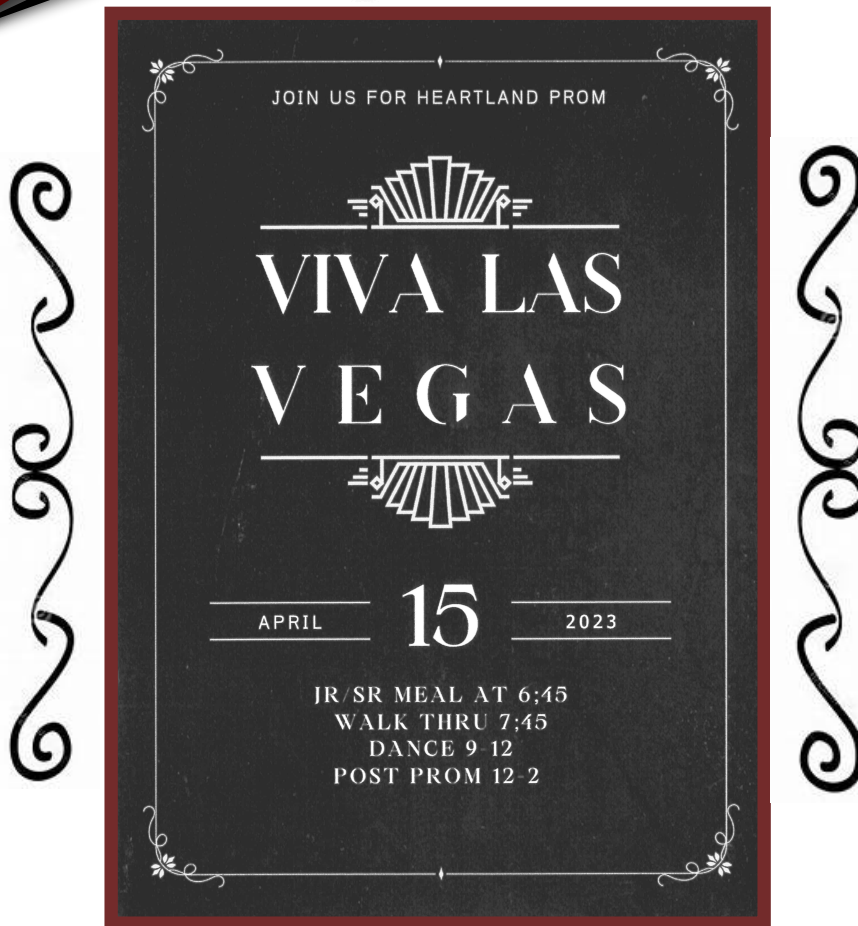




# THE HUSKIE LEADER

**April 2023**  
**Heartland Community School News**

## *Prom*



### ***Junior-Senior Prom is April 15th***

**6:45pm** - Meal for the Juniors, Seniors and their guests. The meal is \$15 for Juniors, \$15 for all guests, and complimentary for Seniors.

**7:45pm** - The students will do a walk-through. The 9-12 student body, parents, and guests are invited to the Royalty Ceremony held in the school theater following the walk-through.

**9:00pm** - Dance will be held in the south gym. Students will need to purchase a \$10 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All activities are chaperoned by parents. Parents will be notified if your child leaves before the conclusion of the prom activities (2:00am).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 7 & 10**

No School

**April 10**

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

**April 15**

Prom

**April 17**

6:30 PM FFA Banquet

**April 20 & 21**

District Music @ Sutton

**April 25**

7:00 Awards Night

**April 27**

5:00 - 6:30 PM FFA Pancake Feed/

Silent Auction

5:30 PM Art Show (South Gym)

**April 28**

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Art Show

12:00 PM Elementary Field Day

**May 2**

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

**May 7**

2:00 PM Graduation

**May 8**

School Board Meeting

**May 18**

Last Day of School

## *From the desk of*

Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

### **Construction Projects Update**

Planning has resumed on our upcoming construction projects. When the initial bid process was completed in late-December, the Board paused and re-evaluated the process due to the large gap in the costs that were bid to us versus the costs that were initially expected. After a lengthy process that included analyzing proposed costs and considering options for moving forward, the process has resumed and is moving forward.

The Board has ultimately decided to move forward with the intent of completing our construction projects at a scale that is similar to what was originally envisioned and to not cut any materially significant elements from the project scope. The comprehensive project that the Board seeks to complete will include improvements and expansion of the main entrance for additional security, connection of the Ag Shop building to the main building, the building of a daycare facility, the addition of a new weight room and locker room facility north of the main gym, potential improvements to the main gym (AC & bleachers), and a 4-classroom addition connected to the northeast portion of the existing elementary.

Our facilities committee is currently working with our architectural and engineering team on a few changes to our original design. Once the architectural drawings are complete with these changes, we will re-initiate the bidding process. The two largest changes that we'll make from the design that we bid in December will apply to the daycare facility and the 4-classroom addition. The daycare facility will be separated from the existing building and built as a standalone structure. We believe this approach will lower some construction costs, create some flexibility in the construction process, and improve some logistical aspects going forward. In the 4-classroom addition, we plan to expand the size of two of the classrooms and construct them so that they can be utilized for any age of learner from PK through adolescents. By constructing two rooms that have early childhood capabilities in them versus standard classrooms, we believe that we can better utilize both new and existing space into the future and avoid large remodeling projects down the road as our early childhood needs/demands change or grow.

Since the cost of the construction will exceed the funds available from our bond issuance, the Board has secured additional construction financing through a 7-year, lease-purchase borrowing. This will bridge the gap in construction costs and allow us to complete the projects now with a short-term (7-year) borrowing. It is difficult to say, at this time, when we will move into the bidding phase, but we hope to finalize drawings within the next 5 weeks and possibly complete the bidding process by the end of May.

We'll keep you informed as we move through and into meaningful phases of our project. You're welcome to contact me at the office (402) 723-4434 if you have any questions.



## Kindergarten Transition Days

Transitioning to Kindergarten as a big milestone for children and their families! We want to make sure that this transitions as smooth as possible in order to familiarize the children with the staff and building as well as make the first days of Kindergarten more successful. All children in the Heartland school district who will be starting Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023 are invited to join Heartland Preschool and Bethesda Preschool students to take part in transition days.

We will introduce the children to important people who work in the school and visit important places around the building. The children will get a transition book to take home and read throughout the summer to get ready for Kindergarten! It will include pictures of the people and places we visited.

**When:** Monday, April 24th & Wednesday, April 26th 2:15 PM - 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 Janet to sign your child up for Kindergarten Transition Days!



**The Elementary Field Day  
will be held on Friday,  
April 28th, 2023 starting  
at 12:00pm**

**\* Rain date is Tuesday, May 2nd**



## FFA Pancake Feed & Art Show

**Thursday, April 27th**

**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM FFA Pancake Feed (Free Will Donation)**

**5:30 PM - 7:30 Art Show**

**Friday, April 28th**

**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Art Show**





**\*IN THIS TOGETHER\***  
**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**ELEMENTARY LIBRARY**  
**JUNE 13TH - JULY 20TH**



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. Reading packets will be sent home with the students at the end of school. Packets are also available 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.

**T**he Scholastic Book Fair was held March 13 - March 15 at Heartland Community Schools. Thank you to everyone who visited and purchased books for your family and your child's teachers. With Scholastic Dollars, over 200 books went to the classrooms!



**School-based Occupational Therapy**  
**addresses the whole child!**



**Executive Functioning**

Children use their executive function skills in order to organize materials, plan, initiate and attend to tasks, control emotions, impulses, & more.

**Mental Health**

Children's emotional state, ability to cope, make decisions, stay mindful, and maintain friendships are important in school.

**Cognition**

Children use their cognitive skills for socialization, completing multi-step activities, problem solving, & more.

**Ocular-motor skills**

Children use their ocular-motor skills to learn to read, copy from the board, play sports & more.

**Fine Motor Skills**

Children use their fine motor skills to grasp and manipulate tools needed to learn how to write, color, cut, type, & more.

**Strength**

Children use their strength in order to use classroom tools, open doors, carry books, & more. Children will use the strength and stability in the shoulder and wrist to be able to write.

**Range of Motion**

Children use their range of motion to take out and put away books and classroom tools, tie shoes, play sports, games & more.

**Balance & Coordination**

Children use their balance and coordination to sit upright, change positions, play sports and games & more.

**Sensory Processing**

Environmental modifications and a sensory diet, incl. fidgets, movement breaks, special seating, & more may help children develop skills to decrease fidgeting and improve attention.

**Oral Motor Skills**

Children use their oral motor skills to suck, swallow, and chew and to prevent drooling.

**Self-regulation**

Self-regulation skills are needed to control their behaviors, attention, and emotions to engage with peers and classroom tasks.

**Gross Motor Skills**

Children use their gross motor skills to sit upright, walk, jump, kick, catch, and throw & more. Gross motor skills are the foundation for developing new skills.





# NHS STUDENTS READ TO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS FOR DR. SEUSS DAY



On March 2nd, in honor of Dr. Seuss day, the members of the **Heartland National Honor Society** took the opportunity to visit the elementary classrooms. NHS students were able to share a Dr. Seuss book with the class. Then they helped the younger students work on fun activities, as well as enjoy a snack. Each elementary student received a Dr. Seuss bookmark and a sticker celebrating his birthday. This is always a popular activity and both groups of students have a great time.





## Micah Haidle One of the Top 10 Essay Winners For Nebraska American Mothers Essay Contest



**C**ongratulations to Micah Haidle in Mrs. Maltzberger's fifth grade class. Micah and his mother Joanne earned a trip to the Capitol as he was a top ten finalist for this year's Nebraska Mothers Association essay contest, "What My Mother Means to Me." Governor Jim Pillen was present at the ceremony.



## 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITOL

Mrs. Maltzberger's fifth grade class recently had the privilege to visit the State Capitol. After touring the Governor's Mansion, they toured the Capitol, sat in on the legislature, met our Senator, Jana Hughes, and took a trip to the top for a view of Lincoln.

## 2023 Drivers Education

Drivers Education classes will be offered to Heartland students through Nebraska Drives. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. Classes are open to all area students who are 14 years of age by October 15, 2023. Brochures are available in the school office.

Date: June 26 - June 29, Monday - Thursday

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Driving: Set by appointments, 5 1/2 hours total

Cost: \$415 due by the first day of class.

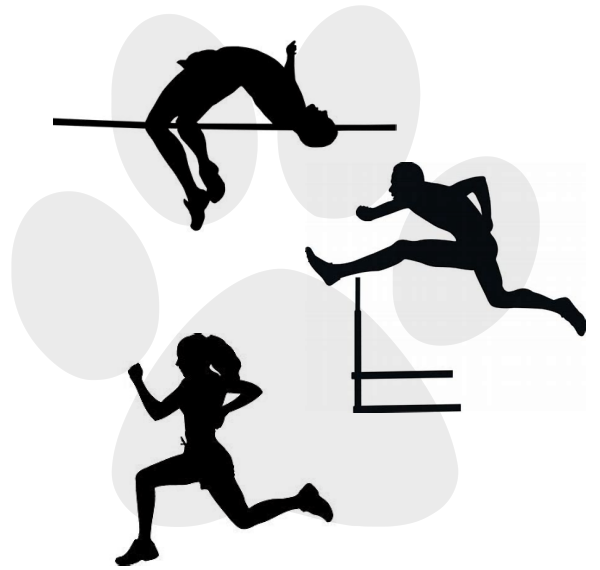
Contact information: [nebraskaroadways@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskaroadways@gmail.com)

David Coleman Home 402-723-4595 or Cell 402-309-3913





## 2023 Girls Track Team



## 2023 Boys Track Team



## 2023 Boys Golf Team







## BARNYARD FUN

Elementary students were able to enjoy and learn about animals and agriculture during the annual FFA Barnyard. Joel Wochner and Chantelle Schulz from the Bradshaw CVA discussed Grain Bin Safety. Nick Haack, Stuart Spader and Stan Boehr from Farm Bureau discussed different crops and livestock food with the students. A special thanks to Mrs. Miller, FFA students and all who provided animals for the event.



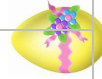




# Heartland Community Schools April 2023



3	<b>Sausage Biscuit</b> Shredded Pork Sandwich French Fries Dessert	4	<b>Chocolate Chip French Toast</b>  Tacos Long John Steamed Corn	5	<b>Tornado</b> Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Chocolate Pudding	6	<b>Cereal</b> <i>Easter Dinner</i> Turkey Mashed OR Sweet Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	7	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>   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.
10	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	11	<b>Cinnamon Roll</b>  Sloppy Joe French Fries Ice Cream Cup	12	<b>Waffles</b> Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli French Bread	13	<b>Strawberry Bagel</b> Chicken Fajita Green Beans Long John	14	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b>  "Huskie" Beef Hamburgers OR Chicken Patty Sandwich Chips Cookie
17	<b>Chocolate Chip French Toast</b>  Taco Salad Steamed Corn Mini Donuts	18	<b>Egg &amp; Cheese Biscuit</b> Grilled Chicken Sandwich French Fries Ice Cream Sandwich	19	<b>Tornado</b> French Toast Sticks Egg/Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	20	<b>Cinnamon Roll</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Roll	21	<b>Cereal</b>  Pizza Steamed Corn Jello
24	<b>Long John</b>  Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans French Bread	25	<b>Sausage Biscuit</b> Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	26	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b>  Spaghetti Garlic Bread Corn	27	<b>Waffles</b> Chicken Strips French Fries French Bread	28	<b>Cinnamon Breadstick</b> Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie



# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Harvard Math Day 7:00 PM NHS Induction	28 2:00 PM Track @ Wilber-Clatonia 4:00 PM Boys Golf @ Galaway Creek	29 FFA State Convention ESU 6 Quiz Bowl	30	31 9:00 AM Kindergarten Round-Up 1:00 PM Kindergarten Round-Up 6:00 PM Meridian Honor Band & Choir	1 April Fools' Day
2 Palm Sunday	3 State FBLA Conference	4 10:30 AM Track @ Sandy Creek	5 Passover 9:30 AM Golf Invite @ Friend County Club	6 2:00 PM JH Track @ Sandy Creek	7 No School Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10 No School 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	11 10:00 AM Golf Invite @ Geneva 12:30 PM JH Track Invitational @ Heartland	12 9:30 AM Golf Invite @ Milford	13 10:00 AM Track Invitational @ Heartland	14	15 Prom
16 Orthodox Easter	17 6:30 PM FFA Banquet 7:00 PM FBLA Bingo @ Legacy Square	18 Tax Day 12:00 PM Track Invitational @ Superior	19 9:30 AM Golf Invite @ David City	20 District Music @ Sutton 1:00 PM JH Track Invite @ Doniphan	21 District Music @ Sutton Eid al-Fitr	22 Earth Day
23	24 2:15 PM Kindergarten Transition Day 3:00 PM Central Nebraska Track Invite @ Grand Island 4:00 PM Track Quad @ Heartland	25 9:30 AM Golf @ Red Cloud 7:00 PM Awards Night	26 2:15 PM Kindergarten Transition Day	27 2:00 PM JH Track Invite @ Geneva 5:00 PM FFA Silent Auction / Pan-cake Feed 5:30 PM Art Show	28 8:00 AM Art Show 12:00 PM Elementary Field Day	29 10:00 AM SNC Conference Meet @ Sutton
30	1 12:30 PM JH Track Invite @ Sutton	2 9:00 AM Elementary Field Day (make up date) 9:00 AM Golf Invite @ Sutton	3 JH Math Contest @ Hebron	4 9:30 AM SNC Golf @ Superior 1:00 PM Track Invitational @ Sutton	5 Cinco de Mayo	6

# HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2023						
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	Beginning/End of Term
	No School - Professional Development
	No School - Break
	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	Early Dismissal
	Event
	NSAA Moratorium
	Curriculum Development

Aug. 11 New Teacher Orientation  
 Aug. 14-16 Teacher Inservice  
 Aug. 17 K-12 Classes Begin (11:40 Dismissal)

Sept. 4 No School - Labor Day  
 Sept. 11 No School - Professional Development

Oct. 9 No School - Professional Development  
 Oct. 9 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
 Oct. 12 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
 Oct. 19 Last Day - 1st Quarter  
 Oct. 20 No School - Fall Break  
 Oct. 23 First Day - 2nd Quarter

Nov. 6 No School - Professional Development  
 Nov. 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22 Last Day - 1st Semester  
 Dec. 23-27 NSAA Moratorium  
 Dec. 25-29 No School - Holiday Break

Jan. 1 - 3 No School - Holiday Break  
 Jan. 4 - 5 No School - Professional Development  
 Jan. 8 Classes Resume / 1st Day - 2nd Semester

Feb. 9 No School

Mar. 1 No School - Professional Development  
 Mar. 4 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
 Mar. 5 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
 Mar. 6 Last Day - 3rd Quarter  
 Mar. 7 No School - Professional Development  
 Mar. 8 No School - Winter Break  
 Mar. 11 First Day - 4th Quarter  
 Mar. 29 No School - Spring Break

Apr. 1 No School - Spring Break  
 Apr. 11 No School - Staff Workday (HS Track Invite)

May 1 Seniors' Last Day  
 May 5 Graduation  
 May 17 Last Day - 2nd Semester (11:30 Dismissal)

January 2024						
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1st Quarter	43	Student Days
	49	Teacher Days
2nd Quarter	41	Student Days
	42	Teacher Days
3rd Quarter	41	Student Days
	45	Teacher Days
4th Quarter	47	Student Days
	49	Teacher Days
1st Semester	84	Student Days
	91	Teacher Days
2nd Semester	88	Student Days
	94	Teacher Days
School Year	172	Student Days
	185	Teacher Days

Additional days for students and/or staff will be added to the end of the year if it is determined to be necessary.

NSAA DATES	
Start of Fall Practices	Aug. 7
District Golf	Oct. 2-3
State Golf	Oct. 9-10
State Football 1st Rd.	Oct. 19
State Volleyball	Nov. 1-2-3-4
Start of Winter Practices	Nov. 13
District One-Act	Week of Nov. 27
NSAA Moratorium	Dec. 23-24-25-26-27
Girls State Basketball	Feb. 28-Mar. 2
Boys State Basketball	Mar. 6-9
Start of Spring Practices	Feb. 26
District Music	Week of Apr. 15
District Track	May 9
District Golf	May 13-14
State Track	May 17-18
State Golf	May 21-22



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## 2023 Census

Included in the March newsletter was a Census form for Heartland Community Schools. Please complete and return this form to the school office **by May 15, 2023 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.

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