



THE HUSKIE LEADER



June / July 2024

Heartland Community School News

CONGRATULATIONS!

Staff Celebration and Recognition

We recognized a number of staff members on the last workday of this school year at our staff luncheon. Congratulations to those meeting longevity milestones and Mr. Schweitzer, who is retiring in 2024!



Left to Right: Michelle McClelland (5 yrs), Sherry Thiesen (30 yrs), Karen Kroeker (10 yrs), Carol Nissen (10 yrs), Royce Schweitzer (48 yrs), Connie Bechtel (5 yrs), Jolene Campbell (5 yrs), Tammy Ott (5 yrs), Marcia Traudt (20 yrs)
Not pictured: Lindsey Mierau (5 yrs), Michelle Goertzen (15 yrs), Marc Regier (30 yrs)



Royce Schweitzer
(48 yrs, retiring)

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

Facilities Project & Successful Bond Election

On Tuesday, May 14th the voters of the Heartland Community Schools district voted on a proposed \$6.85 million bond initiative during the 2024 statewide primary election. The bond initiative was proposed to fully finance a comprehensive facilities project. The bond initiative passed receiving approximately 61% of votes in favor of the bond initiative.

The stakeholders of the Heartland Community Schools district are owed a great deal of thanks and congratulations on the passage of the proposed bond initiative. A large number of stakeholders engaged in the process of understanding both the proposed facilities project and the accompanying bond initiative. The facilities project and the accompanying bond initiative will prove to be a worthwhile investment in our school and our communities for many years to come. You can take pride in the fact that the Heartland Community Schools district is widely respected as a high-performing school with outstanding support from its communities.

The Board is currently soliciting bids from general contractors for completion of the facilities project and will open bids on Thursday, June 20th . The Board expects to be engaged with a general contractor no later than July 1st . We will keep you informed as the construction process begins and continues to progress.

24-25 School Year Calendar

A copy of master calendar for the 24-25 school year is available on the HCS website. It can be viewed by selecting "Quick Links" on the homepage and then clicking the '2024-2025 Master Calendar' link. The first day of school for the 24-25 school year is Thursday, August 15th – the first day of school will be a shortened day with an early dismissal at 11:40 AM.

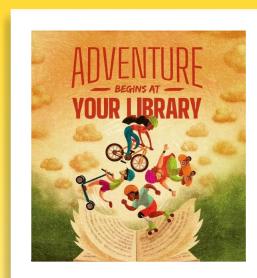
DO YOU HAVE INTEREST IN HELPING IN THE CLASSROOMS?

Are you interested in something to do that is not only rewarding but would help those in need? Consider becoming a substitute teacher or substitute paraprofessional! We are running quite short of available personnel in these areas.

Duties of the paraprofessional substitute would include assisting the teacher in the education of students including management of student behavior, record keeping, instructional assistance and interaction and communication with students, support staff, and faculty. NO formal training is required.

Substitute teachers are also needed, but require a minimum number of hours toward a 4-year degree.

Please reach out to the school office if you are interested!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM "Adventure Begins At Your Library"

**Tuesday and Thursday mornings
June 11th - July 18th
Elementary Library
9:00AM - 12:00PM**

***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 - elementary students are welcome to participate. Packets will be sent home with the students at the end of the school year or may also 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.



GOLF



We had a good season as a team with some younger golfers stepping up on varsity. Zach Miller, Jack McCormick and Austin Schmidt all stepped up this year and showed steady progress throughout the season with all scoring PRs at districts. Andrew Franz made a huge jump from his junior to senior season. He was a great leader to his teammates on and off the course. He won the Superior Invite and shot a low score of 74 at the David City Invite.

Creighton Friesen had another solid year which culminated in a return trip to State. He set the 72 hole school record with a score of 70 at the Sutton Invite and also tied the 9 Hole school record with a 35. Creighton finished his junior year in a very strong way. With weather cancelling the first day of State, it was a 1 day only tournament. Creighton had a great day carding a score of 79 which also tied the 18 hole State Meet school record. This was good enough to tie him for 14th place securing him with the second State medal of his high school career.

The outlook for next season looks very promising with 3 returning varsity players. With a young core of underclassmen coming up, hopefully we'll be able to put together another competitive team. Go Huskies!

2ND GRADE

Hooray for Field Trips

4th GRADE



Mrs. Blase's second grade class took their annual end of the year field trip to the Lincoln Children's Museum. While they were there, they enjoyed many new exhibits such as the "Here We Grow: exhibit that gives the kids experiences in Nebraska agriculture."

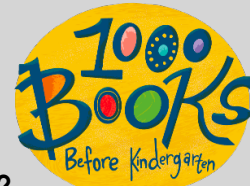


We spent the morning at the Archway in Kearney and the afternoon at Pioneer Village in Minden. We got to see the things we have been learning in Nebraska history come to life.

3RD GRADE



Third grade enjoyed a field trip to the Hastings Museum. They learned about Edwin Perkins and how he made Kool-Aid successful, fossils, and they got to view a planetarium show where they learned about how space technology is helping us in everyday life.



Who is eligible?

Any child that resides in the Heartland Community School district ages birth to Kindergarten.

Where do I get gently used books to read and return?

Heartland Community Schools
1501 Front Street / Henderson

Bradshaw Village Office
455 Lincoln St. / Bradshaw

Henderson City Hall
1044 N. Main / Henderson

How do I get started?

- Pick up a free 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Log at the above mentioned locations.
- Each time you read a book to your child, record it on your Reading Log. Every 100 books read, bring in your reading log and collect your prize book from a location listed above.



SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

It is the policy of Heartland Community Schools, in accordance with the Nebraska law, that special education records be destroyed five years after they are no longer needed to provide educational services to a student.

If your child was dismissed from special education five or more years ago, his/her special education records will be destroyed. A permanent record of name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed and year completed will be maintained at the school.

If you would like a copy of your child's records, please contact the school at 402-723-4434. If we do not receive a request from you, your child's records will be destroyed beginning September 15, 2024.

Keep scanning this summer!

EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.



The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

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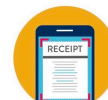


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Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

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You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt! See how at [BTFE.com/email/groceryreceipts](https://www.btfec.com/email/groceryreceipts)



2024 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. Brochures are available in the school office.

Date: June 24 - June 27, 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

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



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HEARTLAND QUIZ BOWL

The Heartland Quiz Bowl team had a tremendously successful year. Our fall season consisted of the Young Women's Quiz Bowl and the Literature quiz bowl that were both held at the Seward Civic Auditorium. The team of Ben Janzen, Austin Schmidt, Adi Duerksen and Kate Franz came away with the runner-up trophy at the Literature competition. We also attended the Concordia University History and Geography bowl where the team of Nick Thieszen, Jamisen Klein, Austin Schmidt and Adi Duerksen came away with the runner-up trophy. The last competition we attended was in Central City and Heartland had 3 teams competing. The top team consisting of Ben Janzen, Nick Thieszen, Jamisen Klein and Austin Schmidt lost a tough match against Seward to finish as the tournament runner-up. After a fall full of 2nd place finishes, the teams were frustrated but motivated.

The first competition of the spring semester was the ESU 6 quiz bowl. This competition is equivalent to districts in sports. The ESU divides the schools into 3 divisions based on size and crowns a winner in each division. Unfortunately, they are only allowed to send 2 teams to state. The top scoring division winner in the championship round gets an automatic bid and the remaining two division winners compete to earn the remaining spot. The team of Nick Thieszen, Ben Janzen, Austin Schmidt and Adi Duerksen won the medium size school division and then lost a heartbreaker to Nebraska Lutheran in the playoff round.

The next competition was the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament held at SCC in Milford. The top team made up of Ben Janzen, Nick Thieszen, Austin Schmidt and Tara Buzek dominated the competition throughout the day and came home with the first conference championship in quiz bowl for Heartland. You can see our plaque outside of the gym.

The final competition of the spring season was the underclassmen contest held in Seward. The team of Austin Schmidt, Mia Hiebner, Adi Duerksen and Tara Buzek finished the day with a 6-1 record and brought home the championship trophy. With some of our top competitors returning next year in addition to the experience gained this year, we look forward to future success.

In addition to quiz bowl competitions, many of these students were also members of the math members of the math team. In the fall, we were able to attend Nebraska's first ever Mu Alpha Theta Competition. It was a great experience and Sophomore Mia Hiebner finished the day as the runner-up on the written test in the Theta division. In February, the teams were able to attend the UNL Math Day contest held on the university campus. Both teams did really well and ended the day tied with a score of 17 and one point out of the semifinal tournament.

Team members were:

Freshmen: Tara Buzek*, Madelyn Janzen*, Nicolas Opfer, Emma Ott and Zaine Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Adi Duerksen, Kate Franz, Mia Hiebner*, Samuel Friesen, Andrew Onnen

Juniors: Lydia Jahnke, Jamisen Klein, Siddalee Kliewer and Austin Schmidt*

Seniors: Kaylee Goertzen*, Ben Janzen* and Nick Thieszen

HEARTLAND TRACK ATHLETES COMPETE AT STATE



Congratulations to the Heartland Track Team for sending these athletes to State! Mariah Tessman Runner-up in the Pole Vault, Tara Buzek 4th in the 1600, Madalyn Janzen 6th in the 3200, Girls 1600 meter relay 8th place, Boys 1600 meter relay 8th place, Boys 3200 meter relay 7th place.

Congratulations Huskies!

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31
	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10 8:00 PM School Board Meeting	11 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	12	13 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17 Eid al-Adha	18 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	19 Juneteenth	20 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	21	22
23	24	25 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	26	27 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	28	29
30	1 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8 8:00 PM School Board Meeting	9 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	10	11 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	12	13
14	15	16 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	17 Ashura	18 9:00 AM Summer Reading Elementary Library	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

2024-2025 Heartland Community Schools Elementary School Supplies

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Large Book Bag (easily zipped by child)
- 4- #2 pencils, **sharpened**
- 2 Dry erase markers (large)
- Fiskar scissors
- Standard size colored pencils (box of 12)
- Fat classic color markers (box of 10)
- 4 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250 count)
- 2 Vinyl pocket folders (no brads)
- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide, (white with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Zippered clear pencil pouch (fits in a 3 ring binder)
- Oversized paint shirt – labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Wide-ruled composition journal
- 1 Large container of Clorox wipes
- 1 set child headphones - labeled with name for I-pads
(No bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

*Markers and colored pencils may need to be replaced at semester

PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME

GRADE 1

- Book bag
- 1 pack of No. 2 pencils
- 2 Plain Erasers
- Set of 4 Dry Erase Markers
- 4 Glue sticks
- Pencil box
- 1 Box of Crayons - 24 count
- 2 Folders - two pocket
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 Box of sharpened colored pencils or twistable
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Over-sized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Container of Clorox wipes
- 1 set headphones (NO EARBUDS) (No bluetooth - need cord)
- 3- 1" white binders with clear pocket front
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250 count)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily

GRADE 2

- 1 Large book bag
- Pencil Box
- 1 Pack of #2 Pencils
- 2 boxes of Crayons
- Dry Erase markers
- Thick washable markers
- Colored pencils (Twistables are fine with me!)
- 7" Scissors (intermediate size)
- 1- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide (with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Durable **PLASTIC** pocket folder
- 2 Large Erasers
- 5 Jumbo glue sticks
- 5 Binder Dividers
- 1 Bottle of CRAFT glue (BROWN BOTTLE)
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250+ count)
- 2 Containers Clorox wipes
- 1 Set of **HEADPHONES - not earbuds** (no bluetooth - need cord)
- Over-sized paint shirt (labeled FOR ART)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily

Label all items

GRADE 3

- Book Bag
 - 1 Pencil bag or box
 - Pencils (Regular or Mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
 - Erasers - pencil top or large
 - 1 Package of 4 Dry erase markers (**fine tipped**)
 - Colored pencils
- (Continued on next column)



GRADE 3 (continued)

- Scissors
- 1 Composition notebook
- 1 Container Clorox wipes - shared
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex - shared
- 1 Set of headphones for iPads (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 Oversized paint shirt (labeled FOR ART)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily

GRADE 4

- Pencils – (no mechanical pencils)
- Erasers – pencil top or large
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex- to be shared with the class
- Markers – classic colors, broadline – 10 count
- Crayons – 24 count
- Expo Dry erase markers – 8 pack, black, fine tip
- Eraser for dry erase board
- 1 container of wipes to be shared with the class
- Scissors
- Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 2 wide ruled composition notebooks
- Earbuds or headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 package of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 2 plastic, 2 pocket folders (1 red and 1 blue)
- Please DO NOT bring any pencil boxes or bags (They will be provided)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily
- Please leave everything in the original packages**

GRADE 5

- Pencils (regular or mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- 2 Glue sticks
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Box of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Sharpie (black) (fine or extra fine point)
- 4 Highlighters – different colors
- 4 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
- Scissors
- 1 Package of 3x5 index cards
- 3-ring binder/trapper and 3 folders OR plastic expanding file
- 1 Pack of lined loose leaf paper
- 3 Composition notebooks
- 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- Deodorant
- 1 Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Set of earbuds/headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily (if needed)

GRADE 6

- Pencils (regular or mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Box of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 Box of markers
- 2 Red Pens
- 1 Sharpie (black, fine or extra fine point)
- 2 Highlighters - different colors
- 2 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
- Scissors
- 3-ring binder or trapper
- 4 Composition notebooks
- 5 folders
- 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- Deodorant
- 1 Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Set of earbuds/headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily

2024-2025 Heartland Community Schools Jr High & High School Supplies

ACCOUNTING I & II - Mrs Yantzie

Mechanical Pencils (bring lead)

Eraser

Calculator

Folder or 3-ring binder

Book Cover

AG CLASSES (Including Welding and Projects) - Mrs Miller

None

ART JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL - Mrs Gooder

Pencils, pens, erasers

Kleenex

BAND - Mr Hiebner

Instrument in good playing condition

CAREERS 8TH GRADE - Mrs Vnoucek

2 Pocket Folder

Pens/Pencils

CALCULUS - Mrs Buzek

Writing Utensil

Notebook paper

Texas Instruments TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS & 7TH KEYBOARDING - Mrs Yantzie

Folder

Black and Red pens

ENGLISH AND READING 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Strong

2 Pocket folders for each class

3 Ring binder

Highlighters/Pens/Pencils

Kleenex

Febreeze

Erasers

Headphones/earbuds

ENGLISH I, II, III, IV, 9, 10, 11, 12 - Mrs Pinney

3 Ring Binder and Notebook Paper or Spiral Notebook

Pencils

Pens

Highlighters

Folder

4 X 6 Ruled Index cards

1 large box of Kleenex

FCS - Mrs Anne Regier

None

GEOGRAPHY - 7TH GRADE - Mr Reinke

Highlighters

Pens

Pencils

Notebook

GEOMETRY - Mrs Buzek

Notebook paper

Writing utensil

Scientific calculator (good choices are TI -30X IIS or Casio fx115ES)

Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

HEALTH - Mr Wetjen

1 Binder

1 Notebook (or you may submit assignments electronically)

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS - Mrs Yantzie

Black and Red pens

Calculator

Folder or 3-Ring binder

Book cover

JOURNALISM - Mrs Gooder

None

MATH & SCIENCE 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 ring binder with dividers for math

3 ring binder with dividers for science

Highlighters, pens, pencils

Loose leaf paper

Scientific Calculator (T130 works fine)

MATH STANDARDS, PRE-CALCULUS, ALGEBRA I & II - Mrs Ruhl

Pencils

3-ring binder and loose-leaf notebook paper and/or Notebook

Scientific Calculator (Math Standards and Algebra 1) OR TI 83+

or TI 84+ Graphing Calculator (if taking additional math classes)

Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

MUSIC 7th & 8th, MIXED CHORUS - Mr Hall

None

PERSONAL FINANCE, ECONOMICS, MARKETING,

BUSINESS LAW - Mrs Yantzie

Black pens

Folder or 3 Ring binder

Book cover

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mr Wetjen

Shorts

T-Shirt

Running Shoes

Water Bottle

PHYSICAL SCIENCE, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS - Mr Regier

Notebook for taking notes

3-Ring binder

Physical Science/Biology - Scientific Calculator

Chemistry/Physics - TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

RESOURCE - Mrs Rotter & Mrs Fousek

Pencils

SCIENCE 9TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 Ring binder with paper

Scientific Calculator

A brain (preferably your own)

SOCIAL STUDIES - Mr Lindsay

Pencils

SPANISH 1 & 2 - Mr Struckman

None

SPEECH - Mrs Pinney

Notebook paper

Pencils

Pens

Highlighters

Folder

4x6 Ruled Index Cards

WOODS, 7th IT, 8th IT, DRAFTING - Mr Buzek

None

*** JH HOMEROOMS**

2 boxes of Kleenex

2 containers of Clorox wipes



School Bus Transportation Information for the 2024-2025 School Year

**Do you live outside of the city limits of Henderson
and have children attending Heartland Community Schools?**

If you would like for your child to ride the bus, we would appreciate hearing from you! This information will enable the school to design the most efficient routes and have a more accurate record of students riding the bus.

Please return this form to the school office by July 1, 2024, and thank you for your cooperation!

List every child in your family that will be riding the bus:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Regular Basis</u>	<u>Seldom Basis</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone number



SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS

**Physicals are available at
Henderson Healthcare**

Students going into Kindergarten & 7th grade
are required to have a physical.

**Kindergarten Physical: \$80
Seventh Grade Physical: \$80
Sports Physical: \$80**

Students grades 7th -12th planning to
participate in sports during the 2024-2025
school year will need a sports physical (this is
in addition to the 7th grade physical)

**Call (402) 723-4512 to schedule an
appointment between the hours of
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

Payment is due at time of service.

Questions? Please call (402) 723-4512 to
schedule an appointment.

UPCOMING DATES

June 10

8:00PM School Board Meeting

June 11 - July 18

9:00AM - 12:00PM Tuesday & Thursday
Summer Reading Program

July 8

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

August 6

6:00PM 7th Grade & New Student
Orientation

7:00PM Sports Information Meeting

August 12

8:00PM School Board Meeting

August 12 - 14

Professional Development Days

August 13

5:00PM Back to School Night

K - 6th Outdoor Games

6:00PM Back to School Night General
Session

August 15

First Day of School Dismiss at 11:40 AM

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