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## 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 402-723-442I. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around ro:ooPM. 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 AllConference 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-ı District 5 Football ist and 2nd Team Selections

The following District Honors received were: Colton Siebert- ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Team Offensive Lineman; Clay Bergen- $2^{\text {nd }}$ Team Offensive Lineman; Ty Spickelmier - $\mathrm{I}^{\text {st }}$ Team Linebacker; Jordan Heinrichs- ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Team Quarterback; Tyler Brown- ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Team Running Back; Cody Kroeker- $I^{\text {st }}$ Team Defensive End; Keshawn Camacho- ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Team Running Back; and Cole Nickels- ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Team Tight End.


Back Row-Colton Siebert, Clay Bergen, Ty Spickelmier, fordan 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 (L to R): Lydia Quiring, Alessandra Canetta, Allison Braun, Bailey Carr, \& Colton Siebert. Row 2: Ethan Hall, Austin Stuhr, Katelyn fanzen, Haley Huebert, McKenna Friesen, Kristine Goertzen, Leslie Braun, Ellie Steingard. Row 3: Emily Goertzen, Brittany 2uiring, Isabelle Vanderneck, Krynn Arbuck, Taylor 2uiring, Hayes Oswald, Aaron Buller, \& Kyle Ott.
Not pictured: Vanessa Hiebner

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



Row (L to R): Alexa Siebert, Bailey Peters, Sadie Carr, Faden Regier, Devon Stamp, Connor Boehr, Lane Huebert, \& Noab Boyd. Row 2: Kristan Perez, Alexa Hollow Horn, Emma Fritz, Kristina Rowe, Zachary Dente, Collin Rowe, Fesse Mason, Reid Huebert, Ben Mestl, Luke Schaldecker, \& Peyton Ott. Row 3: Fade 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 $\boldsymbol{I}$ (L to R): Morgan Michel, Kaci Hiebner, Lew Marsolek, Sidney Dick, Megan Boardman, Leab Friesen, fon Larson, © Brandon Boardman. Row 2: Amber Shade, Lisa Koslowski, Darrian Cbase, Olivia Prentice, Megan Friesen, Aubrey DeBraal, Paige Mestl, Tyler Brown, Fordan Heinricbs, wూ Sheppard Ruybalid Row 3: Alyssa Bienka, Cody Kroeker, Kaeli Lundstrom, Tierney Casper, Gina Grady, Kaitlyn Quiring, Rachelle Allen, b Cole Nickels.
Row 4: Desirae Ness, Camryn Dick, Eve Vanderneck, Rebekah Larson, Bailey Monnier, Trevor Friesen, Jose Romo, d Clay Bergen
Row 5: 7obn Yobnson, Kori Siebert, Addie Swartzendruber, Bailey Ulmer, Mark Perez, Megan Kroeker, Brooke Weisheit, \& Andrew Fbuere Not pictured: Trenton Allen, Elysa Arkulari, Kelli Bergen, Rachel Williams, Owen Wurst



The Art Club held their Elementary Art Workshop on November $14^{\text {th }}$ and $26^{\text {th }}$. This year there were 65 enthusiastic Kindergarten through $4^{\text {th }}$ 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.


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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.


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 ir, 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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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, Face Friesen ơ 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 II, 2013
Class D State One Acts
JH FCS parent-grandparent Holiday Open House 3:00PM
Dec. I2, 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


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

There will be a 6-ı2th Instrumental $/ 7$-ı2 Vocal Christmas Concert on Thursday, December i9 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 I $1 / 2$ dozen cookies per family to the kitchen before the concert.

High School Open House


Culinary Foods Making Pies


Lisa Koslowski, Solomon Doxtator-Morenberg, Alycia Mason dூDesirae Ness

## FCS Cloth Holiday Pumpkins



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




| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  |  |  | 1 NO SCHOOL | $2$ <br> NO SCHOOL | $3$ <br> NO SCHOOL | $4$ |
| $5$ | 6 Chicken Nuggets <br> M.P./ Gravy <br> Dinner Roll <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 7 Pig in the Blanket Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 8 Cold Sandwich Fries Fruit © Veggie Bar 4. | 9 Spaghetti Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit E Veggie Bar | 10 Taco Salad <br> Coffee Cake <br> Corn <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Tater Tot Casserole French Bread Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 14 Tacos <br> Green Beans <br> White Cake <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 15 Grilled Chicken <br> Sandwich <br> Fries <br> Fruit $\mathcal{E}$ Veggie Bar | 16 Max Cheese Sticks <br> Peas <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 17 Chili <br> Cinnamon Rolls <br> Saltines <br> Fruit E Veggic Bar | $18$ |
| $19$ | 20 Lasagna <br> Peas <br> Dinner Roll <br> Fruit $\mathcal{E}$ Veggie Bar | 21Corndog <br> Baked Beans <br> Steamed Broccoli Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 22 Pizza <br> Slushies <br> Corn <br> Fruit $\mathcal{E}$ Veggie Bar | 23 BBQ Meatballs <br> Rice <br> Green Beans <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 24 Sloppy Joes Fries Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 25 |
| $26$ | 27 Chicken Fajita <br> Corn <br> Mini Donut <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 28 Teriyaki Chicken <br> Rice <br> Steamed Broccoli <br> Fruit $\mathcal{E}$ Veggie Bar | 29 Chicken Noodle Soup <br> Cinnamon Rolls Saltines <br> Fruit $\mathcal{E}$ Veggie Bar | 30 Baked Potato Bar <br> Chicken Strips <br> Cornbread <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | 31 BBQ Pork Sandwich <br> Fries <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar | **Menu subject to change** |

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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 1o: CANNED FOODS: vegetables \& fruit

## Dec II: SOUPAND 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 THANKYOU

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 BASKETBALLTOURNAMENT

> 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 I, 2014.

## 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. 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. HiVocal 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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