



THE HUSKIE LEADER

March 2020
Heartland Community School

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Smorgasbord - March 21st
"Clue" High School Play
March 27th & 28th

Available at brownpapertickets.com or the school office



Band German Smorgasbord

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020. The meal will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM and a band concert will be held at 7:45 PM. Adult tickets are \$15.00, children ages 4-12 are \$7.00. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets may be purchased from any band member, online at brownpapertickets.com, or by calling or stopping by the Heartland School offices.

Tickets must be purchased in advance

OUR MISSION

Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw strives to provide challenging educational opportunities for ALL students to reach their highest level of excellence.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2

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

March 2

7:45 AM - 8:30 PM
Scholastic Book Fair

March 3

7:45 AM - 7:30 PM
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7:30 PM Winter Concert
9th - 12th Vocal/Instrumental

March 5 - 7

GBB State Tournament - Lincoln

March 9

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

March 10

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

March 12 -14

BBB State Tournament - Lincoln

March 13

No School

March 19

NHS Blood Drive

March 21

Smorgasbord

March 23

No School
Teacher Professional Development

March 26

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Elementary Family Night

March 27 & 28

7:00 PM School Play

March 30

5:00 PM FFA Pancake Feed/Labor Auction



An open letter to our patrons ...

Dear Community Member:

As the Heartland School District's Superintendent, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the school district, to invite you to participate in Heartland's Community Engagement meeting as part of our school improvement process.

The Board of Education and Administrative Leadership Team will embark on the process of stakeholder engagement to identify and address priorities and needs to support and grow learning for students. Effective community engagement involves key stakeholders working collaboratively to build consensus. A critical component of the process is to ensure that a diverse representation of community and district stakeholders are empowered to share their personal perspectives, thoughts, and ideas in relationship to education in the Heartland School District. The identified stakeholders will include parents, community members, retired citizens, business leaders, teachers, support staff, and students.

We invite you to attend our meeting which will be held at the school toward the end of March. We will publish a specific date and time through our website, social media, and the local newspaper. If you are interested, please be prepared to share your brief comments on the following:

1. Identify the points of pride, accomplishments, and achievements of the school district.
2. Identify the challenges that may impact the district in the next three to five years.
3. Identify the knowledge and skills a student should possess as a graduate of this school district.

We look forward to working with you on this initiative. Please contact Tammy Ott at the District Office at 402-723-4434 to confirm your availability and/or interest in participating. We look forward to working collaboratively with you as we embark upon this most exciting endeavor to assist in shaping the future of Heartland School District.

Working together, we can strengthen our students' learning experience and success. On behalf of the students of our community, we appreciate your contribution to this and other school support initiatives.

Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to participate,

Brad Best, Superintendent, Heartland Community Schools
Gary Braun, President, Heartland Community Schools Board of Education

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Ch.I.L.D. Day Provided by

Heartland Community School



The Heartland Community School is setting aside a special time for parents of children age 5 and below to participate in Ch.I.L.D. Day, which stands for Childhood Information on Language and Development. Just as parents take their young children to the doctor for medical check-ups, the school can provide to parents the services of a “developmental wellness visit”. The early childhood personnel at the school can provide current and useful information to parents concerning the early development of their baby, toddler, or preschooler.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is a childfind effort conducted by the Heartland Community School District. School districts are required to conduct childfind activities to ensure that young children who need early intervention services are identified. Involvement in Ch.I.L.D. Day is a free, completely voluntary service and is conducted in a confidential manner.

Ch.I.L.D. Day
Friday, March 20, 2020
8:00 am - 4:00 pm



For babies and toddlers under age 3, we will be meeting in family homes so that the children will feel more comfortable in their natural environment. For children ages 3-5, we will be meeting in the Heartland Preschool room at the school.

Interested parents who live in the Heartland School District can call the school office in Henderson to register for a time slot when the early intervention specialists can meet with their child. Parents will be able to ask questions about their child's development, complete a developmental checklist, and have their child play and interact informally with adults knowledgeable about young children. Further information may need to be gathered at a later time if the parents and school staff see any concerns. Parental permission is required for any further evaluation.



The Heartland Community School wishes to extend this invitation as one way of providing support and information to parents of young children in our district. Again, parents of young children in the Heartland school district are invited to call the school at 402-723-4434 to register for Ch.I.L.D. Day.

**Early Intervention
Counts!**

Communication Milestones

By 4 months:

- eye contact; social smile
- laughs aloud, squeals, coos

By 9 months:

- babbles; uses repeated consonant sounds, like “mama” or “dada”
- plays “peek-a-boo”

By 12 months:

- imitates sounds and actions
- understands simple phrases
- waves good-bye, plays patty-cake

By 18 months:

- says “Mama/Dada” for parents
- uses at least 5 words
- Asks for food/drink with words

By 24 months:

- says 10 or more words
- follows simple instructions
- uses two-word combinations

By 3 years:

- uses words that are easily understood by unfamiliar adults
- talks in at least 3-word phrases
- engages in pretend play

By 4 years:

- plays cooperatively with peers
- totally understandable in conversation by unfamiliar adults/peers
- adjusts easily to changes in routine or schedule
- speaks in complete sentences, combining ideas with “and”, “or”, “but”
- has an extended vocabulary

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2020 York County Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, February 5, Heartland students participated in the York County Spelling Bee at the Bartholomew Performing Arts Center on York College's Campus. Representing Heartland in Division I (3rd/4th) was Brian Bearing, Jordan Franssen, Isabelle Buller, and Cadence Swim. Competing in Division II (5th/6th) was Braden Janzen, Alex Nun, Samuel Friesen and Nicolas Opfer. Competing in Division III (7th/8th) was Jacob Buller, Austin Schmidt, Kaylee Goertzen, and Nicholas Thiesen.



In Division I, Brian Bearing placed third and Jordan Franssen placed fourth. In Division II, Samuel Friesen placed third and will represent Heartland at the District Spelling Contest in Fairbury on March 21. In Division III, Austin Schmidt tied for fourth and is an alternate for the District Spelling Contest.

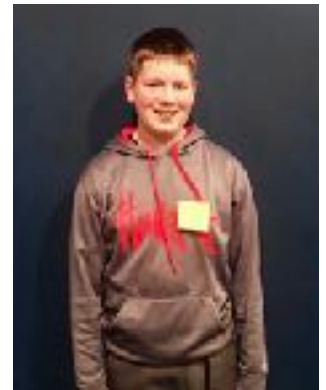
Congratulations to all students for qualifying for the York County Spelling Bee. Good luck to those participating in the district contest.



Division I
Brian Bearing - 3rd place
Jordan Franssen - 4th place



Division II
Samuel Friesen - 3rd place



Division III
Austin Schmidt - 4th place



College & Career Day for Juniors

Heartland juniors attended College & Career Day on February 11th at Exeter-Milligan. They rotated to different speakers to learn about Test Prep, Getting Into College, Employability Skills with an Area Business Panel, Coping Skills, Money Matters, and Personal Safety. They also had time built into the day to visit with college and career reps.






Scholastic Book Fair March 2nd & 3rd
 The Scholastic Book Fair for Heartland students grades K-12 will be coming in March. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the Book Fair. Please contact Mrs. Mestl at 402-723-4434.

The book fair will be located in the high school library.

Book Fair Times
 March 2nd: 7:45 am - 8:30 pm (during parent teacher conferences)
 March 3rd: 7:45 am - 7:30 pm

Heartland Elementary Dress Up Days



Read Across America Week
March 2 - 6

Monday ~ "Oh, the Places You Will Go"
 Wear a shirt from a place you have been or that someone gave you

Tuesday ~ "Cat in the Hat"
 Wear stripes

Wednesday ~ "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" Wear red or blue

Thursday ~ "The Eye Book"
 Wear glasses / sunglasses

Friday ~ "Fox in Sox"
 Wear silly socks

Family Night
 at Heartland Elementary



MARCH 26 5:30 - 7:00 PM
 Open House Format

ALL KIDS AGES BIRTH TO 6TH GRADE RECEIVE A FREE BOOK
 Literacy, Math, Science, and Art Activities
 Door Prizes Available
 Questions? Contact Mrs. Reinke -- 402-723-4434

Parent Teacher Conferences

Behavior Teamwork Grades
 Progress Goals Achieve
 Communication Homework

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

March 2nd & 10th
4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please register online for K-8 conferences!
 Go to www.heartlandschools.org and click on the Parent Teacher Conferences tab under the Menu on the left side of the page.

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Heartland High School Presents



Clue



High School Edition

March 27th & 28th, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, **Clue** is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by the Wadsworth – the butler (Aidan Swartzendruber), Miss Scarlett (Taylynn Scheil), Professor Plum (Aaron Goertzen), Mrs. White (Ellyn Hall), Mr. Green (Tyler Lewis), Mrs. Peacock (Timberly Carr) and Colonel Mustard (Tobin Glinsmann) race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. What happened to the cook (Rachael Dente), and where is the maid (Cora Johnson)? Is anyone safe? **Clue** is the comedy whodunit that will leave you in stitches as you try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Additional characters:

Mr. Boddy: Owen Mierau, Motorist: Elizabeth Mestl, Cop: Ava Tessman, Singing Telegram Girl: Lilly Carr, Agents: Madelyn Maltsberger and AV Kollerup, Reporter: Eloise Casper

Written by Jonathan Lynn, Hunter Foster, Eric Price and Sandy Rustin
produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

Heartland High School presents

Clue

ON STAGE HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

March 27 & 28, 2020
7:00 pm

WHODUNIT?

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Tickets available March 2 on brownpapertickets.com



Elementary Students Enjoyed Celebrating 100th Day of School

Kindergarten to 2nd grade spent the morning rotating through station activities all focused on the number 100! Students created structures with 100 cups, created structures with 100 dominoes, completed 100 piece puzzles, created monsters with 100 body parts, made caterpillars with 100 stickers, made gum ball machines with 100 gumballs, and rolled dice to play a "Race to 100" game. All students enjoyed walking under the "Happy 100 Days" banner in the hallway.



Fifth Graders Study Special Effects

5th graders spoke with a software engineer using Zoom! He is president of the company that creates computer graphic trees for movies like The Jungle Book, Avengers, Jurassic World, and even won an Academy Award and an Emmy for Avatar! He told the kids how important math is in his job and told them to keep coding and working hard.



Junior High Quiz Bowl Teams at Thayer Central



The 7th grade quiz bowl team got 4th place out of 16 teams. Pictured L to R: Weston Ohrt, Austin Schmidt, and Brady Goertzen.



8th grade quiz bowl got 2nd place out of 16 teams. Pictured front row, L to R: Cheyenne Danielson, Kaylee Goertzen, and Naomi Onnen. Back row, L to R: Dylan Gage, Jordan Nolan, Benjamin Janzen, Ryan Hiebner, and Nicholas Thiesen.



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PROM



On April 18, 2020, we will hold the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a meal for the Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:45 pm in the old gym. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for Juniors and \$15.00 for guests, complimentary for Seniors. After the meal, the students will do a walk-through starting at 7:45 pm; you are invited to join us in the theater. The Royalty Ceremony will follow starting at approximately 8:15 pm. The prom dance will be held in the south gym starting at 9:00 pm. Students will need to purchase a \$5.00 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All activities are chaperoned by parents. We will let parents know if your child leaves before the conclusion of the prom activities (2:00 am).



Heartland Community Schools March 2020

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.



2	Breakfast Pizza  Tacos Long John Steamed Corn	3	Egg & Cheese Biscuit Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	4	Mini Pancakes  French Dip Sandwich Waffle Fries Steamed Corn Cake	5	Cinnamon Rolls Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas	6	Pancake Wrap French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater
9	Waffles Chicken Tacos Black Bean Salsa Tortilla Chips	10	Cherry Frudel  Hamburger Chips Cookie	11	Muffin & Yogurt Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice Egg Roll	12	Long John Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	13	NO SCHOOL
16	Chicken & Biscuit Crispitos Nachos Steamed Broccoli	17	Tornado  Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies	18	Chocolate Chip French Toast  Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Dinner Roll	19	Breakfast Pizza Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	20	Mini Pancakes Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll
23	NO SCHOOL	24	Sausage & Biscuit Grilled Hotdog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	25	Pancake Wrap Chicken Fajitas Green Beans Long John	26	Apple Frudel Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	27	Waffles Baked Potato Bar Chicken Strips Muffin
30	Long John  Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	31	Chocolate Chip French Toast  Sloppy Joe French Fries Slushies						

March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Start of Spring Practice 7:45 AM Scholastic Book Fair 4:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences	3 7:45 AM Scholastic Book Fair 7:30 PM Winter Concert	4	5	6 Last Day of Quarter Three 3:00 PM Verevike making	7
8 Daylight Saving Time	9 SNC Quiz Bowl @ Centennial 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	10 Holi 4:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences	11	12 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	13 Nebraska Wesleyan Quiz Bowl Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) No School	14 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)
15	16 6:30 PM FBIA Bingo - Nursing Home	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 10:00 AM NHS Blood Drive 10:00 AM Track: Varsity vs. Doane College (Away)	20 County Government Day	21 Smorgasbord
22	23 No School - Teacher Professional Development 12:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Multiple Schools (Away)	24 ESU 6 Quiz Bowl Quiz Bowl 4th Grade Fieldtrip	25	26 5:30 PM Elementary Family Night	27 7:00 PM School Play	28 7:00 PM School Play
29	30 FBIA State Leadership Conference in Kearney 5:00 PM FFA Pancake Feed and Labor Auction	31 FBIA State Leadership Conference in Kearney 2:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Multiple Schools (Away)	1 FBIA State Leadership Conference in Kearney FFA State Convention April Fools' Day	2 FFA State Convention 9:00 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Multiple Schools (Away)	3 ESU JH Quiz Bowl FFA State Convention	4 

2020/21 Calendar - Heartland Community Schools

August 2020						
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Q1 days = 44

November 2020						
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December 2020						
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Q2 days = 41 Sem 1 days = 85

January 2021						
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February 2021						
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March 2021						
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Q3 days = 46

April 2021						
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May 2021						
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Q4 = 44 Sem = 90

Students = 175 Teachers = 185

 No School
 Prof. Dev. Day - NO SCHOOL
 P/T Conferences - 4:30-8:30 PM

— End of Term

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School Closing Information: 402-723-4421

PLEASE READ - The last day of school will depend upon the number of snow days used. Currently, the earliest last day is May 18th. If we use one snow day, the last day of school will be May 19th - two snow days, May 20th, etc. Our latest end of the year will be May 25th. We may need to make other adjustments to the calendar if we need more days due to cancellations.

Dates of Interest

Aug 13 First Day - Dismiss @ 11:40
Sep 21 P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30
Sep 28 P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30

Dec 23-27 NSAA Moratorium - No gyms
Jan 5 School Resumes
Mar 1 & 9 P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30

May 9 Graduation - 2:30 PM
May 18 Earliest Last Day
 Dismiss @ 11:30
May 25 Latest Last Day



Verenike Making Volunteers Needed!!

We are looking for some volunteers on **Friday, March 6th, 2020** at 3:00pm (or anytime after that works for you) in the school cafeteria to help make the Verenike which will be used for the Band's Annual Smorgasbord Fundraiser! Contact Grant or Jami Schmidt with questions, 402-723-5937.



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