



# THE HUSKIE LEADER



**October 2022**  
**Heartland Community School News**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HEARTLAND BAND!



### Heartland Band Wins Yorkfest

The annual Yorkfest Parade was held Saturday, September 10. Rain was forecasted for parade time but the parade was able to go on without much disruption. The York Chamber of Commerce made arrangements for bands to stay in the City Auditorium until each band was ready for step off.

The winner in class A-B was York High School, in class C was Heartland, in class D was McCool Junction.

The traveling trophy is given to the school who was judged to be the best band in the parade regardless of class. The Heartland Huskie Band was named the top band in the parade!

The band enjoyed seeing all of the Heartland crowd who braved the weather to watch the parade. Congratulations to the Heartland Band and Mr. Schweitzer!

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### October 1

Harvest of Harmony Parade

#### October 7

No School

#### October 10

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

#### October 18

School Pictures

#### October 26 - 29

FFA National Convention

#### November 1

7:30 PM Fall Vocal Concert  
(5th - 12th)

#### November 4

No School  
Professional Development Day

#### November 11

Veteran's Day Program

#### November 14

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

#### November 15

School Picture Retakes

#### November 22

7:30 PM Fall Band Concert  
(6th - 12th)

#### November 23-25

Fall Break - No School



In September, the Heartland School Board adopted the annual budget and tax request for the 22-23 fiscal year. Tax request information is listed below.

## 22-23 Tax Request Information

	General Fund	Special Building Fund	Bond Fund	Total of All Funds
<b>Tax Request</b>	\$4,198,964	\$63,636	\$545,455	\$4,808,055
<b>Levy</b>	\$0.517024	\$0.007836	\$0.088917	\$0.613777

## 21-22 Tax Request Information

	General Fund	Special Building Fund	Bond Fund	Total of All Funds
<b>Tax Request</b>	\$4,157,211	\$63,636	\$0	\$4,220,847
<b>Levy</b>	\$0.532065	\$0.008145	\$0.0	\$0.54021

**T**hroughout our budget development process we seek to provide exceptional, learning opportunities to our students in a manner that is responsible to our local taxpayers. It is always a balance between working towards both our short-term and long-term goals while being mindful of the tax burden placed on the patrons of our district.

Below are the guiding principles that we use in our budget development process as well as in our short-term and long-term decision-making processes.

1. Maximize learning opportunities and learning outcomes for all Heartland students.
2. Demonstrate good stewardship and efficient utilization of our financial, physical, and human resources.
3. Develop spending levels and patterns that are sustainable.
4. Place a reasonable tax burden on the patrons of our district.
5. Utilize planned, capital expenditure investments as a mechanism for mitigating unplanned, capital expenditure costs.
6. Maintain adequate financial reserves as a support to maintaining excellent programs, providing high-quality facilities, and ensuring operational stability across a range of varying environments.

We here at Heartland Community Schools would not be able to provide our students with the education or the opportunities that we do without the high expectations or the support provided to the district by our patrons. Thank you for the resources that you provide to our district and thank you for the support that you offer to the success of our students.

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## Heartland Ch.I.L.D. Day Friday, October 14th



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

**When:** Friday, October 14, 2022

**Where:** Heartland Community Schools  
(0-2 year olds in the family home)  
(3-5 year olds in the preschool classroom)

**Why:** The earlier we can help children who may be behind developmentally, the better outcomes they have! If you have concerns about your child or just want to know how they are developing, call the school to make an appointment.  
402-723-4434



## W-SITTING

HERE ARE SOME TIPS ON A COMMON HABIT SEEN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOMS



### WHAT IS W-SITTING?

- Both knees and hips are bent
- Knees & ankles are touching the floor
- heels are back towards their bottom

### WHY W-SITTING?

- Decreased core (tummy) strength
- Decreased sitting balance (wobbly)

## ENCOURAGE THESE INSTEAD



### WHY IS W-SITTING "BAD"?

When kiddos hang out here too long/frequently it can:

- Lead to impaired rotation in leg joints
- Overstretch some muscles while making others too tight
- Impact balance strategies for larger gross motor tasks

you can

1. Make sure it doesn't become a habit
2. Increase core strength

ASK YOUR HEARTLAND EI TEAM IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER CONCERNS!

*Courtesy of Maggie Urbancik, PT, DPT,  
School-based Physical Therapist*



Core Exercises: Hold for 5, 10, or 15 seconds!







HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

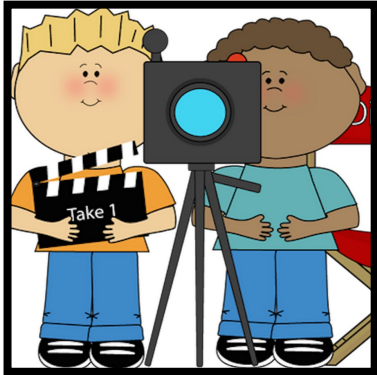
**November 11, 2022**

**9:00am**

All Veterans and the general public are invited to join us for a Veterans Day program in the Heartland Community School Theater

**IN HONOR OF ALL WHO SERVED**

**SIGN UP ONLINE FOR SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**



**OCTOBER 18TH**



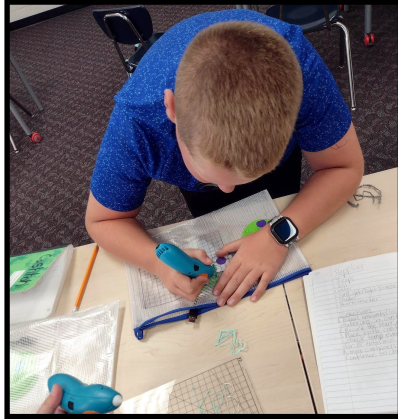
## EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN *High School*

Students at HCS are getting a head start on college this semester by enrolling in dual credit courses from Southeast Community College!

Some dual credit statistics for 1st semester:

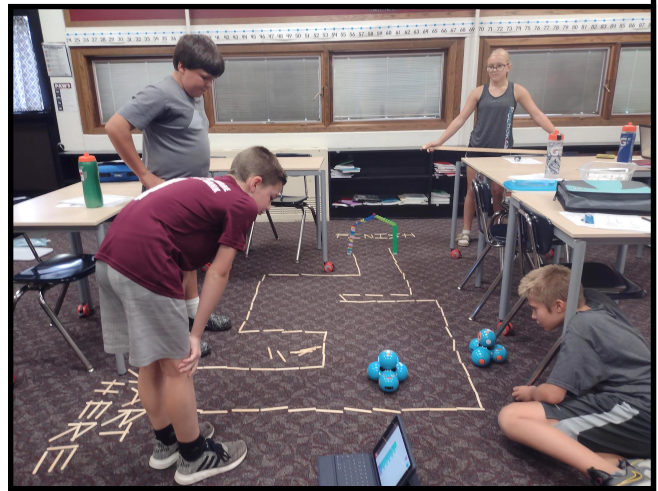
- 19 sophomores, juniors, & seniors are taking at least 1 dual credit course from Southeast Community College for a total of 38 courses
- A total of 112 credit hours are being taken this semester
- 15 of those students are taking a Career Academy course which means that they won't pay any tuition! This is a total of \$4,386 in tuition savings for HCS families!
- 15 courses are taken via the SCC DC Advantage program which offers half price tuition! This is a total of \$1,530 in savings for HCS families!
- Classes being taken include: American Government, Introduction to Psychology, Public Speaking, Personal Finance, Introduction to Sociology, Agriculture Occupation Exploration, Basic Medical Terminology, English Composition, Analytic Geometry and Calculus





## Maker Space, PK - 12th Grade

"A place in which people with shared interests, especially in computing or technology, can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge" After months of planning, a Maker Space for our PK-12th grade students is becoming a reality. Teachers now have the option to bring more technology and problem solving into their classrooms with our hands on Maker Space. Students are also taking advantage of the new tools to fill their time when they are finished with their assigned school work. Kindergarten students have been busy learning left and right with the use of the Bee Bots. 6th grade students have been learning to code to get through mazes with the Dash robot. Many students have enjoyed getting to create their own designs through the use of the 3Doodler pen. Mrs. Waegli was even caught jamming out to a cardboard guitar. The hope behind the Maker Space is to allow more opportunities for students to experience STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) projects and possibly spark some interest into STEM related careers in the future. "STEM occupations have grown 79 percent in the past three decades. In addition, STEM jobs are projected to grow an additional 11 percent from 2020 to 2030. Only 20 percent of high school graduates are prepared for college-level coursework in STEM majors," rural areas are a concern. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics & Bridget Long, dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education). "I hope that by the time students leave Heartland they have at least been exposed to STEM through a fun, hands-on experience where they have learned to problem solve and think outside the box" ~ Mrs. Waegli



## Recess Reminder: As Colder Weather Approaches

Active play is a vital part of a child's everyday needs. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for colder weather. This may mean a heavy coat, and if necessary, a hat, mittens/gloves, and boots. We will be going outside whenever possible as it is important for children to get some fresh air and exercise during the day. Staying indoors for recess will be decided by the elementary principal. If the weather is not severe, children will be outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees and the wind chill is above 10 degrees.

## Heartland FBLA Begins a New Year

**T**he Heartland Future Business Leaders of America's first meeting was held on August 29. The 2022-23 FBLA officers are Senior Lilly Carr, President; Senior Felicity Johnson, Vice President; Senior Riley Goertzen, Secretary; Senior Garrett Regier, Treasurer; Junior Nick Thieszen, Reporter; Sophomore Austin Schmidt, Parliamentarian; and Junior Kaylee Goertzen, Committee Representative. President Carr led the meeting and shared information on the following topics: state and national theme of One Association for Service, Education and Progress; recognized those students who attended the National Leadership Conference in Chicago this past summer; handed out the FBLA Activity Slip and went over all the year's activities; and discussed the Fall Leadership Conference which the officers and three members will attend at the end of September. The group then enjoyed some games and ice cream sundaes.

Heartland FBLA is excited to announce our new members: Senior William Nielsen, Junior Devin Homolka, Sophomore Jamisen Klein, and freshmen Samuel Friesen, Mia Hiebner, and Hallie Tessman. Returning members are: Seniors Liliana Alvarez, Tucker Bergen, Eloise Casper, Savannah Hurlbut, Owen Mierau, Trev Peters; Juniors Hayden Mierau, Hunter Perez, Hudson Regier, Reese Regier, Ava Stebbing, Hendric Switzer, Mariah Tessman; Sophomores Jaelyn Brown, Brady Goertzen, Lydia Jahnke, Isabel Johnson, Siddalee Kliewer.



### The Rebranding of FBLA

The rebranding of the Future Business Leaders of America organization was introduced at the 2022 National Leadership Conference in Chicago this past summer. FBLA implemented the following changes:

- 1) The name of the organization will be Future Business Leaders of America. It will no longer be known as Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. aka FBLA-PBL, Inc.
- 2) The divisions will be distinguished by FBLA Middle School, FBLA High School and FBLA Collegiate (no longer Phi Beta Lambda).
- 3) The logo is now a delta symbol (Greek letter representing change) with navy, blue, and gold which represents the official colors of FBLA.
- 4) The redesigned emblem now highlights FBLA's commitment to the ideals of service, education, and progress.







## FFA Visits Husker Harvest



Thirty-nine FFA students had the opportunity to visit Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island Nebraska. The cost of admission was 5 canned food items, courtesy of the Nebraska Farm Bureau. Heartland members brought 211 pounds of food, which was donated to the Heartland United Way. The FFA members got to enjoy yummy food and learn about the importance of agriculture and how all the machines work together in farming. Members had to complete a scavenger hunt throughout Husker Harvest Days. To complete the scavenger hunt, members talked to sponsors of the event about agriculture, their business and what they do. This event was also a great opportunity for the kids to get to know each other better.



## FFA to State Fair

On September 2, 2022, a few FFA Officers went to the Nebraska State Fair to help set up exhibit tables. In the static area, we had 13 members exhibit 39 items. Heartland members received 9 purples, 15 blues, 11 reds, and 4 whites. Blake Goertzen received Reserve Grand Champion in white corn grain. Thane Wetjen received Grand champion for Medium Wood Projects with his coffee table. Zach Quiring received Reserve Grand Champion for his medium welding item.





# 2022-2023 HUSKIE SPORTS

## GIRLS GOLF

L to R: Mia Hiebner,  
Christina Adamson, Ruby  
Kliwer, Samantha Adamson  
Coaches: Gina Mestl, James  
Mestl, Paige Peters



## VOLLEYBALL

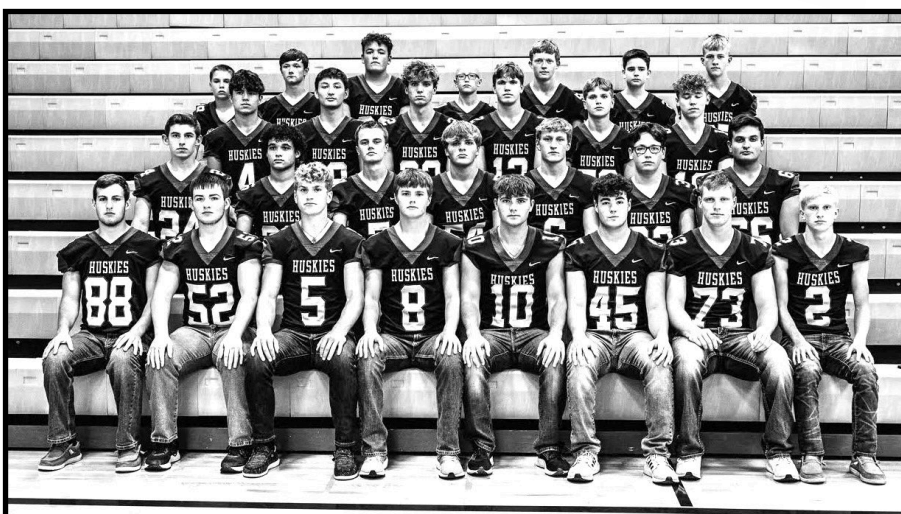


Front row (L to R): Eloise Casper, Liliana Alvarez, Grace Regier, Riley Goertzen, Madelyn Maltsberger, Felicity Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Hayden Mierau, Allie Boehr, Kaylee Goertzen, Ava Stebbing, Reese Regier  
3<sup>rd</sup> row: Siddalee Kliwer, Lydia Jahnke, KatrinaMarie Epp, Isabel Johnson, Jaelyn Brown, Emerson Oswald, Jamisen Klein  
4<sup>th</sup> row: Riley Quiring, Laura Splinter, Abby Nolan, Haley Beck, Kaidence Holbein, Hallie Tessman, Alexis Inglsbee, Grace Splinter, Mary Dente  
Coaches: Head Coach Christa Lindsay, Ashton Brown, Tammy Coffey



## FOOTBALL

Front row (L to R): Cole Miller, Garrett Regier, Zachariah Quiring, Tucker Bergen, Trev Peters, Wyatt Panko, Kaden Siebert, Reeve Oswald.  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Andrew Franz, Devin Homolka, Nick Thiesen, Merrick Maltsberger, Hudson Regier, Jack McCormick, Hunter Perez  
3<sup>rd</sup> row: Luis Alvarez, Carter Siebert, William Nielsen, Langdon Arbuck, Samuel Quiring, Brady Goertzen  
4<sup>th</sup> row: Andrew Onnen, Kaleb Ostrander, Weston Panko, Brayden Ogorzolka, Cash Parrish, Joshua Goertzen, Lane Farrall  
Coaches: Head Coach Ben Lindsay, Matt Maltsberger, Tony Rice, Blake Burgess





# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Homecoming Week Rosh Hashanah					Harvest of Harmony 9:00 AM JH Volleyball @ Hastings 7:00 PM Homecoming Dance
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Girls Golf District vs TBA 4:00 PM JH Football vs BDS @ Giltner 6:30 PM JV Football vs Sandy Creek @ Home	5:00 PM Volleyball Tri vs Giltner/Doniphan @ home	Yom Kippur	5:00 PM Volleyball vs Superior @ home	NO SCHOOL 7:00 PM Football @ Sandy Creek	2:00 PM Volleyball vs Friend @ home
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Girls Golf TBA Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day 4:30 PM JH Football vs EMF @ Giltner 5:00 PM JH Volleyball @ Doniphan 8:00 PM School Board Meeting	Girls Golf TBA 5:00 PM Volleyball @ David City			CHILD Find Day 7:00 PM Football @ Pleasanton	8:00 AM JH Volleyball Tournament @ Triayer Central
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Volleyball SNC	Volleyball SNC School Picture Day		FB State Playoff 1st Round TBA		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Volleyball Sub Districts Diwali		FFA National Convention	Mixed Chorus Tour	FB State Playoff 2nd Round TBA	Volleyball Districts
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Halloween	7:30 PM Fall Vocal Concert (5th - 12th)	State Volleyball		NO SCHOOL 9:00 AM Professional Development Day	



# 2022/23 Calendar - Heartland Community Schools

August 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Q1 days = 40

November 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Q2 days = 44 Sem 1 days = 84

January 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	




Q3 days = 45

April 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

May 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Q4 = 46 Sem = 91

Students = 175 Teachers = 185

	No School
	Prof. Dev. Day - NO SCHOOL
	P/T Conferences - 4:30-8:30 PM

— End of Term

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School Closing Information: 402-723-4421

**PLEASE READ** - The last day of school will depend upon the number of snow days used. Currently, the earliest last day is May 18th. If we use one snow day, the last day of school will be May 19th - two snow days, May 22nd, etc. Our latest end of the year will be May 26th. We may need to make other adjustments to the calendar if we need more days due to cancellations.

## Dates of Interest

**Aug 17** First Day - Dismiss @ 11:40  
**Sep 19** P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30  
**Sep 26** P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30

**Dec 23-27** NSAA Moratorium - No gyms  
**Jan 5** School Resumes  
**Mar 7** P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30  
**Mar 14** P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30

**May 7** Graduation - 2:00 PM  
**May 18** Earliest Last Day  
Dismiss @ 11:30  
**May 26** Latest Last Day

## BE CAREFUL DURING HARVEST TIME

Over the coming weeks, harvest will begin to pick up steam at various stages in our area. Consequently, our area fields and roads will begin to experience a significant increase in activity. Over the coming weeks, students, parents, school buses, and commuter traffic will all be sharing the roads with large trucks and heavy equipment.

Whether working in the fields or traveling on the roads, harvest is always a time when all of us should pay special attention to safety. This time of year naturally brings fewer hours of daylight and a natural sense of urgency to work and to travel quickly. Additionally, increased dust levels and low sunlight angles can often reduce a driver's visibility during peak travel times.

I encourage all of our area farmers to keep safety in mind and I wish them a safe and productive harvest. I'd also like to encourage all of our students and parents to travel safely and to be mindful of the increased presence of large trucks and heavy machinery on our highways and county roads. I encourage all users of the road to be courteous, to stop at all stop signs, to use extra caution at all intersections, to signal all turns, to use greater following distances, and to reduce speed when traveling in conditions where visibility is reduced.

It only takes a few extra seconds or minutes to exercise a degree of caution and to make safe choices. However, the choices that are made during those brief moments can have a lifetime impact on you and on those around you.

## OUR MISSION

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



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