## The Huskies Leader

#### From Brad Best, Superintendent ...

#### Happy holidays to all of you!

It has been a great first half of the school year and the students and faculty continue to amaze me. So many of our students are great at juggling their studies, extra-curricular activities, and family. It is inspiring to see them in action and to see the positive attitudes that they carry each and every day here at school. Their focus, kindness, maturity, and support from parents truly make them a pleasure to associate with day in and day out.

I know that our staff, from teachers to secretaries and from kitchen help to board members love working with parents to shape our youth into outstanding young men and women. This dedication and focus makes Heartland Community Schools a great place to work and raise a family. Thank you for your continued support!

This caring approach combined with our continuing effort to update technology and other areas of the building helps to create an environment in which our students and staff members thrive. If you have not had a chance to see some of the changes around the building, please stop and we would be glad to point them out to you. I would also invite you to check out the 9-week honor roll board that has been mounted in the lunchroom area. We will continue to expand the ways we recognize students for their hard work in the classroom.

Thank you for being partners with us to provide a top-notch education here at Heartland. We wish you a safe, restful, and family-filled holiday season!



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



#### 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 Reach 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 402-723-4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM.





**The** last few months, Heartland National Honor Society has been making efforts to raise money for the restoration of Farmers Valley Cemetery. Donations have surpassed \$6000. On Friday January 24, 2014 they will be hosting a concert, starring Paul Siebert. Paul lives in Lincoln, Nebraska and is often referred to as "the music man" or "an orchestra of one." He has been passionate about music from a very young age and had dreamed of one day being able to pursue a career in performing. This dream eventually became a reality. Paul currently performs over 400 shows per year. His fully acoustic, solo show uses up to as many as eight acoustical instruments and as little electrical support as possible. Paul's song writing abilities and musicianship are bound to have you lost in a world of your own.

**The** concert will be held on Friday, January 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Heartland Community Schools Auditorium. Admission is a free will donation and refreshments will be served following the concert. Paul Siebert is donating his gifts to this event and Henderson State Bank will match the proceeds of this event. Join Heartland NHS in supporting the restoration of Farmer's Valley Cemetery in this living history concert with music that will highlight the years of 1860-1870 when Farmers Valley Cemetery was established.

#### All Conference Volleyball Players



Three volleyball players from Heartland Community Schools were awarded All-Conference honors at the conclusion of the 2013 season. **Haley Huebert**, a sophomore setter, was placed onto All-Conference Second Team; **Leah Friesen**, a senior outside hitter, and **Allison Braun**, a senior middle blocker, both received All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Haley Huebert led the Huskies' 6-2 offense with 256 assists. Huebert also racked up 35 aces throughout the season. Leah Friesen was a team captain for the Huskies and served as an allaround player for the team. Leah Friesen had 32 aces, 92 kills, and 267 digs. Allison Braun led the Huskies in blocks, averaging 35 for the season in addition to her 107 kills. The Heartland Huskies, coached by Sarah Ostmeyer and assisted by Clark Ribble, finished the season with a 10-22 record for the Varsity, a 14-3 record for the Junior Varsity, and a 6-2 record for the Reserve team. huskyvolleyball.shutterfly.com

#### Class D-1 District 5 Football 1st and 2nd Team Selections

The following District Honors received were: Colton Siebert-Ist Team Offensive Lineman; Clay Bergen-2nd Team Offensive Lineman; Ty Spickelmier-Ist Team Linebacker; Jordan Heinrichs-Ist Team Quarterback; Tyler Brown-Ist Team Running Back; Cody Kroeker-Ist Team Defensive End; Keshawn Camacho-Ist Team Running Back; and Cole Nickels-Ist Team Tight End.



**Back Row**-Colton Siebert, Clay Bergen, Ty Spickelmier, Jordan Heinrichs, Tyler Brown. **Front Row**-Cody Kroeker, Keshawn Camacho, Cole Nickels

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#### First Quarter High Honor Roll 4.0: Grades 7-12



Row I(L to R): Lydia Quiring, Alessandra Canetta, Allison Braun, Bailey Carr, & Colton Siebert. Row 2: Ethan Hall, Austin Stuhr, Katelyn Janzen, Haley Huebert, McKenna Friesen, Kristine Goertzen, Leslie Braun, Ellie Steingard. Row 3: Emily Goertzen, Brittany Quiring, Isabelle Vanderneck, Krynn Arbuck, Taylor Quiring, Hayes Oswald, Aaron Buller, & Kyle Ott.

Not pictured: Vanessa Hiebner

#### First Quarter Honor Roll 3.25 and above: Grades 7-8



Row I (L to R): Alexa Siebert, Bailey Peters, Sadie Carr, Jaden Regier, Devon Stamp, Connor Boehr, Lane Huebert, & Noah Boyd.

Row 2: Kristan Perez, Alexa Hollow Horn, Emma Fritz, Kristina Rowe, Zachary Dente, Collin Rowe, Jesse Mason, Reid Huebert, Ben Mestl, Luke Schaldecker, & Peyton Ott. Row 3: Jade Hiebner, Kate Bergen, Brooklyn Epp, Katrina Hiebner, Shauna Spencer, Delaney Siebert, Olivia Casper, Carson Amack, Colton Monnier, & Ric Bulin.

Not pictured: Cheyenne Hiebner

#### First Quarter Honor Roll 3.25 and above: Grades 9-12



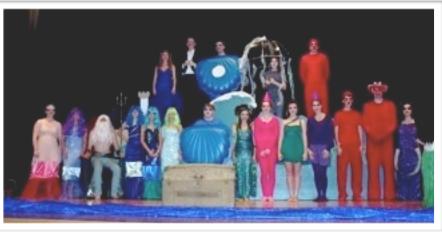
Row I (L to R): Morgan Michel, Kaci Hiebner, Lew Marsolek, Sidney Dick, Megan Boardman, Leah Friesen, Jon Larson, & Brandon Boardman. Row 2: Amber Shade, Lisa Koslowski, Darrian Chase, Olivia Prentice, Megan Friesen, Aubrey DeBraal, Paige Mestl, Tyler Brown, Jordan Heinrichs, & Sheppard Ruybalid Row 3: Alyssa Bienka, Cody Kroeker, Kaeli Lundstrom, Tierney Casper, Gina Grady, Kaitlyn Quiring, Rachelle Allen, & Cole Nickels.

Row 4: Desirae Ness, Camryn Dick, Eve Vanderneck, Rebekah Larson, Bailey Monnier, Trevor Friesen, Jose Romo, & Clay Bergen Row 5: John Johnson, Kori Siebert, Addie Swartzendruber, Bailey Ulmer, Mark Perez, Megan Kroeker, Brooke Weisheit, & Andrew Fhuere Not pictured: Trenton Allen, Elysa Arkulari, Kelli Bergen, Rachel Williams, Owen Wurst



#### **One Act Honors**

Six members of the Heartland One Act cast received outstanding actor/actress awards at Conference Competition at Milford on Monday, Nov. 18. **Tierney Casper, Sidney Hurlbut, Cody Kroeker, Jonathan Larson, Lew Marsolek, and Bailey Monnier** were all recognized for their performance. The One Act troupe will travel to Giltner on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013 for the District competition.





#### ART CLUB HOSTS ELEMENTARY WORKSHOP

The Art Club held their Elementary Art Workshop on November  $14^{th}$  and  $26^{th}$ . This year there were 65 enthusiastic Kindergarten through  $4^{th}$  grade students who constructed trees at the first session. The second session they decorated their trees with plaster.

This month, the high school art classes painted the Husky mural at Henderson Foodmart.





### Counselor

Looking for scholarship and other college planning information? Check out the section of the Heartlandschools.org website called Counselor Corner. New information will be added frequently so check often.

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The Fifth grade class presented the information they learned about our "Fifty Nifty"!

They spent the last few weeks researching different states and presented their information to the public on Friday, November 15.



Pictured here is Lauren Quiring with her display on Hawaii.



The Fifth graders graduated from the DARE program on Monday, November 11, 2013. The ceremony included each student reading their own report on what they learned during their time with officer Gillespie. We were so happy to see all of the family support in attendance that night! Cookies and punch we're enjoyed by everyone after the event. Thanks to the York county sheriffs for their support of this program.



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#### FIRST GRADE

What do shoulder pads, a first grade classroom and a contraction lesson all have in common?

Well, that would be the teachers Mrs. Brisk and Mrs. Steever's team teaching a lesson on contractions!

As Mrs. Brisk entered Mrs. Steever's classroom one Tuesday morning, little did she realize she would be met by Dee Steever trying to squeeze into Jr. High shoulder pads and a homemade 'apostrophe shirt' prior to teaching her first graders about contractions!

Once things were in place and explained, the two teachers went into action. First with a contraction song to the tune of "Mary Had A Little Lamb"! Next came some explanations and rules to help identify the job of an apostrophe. The teachers worked together to assign letters and make sure the students fully understood how two words could be combined into one longer word called a contraction!

Mrs. Brisk and Mrs. Steever also had to demonstrate how the apostrophe substituted or stood in the place of the missing letter(s). Once the concept was understood, it was everybody's dream to get to play the part of the apostrophe, wear the shoulder pads and 'apostrophe shirt' and have the job of bumping letters out!

Since Mrs. Brisk visits many of the other elementary classrooms, she informed Mrs. Crouch, the third grade teacher, about the contraction skits that Mrs. Steever had developed and Mrs. Crouch right away set out to have the first graders share their skits and knowledge of contractions with them. Although the skits were short and sweet it was a way for students to visually and physically represent their understanding of contractions!



**Left to Right**: Thane Wetjen, Zach Miller, Jace Friesen & Carter Siebert.

#### December Upcoming Dates

Dec. 3, 2013

FCS Open House-Dessert Bar(Invite Only) 12:30

Dec 4, 2013

FFA Leadership Skills Events @ Aurora

District One Acts

Dec 9-20, 2013

**NHS Food Drive** 

School Board Meeting 7:00PM

FFA Caroling for Cans 7:00PM

Dec 11, 2013

Class D State One Acts

JH FCS parent-grandparent Holiday Open House 3:00PM

Dec. 12, 2013

K-6 Holiday Concert 2:30/7:00

Dec. 14, 2013

**ACT Test** 

Dec 19, 2013

6-12 Instrumental/7-12 Vocal Holiday Concert 7:30PM

Dec 23-Jan 3, 2013

Winter Break-No School

Dec 22-26, 2013

NSAA Moratorium-gyms closed

Dec. 27-28, 2013

G & B BB Holiday Tournament 3:00PM



Both the high school and junior high FCS classes will host holiday open houses for invited guests before the Christmas break. The junior high will display cartoon pillows, and the high school will have a dessert bar.



#### **High School Open House**



#### **Culinary Foods Making Pies**



Lisa Koslowski, Solomon Doxtator-Morenberg, Alycia Mason & Desirae Ness

#### FCS Cloth Holiday Pumpkins



**Left to Right:** Destiny Bloxton, Elora Towne, Amber Shade, Aly Debusk & Sarah Norton



#### K-6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

There will be an elementary choral concert on Thursday, December 12, 2013. They will be performing at 2:30 and 7:00PM in the theater.

Come and enjoy the special Christmas Music.

#### 6-12th Grade Christmas Concert & Social

There will be a 6-12th Instrumental /7-12 Vocal Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 followed by a cookie social in the cafeteria. The social is sponsored by the band parents. Junior high band, senior high band and the senior high choir members are asked to bring 1 1/2 dozen cookies per family to the kitchen before the concert.



Sat	7	14	21	28	**Menu subject to change
Fri	6 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	13 Spaghetti Corn Dinner Rolls Fruit & Veggie Bar	20 Pancake's Sausage Links Fruit & Veggie Bar	27 NO SCHOOL	
Thu	5 Ham & Noodles Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	12 Chicken Fajitas Green Beans Coffee Cake Fruit & Veggie Bar	19 Turkey Dinner Stuffing OR Roll Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	26 NO SCHOOL	
Wed	4 Tater Tot Casserole French Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar	11 Pizza Slushies Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	18 Chili Cinnamon Rolls Saltines Fruit & Yeggie Bar		
Lue	3 Chicken Tenders M. P./ Gravy Dinner Rolls Fruit & Veggie Bar	10 Sloppy Joe Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	17 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	24 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL
Mon	2 Salisbury Steak M.P./Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	9 Chicken Noodle Soup Cinnamon Rolls Saltines Fruit & Veggie Bar	16 Enchiladas Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	23 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL
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Thu	2 NO SCHOOL	9 Spaghetti Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	16 Max Cheese Sticks Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	23 BBQ Meatballs Rice Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	30 Baked Potato Bar Chicken Strips Cornbread Fruit & Veggie Bar
Wed	1 NO SCHOOL	8 Cold Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	15 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	22 Pizza A	29 Chicken Noodle Soup Cinnamon Rolls Saltines Fruit & Veggie Bar
Tue	·	7 Pig in the Blanket Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	14 Tacos Green Beans White Cake Fruit & Veggie Bar	21Corndog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	28 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar
Mon	**	6 Clucken Nuggets M.P./ Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	13 Tater Tot Casserole French Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar	20 Lasagna Peas Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	27 Chicken Fajita Corn Mini Donut Fruit & Veggie Bar
Sun		5	12	19 ****	26

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Saturday	9:30 AM JH G BB -York St. Joe (H)	14 ACT Test Date	■ 9:00 AM JH G BB @ Cross County ■ 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Hamp- ton 4:30/6:15/8:00	21		28 	Tournament-Doniphan	Turnbury McCool Junction/ Sterling-3:00/4:45/6:15/8: 00	7	
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Thursday	5 = 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Mal- colm 4:30/6:15/8:00	12	= 7:00 PM K-6 Holiday Con- cert 2:30/7:00	19	■ 7:30 PM 7-12 Vocal/6-12 Band Holiday Concert	26			2	
Wednesday	4 = 9:30 AM FFA-Leadership Skills Events = 5:00 PM Hospital Auxillary Noodle Soup Supper	11	Class D State One Acts  = 3:00 PM FCS Jr. High Parents/Grandparents Holiday Open House	18	Holiday Haramber Singers	25		Holiday Haramber Singers Christmas		
Tuesday	District One Acts  12:30 PM FCS Open House-Dessert Bar (Invitation Only)  5:00 PM Spirit of Christmas	10	= 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Harvard 4:30/5:15/6:15/8:00	17	■6:15 PM G BB- Shelby (H) 6:15/8:00	24		Holiday Haramber Singers	31	
Monday	Z-4:00 PM JH G BB @ Sandy Creek	9 NHS Food Drive	= 7:45 AM NHS Recycling = 12:00 PM NHS Meeting = 4:00 PM JH G B @ Sutton = 7:00 PM JH Caroling for Cans	16 NHS Food Drive	= 5:00 PM JH G BB @ Fuller-ton	23	Winter Break-No School		30	Winter Break–No School
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Friday	No School–TDevelopment	10	71	24 Findraiser for Farmers Valley	31 = 12:00 PM Jr. Hi Vocal Festi- val- Concert @ 7:00
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Monday	Winter Break-No School	Begin Second Semester	13 = 7:45 AM NHS Recycling = 12:00 PM NHS Meeting = 7:00 PM FFA/FBLA Meeting = 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	20 Creek	27
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#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOOD DRIVE

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 9, 2013, and will end Friday, December 20, 2013. Food will be delivered on Friday afternoon, Dec 20, 2013. Please help in this cause.

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 @ nohrt@heartlandschools.net

**Dec 9: PASTA:** spaghetti, lasagna noodles, noodles, macaroni, canned sauces, macaroni and cheese.

Dec 10: CANNED FOODS: vegetables & fruit

Dec 11: SOUP AND CRACKERS

**Dec 12: BREAKFAST**: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, jelly and pop tarts.

**Dec 13: CLEANING SUPPLIES**: Pledge, dishwashing soap, Ajax. Windex, Mr. Clean and sponges.

**Dec 16: DESSERT**: cake mix, Jell-O, pudding, cookie and bar mixes.

**Dec 17: CHRISTMAS FOODS:** chocolate chips, pie fillings, nuts, and Christmas candy.

**Dec. 18: PROTEIN:** tuna, peanut butter, cheese whiz, salmon, and chicken.

**Dec. 19: PAPER AND PERSONAL**: Soap, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, combs, razors and toothbrushes.

Dec. 20: APPLES AND ORANGES

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Mennonite Brethren Church and Bethesda Mennonite Church for their part in supplying back packs full of food that are distributed each week to families in the Heartland District. Thank you for your weekly contributions. They are greatly appreciated.



#### HEARTLAND HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

DECEMBER 27 AND 28, 2013

GAME TIMES: 3:00/3:45/6:15/8:00

ADMISSION: ADULTS-\$4.00

K-12 STUDENTS-\$4.00

TEAMS PARTICIPATING:

DONIPHAN-TRUMBULL/MCCOOL/ STERLING/HEARTLAND



#### Just A Reminder

All offices will be closed on Dec. 24-26, 2013 & Jan 1, 2014.



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

**STATE LAW:(1)** 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 <u>60-4.182</u>.** 

#### **January Upcoming Dates**

Jan. 3, 2013

Teacher Professional Development

**NO SCHOOL** 

Jan. 6, 2013

**Begin Second Semester** 

Jan. 13, 2013

School Board Meeting 7:00PM

Jan 24, 2013

NHS Concert-Fundraiser for Farmers Valley @ 7:00PM

Jan. 31, 2013

Jr. Hi Vocal Festival-Concert @ 7:00PM

#### **COMING SOON!**

The Annual Report to Patrons is currently being updated. When it is completed it will be posted to our webpage for you to review. Watch the webpage for updates!

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