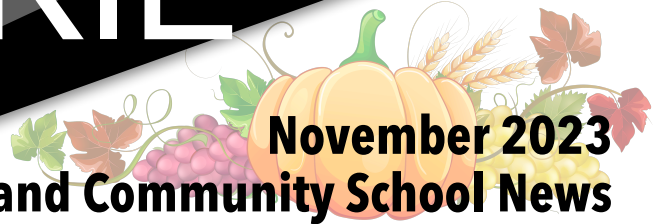




# THE HUSKIE LEADER



**November 2023**

## Heartland Community School News

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **October 30**

7:30PM Vocal Music Concert  
(5th - 12th)

#### **October 31 - November 4**

FFA National Convention

#### **November 6**

No School

Professional Development Day

#### **November 10**

9:00AM Veteran's Day Program

#### **November 13**

7:00PM School Board Meeting

#### **November 21**

7:30PM Fall Band Concert  
(6th- 12th)

#### **November 22-24**

No School - Thanksgiving Break

#### **December 7**

2:30PM / 7:00PM  
K-6 Holiday Concert

#### **December 11 - 21**

NHS, FFA, FBLA Food Drive

#### **December 11**

7:00PM School Board Meeting

#### **December 14**

7:30PM JH/HS Vocal (7th - 12th)  
& Instrumental (6th - 12th)

#### **December 25 - January 5**

No School

#### **January 4-5**

No School

Professional Development Days

#### **January 8**

School Resumes

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## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

**Friday, November 10**

**9:00am**

Heartland Community Schools Theater

All Veterans and the general public are invited.  
A reception for Veterans will follow in the school cafeteria.

**A**s the calendar turns to November, we will begin to prepare ourselves for colder weather and the eventual arrival of the winter season. Over the coming months the potential will exist for us to have late starts or school closures due to weather and hazardous, travel conditions. Weather-related decisions regarding late starts and school closings will always be made with the highest regard for the safety our students, parents, and staff.

Information related to late starts or school closures will be shared in a variety of ways to help ensure that you have access to this information in an accurate, timely, and reliable manner. This information will also be provided via phone and email our automated messaging service, School Messenger. Through social media, this information will be shared on the Heartland Facebook and Twitter pages – you can follow these accounts or find them on the homepage of our website. This information will also be provided to the following media outlets: KAWL (1370AM), KHAS, KLKN, NTV, and KOLN.

Our goal will be to make decisions as early as reasonably possible in order to provide parents, students, and staff with as much advance notice as is possible. If decisions can be made the night before regarding a late start or a cancellation, we'll communicate that information no later than 10:00 PM. If closure decisions cannot be made the night before, our goal regarding early-morning decisions will be to communicate with you between 6:00 AM - 6:30 AM.

We ask that you keep the school up to date with your contact information (i.e. phone and email) to ensure that our School Messenger broadcasts are delivered to you. You can verify or update your contact information by contacting the school office at 402-723-4434.



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## Heartland Vocal Music Concert Monday, October 30th 7:30 PM

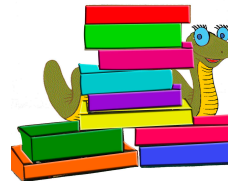
Students in 5th - 12th grade will present a Fall Concert on Monday, October 30th at 7:30 PM in the south gym. Students have been working hard to prepare for this concert. We look forward to having you join us!

## November 5, 2023



**D.A.R.E.**  
TO RESIST DRUGS  
AND VIOLENCE

D.A.R.E. graduation will be on Monday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the south gym. You will receive a special invitation if your son or daughter is graduating.



### Choosing a Book That is "Just Right"

Often you may notice that your child will select books that seem to be "too easy" for them. When your child reads books that are below their reading level they build confidence, gain fluency, and grow a love for reading. Many adults have a favorite book they have reread many times or maybe you can think back to your elementary years and the books that you read over and over (for me it was Beverly Cleary and the "Ramona" books). Allow your child to reread their favorite books but also encourage them to try some books that are at the appropriate reading level.

So how do you choose a book that is at their level?

Choosing a book that is the correct level for your child is important. Attempting to read a book that is too difficult will frustrate your child so implementing the "5 finger rule" may be beneficial. Ask your child to read the second page of a book. Each time he/she comes to an unknown word, hold up one finger. If all five fingers are up before they finish the page, the book is probably too difficult.

As a teacher, I have found that kids are very receptive to this strategy. They want to have a book they can both read and understand. Our library staff is very helpful in pointing you and your child in the right direction- finding a book that is not only interesting to them but at the correct level as well.



### **LABEL CLOTHING / LOST & FOUND**

With cold weather here, we encourage you to label coats, gloves, hats, etc. with a permanent marker. This helps when belongings get misplaced.

Please check out the lost and found in the lobby for any items you may be missing!

Thank you!!!

### **Heartland Huskie Band Received 3rd Place in Class C at Harvest of Harmony**

The Heartland Huskie Band traveled to Grand Island for the 81st annual Harvest of Harmony band competition. There were 97 bands competing in the parade division. There are three different judges, one judging music, another marching and a third adjudicator judging music/general effect which covers music, marching and general effect as a total package. The Heartland band received a perfect 30/30 points in marching and in music/general effect received 29/30 which was the highest score given that day. In music the band received a much lower score which was not representative of the music the band produced. In fact, 53 out of the 97 bands received a better score than Heartland or tied the band's score. Even with that score the band finished in a tie for 7th place out of 97 bands.

The band was so happy and honored to see and hear so many Heartland community members supporting the band along the parade route.







## HEARTLAND'S MIA HIEBNER SET NEW SCHOOL RECORDS AND TIED FOR 4TH PLACE AT STATE GOLF



Mia Hiebner broke 2 of Heartland's Girls State Meet Records. She shot a 77 (18 holes) and a 161 (36 holes).



Congratulations to Mia! She tied for 4th place at state golf! On Tuesday, she shot a 77 for a new school record AND the best score of the day! Over the two days, she shot a 161, also a school record.

**M**ia had a great two days at State Golf. Monday was very warm and calm and Mia hit a solid round of 84 that had her in 8th place after the first day. Tuesday's weather was much different. The temperature was noticeably cooler and the winds were between 20-30 mph. Mia saved her best round of the year for her last one. She carded 14 birdies and 1 birdie for a score of 77. Combined with Monday's score, her two day total was 161. This was good enough to tie her for 4th place. These scores also set two Heartland school records as well. Mia's work ethic and determination really came through at State. She was able to overcome adversity at different times throughout the two days and was able to achieve all of her goals for the season.

I am really proud of the girls and how they competed this season. They set a meet record at the Central City scramble with a score of 63 to begin the season. Mia was able to medal in every meet this season and came away with many meet victories. Tara, for being a first time golfer, showed tremendous growth throughout the season. She competed hard and was able to improve her scores in each and every meet. We had a very successful season and I look forward to what next season will bring.

~ Coach Buzek





## HEARTLAND FFA CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN DISTRICT LAND JUDGING

**T**he Heartland FFA Chapter traveled to Glenvil, Nebraska to participate in District Land Judging. Upon arrival, students were given the materials needed to participate in the land judging competition. These materials included a clipboard as well as a score sheet, practice/reference sheet, and a capability chart. The score sheet and the practice sheet contain information such as permeability, slope, land classes and much more. As members judge each hole, they fill out the score sheet with answers. The practice sheet allows members to write down notes that they may need that can help them on completing their judging card.

The capability chart allows members to determine the land capability class using the information from students' score sheets. 433 members, making up 24 teams, across the district competed in the competition. Congratulations to the Heartland FFA members for placing 4th as a team! This allows the top four highest scores from Heartland to participate in state land judging. These members include David Hiebner (placed 9th), Jace Friesen (placed 16th), Zach Miller (placed 22nd), and Cash Parrish (placed 32nd)! The State Land Judging competition will be held October 25 in Ord! Good luck state qualifiers!

After land judging, the Heartland FFA Chapter had the opportunity to tour the USDA meat research center, in Clay Center. This research center gave members the opportunity to learn not only about what they do, but why it is important. This research center houses animals to run safe tests and experiments to help better recognize what is going to help improve the local livestock producers. After an introduction, the members traveled around the facility to see where the animals are housed and learned more about some of the technology involved with the experiments.

The Heartland FFA members thanked the USDA for allowing them to tour!



Freshmen took class time to practice learning about surface thickness and depth of soil (2 areas of to help determine land capability class) before competing in the District Land Judging contest.



Ben Janzen, senior, ribbons soil during the District Land Judging competition which took place southeast of Hastings.



Freshman, Nevada Gloystein takes part of his competition time to refer to his capability chart to determine the land class during the District Land Judging competition.



Learning the surface texture and permeability is an integral part of the Land Judging contest. Students must figure the soil based feel. This is another integral part of the contest which allows members to discover the land capability class.



# 3rd GRADE



Third grade had the opportunity to attend the Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia. They listened to author/illustrators Billy Steers, Michael Garland, and Scott Nash.



# Kindergarten



# 4th GRADE



The fourth graders got to attend Ag Fest in York where they learned about various aspects of agriculture in Nebraska. Over 200 students from the area attended.

# Pumpkin Patch







## NHS CARNIVAL

November 17, 2023 • 4-7 PM

Heartland South Gym

Games, Prizes, And FUN For The  
Whole Family!

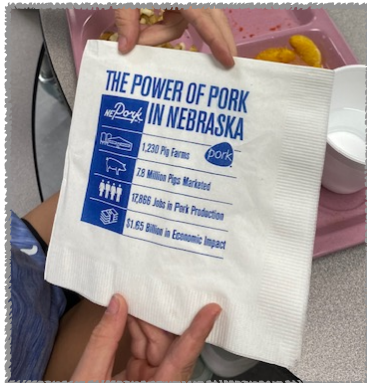


Heartland elementary students must be accompanied by an adult at all Heartland activities and sporting events.

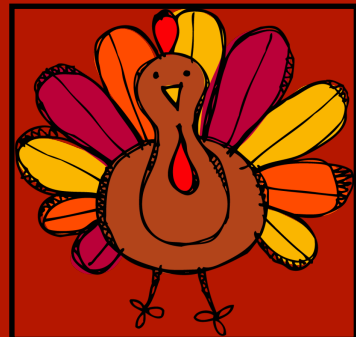
Elementary students are asked to sit beside the adult throughout the activity to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment of the event.

### Recess Reminder: As Colder Weather Approaches

Active play is a vital part of a child's everyday needs. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for colder weather. This may mean a heavy coat, and if necessary, a hat, mittens/gloves, and boots. We will be going outside whenever possible as it is important for children to get some fresh air and exercise during the day.



**The Nebraska Pork Producers** visited Heartland on October 19, providing pork burgers for lunch. David May, local pork producer and Heartland supporter, grilled all the burgers. Jane Stone, Director of Marketing for the Nebraska Pork Producers, was present to provide souvenirs and information to the students with help from Janet May. The "Power of Pork" in Nebraska was enjoyed and appreciated at HCS!







## THANK YOU TO THE HENDERSON & BRADSHAW FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHO CAME TO SHARE FIRE SAFETY TIPS WITH THE HEARTLAND STUDENTS



## Heartland Students Compete at the Concordia University History/Geography Quiz Bowl

These students represented Heartland at the Concordia University History/Geography Quiz Bowl competition on Wednesday. Both teams competed well with the top team finishing the day with a 5-1 record, earning the runner-up trophy.











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6	NO SCHOOL	7	<b>Pancake Wrap</b>  Taco Salad Mini Donuts Steamed Corn	8	<b>Egg &amp; Cheese Biscuit</b>  Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli French Bread	9	<b>Choc Chip French Toast</b>  Enchilada Green Beans Mini Donuts	10	<b>Strawberry Bagel</b>  Pizza Burgers Steamed Corn Jello	<p>All grains are whole grain rich.</p> <p>Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.</p> <p>A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.</p> <p>A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>Menu is subject to change without notice.</p> <p>All beef is donated and locally raised.</p>
13	<b>Sausage Biscuit</b>  Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans	14	<b>Blueberry Waffle</b> Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Peas Muffin	15	<b>Long John</b> Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	16	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Max Cheese Slicks Marinara Sauce Steamed Peas	17	<b>Cereal</b> Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Steamed Corn Cranberry Sauce Dinner Roll	
20	<b>Apple Frudel</b>  Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Dinner Roll	21	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Chicken Fajitas Steamed Corn Long John	22	NO SCHOOL	23	 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24	NO SCHOOL	
27	<b>Cereal</b> Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup Cinnamon Rolls Saltines	28	<b>Long John</b> Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	29	<b>Tornado</b>  Tacos Long John Steamed Corn	30	<b>Blueberry Waffle</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas			

Heartland Community Schools is an equal opportunity provider.



# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 7:30 PM Fall Vocal Concert (5th-12th)	31 National FFA Convention Halloween	1 National FFA Convention	2 State Volleyball Tournament Day of the Dead	3 Football Quarterfinals	4 9:00 AM Math Contest @ Lexington
5 Daylight Saving Time End	6 No School - Professional Development Day 7:00 PM D.A.R.E. Graduation, South Gym	7 NHS Red Cross Blood Drive Election Day	8 District Livestock Judging	9 4:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Harvard	10 Football Semifinals Veterans Day (observed) 9:00 AM Veteran's Day Program 4:00 PM JH Girls Basketball vs Superior @ home	11 One Act K-Dub & York Veterans Day
12 Diwali	13 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	14 SNC One-Act @ Milford 4:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Fillmore Central	15 9:00 AM JH Quiz Bowl to Seward	16 All State Music 4:00 PM JH Girls Basketball vs EMF @ home	17 4:00 PM NHS Carnival	18 One Act @ Kearney 10:00 AM JH Girls Basketball vs Mc-Cool / High Plains @ home
19	20 Football State Playoff: Finals @ Lincoln County 4:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Cross County	21 7:30 PM Fall Band Concert (6th-12th)	22 No School - Thanksgiving Break	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27 District One-Acts 4:00 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Sandy Creek	28 4:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs Shelby-Rising City @ home 6:30 PM One Act Public Performance - TBD	29	30 4:30 PM HS Girls & Boys Basketball vs Fairbury @ home 4:30/6:00/7:30	1	2



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