevity milestones and those who are retiring in 2022!



Back row L to R: Matt Quiring (20 yrs), Mary Hiebner (30 yrs), Jennifer Buller (10 yrs), Erik Wetjen (20 yrs), Lynn Hall (25 yrs), Ronda Duerksen (5 yrs), Marcee van den Berg (15 yrs)
Front row L to R: Stephanie Miller (10 yrs), Tami Peters (10 yrs), Tara Maltsberger (10 yrs), Heidi Ruhl (5 yrs)
Not pictured: Angie McCormick (5 yrs)



Marietta Adams (29 yrs retiring)
& Brad Best (10 yrs retiring)



From
the desk
of...

Mr. Brad Best, Superintendent

As this is my last article prior to retirement, I would like to take the space to offer a heartfelt “thank you” to the patrons of Heartland Community Schools. While I only spent 10 years with you, I could not imagine a better school and community in which to wrap up my career. I appreciate the way that you welcomed Dianna and me and the support that you have shown us along the way. We will continue to follow Heartland and support you in any way that we can.

Some things have changed and others have stayed the same during my long four-decade career. Unfortunately, I have seen a troubling trend, especially over the last couple of years, that is a direct threat to the educational success and opportunities that we have enjoyed for decades. The last couple of years of national uncertainty and illogical and uninformed banter have created a heightened mentality of distrust that is affecting education on a national level. It used to be that teachers, coaches, and board members were held in highest regard and were trusted and supported for pouring their hearts and souls into everyone else’s kids. Now, we are losing educators at a record level and the pool of students interested in teaching is drying quickly. This is in direct correlation to the changes in attitudes among those that previously would have been supportive at every turn.

Teaching is an art that is fueled by passion for making a difference in ALL children’s lives by doing whatever it takes. When these amazing individuals are challenged and disrespected, they often lose that passion and begin to question their “why”. We have to get back to letting our educators know that there is a very high level of unconditional trust for their doing what is best for our children. If the rhetoric doesn’t change, in the next few years, schools will not look like they do now.

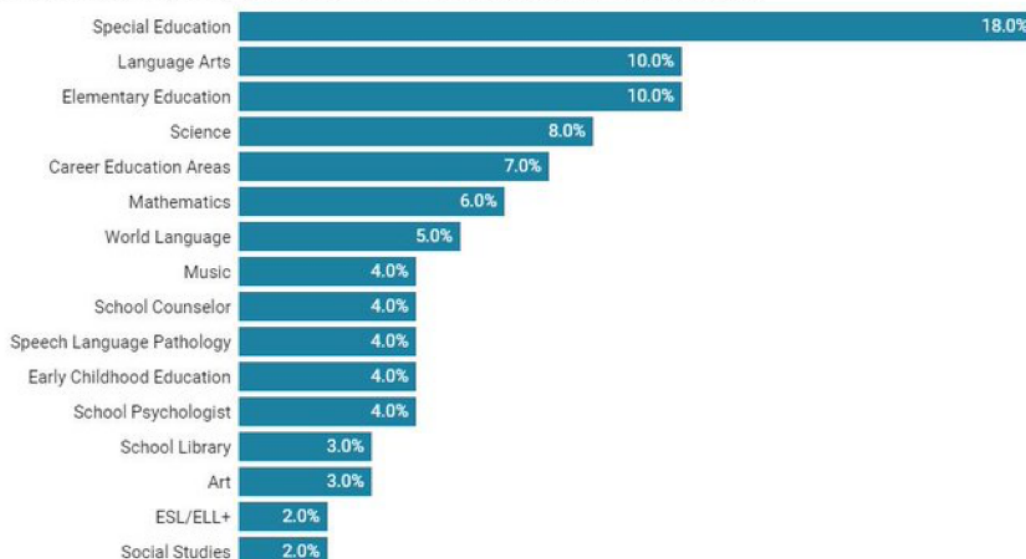
We need more people to speak up and make sure educators know that we have their backs and that there is unending and genuine trust and support for them. We need people to challenge those that say negative things that distract others from this purpose. We need to step back and re-evaluate our actions to make sure they are helpful and not at any anyone’s expense. We need to get back to allowing our kids to squirm a bit, if things don’t go their way, without trying to explain it all away by placing blame on the educators. Talking negatively about an educator in front of a child causes harm that is beyond repair in most situations. Our educators won’t do anything to purposefully cause harm to our kids. They want what is best for them just like we all do.

At Heartland, we have it much better than other areas of the state or country, but we are not immune. It is starting to whittle away at the fabric that has made us a leader in education. It is not too late for society to do better in this regard. I am afraid that we aren’t going to like the results if we don’t.

Best wishes and thank you for giving us this amazing opportunity ...

Teacher vacancy by subject

Percent of unfilled jobs by endorsement area in Nebraska for the '21-'22 school year.





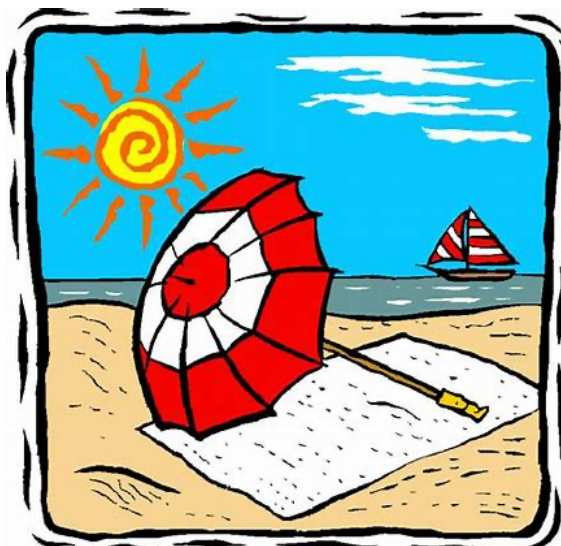
Summer Reading Program PK - 6th Grade



"Oceans of Possibilities"

June 14th - July 21st
Heartland Community School's
Elementary Library

The Library will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays in Henderson from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for 6 weeks. Weekly prizes will be awarded for every 100 minutes read. Children reading 5 out of the 6 weeks will be rewarded with a grand prize. All preschool and elementary students are welcome to come and participate in the program. Reading packets were sent home with the students at the end of school. Packets are available at the office. Children who spend part of their summer reading or being read to are more likely to read well when they return to school in the fall. The Summer Reading Program gives children the chance to read at their leisure and develop a wider appreciation of books.



2022 Drivers Education

Drivers Education classes will be offered to Heartland students through Nebraska Drives. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. Open to all area students who are 14 years of age by October 10, 2022. All students need a permit as soon as possible.

Date: June 27 - June 30, Monday - Thursday

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Driving: Set by appointments, 51/2 hours total, online sign up with a partner

Cost: \$405 payable to Nebraska Drives due by the first day of class.

Payment may be mailed to PO Box 345, Henderson, NE 68371

*Only one session will be offered this summer, June 27th - 30th, from 8:00am to 1:00pm with driving scheduled on students' own time.

Contact information:
nebraskaroadways@gmail.com

David Coleman Home 402-723-4595 or Cell
402-309-3913



SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS

**Physicals are available at
Henderson Healthcare**

Students going into Kindergarten &
7th grade are required to have a
physical.

Kindergarten Physical: \$80

Seventh Grade Physical: \$60

Students grades 7th -12th planning to participate in sports during the 2022-2023 school year will need a sports physical (this is in addition to the 7th grade physical)

Sports Physical: \$60

**Call (402) 723-4512 to schedule
an appointment between the
hours of
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through
Friday.**

Payment is due at time of service.
Questions? Please call (402)
723-4512 to schedule an
appointment.



Heartland Competes at State Golf



Heartland golf team L to R: Head Coach Micah Sundberg, Mason Hiebner, Andrew Franz, Reeve Oswald, Creighton Friesen, Alex Goertzen, Jacob Regier, Assistant Coach Greg Veerhusen.

Heartland golfers finished 13th out of 15 as a team.

Creighton Friesen finished the tournament tied for 41st. The first day he shot a 97 and the second day he fired an 83. He finished the tournament with a 180.

Jacob Regier finished 61st. The first day he shot a 90 and the second day he fired a 99. He finished the tournament with a 189.

Mason Hiebner ended up tying for 64th. He shot a 99 on the first day and a 93 on the second and finished with a 192.

Alex Goertzen finished tied for 71st. He finished the first day with a 94 and the second day with a 102. His tournament score was a 196.

Reeve Oswald finished tied for 84th. His first day score was a 103 and finished his second day with a 102. He finished the tournament with a 205.

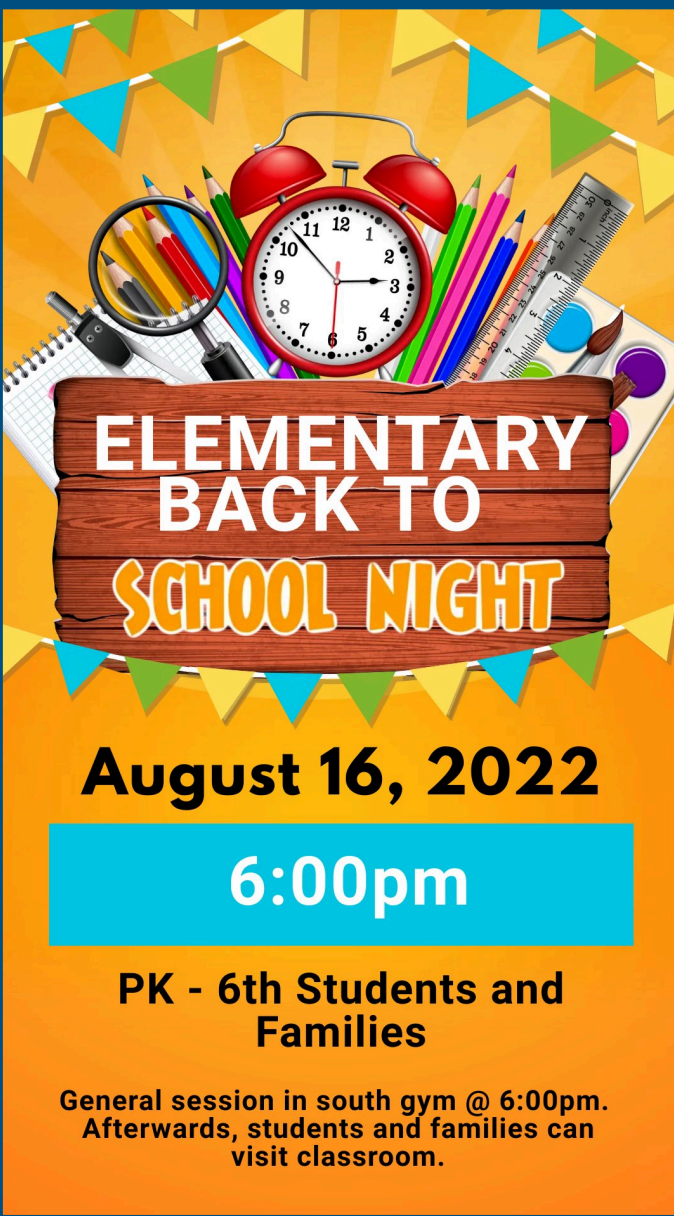
Congratulations to the Heartland Golf Team and Coaches!



It is the policy of Heartland Community Schools, in accordance with Nebraska law, that special education records be destroyed five years after they are no longer needed to provide educational services to a student.

If your child was dismissed from special education five or more years ago, his/her special education records will be destroyed. A permanent record of name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed and year completed will be maintained at the school.

If you would like a copy of your child's records, please contact the school at 402-723-4434. If we do not receive a request from you, your child's records will be destroyed beginning September 15, 2022.



**ELEMENTARY
BACK TO
SCHOOL NIGHT**

August 16, 2022

6:00pm

PK - 6th Students and Families

General session in south gym @ 6:00pm.
Afterwards, students and families can visit classroom.

OUR MISSION

Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw strives to provide challenging educational opportunities for **ALL** students to reach their highest level of excellence.



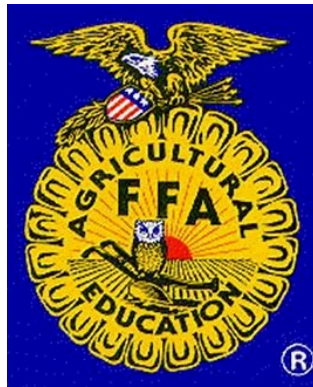
FBLA MEMBERS WILL REPRESENT NEBRASKA AT NATIONALS

Nine Heartland FBLA members will represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago this summer. The conference will be held June 28 to July 3. The following students will compete: Kale Wetjen in Sports and Entertainment Management, Abigail Stebbing and Riley Goertzen in Marketing, Owen Mierau in Computer Problem Solving, Kaylee Goertzen and Isabelle Johnson in Introduction to Business Procedures, and Austin Schmidt and Lydia Jahnke in Introduction to Business Concepts. Congratulations to these students for qualifying for Nationals.

HEARTLAND FFA LAND JUDGING TEAM IS 26TH IN NATION!

Recently, the Heartland FFA Land Judging team competed at National Land Judging in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They earned the right to attend Nationals by receiving 3rd in State back in October. Team members (Alex Goertzen, Mason Hiebner, Tyler Lewis, and Carson Ott) have been studying throughout the spring for this contest. They left on May 3rd, so that they could utilize the days leading up to the contest to study the different soils in Oklahoma. Six practice sites were set up at Arcadia Lake where Oklahoma Soil Scientists were stationed to help teach the contestants about the competition. The National competition has some unique differences between the nation and Nebraska. Contestants had to observe the texture of the topsoil and subsoil. They had to figure out the slope and erosion of the land, as well as the depth of the soil. From there they had to identify the correct soil permeability and water runoff. These items allow the contestants to identify a specific land classification. Knowing the land classification allows landowners to accurately manage their soils, to allow them to conserve their topsoil. One hundred teams, representing 34 states, weathered the storms and rain that come through Oklahoma in the spring. The National competition took place on Thursday, May 5th. The competition was postponed an hour due to a weather delay. That along with storms the night before the contest caused the contest conditions to be extremely wet. Heartland's team took top Nebraska honors by placing 26th in the nation, only 37 points out of the top 10. Overall, there were over 389 contestants. Heartland's team consisted of four seniors: Alex Goertzen - 38th, Tyler Lewis - 98th, Mason Hiebner - 157th, and Carson Ott - 184th.

The Heartland seniors also had the opportunity to do some sightseeing while in Oklahoma. They toured the Oklahoma City Memorial, where they learned of the tragedy that happened in 1995. Members also attended the National Western Heritage museum, where they were able to learn more about the history of the west.



June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<div> <div>8:00 PM School Board Meeting</div> <div>8:00 PM School Board Meeting</div> </div>	<div> <div>Flag Day</div> <div>9:00 AM Summer Reading</div> </div>		<div> <div>9:00 AM Summer Reading</div> <div>9:00 AM Summer Reading</div> </div>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<div>9:00 AM Father's Day</div>		<div>9:00 AM Summer Reading</div>		<div>9:00 AM Summer Reading</div>		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	8:00 AM Drivers Ed	National FBLA ... Drivers Ed 9:00 AM Summer Reading	... Drivers Ed	... Drivers Ed 9:00 AM Summer Reading		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
National FBLA	Independence Day	9:00 AM Summer Reading		9:00 AM Summer Reading	Henderson Community Days	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	8:00 PM School Board Meeting	9:00 AM Summer Reading		9:00 AM Summer Reading		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		9:00 AM Summer Reading		9:00 AM Summer Reading	Bradshaw VIP Days	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:00 PM 7th Grade and New Student Orientation 7:00 PM Parents Sports Information Meeting (7th-12th)					

2022-2023 Heartland Community Schools Elementary School Supplies

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Large Book Bag (easily zipped by child)
- 4- #2 pencils, sharpened
- 2 Dry erase markers
- Fiskar scissors
- Standard size colored pencils (box of 12)
- Fat classic color markers (box of 10)
- 4 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide, (white with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Zippered clear pencil pouch (fits in a binder)
- Oversized paint shirt – labeled for Art
- 1 Wide-ruled composition journal
- 1 Large container of Clorox wipes
- 1 set child headphones - labeled with name for I-pads
- 1 water bottle labeled with name (Please return filled each day)

*Markers and colored pencils may need to be replaced at semester.

PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME



GRADE 1

- Book bag
- 1 pack of # 2 pencils
- 2 Plain Erasers
- 4 Colored fine tip expo dry erase markers
- 4 Glue sticks
- Pencil box (labeled)
- 2 Boxes of crayons - 24
- 2 Folders - two pocket (plastic is recommended)
- 1 Box of sharpened colored pencils
- 1 Box classic colored markers
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Over-sized paint shirt for Art
- 1 Container of Clorox wipes
- 1 Set ear buds or small headphones
- 2- 1" white binders with clear pocket front
- 3 Tab dividers
- 1 Wide Ruled Notebook
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- Reusable water bottle daily
- Snack daily
- Please DO NOT label supplies as some will be shared

GRADE 2

- 1 Large book bag
- 3 Ring binder, 1" with clear sleeve cover
- 2 Large Erasers
- 3 Jumbo glue sticks
- 1 Bottle of CRAFT glue (brown bottle)
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Colored pencils (Twistables are fine with me!)
- 2 Large box Kleenex
- Pencil Box
- Thick washable markers
- Dry Erase markers
- Composition notebook
- 1 Durable plastic pocket folder
- 5 – #2 pencils
- 2 Containers Clorox wipes
- 1 Set of headphones
- Oversized paint shirt for Art
- Water bottle & snack daily
- Label all items

GRADE 3

- Book Bag
- 1 Pencil bag
- Pencils (Regular or Mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- Erasers - pencil top or large
- 1 Pkg of 4 Dry erase markers (fine tipped)
- Colored pencils (Twistables)
- 1 Box of broad tip classic colored markers
- Scissors
- 1 Composition notebook
- 1 Container Clorox wipes - shared
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex - shared
- 1 Set of earbuds or small headphones for iPads
- 1 Red double pocket folder
- 1 - 3 Ring binder 1" wide
- 1 package of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 Oversized paint shirt for Art
- 1 Glue stick
- Water bottle & snack daily

GRADE 4

- Pencils – Regular or Mechanical
- Lead pencil refills if using mechanical - I DO NOT provide refills
- Erasers – pencil top or large
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex- to be shared with the class
- Markers – broadline – 10 count
- Crayons – 24 count
- Expo Dry erase markers – 8 pack, broad tip
- Eraser for Dry Erase Board
- 1 container of wipes to be shared with the class
- 2 Jumbo glue sticks
- Scissors
- Oversized paint shirt labeled for art
- Earbuds or headphones
- 2 packages of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 2 yellow highlighters
- Water bottle & snack daily
- Please leave everything in the original packages

GRADE 5 & 6

- Pencils (regular or mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- 2 Glue sticks
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Box of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Sharpie (black) (fine or extra fine point)
- 4 Highlighters – different colors
- 4 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
- Scissors
- 1 Package of 3x5 lined index cards
- 6 - 3 Hole punch double pocket folders (no brads or prongs)
- 1 - 3 Ring binder or trapper keeper
- 1 Pack of lined loose leaf paper
- 5 Composition notebooks
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- Deodorant
- 1 Oversized paint shirt for Art
- 1 Set of ear buds/headphones
- Water bottle & snack daily



2022-2023 Heartland Community Schools Jr High & High School Supplies

JH HOMEROOMS

2 boxes of Kleenex
2 containers of Clorox wipes

ACCOUNTING I & II - Mrs Most

Pencils
Eraser
Calculator
Folder or 3-ring binder
Book Cover
Box of Kleenex

AG CLASSES (Including Welding and Projects) - Mrs Miller

3-Ring Binder w/notebook paper
Folder
Writing Utensil

ART JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL - Mrs Gooder

Pencils, pens, erasers
Preferred color of thread for making own Sketchbook
Box of Kleenex

BAND - Mr Schweitzer

Instrument in good playing condition

CAREERS 8TH GRADE - Mr Wagner

2 Pocket Folder

CALCULUS - Mrs Buzek

Writing Utensil
Notebook paper
Texas Instruments TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS & 7TH KEYBOARDING - Mrs Most

Folder
Black and Red pens
Box of Kleenex

ENGLISH AND READING 7TH & 8TH

2 Pocket folder
Highlighters/Pens/Pencils
Composition Notebook

ENGLISH I, II, III, IV, 9, 10, 11, 12

Notebook paper
Pencils
Pens
Highlighters
Folder
Index cards
Box of Kleenex

FCS - Mrs Anne Regier

None

GEOMETRY - Mrs Buzek

Notebook paper
Writing utensil
Scientific calculator (good choices are TI -30X IIS or Casio fx115ES)
Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

HEALTH - Mr Wetjen

1 Binder
1 Notebook (or you may submit assignments electronically)

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS - Mrs Most

Black and Red pens
Calculator
Folder or 3-Ring binder
Book cover
Box of Kleenex

JOURNALISM - Mrs Gooder

None

MATH & SCIENCE 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 ring binder with dividers for math
3 ring binder with dividers for science
Highlighters, pens, pencils
Loose leaf paper
Scientific Calculator (TI30 works fine)

MATH STANDARDS, PRE-CALCULUS, ALGEBRA I & II - Mrs Ruhl

3-ring binder and loose-leaf paper
Scientific Calculator (Math Standards and Algebra 1) OR TI 83+
or TI 84+ Graphing Calculator (if taking additional math classes)
Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

MUSIC 7th & 8th, MIXED CHORUS - Mr Hall

None

PERSONAL FINANCE, ECONOMICS, MARKETING,

BUSINESS LAW - Mrs Most

Black pens
Folder or 3 Ring binder
Book cover
Box of Kleenex

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mr Wetjen

Shorts
T-Shirt
Running Shoes
Water Bottle

PHYSICAL SCIENCE, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS - Mr Regier

Notebook for taking notes
3-Ring binder
Physical Science/Biology - Scientific Calculator
Chemistry/Physics - TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

RESOURCE - Mrs Rotter

Pencils
Notebook
Box of Kleenex

SCIENCE 9TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 Ring binder with paper
Scientific Calculator
A brain (preferably your own)

SOCIAL STUDIES - Mr Lindsay

Box of Kleenex
Pencils

SPANISH 1 & 2 - Mr Struckman

None

SPEECH

Notebook paper
Pencils
Pens
Highlighters
Folder
Index Cards
Box of Kleenex

WOODS, 7th IT, 8th IT, DRAFTING - Mr Buzek

None



School Bus Transportation Information for the 2022-2023 School Year

**Do you live outside of the city limits of Henderson
and have children attending Heartland?**

If you would like for your child to ride the bus, we would appreciate hearing from you! This information will enable the school to design the most efficient routes and have a more accurate record of students riding the bus.

Please return this form to the school office by July 1, 2022, and thank you for your cooperation!

List every child in your family that will be riding the bus:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Regular Basis</u>	<u>Seldom Basis</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Signature



IMPORTANT NOTICE

A Census Form for Heartland Community Schools was included in the April Newsletter. Please complete and return this form to the school as soon as possible, even if your children do not attend Heartland Community Schools. It is important that you fill out this form and return it to the school. This form is how we know who to reach out to for upcoming kindergarten classes!

Thank you!

Office of the Superintendent
Heartland Community Schools
1501 Front Street
Henderson, NE 68371

UPCOMING DATES

June 13

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

June 14 - July 21

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tuesday &
Thursday Summer Reading Program

July 11

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

August 1

6:00 PM 7th Grade & New Student
Orientation

7:00 PM Sports Information Meeting

August 8

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

August 15 & 16

Professional Development Day

August 16

6:00 PM K - 6th Back to School Night

August 17

First Day of School Dismiss at 11:40 AM

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