## From Brad Best, Superintendent...

To our parents and supporters,

## School Messages via Text

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver school announcements via phone calls and email messages. With this new system, we can also send text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.


You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

If you know how to use QR codes, you can scan the image to the right and touch "send".

## Parent Survey for School Improvement Visit

As part of our school accreditation process and as a way to set new improvement goals, we are hoping for your feedback on a survey. The organization conducting our review requires that we have a certain participation from our parents, so we hope that you will help us out.

If you have your email on file with us, you should have received a message regarding this survey within the last few days. If not, please contact us right away so that we may provide you with the link. We value your input and appreciate your time toward the school improvement process!

## 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 mo:ooPM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM.


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.

## Grace Janzen Wins 2016 Geography Bee

On January 25th, Heartland held their local Geography Bee. Students completed questions in the classroom and 5 representatives were chosen from each grade 5-8. The participates were: 5th Grade: Wyatt Panko, Trev Peters, Riley Goertzen, Tucker Bergen \& Maddie Maltsberger; 6th grade: Kale Wetjen, Tyler Lewis, Nathaly Argueta \& Dawson Ohrt; 7th grade: Lauren Quiring, Nolan Boehr, Cord Spencer, Ellyn Hall \& Taylynn Scheil; 8th grade: Grace Janzen, Reagan Weisheit, Odessa Ohrt, Katelyn Gage \& Halle Peters.

The ist Place Winner was Grace Janzen and 2nd Place was Riley Goertzen. Grace qualified to compete in the Nebraska State Geography Bee, on April I, 2016 sponsored by National Geographic. This is the second level of the National Bee competition. Grace will complete a test and submit the test to the state level. Geography Bees were held in schools with fifth through eighth grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Bee winner. Each school has one winner take a qualifying test and submit the test to the National Geographic Society. Congratulations Grace!


Mrs. Maltsberger asking questions to the geography participants.


Geography Bee winners: Riley Goertzen-2nd place \& Grace fanzen -Ist place.

## 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 II, 2016 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

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## HEARTLAND YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW！

The 2015－16 yearbook sales have begun！The yearbook will include all students from grades 9－12 as well as all of our extra curricular activities and events．If you or your child would like to purchase a yearbook，contact Mrs． Ostmeyer via E－mail：sostmeyer＠heartlandschools．net． Yearbooks are $\$ 40$ each when ordered before March 30， 2016.

## KHS UNDERCLASSMAN HONOR BAND

Kearney High School hosted the 2016 Underclassman Honor Band at the Merryman Performing Arts Center on Monday, January i8 in Kearney, Nebraska. Heartland members chosen for the event were Brooklyn Epp -trumpet, Zachary Dente -trombone, and Karah JoynerTuba. All three Heartland students were selected to sit first chair in their ensemble. Dr. Sidney Schuyler and Dr. Jay Gilbert were directors for the band.


L to R: Zachary Dente, Brooklyn Epp \& Karah Joyner.

## UNK HONOR BAND AND CHORAL CLINIC

The University of Nebraska at Kearney held the Honor Band and Choral Clinic on January 25, 2016. The musicians rehearsed all day Monday and then presented a concert at the UNK Health and Sports Center Arena.

The concert featured a Womens' Choir, Festival Band, Festival Choir, Honor Band, and Honor Choir. There were 112 participating Schools at the event.

Students were selected by audition. Heartland students participating were: Brittany Quiring - Alto Saxophone, Mark Perez - trumpet, Ethan Hall Tuba, Taylor Quiring and Karah Joyner Women's Choir. Honor Choir members were Bailey Monnier, Eve Vanderneck, Addie Swartzendruber, Megan Kroeker, Austin Stuhr, and Aaron Buller.


Front Row; L to R: Karab Foyner, Brittany 2uiring, Eve Vanderneck, Bailey Monnier, Mark Perez do Ethan Hall. Back Row; L to R: Megan Kroeker, Taylor 2uiring, Aaron Buller, Austin Stubr © Addie Swartzendruber.

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February "To Do" List
Seniors:
_ Complete student and parent 2015 tax returns.
__ Create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov.
__ Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov.
__ Continue to apply for scholarships.

## Juniors:

—_ Register by February 5 for the March 5 SAT.
__ Register by March 4 for the April 9 ACT.


## ELEMENTARY NEWS

## November Monthly Classroom Highlight: 3rd Grade Students Learn to Code with Mrs. Mestl.

Our $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade students have been busy with a lot of fun and exciting projects. Recently Mrs. Mestl came in to teach the students how to code. Some other exciting things the students have been doing include: learning about each continent, exploring different types of writing, and using the online Mystery Science curriculum and content. Miss Vandenberg also uses an app called Class Dojo that lets parents see
 their student's positive and "needs improvement" areas in an instant and fun way. Parents also receive class stories, pictures, messages, and notifications via Class Dojo.


## December Monthly Classroom Highlight: $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade students ended the first semester with an "Old Fashioned Christmas."

Teachers, Cindy Goff and Tami Peters, assisted students in making Christmas decorations, a 3 D Christmas tree, candles, salt dough ornaments, and their very own storybook. Parents, grandparents, family friends, and even high school students came to watch the $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders present their program and read their stories.

Box Tops and Points for Education Challenge:
Mrs. Goff's 2nd Grade students really enjoyed winning the bi-monthly party last month. They brought in the highest average of Tops and Points in November!


## Box Tops and Points for Education Challenge:

Mrs. Steever's $I^{\text {st }}$ grade class is very excited to win the monthly and bi-monthly challenge. They brought in 777 tops and points in the month of December. This is the first time this class has won and they are excited to choose their bi-monthly prize!


Elementary Principal SADIE HOUCK

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## It's Time for ....... Girls on the Run!

The Girls on the Run (GOTR) program is a positive youth development program for girls in grades 3- 5 which combines training for a 5 K run with an interactive curriculum to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles in pre-teen girls. Our curriculum addresses many aspects of girls' development - their physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being. Lessons provide girls with the tools to make positive decisions and to avoid risky adolescent behaviors.

Girls participating in the GOTR program will meet twice a week, after school, for twelve weeks and will be coached by local volunteer coaches. The season will start the week of February 22nd and continue through May with the culmination activity being a ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~K}$ held in York on Saturday, May 7th. The Heartland team will meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration information will be handed out to the girls and be available at your school in January. Online registration will be used this year and will become available on our website: http://gotrnebraska.org/ January 15 -February 15.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the teams, to be running buddies at the 5 k , or to help with the 5 K activities. If you have any questions about Girls on the Run or would like to volunteer, please contact Lori Suddarth at 402-362-6700 or lori.suddarth@yorkdukes.org.


Elizabeth Mestl


Trev Peters
Ava Tessman

## Students qualify for Elks National Hoop Shoot in York

Heartland Huskie elementary students recently participated in a free throw shooting contest. Heartland Community Schools elementary physical education classes ended their three week basketball unit with a local free throw shooting qualifier for the Elks National Hoop Shoot. Qualifying athletes will advance to the regional round held in York. Heartland qualifiers were: Emersyn Oswald, Luis
Alvarez (8-9 year olds), Ava Tessman, Trev Peters (io-in year olds),
Elizabeth Mestl, and Trajan Arbuck (I2-13 year olds).


Luis Alvarez


Emersyn Oswald

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## Kindergarten Roundup Scheduled for February 19, 2016

Heartland Community Schools will hold their Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, February 19, 2016, in the Kindergarten Room \#I. Children who will be five years of age by July 31, 2016 are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2016 and should consider attending Roundup.


The purpose of Roundup is to provide an opportunity for next year's kindergarten students to meet Mrs. Thiesen and to meet other prospective kindergarteners. Two sessions will be held. The morning session will begin at 9:00AM and the afternoon session will begin at $\mathrm{I}: \mathrm{OOPM}$.

Parents will register their children for attendance at Heartland Community Schools in the Board Room with Elementary Principal, Sadie Houck. Parents should bring their child's immunization records with them as well as their child's official state-sealed birth certificate.

Nebraska Birth certificates are available from: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Public Health, Vital Records, PO Box 95065 , Lincoln, NE $68509-5065$ or call them at 402-471-287I. You can download a form or fill out an online request by going to $\underline{\text { http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/vital_records.aspx. }}$

All eligible children residing in the Heartland District whose names are on the current census list will receive an invitation to Roundup by January 22, 2016. If you are planning on optioning your child into the district, all option papers must be turned in by March II, 2016, for the 2016-17 school year. If you know of a child who will be five by July 31, 2016 and for any reason may not have his or her name on the school census list, please call the school office at Heartland Community Schools at 402-723-4434.

## Heartland Huskie Bots

State Qualifiers
The Huskie Bots, Heartland's First Lego League robotics team, qualified for state in their first contest ever on January 23 rd in Columbus. The team consisting of Rachael Dente, Harmon Perez, Katelyn Gage, Reagan Weisheit, Emily Nunnenkamp, Cooper Regier, Lauren Quiring, Jamie Rowe, Kaleb Senff and Heath Perez, coached by Carrie Regier and Marietta Adams will compete on February 2oth at the Strategic Air Museum in Ashland. Non-competing members are Tobin Glinsmann (mentor) and Josh Caldwell. The Huskie Bots undertook the two-part challenge based on the challenge of trash. The Huskie Bots looked at the trash generated by our Grab N Go Breakfast program and attempted to utilize, recycle, and repurpose the trash. The Huskie Bots also built and programmed a robot to solve missions. They did this while operating under the Core Values system, emphasizing teamwork and good sportsmanship.


Back Row; L to R: Harmon Perez, Cooper Regier, Kaleb Senff \& Rachel Dente. Middle Row; L to R: Heath Perez, Emily
Numnenkamp \& Lauren 2uiring. Front Row; L to R: Jamie Rowe, Katelyn Gage do Reagan Weisheit.

## Heartland FFA Welding Competition

On January 21, 2016, the Heartland FFA hosted their annual welding contest. Fourteen community members and students competed in the contest that started at 6:oopm. There were options for MIG welding, ARC welding, and OA welding. The winners were: MIG weld - Zach Timmermans from Hampton, ARC weld - Rick Hiebner, and OA weld - Zach Timmermans. This year's judges chose Zach Timmermans as the overall winner. The judges were: former Heartland Agriculture Instructor, Lynn Gloystein and Linweld representative, DeWight Goertzen. Congratulations to all that won and thanks to those who came out and participated! It was a great success and a lot of fun. Please be sure to look for next year's dates.


Bryce Allen takes his turn at ARC welding as Lane Huebert is getting ready to set a welder for his portion of the competition.


Connor Boehr reads over the directions before getting ready to try his hand at MIG reelding.


## Kirby's School of Dance Recognizes 4 Heartland Grant Winners!

Kirby's challenges student to write grants for their classrooms. Heartland received 4 of those grants. Way to go girls!

Sophie will use her $\$ 40$ grant to purchase classroom supplies. Meggan plans to purchase headphones for her classroom using her $\$ 150$ grant. Haley wanted math supplies to be better organized; she used $\$ 25$ to purchase ziplock baggies for the entire class. Savannah wants to use her $\$ 40$ grant to purchase books for her classroom.


L to R: Ashley Suck: instructor \& community outreach director, Sophie Minary (K), Savannah Hurlbut (5th), Meggan Friesen (Ist), Haley Beck (2nd), and Kirby Crawford (owner).

## Elementary Library Time

During library time, Heartland elementary students participated in Hour of Code. In a worldwide movement that took place during Computer Science Education week, our students enjoyed coding as a way to introduce students to computer science. Have fun checking out Hour of Code online with your child.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| $\checkmark$ | 1 Grilled Cheese <br> Sandwich <br> Tri Tater <br> Tomato Soup <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Egg Taco <br> Fruit \& Milk |  | 3 Chicken Filet Fries Slushies Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar GRAB \& GO: Breakfast Pizza Fruit \& Milk |  | 5 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Waffles Fruit \& Milk | $6$ <br> 0 |
| 7 | 8 BBQ Pork Sand- <br> wich <br> Fries <br> Slushies <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Breakfast Burrito <br> Fruit \& Milk | 9 Hotdogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Chicken \& Biscuit Fruit \& Milk |  | 11 Chicken Nuggets <br> Mashed Potatoes Gravy <br> Dinner Roll Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Pancake \& Sausage on a Stick Fruit \& Milk | $12$ <br> NO SCHOOOL | 13 |
| 14 | NO SCHOOL <br>  | 16 Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Dinner Rolls Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Biscuit \& Egg Fruit \& Milk | 17 Chicken Patty <br> Sandwich <br> Fries <br> Corn <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Waffles <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar |  | 19 Max Cheese <br> Sticks <br> Peas <br> Slushies <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Chocolate Chip Muffin <br> Fruit \& Milk | 20 |
| $21$ | 22 Chili <br> Cinnamon Rolls <br> Saltines <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Mini Pancake <br> Fruit \& Milk | 23 Hamburgers Fries Slushies Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Chicken \& Biscuit Fruit \& Milk | 24 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Cinnamon Rolls Fruit \& Milk | 25 Steak Fingers <br> Mashed Potates <br> Gravy <br> Dinner Roll <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> Breakfast Burrito <br> Fruit \& Milk | 26 Fish Sticks Tater Tots Green Beans Milk Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: Blueberry Muffin Fruit \& Milk | 27 |
| 28 | 29Sloppy Joes <br> Fries <br> Slushies <br> Milk <br> Fruit \& Veggie Bar <br> GRAB \& GO: <br> French Toast <br> Fruit \& Milk |  |  | 0 |  | ~Menu subject to change~ |

February 2016


2015-16 Heartland School Board Members


Board Members- Back Row; L to R: Gary Braun-Pres., Paul Brune-Vice Pres. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Glenn Larson. Front Row; L to R: Glen Ott, }\end{aligned}$ Boyd Stuhr fr. - Sec. 6 Kent Allen-Treas.

## Nebraska School Board Recognition

 Week is January 3I-February 6 , 2016The Nebraska School Board Recognition week is January 3r-February 6. It is part of January's National School Board Recognition Month. Please take time to recognize and thank the current Heartland School Board members: Gary Braun, President; Paul Brune Vice-
 President; Boyd Stuhr Jr., Secretary; Kent Allen, Treasurer; Glenn Larson and Glen Ott.

## March Reminders

March 2, 2016
Dr. Seuss Day
March 3-5, 2016
G State BB Tournament
March 7 \& 8, 2016
Parent/Teacher Conference @ 4:30-8:30
March II, 2016
NO SCHOOL
March 10-12 2016
B BB State Tournament
March 14, 2016
School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
March 14-18, 2016
Book Fair
March 19, 2016
Smorgasbord @ 5:00
Band Concert @ 7:45PM
March 24, 2016
4th Grade Field Trip to Rowe Sanctuary/ Archway @ 8:15am
Bio/English Crane Field Trip @ 5:30am
March 25 \& 28, 2016
NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

## Band German Smorgasbord

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 19, 2016. The meal will be served from 5:00pm to 7:30pm and a band concert will be held at $7: 45 \mathrm{pm}$. Adult tickets are $\$ 12.00$, children ages $4^{-12}$ are $\$ 7.00$. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets will go on sale February 18, 2016 and may be purchased from any band member or by calling or stopping by the Heartland School offices. Tickets must be purchased in advance.


## MENU

KOHL SALAT
(cole slaw) PARTZILKE (New Years Cookies) PLUMA MOS (raisin and prune mouss) PRIESHKE AND PLAUTZ (fruit filled pastries) SCHNETYA (lady fingérs) 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)


The Community Blood Bank will hold a bloodmobile on February 27, 2016 from 9:00-2:00 at the Henderson Home show.


PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES ARE BEING HELD ON MARCH 7 \& 8, 2016 FROM 4:30-8:30PM.

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