



THE HUSKIE LEADER



February 2025
Heartland Community School News



Heartland Community School
presents the musical . . .



Heartland Community School Theater
March 28th & 29th
7:00PM
* tickets available in March



IMPORTANT DATES

February 5

York County Spelling Contest

February 10

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

February 10 - 14

FBLA Week

February 12

York County Spelling Contest
(make up day)

February 14

No School

February 17 - 21

FFA Week

February 21

Ch.I.L.D. Day

February 26

8:30 AM Winter Concert (9-12)

March 10 & 11

4:30 - 8:30 PM Parent/Teacher
Conferences

March 7

No School

March 13 & 14

No School

March 22

5:00 - 7:30PM Smorgasbord
7:45PM Band Concert

March 28

Kindergarten Round-Up

March 28 & 29

School Musical Performance

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

WINTER WEATHER

Information related to late starts or school closures will be shared in a variety of ways to help ensure that you have access to this information in an accurate, timely, and reliable manner. This information will also be provided via phone and email our automated messaging service, School Messenger. Through social media, this information will be shared on the Heartland Facebook and Twitter pages – you can follow these accounts or find them on the homepage of our website. This information will also be provided to the following media outlets: KAWL (1370 AM), KHAS, KLKN, NTV, and KOLN.

We ask that you keep the school up to date with your contact information (i.e. phone and email) to ensure that our School Messenger broadcasts are delivered to you. You can verify or update your contact information by contacting the school office at 402-723-4434.

UPDATE ON PROPERTY PURCHASE

At its regular November meeting, the board of education approved the purchase of a two-plus acre bin site from Kroeker Grain & Lumber Co. This property is located west of, and immediately adjacent to, the school's parking lot. The purchase was then completed and closed on in late December. At its regular January meeting, the board approved a bid from National Concrete Cutting Inc. to facilitate the demolition and the clearing of the site. We anticipate the demolition and clearing work to begin in late February and to conclude prior to April 1 st .

CONSIDERATION OF SPORTS COOPERATIVE

Our board and the board of Hampton Public Schools have been in discussions and negotiations for the purpose of exploring a potential cooperative sponsorship of our combined sports programs. Discussions up to this point have explored the possibility of beginning a cooperative sponsorship as early as next school year. The potential co-op that has been discussed between the two boards would include all high school and junior high school sports that we currently offer. It would include the addition of high school cheerleading, as well.

Each board has a working committee that directly discusses the specific terms and details of the potential agreement with each other. These committees have met monthly with each other since early October. Each committee is also assisted by the superintendent, the secondary principal, and the AD from their school. Discussions between the working committees have been positive and productive, and a tentative cooperative sponsorship agreement between the two districts has taken shape. Before an agreement can officially take effect, it would need to be approved by both boards of education. Both boards have agreed that if a co-op were to be put into place for the coming 25-26 school year, the formal approval should likely take place in February. This would allow both districts the time that is needed to put the necessary pieces into place for the coming 25-26 school year. Our board has scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, February 12th – should our board choose to vote on the approval of a proposed agreement, they would do so at this time. Holding a special meeting on the 12th will allow our board an additional opportunity to discuss and to consider the agreement at their regular meeting on Monday, February 10th.

A potential agreement of this nature involves a fair amount of work, discussion, and deliberation. It involves a partnership and requires some give and take on the part of both districts involved. Our board has continued to explore this possibility because of the benefits such a partnership could provide to our students and to our athletic programs. The first and most obvious benefit for our district would be the ability to combine the participants from both schools into one program. For our district, this would help to increase numbers in areas where participation is currently low. It would also help to add a measure of consistency in our participation numbers as we try to mitigate the effects of participation numbers potentially fluctuating or dropping in our programs in future years. A second benefit would be the ability to create a consistently larger pool of coaches to lead and to instruct our programs. Coaching is a rewarding endeavor, but it also continues to become more challenging and more demanding. It is not uncommon for schools, big or small, to experience gaps between the staffing needs of its coaching staff and the coaching interests or capabilities of its teaching staff. Many districts can speak to the growing challenge of being able to readily fill its coaching positions with existing staff or even newly hired staff. Even in districts of our size, it takes a fair number of coaches (head, assistant, junior high, etc.) to support strong and vibrant programs. By combining the staffing resources of our two districts into one set of programs, we anticipate having greater ability and more flexibility when it comes to consistently staffing our coaching positions over the long-term.

If an agreement is ultimately reached between our two boards, it will be because a long-term benefit is likely to be had for the students of our respective schools. Ultimately it would be done for the benefit of our current and future students for the purpose of strengthening and sustaining the quality of opportunities that we seek to provide to our students. If an agreement does go into effect, there will definitely be some changes involved. Change, by itself, is neither all good nor all bad. All change, however, does have the potential for some short-term disruption, and we'll work to minimize any disruption or downside effects.

Additional information on some of the key specifics of what is being considered can be found on our website: www.heartlandschools.org. You are encouraged to reach out to members of the Heartland board of education or administration with any questions that you may have.

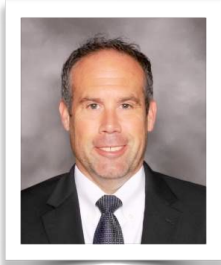


The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter held its first meeting of the year in January, and it was not just business as usual. In a festive and heartwarming twist, members participated in a small gift exchange to help ring in the new year with a spirit of camaraderie and community. This lighthearted activity served as a perfect icebreaker and gave members an opportunity to connect with one another in a fun, relaxed setting. After the gift exchange, the festive atmosphere continued as FBLA members gathered to enjoy a casual and delicious meal of pizza, cookies, and pop.

Following the social time, the group transitioned into the formal portion of the meeting, which focused on preparing for the upcoming State Leadership Conference (SLC). Chapter officers provided guidance and tips on how to excel at the conference, emphasizing the importance of preparation, teamwork, and professionalism. Members also had the chance to ask questions and offer input about their individual goals for the event. The excitement and determination were palpable as the group started setting their sights on the opportunities ahead at SLC.



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 Heartland Community Schools
Henderson/Bradshaw

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Calling all Alumni
Join the Alumni Pep Band
Friday February 21st

during the Varsity Boys Basketball Game
 Heartland vs. Tri County
 Inviting all community alumni band members to
 meet in the music room at 6:00 PM.
 Any questions contact Mark Hiebner
 402-723-4434

**SIGN UP FOR PARENT/TEACHER
 CONFERENCES ONLINE**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the evenings of March 10th & March 11th. Parents of all PK-12 students can choose which available time works best in their schedule using our website beginning Monday, February 17th at heartlandschools.org. In the top menu, choose "Parent Teacher Conferences" and follow the screen prompts. You will be asked to log in to the website. If you do not already have an account, you can create one during this process. You can use your account to receive other information, as well. If you would like detailed instructions on how to schedule conferences, go to our website and click on the "For Parents" menu. Give us a call with any questions at 402-723-4434.



9th-12th Vocal & Instrumental
 Winter Concert

Wednesday, February 26th
 8:30am in the south gym



Scholastic Book Fair

Heartland Community School is excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair back for students grades K-12!

It will be held in the High School Library.
 Monday, March 10 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Tuesday, March 11 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Read Across America
 March 3-March 6
Dr. Seuss Dress-Up Days!

Monday, March 3
 If I Ran the Zoo
 Wear animal print or camo

Tuesday, March 4
 Green Eggs and Ham
 Wear Green

Wednesday, March 5
 Wacky Wednesday
 Dress silly, crazy hair, etc...

Thursday, March 6
 Fox in Socks
 Wear funny or mismatched socks!

**Play
 Learn
 Grow**



**Heartland Preschool Registration
 2025 - 2026**
Attention parents of 3-5 year olds

Heartland Preschool is currently gathering interest for the 2025-2026 school year. Preschool serves students ages three to five. Students cannot attend if they are Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2025).

Please call the school office to express your interest. After doing so, you will need to obtain and submit an application to the Heartland School Office before March 1. Please note that space is limited and not guaranteed.

Call before March 1
 402-723-4434

Children 3 - 5 years old
 Cannot be Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2025)



National Honor Society

The 4th Annual Heartland National Honor Society Toy Drive to benefit the Children's Hospital of Nebraska concluded Saturday morning, December 7th when organizers Lydia Jahnke (Senior) and Siddalee Kliewer (Senior) along with Lexi Ingsbee (Junior) and sponsor Heidi Ruhl delivered 288 toys to the hospital. Thanks to the generous donations from students, staff, community members and the businesses in and around Henderson, this year's donation was almost 100 more toys than last year. This event was first organized by Heartland student Lisa Buller in 2021 and has continued to grow each year. Sincere thanks to everyone that donated. Special thanks to the local businesses that donated this year: Kroeker Grain, Fuel Stop, Food Mart, Kroeker and Kroeker, Hiebner Body Shop, Henderson State Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Carquest, Circle 5, Junction Salon, Jeweler's Vault, Ace Hardware and Dollar Fresh.



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FBLA, FFA AND NHS Food Drive Served 34 Area Families

The 2024 Heartland Food Drive organized by the students and sponsors of the FBLA, FFA, and National Honor Society chapters was a great success.

Totes of non-perishable food and other personal and household items were delivered to 34 families in the Bradshaw and Henderson area by Heartland students. The items were donated by students, staff, and community members starting with Can Caroling on December 9. Items were collected and organized until December 20. Then the donations were packaged for delivery. In addition to the donated items, each family received a gift card to be used at Henderson Food Mart and a cured ham that was provided by an anonymous donor.

A contest was held between grade levels to donate the most items, and it was really close this year. Second grade was the winning class with over 150 items donated. Mr. Reinke's homeroom won the junior high division, and the freshmen donated the most in the high school.

We continue to be blessed by the generous hearts of our communities and hope everyone has a wonderful 2025!



2024-2025 HUSKIE BASKETBALL



Front Row, left to right: Isabel Johnson, Emersyn Oswald, Jamisen Klein
 Second Row left to right: Ariane Sololuze, Mia Hiebner, Madalyn Janzen
 Back Row, left to right: Julia Tessman, Katy Farrall, Grace Splinter, Tara Buzek, Ashlyn Friesen, Hallie Tessman, Laura Splinter



Front row, left to right: Jake Mierau, Waylon Tessman, River Glinsmann, Brian Bearinger, Rigs Newton, Adrik Friesen, Brooks Burgess, Benjamin Thomas
 Second Row, left to right: Asher Daly, Brayden Holbein, Holden Switzer, Trenton Goertzen, Josh Goertzen, Nevada Gloystein, Landon Mierau, Zaine Swartzendruber, Maddox Regier
 Back Row, left to right: Enzo Okuyama, Brady Goertzen, Luis Alvarez, Samuel Quiring, Thane Wetjen, Creighton Friesen, Carter Siebert



2025 SMORGASBORD



Smorgasbord 2025

On Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, the Band Parent Organization will be hosting the Annual Smorgasbord. This event is the sole fundraiser of the Heartland Band Program. The Smorgasbord consists of a meal of ethnic German food. The evening ends with a band concert.

The meal will be served from 5:00 - 7:30 pm and the band concert will begin at 7:45 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adult tickets are \$20 and child tickets (ages 4-12) are \$10. To purchase tickets, contact any band member or call the school office at 402-723-4434.

~ Heartland Band Parents Committee

MENU

KOHL SALAT
(cole slaw)
PARTZILKE
(New Years Cookies)
PLUMA MOS
(raisin and prune mouss)
PRIESHKE AND PLAUTZ
(fruit filled pastries)
SCHNETYA
(lady fingers)
WEIT BROT an BUTTA
(wheat bread and butter)
TWIEBACK and JELLE
(Zweiback and jelly)
CUFFA (coffee)
MILCH (milk)

KUMPST BORSCHT
(cabbage soup)
KLUPTZ
(ground meat patties)
WORSCHT
(sausage)
SCHAUBLA-met schmont fot
(beans with cream gravy)
KIELKE-met schmont fot an sippla
(noodles with cream gravy and onions)
VERENIKE-yebrot oda yekookt
(cottage cheese bundles—fried or cooked)
KORN (corn)
GESCHMUCKE—relish
(pickles, celery, carrots, beets)



Heartland Child Day



What: Heartland Child Day is free and voluntary. It is a developmental check-up for your child!

When: Friday, February 21, 2025

Where: Heartland Community Schools

(In the preschool classroom for kids age 3-5; at the family home for babies age 0-2)

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

Kindergarten Registration
2025 - 2026
Child must be 5 by
July 31, 2025
Call Tammy or Dandi @
402-723-4434 to Register
Information will be mailed after student
is registered regarding Kindergarten
Round-Up on March 28, 2025





Heartland Community Schools

February 2025



	<p>3</p> <p>Long John Burrito Bowl (Rice, pulled pork) Seasoned Black Beans Steamed Corn Mini Cinnamon Donuts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tornado Sloppy Joe French Fries Slushies</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Blueberry Waffles Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy French Bread</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cinnamon Breadstick Tacos Long John Green Beans</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pancake Wrap Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza Grilled Chicken Sandwich OR BBQ Rib Sandwich Fries</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cereal Pizza Burgers Steamed Corn Slushies</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Egg Bites Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Coffee Cake Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Pudding</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>All grains are whole grain rich. Fresh fruit and vegetable bar is offered daily with lunch. A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast. A variety of low-fat milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch. Menu is subject to change without notice. All beef is donated and locally raised.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Pancake Wrap Enchiladas Green Beans Cinnamon Donuts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Long John Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sausage Biscuit Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Strawberry Bagel Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Tornado Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Cinnamon Breadstick French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza Sweet & Sour Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Biscuit Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy French Bread</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Chocolate Chip French Toast Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Peas Dinner Roll</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Tornado Chili OR Chicken Noodle Soup Saltines Cinnamon Rolls</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Tornado Chili OR Chicken Noodle Soup Saltines Cinnamon Rolls</p>	

Heartland Community Schools is an equal opportunity provider.

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Groundhog Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball SNC Varsity Girls Basketball SNC 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs Fillmore Central @ home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30PM JV Boys Basketball vs Nebraska Christian @ home 4:30PM JV Girls Basketball vs Nebraska Christian @ home 6:00PM Varsity Girls Basketball vs Nebraska Christian 7:30PM Varsity Boys Basketball vs Nebraska Christian @ home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH Quiz Bowl Lunar New Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30PM JV Boys Basketball vs EMF @ Friend 4:30PM JV Girls Basketball vs EMF @ Friend 6:00PM Varsity Girls Basketball vs EMF @ Friend 7:30PM Varsity Boys Basketball vs EMF @ Friend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heartland Junior High Vocal Festival 6:00PM JH Vocal Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM JH Boys Basketball vs High Plains / McCool Junction @ home
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball SNC Varsity Girls Basketball SNC 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs Fillmore Central @ home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball SNC Varsity Girls Basketball SNC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FBLA UNK Business Competition York County Spelling Bee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball SNC Varsity Girls Basketball SNC 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball SNC Varsity Girls Basketball SNC 7:45AM HS Robotics Competition @ Nebraska Christian 10:00AM JH Boys Basketball Tournament @ Friend
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FBLA Week 4:00PM JH Boys Basketball vs Harvard @ home 7:00PM School Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30PM JV Boys Basketball vs Centennial @ home 4:30PM JV Girls Basketball vs Centennial @ home 6:00PM Varsity Girls Basketball vs Centennial @ home 7:30PM Varsity Boys Basketball vs Centennial @ home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York County Spelling Bee make-up date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30PM JH Boys Basketball vs Centennial @ home 4:30PM JV Boys Basketball @ Osceola 4:30PM JV Girls Basketball @ Osceola 6:00PM Varsity Girls Basketball @ Osceola 7:30PM Varsity Boys Basketball @ Osceola 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No School - Mid Winter Break Valentine's Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM JH Boys Basketball vs Exeter Milligan Friend @ Friend
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National FFA Week Varsity Girls Basketball Sub-Districts Presidents' Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNL Math Day - Lincoln Varsity Girls Basketball Sub-Districts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Girls Basketball Sub-Districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00PM JV Boys Basketball vs Tri-County @ home 6:30PM Varsity Boys Basketball vs Tri-County @ home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Robotics Competition @ TBD
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball Sub-Districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESU 6 Quiz Bowl Varsity Boys Basketball Sub-Districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30AM Band/Choir Winter Concert (9th-12th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball Sub-Districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Girls Basketball District Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Basketball District Finals First Night of Ramadan

Option Enrollment

Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students and we feel that we have much to offer! A student from another district may enroll at Heartland when approved through the option enrollment program.

If you know of someone who would be interested in enrolling their children at 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, 2025** in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or handicap in admission or access to or treatment of employment, in its program and activities. If any patron or employee feels they have been discriminated against by any school employee, please contact:

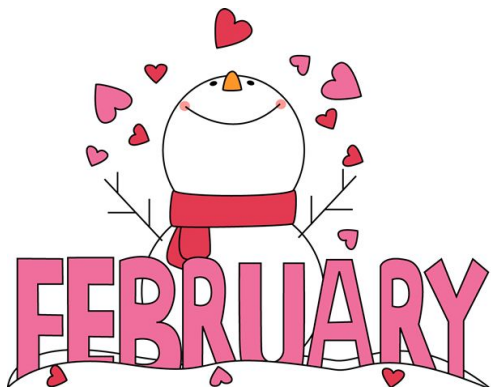
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