



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

June/July 2025

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. Left to Right, front row: Stephanie Buzek (5 years), Val Scheil (20 years), Cami Buller (5 years), Deb Wilhelm (10 years), Kim Hiebner (15 years) back row: Blaine Friesen (15 years), Chad Buzek (10 years), Tim Carr (30 years), Ben Lindsay (10 years), Randy Wilhelm (5 years and retiring). Thank you to these employees for all of their work at Heartland.



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

25-26 School Year Calendar

A copy of master calendar for the 25-26 school year is available on the HCS website. It can be viewed under the “DISTRICT” tab in the main top menu. The first day of school for the 25-26 school year is Thursday, August 14 th – the first day of school will be a shortened day with an early dismissal at 11:40 AM.

Summer Entrance & Office Calendar

Construction on the main entrance and office area has been able to begin now the school year is over. As a result of this construction work, the main entrance on the south side of the building will be closed for the summer months. Office personnel have also been relocated for the summer as well.

The building entrance that will be used for the summer months is Entrance #23 which is located on the west side of the building. This is the same entrance that was used to enter the building for home games during this year’s basketball season.

Office personnel have been relocated to the high school library for the summer months. The high school library can be easily found by entering the building through Entrance #23 and walking straight down the hallway. The high school library will be on your left as you walk down the hallway.

Construction Update

Construction in the elementary classroom addition, in the locker room / weight room addition, and in the daycare / early childhood building should reach substantial completion by mid-July. Construction in the north gym and in the expanded Activities Entrance should reach substantial completion by August 1 st . Construction in the main entry / office area should reach substantial completion prior to the start of school in August.

Although not entirely completed, the weight room will be available for use by student athletes this summer, starting June 2nd . Neither the Activities Entrance nor the north gym will not be available for use throughout the summer as work in those areas is currently scheduled to conclude on August 1st .

Although a date has not yet been set, an open house / viewing event for the public is tentatively planned for early-August.

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day



GOLF



Creighton Friesen is heading to state golf after finishing 9th at districts with an 81.
Congratulations and Good luck!!



Summer Reading Program

June 10th - July 17th

Heartland Community School Elementary Library

(Enter through the Junior High doors)

9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

The theme is **COLOR OUR WORLD**. Entrance for summer reading will be through the west Junior High hallway since the front lobby will be under construction.

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.

Reading packets will be sent home with the students at the end of the school year. Additional packets may be picked up at the office. All preschool and elementary students are welcome to participate in the program.

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.

Keep scanning this summer!

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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, 2025.

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Hooray for Field Trips

2ND GRADE

4th GRADE



3RD GRADE



**ELEMENTARY
BACK TO
SCHOOL NIGHT**

August 12, 2025

Outdoor Games - 5:00 - 5:50pm
General Session - 6:00pm (South Gym)

HEARTLAND ACADEMIC SIGNING 2025



In 2017, Heartland Community Schools held the first Academic Letter of Intent ceremony for students who excel in the classroom. The criteria for recognition is that the student accepts a scholarship from the college they will attend that is specifically awarded for academic achievement.

On Friday, May 2, a ceremony was held to commemorate the hard work of the 2025 seniors in the classroom. Language within the academic letter of intent signed by students spoke of their commitment to continued focus on excellence in the classroom and giving of their talents to the college they are attending.

By signing, the students made a public statement that they will work diligently to maintain their established pattern of academic excellence beyond high school.

CONGRATULATIONS HEARTLAND STATE TRACK QUALIFIERS



Front row, left to right: Trenton Goertzen, Brady Goertzen, Tara Buzek, Sophie Minary, Enzo Okuyama

Back row, left to right: Maddox Regier, Samuel Friesen, Carter Siebert, Holden Switzer, Thane Wetjen, Samuel Quiring, Luis Alvarez

HEARTLAND AT STATE QUIZ BOWL

The Heartland Quiz Bowl Team traveled to North Shore Church in Hastings to participate in the 2025 Nebraska State Quiz Bowl

Tournament. They earned this honor by winning the small school division at the ESU #6 competition in March. Thirty teams from across the state of Nebraska, representing the 15 Educational Service Units in the state were in attendance. The morning began with an assembly of everyone in attendance to review the rules for the competition. ESU #2 in Hastings hosts many quiz bowl competitions and did an excellent job of making sure the rules were clear and followed diligently.

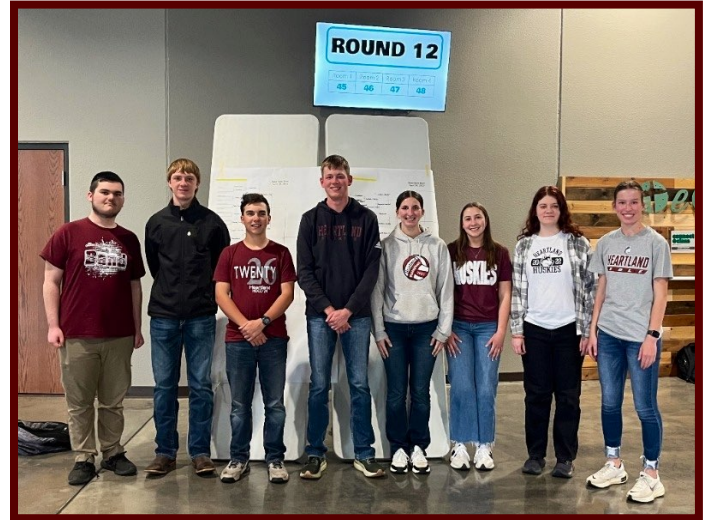
The tournament consisted of a randomly generated double elimination bracket with a total of 58 matches to be played. Four rooms were used during each round and Heartland was able to watch a round before they were scheduled to compete. The first round for the Huskies was a match up against the team representing Southern Valley. After a somewhat slow start, Heartland settled down and beat the Eagles by a score of 85-50.

The next match was against the team from Lyons-Decatur Northeast. It was a low-scoring match and going into the last question, the score was tied 35 to 35. Unfortunately, the Cougars buzzed in first and won the match 40-35.

The third match of the day pitted Heartland against the team from Meridian. This too was a low-scoring game with the Huskies coming out on top 55-45.

The final match of the day for Heartland was against the team from O'Neill. The Huskies were never able to get going in the round and lost 75-15.

The tournament was won by the team from Elkhorn North, followed by Elkhorn High, and Central City. Central City is a team that Heartland is familiar with, having lost to them at the Central City Invite before defeating them at the Nebraska Christian Tournament. The quiz bowl team has had a tremendous season, and the community should be very proud of them. The final tournament is designed as a sneak peek at the next school year by not allowing seniors to compete. This contest is scheduled for May 7 in Seward.



UNDERCLASSMEN QUIZ BOWL

The Heartland quiz bowl team traveled to Seward on Wednesday, May 7th to attend the "Underclassmen" tournament held at Living Word Lutheran Church. The morning started with a round robin tournament in which both of the Heartland teams finished with a 2-1 record. After lunch, the twenty teams in the small school division were placed in a single-elimination tournament where the A team was seeded 5th and the B team was seeded 10th.

Both of the Heartland teams faced tough competition in their first round and the A team lost their match against the team from BDS by one question 105-115. The B team faced the A team from Friend for a rematch of their first match of the day and ended up falling during the second meeting. Both teams ended the tournament with a 2-2 record.

The team looks forward to a great year in 2025-2026.

Team members included:

A Team: Adi Duerksen, Andrew Onnen, Tara Buzek and Brian Bearinger

B Team: Mia Hiebner, Faith Hiebner, Emma Ott, Nic Opfer, Rigs Newton



June 2025

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

July 2025

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

2025-2026 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)
- 1 - 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)
- Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)



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

PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME

GRADE 1

- 1 Large book bag
- Pencil box
- 1 pack of No. 2 pencils
- 2 Plain Erasers
- Set of 4 Dry Erase Markers
- 2 Boxes 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 Pack Binder Dividers (minimum of 5)
- 1 Composition Notebook (wide rule)
- 1 Over-sized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 set headphones (NO EARBUDS) (No bluetooth - need cord)
- 3- 1" white binders with clear pocket front
- 1 Large box of Kleenex
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

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 TACKY glue (BROWN BOTTLE)
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250+ count)
- 1 Container 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 (each child is responsible for their own snack)
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

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

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 (each child is responsible for their own snack)
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

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 (do not bring erasers or cleaners)
- 1 container of wipes to be shared with the class
- 2 Jumbo Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 wide ruled composition notebook
- Earbuds or headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 package of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 plastic, 2 pocket folders (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 (each child is responsible for their own snack)
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)
- 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 - child is responsible for their own snack)
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

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
- 1 Sharpie (black, fine or extra fine point)
- 2 Highlighters - different colors
- 2 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
- Scissors
- 3-ring binder/trapper **OR** plastic expanding file
- 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 (each child is responsible for their own snack)
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

2025-2026 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

Headphones

ENGLISH AND READING 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Strong

2 Pocket folders for each class
3 Ring binder
Highlighters/Pens/Pencils
Kleenex
Febreeze
Erasers
Headphones/earbuds
2 Expo markers

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

Calculator
Folder or 3-Ring binder
Book cover
Headphones

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 (TI30 works fine)

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

None

PERSONAL FINANCE, ECONOMICS, MARKETING,

BUSINESS LAW - Mrs Yantzie

Folder or 3 Ring binder
Book cover
Headphones

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

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!

RESOURCE - Mrs Rotter & Mrs Fousek

Pencils

SCIENCE 9TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 Ring binder with paper
Scientific Calculator

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 2025-2026 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, 2025, 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 - July 17

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

June 16

7:00PM School Board Meeting

July 14

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

August 5

6:00PM 7th Grade & New Student
Orientation

7:00PM Sports Information Meeting

August 11

7:00PM School Board Meeting

August 11 - 13

Professional Development Days

August 12

5:00PM Back to School Night

K - 6th Outdoor Games

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Computer Distribution

6:00PM Back to School Night General
Session

August 14

First Day of School Dismiss at 11:40 AM



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