# The Huskies Leader

#### From Brad Best, Superintendent...

Schools and other public facilities all across the country are re-evaluating their building security and taking action to do what they can to slow or reduce safety concerns for their students and staff. We are not immune and would like your ideas relative to increasing school security at Heartland. Please take the time to read the following information and then provide us with your feedback.

#### Why We are Thinking About More Security

Shy of implementing a prison system type of security, if someone is desperate to do harm, they will find a way in to a school. Some of the most recent tragedies have happened at schools that had security measures in place. Law enforcement would argue that even if we can't stop all threats, slowing them for even a few seconds could make an important difference in the outcome.

More typically, concerns arise for us with the potential of confronting an irate student, parent, or patron who wants to come to the school and create problems. We may receive information about restraining orders or non-custodial parents who may want to gain access to children several times each year. Currently, we make people aware of this information and hope that we are able to confront a possible threat before they make it to their intended location. Schools with controlled entry (ex. having to be "buzzed in" through a locked door) are able to deny access to these possible threats.

While a limited inconvenience for those coming to the school on a regular basis, schools have found that regulated access helps to monitor who is in the building at all times. This measure may also detour those who know they would be denied access without a legitimate purpose for being in the school.

#### **Current Measures in Place**

Currently, our school uses the following procedures to tighten school security:

- Most doors are locked during the day
- Hallway cameras record, but are not monitored live during the day
- We ask visitors to sign in
- We ask visitors to wear a visitor badge
- The staff is instructed to question unknown visitors
- Administrators use handheld radios for communication
- Staff wears identification in order to be easily identified by visitors

#### **Considerations for New Security Measures**

We are having discussions about increasing our efforts with controlled building access and an authority alert system.

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If we were to add controlled access to the most frequently used doors, we would consider the following features:

- The front doors and parking lot doors would operate on timers so that they
  would unlock for a period of time before and after school and then re-lock
  automatically at specific times.
- 2. Visitors to the building outside of the arrival and dismissal time frames would need to enter through the main entrance and would have to request access. They would do this by pushing a button and waiting momentarily to be "buzzed in" by office staff once they are identified or a purpose for entry by a stranger has been established. This system would include audio and video.
- 3. Certain entry doors could be programmed to automatically unlock for an activity and lock again after its completion.
- 4. Those needing access to the building outside of school hours for practices or other activities could be issued a card that allows access only during the times that have been pre-approved.
- 5. School staff would be issued an access card allowing them entry without having to "buzz in".

Please visit our website at <a href="www.heartlandschools.org">www.heartlandschools.org</a> to take a quick survey related to school safety. If you do not have internet access, give us a call at 402-723-4434. Once we have gathered information, we will share the results and have continuing discussion at our school board meeting on April 14th. If we decide to move forward, we will implement security changes as early as this summer.

Thank you for your input on this important topic and have a great spring!

#### **CALENDAR CHANGE**

Due to District Music Contest, school will be dismissed on Thursday, April 24, at 2:40 and there will be No School on Friday, April 25.

#### **Art Club Hosting Two Art Shows**

Coming up in April and May the art club will be hosting two art shows. The Elementary Art Show is on Tuesday, April 8th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The High School Art Show is on Tuesday, May 6th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Several awards will be chosen by judges, including Best of Show in 2-D and 3-D, as well as Honorable Mentions in both categories. Along with the High School Art Show the art club will have a Silent Auction again this year. These activities will be located in the theatre hallway. Please come and bid to purchase your favorite piece of artwork done by the high school students.

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#### 8th Grade FCS students making aprons

The 8th grade FCS students are constructing chef's aprons for their sewing project. They will use the aprons for their foods unit as well. Those students making aprons are: Bailey Peters, Kyle Ott, Krynn Arbuck, Connor Boehr, Sadie Carr & Tyler Lear.



The high school FCS class recently visited the preschool class for observations as part of their child care unit and prepared muffin treats for all the students.



Sara Goedert & Linda Reynoso watch the boys with hats for "hat week."



8th Grade students cutting out their aprons.



Elora Towne, Jon Shaw & Lexi Sines participate in sand play.

Thank you to Mrs. Dot Quiring, Mrs. Sherry Thiesen, and Mrs. Dee Steever for having the high school classes do their in-room observations.



**L to R:** Aubrey DeBraal, Rachelle Allen, Kaitlyn Quiring, Bailey Monnier, McKenna Friesen & Tierney Casper.

#### **UNK Honor Band and Choral Clinic**

The University of Nebraska at Kearney hosted their annual Honor Band and Choral Clinic on Monday, January 27. Ensemble members were chosen by audition from Nebraska and Kansas. Six students from Heartland Community Schools were selected. Rachelle Allen: tenor saxophone, Tierney Casper: flute, Aubrey DeBraal: baritone saxophone, McKenna Friesen: oboe, Kaitlyn Quiring: trumpet, and Bailey Monnier: voice. A concert was performed at the Health & Sports Center Arena in the evening with 117 schools represented.

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Included in the newsletter is a Census Form for Heartland Community Schools. Please complete & return this form to the school office by May 16, 2014 even if your children do 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!

#### **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Junior-Senior Banquet & Prom**

On April 12, 2014, we will hold the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a meal for the Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:30pm in the old gym. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for juniors and \$15.00 for a guest and complimentary for seniors. After the meal, the students will do a walk-through from the cafeteria to the theater starting at 7:45pm. Pictures may be taken at this time. The 9-12 student body, parents and guests are invited to the Royalty ceremony held in the school theater starting at 8:15pm. The prom dance will be held in the South (Old)



Gym starting at 9:00pm. Students will need to purchase a \$5.00 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All activities are chaperoned by parents. Any students leaving the prom early will need sponsor permission and parents will be called.

#### 2013-14 SNC Boys Basketball All Conference



L to R: Cody Kroeker & Colton Siebert-Honorable Mention; Jordan Heinrichs-1st Team; Keshawn Camacho-2nd Team; Cole Nickels-1st Team.

#### 2013-14 SNC Girls Basketball All-Conference



L to R: Haley Huebert-Honorable Mention; Bailey Carr-2nd Team; Allison Braun-2nd Team; Leah Friesen-Honorable Mention.

#### "What My Mother Means To Me"



Lauren Quiring was among 10 state finalists in the "What My Mother Means to Me" writing contest. There were 297 essays from Nebraska fifth graders submitted. She attended an awards ceremony at the state capitol building where all of the finalists read their essays to their families along with the governor and first lady.



#### Jump Rope For Heart

The Elementary will be participating in the Jump Rope For Heart on April 2, 2014. Your child received a packet that contains information on this event. The registration form and money raised needs to be turned in to Mr. Wetjen by April 1, 2014.

### Elementary Principal CINDY HUEBERT

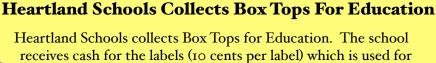
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#### **JUSTA REMINDER**

Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Friday, April 11, 2014 at Heartland Community Schools. If you live in our district and have not received a letter of invitation, please call the school office 402-723-4434.



the classrooms when needed. For example: Student T-shirts for a Kindness Retreat which 5th grade attends every year and entry fees for the Spelling and Geography Bees. We are no longer collecting Land O Lakes milk caps.





On March, 17, Heartland FFA held their annual pancake feed and labor auction. The FFA raised around \$5,000 from auctioning off six hours of labor from FFA members and donations from the pancake feed. This money will be used towards state convention, leadership conferences and other activities the FFA will participate in. Thank you to all those who supported this activity. Heartland FFA was also chosen as a recipient for Monsanto's Grow Rural America fund of \$2,500. This donation was made possible by Kim Siebert.



FFA Chapter receiving the Monsanto check.

#### **Boys Golf Team 2014**



Front Row (1 to r) Coach: Susan Mazour, Brandon Boardman, Colton Siebert, Sheppard Ruybalid. Back Row (1 to r) Owen Wurst, Jose Romo, Trevor Friesen. NOT PICTURED - Jon Larson

#### 2013-2014 HEARTLAND BOYS GOLF SCHEDULE

Type	Date	Time	Location	Host
Quadrangular	Tuesday, Apr 1, 2014	4:00PM	Fox Hollow Golf Course	Sutton
Invitational	Thursday, Apr 3, 2014	9:00AM	Superior Country Club	Superior
Quadrangular	Monday, Apr 7, 2014	4:00PM	Galaway Creek Golf Course	Heartland
Invitational	Wednesday, Apr 9, 2014	9:00AM	Friend Country Club	Friend
Invitational	Tuesday, Apr 15, 2014	10:00AM	Hidden Hills Central City	Fillmore Central
Invitational	Wednesday, Apr 16, 2014	9:30AM	Thornridge Golf Course	Milford
Invitational	Wednesday, Apr 23, 2014	9:30AM	David City Golf Course	David City
Invitational	Tuesday, May 6, 2014	9:00AM	Fox Hollow Golf Course	Sutton
Conference	Thursday, May 8, 2014	9:00AM	Fox Hollow Golf Course	Sutton
Invitational	Wednesday, May 14, 2014	9:30AM	Hebron Country Club	Thayer Central
Districts	May 19-20, 2014	TBA	Oakland Golf Club	Lyons-Decatur NE
State	May 28-29, 2014	9:30AM	Kearney Country Club	NSAA

#### Heartland Basketball 2013-14 Season

After much thought and reflection, here is what I am proud of from the 2013–2014 Husky Basketball Season:

- 1. Our Players. We developed skills on the court to help us win 18 games, and earn the Conference Tournament Runner Up. We were willing to put individual accomplishments aside, and focus our energy and efforts on the TEAM. We had players sacrifice minutes, points, and personal glory for the betterment of the team. Along those same lines, we developed stronger character traits throughout the season. You all helped with everything from keeping stats, to filming games. You did it with a smile, and never a complaint. It was a delight to be with you all along our journey together.
- **2. Our Parents.** The parents of our players demonstrated passion and class for our team that was unmatched in any of the gyms that we attended. You were always willing to give your child a healthy meal, and 'cure' them when they had illnesses or injuries that needed mending.

Our parents also held numerous 'team meals' where our boys got a nutritious meal, while also giving the boys time to bond with each other. This was a critical part of us coming together as a team. "Thank you" to all the parents who helped us along the way, from the large group tasks, to the small individual efforts to help our team grow.

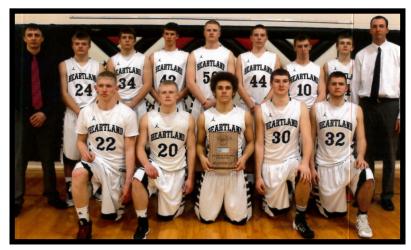
- **3. Our Administration.** We were able to focus on our responsibilities because you supported us, and believed in what we were doing on a daily basis. Thank you for trusting our coaching staff and our players to do the 'right thing'.
- **4. Our fans.** During the beginning of the season we would be playing, and I could hear myself calling out plays or defenses. Along our journey, you turned up your volume and your enthusiasm at our games, and near the end of our season, I could hear you cheering us on. Your energy and passion certainly made a difference for our team. From the blackout vs. Sutton, the the Neon theme vs. Milford, and all the other imaginative creations in between; they were all memorable. Thanks to the Heartland teachers who were always supporting us along the way. It made the journey more memorable because of your support.
- **5. Our student managers.** You may have one of the most thankless jobs in our family. Trevor Goertzen and Dawson Ohrt did everything asked of them, and more, with an unmatched enthusiasm for our team.

- **6. The Striv Team.** Taylor and Co., thank you for following us and live streaming our games via the web. I know numerous Husky fans were able to watch our games because of your efforts. Thank you for making this a possibility for some family members who couldn't make it to the gym.
- **7. Our Assistant Coach.** Joey, we had a blast together this season. Thanks for your words of wisdom, and sharing info about upcoming opponents. I look forward to doing it all again next season.
- **8.** My Family. I know that I put a LOT of time into this season, but my wife Cortney held the family together while I was busy scouting, watching film, or getting practice plans finished. Thank you for taking care of our boys during this wild time. Thank you for always being there with Carson and Carter to support our team.

This Heartland Basketball Family isn't about one person, or even a small group of people. All of the success we had this season was only possible because we had a huge, community based, support group. We all had a hand in the basketball success this season, but more importantly, we all had a larger role in the character development of each individual boy on our team. Thanks for embracing me as the coach, and our family as part of the community. We are truly blessed.

Sincerely,

Clark Ribble Heartland Boys Basketball Coach



Front row, (L to R): Cole Nickels, Jordan Heinrichs, Keshawn Camacho, Cody Kroeker, & Colton Siebert. Back Row, (L to R): Ass't Coach: Joe Leinan, Tyler Brown, Ty Spickelmier, Parker Goertzen, Clay Bergen, Coby Steingard, Austin Stuhr, Ben Driewer & Coach: Clark Ribble.

#### **Boys Track Team 2014**



**Back Row (L to R):** Ben Driewer, Matthew Buller, Clay Bergen, Dillon Scheil, Austin Stuhr, and Mark Perez. **Front Row (L to R):** Parker Goertzen, Cody Kroeker, Jordan Heinrichs, Tyler Brown, Cole Nickels, and Coby Steingard

#### Girls Track Team 2014



Back Row (L to R): Kori Siebert, Haley Huebert, Vanessa Hiebner, MaKayla Windel, Bailey Monnier, Destiny Bloxton, and Leslie Braun. Middle Row (L to R): Camryn Dick, Eve Vanderneck, Tierney Casper, Paige Mestl, Katelyn Quiring, Rachelle Allen, McKenna Friesen, & Ellie Steingard. Front Row (L to R): Bailey Carr, Allison Braun, Leah Friesen, Sidney Dick, Alessandra Canetta, Kelli Bergen, & Morgan Michel.

Photos courtesy of Deb Mierau

#### **Upcoming Dates**

April 3-5, 2014

FBLA State Convention-Omaha

April 8, 2014

Art Club Elementary Art Show-2:30PM

April 9-11 2014

FFA State Convention-Lincoln

April 11, 2014

Kindergarten Round-up @ 9:00/1:30

April 12, 2014

Prom-6:30/Dance-9:00

ACT Test

April 14, 2014

FFA Banquet @ 6:30pm School Board Meeting @ 8:00PM

April 18, 2014

Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

April 21, 2014

Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

April 23, 2014

Jr Hi FCS Open House @ 3:00(Parents/ Grandparents invitation only)

April 24, 2014

District Music Contest

School Dismissal @ 2:40

April 25, 2014

**NO SCHOOL-District Music** 

Individual Track Meet Event Schedules can be found on the

**QuickLinks of the Heartland Schools Home Page** 



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#### **GROUNDSKEEPER NEEDED**

Heartland Community Schools has an opening for a parttime groundskeeper, averaging 20-30 hours a week. If interested please send a letter of application and/or contact Brad Best, Superintendent, or Matt Quiring, Maintenance Supervisor, Heartland Community Schools, 1501 Front Street, Henderson, NE 68371. Phone Number is 402-723-4434.



#### Volunteer Recognition Week is April 6-12, 2014

A special thank you to all those who volunteer in so many ways to help the students and staff at Heartland. We sincerely appreciate everyone who helps out, whether it be assisting in an elementary classroom, in the lunch room, and at athletic events. Each person is a valuable asset to the education of Heartland students.



#### **May Reminders**

May 1, 2014

Awards Night 7:00pm

May 6, 2014

Art Show @ 6:30

Vocal 7-12/Band 9-12 Concert @ 7:30PM

May 11, 2014

Commencement @ 2:30PM

May 12, 2014

School Board Meeting @ 8:00PM

May 15, 2014

Elementary Field Day @ 12:30

May 19, 2014

Last Day of School-Dismiss @ 11:30AM

May 19-20, 2014

**Boys Golf Districts** 

May 20, 2014

Teacher Professional Development

May 23-24, 2014

State Track Meet @ Omaha

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

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