



## HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# HUSKIE LEADER

## March 2026

### *Band Parents German Smorgasbord*



The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026. The meal will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM the band concert will begin at 7:45 PM. Adult tickets are \$20.00, children ages 4-12 are \$10.00. Children under the age of 4 are free. Tickets may be purchased from any band member, by calling or stopping by the Heartland School offices, or by scanning the QR code below.

#### 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  
(Zweiback and jelly)  
CUFFA (coffee)  
MILCH (milk)

KUMPST BORSCHT  
(cabbage soup)  
KLUPTZ  
(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)



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### March 6

No School -Professional  
Development

#### March 9

7:00 PM School  
Board Meeting

#### March 9 & 10

4:30 - 8:30 PM Parent  
Teacher Conferences

#### March 10

10:00AM - 4:00PM  
NHS BloodDrive

#### March 12 & 13

No School

#### March 21

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

#### March 27

9:00 AM / 1:00 PM  
Kindergarten Round-Up

#### April 3 & 6

No School, Spring Break

#### April 10 & 11

All School Play

#### April 25

Prom



**Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent**

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Spring parent-teacher conferences are quickly approaching with conferences scheduled for Monday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 10th. Conferences run from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM both days. Parent-teacher conferences present a great opportunity for parents to visit with teachers about the learning taking place in the classroom and for parents to get vital information about what their child is learning. We hope you take the opportunity to visit with your child's teachers about their academic progress during the upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

### **MARCH WEATHER**

With the month of March on the horizon, we are quickly approaching the end of the winter weather season. The month of March, however, has been known to bring bouts of weather that can lead to late-starts or cancellations.

Parents can be readily informed of late starts and cancellations on the school website, on school social media (X and Facebook), and through our School Messenger broadcasts.

We ask that you continue to 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.

### **POSSIBLE PLAYGROUND RENNOVATION**

The Heartland Board of Education is in the process of contemplating a renovation / rehabilitation of the current K-6 playground. The Board is still currently working through final designs and cost calculations. If a decision is made to move forward, our goal would be to have the project completed this summer prior to the start of the 26-27 school year.

The overarching goals we have for the project are 1) safety, 2) accessibility, 3) utility, and sustainability. Core strategies we've looked at to accomplish these goals include addressing surface drainage issues, determining the site layout, determining the quantity and quality of amenities/equipment, and using synthetic surfaces to improve safety, accessibility, and cleanliness while reducing ongoing maintenance demands.

The project would be a sizeable investment, but at the same time it would be just that, an investment. The project would provide a great deal of value to our students and our community while providing a comprehensive long-term approach to providing our young students with a safe and enjoyable outdoor space to play and to be active. The project would be paid for with special building funds, specifically with interest that the district has earned on funds held in the Special Building Fund. No levy increase will be needed to fund this project.

We'll keep the public informed if it decided to move forward with this project.

### **OUR MISSION**

***EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day***

# spelling bee




Front row, left to right: Luke Schultz, Timothy Janzen, Isaac Bearinger, Slate Wolfe  
 Middle row, left to right: Ryker Lewis, Elliott Buller, James Janzen, Easton Siebert, Ella Eckman  
 Back row, left to right: Taylor Schmidt, Tori Buzek, Grace Goertzen, Avery Hiebner, Cole Eberle



7th & 8th division  
 Tori Buzek placed 3rd & Avery Hiebner placed 4th

## Read Across America March 2-March 5 Dr. Seuss Dress-Up Days!

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**Monday, March 2**  
**ABC Book**  
 Wear a "wordy" shirt that others can read

**Tuesday, March 3**  
**Oh The Places You'll Go**  
 Wear college / jerseys / vacation shirts

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**Fox In Sox**  
 Wear funny or mismatched socks!

**Thursday, March 5**  
**If I Ran The Zoo**  
 Wear animal print or camo



5th & 6th division  
 Ryker Lewis placed 3rd

# UNK LOPER BUSINESS INVITATIONAL



The HCS FBLA Chapter traveled to Kearney on February 4, to compete in the 8th Annual UNK Loper Business Invitational.

Students competed by putting their knowledge to the test in three separate subjects from Economics, Entrepreneurship, Intro to Business Concepts, Personal Finance, Accounting, Intro to IT, Business Communication, Sports and Entertainment Management, Intro to Business Communications, and one student participated in a Job Interview. The individual results from the competition are as follows:

## Accounting

Tara Buzek - 1st place

Mia Hiebner - 5th place



## Heartland FBLA Celebrates FBLA Week and CTE Month

The Heartland FBLA chapter celebrated FBLA Week during February 9-13 with a variety of activities and awareness posts to make it a memorable experience for all members. This special week aimed to engage students, promote business education, and recognize the impact of FBLA on future business leaders. Members Will Regier and Sam Friesen presented at the Heartland School Board meeting in February. They highlighted the chapter's activities and accomplishments throughout the year.



## February Guest Speaker Jeremiah Duerksen, Mainstay Communications

At our February meeting, FBLA members had the privilege of listening to Mainstay Communication's technology manager Jeremiah Duerksen. Jeremiah talked about growing up with parents who worked for the telephone company and what led him to continue working in the technology industry. Jeremiah currently works for Henderson's only internet service provider. He explained the up-to-date technology used in this town and how they work to keep it running smoothly. He also dove into the use of A.I. in his job and its security at Mainstay and in the world.



Heartland FBLA proudly wearing their chapter t-shirts, showing their spirit and dedication to the organization. As we look ahead, the Heartland FBLA chapter remains committed to fostering leadership, business skills, and teamwork. Here's to another great year of FBLA!

# 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL





**Kindergarten  
Registration**  
2026 - 2027

- Child must be 5 by July 31, 2026
- Call Tammy or Dandi @ 402-723-4434 to Register
- Information will be mailed after student is registered regarding Kindergarten Round-Up on March 27, 2026

The graphic features a dark blue background with school-related icons like a ruler, a globe, a pencil, and a paperclip.



# IT'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR TIME!

## 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.

Monday, March 9 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

## Elementary Spring Testing Schedule

K	May 6	DIBELS
1st	May 5	DIBELS
2nd	April 28 & 30	MAP Reading
	May 4	DIBELS
	May 5 & 6	MAP Math
3rd	April 8 & 9	NSCAS ELA
	April 15 & 16	NSCAS Math
	April 28 & 30	MAP Reading
	May 5 & 6	MAP Math
	May 7	DIBELS
4th	March 5	NAEP
	April 8 & 9	NSCAS ELA
	April 15 & 16	NSCAS Math
	April 28 & 30	MAP Reading
	May 4	DIBELS
	May 5 & 6	MAP Math
	May 7	MAP Science
5th	April 8 & 9	NSCAS ELA
	April 15 & 16	NSCAS Math
	April 22 & 23	NSCAS Science
	April 28 & 30	MAP Reading
	May 5 & 6	MAP Math
6th	April 8 & 9	NSCAS ELA
	April 15 & 16	NSCAS Math
	April 28 & 30	MAP Reading
	May 5 & 6	MAP Math
	May 7	DIBELS

Please avoid scheduling appointments on these important dates.

NAEP = National Testing

NSCAS = State Testing

MAP & DIBELS = District Testing

# Play Learn Grow



## Heartland Preschool Registration 2026 - 2027 Attention parents of 3-5 year olds

Heartland Preschool is currently gathering interest for the 2026-2027 school year. Preschool serves students ages three to five. Students cannot attend if they are Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2026).

Please call the school office to express your interest. After doing so, you will need to obtain and submit a time sensitive application to the Heartland School Office. Please note that space is limited and not guaranteed.

Call to Register:  
402-723-4434

Children 3 - 5 years old  
Cannot be Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2026)



# HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MARCH 2026



2	<b>Egg Bites</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	3	<b>Egg &amp; Cheese Biscuit</b> Grilled Hamburgers Chips Cookie	4	<b>Mini Pancakes</b> BBQ Pork Sandwich French Fries Ice Cream	5	<b>Tornado</b> Grilled Hotdogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	6	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
9	<b>Blueberry Waffles</b> Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	10	<b>Cherry Frudel</b> Spaghetti Corn Garlic Bread	11	<b>Pancake Wrap</b> Sweet & Sour Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice Egg Roll	12	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	13	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
16	<b>Cinnamon Breadstick</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage/Egg Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	17	<b>Tornado</b> Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas Pudding	18	<b>Chocolate Chip French Toast</b> Pizza Corn Jello	19	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	20	<b>Mini Pancakes</b> Tacos Mini Donut Steamed Corn	
23	<b>Strawberry Bagel</b> Sloppy Joe French Fries Ice Cream	24	<b>Sausage &amp; Biscuit</b> Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli French Bread	25	<b>Pancake Wrap</b> Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	26	<b>Apple Frudel</b> Burrito Bowl (Rice/Pulled Pork) Seasoned Black Beans Corn Cake	27	<b>Waffles</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas	
30	<b>Long John</b> Taco Salad Corn Churro	31	<b>Chocolate Chip French Toast</b> Grilled Chicken Sandwich French Fries Pudding							

ALL GRAINS ARE WHOLE GRAIN RICH.

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BAR OFFERED DAILY WITH LUNCH.

A VARIETY OF FRUIT AND JUICE IS OFFERED DAILY WITH BREAKFAST.

A VARIETY OF LOW-FAT AND FAT-FREE MILK IS OFFERED DAILY WITH BREAKFAST AND LUNCH.

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

ALL BEEF IS DONATED AND LOCALLY RAISED.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	4:00PM JH QB @ Thayer Central		9:00AM JH ESU 6 Quiz Bowl @ Seward		No School - Professional Development Day	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Saving Time	4:30PM Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:00PM School Board Meeting	10:00AM NHS Blood Drive 4:30PM Parent-Teacher Conferences		No School - Professional Development Day	No School - Winter Break	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		St. Patrick's Day			Ed. al-Fitr 1:00PM H&H HS Track @ Doane	5:00PM Smorgasbord 7:45PM Band Concert
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	2:00PM SNC HS Quiz Bowl @ Clay Center	2:30PM H&H HS Track @ Sutton	FFA State Convention		Kindergarten Round Up 9:00/1:00	9:00AM H&H Alumni VB Tournament @ Hampton
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Palm Sunday		2:00PM H&H HS Track @ Wilber-Clatonina	April Fools' Day Passover	10:00AM H&H JH Track @ Friend	No School - Spring Break Good Friday	

**CENSUS DATA**

Heartland Community Schools will be conducting a school census during the month of June. In order to get the most accurate and complete number and names of persons living within our district, we are asking the patrons to complete the attached questionnaire. It is important for one form to be filled out for **each household that has children aged birth to 21 years, even if your children do not attend Heartland Community Schools.**

Please return the completed questionnaire to the school office or mail to Heartland Community Schools, 1501 Front St., Henderson, NE 68371.

**This information affects our state funding, it is very important that we have current and accurate data.**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 21 YEARS (include children attending college who are living away from home or serving in the Armed Forces).

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH Month/Day/Year	PLACE OF BIRTH City/State	GENDER	GRADE (2026-27)
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____

(Not attending school-0; Preschool-P; Kindergarten-K; Grades 1-12; Graduated-G)

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM  
TO THE HEARTLAND SCHOOL OFFICE

**THIS NEEDS TO BE RETURNED EVEN IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND  
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!*

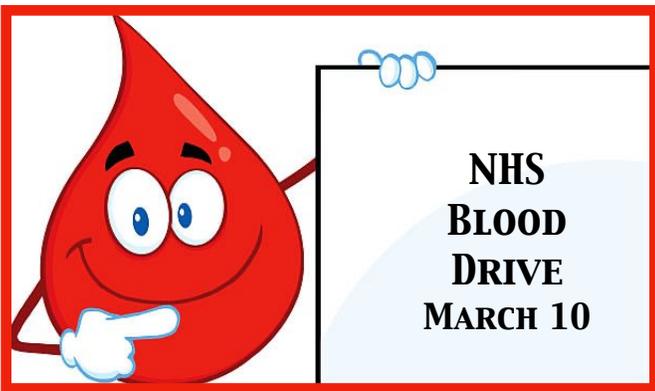
**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**



***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, 2026** in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.



**Office of the Superintendent  
Heartland Community Schools  
1501 Front Street  
Henderson, NE 68371**

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