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

The calendar has turned to February and if you are like me, thoughts of spring begin to sneak in on occasion. It won't be long now. Be sure to watch our calendar as the next couple of months are packed full of various activities for you to enjoy.
Each year, we have been fortunate to receive federal grant funds to aid in supporting our efforts here at Heartland. Over the last five years or so, we have used these funds to purchase technology to enhance our curriculum and give our students new experiences. This current school year, we have used part of the grant funds to purchase 3 grow towers. One of the towers is in the agricultural science area, one is used by the foods classes and the other in the science department. These towers use aeroponics to quickly grow all types of plants using nutrient water and grow lights. The students received information on growing and consuming nutritious plants and then proceeded to "plant" the seeds in the towers. As you can see by the photos, the plants grow quickly and we have enjoyed watching their progress.

As soon as we establish some good volume, we will be offering samples to students during the lunch periods to expand their willingness to try new foods. If you are in the building, be sure to check the progress of our grow towers.


## School Closing Information

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather necessitates the closing of school for the safety of our students. School closing information will be announced over the radio station KAWL (1370) and television stations KHAS, KLKN, and KOLN.
We also use an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use to to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current numbers on file. Please call the school office if anything changes.
You may also call our school closing phone line at 402-723-442I. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around ro:00 pm . In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30 am to 8:00 am.


OUR MISSION: The Heartland Community Schools of Henderson \& Bradshaw is dedicated to educating all students by providing challenging opportunities to learn according to individual needs.

## Football Post Season Honors...

Grand Island Independent:
All-Heartland Small School First-Team Offense


OL- Aaron Buller
All-Heartland Small School First-Team Defense
DB- Hayes Oswald
All Heartland Small School Second-Team Offense
QB- Lane Huebert
RB- Connor Boehr
Lincoln Journal Star:
All-State Honorable Mention
Aaron Buller, Lane Huebert, Jackson Stebbing, Hayes
Oswald, \& Connor Boehr
D-1 6 All-District Team
1st Team: Hayes Oswald, Connor Boehr, Aaron Buller, \& Jackson Stebbing
2nd Team: Lane Huebert, Morgan Maltsberger, Peyton Ott, \& Connor Peters
HM: Cade Oswald
York News Times All-Area
Lane Huebert, Hayes Oswald, \& Connor Boehr HM: Jackson Stebbing, \& Aaron Buller

Academic All-State
Hayes Oswald \& Aaron Buller

## 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 to 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 10, 2018 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

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## 2017 Heartland Holiday Food Drive

NHS, FFA and FBLA collected 1,100 items and delivered food to 31 families. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause!


Dasher: Krynn Arbuck, Taylor Quiring b Peyton Ott


Cupid: Lane Huebert, Oscar Wadmark, Kyle Ott, む Olivia Casper


Prancer: Kyra Dick do Aaron Buller


Rudolf: Cheyenne Hiebner, Connor Boehr, © Alexa Siebert


Bradshaw: Kate Bergen, Ben Mestl, d Luke Schaldecker


Dancer: Kristian Perez, Odessa Ohrt, Kalea Wetjen, Erina Sakata, do Isabelle Vanderneck


Harambe: Bryce Allen, Katrina Hiebner, \& Connor Peters


Blitzen: Brittany 2uiring, Emily Goertzen, Ric Bulen, b Carson Amack
 Huebert, ơ Sadie Carr

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair for Heartland students grades K-ı2 is available to the public February 28- March 7. Plan to attend during parent teacher conferences. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the Book Fair. Please contact Gina Mestl at 402-723-4434. The book fair will be located in the high school library.

## Book Fair Times

March 5th-7:45am-8:00pm (During Parent/TeacherConferences)
March 6th-7:45am-8:00pm (During Parent/Teacher Conferences)


- ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org features over 2,000 Nebraskabased scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.
- Counselor Corner: Go to www.heartlandschools.net > Counselor Corner > Scholarships for a current listing of available scholarships.
- The college you plan to attend. Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.
- National search sites such as College Board, Peterson's and Chegg.
- Other resources could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.


## February "To Do" List

Seniors:
If you haven't already, complete the FAFSA.
Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. Apply for scholarships.

Juniors:
Start preparing for the ACT. Here are test-prep resources to consider.
Register by February 9 for the March 10 SAT.
Register by March 9 for the April 14 ACT.
Junior Day!
On February 6, all HCS juniors will join students from McCool Junction, Dorchester, Shickley, Exeter-Milligan \& Friend at Junior Day. This day is designed to get juniors thinking about their senior year and cover topics pertinent to juniors. They will participate in these information sessions: test prep, steps to get into college, business panel, legal issues facing teens, financial responsibility and Americore/Military/GAP. There will also be time to chat with around 15 college reps.

## New College Timeline will keep you on track to college

EducationQuest has launched a new College Timeline for students in grades 9-12 that spells out steps you should take during fall, winter, spring, and summer to plan for college.
The Timeline also allows you to add your own tasks, get reminders when it's time to complete tasks, and check off tasks when they're complete. You can access these features by creating and/or logging into your MyEducationQuest account at
EducationQuest.org. Check it out and give it a try. It will make the college planning process more manageable!


## Kid With a Cure

In the fall of 2017, Pfizer, in partnership with Scholastic, launched a contest that encouraged children across the country in grades $\mathrm{K}-5$ to dream up solutions to medical and societal problems to help make the world a better place. The contest asked kids to explain a problem, design a solution, and draw a picture to illustrate their solution.

Tucker Robinson was the winner of this prize, chosen out of 8,000 students who participated across the nation.
He received $\$ 200$ worth of science supplies and a new backpack. His class will receive $\$ 200$ worth of books and Heartland will receive a $\$ 15,000$ science grant.
On January 17th Heartland School had a all school assembly. At that assembly Pfizer and Scholastics created a video that will be posted on Pfizer social media channels and website. Lt. Governor Mike Foley was also present along with local news media, the film crew, and Pfizer representatives.


## Elementary

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## Elementary Library Time

During Computer Science Education week, Heartland elementary students participated in Hour of Code.
This worldwide movement introduces and engages students in computer science and computer programing. Check out Hour of Code online with your child.

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L-R Micab Haidle, Carter Ribble, Beckett Siebert, \& Kraten Veerbusen

On Wednesday, January 24th we celebrated the iooth day of school. The day started with a "bang" as the elementary classes gathered on the playground where ioo firecrackers were lit. Kindergarten to 2nd grade continued their morning as they rotated through stations that had to do with the number 100. Kids sorted and graphed a cereal mix, did 100 seconds of exercises, built with 100 cups and dominos, played BINGO with numbers to 100 , and dressed up to look 100 years old.


## Robotics Team 2017-2018

Robotics is off and programming. HYDRO DYNAMICS is the topic for this year's competition. The FLLteams need to identify a problem within the human water cycle, design a solution that makes this problem better and then share their problem and solution with others. The robotic teams consist of $6^{\text {th }}-8^{\text {th }}$ graders. The $6^{\text {th }} / 7^{\text {th }}$ grade team is the Heartland Robobots made up of Wyatt Panko, Ben Janzen, Ava Tessman, John Edelman, Owen Mierau, and Jordan Nolan. While the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade team is the Brogrammers consisting of Tyler Lewis, Aaron Goertzen, Mason Hiebner, Dawson Ohrt, Austin Wickham, and Alex Goertzen. The members are coached by
 Carrie Regier, Margalee Thomas, and Marietta Adams.
The teams have a qualifying contest on January 27 in Omaha. If they qualify they will then compete on February 17 at The Strategic Air Command Museum.


## 4TH GRADE

Understanding how to be empathetic, manage our own emotions, and solve problems can be a hard skill to teach and understand. Thanks to a donation from the York County Drug Task Force, Mrs. Waegli's class has been learning a lot in our new social skills curriculum. So far, they have learned what empathy means and looks like and how to use that in the classroom. They have played games to match their classmates' emotions, to be the best classmate and learner. In the picture Brooklynn and Mia play the telephone game to learn how to listen with attention. The rest of the curriculum will be learning how to deal with emotions, make plans to solve problems, and how to deal with peer pressure and the
 responsibility that comes with those actions.

## Heartland's Seniors Use Some New Tools



Technology is bridging the gap in the senior English classroom at HCS. Mrs. Ohrt planned an Emojified Socratic Seminar Discussion.
Brittany Quiring was on the road to the airport, but joined the discussion, Emojis and all, via Facetime on the class Ipad.


Alexa Siebert is also using technology to participate in Senior English via Zoom this semester while she is in Mexico.


Students use the emoji prompts to guide and continue their discussion.


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tips
Nutrition
Education Series

A healthy eating style includes all foods and beverages. Many beverages contain added sugars and offer little or no nutrients, while others may provide nutrients but too many calories from saturated fat. Here are some tips to help you make better beverage choices.

1Drink water
Drink water instead of sugary drinks. Non-diet soda, energy or sports drinks, and other sugarsweetened drinks contain a lot of calories from added sugars and few nutrients.

2How much water is enough? Let your thirst be your guide. Everyone's needs are different. Most of us get enough water from the foods we eat and the beverages we drink. A healthy body can balance water needs throughout the day. Drink plenty of water if you are very active or live or work in hot conditions.

## A thrifty option

Water is usually easy on the wallet. You can save money by drinking water from the tap at home or when eating out.

4Manage your calories Drink water with and between your meals. Adults and children take in about 400 calories per day as beverages-drinking water can help you manage your calories.

5Kid-friendly drink zone Make water, low-fat or fat-free milk, or 100\% juice an easy option in your home. Have ready-to-go containers available in the refrigerator. Place them in lunch boxes or backpacks for easy access when kids are away from home. Depending on age, children can drink $1 / 2$ to 1 cup, and adults can drink up to 1 cup of $100 \%$ fruit or vegetable juice* each day.

* $100 \%$ juice is part of the Fruit or Vegetable Group.


6Don't forget your dairy** Select low-fat or fat-free milk or fortified soy beverages. They offer key nutrients such as calcium, vitamin D , and potassium. Older children, teens, and adults need 3 cups of milk per day, while children 4 to 8 years old need $21 / 2$ cups and children 2 to 3 years old need 2 cups.


7Enjoy your beverage
When water just won't do-enjoy the beverage of your choice, but just cut back. Remember to check the serving size and the number of servings in the can, bottle, or container to stay within calorie needs. Select smaller cans, cups, or glasses instead of large or supersized options.


Water on the go
Water is always convenient. Fill a clean, reusable water bottle and toss it in your bag or briefcase to quench your thirst throughout the day. Reusable bottles are also easy on the environment.


9Check the facts
Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose beverages at the grocery store. The food label and ingredients list contain information about added sugars, saturated fat, sodium, and calories to help you make better choices.

10
Compare what you drink
Food-A-Pedia, an online feature available at SuperTracker.usda.gov, can help you compare calories, added sugars, and fats in your favorite beverages.
** Milk is a part of the Dairy Group. A cup $=1$ cup of milk or yogurt, $11 / 2$ ounces of natural cheese, or 2 ounces of processed cheese.

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| Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion | Go to ChooseMyPlate.gov TipSheet No. 19 |
| May 2012 |  | USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender for more information.

## HEARTLAND YEARBOOKS ON SALE !

The 2017-18 yearbook sales have begun! The yearbook will
 include all students from grades 7-12 as well as all of our extracurricular activities and events. If you or your child would like to purchase a yearbook, contact Mrs. Ostmeyer via email: sostmeyer@heartlandschools.net. Yearbooks are $\$ 40$ each when ordered before February 16, 2018.


Feb I \& 3, 2018
B \& G BB SNC @ Centennial

Feb 3, 2018
Fullerton Livestock Judging
Feb 7, 2018
FBLA Peru State College
Competition

Feb 7, 2018
York County Spelling Contest
Feb 7, 2018
FFA State Degree Interviews
Feb 9, 2018
Kindergarten Round-up
9:00am \& 1:00pm
Feb 10, 2018
ACT Test
Feb 12, 2018
School Board Meeting 7:00pm
Feb 12, 13 \& 152018
G BB Sub- Districts
Feb 16, 2018
No School
Feb 19, 2018
No School
Teacher Professional Development

Feb 19, 20 \& 22, 2018
B BB Sub-Districts -TBA

Feb 23, 2018
G BB District Finals

Feb 24, 2018
Home Show

Feb 26, 2018
Winter Concert-Instrumental/Vocal (9-12th) @ 7:30pm

Feb 27, 2018
B BB District Finals -TBA

## 1 Semester Honor Roll

 12th GradeKrynn Arbuck
Connor Boehr
Noah Boyd
Aaron Buller
Sadie Carr
Kyra Dick
Cheyenne Hiebner
Lane Huebert
Hayes Oswald
Kyle Ott
Kristian Perez
Bailey Peters
Connor Peters
Brittany Quiring
Taylor Quiring
Jaden Regier
Erina Sakata
Alexa Siebert
Devon Stamp
Isabelle Vanderneck
Oscar Wadmark
11th Grade
Kate Bergen
Ric Bulin
Olivia Casper
Zachary Dente
Nathan Edelman
Brooklyn Epp
Emily Goertzen
Jade Hiebner
Katrina Hiebner
Noah Hiebner
Reid Huebert
Jesse Mason
Benjamin Mestl
Colton Monnier
Peyton Ott
Collin Rowe
Kristina Rowe
Delaney Siebert

Shauna Spencer
10th Grade
Alexis Amack
Devyn Bell
Timberly Carr
Rachael Dente
Trevor Goertzen
Grace Janzen
Allison Kroeker
Emily Nunnenkamp
Jared Nunnenkamp
Odessa Ohrt
Andrew Park
Harmon Perez
Halle Peters
Josh Quiring
Jackson Stebbing
Aiden Swartzendruber
Kalea Wetjen
Rhianna Wilhelm

## 9th Grade

Nolan Boehr
Kaelyn Buller
Ellyn Hall
Justin Caldwell
Tobin Glinsmann
Mallorie Hiebner
Maverick Hiebner
Cora Johnson
Josie McCormick
Maddie Miller
Lauren Quiring
Seth Randles
Cooper Regier
Wyatt Regier
James Rowe
Taylynn Scheil
Cassidy Siebert
Gabielle Siebert
Cord Spencer
Nema Stracener

## 8th Grade

Trajan Arbuck
Ashley Brown
Lisa Buller
Cindy Cerveny
Donald Ficken
Ella Friesen
Aaron Goertzen
Alex Goertzen
Eli Hiebner
Mason Hiebner
Tyler Lewis
Elizabeth Mestl
Dawson Ohrt
Carson Ott
Mason Regier
Kale Wetjen
7th Grade
Liliana Alverez
Tucker Bergen
Lilly Carr
Eloise Casper
Riley Goertzen
Savannah Huebert
Felicity Johnson
Ruby Kliewer
Madelyn Maltsberger
Merrick Maltsberger
Owen Mierau
Cole Miller
Reeve Oswald
Wyatt Panko
Trev Peters
Zachariah Quiring
Kaden Siebert
Garett Regier
Grace Regier
Jacob Regier
Ava Tessman


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## Taking Care of Business Day

Junior high students went over to the Henderson Health Care Center during Taking Care of Business Day on December 22nd. The eighth graders interviewed residents about what Christmas was like when they were kids and put together a powerpoint presentation about what they learned. The 7th graders taught the residents a math/dice game popular in Mrs. Regier's class called Screamo. It was a great opportunity for the students to connect with another generation.


Lto $R$ Ava Tessman ©Grace Regier

## Smorgasbord Tickets will be Offered Online!

While you can still come up to the school office or see a band student to purchase smorgasbord tickets, another option this year will be to purchase your tickets online. Go to brownpapertickets.com and search for "Heartland" to see a list of our events. You can also visit our website at heartlandschools.org where we will have a link to the ticket site.
There is a small convenience fee required by the company for online purchases. The total purchase price will be the cost of the tickets $+\$ 0.99$ per ticket $+3.5 \%$ credit card fees. On one ticket, the cost of a normal $\$ 15$ ticket will be $\$ 16.52$ including fees. If you choose this option, you will be able to name which student to whom you would like to credit the sale.
Tickets go on sale February 16th. Please let us know how we can help!

## Band German Smorgasbord

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018. The meal will be served from $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ to $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ and a band concert will be held at $7: 45 \mathrm{pm}$.


March I, 2018
Dr. Seuss Day
March 2, 2018 NO SCHOOL

March I, 2, \& 3 Girls State Basketball-TBA

March 5 \& 6, 2018
Parent/Teacher Conference @ 4:30-8:30

March 5 \& 6, 2018
Scholastic Book Fair 7:45am -8:00pm
March 6, 2018
District Livestock Judging
March 8-10, 2018
B BB StateTournament
March 12, 2018
School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

March 17, 2018
Midwest Spelling Bee @ Omaha
March 17, 2018
Smorgasbord @ 5:00
Band Concert @ 7:45pm
March 19, 2018
NO SCHOOL

## March 23-24, 2018

All School Play @ 7:00pm
March 30, 2018 Spring Break- No School Adult tickets are $\$ 15.00$, children ages $4-12$ are $\$ 7.00$. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets will go on sale February 16, 2018. Tickets can be purchased through band members, calling/stopping by the Heartland School office, or online. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

## MENU

KUMPST BORSCHT (cabbage soup) KLUPTZ

## Save a life

## Donate Blood

# The Community Blood Bank will hold a Bloodmobile on 

February 24, 2018 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Henderson Home Show.


Sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences Online Starting February 1oth
Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on the evenings of March 5th \& 6th. Parents of elementary or jr. high students can now pick which available time works best in their schedule using our website at heartlandschools.org. In the top menu, choose "Parent Teacher Conferences" and follow the screen prompts. You will be asked to $\log$ in to the website. If you do not already have an account, you can create one during this process. You can use your account to receive other information, as well. If you would like detailed instructions on how to schedule conferences, go to our website and click on the "For Parents" menu. Give us a call with any questions at 723-4434.

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