

The Huskies Leader

From Brad Best, Superintendent ...

The holiday season is upon us, serving for me as a reminder how quickly the school year is moving. It has been a great start to the school year and I am so appreciative of the dedication of our staff and the support we receive from the community in doing the right work for our students.

One of the things that I will share with you in the next month are the student achievement results on our state testing from last spring along with other data. You can access this information on our school website, but I will add it to the newsletter in the future, as well. We want to be transparent about the work that we do and our successes and challenges. We want to share with you what we are celebrating and what we are doing to improve those areas that we have identified as needing attention.

I would also remind you that we are expanding our online presence through the school website at: <http://www.heartlandschools.org>. If you have internet access, you will find that we are sharing information for parents, students, and the community in general. You can also access our school board agendas, minutes, and this newsletter in full color.

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

This month the high school art classes painted the Husky mural on the wall in the cafeteria. Thank you!



From L to R: Ms. Renz, Sara Brune, Sam Boardman, Lew Marsolek, Ty Spickelmier, Deit Driewer. Not Pictured: Janelle Huebert

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather requires 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 have implemented an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. More information about School Reach is later in this newsletter.

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.



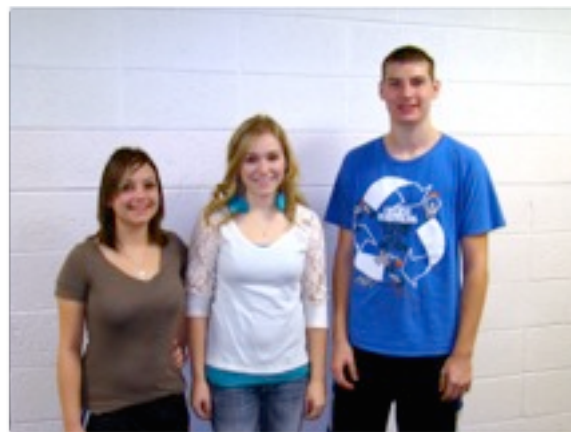
EMILY OTT 2013 BELIEVER AND ACHIEVER

HCS senior Emily Ott has been selected as a 2013 Believer and Achiever by the Nebraska School Activities Association and US Bank. This is a statewide program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders. Students who show a commitment to good citizenship and involvement in school and community projects are honored in the Believers & Achievers program. High schools are asked to nominate individuals to be honored. From those nominees submitted, U.S. Bank and the NSAA will select and honor 48 high school seniors throughout the 2012-13 academic year. The pictures and profiles of six Believers & Achievers will be featured monthly in the NSAA Bulletin and on posters provided to Nebraska high schools. Seniors to be, who have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75 (on an unweighted 4.0 scale) and participate in NSAA sponsored activities are eligible for nomination. Congratulations Emily!



Three Students Recognized As Southern Nebraska Conference Outstanding Performers In The One Act Play

- Three Heartland students were recognized as 2012 Southern Nebraska Conference Outstanding Performers in Be Careful What You Wish For... on November 12th at Sandy Creek. Lew Marsolek and Ashley Quiring were recognized for their performances as Wish Givers. Lew plays the role of Mitsuko and Ashley plays the role of Angelique. Cody Kroeker



Left to Right: Lew Marsolek, Ashley Quiring, & Cody Kroeker

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Nebraska Association of School Boards Honors Awards of Achievement Recipients



(Pictured left to right: Paul Brune, Board Member, Heartland Community Schools, Brian Holcomb, President, NASB Board of Directors)

Lincoln, NE—The Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB), board of directors and staff, honored the 2012 Awards of Achievement recipient of Heartland Community Schools during the September 5 Region Meeting held at Centennial High School in Utica.

The Awards of Achievement program is designed to recognize the time and commitment made by board members in continuing their education and involvement. School board members are awarded points for participation in local, state and national activities which enhance effective board service. NASB Executive Director, John Spatz, stated, “We commend local school board members for their volunteer time and effort in serving Nebraska’s public schools. We are very proud we have so many Nebraska school board members with the passion to do their job so well.”

Through the Awards of Achievement program the following board member was recognized for his outstanding achievement:

Level V

NASB is a private, nonprofit organization that serves the needs of Nebraska public school districts and Educational Service Unit board members. Members from across the state may participate in board development training by attending workshops and conferences to help strengthen their role in governance, legislative advocacy, and stewardship of district resources in support of student achievement.

All Conference Volleyball Players



Left to Right: Sara Brune, Mikaelyn Dick, & Haley Huebert. Not pictured: Ashton Kroeker

Congratulations to the following volleyball players for being selected for the 2012 Southern Nebraska All-Conference volleyball teams. First team honors included Sara Brune and Mikaelyn Dick. Second team honors went to Ashton Kroeker. Haley Huebert received an honorable mention.

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



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**Coin\$ for the Coa\$t**

In an effort to raise money for those adversely affected by Hurricane Sandy, the psychology class at Heartland Community Schools came up with a fundraiser for this cause and called it "Coin\$ for the Coa\$t". The idea was for all students to donate their coins, cash, etc. in order to raise monies to donate to the American Red Cross so that organization could help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. The students from the psychology class made presentations to each class so they would understand what the fundraiser entailed. One part of the presentations included monetary goals and what students could expect at each monetary level if those goals were met. The ultimate goal was that our principal, Mr. Carr, would be caught up in the center of a student-made artificial hurricane if the students could raise at least \$500.00. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!! and then some! Overall, in a 10 day period, Heartland Community School students opened their hearts and wallets, piggy banks and pockets, and donated a total of \$900.37!!! Needless to say, Mr. Carr got very wet!!!!

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Several students got the pleasure of drenching Mr. Carr with the fire hose. Thanks Mr. Carr!

7-12 Christmas Concert & Social

There will be a 7-12 Band/Vocal Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 18 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 to the kitchen before the concert.

Upcoming Dates**Dec 10-21, 2012**

NHS Food Drive

Dec 5, 2012

FFA Leadership Skills @ Aurora

Dec 6, 2012

State One Act

HS Foods Class Open House-12:00PM

Dec 10, 2012

School Board Meeting 7:00PM

Dec 12, 2012JH FCS parent-grandparent open house
3:00PM**Dec 18, 2012**7-12 Band/Vocal Christmas Concert
7:30PM**Dec 21, 2012**

Dismiss @ 1:30PM

Dec 22-Jan 8, 2012

Christmas Vacation

Dec 22-26, 2012

NSAA Moratorium-gyms closed

Christmas Music

Elementary News

“Ever wished you could bring the real world to virtual life?” This is the tag line for the new app we learned about at TIG. TIG (Technology Integration Group) is an opportunity offered by ESU 6 to allow teachers time and resources for technology improvement in their classrooms. It is also supported by the cooperating school district from which teachers are attending. Each teacher is required to set goals based on the technology introduced at the meetings.



Aurasma is an application that was introduced at our November meeting. It is a way for your device (smart phone, iPad, iPod) to connect a video, song, or 3-D animation to a picture.

Mrs. Maltsberger, the 5th grade teacher, is using it in her classroom this month with their book reports. The students are all reading an historical fiction book this month. When they have finished their book, they are to write a short summary and why they like it (or why someone else might like it). Next, they video record themselves reading their summary, and we can attach their video to the picture of their book.

Is your head spinning yet? Wait until you see it live! We will be showcasing them in the elementary library beginning in December.

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Dec 13, 2012

K-6 Christmas Concert-Theater @ 2:30/7:00PM

Dec 21, 2012

Dismiss @ 1:30PM

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Christmas Vacation

ART CLUB HOSTS ELEMENTARY WORKSHOP

Art Club held the first session of the Elementary Art Workshop on November 15th. This year there were a large number of 70 enthusiastic Kindergarten through 4th grade students who constructed clay snowflakes at the first session. The second session will be Tuesday, November 27th and they will be painting and decorating their snowflakes.



K-6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

There will be an elementary choral concert on Thursday, December 13, 2012. They will be performing at 2:30 and 7:00PM in the theater.

Come and enjoy the special Christmas Music.



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FBLA MEMBERS HONORED AT COMMISSIONER'S RECOGNITION

The Nebraska Department of Education hosted the Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education on November 19 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. Governor Dave Heineman and Commissioner of Education Dr. Roger Breed presented the awards to the national winners in each of Nebraska's career student organizations.

Ashley Quiring, a senior, received an award for placing first in the nation in Accounting II. This event is composed of two parts: an objective test and an application test. The objective test consists of accounting principles and practices for sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations and included questions on financial statements, corporate accounting, ratios and analysis, accounts receivable and payable, budgeting and cash flow, cost accounting and manufacturing, purchases and sales, journalizing, income tax, payroll, inventory, plant assets and depreciation, departmentalizing accounting, ethics and partnerships. The application test consists of preparing problems for financial statements, bank reconciliation, payroll, trial balance, journalizing, inventory, depreciation and adjusting and closing entries.

Kaitlyn Quiring, a sophomore, received an award for placing first in the nation in Word Processing I. This event is composed of two parts: an objective test and a production test. The objective test consists of keyboarding application knowledge, document formatting rules and standards, basic keyboarding terms and concepts, grammar, punctuation, spelling and proofreading. The production test is 60 minutes. It consists of basic keyboard knowledge and the production of letters, memorandums, reports, tables, resumes and material from rough draft and an un-arranged copy.

A reception at the Governor's Mansion followed the Awards Ceremony. Also attending the ceremony were Lonnie Quiring, Brad Best, Tim Carr and Kristy Most.



Left to Right: Governor Dave Heineman, Ashley Quiring, Kaitlyn Quiring, and Dr. Roger Breed

FFA/FBLA THANKSGIVING DINNER

The FFA and FBLA student organizations celebrated Thanksgiving together on Monday, November 19. This first annual potluck dinner was designed to bring the two organizations together. At the meal, members from FFA and FBLA mixed things up and sat by members of the opposite organization. All members thoroughly enjoyed the chance to combine the two organizations for one cooperative meal. Both FFA and FBLA hope that this meal



FFA & FBLA members enjoying their delicious Thanksgiving Dinner.

FFA MEMBERS POURING CEMENT FOR THE NEW SIDEWALK

To combat the foot traffic, the 2012 agriculture education students planned for, moved dirt, and poured a sidewalk in front of the shop during the month of November. The goal of this project was to give them a hands on application of landscaping and concrete work. Be sure to keep your eyes open for future landscaping developments in front of the shop.



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 10, 2012, and will end Friday, December 21, 2012. Food will be delivered on Friday afternoon, Dec 21, 2012. 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 10: PASTA: spaghetti, lasagna noodles, noodles, macaroni, canned sauces, macaroni and cheese.

Dec 11: CANNED FOODS: vegetables & fruit

Dec 12: SOUP AND CRACKERS

Dec 13: BREAKFAST: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, jelly and pop tarts.

Dec 14: CLEANING SUPPLIES: Pledge, dishwashing soap, Ajax, Windex, Mr. Clean and sponges.

Dec 17: DESSERT: cake mix, Jell-O, pudding, cookie and bar mixes.

Dec 18: CHRISTMAS FOODS: chocolate chips, pie fillings, nuts, and Christmas candy.

Dec. 19: PROTEIN: tuna, peanut butter, cheese whiz, salmon, and chicken.

Dec. 20: PAPER AND PERSONAL: Soap, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, combs, razors and toothbrush.

Dec. 21: APPLES AND ORANGES

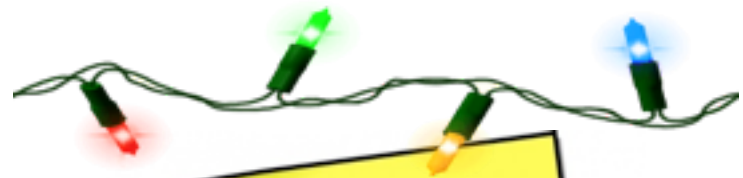
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FFA

The Heartland FFA has been busy preparing for the district Leadership Skills Event that will be held on December 5 in Aurora. There will be twenty-two members participating. On December 8th, the FFA Chapter will donate their time to serve concessions and also have a cake raffle at the basketball game. The chapter is also looking forward to hosting the first ever welding contest, to be held in February. We invite all current and past FFA members to compete, no matter the age. Look for more information about this competition to come out in the near future.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Mennonite Brethren Church, Bethesda Church and the Faith Evangelical Bible 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.



JUST A REMINDER

All offices will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan 1, 2013. We will reopen on Jan 2, 2013.

FCS HELD A SPECIAL TASTING MENU

The Family and Consumer Science class held a tasting menu for guests recently. As part of learning about individual heritage backgrounds, Nya Chuol, Silvina Cruz, and Brianna Heck researched and prepared dishes from their Native American and African American recipes. Three Sisters soup, fry bread, Doro Wat, and Mexican ice cream were served as each told a bit of history of each dish.



Brianna Heck explaining their Native American and African American dishes for their special guests.



Nya Chuol and Silvina Cruz preparing their special foods.

The FCS and Culinary Foods classes will host holiday open houses for the staff, family, and friends before the Christmas break.

MEGAN KROEKER CHOSEN FOR ALL-STATE BAND

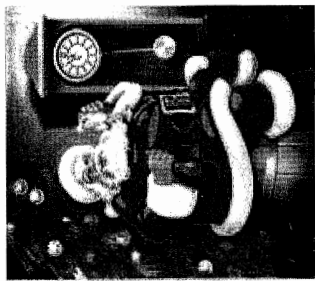
The NSBA 8th Grade All State Band is the premier event for the states top 8th grade band students in the state of Nebraska. It will take place on January 19, 2013 at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. The Conductor will be Michael Sweeney, the Director of Band Publications for the Hal Leonard Corporation. Megan will be playing the flute and is one of the 8 flutists chosen from the entire state of Nebraska to perform.



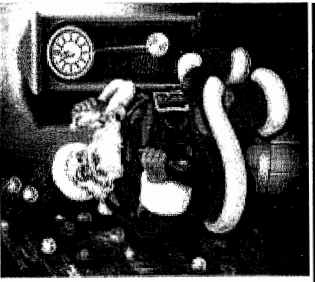
SOUP FROM A STONE? FANCY THAT!





The second grade classrooms are finishing up a unit on nutrition and the human body. To culminate this unit, students listened to several versions of the classic tale Stone Soup. This story teaches a lesson to share what you have with others. Then the students made their own stone soup. They peeled and sliced many different vegetables and then dropped them into the pot. Aromas filled our rooms all day and the end result was a tasty bowl of soup. The stone of course was saved for another pot of soup next year.





December 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 BBQ Meatballs Cornbread Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	4 Chicken Strips M.P./ Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	5 French Toast Sticks Sausage/Egg P. Potato Wedge Fruit & Veggie Bar	6 Fajita's Long John Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	7 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar	8
9	10 Grilled Chicken S. Au Gratin Potatoes Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	11 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	12 Corn dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	13 Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	14 Cook's Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar	15
16	17 Philly Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	18 Tacos Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	19 Pancake's Sausage Links Fruit & Veggie Bar	20 Spaghetfi Garlic Bread Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	21 Hamburger Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	22
23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29
	NO SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
30	31					
	NO SCHOOL					

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 4:00 PM JH G BB @ H vs Sandy Creek 6:00 PM Pre Season B & C BB Jamboree with York @ H	27 3:30 PM Art Club Elementary Workshop	28 District One Acts @ Harvard	29 4:30 PM Science Club Cake Raffle 4:30 PM G & B BB Malcolm @ H 4:30/6:	30 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Wilbur-Clatonia	1 Huskie Hoops 9:30 AM JH Girls BB vs St Joe @ York
2	3 4:00 PM JH G BB @ Sutton	4 4:30 PM G & B BB vs Harvard @ H	5 8:00 AM FFA Leadership Skills @ Aurora 5:00 PM Hospital Auxiliary Soup Supper @ school cafeteria	6 5:00 PM Spirit of Christmas Around Town	7 4:00 PM G & B BB @ Exeter-Milligan 4:00/6:15/8:00	8 Huskie Hoops ACT Test 9:00 AM JH G BB vs Cross Co. @ H 4:30 PM FFA Cake Raffle 4:30 PM G & B BB vs Hampton @ H 4:30/6:15/8:00
9	10 NHS Food Drive 5:00 PM JH G BB vs Fullerton @ H 7:00 PM School Board Mtg.	11 6:15 PM G BB @ Shelby 6:15/8:00	12 8:00 AM FFA Leadership Skills Snowdate 10:30 AM Holiday Harmonies Chamber Singers & Brass Choir-Hastings 3:00 PM JH FCS parent-grandparent open house	13 7:00 PM K-6 Christmas Concert 2:30/7:00	14 4:30 PM G & B BB @ Thayer Central 4:30/6:15/8:00	15 Huskie Hoops
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23	24 Offices Closed NO SCHOOL	25	26	27 3:00 PM Holiday BB Tourney	28 End of 1st Semester End of 2nd 9wks 1:30 PM Dismissal-Christmas Vacation	29
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The Fundamentals Of Sportsmanship

One thing needs to be remembered -- many people have not had *Good Sportsmanship* explained to them. Hopefully, the following will help everyone to understand their responsibilities at an athletic contest.

1. Gain an Understanding and Appreciation for the Rules of the Contest.

The necessity to be well informed is essential. Know the rules. If you are uninformed, refrain from expressing opinions on officials, coaches, or administrative decisions. The spirit of *Good Sportsmanship* depends on conformance to a rule's intent as well as to the letter of a given rule.

2. Exercise Representative Behavior at All Times.

A prerequisite to *Good Sportsmanship* requires one to understand his/her own prejudices that may become factors in his/her behavior. The true value of interscholastic competition relies upon everyone exhibiting behavior that is representative of a sound value base. A proper perspective must be maintained if the educational values are to be realized. Your behavior influences others whether you are aware of it or not.

3. Recognize and Appreciate Skilled Performances Regardless of Affiliation.

Applause for an opponent's good performance displays generosity and is a courtesy that should be regularly practiced. This not only represents *Good Sportsmanship*, but also reflects a true awareness of the game by recognizing and acknowledging quality.

4. Exhibit Respect for the Officials.

The officials of any contest are impartial arbitrators who are trained and who perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved in the contests are a part of the game. We should not rationalize our own poor or unsuccessful performance or behavior by placing responsibility on an official. The rule of *Good Sportsmanship* is to accept and abide by the decision made. This value is critical for students to learn for later applications in life.

5. Display Openly a Respect for the Opponent at All Times.

Opponents are guests and should be treated cordially, provided with the best accommodations, and accorded tolerance at all times. Be a positive representative for your school, team, or family. This fundamental is the Golden Rule in action.

6. Display Pride in Your Actions at Every Opportunity.

Never allow your ego to interfere with good judgment and your responsibility as a school representative. Regardless of whether you are an adult, student, athlete, coach, or official, this value is paramount since it suggests that you care about yourself and how others perceive you.

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 60-4.182.**



January Reminders

Jan. 7-2012

Teacher Inservice

Jan 8, 2012

Begin 2nd Semester

Jan 14, 2012

School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

Jan 17, 2012

PTO Meeting 6:30PM

Jan 23, 2012

Teacher Inservice- 2 hour late start

Jan 25, 2012

Jr Hi Vocal Clinic



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