



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

April 2026

Heartland Community Schools
presents:

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Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

* * * A Comedy by * * *
Don Zolidis

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

Friday, April 10, 7 pm

Saturday, April 11, 7 pm

Tickets will be sold at the door starting at 6 pm for each show.

\$5 General Admission

IMPORTANT DATES

April 3 & 6

No School - Spring Break

April 10 & 11

7:00PM School Play

April 13

7:00PM School Board Meeting

April 14

No School - Staff Workday

April 16

5:00PM FFA Chapter Banquet
and Auction

April 20

7:00PM NHS Induction

April 23 & 24

District Music @ Sutton

April 25

Prom

April 28

7:00PM Awards Night

April 29

12:00 PM Elementary Field Day

May 5

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

May 10

2:00 PM Graduation

May 11

School Board Meeting

May 20

Last Day of School
dismiss @ 11:30



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

External Team Visits Heartland

On Tuesday, March 17th and Wednesday, March 18th the district facilitated an external visitation as a part of our continuous school improvement process. These external visitations are a required part of our accreditation process and they typically occur every 5 years.

Our external visitation team consisted of Erin Sieh (elementary principal, Freeman Public Schools), Dani Beerbohm (director of learning, Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools), Jen McNalley (director of mental health and wellness, ESU 5 Beatrice), and Aaron Delhay (director of technology, Freeman Public Schools).

As a part of the visitation process, the external team toured our facilities, observed classrooms, and visited with numerous groups of stakeholders including staff, students, parents, and community members. The goal of the external team was to learn about our school along with our school improvement efforts and processes. At the conclusion of their visit, the visitation team presented a brief exit report to our staff in order to share their observations and their preliminary recommendations. A copy of the exit report presentation can be found on the district's homepage inside of an article titled "Successful 5-Year External Visitation."

The external team was very complimentary of every aspect of our school. The external team provided positive feedback in a wide variety of areas, but a clear set of themes emerged from the feedback that they provided in their report. Those themes included 1) Heartland students are consistently learning and performing at high levels across multiple domains; 2) Heartland students are proud of their school and they are very appreciative of the adults that show up for them every single day; 3) our staff is competent, compassionate, professional, and positive; and 4) a safe, positive, caring, people-centered culture is clearly embedded into how we live and learn here at Heartland Community Schools.

Suggestions were provided by the external team relating to how we might look at determining our next academic achievement goals and how we might continue to build out and formalize some of our very effective systems. We're confident that as we move forward in identifying future goals and next steps that we'll be able to establish clear and actionable goals that are well within our capacity to achieve.

The external team was extremely impressed and in many cases, envious of the school, the students, and staff that we have here at Heartland. The successful visitation is a reflection of the many years of great work that everybody across our entire organization has contributed toward the betterment of our school and for the benefit of our students. There are many people who put a lot of work into making the external visitation a tremendous success. Our school improvement team, our staff, and our students all deserve a great deal of credit for their work, their leadership, and their assistance throughout this visitation process.

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!



CONGRATULATIONS

Winter NCPA (NSAA)
Academic All-State

MUSIC:



Braden Janzen
Katelyn Franz

York News-Times Top 10

YORK NEWS TIMES TOP 10

NAME	GRADE	TOP 10
Sophie Minary	10	1st REB: 10 RPG
Sophie Minary	10	4th FG%: 42.3%



YORK NEWS TIMES TOP 10

NAME	GRADE	Top 10
Maddox Regier	11	7th Scoring: 14.3 PPG
Maddox Regier	11	4th FT %: 72.7%
Holden Switzer	12	1st FG % .582%
Trenton Goertzen	12	9th FG % .489
Wyatt Dose	12	9th FT % 66%
Jagger Regier	9	3rd REB 6.7 RPG

NCPA (NSAA) Academic All-State



Girls Basketball

Mia Hiebner
Kynleigh Joseph

Boys Basketball

Maddox Regier
Rylee Scheidemann



SNC All-Conference



Honorable
Mention:
Sophie
Minary



Honorable
Mention:
Wyatt Dose



Third Team:
Maddox Regier



Tara Buzek and Isabelle Buller getting desserts ready for the meal.

Heartland FBLA members, Kate Haidle, Ashlyn Friesen, Tara Buzek, Isabelle Buller volunteered helping Henderson Health Care Foundation set up for their 2026 Gala fundraiser.



Kate Haidle and Ashlyn Friesen putting appetizers on the tables.

**HEARTLAND
FBLA ALUMNI**

PLEASE SCAN & COMPLETE THE
FORM TO JOIN THE HEARTLAND
FBLA ALUMNI DATABASE

ALUMNI
Spotlight
LYDIA JAHNKE



Lydia Jahnke served as the Heartland FBLA Vice President during the 2024-25 school year. Now, she attends Northeast Community College and is a part of their FBLA program. She said that FBLA has prepared her for FBLA because she, "already knew a lot about FBLA and enjoyed it a lot". She also expressed that it helped her to, "become involved quicker and a better leader."

ALUMNI
Spotlight
JAMISEN KLEIN



Jamisen Klein served as the Heartland FBLA Reporter in the 2024-25 school year. Jamisen said that FBLA has helped with her, "development of public speaking and leadership skills". She said that these skills have helped her in her campus activities. Jamisen joined FBLA as a sophomore because a friend encouraged her to join. She said it, "turned out to be a great decision."

ALUMNI
Spotlight
AUSTIN SCHMIDT

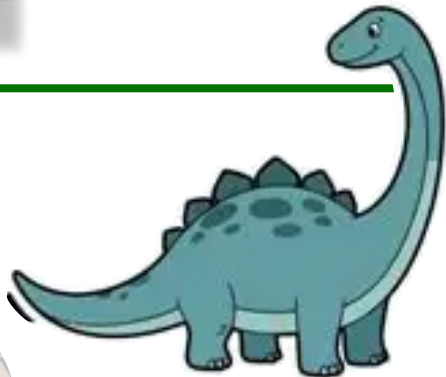
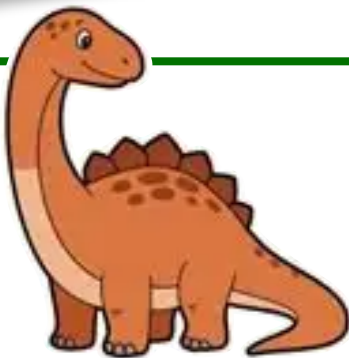


Austin Schmidt served as the Heartland FBLA President in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year. After graduation, Austin started college at University of Nebraska Lincoln. Austin said that FBLA has helped him in college and everyday life by giving him, "a head start in many business classes". He also said that, "events, like Job Interview, also prepared me for real interviews and career fairs". This helped Austin get an internship! He also encourages students to join FBLA even if you're slightly considering joining. Austin said that FBLA is, "an extraordinary resume builder."

**MRS MALTSBERGER'S FIFTH GRADERS
RECENTLY VISITED THE STATE CAPITOL**



Heartland student Tynslee Ogorzolka was a top 10 finalist in the 2026 American Mother's Fifth Grade Essay Contest, "What My Mother Means to Me." She received the award on Friday, February 27, at the Nebraska State Capitol. Receiving the award with Tynslee were her grandma, great-grandma, and a family friend. Fifth grade teacher Tara Maltberger facilitates her students entering the competition, and she has had a top 10 finalist for the past 13 years. Congratulations to Tynslee and her mother, Tiffanee.



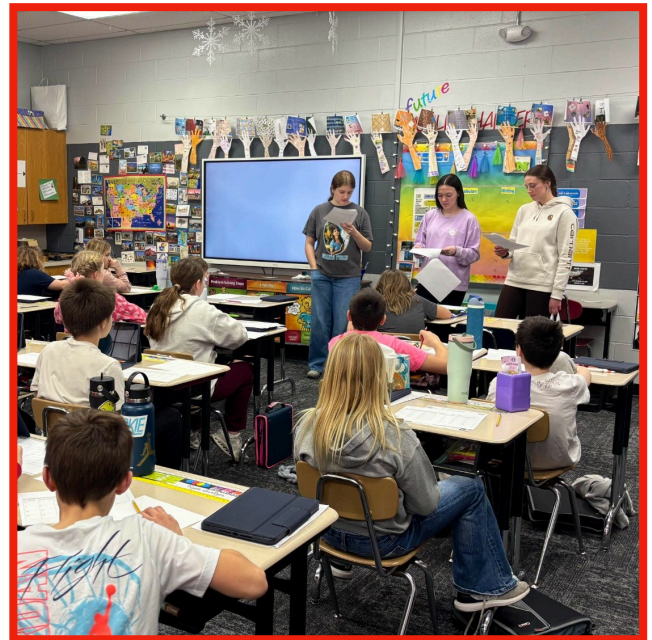
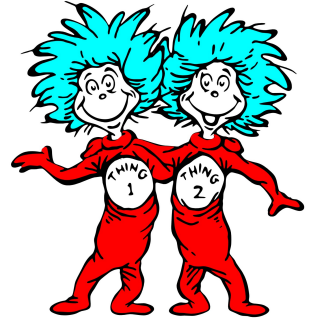
Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program at Heartland will start on June 9th from 9:00AM - 12:00PM in the Elementary Library. The theme is *UNEARTH A STORY*. The Library will be open on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Henderson from 9:00AM - 12:00PM 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 trip. 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 the school year. Packets 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.

NHS Students Read to Elementary Students for Dr. Seuss Day



The elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss Day, which means the National Honor Society students visit the elementary with books and activities!





Heartland FFA

Silent Auction & Awards Ceremony

Thursday, April 16

Everyone is invited!

Meal & Auction from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in cafeteria

- \$10 hamburger meal
- Auction items will be around the perimeter of the cafeteria

Awards Recognition from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in theater

- Awards presented to students and new officers announced

Auction winners will be announced following the awards ceremony. You do not need to be present to win.



Kindergarten Transition Days

Transitioning to Kindergarten is 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 2026 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: Tuesday, April 21st 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM
Thursday, April 23rd 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 Dandi to sign your child up for Kindergarten Transition Days!



The Elementary Field Day will be held on Wednesday, April 29th, 2026 starting at 12:00pm

* Rain date is Tuesday May 5th

2026 Drivers Education

Drivers Education classes will no longer be offered to Heartland students through David Coleman.

Below are 3 options to consider for driver's education.

<https://www.roadready.biz/>

https://www.unk.edu/offices/safety_center/

<https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dl/approved-driver-safety-schools>





H&H SPRING SPORTS



BOYS' TRACK TEAM

Front Row: L to R: Brayden Wolinski, Heston Switzer, Jonathan Friesen, Carter Peters, Jagger Regier, Adrik Friesen, Brian Bearinger, Brooks Burgess, Luke Janzen, Jace Kisler, Jack Goertzen, Hudson Gloystein, Brendon Doyle, Noah Miller

Second Row: L to R: Ben Thomas, Rigs Newton, River Glinsmann, Nevada Gloystein, Zaine Swartzendruber, Sam Friesen, Trenton Goertzen, Holden Switzer, Josh Goertzen, Maddox Regier, Aydenn Scherff, Mason Wiens, Kaleb Ostrander, Rylee Scheidemann

GIRLS' TRACK TEAM

Front Row: L to R: Kynleigh Joseph, Kylee Hart, Kennedy Johnson, Kinsley Friesen, Isabelle Buller, Willabelle Panko, Paisley Joseph, Julia Tessman, Katy Farrall, Ashlyn Rotter, Sydney Rempel

Second Row: L to R: Cadence Swim, Meggan Friesen, Andilyn Stebbing, Tara Buzek, Emma Dardenne, Hallie Tessman, Grace Splinter, Faith Hiebner, Laura Splinter, Abby Nolan, Riley Quiring, Madalyn Janzen, Sophie Minary, Kate Haidle, Ashlyn Friesen



BOYS' GOLF

Front row L to R: Hayden Perez, Aiden Bartek, Andrew Onnen, Landen Hansen, Hayden Powers, Daniel Vasquez, Wyatt Friesen

Back row L to R: Jake Mierau, Weston Panko, Wyatt Dose, Kyler Luebbe, Leo McCormick, Landon Mierau, Tyler Mollevik, Will Regier, Cason Barnesberger
(Not pictured: Porter Dose)






Heartland Community Schools

April 2026



<p>6</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cinnamon Bagel Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Egg Bites Grilled Hotdog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza BBQ Pork Sandwich French Fries Ice Cream</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<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>
<p>13</p> <p>Waffles Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Tornado Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Egg Roll</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pancake Wrap Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Peas</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Cherry Frudel Pizza Steamed Corn Jello</p>	
<p>20</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sloppy Joe French Fries Ice Cream</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Long John Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Tri Tater</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Sausage & Biscuit Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy French Bread</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chocolate Chip French Toast Chicken Fried Steak Scalloped Potatoes Dinner Roll</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mini Pancakes Grilled Hamburgers Chips Cookie</p>	
<p>27</p> <p>Cinnamon Breadstick Pizza Burgers Green Beans Jello</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pancake Wrap Taco Salad Corn Long John</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Tornado Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas Pudding</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cereal Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Strawberry Bagel Crispito Nachos Steamed Broccoli Cake</p>	
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Heartland Community Schools is an equal opportunity provider.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Palm Sunday	30 2:00PM H&H HS Track @ Wilber-Clatsop 3:00PM Boys Golf @ Sutton	31 April Fools' Day Passover 9:00AM History QB @ Seward	1 10:00AM H&H JH Track @ Friend	2 10:00AM H&H Boys Golf @ Superior 10:00AM H&H JH Track @ Sandy Creek	3 No School - Spring Break Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6 No School - Spring Break	7 10:30AM H&H HS Track @ Sandy Creek	8 9:30AM H&H Boys Golf @ EMF	9 10:00AM H&H Boys Golf @ Superior 10:00AM H&H JH Track @ Sandy Creek	10 7:00PM All School Play	11 7:00PM All School Play
12 Orthodox Easter	13 3:00PM H&H Boys @ Calaway Creek 7:00PM School Board Meeting	14 No School - Staff Workday 10:00AM H&H Boys Golf @ Fillmore Central 10:00AM H&H HS Track Invitational @ Heartland	15 Tax Day 9:30AM H&H Boys Golf @ Milford	16 12:00PM H&H JH Track @ Heartland 5:00PM FFA Chapter Banquet & Auction	17	18
19	20 7:00PM NHS Induction	21 10:00AM H&H HS Track @ Friend	22 Earth Day 9:30AM H&H Boys Golf @ David City 10:00AM H&H JH Track @ McCool	23 District Music Contest at Sutton	24 Prom	25
26	27 9:00AM H&H HS Track CINW Invite	28 9:30AM H&H Boys Golf @ Red Cloud 7:00PM Awards Night	29 12:00PM Elementary Field Day	30 2:00PM H&H JH Track @ Fillmore	1	2

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2026						
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October 2026						
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Aug. 7	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 10-12	Teacher Inservice
Aug. 13	K-12 Classes Begin (11:40 Dismissal)
Sept. 7	No School - Labor Day
Sept. 14	No School - Professional Development
Oct. 9	Last Day - 1st Quarter
Oct. 12	First Day - 2nd Quarter
Oct. 19	No School - Professional Development
Oct. 19	PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Oct. 20	PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Nov. 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 18	Last Day - 1st Semester (Regular Dismissal)
Dec. 21	No School - Professional Development
Dec. 22-31	No School - Holiday Break
Dec. 23-27	NSAA Moratorium

Jan. 1	No School - Holiday Break
Jan. 4-5	No School - Professional Development
Jan. 6	Classes Resume / 1st Day - 2nd Semester
Jan. 15	No School - Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 12	No School - Mid-Winter Break
Mar. 5	No School - Professional Development
Mar. 8	PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Mar. 9	PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Mar. 10	Last Day - 3rd Quarter
Mar. 11	No School - Professional Development
Mar. 12	No School - Winter Break
Mar. 15	First Day - 4th Quarter
Mar. 26	No School - Spring Break
Mar. 29	No School - Spring Break
Apr. 13	No School - Staff Workday (HS Track Invite)
May 5	Seniors' Last Day
May 9	Graduation
May 14	Last Day - 2nd Semester (11:30 Dismissal)
May 17	Teacher Inservice

January 2027						
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February 2027						
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March 2027						
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April 2027						
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May 2027						
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 Beginning/End of Term
 No School - Professional Development
 No School - Break
 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Early Dismissal
 Event
 Curriculum Development

1st Quarter	40	Student Days
	44	Teacher Days
2nd Quarter	46	Student Days
	49	Teacher Days
3rd Quarter	43	Student Days
	47	Teacher Days
4th Quarter	42	Student Days
	45	Teacher Days
1st Semester	86	Student Days
	93	Teacher Days
2nd Semester	85	Student Days
	92	Teacher Days
School Year	171	Student Days
	185	Teacher Days

NSAA DATES	
Start of Fall Practices	Aug. 10
District Golf	Oct. 5-6
State Golf	Oct. 12-13
State Football 1st Rd.	Oct. 30
State Volleyball	Nov. 4-5-6-7
Start of Winter Practices	Nov. 16
District One-Act	Week of Nov. 30
NSAA Moratorium	Dec. 23-27
Girls State Basketball	Mar. 3-4-5-6
Boys State Basketball	Mar. 10-11-12-13
Start of Spring Practices	Mar. 1
District Music	Week of Apr. 19
District Track	May 13
District Golf	May 17-18
State Track	May 21-22
State Golf	May 25-26

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



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www.heartlandschools.org



2026 Census

Included in the March newsletter was a Census form for Heartland Community Schools. Please complete and return this form **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.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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