



THE HUSKIE LEADER



March 2024 Heartland Community School News

Band German Smorgasbord



The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 16, 2024. The meal will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM the band concert will begin at 7:45 PM. Adult tickets are \$20.00, children ages 4-12 are \$10.00, children under the age of 4 are free. Tickets may be purchased from any band member or by calling or stopping by the Heartland School offices.

Tickets must be purchased in advance

MENU

KOHL SALAT (cole slaw)	KUMPST BORSCHT (cabbage soup)
PARTZILKE (New Years Cookies)	KLUPITZ (ground meat patties)
PLUMA MOS (raisin and prune mouss)	WORSCHT (sausage)
PRIESHKE AND PLAUTZ (fruit filled pastries)	SCHAUBLA-met schmont fot (beans with cream gravy)
SCHNETYA (lady fingers)	KIELKE-met schmont fot an sippla (noodles with cream gravy and onions)
WEIT BROT an BUTTA (wheat bread and butter)	VERENIKE-yebrot oda yekookt (cottage cheese bundles—fried or cooked)
TWIEBACK and JELLE (Zweiback and jelly)	KORN (corn)
CUFFA (coffee)	GESCHMUCKE—relish (pickles, celery, carrots, beets)
MILCH (milk)	

**Tables will be set up in the south gym for you to eat at. After you are finished with your meal please come to the north gym to enjoy a slideshow prior to the band concert which begins at 7:45PM.*

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1

No School

March 4 & 5

4:30 - 8:30 PM Parent /Teacher
Conferences

March 7

No School Professional
Development Day

March 8

No School

March 11

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

March 13

NHS Blood Drive

March 16

Smorgasbord
5:00 - 7:30 PM Meal
7:45 PM Band Concert

March 18

7:00 Bond Election Meeting
Bradshaw Community Center

March 22

9:00 AM / 1:00 PM
Kindergarten Round-Up

March 22 & 23

7:00 PM All School Play

March 25

5:00PM FFA Pancake Feed
7:00 Bond Election Meeting
Heartland Theater

March 29 & April 1

No School, Spring Break

April 9

No School

April 20

Prom



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

Extending The School Year

Friday, May 17th is currently scheduled to be the final day of school for the 23-24 school year. At this time, we are still evaluating whether it will be necessary to extend the school year due to the loss of instructional time that we experienced in January. I currently expect a final decision to be made about whether or not the school year will need to be extended by mid-March, and then being able to communicate that decision to the public no later than Friday, March 15th.

Construction Update & Proposed Bond Election

As many of our patrons know, a comprehensive facilities project was initiated in late-2021 with a bond campaign to finance additions and renovations of our existing PK-12 facilities and site. Costs for completing the project, however, ultimately exceeded the financing provided by the 2022 bond campaign, and statutory changes in school funding have eliminated some options for funding the project's completion.

Seeing that the facilities project is a needs-driven endeavor, completing the comprehensive facilities project in its entirety remains a goal for the board of education. To finance the completion of the comprehensive facilities project, the board will hold an election seeking voter approval for the issuance of bonds as a means for securing the funds necessary for completing the project. The bond election will coincide with the statewide primary election which will be held on Tuesday, May 14th. Like the bond election that was held in May of 2022, a simple majority of votes cast is required for passage of the bond initiative.

At its regular February board meeting, the board of education passed a resolution to call for the election seeking voter approval for the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,850,000. The board's resolution was then filed with the election commissioner shortly after its passage by the board.

Over the coming weeks, additional information will be made available on the district's website. Additionally, the board of education will hold a series of special meetings for the purpose of sharing information with the public and answering questions. The tentative dates, times, and locations for those special meetings are listed below:

- Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 7PM (Bradshaw Community Center)
- Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 7 PM (Heartland Community Schools Theater)
- Monday, April 15, 2024 @ TBD (Bradshaw Community Center)
- Monday, April 29, 2024 @ TBD (Heartland Community Schools Theater)

Spelling Bee



Congratulations to all the students that participated in the York County Spelling Bee at the Holthus Center.
 First Row L to R: James Janzen, Abigail Miller, Ryker Lewis, Dakota Reynolds, Tamsyn Splinter
 Second Row L to R: Tori Buzek, Taylor Schmidt, Ryker Stebbing, Avery Hiebner
 Back Row L to R: Isabelle Buller, Ashlyn Rotter, Brian Bearinger, Jagger Regier, Trent Vap



3rd & 4th Grade
 Division
 Ryker Lewis 3rd Place



5th & 6th Grade
 Division
 Taylor Schmidt 4th
 Place and Ryker
 Stebbing 3rd Place



Who is eligible?

Any child that resides in the Heartland Community School district ages birth to Kindergarten.

Where do I get gently used books to read and return?

Heartland Community Schools
 1501 Front Street / Henderson

Bradshaw Village Office
 455 Lincoln St. / Bradshaw

Henderson City Hall
 1044 N. Main / Henderson

How do I get started?

- ♦ Pick up a free 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Log at the above mentioned locations.
- ♦ Each time you read a book to your child, record it on your Reading Log. Every 100 books read, bring in your reading log and collect your prize book from a location listed above.

STEAK FOR SALE

The Huskie Beef Program is selling steaks to support Heartland's Lunch Program

We have Ribeyes, New York Strips and Fillets for sale in 5lb. increments at great prices



Contact Heartland Community Schools at (402) 723-4434 to place an order or scan the QR code



Ribeyes, New York Strips, and Fillets for sale at \$17 per pound.

5lb - \$85

10lb - \$170

Mixed options are available.

Example: 3lbs of Ribeyes and 7lbs of Strips equals 10lbs

IT'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR TIME!

Scholastic Book Fair

Heartland Community School is excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair back for students grades K-12!

It will be held in the High School Library.

Monday, March 4 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Elementary Spring Testing Schedule

K	May 2	DIBELS
1st	May 2, 6	DIBELS
2nd	May 1 - 2 May 7 - 8 May 7	MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
3rd	April 3 - 4 April 10 - 11 May 1 - 2 May 7 - 8 May 8	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
4th	April 3 - 4 April 10 - 11 May 1 - 2 May 7 - 8 May 9 - 10 May 9	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math MAP Reading MAP Math MAP Science DIBELS
5th	April 3 - 4 April 10 - 11 April 17 - 18 May 1 - 2 May 7 - 8 May 6	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math NSCAS Science MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
6th	April 3 - 4 April 10 - 11 May 1 - 2 May 7 - 8 May 9	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS

Please avoid scheduling appointments on these important dates.

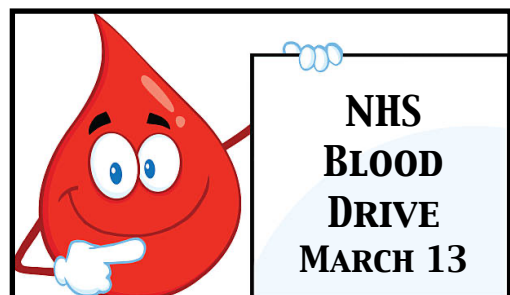
NSCAS = State Testing

MAP & DIBELS = District Testing

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024



Time to
Spring Ahead



NHS
BLOOD
DRIVE
MARCH 13

Heartland FBLA takes 1st Place at 6th Annual UNK Business Competition



The Heartland Community Schools FBLA Chapter traveled to Kearney February 7th to compete in the 6th Annual UNK Loper Business Invitational. Students competed by putting their knowledge to the test in two separate subjects from Business Calculations, Business Communication, Economics, Intro to Business, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Intro to Financial Math, Personal Finance, Intro to IT, and one student participated in a Job Interview.

The individual results from the competition are as follows:

- Accounting
 - Mia Hiebner - 4th Place
- Business Communications
 - Hendric Switzer - 1st Place
 - Jaelyn Brown - 4th Place
 - Jack McCormick - 5th Place
- Economics
 - Austin Schmidt - 1st Place
- Intro to Business
 - Tara Buzek - 5th Place
- Intro to Financial Math
 - Tara Buzek - 2nd Place
- Intro to Information Technology
 - Samuel Friesen - 3rd Place
- Personal Finance
 - Austin Schmidt - 1st Place
 - Nicholas Thieszen - 2nd Place
 - Mariah Tessman - 3rd Place
 - Lydia Jahnke - 5th Place



100TH

DAY CELEBRATIONS





ABC

Heartland Community Schools
Kindergarten
2024 - 2025 - REGISTRATION
Call Tammy or Janet at
(402) 723-4434 to register
Child must be 5 by July 31, 2024
Information will be mailed after student is
registered regarding
Kindergarten Round-Up on March 22, 2024

Recently, three senior FFA students traveled to Central City to interview for their Nebraska State Degree. Allie Boehr, Ben Janzen, and Andrew Franz were recommended to receive their State Degree interview. They will know for sure after the Nebraska FFA Board meets on whether or not they will get their degree in April. Ben Janzen applied for the State Star in Production. He was selected to move on to the next level of interviews. Heartland FFA members completed proficiency applications; a reflection on their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program. Four members received a gold state ranking, one member received a gold rating, five members received a silver rating, and two members received a bronze rating. Gold state ratings went to: Blake Goertzen for Swine Production Entrepreneurship, Allie Boehr for Hospitality, Restaurant, Tourism Management, Ben Janzen for Forage Production, and Thane Wetjen for Specialty Animal Production. Andrew Franz received gold for Diversified Crop Production. The silver awards went to Zach Miller for Beef Production Placement, Braden Janzen for Diversified Ag Production Placement, Lane Farrall for Diversified Crop Production, Cash Parrish for Goat Production, and Katrinamarie Epp for Home and Occupational Safety. Bronze proficiency award rankings went to Weston Panko for Beef Production Placement and Grace Splinter for Home and Occupational Safety.



As many of you know, Royce Schweitzer will be retiring at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Schweitzer has taught for a total of 51 years, 48 of those years at Heartland. The Heartland Band Parent Organization would like to take some time to honor his dedication and success at our annual fundraiser, the German Smorgasbord & Band Concert, on March 16, 2024. This will be Heartland's final band concert with Mr. Schweitzer. We invite students, parents, and community members to submit words of appreciation, a fun memory or story, and pictures throughout the years to create a slide show and memory book to be gifted to Mr. Schweitzer. These can be emailed to heartlandsmorgasbord@gmail.com. Please submit your memories by March 1st. We also invite all band alumni, anyone who has had Mr. Schweitzer as their instructor, to join us at the 7:45pm concert. Let's fill the gym with all the students Mr. Schweitzer has impacted through the years.



March 2024



				1				NO SCHOOL	All grains are whole grain rich. Fresh Fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch. A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast. A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch. Menu is subject to change without notice. All beef is donated and locally raised.	
4	Strawberry Bagel  Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Dinner Roll	5	Pancake Wrap Chicken Fajitas Steamed Corn Long John	6	Apple Frudel Grilled Hotdog Chips Cookie/Pudding	7	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL		
11	Breakfast Pizza Chicken Strips French Fries Dinner Roll	12	Blueberry Waffle  Tacos Mini Donuts Steamed Corn	13	Tornado  Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Peas Dinner Roll	14	Sausage Biscuit  Grilled Hamburgers Chips Cookie	15	Pancake Wrap Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Chocolate Pudding	
18	Long John Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli French Bread	19	Chocolate Chip French Toast  Taco Salad Steamed Corn Long John	20	Apple Frudel Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	21	Cinnamon Breadstick Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	22	Cereal  Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies	
25	Tornado Grilled Cheese w/ Turkey & Ham French Fries Ice Cream	26	Breakfast Pizza French Toast Sticks Egg/Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	27	Egg & Cheese Biscuit  Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread	28	Strawberry Bagel Baked Potato Bar Chicken Strips Steamed Broccoli Muffin	29	NO SCHOOL	



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
	HS Boys Basketball Districts		Varsity Girls State Basketball JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward		Varsity Girls State B...024 to Feb 29, 2024 No School - Professional Development Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Dr Seuss Day 8:00 AM Scholastic Book Fair 4:30 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences	8:00 AM Scholastic Book Fair 4:30 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences	Varsity Boys State Basketball	No School - Professional Development Day	No School	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time	First Night of Ramadan 7:00 PM School Board Meeting		Red Cross Blood Drive	HS Track @ Doane	FLL State Robotics Competition	5:00 PM Smorgasbord 7:45 PM Band Concert
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day	SNC Quiz Bowl @ Milford 7:00 PM Proposed Bond Election Meeting at Bradshaw Community Center	1:00 PM HS Track @ Sutton	FFA Barnyard	US Open Robotics	9:00 AM Kindergarten Round Up 9:00/1:00 7:00 PM All School Play	7:00 PM All School Play
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday	Holi 5:30 PM FFA Pancake Feed & Silent Auction 7:00 PM Proposed Bond Election Meeting at Heartland Theater	2:00 PM HS Track @ Wilber-Clatonia 3:00 PM Boys Golf @ Galaway Creek	Lawrence Nelson HS Quiz Bowl	Boys Golf @ Superior 7:00 PM NHS Induction	No School Good Friday	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter	April Fools' Day 9:00 AM No School	9:30 AM Boys Golf @ Friend 10:30 AM HS Track @ Sandy Creek		2:00 PM JH Track @ Sandy Creek		

CENSUS DATA

Heartland Community Schools will be conducting a school census during the month of June. In order to get the most accurate and complete number and names of persons living within our district, we are asking the patrons to complete the attached questionnaire. It is important for one form to be filled out for **each household that has children aged birth to 21 years, even if your children do not attend Heartland Community Schools.**

Please return the completed questionnaire to the school office or mail to
Heartland Community Schools, 1501 Front St., Henderson, NE 68371.

This information affects our state funding, it is very important that we have current and accurate data.

FAMILY NAME: _____

FATHER: (Last) _____ (First) _____

MOTHER: (Last) _____ (First) _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
Street P.O. Box

_____ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____
City, State, Zip Code

NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 21 YEARS (include children attending college who are living away from home or serving in the Armed Forces).

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH Month/Day/Year	PLACE OF BIRTH City/State	GENDER	GRADE (2024-25)
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____

(Not attending school-0; Preschool-P; Kindergarten-K; Grades 1-12; Graduated-G)

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM
TO THE HEARTLAND SCHOOL OFFICE

**THIS NEEDS TO BE RETURNED EVEN IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



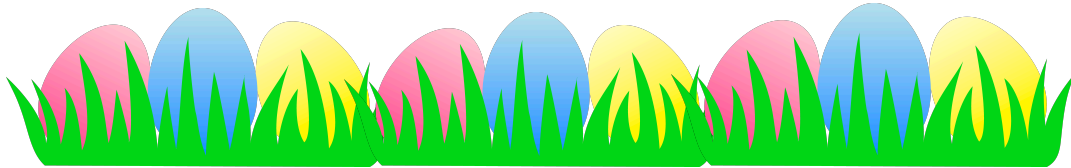
Option Enrollment

Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students and we feel that we have much to offer! A student from another district may enroll at Heartland when approved through the option enrollment program.

If you know of someone who would be interested in enrolling their children at Heartland, please have them call the superintendent's office at 402-723-4434. High school students must have an option enrollment application filed and approved **before March 15, 2024** in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day



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Heartland Community Schools
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Henderson, NE 68371

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