



# THE HUSKIE LEADER

## April 2021 Heartland Community School News

### IMPORTANT DATES

**April 2 - 5**

No School

**April 7 - 9**

FFA State Convention

**April 12**

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

**April 14**

FBLA Leadership Conference

**April 16**

Kindergarten Roundup

**April 22 & 23**

District Music Contest at Sutton

**April 23**

ChILD Day

**April 24**

Prom

**April 27**

NHS Banquet TBD

**April 29**

6:30 PM FFA Banquet

**April 30**

12:00 PM Elementary Field Day

**May 4**

12:00 PM Elementary Field Day (make-up date)

7:00 PM Awards Night

**May 9**

2:30 Graduation

**May 21**

CURRENT Last Day of School



Here's what you need to know:

- Prom - April 24
- Theme - A Night in the Enchanted Forest
- 6:45 PM Meal for Juniors and Seniors
- 7:45 PM Walkthrough (Seating may be limited. The walkthrough might be streamed.)
- 8:15 PM Royalty
- 9:00 PM -12:00 AM Dance
- 12:00 AM - 2:00 AM Post Prom
- Out of Town Dates will be allowed, please make sure they are aware of our mask guidelines.

### OUR MISSION

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

*As we approach the end of a school year, that last August I wasn't sure we would complete, we are grateful to have been able to conduct learning in person and complete most activities. There have been and continue to be trying days with changing information from the CDC, Governor, and local health departments, but I think we are going to make it through the end of an interesting year. One year ago, we were facing an invisible threat for which we had little information, schools were closed, activities were cancelled, and people were out of work. Today, while we still battle the virus, concerns have shifted toward "when do we get to quit wearing masks" and why can't we all just go back to "normal". We understand and we are the first in line to go back to what we would consider a more normal routine. People are tired. People are frustrated. Some people are still scared. We continue to follow the direction of those that are smarter than we are on this topic. We are thankful that we are in class and that students are involved with activities. We are very optimistic that August will seem like we are back to "normal". Thank you for your continue support and please hang on just a bit longer.*

*Over the last 9 years, we have updated many areas of our facilities, course offerings, and support programs for students. As the district looks to the future, questions and issues surrounding buildings and grounds will arise. In order to make logical and meaningful decisions in the future regarding these topics, the board has agreed to move forward with a facility study by an architectural and engineering firm. They will scour our buildings, have discussions and receive public input as to what the future may hold for Heartland. The plan will help to identify best solutions to ideas, growth, or community needs. Please stay tuned for additional details.*

*We hope that you have a wonderful spring season!*

*Mr. Brad Best, Superintendent*



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## Ch.I.L.D. Day

To parents of young children in the Heartland School District:

All of us know the importance of social attachment (or bonding) with infants. As young children continue to grow, their experiences with the special people in their lives (parents, extended family, daycare providers and preschool teachers, other adults and friends) help them develop the communication and social skills they need.

Research, as well as our experience as educators, tells us that the single best predictor of school success is communication skills. Children entering kindergarten who can process (listen) and use language (speak) do well in school. However, those who do not processor communicate well will struggle without assistance or intervention in school. The school is responsible for providing free early intervention services to children from birth to age five who qualify, so that they can receive the help they need.

As children grow, learn and change, they can benefit from **developmental wellness visits**, just like they need regular preventive check-ups from a family doctor. Our school provides this "developmental check-up" to parents of children birth to age 5 to share developmental information on communication, gross motor, fine motor, self-help, and social skills.

We invite you to join us for

**Ch.I.L.D. Day –**

**Childhood Information on Language and Development :**

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**8:00am to 4:00pm**

Please call the school office to schedule an appointment with the early intervention staff. The Ch.I.L.D. Day will be conducted in the Heartland Preschool room\* at the Heartland School in Henderson for children ages 0-5. Participation in Ch.I.L.D. Day is free and completely voluntary.

\* Adults are required to wear masks when in the building.



## Kindergarten Transition Days

**Who:** All PreK students in the Heartland district

**What:** Kindergarten Transition Days. Your child will meet important school staff and visit important places around the building along with the Heartland Preschool and Bethesda Preschool staff.

**When:** Monday, April 26, 2021 & Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:15 – 3:30 pm

**Where:** Heartland Community Schools  
1501 Front Street  
Henderson, Nebraska

**Why:** To make the important transition to Kindergarten as smooth as possible

**What parents should do now:** Please call the school office, 402-723-4434 and talk to Tammy or Jessica to sign your child up for Kindergarten Transition Days!



The Elementary Field Day will be held on Friday April 30th, 2021 starting at 12:00pm

\* Rain date is May 4th

## HEARTLAND JH ROBOTICS



L to R: Braden Janzen, Austin Schmidt, Weston Ohrt, Will Regier



L to R: Ayden Holt, Cash Parrish, Lane Farrall, Andrew Onnen

**H**earthland was recently able to host a First Lego League Robotics tournament. There were eight teams from Benedict, Henderson, Lincoln, Wilber, Louisville, and David City that participated.

Congratulations to The Brainiacs team of Lane Farrall, Ayden Holt, Andrew Onnen, and Cash Parrish for receiving the Rising Stars trophy, and the Robros team of Austin Schmidt, Weston Ohrt, Braden Janzen, and Will Regier for receiving the Innovative Project trophy and qualifying for State.

A big thanks to all Heartland high school students that helped with the FLL Robotics contest we hosted and to Maddie Miller for singing the National Anthem at the opening. Congratulations to Dawson Ohrt for receiving the Volunteer Award for this FLL Robotics Contest.



### **\*Imagine Your Story\* Summer Reading Program June 15th - July 22nd Heartland Community School's Elementary Library**

The Library will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays in Henderson from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for 6 weeks. Weekly prizes will be awarded for every 100 minutes read. Children reading 5 out of the 6 weeks will be rewarded with a grand prize. All preschool and elementary

students are welcome to come to participate in the program. Watch the school website for when packets may be picked up at the office. Children who spend part of their summer reading or being read to are more likely to read well when they return to school in the fall. The Summer Reading Program gives children the chance to read at their leisure and develop a wider appreciation of books.





## 2021 Boys Track Team



1st row left to right: Seth Randles, Nolan Boehr, Cooper Regier, Tobin Glinsmann, Cord Spencer, Maverick Hiebner  
2nd row left to right: Trajan Arbuck, Kale Wetjen, Carson Ott, Mason Regier, Dawson Ohrt, Eli Hiebner  
3rd row left to right: Trev Peters, Zach Quiring, Tucker Bergen, Garrett Regier, Kaden Siebert  
4th row left to right: Nick Thieszen, Hudson Regier, Hunter Perez  
Not pictured: Alexis Meza



## 2021 Girls Track Team



1st row left to right: Ella Friesen, Cindy Cerveney, Ashley Brown, Abigael Stebbing  
2nd row left to right: Maddie Maltsberger, Lilly Carr, Grace Regier, Savannah Huebert, Eloise Casper  
3rd row left to right: Reese Regier, Mariah Tessman, Hayden Mierau, Cheyenne Danielson, Allie Boehr  
Not pictured: Ava Tessman

## 2021 Boys Golf Team



1st row left to right: Jordan Huebert, Heath Perez, Wyatt Regier  
2nd row left to right: Mason Hiebner, Alex Goertzen, Aaron Goertzen, Tyler Lewis  
3rd row left to right: Geoffrey Ficken, Reeve Oswald, Jacob Regier, Merrick Maltsberger  
4th row left to right: Ryan Hiebner, Andrew Franz, Jack McCormick, Jordan Nolan, Benjamin Janzen







### Drivers Education for 2021

Drivers Education classes will be offered to Heartland students through Nebraska Drives. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. It is open to all area students who are 14 years of age by October 1, 2021. All students need a permit as soon as possible. The fee for the class is \$395.00 per student. Register by calling 402-723-4595. Checks should be made out to Nebraska Drives and sent to PO Box 345, Henderson, NE, 68371. The fee must be paid by the first day of class. There is a \$25 fee for being a "no show" for the drive labs. Only one session will be offered this summer, June 28th - July 1st, from 8:00am to 1:00pm with driving scheduled on students' own time. If you have any questions, please contact David Coleman at 402-723-4595.

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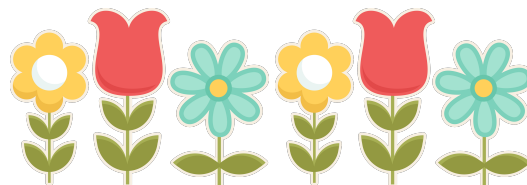
### April "To Do" List

#### Seniors

- \_\_\_ Continue applying for scholarships
- \_\_\_ Make your final college decision
- \_\_\_ Start purchasing dorm essentials
- \_\_\_ Start looking for a summer job

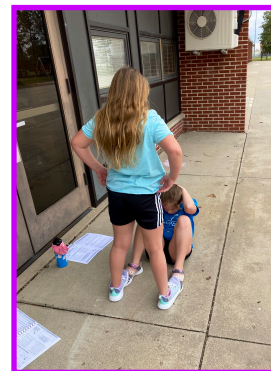
#### Juniors

- \_\_\_ Attend a College Planning for Juniors webinar
- \_\_\_ Register by April 8 for the May 8 SAT
- \_\_\_ Register by May 7 for the June 12 ACT
- \_\_\_ Start looking for scholarships



Eleven Heartland elementary girls began the annual Girls on the Run season on Tuesday, March 23. Girls will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:45 from now until the middle of May. Girls meet with coaches Stephanie Miller, Heidi Widick, Hillary Veerhusen, and Michelle Naber. The program is truly to inspire 3rd-6th grade girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident. The program and the coaches are helping girls take charge of their lives and define the future on their terms with a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates movement through

running, walking, skipping, or hopping. It teaches girls to embrace challenges to boldly pursue their dreams. There are no limits, no constraints ... only opportunities to be remarkable. The season will conclude with a local 5K race where girls are encouraged to hop, skip, run, or walk to the finish line.







The Heartland FFA went to the Leadership Center in Aurora to compete in District CDE's. These are contests designed to develop leadership and career interests and skills. There were 28 members competing in a variety of events.

**Agriscience team - 4th** Team members were: Cheyenne Danielson-9th, Ben Janzen-10th, Jose Meza-13th, Andrew Franz-28th, Allie Boehr-42nd, Kayley Paitz-58th, and Fred Beck-61st.

**Agronomy team - 4th** Team members were: Lauren Quiring-9th, Aaron Goertzen-17th, Lisa Buller-18th, and Tyler Lewis-20th.

**Ag Mechanics team - 1st** Team members were: Maverick Hiebner-tied for 2nd, Alex Goertzen-12th, Mason Hiebner-15th, Eli Hiebner-24th, Lisa Buller-37th, Reeve Oswald-53rd, and Fred Beck-54th.

**Farm Management team - 4th** Team members were: Aaron Goertzen-14th, Andrew Franz-15th, Tyler Lewis-19th, Ben Janzen-24th.

**Food Science team - 2nd** Team members were: Maddie Maltsberger-2nd, Ruby Kliewer-4th, Grace Regier-5th, Maddie Miller-18th, and Savannah Huebert-23rd.

**Floriculture team - 9th** Team members were: Lauren Quiring-9th, Jose Meza-29th, Maddie Miller-31st, Ruby Kliewer-50th, Maddie Maltsberger-51st, and Savannah Huebert-62nd.

**Meats team - 7th** Team members were: Carson Ott-9th, Wyatt Panko-24th, Cole Miller-27th, Nolan Boehr-34th, Zach Quiring-36th, Merrick Maltsberger-37th, and Kaden Siebert-38th.

**Natural Resources - 6th** Team members were: Carson Ott-12th, Cole Miller-23rd, Nolan Boehr-26th, and Reeve Oswald-27th.

**Vet Science - 11th** Team members were: Grace Regier-23rd, Allie Boehr-36th, Cheyenne Danielson-49th, and Kayley Paitz-52nd.

**Welding team - 3rd** GMAW welders were-Eli Hiebner-12th and Merrick Maltsberger-13th. OA welders were Alex Goertzen-6th and Kaden Siebert-9th. TIG welders Wyatt Panko-5th and Mason Hiebner-8th. SMAW welders were Maverick Hiebner-2nd and Zach Quiring-10th.

\*Due to COVID, the Nebraska State FFA competition will be held virtually. State qualifying teams will compete throughout the month of March. The following teams will compete: Ag Mechanics, Food Science, Welding, Agriscience, Farm Management, Natural Resources, Agronomy, and Meats.



## A LOOK BACK AT READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK!



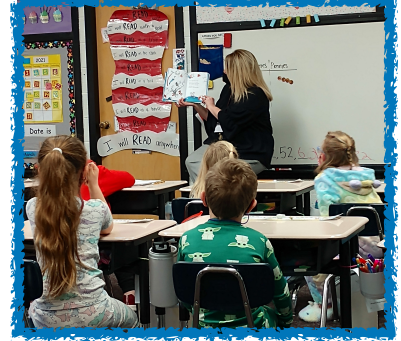
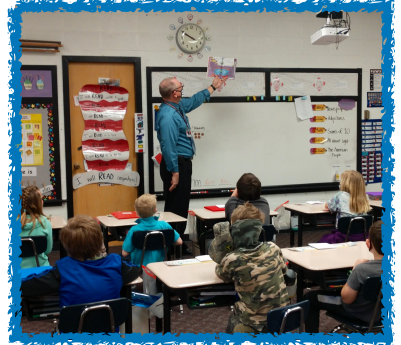
**1**st grade spent the week in small groups learning why knowing how to read is important. We discussed being able to read to eat out and order off a menu, reading billboards to see what is around the area when traveling, reading road signs to be able to drive one day, and learning how to read a newspaper.

In whole group reading we focused on rhyming. Students designed their own rhyming book, based on the children's book "Peek a Who?" We had some great rhymers and awesome artists!

We had a surprise reader join us each day to read us their favorite book!

On Tuesday, National Honor Society read us a Dr. Seuss book then did an activity with us of making a Wocket in our Pocket.

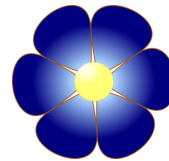
On Friday we spent the day reading all around the school, from the theater, playground, in the gym, even in the cafeteria. Then we finished the day with a special surprise of watching the Lorax!



### Elementary Library Time



During elementary library time, students explore coding with Dash and Dot robots.



You may know these as "Beanie Babies" but to Title 1 reading students, they are "Reading Buddies." Once a student's sticker chart is filled, they may choose a "Reading Buddy" to take home and keep. Of course Reading Buddies thrive when they are loved and read to each day. Stickers are awarded for...reading accuracy, increasing reading fluency, and being respectful during Title Reading Group. **At this time, I am looking for donations of Beanie Babies.** If you have new or gently loved Beanies, please drop them off at the school office. I know they would go to a good home. Thanks-

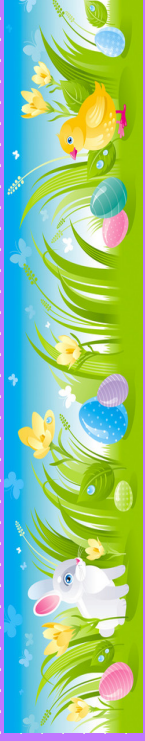
Tami Peters, Title Reading Teacher

### 5th Grade



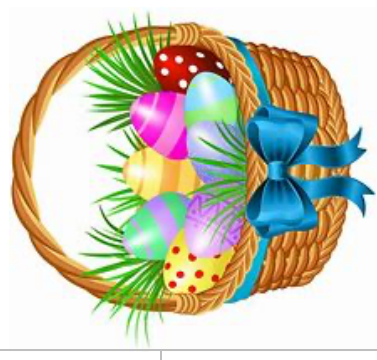
The fifth graders presented plays depicting what they learned about the Underground Railroad and The Civil War.





# Heartland Community Schools April 2021

5	NO SCHOOL	6	<b>Mini Pancakes</b> BBQ Meatballs Cornbread Honey Glazed Carrots	7	<b>Cinnamon Roll</b> Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	1	<b>Pancake Wrap</b> Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans	2	NO SCHOOL
12	<b>Tornado</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	13	<b>Coffee Cake</b> Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice	14	<b>Sausage &amp; Biscuit</b> Sloppy Joe French Fries Slushies	15	<b>Waffles</b> Tacos Long John Steamed Corn	16	<b>Chocolate Chip French Toast</b> Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies
19	<b>Long John</b> Grilled Hotdog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	20	<b>Pancake Wrap</b> Taco Salad Steamed Corn Mini Donuts	21	<b>Sausage &amp; Biscuit</b> Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	22	<b>Coffee Cake</b> Crispitos Nachos Steamed Broccoli	23	<b>Mini Pancakes</b> Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies
26	<b>Strawberry Bagel</b> Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Peas	27	<b>Tornado</b> French Dip Sandwich French Fries Green Beans	28	<b>Waffles</b> Baked Potato Bar Chicken Strips Muffin Steamed Broccoli	29	<b>Chocolate Chip French Toast</b> Chicken Strips French Fries Dinner Roll Slushies	30	<b>Pancake Wrap</b> Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll



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.

# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Palm Sunday	29 Math Day Hill	30 2:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Centennial Conesoga Cougars Freeman Milford Palmyra Thayer Central Community School Tri County > Multiple Schools (Away) 4:00 PM Golf: Boys Varsity Triangular @ Sutton (Away)	31 BSU Quiz Bowl	1 April Fools' Day 9:00 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Blue Hill/Centennial Junior-Senior Deshler Fairbury Fillmore Central Grand Island Central Catholic Hastings Lawrence Nelson Red Cloud Sandy Creek Junior/ Senior Shickley Sutton Thayer Central Community School > Multiple Schools (Away)	2 No School Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5 No School	6 10:30 AM Track: Varsity vs. Bruning- Davenport/Shickley Coop Central City Grand Island Hastings Catholic Schools Superior Junior/Senior Sutton > Multiple Schools (Away)	7 FFA State Convention BSU 6 JH Quiz Bowl 9:30 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Cen- tennial Cross County Deshler Elmwood-Murdock Exeter-Milligan Fillmore Central Hastings St. Cecilia Johnson County Central Milford Shelby-Rising City Southern Thayer Central Community School > Multiple Schools (Away)	8 2:00 PM Track: JH vs. Doniphan- Trumbull Harvard Sutton > Multiple Schools (Away)	9 Quiz Bowl @ Osceola	10
11	12 FBLA State Leadership Conference 8:00 PM School Board Meeting	13 FBLA State Leadership Conference Beginning of Ramadan 10:00 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Cross County/Deshler Exeter-Milligan Sandy Creek Junior/Senior Shickley Superior Junior/Senior Sutton Thayer Central Community School > Multiple Schools (Away) 11:00 PM Track: Varsity Invitational	14 FBLA State Leadership Conference 9:30 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Crete Elmwood-Murdock Friend Lincoln Lutheran Palmyra Thayer Central > Multiple Schools (Away)	15 Tax Day 12:30 PM Track: JH Invitational	16 Kindergarten Round-Up	17
18	19 4:00 PM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. High Plains Community Shelby-Rising City > Multiple Schools (Away)	20 2:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Columbus Lakeview David City Malcolm Milford Linden Raymond Central > Multiple Schools (Away)	21 9:30 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Cedar Bluffs Cross County Friend Humphrey St. Francis Lakeview Stanton Twin Riv- er Tutan > Multiple Schools (Away)	22 District Music Contests at Sutton Earth Day 1:30 PM Track: JH vs. Doniphan- Trumbull (Away)	23 CHILD Day Prom	24
25	26 Track: Varsity vs. Grand Island (Away) 2:15 PM Kindergarten transition visits 4:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Nebraska Lutheran Sutton > Multiple Schools (Away)	27 Track: Varsity vs. Grand Island (away) 9:30 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Blue Hill (Away) 6:30 PM NHS Banquet TBD	28 2:15 PM Kindergarten transition visits	29 2:00 PM JH Track @ Fillmore Central 6:30 PM FFA Banquet	30 12:00 PM Elementary Field Day 12:00	1 Track: Varsity vs. TBA (Away)

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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 (2021-22)
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
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_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
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(Not attending school-0; Preschool-P; Kindergarten-K; Grades 1-12; Graduated-G)

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM  
TO THE HEARTLAND SCHOOL OFFICE BY

**MAY 15, 2021**

EVEN IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND  
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!***



# census 2021

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Included in this newsletter is a Census form for Heartland Community Schools. Please complete and return this form to the school office **by May 15, 2021** **even if your child does 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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