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Dear, Parents, Patrons, & Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, 2010. We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all of the many volunteers who have served and are serving the students and staff of Heartland Community Schools. The many parents who have been involved with the Smorgasbord in the organization, preparation and work of preparing to serve around 1200 persons is phenomenal. All involved deserve a special thank you.

There are many others who assist in the classroom, in the cafeteria, at athletic events, with the set for the play, with the elementary Parent Teachers' Organization and other activities, for this we are extremely grateful.

The number of persons who volunteered this past year on the track was unbelievable. I want to express a special thank you to Randy Ratzlaff and Alan Janzen. They both put in numerous hours on the removal and installation of the track and the upgrading of the football field. Alan also donated the use of equipment that was very much appreciated. There were many other individuals that donated their time to helping complete the track project and to each of you, Thank You! Also, I would like to give a big thank you to Dr. James Ohrt and Larry Vancura for raising over \$150,000 in cash donations and in-kind services for the project.

I would also like to give special thanks to the persons involved in the Parent Teachers Organization for all of their support and encouragement to the staff. They had a very successful book fair this past week that provided many books for the elementary teachers to use in their classrooms.

Please take the opportunity to give a personal thanks to all of the people who have volunteered their services to the students and staff of Heartland Community Schools. The staff members and students salute all of you for your efforts,

**THANKS TO ALL  
 OF YOU!**

Sincerely,  
 Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent

**Heartland Community Schools  
 Presents**



**Fools** is a light-hearted romantic comedy by Neil Simon, set in the small village of Kulyenchikov, Ukraine (Russian Territory), during the late 1800s.

Friday, April 16th & Saturday, April 17th at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are on sale now in the office.  
 Adults: \$5.00                      Students: \$3.00

**VOLUNTEER DINNER PLANNED**

The Heartland Administration will host a special dinner for all of the volunteers who have volunteered on a regular basis during the school year. The dinner will be held during the National Volunteer Week on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 12:00 Noon in the cafeteria. A special invitation will be sent out to each of you who have been volunteering on a regular basis during the current school year.

**FCS CORNER**

FCS students have been entertaining guests this month. FCS I held a St. Patrick's Day themed sweet and sour chicken dinner for guests. They practiced meal planning, preparation, table setting, and etiquette. The 7th grade FCS class held an open house on St. Patrick's Day for parents and grandparents. They displayed sewing projects and provided desserts for their guests. Spring brings child care units which includes a presentation from a Four Corners Health Care nurse on parenting techniques.

**Check out our webpage at  
[www.heartlandschools.org](http://www.heartlandschools.org) to see what is  
 going on at our school!**

### Upcoming events for art club include:

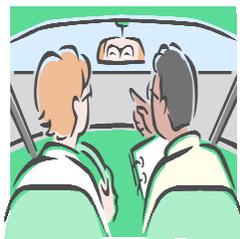
Elementary Art Show all students K-6 on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 in the theatre hallway.  
High School Art Show on May 4<sup>th</sup> in the theatre hallway.



Pictured from left to right: Amanda Rowe, Portia Lyons, Mariah Kliewer, Bailey Friesen, Emily Huebert, Reade Schafer, Anna King, Emily Ott, Samantha Boardman, Randian Spencer, Ashley Quiring, Mina Ortiz, Ashley Bittinger, Janelle Huebert, Katelyn Hoffman and teacher Miss Renz.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> the art club took a trip to the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha. Each member picked out a favorite piece of artwork to share with the High School art classes. The art club raised money to be able to take this trip and was impressed with this educational experience. Several of them said they would like to go back.

### 2010 DRIVER'S EDUCATION



Driver Education instruction will again be offered to Heartland students through the Nebraska Safety Council. The instruction will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. The fee for the instruction will be \$280.00 per student for the summer of 2010. You can go online and download a registration

form at [www.nesafetycouncil.org](http://www.nesafetycouncil.org). Please send completed form and registration fee to PO Box 30578, Lincoln, NE 68503-0578. Checks should be made out to the Nebraska Safety Council. Students can also pick up a registration form from the school office. The fee must be paid by June 30, 2010, to have a spot reserved for each student.

- **Advanced registration and payment are required.**
- **Students must possess a school learner's permit, a school permit or a learner's permit to enroll.**

Only one session will be offered this summer and will run July 5-July 14. The behind-the-wheel instruction will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### Ch.I.L.D. Day

Provided by Heartland Community School

The Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw is setting aside a special time for parents of children age 5 and below to participate in **Ch.I.L.D. Day**, which stands for *Childhood Information on Language and Development*. Just as parents take their young children to the doctor for medical check-ups, the school can provide to parents the services of a "developmental wellness visit". The early childhood personnel at the school can provide current and useful information to parents concerning the early development of their baby, toddler, or preschooler.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is a childfind effort conducted by Educational Service Unit #6, which provides early intervention services for the Heartland Community School District. School districts are required to conduct childfind activities to ensure that young children who need early intervention services are identified. Involvement in Ch.I.L.D. Day is a free, completely voluntary service and is conducted in a confidential manner.

For the first time, there will be evening times available to parents. Ch.I.L.D. Day is set for **Thursday, April 15 from 4:00 – 8:00p.m.** and **Friday, April 16 from 1:00 – 4:00p.m.** and will be held in the TYKE preschool room in Henderson. Interested parents who live in the Heartland School District can call the school office in Henderson to register for a 45-minute time slot when they can bring their child to the school. Parents will be able to ask questions about their child's development, complete a developmental checklist, and have their child play and interact informally with adults knowledgeable about young children. Further information may need to be gathered at a later time if the parents and school staff see any concerns. Parental permission is required for any further evaluation.

The Heartland Community School wishes to extend this invitation as one way of providing support and information to parents of young children in our district. Again, parents of the Heartland school district are invited to call the school at 723-4434 to register for Ch.I.L.D. Day.

### BANISH BULLYING BY TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO RESPECT OTHERS

Bullying is a serious problem that deserves your attention, even if your child is not bullied or a bully. Research shows up to 30% of kids are bullied repeatedly, which means plenty of kids are at least observing bullying. Encourage your child to:

- Respect others. Teach respect through words and actions. Provide a warm home environment with good role models and effective discipline (not too strict or too lenient). Remember the importance of supervision, since bullying often occurs when adults aren't around.
- Recognize bullying. Bullying comes in many forms. It



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can be physical, verbal or written, such as in emails or text messages. It can also be silent, when a child is left out on purpose.

- React to bullying. If your child knows someone who is being bullied, he should inform you or a teacher about the situation.

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### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET & PROM

On May 8th, 2010, we will have the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a banquet meal for Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:30 p.m. in the Old gym. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for juniors and guest, complimentary for seniors. After the banquet, the 9-12 student body, parents and guests are invited to the Royalty ceremony held in the school theater starting at 8:15 p.m. The students will do a walk-through from the cafeteria to the theater starting at 7:45 p.m. Pictures may be taken at this time. The prom dance will be held in the South (Old) Gym starting at 9:00 p.m. Students will need to purchase a \$15.00 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All Heartland 9-12 students and guests are invited to the dance and post prom activities. The prom and post prom are chaperoned by parents. Any students leaving the prom early will need sponsor permission and parents will be called.



### MAINTAIN GOOD ATTENDANCE AT END OF THE YEAR

You know that being in school is important. But this would be such a great time to take a family trip. And, after all, your child is only in first grade. Surely a few days' absence won't matter, will it?

It will. In fact, research shows that young children don't have to miss much school before their learning suffers. In the early grades, kids are mastering reading and basic math skills. And research has found that these are the skills most affected when children miss school. Being in school

consistently is the only way kids can develop a strong foundation on which the rest of their learning will build. But your child will not be the only one who pays a price. The entire class will be affected. When the teacher has to stop to meet the needs of a child who was out of school, everyone else's learning comes to a halt.

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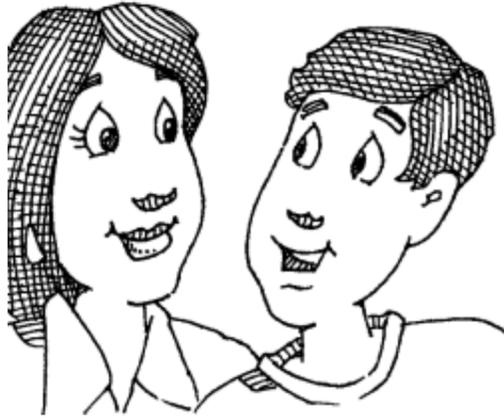
### TEACH YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER HOW TO SET REALISTIC ACADEMIC GOALS



Students who are successful in school know how to set academic goals for themselves. Here are tips for setting sound academic goals:

- Make them specific. Goals should state exactly what your child wants to do. Example: "In the next quarter, I will have at least an 80 percent average in all my classes."
- Make them measurable. Your child should be able to record progress toward his goals. Example: The goal of 80 percent in all classes is measurable. With this goal, your child can look at his average at different points in the quarter. Then he can compare his actual performance with his goal performance.
- Make them achievable. Example: "I'm going to be captain of the football team in my freshman year" may not be an achievable goal. Even if your child has the talent to achieve it, doing so depends on the decisions of many people other than himself. Your child should own his goals and be responsible for making them happen.

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**SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD WITH RESPECT;  
EXPECT THE SAME IN RETURN**

As an adult, you probably speak to your friends and colleagues with respect. But what about your child?

It's natural for family members to let their guards down around each other and speak to each other in a more casual way than they do with others. But if that crosses into disrespect, you are doing your child and yourself a disservice. If you don't speak to your child with respect, he will never learn to speak respectfully--to you or anyone else.

Here are some tips:

- Start with the basics. A "Hi, honey," or even a simple "Good morning" goes a long way.
- Consider feelings. If you know your child had a bad day at school, this may not be the best time to scold him about not making his bed. Bring issues up when your child is feeling better.
- Be attentive. Take your eyes off the TV when your child speaks to you. Look him in the eye. If you are in the car driving, you obviously have to watch the road. Encourage your child to speak to you anyway. A lot of great parent-child communication happens in the car.

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**YORK EARLY HEAD START**

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Preschool Learning Academy York

**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Henderson/Bradshaw  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
Conference Room  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Kerri Kliewer, Paul Brune, and Mark Dick. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr, and Cindy Huebert. Faculty: Larry Vancura, Sharon Bishop and NHS Officers

I. Call to Order

President Brune called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. President Brune declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He also indicated the posting of the open meetings law at the front of the room.

III. Approval of Agenda

**Action 1:** Motion by Braun, second by Kliewer, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

NHS students were present to ask for approval for a walk-a-thon as their annual fund raiser with funds to go to the Royal Family Kids camp for abused kids where several of them have worked as counselors.

V. Consent Agenda

**Action 2:** Motion by Friesen, second by Braun, to approve consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2010, the general fund claims, and financial reports. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

VI. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on students in the elementary that participated in the York County Spelling Bee and the local National Geography Bee, state wide writing assessments that are taking place during the first two weeks of February, norm referenced tests that will be given February 10-24, state reading test that will be given in April, Aaron Davis who spoke to 7-12 students on Choices in Life and Making Good Decisions, Michael Becker from York College who spoke to the teaching staff on teamwork among teachers and effectively communicating with students in a positive manner, formal teacher evaluations, and that Senator Greg Adams will hold a breakfast at the Dutch Kitchen, Friday, February 12, 2010, at 7:00 a.m. for local patrons.

The board made special recognition of the following students for their achievements in the York County Spelling Bee. Sheppard Ruybalid won the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> division and will compete at the district spelling contest in Seward and Carlos Maldonado who was selected as an alternate.

They also recognized Haley Huebert who won first place and Ethan Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, in the National Geography Bee held at Heartland in January.



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### VII. Summer Lighting Project

The board reviewed a lighting assessment conducted on the gyms, ag shop, and cafeteria.

### VIII. Discussion with Neighboring Districts

No further discussions have taken place with neighboring school districts

### IX. Legislative Update

The board reviewed current legislation and the participation of five board members at the NASB Legislative Review Conference the end of January.

### X. Board Goals for 2010

**Action 3:** Motion by Braun, second by Kliewer, to approve the Board Goals that were developed at the board retreat in January. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

### XI. 2010-2011 School Calendar

**Action 4:** Motion by Wilhelm, second by Dick, to adopt the school calendar for 2010-2011 as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

### XII. Booster Club Donations

Larry Vancura, Athletic Director, was present to review the donations of a weight record board and weight equipment that the Athletic Booster Club would like to make to the athletic department.

**Action 5:** Motion by Kliewer, second by Dick, to approve the donation of weight equipment by the athletic booster club. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 6:** Motion by Friesen, second by Braun, to approve the donation of a weight record board by the athletic booster club. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

### XIII. Lift-a-thon

Larry Vancura, Athletic Director, was present to request permission for the athletic department to conduct a lift-a-thon to raise funds to purchase additional weight equipment.

**Action 7:** Motion by Friesen, second by Wilhelm, to approve permission for the athletic department to conduct a lift-a-thon to raise funds for the purchase of additional weight equipment. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

### XIV. Review of Curriculum & Graduation Requirements

The board reviewed the current curriculum and graduation requirements. The administration pointed out that the state will require students to have 30 hours in science beginning with the graduation of current 7<sup>th</sup> graders. This will require

an additional 10 hours from Heartland's current 20 hour requirements.

### XV. Review of ESU 6 Programs

The board reviewed the current ESU 6 programs that Heartland is involved in including Speech, pre-school special education, home based services, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy services coordination, the S.U.C.E.S. level three special education services, curriculum development, technology services, Internet access, long distance learning, and other staff development services.

### XVI. Gym Use Request

**Action 8:** Motion by Brune, second by Braun, to deny the request for use of the gym on Sundays for the South Central USVBA Volleyball team and to reiterate that permission is only granted for a team when it is coached by Heartland Coach, Brenda Glunz when she is present. Motion Carried: 5-for; 1-against (Wilhelm).

### XVII. Personnel

**Action 9:** Motion by Dick, second by Braun, to approve the early retirement request, effective at the end of the current school year, of Willard Peterson and express appreciation for his 38 years of service to the district. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 10:** Motion by Dick, second by Friesen, to approve Corbin Tessman as an assistant track coach. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 11:** Motion by Braun, second by Kliewer, to approve Natasha Hackett to direct the school play. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 12:** Motion by Kliewer, second by Friesen, to recognize the Henderson Education Association as the organization to represent the certified staff in negotiation for 2010-2011. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 13:** Motion by Braun, second by Dick, to approve Adam Friesen as a local substitute teacher. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 14:** Motion by Friesen, second by Dick, to approve Zachary D. Rush as a local substitute teacher. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

### XVIII. Adjournment

President Brune adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

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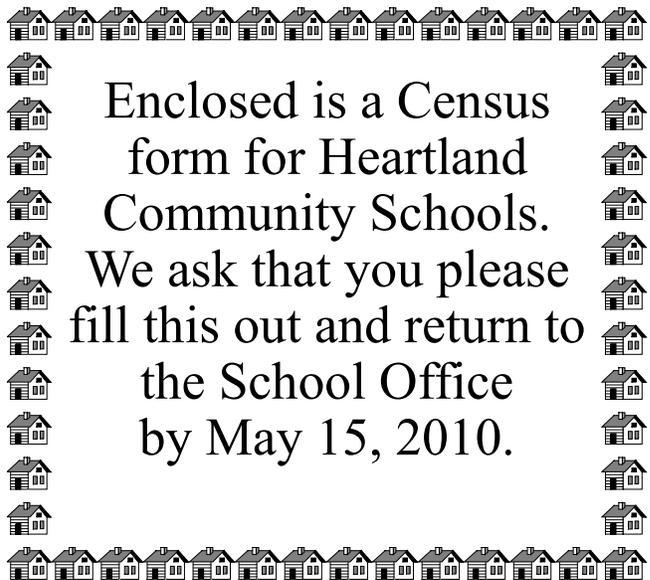
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# ECRWSS POSTAL CUSTOMER

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2nd - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday  
April 5th - NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation  
April 12th - Board of Education Meeting 8:00 pm  
April 14th - Teacher In-Service-2 hour early dismissal  
April 16th & 17th - "Fools" All School Play 7:30 pm  
April 21st - Volunteer Dinner 12:00 noon  
April 22nd & 23rd - District Music Contest at Heartland Community Schools  
April 29th - FFA Banquet 6:30 pm  
May 4th - Fine Arts Festival 6:30 pm, Spring Concert 7:30 pm  
May 6th - Teacher In-Service 2 hour late start  
May 8th - Prom  
May 10th - Board of Education meeting 8:00 pm  
May 10th - NHS Banquet 6:30 pm  
May 11th - Awards night 7:00 pm

May 16th - Commencement 2:30 pm  
May 17th - Elementary Field Day  
May 21st - Last day of School - Dismiss at 11:30 am  
May 21st & 22nd - State Track Meet - Omaha  
May 25th & 26th - State Golf at Kearney



Enclosed is a Census form for Heartland Community Schools. We ask that you please fill this out and return to the School Office by May 15, 2010.