## From Brad Best, Superintendent...

## To our parents and supporters,

As another school year comes to a close, please accept our sincere appreciation for your continued support for our students and staff. We are lucky to have this opportunity and are thankful for another successful year at Heartland.

Heartland Evaluated as One of the Best
We are required to be accredited by the State of Nebraska and the most comprehensive of these processes is called AdvancED. They are the global leader in providing continuous improvement and accreditation services to over 32,000 institutions serving 20 million students worldwide. Their goals are to:

- Build capacity of the system and its schools to increase and sustain student learning
- Stimulate and improve effectiveness and efficiency throughout the system

They use a diagnostic process to guide continuous improvement with a focus on:

- The impact of teaching and learning
- The capacity of leadership
- Our use of resources

In the area of Teaching and Learning, the External Review Team examined:

- Student performance results
- Instructional quality
- Learner and family engagement
- Support services for student learning
- Curriculum quality and efficacy
- College and career readiness data

From this two-day visitation and evaluation, improvement priorities, opportunities for improvement, and powerful practices were identified. One of the areas that they would like us to focus upon over the next several years is to involve all stakeholders in an focus on effectiveness of instruction and student academic success. This fits well into our current school improvement plan as we are already looking to build an instructional model based on research and a teacher evaluation tool that holds us all accountable for student learning.

The external team also identified areas in which our school district is doing well. They recognized how involved and supportive our community is with the school. They also identified the robust and varied courses and activities offered to students in a district our size.

## Upcoming Dates

May 2-6, 2016
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 3, 2016
Awards Night @ 7:00pm
May 8, 2016
Commencement @ 2:30
May 9, 2016
School Board Meeting-8:00PM
May II, 2016
District Track Meet @ Sandy Creek
May 16, 2016
Golf Districts @ Fremont
May 19, 2016
Last Day of School
Dismiss @ II:30AM
May 20, 2016
Teacher Professional Development
May 20-2I, 2016
State Track Meet @ Omaha
May 24, 2016
State Golf Meet @ North Platte
May 25-27, 2016
Music Trip

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> 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 National Honor Society Banquet

Heartland inducted fourteen new members at the annual Heartland National Honor Society Banquet on April II ${ }^{\text {th }}$. Ten senior members were congratulated for their leadership in National Honor Society. Next, the outgoing officers handed their leadership roles over to the new officers that were selected prior to the banquet. The banquet concluded with Junior members presentation of a game show skit highlighting the high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character that National Honor Society students strive to uphold.

Outgoing Officers: President: Bailey Monnier; Vice President: Eve Vanderneck; Secretary: Haley Huebert; Treasurer: Clay Bergen; Publicity: Owen Wurst; Committee Representative: Leslie Braun.

2016-2017 Officers: President Ethan Hall; Vice President Leslie Braun; Secretary/ Committee Representative: Ellie Steingard; Treasurer: Isabelle Vanderneck; Publicity: Kori Siebert and Brittany Quiring.


New Members: Front Row; L to R: Bailey Peters, Cheyenne Hiebner, Sadie Carr, Karah Joyner, Isabelle Vanderneck \& Brittany Quiring, Back Row; L to R: Hayes Oswald, Taylor Quiring, Krynn Arbuck, faden Regier, Lane Huebert, Aaron Buller, Kyle Ott bo Connor Peters.


Junior Members: Front Row; L to R: Kristine Goertzen, Brooke Weisheit, Kori Siebert, Addie Swartzendruber \& Bailey Ulmer. Back Row, L to R: Ellie Steingard, Megan Kroeker, Etban Hall, Mark Perez, Austin Stubr © Leslie Braun.


Bailey Monnier leads new members in a pledge to uphold the NHS values of scholarship, leadership and character.


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## HEARTLAND FBLA ATTENDS STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Three state champions, one state runner up, and five $3^{\text {rd }}$ places equals ten FBLA members qualifying for Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia, this summer. Congratulations to all members for a successful State FBLA conference. The winners are as follows:
${ }^{\text {st }}$ place: Rebekah Larson - Job Interview; Leslie Braun - Business Law; Leslie Braun, Ellie Steingard and Brooke Weisheit - Sports and Entertainment Management.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ place: Brittany Quiring - Word Processing
$3^{\text {rd }}$ place: Eve Vanderneck - Business Communications and Job Interview; Ethan Hall, Haley Huebert and Owen Wurst - Entrepreneurship; Ethan Hall, Haley Huebert and Owen Wurst - Management; Decision Making; Kristine Goertzen - Word Processing
$4^{\text {th }}$ place: Leslie Braun - Computer Applications; Leslie Braun, Ellie Steingard and Brooke Weisheit - Website Design; Camryn Dick, Rebekah Larson and Owen Wurst -E-Business
$6^{\text {th }}$ place: McKenna Friesen, Haley Huebert and Eve Vanderneck - Graphic Design.

Honorable Mention: Aaron Buller - Accounting I, Introduction to Business and Introduction to Business Procedures; Jason Burhoop - Personal Finance; Haley Huebert - Economics; Eve Vanderneck - Health Care Administration.


Front Row; L to R: Colton Monnier, Kate Bergen, Sadie Carr, Bailey Peters, Brooke Weisheit, Leslie Braun, Kristina Rowe, Kristan Perez, Brittany Quiring, Ric Bulin, Carson Amack \& Kodjo Atikpohou, Middle Row; L to R: Aaron Buller, Fose Romo, Ellie Steingard, Bailey Monnier, Destiny Bloxton, McKenna Friesen, Camryn Dick, Haley Huebert, Owen Wurst, Isabelle Vanderneck, Rebekab Larson \& Katelyn fanzen. Back Row; L to R: Jaden Regier, Eve Vanderneck, Fason Burboop, Fule Dane, Brendan Ortiz, Dillon Scheil, Hayes Oswald, Ethan Hall, Mark Perez \& Megan Kroeker.


Front Row: L to R: Brittany Quiring, Brooke Weisheit, Leslie Braun, McKenna Friesen, Camryn Dick, Owen Wurst \& Haley Huebert. Back Row; L to R: Fason Burhoop, Aaron Buller, Ellie Steingard, Eve Vanderneck, Ethan Hall \& Rebekah Larson.


Owen Wurst, Haley Huebert do Ethan Hall.


Ellie Steingard, Leslie Braun \&o Brooke Weisheit.


Rebekab Larson © Eve Vanderneck.


Brittany 2uiring

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## 2016 FFA State Results

The Agriscience team received a white ribbon, with Noah Hiebner receiving an individual blue. (out of IO3 teams and 412 contestants)

The Agronomy team received a white ribbon, with Addie Swartzendruber receiving an individual blue and Matthew Buller receiving an individual white. (out of ino teams and 430 contestants). Connor Peters received an individual red ribbon for OA welding. Vanessa Hiebner and Trevor Friesen received their State FFA Degrees.

The Heartland FFA Chapter received a premier chapter award, meaning that we were chosen as one of the top 15 chapters in the state.


## HEARTLAND SCHOOLS GRADUATION

The Heartland Community Schools Commencement activities will be held on Sunday, May 8, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the north gym.

Congratulations to the 2016 Heartland Graduates!


## New Headphones for Mrs. Ratzlaff's ist Grade Class

Karla Block from Cornerstone Bank talking to the Second Grade Class about saving money.


The 3rd Graders are learning about murals in Reading. With Mr. Ribble, Mrs. Goossen, and Miss Vandenberg, they went to check out the mural about their own town of Henderson.
 Ipads. Thank you Meggan!

We love our new headphones! Last fall Kirby's School of Dance offered grants to her dancers for their schools. Meggan Friesen decided to apply for the grant. Meggan was awarded a \$150.00 grant. It was decided to purchase io new sets of headphones for our


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## $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Students Honored for Essays <br> Theme of "Mother" inspires writers

Merrick Maltsberger, a $5^{\text {th }}$ grader from Heartland, wrote what he loves about his mom. His essay, "What my Mother Means to Me" was one of the top io essays in the state of Nebraska in a contest held by the American Mothers Inc.. AMI is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the moral and spiritual foundation of the family and home. There were 228 participants from schools across the state. Concordia University seniors majoring in Education and Language Arts juried the essays and chose the winner.


## March Box Tops and Points for Education Challenge:

Congratulations to Tara Maltsberger's $5^{\text {th }}$ grade class for winning March's Box Tops and Points for Education Challenge. The 5 th grade class is hoping to bring in enough to win the next bi-monthly challenge. Good luck 5 th graders!



## Summer Reading Program 2016

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program which begins June I4 and ends July 21. The elementary library will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-ı2:00pm, with a story time feature at 9:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students who read ioo minutes per week can bring in proof of their minutes, making them eligible for reading incentive prizes and books. Transportation will be provided for students who live in the Bradshaw area. At the end of the school year, information packets will be sent home with the students. Parents of preschoolers may pick up packets at the office or when they first attend.

Volunteers are needed to read, tell, or dramatize a story for the children during the story hour. Stories need not follow the summer library theme but may be on any book or topic appropriate for children. Especially needed are readers who want to share their own writing or life experiences involving stories.

If you would like to get involved in reading to children during the Summer Library Program, please call the school office at 402-723-4434.

## Annual Notice to Parents: <br> Right to Request Teacher Qualifications

Our district receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
Your have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:
I. If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction;
2. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;
3. The type of college degree major the teacher has and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and
4. If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.
If you would like to request this information, please contact your child's school.

## Accreditation Visit, Continued from Page I

One of the most powerful comments made by the leader of this team of professionals was that their analysis of 7 different areas resulted in our scores being at or above in the world averages in every domain. They commented that this "never happens" and from their experience, schools typically have a mix of scores above and below average. This is a great testament to the dedicated work of our students and staff and the amazing support of our parents and community!

In the area of Leadership Capacity, the external review team examined:

- Institutional purpose and direction
- Governance and leadership effectiveness
- Stakeholder engagement
- Improvement capacity

The team suggested that we expand our school improvement process to include more stakeholders and identify more specific steps within the plan itself. A powerful practice that they identified as embedded at Heartland was that the staff are highly invested in the lives and successes of the student body. One of the comments that they shared from students was that they are "confident that they can ask any teacher for help and that teacher would drop what they were doing to assist them". Develop and implement a comprehensive continuous improvement plan with involvement of all stakeholders that is systematic and systemic.

In their analysis of our use of resources, the External Review Team examined:

- Allocation and use of resources
- Equity of resource distribution to need
- Level and sustainability of resources
- Long range capital and resource planning effectiveness

They offered no suggestions on how to improve in this area of operation.

The AdvancED evaluation team's overall scores in the areas of teaching and learning, leadership capacity, and the utilization of resources were above the averages of the entire network of schools in all areas that were evaluated.

This process required many, many hours of self-reflection, hard work, gathering of evidence, and high-level discussions among our staff members. We are very appreciative of the dedication, focus, and support we have here at Heartland. To see the entire summary of their report, visit our school website at: www.heartlandschools.org

Have a great summer break!


L to R: Isabelle Vanderneck, Colton Monnier, Brooke Weisheit, McKenna Friesen \& Noab Hiebner

## First Year Of Math Quiz Bowl

We had a great first season! Thank you to the seniors Haley Huebert, Owen Wurst, Eve Vanderneck, McKenna Friesen, and Bailey Monnier for joining the team for your last year at Heartland!

Congratulations to team captain Colton Monnier and team members Noah Hiebner, Isabelle Vanderneck, McKenna Friesen, and Brooke Weisheit for placing 4th at the ESU6 Quiz Bowl held in Seward, NE on March 30th. The team came from 12 th seed to 4 th. It was a great comeback!

Join us! We look forward to competing more next year!


Front Row; L to R: Ethan Hall, Colton Monnier, Brooke Weisheit, Eve Vanderneck \& Haley Huebert. Back Row; L to R: Noab Hiebner, McKenna Friesen, Leslie Braun, Kristine Quiring do Isabelle Vanderneck.

## Heartland Schools 2016 District Music Results

Heartland High School music students performed very well at the 2016 District Music Contest held at Heartland High School on April 21 \& 22. Following is a listing of performers/performing groups and their ratings.
Madrigals-(I), Womens Chorus-(I), Mens Chorus-(I), Mixed Chorus-(I), Jazz Band-(I), and Concert Band(I), Conor Boehr-Voice (I\#),Matthew Buller-Voice (I), Ethan Hall-Voice (I*), Taylor Quiring-Voice (I), Megan Kroeker-Voice (I*), Olivia Casper-French Horn (I), Mark Perez-Trumpet (I), Ethan Hall-Tuba (I\#), Megan Kroeker-Flute (I*), Brittany Quiring-Alto Sax (I), Kristine Goertzen-Piano (I*), Mixed Octet-(I), Mixed Duet-(I), Double Trumpet Trio-(I), Woodwind Choir-(I*), Brass Choir- (I\#), Bailey Monnier-Voice (II), Karah Joyner-Voice (II), and Addie Swartzendruber-Voice (II). (* Outstanding Performer Award \# Honorable Mention)

## Congratulations to these Huskie musicians!

## Elementary Math Club at Heartland

About 20 third, fourth, and fifth graders have been meeting weekly to learn math in a program called Bedtime Math's "Crazy 8s" Math Club. The students are actively learning math topics such as Geometry, estimating time, measuring distances, decoding clues, finding rate of an object, and probability. Some of the lesson topics are spy training, toilet paper Olympics, flying marshmallows, zip line zoo, and bouncy dice numbers. This is an 8 -week program designed to generate more interest in math at an early age and also help students to not fear math but enjoy and improve their problem-solving skills. The materials were provided by the Bedtime Math organization at no cost to the school district. At the end of the program, students will take home a tape measure, stopwatch, and other supplies. The after school math club is led by Kim Hiebner, Carrie Regier, Laura Smith, and Margalee Thomas with extra support from Jennifer Buller.


## NSAA Academic All State Winners

Football


Ethan Hall


Austin Stubr

Boys' Basketball


Clay Bergen


Kyle Ott

Girls' Basketball


Leslie Braun


Ellie Steingard

Play Production


Ethan Hall


Bailey Monnier


A physical examination is required each year prior to participate in any athletic activity sponsored by the NSAA. The physical examination is valid for one year from the date of the exam and may be performed any time after May i, 2016. These physicals are for all students entering grades 7 th -12 th who will participate in sports for the 2016-17 school year. Payment of $\$ 25.00$ is required at the time of service. You will need to use the school physical form from Heartland as your verification.

## Clay Bergen to play at the Tom Dinsdale Senior All Star Game

Congratulations to Clay Bergen on being selected to play at the Tom Dinsdale Senior All Star Basketball Game. It will be played in Grand Island on June 4th. The best seniors from across the state were nominated. It's quite an honor to be selected among the top 28 seniors to play in this game.

Game time is 7:oopm at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. We hope you can make it to support Clay and all of his accomplishments.



L to R: Fose Romo, Hayes Oswald do Faden Regier

## Golfers Place at

 Fillmore Central InviteHayes Oswald, Jose Romo, and Jaden Regier all medaled at the Fillmore Central Invite on April I2th.


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May 2016


## Are you interested in becoming a local substitute?

During most times of the year, but especially in the spring, we scramble to find substitute teachers. There is a state permit program that allows for individuals without a teaching degree to substitute up to 45 days at their local school. Please consider obtaining this permit and spending some days with us during the school year!

The Local Substitute Teaching Permit is valid for three (3) years and is limited to forty-five (45) days of teaching in any school year. This type of Permit is valid for teaching only in the Nebraska school system requesting the issuance. This Permit requires a minimum of sixty ( 60 ) semester credit hours of college coursework with at least one ( I ) course in professional Education.

The following documents must be submitted for the Local Substitute Teaching Permit:

- The Application form and non-refundable application fee online at www.education.ne.gov/tcert OR Print, complete sign and date the Application form from the Supporting Forms Supporting Forms link at www.education.ne.gov/tcert and your payment by check or money order AND
- Record of Residence Form online if you have lived in Nebraska for the immediate past five (5) years, OR complete a Livescan fingerprint card at a State Patrol office OR two (2) ink rolled fingerprint card(s) and fingerprint fee by check or money order. Order the fingerprint packet at AND
- Official Transcripts indicating sixty (60) semester credit hours of college coursework to include a professional education course. A professional education course is any course with an education prefix or a course in child psychology, child growth and development, classroom management, school organization, child abuse and neglect, observation of children or in general terms, anything dealing with children, schools, or education AND
- Written request from the Superintendent for issuance of the Permit. This request must be signed by the Superintendent or the personnel director of the school system. Include a statement indicating that the issuance of the Permit is approved or requested by the local governing board.
- Official transcripts for a pre-approved course to meet the Human Relations Training requirement. NOTE: The Temporary Certificate, valid for SIX MONTHS, will be issued if the Human Relations Training requirement has not been met.
Please give us a call at school if you are interested in obtaining a local substitute permit.


## Junior High Recycles Plastic Bags

Junior high students are celebrating Earth Day in their homerooms by collecting plastic bags for recycling. They are also learning about refusing plastic whenever possible by using reusable shopping bags and reusable water bottles.


L to R: Reagan Weisheit, Tanner Bottorf, Ali Amack \& Harmon Perez

## Sophomore Crane Trip

On March 24, the Biology and English Sophomores traveled to the Rowe Sanctuary by Gibbon, Nebraska to view the Sandhill Crane migration. Students arrived at 9:ooAM to view cranes on the river first hand. They received a guided tour and instruction from personal at the Rowe Sanctuary.



Art club will have their annual silent auction this year online coming soon. Please check it out and place bids to purchase your favorite piece created by the high school art club students.

Pictured below are the $5^{\text {th }}$ and $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students with their painting projects they created this year at the after school art workshop.



Contact Sarah Ostmeyer to register your team for Alumni Volleyball.
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

A Census Form for Heartland Community Schools was included in the April Newsletter. 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!

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