



# THE HUSKIE LEADER

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Heartland Community School News

## Thoughts from our staff . . .

"I have enjoyed sending handwritten notes to my kids this week. It's been so good to hear from parents about how excited their child was to receive something in the mail. The kids need to feel the love of their teachers and know we miss seeing them."

~Mrs. Tami Peters

*"I'm surprised at how at peace I am with the unknown. I've been able to zoom with my high schoolers and I set up a zoom with the Girls on the Run girls too!"*

~ Mrs. Stephanie Miller

"My students know I have a passion for life and caring for the home. During this uncharted, strange time I can at least continue to inspire them as well!"

~Mrs. Anne Regier

"The biggest uncertainty a few weeks ago was how was I going to connect with students and what materials should I go over. I was very nervous about the boundaries for activities, and I felt lost. What surprises me now is how while I am still concerned about creating great enrichment activities, my goal is simply connecting with my students. The way things ended felt scary to say the least, and being able to have virtual meetings with my students and communicate with them helps me feel like we still are part of an amazing team. It truly shows that the most important part of the school and our classrooms is the community and social interactions we create."

~Mr. Daniel "DJ" Wagner



*It takes understanding, trust and discipline to make it through trying times. We must work to understand one another's situation and the additional stresses of child care, meals, the need to work, and uncertainty from disrupted routines. In order to help with this, we continue to focus on enrichment activities and know that we will be o.k., even if it takes us a bit longer in the fall to "get caught up".*

*Now is a time we can show others that we can be counted on to do what is asked of us and learn responsibility in the process. The only way to show a complete understanding and compassion for one another is to remain disciplined in our efforts, by adjusting our routines to stay home, being disciplined to do what is right even when nobody else is watching, and by trusting one another in the process.*

*I am deeply proud of our board, teachers, staff, students, and parents for how they have responded the last couple of weeks. Focusing on others more than ourselves can go a long way in addressing all that we need to get through this time. We will be better for it.*

*Please be well and #Bethedifference!*

~ Mr. Brad Best



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**From Brad Best, Superintendent...**

The 2020 Census is upon us and there are \$675 billion dollars that the government will distribute each year for 10 years based on the 2020 Census count. We want our communities and school to receive their fair share of funding for things like roads, health services, parks, and emergency services. Census data determines funding for programs and services like Title1, special education, school lunches, after school programs, Head Start, and more.

Filling out the 2020 Census is one easy way to provide resources for children and their communities for the next 10 years. The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the United States and its territories.

While all children need to be counted, those under the age of 5 are often missed. When newborn babies and children are not counted, support for programs such as health insurance, hospitals, childcare, food assistance, schools, and early childhood development is impacted. A kindergartener not counted in the 2020 Census this spring will start high school when the next census begins in 2030. Many children were missed in the 2010 Census. That is 10 years of community resources missed.

**Tips for filling out the 2020 Census**

- Count all children who live in your home whether they are related to you or not.
- If a child's time is evenly divided between two households, count where the child is on Census Day - April 1, 2020.
- Count children who are living in your home on April 1, 2020, even if they are only staying with you temporarily.
- Count newborn babies, even if they are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.

Responding to the census is easy, safe, and important. You can complete the form online, by phone, or by mail. And remember: just like you protect the children in your care, the U.S. Census Bureau protects your privacy. The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you.

Please help out our communities by taking a few minutes to complete the 2020 Census.

Thank you!

## EXAMPLES OF HOW OUR TEACHERS CONTINUE TO TEACH!

### Family & Consumer Science Mrs. Anne Regier

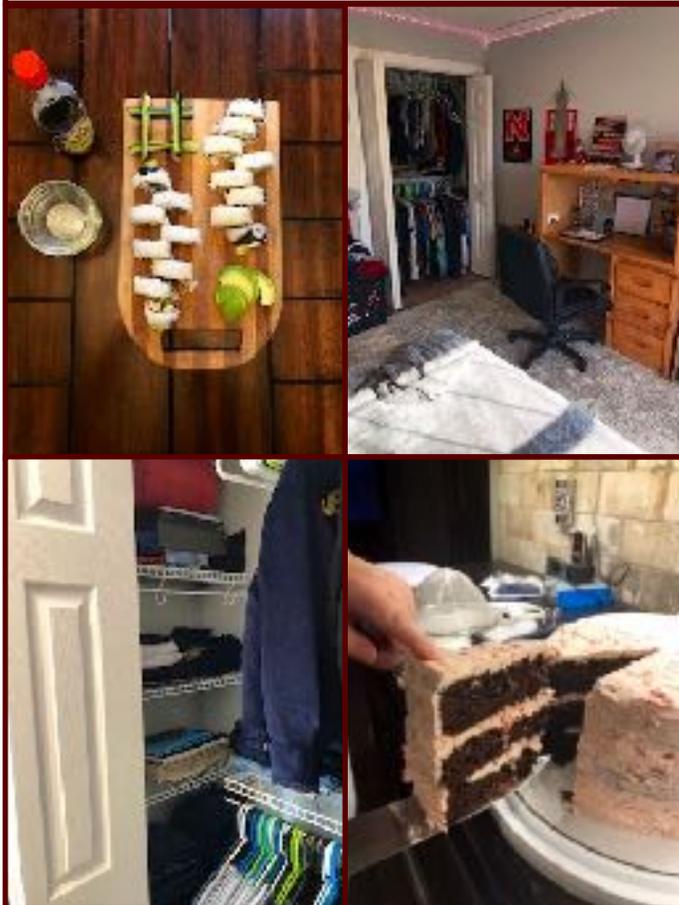
Each week I send home a Choice Board for students.

**Week 1** was a Cleaning Board. Some of the choices include...create a clean study area in your home, clean out your closet, or bedroom!

**Week 2** was a Recipe Board. The students were challenged to create homemade bread, a 3-layer cake, and recipes of their own!

Many of the students have really done some amazing things at home, and I am so proud! They send me pictures or emails, which I love seeing. I have been choosing items from my very own Choice Boards and will send those out to my students so they can see what I have been doing as well!

I also send out weekly emails to my students. Some responses are short..."Don't worry Mrs. Regier, I'm alive" and some are longer! We talk about everything via email now just like we talked about everything in class. I ask how their jobs are going, how they are feeling, what they are doing, if they are caught up in all their classes, touching base with all their teachers, if they are gathering their dorm items for college, etc...



### 8th Grade Careers Architecture Project

This student did a fantastic job with his architecture project!



### Mrs. Carrie Regier's Science Baking Challenge

I have learned how to use FlipGrid, which is an easy way for me to send out little challenges and the kids can respond with videos. For example, I created a Science Baking Challenge where the students have to bake something. The twist is that they have to split the batter in half, leave one half normal, and change something with the other half. Then bake the items and see how their change affected the recipe. I've gotten some great responses from kids.



# SPRING



## Heartland Community School Preschool Program



Heartland Preschool is now taking applications for the 2020-2021 school year. There will again be two half-day sessions offered each day. 3 year-olds will attend mornings, 8:00am- 11:15 am, and 4 & 5 year-olds will attend afternoons, 12:15 pm - 3:30 pm. Sessions are held 4 days per week, Monday through Thursday. Children may attend 2 or 4 days per week.

### Sessions Start August 17th, 2020

Tuition: 2 days per week - \$65/month

4 days per week - \$130/month

Tuition will be billed monthly on the 1st of the month and is due on the 10th of the month. Families may apply for tuition assistance. A cost increase may go into effect for the 2020 - 2021 school year if determined by the Heartland School Board. The schedule for children verified for Special Educations services will be defined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and there will be no cost to parents for tuition.

#### Benefits:

- Highly qualified, experienced staff who enjoy children's energy and curiosity
- Language-enriched environment with emphasis in early literacy development
- Play opportunities to facilitate growth in all developmental areas, including school readiness skills
- Easy transition to an elementary school setting

Interested parents can pick up an application form at the Heartland School office and then return the form after completing it. Parents will be contacted in early June concerning their child's application. Parent can contact Dot Quiring, Heartland Preschool teacher, with questions (402) 723-4434 (school).

## *Madalyn Janzen Top Essay winner for Nebraska American Mothers Essay Contest*



The American Mothers Association holds a 5th grade essay contest every year in coordination with their Mother of the Year recognition. Over 160 essays were submitted across the state and evaluated by teachers belonging to the State English Teachers Association. Out of those 160, 10 finalists were chosen to read their essays at the Capitol building in Lincoln. This year, Madalyn Janzen was a top 10 finalist as well as the 1st place winner for the State of Nebraska. Governor Pete Ricketts was present at the ceremony and invited Madalyn and her family, along with the Mother of the Year, to have lunch at the Governor's Mansion. Madalyn's essay is now entered in the national contest in Washington D.C. Madalyn is the daughter of Jay Dee and Wendy Janzen.



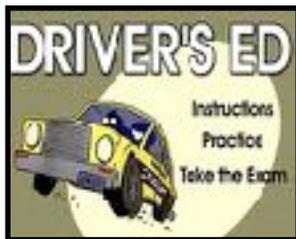




**\*Imagine Your Story\***  
**Summer Reading Program**  
**June 9 - July 16**  
**Heartland Community School's**  
**Elementary Library**



The Library will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays in Henderson from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for 6 weeks. Story time sessions will be held from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 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. All preschool and elementary students are welcome to come to participate in the program. Watch the school website for when packets may 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.



**Drivers Education for 2020**

Drivers Education classes will be offered to Heartland students through Nebraska Drives. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. It is open to all area students who are 14 years of age on or before October 1, 2020. All students need a permit as soon as possible. The fee for the class is \$365.00 per student. **Register by calling 402-723-4595. Checks should be made out to Nebraska Drives and sent to PO Box 345, Henderson, NE, 68371.** The fee must be paid by the first day of class. There is a \$25 fee for being a "no show" for the drive labs. The sessions offered this summer, June 29th - June 30th and July 1st - 2nd from 8:00am to 1:00pm with driving scheduled on students' own time. If you have any questions, please contact David Coleman at 402-723-4595.



A 2nd grade student picking up his lunch last week. He brought a bag on wheels to carry it home in!



**Mrs. Naber on a Zoom call with the 3rd grade class**





Heartland has been serving  
between 180 - 230 meals  
Monday - Friday in the Bradshaw  
and Henderson Communities



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