



Heartland Community School

Henderson/Bradshaw

October 2012 Newsletter

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To our parents and supporters of Heartland Community Schools,

Fall is officially upon us and school is in full swing! It has been a great start to a new year and we appreciate the support that you have given us in making sure that your children are here and ready to learn each day.

This last month, the board of education approved the budget for the 2012-13 school year. Our adjusted total budget for this next school year shows an increase of less than 1/2 of 1%. The state legislature has put some severe limits on public school spending, regardless of how frugal some districts have been in the past. On occasion, I get asked about adding new programs and spending more on building improvements. "After all", they say, "We certainly have room in our tax levy to raise the money". That is true – our general fund levy for next year is projected to be at a little over 87 cents per \$100 valuation, which is down over 4 cents from the 2011-2012 school year and 18 cents below the levy limit. One of the reasons for the decrease is a nearly 12% increase in property valuation. The other reason is that we are under the spending limit set by the legislature. Even if we could leave the tax levy as it was the year prior and capture and additional \$160,000, we could not spend it due to these spending rules.

Rest assured that we are doing just fine financially and are looking at ways to enhance programming and building improvements within these spending limits. Our number one priority is to provide a quality education to our children and I believe that we are in a great position to continue that effort. We appreciate your support and take our fiscal responsibility to you very seriously.

Speaking of quality education, our students and teachers performed extremely well on last spring's state tests in reading, math, and science! When one compares the percentage of our students that were proficient on these tests to the state average, our

proficiency level was 13% higher in reading, 17% higher in math, and 27% higher in science. To celebrate this achievement, we held an "academic pep rally" one morning in the theatre and the principals and I served ice cream sundaes to all of the students after lunch the following day. I am not sure how many times I have been asked to have ice cream again ...

Have a great fall and please plan to participate in our school activities and parent/teacher conferences on October 18th and 25th. Stop in for a cup of coffee and a visit at any time.

Sincerely,

Brad Best, Superintendent

BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership will again this year orchestrate the Christmas Assistance project; local businesses and organizations assist in this endeavor.

Also, we ask if organizations, student and/or staff, would like to become a sponsor, or integrate a fund raiser, that they contact Blue Valley Community Action Coordinator, Cynthia Schultz at 402-362-3516. It is our organization's hope that efforts are not duplicated, while serving those who meet the criteria for assistance.

Christmas Assistance applications will be available on October 3, 2012 at Blue Valley Community Action, 3401 N Lincoln, York, NE or 440 Nebraska Ave, Osceola, NE.

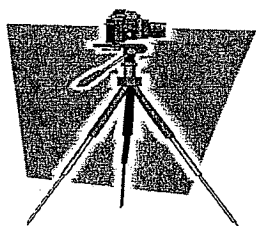
Applications must be completed and returned with all required verification by October 24, 2012. All applications will be reviewed for eligibility.

EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

There are **three** ways for you to earn money for our school.

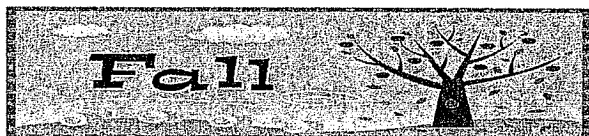
1. Bring us your **Land O Lakes** milk caps. Please bring us the caps that have the "Save five cents for schools" sticker. They can be dropped off at the school office, elementary library or sent with a student. Our school gets \$100 for every 2000 we send in. It adds up fast when everyone participates. We need every milk cap we can get!
2. Please clip your "**Box Tops for Education**" and bring them to school or send them with your student. The money we accumulate through this program helps us buy supplies or playground equipment.
3. Shop online through btf.com/marketplace. Put this website as your favorite and when you decide to buy something on the internet, go through this website first. You can choose over 100 stores to shop in-including favorites such as Target, Walmart, JCPenney, Lands' End Apple, Oriental Trading Company, Best Buy and more. Through this website **Heartland Community Schools** can qualify to receive a donation for up to 15% of your purchase. This website also offers discounts and keeps track of how much you have donated to our school. This is a great way to shop and help our school at the same time. They also have great programs to help our school.

Thank you for helping Heartland Community Schools! Go Huskies!!!



ALL SCHOOL PICTURES OCTOBER 9, 2012

All students in grades Pre K-12 will be photographed on Tuesday morning, October 9, 2012. Parents may bring preschoolers in for photos as well, beginning at 8:00AM. Check at the school office for location. Photos will be sold on a pre-pay basis. Packets for ordering photos will be sent home with students on or about September 28, 2012, and will be available for pickup in the school office after that date.



Heartland Community Schools HOMECOMING 2012

"AMERICAN CLASSICS"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

THEME: SUPERHERO

(Dress as your favorite superhero)
First Period K-12 Pep Band in Halls
Pep Rally with Jr. High Pep Band
Bonfire 8:00PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012

THEME: RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

(Dress in your American Spirit)
Volleyball Nebraska Christian @ H 6:00/7:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012

THEME: WACKY HAIR/MISMATCH DAY

(Dress with horrible fashion sense and hair issues)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

THEME: DISNEY

(Dress as your favorite Disney Character)
K-12 Poster Competition

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

THEME: SPIRIT

(Dress to show your Huskie Spirit)
2:00PM Parade

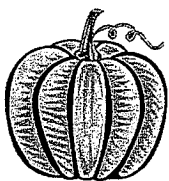
Followed by Community Pep Rally in the Theater
Football at HOME 7:00PM

Coronation after the game on the football field
Dance after Football game till 12:00am

GO HUSKIES!



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 18TH AND 25TH



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Good news! Our students have BrainPOP!

We are happy to inform you that your child can access BrainPOP at home. Our school has won a subscription to this award-winning web-delivered resource, enhancing children's engagement in the classroom.

BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that supports educators and engages students. Hundreds of topics within Science, Social Studies, English, Math, Technology, Arts & Music and Health are all brought to life through short, animated movies and related interactive quizzes and features. BrainPOP Espanol provides *BrainPOP* content in Spanish. All content is aligned to and searchable by state standards.

BrainPOP Jr. provides educational movies for K-3 learners and addresses a wide range of grade-appropriate topics. Each animated topic has a movie, leveled quizzes, games, activities, and lesson ideas that develop critical thinking and inquiry skills. All content is read aloud so young students can browse the site on their own.

Because BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. are delivered entirely online, there's nothing to install or download. You can use *BrainPOP* resources with PCs, Macs, projectors, and interactive whiteboards. Getting started is easy by using the step-by-step Getting Started Guide.

Your child's subscription to BrainPOP will remain active for the next 9 months, in which time they will have full access to all the movies, quizzes, and interactive resources. Questions? Feel free to contact BrainPOP at 866.542.7246, check out the help www.brainpop.com/help section, or email them at info@brainpop.com.

Please contact Gina Mestl with any questions at gmestl@heartlandschools.net

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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. In Henderson it will be announced with voiceover capabilities on any cable channel (in town) when your TV is on. We have implemented an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use for school closings as well. 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 at 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30 to 8:00AM (cable only).

Three things middle school teachers want parents to know

It's still early in the school year. You may not have had an opportunity to meet your child's teachers yet. Until you do, consider these three things the teachers probably want you to know:

- 1. Please be involved.** Teachers can't force your child to do her homework or to study for tests. Many students are self-motivated and do it all on their own. But many others are not! If yours is one of the latter, set study hours. Oversee your child's work; however, *never* do the work for her.
- 2. Please emphasize** to your child how important it is to turn in work. Work that is never turned in may earn a zero. Just one zero can bring down a grade an entire letter—all for something that could have been avoided.
- 3. Please make sure** your child comes to school unless she is sick or it's an emergency. Chronic absences will hurt her even more than that zero will.

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NEW LUNCH GUIDELINES

Many schools are hearing comments regarding the federal lunch guideline changes for this year. To help combat childhood obesity, first lady Michelle Obama has worked to implement limits on the amount of protein, carbohydrates, fat, sugar, and sodium in school lunches as well as total calories offered to students. These changes have resulted in not being able to offer ketchup every day (sodium), to cut desserts on most days (calories), and to offer only non-fried foods (fat and carbohydrates). The new guidelines that are now in effect also require that a student has a fruit or vegetable on their tray, that all milk is either low or non-fat, and whole grains are used in breading, crusts, or breads.

To deal with these new requirements, students have noticed that meals look different in terms of quantity and include "more healthy options". Our kitchen staff does a great job to prepare quality meals within these tightened guidelines and now offer a fruit and salad bar from which students can take as much as they will eat.

To address the reduced amount of protein, especially for those students that are growing, in activities, or "don't get enough to eat", as long as their lunch balances are up to date, students may purchase an additional entree for 75 cents.



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

We are still looking for 2 bus route drivers for this school year. If you are interested, please call the school office at 402-723-4434



Art Club Officers for 2012-2013 school year are:

President	Samantha Boardman
Vice President	Emily Ott
Treasurer	Megan Boardman
Secretary	Sara Brune
News Reporters	Lewanna Marsolek Alexandra Nelson Gina Grady Allison Braun
Historians	Megan Friesen Aubrey DeBraal Dylan Johnson
Promotional Services	Deitrich Driewer Roy Mason

Art Club Members (27):

Freshman

Camryn Dick	Jose Romo
Katelyn Janzen	Owen Wurst
McKenna Friesen	

Sophomore

Lydia Quiring	Dylan Johnson
Roy Mason	Gina Grady
Tierney Casper	Alexandra Nelson

Juniors

Lewanna Marsolek	Morgan Michel
Olivia Prentice	Megan Friesen
Megan Boardman	Aubrey DeBraal
Kaci Hiebner	Allison Braun
Sidney Dick	Darrian Chase

Seniors

Samantha Boardman	Janelle Huebert
Emily Ott	Katrina Autio
Sara Brune	Deitrich Driewer

There will be an elementary and high school Homecoming Poster Contest again this year. Look for the elementary and high school posters in the cafeteria and theatre hallway. Art Club will be selling glow sticks at the homecoming football game on Friday, October 19th .

October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Mon-Sloppy Joe Tues-Spaghetti Wed-No Lunch Thurs-Mock Runza Fri-Pig in a Blanket</p>	<p>1 Girls Golf Districts Jr. Hi VB St. Joe @ H 4:30 Jr. Hi FB @ Exeter-Mill 6:30 FFA Impact Leadership Training 9th Gr. @ Hastings</p>	<p>2 VB @ Doniphan/Geneva 5:30/6:30/7:30</p>	<p>3 Teacher Inservice-Early Dismissal @ 11:40am FFA District Land Judging</p>	<p>4 VB Superior @ H 5:30/6:30/7:30 Parents Night</p>	<p>5 FB @ McCool 7:00pm</p>	<p>6 Harvest of Harmony 9:00am Jr. Hi VB @ Hebron</p>
<p>7 Mon-Chicken Patty Tues-Country Beef Patty Wed-Grilled Cheese Thurs-Biscuit & Gravy Fri-Taco Salad</p>	<p>8 Jr. Hi VB Quad Tourney @ H 5:00pm State Girls Golf @ Columbus Bd. of Ed Mtg. @ 8:00pm</p>	<p>9 SCHOOL PICTURES State Girls Golf @ Columbus VB @ David City/GICC 6:15/7:00</p>	<p>10 7:00pm FCA Fields of Faith</p>	<p>11 VB @ Sutton 6:30/7:30 VB C Team 5:30</p>	<p>12 End of 1st 9 weeks FB Bruning-Davenport @ H 7:00pm Art Club Cake Raffle/ Glow Sticks @ 7:00pm</p>	<p>13 All State Band & Choir try-outs @ Hastings-8:00AM</p>
<p>14 Mon-Hamburgers Tues-Tater Tot Casserole Wed-Philly Sandwich Thurs-Veggie Soup Fri-Steak Fingers</p>	<p>15 FFA/FBLA Mtg. @ 7:00pm 8:00 Homecoming Bonfire</p>	<p>16 VB Nebr. Christian @ H 6:00/7:00pm</p>	<p>17 PSAT Test</p>	<p>18 PT Conference 4:30- 8:30pm</p>	<p>19 2:00 Homecoming Parade FB Red Cloud @ H 7:00pm Homecoming/Dance PTO Cake Raffle 7:00</p>	<p>20 JV VB Tourney @ Seward 9:00am</p>
<p>21 Mon-Cold Sandwich Tues-Ham & Noodles Wed-Fajitas Thurs-Grilled Chicken Sand Fri-NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22 VB SNC Tourney TBA</p>	<p>23 VB SNC Tourney @ Milford</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 PT Conference 4:30- 8:30</p>	<p>26 NO SCHOOL VB SNC Tourney @ Milford</p>	<p>27 ACT Test</p>
<p>28 Mon-Chicken Noodle Soup Tues-BBQ Meatballs Wed-Crispitos</p>	<p>29 VB Sub-Districts @ Sandy Creek</p>	<p>30 VB Sub-Districts @ Sandy Creek</p>	<p>31 FFA State Land Judging</p>	<p>FFA National Convention</p>		

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3– Teacher In service Dismiss at 11:40 NO LUNCH

October 6– Harvest of Harmony

October 8– Board of Education Meeting 8:00pm

October 9– School Pictures

October 18– Parent Teacher Conference 4:30-8:30PM

October -19-Homecoming/Dance

October 25– Parent Teacher Conference 4:30-8:30 PM

October 26– No School