



THE HUSKIE LEADER



February 2023

Heartland Community School News

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1

York County Spelling Contest

February 8

York County Spelling Contest
(make up day)

February 13

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

February 13 - 17

FBLA Week

February 17

No School

February 20

No School - Professional
Development Day

February 20 - 24

FFA Week

February 22

8:30 AM Winter Concert (9-12)

March 7 & 14

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

March 18

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



**Heartland
Community School**
presents the Musical

INTO THE WOODS

music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
book by James Lapine

March 24 & 25, 2023
7:00 pm

tickets available
in March

OUR MISSION

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



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

Construction Projects Update

Not long after our successful bond election held last May, the formal, design process for our comprehensive, construction project began in earnest. This process involved our design team (architects and engineers), stakeholder groups, the board of education, and a building committee from the board of education. The design process concluded in mid-November and the original bid process concluded on December 20th with the opening of formal bids submitted by 7 general contractors. Original cost estimates developed for the project were established at around \$7 million, however, the bids came in at around \$11 million with the lowest bid being approximately \$10.8 million. The board rejected all 7 bids submitted on December 20th and from that point set out to 1) complete a cost analysis of the bids in order to understand the factors driving the significant cost increase and 2) identify informed and reasonable options to consider for moving forward.

Two factors largely drove the significant difference between the expected cost for the project and the amounts that were bid for the project. The first of those factors is the natural increases in costs for the specific scope of work that was expected to be completed as a part of the project. The second factor is the cost of additional scopes of work that weren't originally determined to be necessary parts of the project but were later determined to be necessary and unavoidable during the architectural and engineering phase – items such as fire sprinkling and electrical upgrades/replacement to the existing building were among the most notable of those additions. The increases in costs to the scope of work already included the project account for roughly \$2.1 million in the difference. The cost of additions to the scope of the originally intended project account for approximately \$1.7 million of the difference. These two factors added together account for the lowest bid being approximately \$3.8 million higher than what was originally expected.

Generally speaking, the board has identified 3 potential paths for moving forward: A) complete none of the work that was originally planned, B) complete as much of the original project that can be completed within the bounds of the funding available from the sale of the voter approved bonds, or C) seek to complete the comprehensive nature of the project as it was originally conceived despite such completing coming at a significantly greater cost than what was originally expected, and utilize 7-year lease-purchase financing to bridge the immediate funding gap.

Following the original bid opening on December 20th, the board had met on December 28th, January 9th, and January 23rd to explore and to consider the various options available for moving forward. The board has also received and considered a good deal of both formal and informal public feedback on the matter. In between each of the meetings, the board has worked diligently to understand the likely cost analysis of multiple courses of action going forward. Our current goal is for the board to reach a consensus as to which general direction we'll take to move forward at our regular February board meeting. Once this consensus is established, we can re-engage our design team, re-initiate a new bidding process, and get back on track with keeping our project moving forward.

We'll keep our public informed as decisions are made and 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.



Play
Learn
Grow



Heartland Preschool
2023 - 2024
Attention parents (3-5 years old)

Heartland Preschool is currently gathering interest for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently, preschool serves students ages three to five. Students cannot attend if they are Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2023).

Please call the school office to express your interest before March 3. Please note that space is limited and not guaranteed.

Call before March 3
402-723-4434

Children 3 - 5 years old
Cannot be Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2023)

2023 SMORGASBORD



MENU

KOHL SALAT
(cole slaw)
PARTZILKE
(New Years Cookies)
PLUMA MOS
(raisin and prune mouss)
PRIESHKE AND PLAUTZ
(fruit filled pastries)
SCHNETYA
(lady fingers)
WEIT BROT an BUTTA
(wheat bread and butter)
TWIEBACK and JELLE
(Zwieback and jelly)
CUFFA (coffee)
MILCH (milk)

KUMPST BORSCHT
(cabbage soup)
KLUPITZ
(ground meat patties)
WORSCHT
(sausage)
SCHAUBLA-met schmont fot
(beans with cream gravy)
KIELKE-met schmont fot an sippla
(noodles with cream gravy and onions)
VERENIKE-yebrot oda yekookt
(cottage cheese bundles—fried or cooked)
KORN (corn)
GESCHMUCKE—relish
(pickles, celery, carrots, beets)

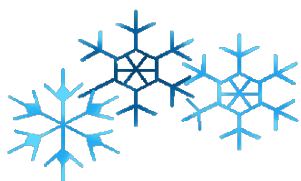
Smorgasbord 2023

On Saturday, March 18th, 2023, the Band Parent Organization will be hosting the 65th Annual Smorgasbord. This event is the sole fundraiser of the Heartland Band Program. The Smorgasbord consists of a meal of ethnic German food including Verenike (cottage cheese pockets), Kielke (ham and noodles), Worscht (sausage), Preishke and Plautz (fruit filled pastries), and much more. The evening ends with a band concert.

The meal will be served from 5:00 - 7:30 pm and the band concert will begin at 7:45 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adult tickets are \$20 and child tickets (ages 4-12) are \$10. To purchase tickets, contact any band member or call the school office at 402-723-4434.

~ Heartland Band Parents Committee





Winter Concert
9th - 12th Vocal &
Instrumental
February 22nd
8:30am



CRAZYMONSTERS & CROCHET PROJECTS!

By Mrs. Anne Regier

The 7th grade FCS students learned to hand sew by creating monster stuffies and the high school FCS class learned to crochet!

I told my high schoolers that I've always wanted to learn to crochet so together we checked it off my bucket list. I watched a few videos and taught them the basics, but they ran with it! They now can crochet anything from a pot holder to a sweater top. Many of the students have started doing crochet projects at home on their own. One student took her talent to the community and created baby caps for the Henderson Hospital. I'm so proud of them!



Sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences Online Starting February 20th

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the evenings of March 7th & March 14th. Parents of elementary or Jr. High students can now pick which available time works best in their schedule using our website at heartlandschools.org. In the top menu, choose "Parent Teacher Conferences" and follow the screen prompts. You will be asked to log in to the website. If you do not already have an account, you can create one during this process. You can use your account to receive other information, as well. If you would like detailed instructions on how to schedule conferences, go to our website and click on the "For Parents" menu. Give us a call with any questions at 402-723-4434.

2022 HEARTLAND HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

FBLA, FFA, and NHS, collected 414 items during the can caroling night, 1,135 items during the two week food drive, for a total of 1,549 items. We were able to deliver food to 32 families. Congratulations to the second grade class for winning the food drive competition. They contributed 233 items. Thank you to everyone for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause in our communities!



FOOTBALL HONORS

All District D1-8

1st Team: Trev Peters, Tucker Bergen, Zachariah Quiring, Merrick Maltsberger, Garrett Regier, Kaden Siebert

2nd Team: Wyatt Panko, Hudson Regier, Carter Siebert, Langdon Arbuck

Omaha World Herald Honorable Mention: Merrick Maltsberger, Trev Peters, Zachariah Quiring, Garrett Regier, Tucker Bergen, Kaden Siebert

York News Times All-Area Team: 1st Team, Co-Captain: Trev Peters

York News Times All-Area Team: 1st Team: Merrick Maltsberger, Zach Quiring

York News Times All-Area Honorable Mention: Tucker Bergen, Garrett Regier, Kaden Siebert



VOLLEYBALL

- SNC 3rd Team: Hayden Mierau
- SNC Honorable Mention: Felicity Johnson
- York News Times All Area 1st Team: Hayden Mierau
Honorable Mention: Riley Goertzen, Kaylee Goertzen, Felicity Johnson, Jaelyn Brown
- Omaha World Herald Honorable Mention: Riley Goertzen, Hayden Mierau
- NSAA Academic All-State: Madelyn Maltsberger, Grace Regier

ONE ACT PLAY

York University One-Act Play Festival

Acting Awards: Madelyn Maltsberger, Andrew Onnen, Hunter Fhuere

7th Place at York K-Dub Competition

Acting Awards: Lilly Carr, KatrinaMarie Epp, Owen Mierau, Madelyn Maltsberger, Ben Janzen, Andrew Onnen, Jacob Goertzen, Hunter Fhuere

5th Place at Conference

Acting Awards: Hunter Fhuere, Jacob Goertzen, Madelyn Maltsberger, Jamisen Klein, Isabel Johnson

5th Place at Kearney Mel Shoemaker Memorial Play Production Showcase

Acting awards: Eloise Casper, Jacob Goertzen, Ben Janzen, Madelyn Maltsberger, Andrew Onnen, Owen Mierau, Lilly Carr, KatrinaMarie Epp, Hunter Fhuere

3rd Place at Districts

Acting Awards: Hunter Fhuere, Andrew Onnen, Jacob Goertzen, Isabel Johnson, Ben Janzen, Madelyn Maltsberger, Lilly Carr, KatrinaMarie Epp

GOLF

NCPA Academic All-State Awards-Mia Hiebner and Ruby Klierwer

Class C District Golf: Mia Hiebner-Placed 7th

Class C State Golf: Mia Hiebner-Placed 13th

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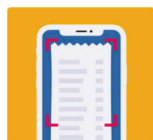
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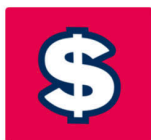
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Scholastic Book Fair



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.

Tuesday, March 13 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 14 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 15 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



The members of Heartland FBLA enjoyed an evening of fellowship to celebrate the holidays.



Congratulations to the 2nd grade class for winning the recent food drive competition held over the holiday season. As a class, they contributed 233 items. We are grateful for everyone's support.





NHS STUDENTS COLLECT & DELIVER TOYS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



These Heartland National Honor Society students continued a project started last year by 2022 graduate Lisa Buller. Grace Regier, Kaylee Goertzen and Ava Stebbing organized a toy drive to collect new toys to be donated to Children's Hospital in Omaha. With the help of the community, the students and teacher, Tami Peters, were able to deliver over 100 toys to Omaha. Thank you for the gracious donations from the Heartland community!





Heartland Community Schools February 2023



		1	Apple Frudel  Tacos Long John Steamed Corn	2	Egg & Cheese Biscuit  Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread	3	Pancake Wrap French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	All grains are whole grain rich. Fresh fruit and vegetable bar is offered daily with lunch.		
6	Muffin & Yogurt Sweet & Sour Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice	7	Chicken & Biscuit  Sloppy Joe French Fries Ice Cream	8	Blueberry Waffles Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	9	Strawberry Bagel  Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Peas French Bread	10	Breakfast Pizza Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast. A variety of low-fat milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.
13	Chocolate Chip French Toast Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	14	Cereal  Pizza Burgers Steamed Corn Jello	15	Mini Pancakes Grilled Cheese Tri Tater Tomato Soup	16	Cinnamon Breadstick Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Peas Dinner Roll	17	NO SCHOOL	Menu is subject to change without notice. All beef is donated and locally raised.
20	NO SCHOOL	21	Apple Frudel Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	22	Cinnamon Roll  Sloppy Joe French Fries Ice Cream	23	Long John Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	24	Tornado  Pizza Steamed Corn Jello	
27	Egg & Cheese Biscuit Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Chocolate Pudding	28	Breakfast Pizza  Taco Salad Steamed Corn Mini Donuts							

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	SNC Basketball TBA 4:30 PM JH Boys Basketball vs Fillmore Central @ Home	SNC Basketball TBA	York County Spelling Bee	Girls Varsity BB SNC Tournament Groundhog Day		FLL Robotics Competition 9:00 AM JH Boys Basketball @ Sutton 9:00 AM Girls Varsity BB SNC Tournament
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
FBLA Week 4:00 PM JH Boys Basketball vs Harvard @ Home			York County Spelling Bee Make-up Date	4:00 PM JH Boys Basketball vs Central @ Home 6:00 PM Girls & Boys Varsity Basketball @ Osceola		10:00 AM JH Boys Basketball @ Friend
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Girls BB Sub-Districts TBA 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	Girls BB Sub-Districts TBA Valentine's Day		Peru State College...ness Competition	Girls BB Sub-District Final TBA	9:00 AM NO SCHOOL 6:00 PM Boys Basketball JV/Varsity @ Sandy Creek	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
NO SCHOOL / Pro...Development Day Boys Basketball Sub-Districts TBA Presidents' Day	Boys Basketball Sub-Districts TBA	Boys Basketball Sub-Districts TBA	Ash Wednesday 8:30 AM Winter Band & Choir Concert	Boys Basketball Sub-District Final TBA	Girls Basketball TBA	Home Show
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
	Boys BB Districts TBA	Boys BB Districts TBA				

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, 2023** in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or handicap in admission or access to or treatment of employment, in its program and activities. If any patron or employee feels they have been discriminated against by any school employee, please contact:

Superintendent - Jeremy Klein
High School Principal - Tim Carr
Elementary Principal - Dana Reinke



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