## From Brad Best, Superintendent ...

Happy Holidays to all of you!

It seems just a short time ago that there were just a few of us in the building, trying to wrap up summer projects in anticipation of the students and teachers arriving for the beginning of a new school year. It has been a good first semester, both in the classroom and through all of the various activities that students are involved with each day,

Our computer purchase two years ago has added an entirely new layer to learning here at Heartland Community Schools. Our approach from day one has been that the technology is a tool, not a "solve all" to the daily challenges of teaching and learning. But, to see how these tools are being used has been inspiring and at a level not experienced here in prior years For many students at the high school, the laptop has become their central organizational tool, their production machine, their communication link, their research avenue, and their link to different methodologies to learning. In the elementary, the technology has opened a new world of possibilities in how new concepts are taught, practiced, and mastered in the classroom. To see a student not only arrive at the correct answer, but to record themselves explaining their reasoning behind each step of the solution has allowed more efficient access to individual students for teachers and added a completely new layer of accountability for the student.

Many teachers have utilized the technology tools, not only as modern day chalk and slate, but to expand the concept being taught to a whole new level of reasoning and exploration. They have reorganized what they teach to streamline objectives for our online learning system. They have been creative in how they group students within the classroom in order to focus on specific learning styles using technology. Teachers have taught, not only the basic concepts, but how to identify the problem at hand, gather information, collaborate on a solution, and present their information all while utilizing the technology available to them. These are the skills that future employers say they need in hiring new workers.

The laptops and tablets that we have integrated have not fixed all areas needing attention. It was never assumed by us that they would. But, they have provided us with opportunities to teach and learn using the tools that our students will need to be comfortable using in the future. For all of the opportunities they have provided to us, we say thank you to you for your support for this initiative. Please visit our website at www.heartlandschools.org under the technology tab to see other ways technology is being used in our classrooms.

From all of us to all of you, we wish you a safe, restful, and family-filled holiday season!


## School Closing Information

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 also use an automated phone message service through School Messenger which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current numbers on file. Please call the school office if anything changes.

You may also call our school closing phone line at 402-723-442I. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around mo:ooPM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM.


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.

## Heartland FFA Attends Leadership Conference

On November 10, Heartland FFA Freshmen and Officers were invited to participate in a leadership conference held in Central City. This conference was designed to help freshmen begin to build leadership skills, while officers were to work on goals that were set at their annual COLT conference.


## SNC One Act Competition

Five students received Outstanding Actor/Actress awards at the SNC One Act competition held at Heartland Community Schools on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Heartland's play "Hollingsborough Children's School Nativity Play" placed eighth. They will compete next on Dec. 2 at District Competition in Harvard.


Students receiving awards were: Owen Wurst. Brooke Weisheit, Bailey Monnier d Haley Huebert. Not pictured: Rebekab Larson.



## THANKYOU

Thank you to the parents, community members, booster club, administration, students, and all others who have contributed to the success of this season. The varsity season ended 20-Io with highlights including the championship won at the Cedar Bluffs Tournament, a zrd place Conference Tournament finish, and exciting wins against several state bound teams. We had a very accomplished season, but none of it could have been possible without all of your constant love and support.

Thank you,
Heartland Community Schools Volleyball Coach Ostmeyer \& Coach Vandenberg.


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Quarter 1 High Honor Roll 4.o Grades 7-12


L to R Front Row: Rebekab Larson, Katelyn fanzen, Owen Wurst, Vanessa Hiebner, Haley Huebert, McKenna Friesen © Eve Vanderneck
Second Row: Ellie Steingard, Etban Hall, Leslie Braun Third Row: Kristen Burns, Isabelle Vanderneck, Brittany 2uiring, Sadie Carr, Kyle Ott b Aaron Buller
Fourth Row: Lauren Quiring, Wyatt Regier, Cooper Regier, Nema Stracener, Ellyn Hall, Kaelyn Buller, Rbianna Wilbelm, Halle Peters, Grace Fanzen, Odessa Obrt, Rachael Dente do Timberly Carr
Not Pictured: Kristine Goertzen


Quarter i Honor Roll 3.25 and above: Grades 7-12


L to R Front Row: Anthony Park, Trevor Friesen, Clay Bergen, Camryn Dick, Bailey Monnier © fule Dane
Second Row: Alexa Siebert, Krynn Arbuck, Bailey Peters, Connor Peters, Ryne Mierau, Austin Stubr, Mark Perez, Kori Siebert, Addie Swartzendruber, Brooke Weisheit, Bailey Ulmer do Megan Kroeker Third Row: Taylor 2uiring, Hayes Oswald, Devon Stamp, Faden Regier, Lane Huebert, Cheyenne Hiebner, Karah foyner \&Tyler Lear Fourth Row: Ali Amack, Allison Kroeker, Harmon Perez, Delaney Siebert, Emily Goertzen, Fade Hiebner, Olivia Casper, Brooklyn Epp, Katrina Hiebner, Kristina Rowe, Ric Bulin, Reid Huebert, Ben Mestl, Peyton Ott \& fesse Mason
Fifth rowe: Emily Nunnenkamp, Olivia Atikpohou, Morgan Maltsberger, Fosh 2uiring, Fared Nunnenkamp, Reagan Weisheit, Aidan Swartzendruber, Kalea Wetjen, Nolan Boehr, Zach Dente, Kodjo Atikpobou, Collin Rowe \& Noab Hiebner
Sixth row: Maddie Miller, Cassi Siebert, Gabi Siebert, Devyn Bell, fosie McCormick, Taylynn Scheil, Cord Spencer, Tobin Glinsmann, Famie Rowe, Maverick Hiebner, Kaleb Senff, Fosh Caldwell, fustin Caldwell \& Mallorie Hiebner
Not Pictured: Calvin Harper \& Kate Bergen.


## Media/Tech Class

Mr. Maltsberger's High School Media/Tech class has created an in-class studio using technology grant funds. The class works closely with StrivTV to live stream school events, as well as producing a weekly news show (The Huskie Howl).

The class works on creating and producing events using 2Ist century technologies. The class is very appreciative of the technology the school has provided, and will use the new cameras and sound board to provide a better quality live stream for our community.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## FBLA MEMBERS ATTEND NATIONAL FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Fifteen members of the Heartland FBLA chapter attended the 2015 FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference in Omaha on November 6 and 7. This conference provides an opportunity for members and advisers to participate in motivational general sessions, professional development, and career planning workshops.

The members kicked off the conference with a business tour of the Omaha World Herald's John Gottschalk Freedom Center which is the OWH's state-of-theart newspaper production facility located in downtown Omaha. The tour guide shared information about the history of the OWH and the printing and packaging processes. We toured the Press Hall which features three Man Roland Geoman presses that stand five stories high, weight $\mathrm{I}, 66 \mathrm{I}$ tons and can print 70,00088 -page newspapers per hour and the Packaging Facility which prepares more than 625,000 preprinted advertisements each year. The OWH provides home delivery to 22 counties in Iowa and 47 counties in Nebraska. The OWH has been owned by Berkshire Hathaway Media Group since 20 II and is the $\mathrm{o}^{\text {th }}$ largest newspaper company in the U.S. based on circulation.

The opening session speaker was Patty Hendrickson from Wisconsin. Her program was titled, "Own it. Grow it. Be it." She's a very energetic speaker who encourages emerging leaders to become role models. The FBLA members attended various workshops on fundraising, networking, credit, international business, financial literacy, time management, community service, dressing for success, social media and other leadership topics. The closing session speaker was Aaron Davis from Nebraska, a member of the 1994 National Champion Nebraska Cornhuskers. He is an expert in the area of attitude and how it impacts every area of one's professional and personal life. Mr. Davis explains many techniques on how to utilize the power of a Champion Attitude to reach your full potential.

The group also enjoyed an evening meal at Stokes in the Old Market. The FBLA members who attended the conference were: Seniors: Destiny Bloxton, Camryn Dick, McKenna Friesen, Haley Huebert, Katelyn Janzen, Rebekah Larson, Jose Romo, Eve Vanderneck and Owen Wust; Juniors: Leslie Braun, Ethan Hall, Ellie Steingard and Brooke Weisheit; Sophomores: Brittany Quiring and Isabelle Vanderneck; and Adviser: Kristy Most.


## ELEMENTARY NEWS

## Box Tops and Points for Education Challenge:

Grade 3 continues to bring in the most Tops and Points, io85, but not the highest average.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ratzlaff's class for bringing in 445 ( 37 per student) and winning the monthly trophy!

When totaling August and September tops and points Mrs. Goff's class brought in 772 ( 45 per student) and earned a Pops (Popcorn and Pop) Party.


Front row; L to R: Brayden Holbein, Vanessa Vap, David Hiebner, Alex Nun, Emma Ott \& fimmy Neely. Back Row, L to R: Amanda Massey, Camden Riggs, Nevada Gloystein, Maddox Regier, Zaine Swartzendruber, Meggan Friesen \& Mrs. Ratzlaff.

## Elementary Principal

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## Monthly Classroom Highlight 4th Grade Saxon Mental Math in Action

Mrs. Hiebner is caught in full swing with Saxon's Mental Math. Students are learning strategies to help them figure out real world and sometimes complex problems by simply using their noggin. Students keep track of their progress and continue to learn new ways of solving mental math problems.


The 5th Grade students recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. program of York County. Deputy Josh Gillespie runs a well planned program to teach kids drug awareness and social strategies to help them later in life. They learn how drugs can negatively affect your body and how to use resistance strategies to stay away from drugs. Other topics covered during the i2 week program are stress, peer pressure, effective communication, and bullying.


Front Row L to R: Deputy fosh Gillespie, Ana Vazquez, Ruby Kliewer, Ava Tessman, Quentin Morris, Reeve Oswald, Owen Mierau, Riley Goertzen, Savannah Huebert, Lilly Carr, Eloise Casper $\uplus$ Liliana Alvarez, 5 th grade teacher: Tara Maltsberger. Back Row L to R: Merrick Maltsberger, Facob Regier, Wyatt Panko, Maddie Maltsberger, Savannab Hurlbut, Zach 2uiring, Tucker Bergen, Kaden Siebert, Trev Peters \& Cole Miller.

In October, Art Club had their Annual Homecoming Poster Contest for elementary. The artist with the winning poster in each class received art supplies.


The winners were: Front Row; L to R: 3rd grade-Braelynn Renz; Kdgt.-Kate Haidle; Ist grade-Zaine Swartzendruber. Middle Row; L to R: Ist grade-Miles Kliewer; 2nd grade-Grace Splinter; 5th grade-Riley Goertzen; 3rd gradeTucker Robinson. Back Row; L to R: 6th gradeElla Friesen; 4th grade-Hendric Switzer; 5th grade -Facob Regier; 4th grade-Nicholas Thieszen.

## December Upcoming Dates

Dec. 7-2I, 2015
NHS Food Drive
FFA/FBLA Caroling for Cans 7:00PM
Dec. 9, 2015
State One Acts
Dec. 10, 2015
K-6 Holiday Concert 2:30/7:00
Dec. 12, 2015
ACT Test
Dec. 14, 2015
School Board Meeting-7:00pm
Dec. 21, 2015
Band 6-I2/Vocal 7-12 Holiday Concert 7:30PM
Dec. 23-Jan. 4, 2016
Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
Dec. 23-27, 2015
NSAA Moratorium-gyms closed
Dec. 28-30, 2015
G \& B BB Holiday Tournament @ NE Wesleyan

## Elementary Art Workshop

In November, Art Club hosted their Annual Elementary Art Workshop with 60 enthusiastic kindergarten through fourth grade students.


Sign Language Workshop for Parents of Young Children
The Heartland Preschool Parent Advisory Committee and the Bethesda Preschool Committee are jointly sponsoring an evening workshop for parents of babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Hillary Veerhusen will be the speaker on Monday, January 18 from 7:00-8:00pm. She will be talking about the use of sign language to support and enhance the verbal communication of young children. The snow date will be Monday, January 25.

Hillary is the wife of Coach Greg Veerhusen who teaches 6th grade at Heartland Community Schools. They have three children: Brooklynn is a $2^{\text {nd }}$ grader, Kraten is a preschooler, and C.J. is their new addition just this past September. If they are not at a sporting event or watching a sporting event, they enjoy spending time with family that live in and around the Lincoln area, or relaxing with friends.

Hillary works as a school psychologist for Lincoln Public Schools. This is her second year in Lincoln. Prior to that, she spent a year with Aurora Public Schools as a practicum school psychologist. Hillary has worked as a special education preschool teacher in Aurora, Nebraska and in Page, Arizona for 5 years.

As a preschool teacher, she used sign language on a daily basis with both typically developing students and students with special needs to encourage communication growth and appropriate behavioral requests. She has had training in American Sign Language, and multiple trainings on early sign language for kids. As a school psychologist, she has the opportunity to work with students from birth to age 2I. When working with the families of our younger students, she often talks about how communication and behavior overlap and how sign language can be used to support both.

On January 18, Hillary will be sharing about the different uses of sign language with babies, toddlers and preschoolers. She will also teach the participants some useful basic signs.

The evening will begin at 6:30pm with a time to drop off children for childcare at the Bethesda church. Hillary will be speaking in the Bethesda Church Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:00pm. A time for parent questions will follow, with children being picked up by $8: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ from childcare.

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|  | 7 Steak Fingers <br> Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Breakfast Pizza Fruit \& Milk | 8 Sloppy Joe Fries Slushies Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Pancake \& Sausage on a Stick Fruit \& Milk | 9 Chicken Alfredo <br> Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Cinnamon Roll Fruit \& Milk | 10 Tacos Corn Long John Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Chicken \& Biscuit Fruit \& Milk | 11 Pork Tenderloin <br> Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Waffles Fruit \& Milk | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Pizza <br> Corn <br> Slushies <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br>  <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Blueberry Muffin <br> Fruit \& Milk | 15 Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Sausage and Biscuit Fruit \& Milk | 16 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO French Toast Fruit \& Milk | 17 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Breakfast Burrito Fruit \& Milk |  | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Pancake Day Sausage Links Tri Tater Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Breakfast Pizza Fruit \& Milk |  | 23 <br> NO SCHOOL | 24 <br> NO SCHOOL |  | 26 |
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December 2015

January 2016



The National Honor Society, FFA, and FBLA of Heartland Community Schools will host a food drive at the school. The donations will be distributed to people in our community and the immediate area within our district. No one is required to participate, but the generosity will be appreciated by the families and individuals receiving these gifts. The food drive will start on Monday, December 7, 2015, and will end Monday, December 21, 2015. Food will be delivered on Tuesday afternoon, Dec 22, 2015.

If you know a family that is in need of this gift or if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Nora Ohrt at the school or email her at nohrt@heartlandschools.net

Dec 7: PASTA: spaghetti, lasagna noodles, noodles, macaroni, canned sauces, macaroni and cheese.

## Dec 8: CANNED VEGETABLES

## Dec 9: SOUPAND CRACKERS

Dec 10: BREAKFAST: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, jelly and pop tarts.

Dec if: CLEANING SUPPLIES: Pledge, dishwashing soap, Ajax. Windex, Mr. Clean and sponges.

Dec 14: DESSERT: cake mix, Jell-O, pudding, cookie and bar mixes.

Dec 15: CHRISTMAS FOODS: chocolate chips, pie fillings, nuts, and Christmas candy.

Dec. 16: PROTEIN: tuna, peanut butter, cheese whiz, salmon, and chicken.

Dec. 17: PAPER AND PERSONAL: Soap, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, combs, razors and toothbrushes.

## Dec. 18: CANNED FRUIT

## DEC. 21: APPLES AND ORANGES

Mrs. Steever is interested in finding a very small aquarium that holds water for a baby painted turtle. Thank You.


## A \$500 Fine \& $\mathbf{3}$ points off your Driver's License

STATE LAW:(I) Upon meeting or overtaking, from the front or rear, any school bus on which the yellow warning signal lights are flashing, the driver of a motor vehicle shall reduce the speed of such vehicle to not more than twenty-five miles per hour, shall bring such vehicle to a complete stop when the school bus is stopped, the stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights turned on, the stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights are turned on, and shall remain stopped until the
flashing red signal lights are turned off, the stop signal arm is
 retracted, and the school bus resumes motion. This section shall
not apply to approaching traffic in the opposite direction on a divided highway or to approaching traffic when there is displayed a sign as provided in subsection (8) of this section directing traffic to proceed. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, shall be fined five hundred dollars, and shall be assessed points on his or her motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to section 60-4.182.

## January Upcoming Dates

Jan. 4, 2016
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Professional Development
Jan. 5, 2016
Begin Second Semester
Jan. II, 2016
School Board Meeting 7:00PM
Jan 25, 2016
Geography Bee-5-8th Grade @ 3:30
Jan. 29, 2016
Jr. Hi Vocal Clinic-Concert @ 7:00PM


> Heartland Community Schools Board Of Education, Administration, Faculty And Staff Would Like To Wish You A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!

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