

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

To our parents and supporters,

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was passed back in 1965 as part of an initiative to combat poverty. The act encouraged equal access to education and authorized federally funded programs at the state level. Congress amended the act in 2002 and reauthorized it as No Child Left Behind. It was to be reauthorized every 5 years (2007), but Congress has not completed this task to date.

When states receive federal funds, there are always strings attached. One of those strings is Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for every school in the state. As part of this requirement, the achievement goal for all students in the state was 100% proficiency for this last school year in all subjects. The act does not take into consideration poverty, disabilities, or English language proficiency. Because of these unrealistic goals, many schools in the state will be labeled as "In Need of Improvement".

Our proficiency rates are typically 5-15% above the state averages in every subject and every grade level. Even so, 80% proficiency is not 100%, so according to NCLB, we are in need of improvement. I don't believe our school is low performing. We work hard every day to prepare our students the best we can. We look at data several times each year and make adjustments based upon what areas may need attention. Our teachers and students are performing admirably. I know what would have happened if we had refused to complete our work since 2007, but the same accountability does not apply to Congress.

I would concede that there are a couple of areas that need more attention than others; we are looking carefully at how to make those improvements. Rest assured that our approach is not of complacency, but of focus to continually improve.

We will publish a "report card" of our district in the first part of December. If you would like to peruse the data before then, please go to the State of the Schools Report at the Nebraska Department of Education website: http://www.education.ne.gov

Please give us a call if you have any questions and have a great fall 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 Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current contact 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.



HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

We would like to invite all area veterans and the general public to a Veterans' Day program at 2:00 P.M. on November 11th in the high school theater.

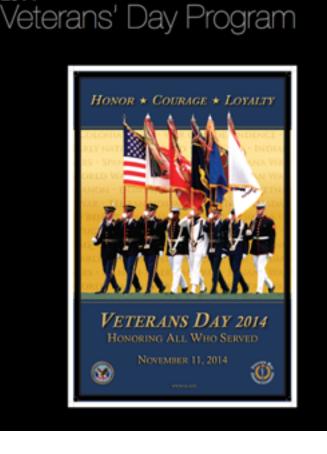
Our program will recognize our veterans through music, video, and spoken word. Our Veterans' Day address will be delivered by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dustin Guenther, Human Resources Technician for the 67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, in the Nebraska Army National Guard. He continues to serve his country and has completed 16 years in the military with two overseas tours.

We will also be hosting a reception for our veterans in attendance following the program in the school cafeteria.

2014

November 11, 2014 Heartland Community School Theater 2:00 P.M.







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FFA Land Judging



The FFA Students did well in Land Judging at Deshler, Nebraska. This year, the top 5 schools and the top 10 individuals qualified for state. There were 15 schools that competed. Heartland was the 8th ranking school. **Austin Stuhr** placed 14, for a purple ribbon. **Addie Swartzendruber** placed 31st for a blue ribbon. **Matthew Buller** and **JJ Johnson** placed 76th and 77th, for red ribbons. White ribbon winners were: **Nate Rogers**, 103rd, **Trevor Friesen**, 111th, **Vanessa Hiebner**, 123rd, **Kristine Goertzen**, 126th, **Devon Stamp**, 136th, **Bailey Peters**, 145th, **Roy Mason**, 149th, and **Destiny Bloxton**, 151st.

Pathways to Careers



L-R: Kyle Ott, Kyra Dick & Cheyenne Hiebner & instructors.

Freshmen Agriscience students attended a conference to help them become aware of possible career choices in a variety of Agricultural pathways. Each session the students attended were "hands-on". This was the first year of the event and it was held in several areas of the state. Heartland students attended the event held at the State Fair Grounds in Grand Island, Nebraska. **Kyle Ott, Kyra Dick,** and **Cheyenne Hiebner** attended the session for the Food Science pathway and made pretzels and sausages. **Krynn Arbuck, Connor Boehr, Karah Joyner,** and **Bailey Peters** attended animal science and **Devon Stamp** attended the plant science pathway session.

FBLA Members Attend Fall Leadership Conference

The Nebraska FBLA Fall Leadership Conference was held September 23 in Kearney. This conference was a one-day workshop for FBLA officers and members to learn about the state goals. This year's state theme is "STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE."

The 2014-15 state goals spell out CLIMB. Community: promote the Community Service Awards, implement the Connect with Business program, contribute to Feed Nebraska, Tally It Up to 30,000 service hours and participate in the Go Green Challenge. Leadership: Increase participation in the Business Achievement Awards, develop a parliamentary procedure handbook, create a resource about resumes and cover letters, publish a secretary guide for minutes and participate in Money Smart Week. Involvement: Raise \$10,500 for the Nebraska FBLA Foundation, donate \$20,000 to the March of Dimes, add 5 event sponsors recruited by chapters, compile a state and national program guide and recognize 10 Chapter Challenge recipients. Membership: Increase membership to 5,700 members, charter or re-activate 5 chapters, charter I middle level chapter, establish a member mentorship program, design an SLC survival guide and organize Quiz Bowl questions for chapters. Broadcast: Utilize Remind 101, host a webinar, recognize chapters completing the Step Up 2 Tech project and author an FBLA Week resource guide.

The keynote speaker at the general session was Jonathan Sprinkles from Texas. His presentation was titled, "Be the One." He encouraged FBLA members to rise to the occasion and get others to follow their lead and to gain visibility and influence to positively impact their chapter's future. Following the general session, the officers and members attended individual workshops on getting involved with FBLA, the Foundation, Program of Work and March of Dimes.

The following officers and members attended the conference: President **Colton Siebert**, Secretary **Haley Huebert**, Treasurer **Tyler Brown**, News Reporter **McKenna Friesen**, Committee Representative **Leslie Braun**, **Aaron Buller**, **Hayes Oswald**, **Brittany Quiring**, **Isabelle Vanderneck**, and Adviser **Kristy Most**.



Back Row: L to R: Brittany Quiring, Aaron Buller, Tyler Brown, Colton Siebert, Hayes Oswald & Isabelle Vanderneck. Front Row: L to R: Leslie Braun, McKenna Friesen & Haley Huebert.

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NOVEMBER 2014

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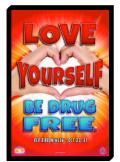
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A Healthy Me is Drug Free!

Did you Know? Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report



having these conversations.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, and is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started.

This year's theme is Love Yourself. Be Drug Free. Visit <u>www.redribbon.org</u> to learn more about Red Ribbon Week and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. Take an even closer look at the website's "downloads" tab. There you will find the Youth Pledge, Adult Pledge, and some very useful information to combat prescription drug abuse. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend.

"I'm A Teenager Get Me Out of this Family"



Students in Heartland School's One Act pose in their costumes during their dress rehearsal.

The play "I'm A Teenager Get Me Out of this Family" will be performed for the public on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 in the Heartland School theater. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Everyone is encouraged to come and support these students.



Heartland Hoops is Coming!

We are eagerly anticipating the start to our basketball season. All high school boys are welcome to be a part of our team. Make sure your physical is completed and turned into the office before our first practice.

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR



On Monday, Nov. 3 at 1:00 a representative from EducationQuest will be conducting a college planning and financial aid presentation in room 111 for seniors and any interested parents and

community members. It will also be live-streamed on Striv.tv for those who cannot attend.

Financial Aid Program

Learn how to pay for college – and earn a chance to win a \$500 scholarship! Juniors and seniors who attend an EducationQuest Financial Aid Program before February 1 will be eligible to win one of three \$500 scholarships. (Parents/guardians may attend for their student.)

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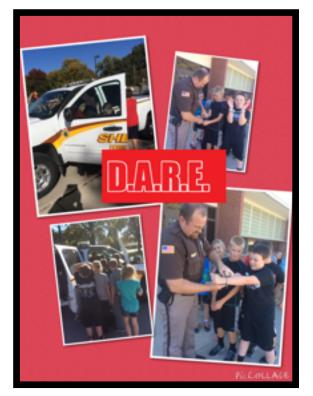
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For details, visit EducationQuest.org.



ELEMENTARY NEWS



Fifth graders are heavily involved in focusing on making good choices and staying healthy by participating in D.A.R.E. with the York County Sheriff's office. Deputy Gillespie comes once a week for 10 weeks to help the kids learn more about the D.A.R.E. decision making model and how to use that when faced with tough situations as they grow up. The class signed a pledge promising to stay healthy and drug free.

They will be graduating from D.A.R.E. Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heartland Theater.

Upcoming Dates

Nov 7, 2014 One Act Community Performance @ 7:30PM

> **Nov 10, 2014** Fall Vocal Concert @ 7:00PM

Nov. 11, 2014 2nd Grade Field Trip - Stuhr Museum Veterans Day Program @ 2:00 in theater

Nov. 12 2014

Life Touch Retakes @ 8:00AM

School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

Nov. 13, 2014 5th Grade D.A.R.E Graduation in the Theater @ 7:00PM Art Club Elementary Workshop @ 3:30PM

> Nov. 17, 2014 SNC One Acts @ Milford - 8:00AM

Nov. 18, 2014 6-12th Grade Fall Band Concert 7:30PM

Nov. 25, 2014 Art Club Elementary Workshop 2 @ 3:30PM

Nov. 26, 2014 School Dismiss @ 2:00PM-Fall Break

> Nov 27-28, 2014 Fall Break-No School

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The Kindergarten Class Goes To The Scarecrow Patch





NOVEMBER 2014



Box Tops and Points for Education

Challenge:

Second Grade received the trophy for submitting the most box tops in September. Mrs. Goff's class turned in 632. Mrs. Thiesen's

Kindergarten class came in second with 322; 1,739 were submitted K-6. Second grade will have the trophy showcased in their classroom for the month of October. A new winner will be announced at the end of the month as well as a bi-monthly class winner for the most collected over two months. Bimonthly winners will receive a class treat.



September Students and Teacher of the Month

Zeck Dennis was selected as the overall Elementary student of the month and the September Teacher of the Month was **Royce Schweitzer (Band)**. Interviews of Zeck and Mr. Schweitzer can be found on the HeartlandBEAT website.



Front Row: L to R: Kindergarten-Thiesen: Amanda Massey and David Hiebner; Kindergarten-Peters: Miles Kliewer. Back Row; L to R: Kindergarten-Peters: Maddie Janzen; 1st Grade-Ratzlaff: Mia Hiebner; 1st Grade Steever: Zeck Dennis; 2nd Grade-Goff: Creighton Friesen; 3rd Grade-Crouch: Allie Boehr; 4th Grade-Hiebner: Lilly Carr; 5th Grade-Maltsberger: Aaron Goertzen; 6th Grade-Veerhusen: Cassidy Siebert.

WANTED

Royce Schweitzer is in need of milk jugs that have screw on lids for the fall concert. He will need these as soon as possible for his rehearsals. Please drop them off at the front office. Thank You.



Lauren Quiring explains her "Chill Out" science project to other students.



For the 1st quarter of the school year the Heartland Community sixth graders studied the Scientific Method. They started out by learning how to measure using the metric system. The next step was to learn the six steps of the Scientific Method. After they studied the Scientific Method their final project was to come up with a measurable question and take the question through the six steps. The sixth graders came up with all different questions. Some of the questions were: Does a white candle burn faster than a colored candle? Which type of chip has the most grease? Does the amount of light affect the amount of mold growth on bread? Plus many other great questions. After they were finished with their experiments, they put their results on a poster board and presented it to the class and public. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders also came to see the interesting experiments. The sixth graders would like to thank everyone that came. Mr. Veerhusen also wants to thank the 6th graders and their parents for their hard work.

Heartland Huskies Jr. High Football Team Finishes the Year Undefeated



The Heartland Huskies Jr. High football team

recently completed a perfect 6-0 football season. This is Heartland's second consecutive undefeated season accumulating a perfect 12-0 record in the last two years. The 2014 Huskies defeated Heartland Lutheran 46-6, High Plains/ Osceola 36-6, McCool Junction 50-14, Exeter-Milligan/Friend 34-14, Giltner 44-20, and previously unbeaten Cross County 42-14. "It was truly a fun year with this year's young Huskies. I am extremely proud of their daily effort and focus. They really committed to getting better each and every day. That was our motto this year and they really adhered to it. We wanted to execute accurately on offense while focusing on playing fundamentally sound on defense. Our defense really carried us throughout the year and that was one of our most significant goals," stated coach Maltsberger.

The Henderson Huskie Youth football team completed another successful season this year accumulating a 4-2 record, a Blue Valley League Western Division Championship, and a Blue Valley League runner-up trophy for the second year in a row. The young Huskies defeated McCool 22-6, Superior 26-18, Friend/Dorchester 48-16, and Thayer Central 18-8. Their two losses came at the hands of Lincoln Lutheran 14-24 and Cross County in the championship game 8-42. "We really strive to develop basic fundamental football technique and an overall positive experience for our young athletes. The 4th-6th grade boys really showed a lot of improvement and with hard work and dedication will develop into really good football players as they progress through Henderson's football programs," stated Coach Maltsberger.

Henderson Huskie Youth Football



Heartland Girls Golf Team



Left to Right: Kaitlyn Quiring, Lydia Quiring, Shelby Hurlbut, Kaeli Lundstrom and Paige Mestl.

Congratulations on a job well done

by the Heartland Girls Golf team at Districts. The team, **Kaitlyn Quiring, Lydia Quiring, Shelby Hurlbut, Kaeli Lundstrom, and Paige Mest1** placed 4th out of 13 teams. They had an overall score of 426 missing state team qualifying by three strokes. Paige Mestl placed 3rd as an individual and qualified for state golf. Paige has qualified for state all 4 years of high school. Two girls achieved PR's. Kaitlyn with a 103 and Kaeli with a 114. Congratulations Paige, Kaitlin, Kaeli, Lydia, and Shelby. Great job! We are very proud of all of you!

Paige placed 5th overall in the Class C State Golf Meet. Congratulations!



Heartland Preschool has established an early childhood advisory committee as required by Nebraska Department of Education Rule II – Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs. The committee is made up of parents of Heartland Preschool students and has written the following purpose statement and goals:

Heartland Preschool Parent Advisory Committee

(H-PreK P-A-C)

PURPOSE: To provide the Heartland Preschool families and staff a cooperative network of support. GOALS:

To serve as an advocate group for the families of the Heartland Preschool students.

To be a representative voice for the parents of Heartland Preschool students.

To provide fun activities that promote connections among the Heartland Preschool families.

To give informative support and reassurance to Heartland Preschool parents as they raise their children.

The H-PreK P-A-C meets quarterly and is preparing for its second meeting of the school year. The next meeting is set for Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:00p.m. in the elementary library at the Heartland Community School. Future meetings are set for January 12, 2015 and March 9, 2015. All meetings are open to the public, so interested community members are welcome. Please contact Dot Quiring at the school for any questions or to request to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.



Tierney Casper with the Heartland Band trophies.

HEARTLAND BAND OVERALL WINNERS AT HARVEST OF HARMONY

The Heartland Marching Band was the overall winner at the 73rd annual Harvest of Harmony Parade Saturday, October 4, 2014. There were 97 bands marching in the parade. The band received the Overall High Score Trophy sponsored by Ron's Music and also the KOLN-KGIN TV traveling trophy for the best class C and D band and first place in class D. This was the second consecutive year the band was awarded the KOLN-KGIN TV traveling Trophy. It was also the second consecutive year the

Heartland Band received the high overall score in the parade. Congratulations to Royce and the Heartland Band for their hard work and dedication!

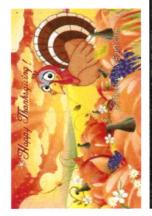


HOMECOMING POSTER WINNERS

In October, the high school and elementary students have a Homecoming Poster Contest. Congratulations to the sophomore class for receiving first place this year. In the elementary, every student kindergarten through sixth grade, designed a 9"x 12" poster expressing their Huskie spirit. The posters were hung in the cafeteria. All of the elementary students received a participation ribbon and one winning poster was chosen from each class by art club members. The artist of the winning poster earned a tshirt as their prize.



The winners were: Back Row: L to R: Ellyn Hall-6th; Ella Friesen-5th; & Madelyn Maltsberger-4th. Front Row; L to R: Nicholas Thieszen-3rd; Weston Panko-1st; & Amanda Massey-Kdgt.



November 2014



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Tue		4 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Peas Milk Fruit & Veggie Bar	11 Max Cheese Sticks Corn Slushies Milk Fruit & Veggie Bar	18 Tater Tot Casserole French Bread Slushies Milk Fruit & Veggie Bar	25 Corndogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Milk Fruit & Veggie Bar	
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HOMECOMING 2014





Homecoming Royalty



Back Row:L to R: Tyler Brown, Parker Goertzen, Colton Siebert, Sheppherd Ruybalid. Front Row: L to B: Rachelle Allen, Kaitlyn Quiring, Paige Mestl, Lydia Quiring and Tierney Casper.

King & Queen



Queen Tierney Casper & King Colton Siebert





Elementary Students and Mr. Ribble having fun at recess





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December Reminders

Dec. 2, 2014 District One Acts

Dec. 8-19, 2014 NHS Food Drive Dec. 8, 2014



School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

Dec. 11, 2014 Elementary Holiday Concert-2:30/7:00PM

Dec. 13, 2014 ACT Test Dec. 18, 2014

7-12 Vocal/6-12 Band Concert @ 7:30PM

Dec. 22-Jan 5, 2014 Winter Break-NO SCHOOL

Dec. 24-28, 2014 Gym Moratorium-No gyms open

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