## ${ }^{\text {The }}$ Huskies Leader

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

## To our parents and supporters,

We are moving in to the spring of another school year and time seems to pass even more quickly as students anticipate the summer break. We are currently in the process of conducting a battery of state required achievement tests and hope to learn from those assessments in the fall. We are also busy planning for the next school year in the areas of budget, curriculum, programming and staffing.

In regard to staffing, we have several people to whom we owe deep gratitude for their service to the Heartland Community School district. All of these ladies will be retiring this year in order to spend more time with family and over time, will learn not to change what they are doing every time they hear a bell ring.

- Cindy Goff, who currently teaches 2nd grade, has served our district for 34 years.
- Dee Steever, currently a ist grade teacher, has worked with our children for 34 years, as well.
- Susan Watt has been with us for 26 years and is currently teaching language arts in the middle school grades.
- Carolyn Peters, our main receptionist and my secretary, is retiring after 27 years with Heartland.

That is over 120 years of work experience that we will be trying to replace for next year. We have been able to find a couple of quality elementary teachers, but we know that amount of experience is difficult to replace. To have worked with multiple generations of students is quite honorable and we wish them the best in their retirement. We will advertise for our front office position this summer.

We hope that you have a great spring season and thank you for your continued support!

## PowerSchool- Get the APP!

Many of you access grades through PowerSchool, but if you don't have the app, the app is a little more user friendly than through the computer. Parents and students can both use the app. One advantage, you don't have to $\log$ in every time. Simply open the app to view the account of your student(s). A second advantage, you will receive a notification with an up to date grade each time a teacher adds an assignment. Everything you check from the computer, you can check on the app. You will need to know the school's access code: GGXN. Then, $\log$ in with the username and password you created for PowerSchool on the web (if you haven't done this, you will need to). See Tim Carr if you have additional questions or need help.


OUR MISSION: The Heartland Community Schools of Henderson \& Bradshaw is dedicated to educating all students by providing challenging opportunities to learn according to individual needs.


Junior-Senior Banquet \& Prom

On April 2, 2016, we will hold the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a meal for the Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:30pm in the South (Old) Gym. The cost for the meal is $\$ 15.00$ for juniors and $\$ 15.00$ for a guest and complimentary for seniors. After the meal, the students will do a walk-through from the cafeteria to the theater starting at 7:45 pm. The 9-12 student body, parents, and guests are invited to the Royalty ceremony held in the school theater starting at $8: 15 \mathrm{pm}$. The prom dance will be held in the South (Old ) Gym starting at 9:oopm. Students will need to purchase a $\$ 5.00$ ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All activities are chaperoned by parents. Any students leaving the prom early will need sponsor permission and parents will be called.


## All School Play "Larceny and Old Lace" to be presented on April 15th \& 16th

This year, the high school students will be performing "Larceny and Old Lace" by Van Vandagriff. This two act comedy is about a nephew who has two Vegas loving aunts. The local bank has been robbed and a bag of money is discovered in the house. The nephew believes the culprit may be his crazy uncle, but when the nephew's jailbird cousin shows up with his own bag of money and the FBI hot on his heels, the pandemonium multiplies. The play, involving 16 student actors and several crew members, is sure to keep you on your toes and laughing, so save the date on your calendar!

Cast members are: Harold-Ethan Hall, Charlie-Owen Wurst, Gertie-Addie Swartzendruber, Millie-Haley Huebert, Mordred-Kori Siebert, Lester-Mark Perez, Officer McNealy-Brooke Weisheit, Officer Larson-Megan Kroeker, Agent Klick-Isabelle Vanderneck, Agent Klack-Brittany Quiring, Gloria-Bailey Monnier, Dr. Shoranoar-Leslie Braun, Nurse Widget-Brooklyn Epp, Judge Taylor-Sadie Carr, Taxi Driver-Olivia Casper, Dr. Pretorious-Zach Dente.

Tickets are available at the High School Office. They are $\$ 5.00$ for adults and students.

## Drivers Education for 2016

Drivers Education Classes will be offered to Heartland students through the Pathfinder Traffic Safety Services. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. It is open to all area students who are 14 years of age by Oct. i, 2016. All students need a permit as soon as possible.
 The fee for the class is $\$ 325.00$ per student and can be registered online: pathfindertss.com. Checks should be made out to Pathfinder Traffic Safety Services, 2055 Parkview, Fremont, NE 68025. Students can also pick up a registration form from the school office. The fee must be paid by the first day of class. There is a $\$ 25$ fee for being a "no show" for drive labs.

Only one session will be offered this summer and will run July 5 th-8th from 8:оо-1:oopm. The behind-the-wheel classes will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Don Cunningham at dcunning1@yahoo.com or 402-720-3586 after 5:oopm.

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## Heartland Preschool Taking Applications for 2016-17 School Year

Heartland Preschool is now taking applications for the 2016-17 school year, which will begin August 17, 2016. There will again be two sessions, each running four days a week, Monday through Thursday. Mornings will be for 3 -year olds and the afternoons will be for $4 \& 5$-year-olds. Children can attend two, three, or four sessions a week. The current cost for students to attend preschool is $\$ 65.00$ per month for 2 sessions a week; $\$ 97.50$ per month for 3 sessions a week; $\$ 130.00$ per month for 4 sessions a week. A cost increase may go into effect for the 2016-17 school year, pending approval by the Heartland School Board. Tuition can be paid by the month, quarter or semester, and is due prior to the start of each pay period. Reduced or free tuition is also available for those families who qualify. Please let the school office know if you want to apply for tuition assistance. Children who are verified for special education services attend at the cost of the district, with no charge for the parents. Their schedule is determined by their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Interested parents can pick up an application form at the Heartland School office and then return the form after completing it. Parents will be contacted in early June concerning their child's application. Parents can contact Dot Quiring, Heartland Preschool teacher, with questions.


Girls On The Run (GOTR) of York County $\mathbf{5 K}$
Saturday, May 7, 2016 @ 10:00 p.m.
Celebrating our 1oth Anniversary!
York High School Track Area
1005 Duke Drive
York, Nebraska


The 5 k is open to males and females of all ages.
Walkers are welcome!
Registration for a guaranteed T-shirt is April 7th.
For more information about Girls on the Run and to register, visit our website: http:// www.gotryorkcounty.org/gotr- $5 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{html}$

We are also seeking volunteers to help on race day, whether it be on the race route, the registration table, the happy hair station, or a variety of other jobs. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lori Suddarth at 402-362-6700.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Included in this newsletter is a Census Form for Heartland Community Schools. Please complete \& return this form to the school office by May 16, 2016 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 office.
Thank you for your cooperation!


## Early Dismissal Notice

Due to District Music Contest, school will be dismissed on
Thursday, April 2I at 2:40pm and there will be no school on Friday, April 22.

## Scholastic Book Fair

 held March 7-ıo at Heartland Community Schools. Thank you to everyone who purchased books! We were able to get over \$2,200 in free books for our Preschool-I2th grade classrooms. Happy reading!
## 6oth Anniversary for the

## Heartland Band German Smorgasbord

The annual band smorgasbord was held Saturday, March 19th. This was the 6oth Anniversary for the


## Heartland 2015-16 Yearbooks Are On Sale Now!

The 2015-16 yearbook sales are under way! The yearbook will include all students from grades $9-\mathrm{I} 2$ as well as all of our extra, curricular activities and events. If you or your child would like to purchase a yearbook, contact Mrs. Ostmeyer via E-Mail: sostmeyer@heartlandschools.net. Yearbooks are $\$ 40$ each. band German Smorgasbord, which was started in 1956. The ticket sales winners were: first place; Reagan Weisheit with \$976; tie for second were Peyton Ott and Halle Peters with $\$ 377$ and third place was Heath Perez with $\$ 288$. There were $\mathrm{I}, 3 \mathrm{II}$ people served at the smorgasbord.


Reagan Weisheit, Peyton Ott, Halle Peters \&Heath Perez.


## Owen Wurst wins Art Contest

Heartland senior, Owen Wurst won First Place in the age category 17 and over in the International Owl Center Art Contest. His watercolor painting will be on display in the International Owl Center for the next year.


## Secondary Principal

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We would like to thank the people that gave blood at the NHS Community Blood Bank on February 27. They collected 26 units of blood and had 14 new donors.

## The 5th \& 6th Grade visit the State Capitol and Governor's Mansion

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The Heartland 5th and 6th graders spent the day learning about our state's government at the capitol building Monday, March i4. They also toured the governor's mansion.


The 5 th \& 6 th graders visiting the state capitol.

sth Graders in front of the governor's residence.


6th Graders in front of the governor's residence.

## February Box Tops and Points for

 Education Challenge:Dee Steever's ist Grade Class was at it again! They brought in 278 Box Tops and Labels for Education; earning them the Classroom Trophy.

## Elementary Principal

SADIE HOUCK

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## Mrs. Ratzlaff's ist

Grade Class won the bimonthly challenge. Their combined January and February total was 443 Tops and Labels. The class enjoyed popsicles while listening to Principal Mrs. Houck read "Ivan the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla."

## February Monthly Classroom Highlight:

What a great time of year for our Kindergarten students. This is the time all of our students are reading and really getting into their personal academic groove! We are so grateful at Heartland to have many reading opportunities for our Kindergarten students. During reading small group time, students have opportunities to work with classroom teacher Sherry Thiesen, paraprofessional Karen Kroeker, Speech Language Pathologist Deb Wilhelm, special education reading teacher Jennifer Buller, or in an independent reading station. We are excited to see how many of these Kindergarten students will see us this summer during the Summer Reading Program!



## Lisa Buller places 2nd at the District Spelling Bee

Lisa Buller, 6th grade student, placed 2nd in her division at the District Spelling Contest Saturday, March 5th in Fairbury.

Lisa competed against 31 individuals and correctly spelled 95 words out of a possible ioo.


2015-16 SNC Boys Basketball All Conference and SNC Girls Basketball All Conference


Clay Bergen-1st Team All Conference


Lane Huebert-Ist Team All Conference


Austin StubrHonorable Mention


Taylor 2uiring-2nd Team All Conference


Kate Bergen-2nd Team All Conference


Bailey PetersHonorable Mention

## Boys Golf Team 2016



Front Row-(L-R): Jose Romo, Matt Buller, Hayes Oswald, Faden Regier \& Ben Mestl. Back Row-(L-R): Zach Dente, fesse Mason, Luke Schaldecker, Ric Bulin o Coach Matt Maltsberger.

| 2016 | Heart/and Golf Schedule |  |  |  |
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| Date | Place | Start | Depart | Arrive Home |
| 29-Mar | Sutton/D-T/Harvard Quad (Hastings) | 4:00 PM | 2:10 PM | 8:00 PM |
| 31-Mar | Superior Invite | 9:00 AM | 6:50 AM | 5:30 PM |
| 5-Apr | Thayer/E-M Quad (Hebron) | 4:00 PM | 2:00 PM | 8:00 PM |
| 6-Apr | Friend Invite | 10:00 AM | 8:10 AM | 4:30 PM |
| 12-Apr | Fillmore Central Invite (Geneva) | 10:00 AM | 8:30 AM | 4:30 PM |
| 13-Apr | Milford Invite | 9:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 4:30 PM |
| 20-Apr | David City Invite | 9:30 AM | 7:30 AM | 5:30 PM |
| 3-May | Sutton Invite | 9:00 AM | 7:50 AM | 4:00 PM |
| 5-May | S.N.C Tournament (Hebron) | 9:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM |
| 11-May | Thayer Central Invite (Hebron) | 9:30 AM | 7:30 AM | 5:30 PM |
| 16-May | Districts (Fremont C.C.) | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| 24-May | State (Lake Maloney G.C. N. Platte) | TBA | TBA | TBA |



23rd: itth grade Language Arts 3Ist: 7th \& 8th grade Language Arts

5th: 6th grade Language Arts
6th: 5th grade Language Arts
7th: 4th grade Language Arts
8th: 3rd grade Language Arts
12th: 6th grade Math
13th: 5 th grade Math

14th: itth grade Math
15th: 7th \& 8th grade Math
19th: 4th grade Math
20th: 3rd grade Math/8th grade Science
21st: ith grade Science
27th: 5 th grade Science

## Junior High Students Compete in their Annual Cupcake Wars!

The 7th and 8th grade Family and Consumer Science students researched various cooking sites on the internet to come up with what they thought would be the winning cupcake. They broke into teams and created delicious and professional looking cupcakes. They gave a presentation about their cupcakes to the judges and a winner was chosen. During the process students were taught food safety, kitchen safety, professional preparation techniques, and teamwork.


## Huskie Bots Compete at State FLL Competition

Heartland's Huskie Bots participated in the Nebraska FIRST Lego League State Championship on Saturday, February 20th, at the Strategic Air and Space Museum near Ashland, NE. Forty-eight teams met to share their innovative solutions to the world's trash problems (Trash Trek Challenge), display great teamwork and sportsmanship during their Core Values presentation, communicate their knowledge and understanding of robot design, and compete in the exciting Robot Game. A big shout out to the students for accomplishing so much in their first year in this club!


Front Row-(L-R): Emily Nunnenkamp, Katelyn Gage, Reagan Weisheit bo Cooper Regier. Back Row-(L-R): Heath Perez, fustin Caldwell, Rachel Dente, Kaleb Senff, Fames Rowe, Harmon Perez \&゙Lauren 2uiring.

Junior High Homeroom Activities


Homeroom students try to be the first to knock down a pop can pyramid with rubber bands in this team-building challenge.

## Boys Track Team 2016



Front Row-(L to R): Ben Driewer, Clay Bergen, Dillon Scheil, Mark Perez do Austin Stubr. Middle Row-(L to R): Noab Boyd, Lane Huebert, Connor Boebr, Aaron Buller, Kyle Ott, Connor Peters \& Ethan Ang. Back Row-(L to R): Kodjo Atikpohou, Colton Monnier, Reid Huebert, Peyton Ott \& Bryce Allen.

Girls Track Team 2016


Front Row-(L to R): Ellie Steingard, Leslie Braun, Destiny Bloxton, Eve Vanderneck, Haley Huebert, Kori Siebert d Angelica Bassett. Middle Row-(L to R): Sadie Carr, Kyra Dick, Bailey Peters, Taylor Quiring, Krynn Arbuck b Brittany Quiring. Back Row-(L to R): Kristina Rowe, Brooklyn Epp, Kate Bergen, Olivia Atikpohou d Olivia Casper.

## Upcoming Dates

April 2, 2016
Prom-6:30/Dance-9:00pm
April 4, 2016
FFA Supper-5:00/Labor Auction-7:00
April 6-8, 2016
FFA State Convention @ Lincoln
April 7-9, 2016
FBLA State Convention @ Omaha
April II, 2016
NHS Banquet @ 7:00pm
April 13, 2016
School Board Meeting @ 8:00pm
April 15 \& 16, 2016
All School Play @ 7:00pm
April 18, 2016
FFA Banquet @ 6:30pm
April 21 \& 22, 2016
District Music Contest @ Heartland
April 21, 2016
Dismiss @ 2:40pm
April 22, 2016
NO SCHOOL-Teacher Professional Day

April 29, 2016
Elementary Field Day @ 12:00

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## CENSUS DATA

Once again, Heartland Community Schools will be conducting a school census during the month of June. In order to get the most accurate and complete number and names of persons living within our district, we are asking the patrons to complete the attached questionnaire. It is important for one form to be filled out for each household that has children aged birth to 21 years, even if you're children do not attend Heartland Community Schools. Please return the completed questionnaire to the school office or mail to the Superintendent's Office, 1501 Front Street, Henderson, NE 68371.

This information affects our state funding, so it is very important that we have current and accurate data.
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FAMILY NAME: $\qquad$
FATHER: $\qquad$ MOTHER: $\qquad$
PHONE: $\qquad$
LOCATION OF RESIDENCE BY COUNTY: $\qquad$
City, State, Zip Code
NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 21 YEARS (Include children attending college who are living away from home or serving in the Armed Forces)

| NAME | DATE OF BIRTH | PLACE OF BIRTH | GENDER | GRADE |
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|  | onth/Day/Ye | TOWN/STAT |  |  |


(Not attending school 0; Preschool P; Kindergarten K; Grades 1-12; Graduated G)
PLEASE COMPLETE \& RETURN THIS FORM
BY MAY 16, 2016
EVEN IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!


# The Elementary Field Day will be held on April 29, 2016, starting at 12:00. The field day rain date will be May 4, 2016. 

## Volunteer Recognition Week is April 18-22, 2016

A special thank you to all those who volunteer in so many ways to help the students and staff at Heartland. We sincerely appreciate everyone who helps out, whether it be assisting in an elementary classroom, in the lunch room, or at athletic events. Each person is a valuable asset to the education of Heartland students.


## May Reminders

May 3, 2016
Awards Night @ 7:00pm
May 4, 2016
Elementary Field Day-Rain Date
May 8, 2016
Commencement @ 2:30PM
May 9, 2016
School Board Meeting @ 8:00PM
May 13, 2016
2nd Grade Field Trip to Morrill Hall
May 19, 2016
Last Day of School-
Dismiss @ II:30AM
May 20, 2016
Teacher Professional Day


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Heartland Community Schools
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Henderson, NE 68371

## Non-Profit Organization

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