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Huskies Leader

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

To our parents and supporters,

The Huskie Beef Program has started at Heartland! This program works to provide locally raised and processed, high-quality beef to our students. Being able to expand our offerings to students through healthy, locally produced beef is a great plus for our lunch program. That in combination with nutrition and agricultural education makes lunch a learning opportunity.



Local producers and donors can build positive relationships within the community and promote beef production and agriculture to the next generation. Whether it is a monetary donation or helping to produce educational experience for our students, there are ways to become directly involved.

The program is supported by the Heartland Community Schools, the Henderson Community Foundation, The Nebraska Beef Council, and the Nebraska Cattlemen.

If you would like to donate to the program, please refer to the donor levels below and make your check to: **Henderson Community Foundation - Huskie Beef.**

Thank you for your support!

Huskie Beef Donor Levels

	Booster	Select	Choice	Prime
	\$50-\$249	\$250-\$499	\$500-\$999	\$1,000 +
Be invited to a program kick-off BBQ at the school.	X	X	X	X
Receive a booster window sticker and name listed in publications.	X	X	X	X
Receive a personalized banner to hang in your business.		X	X	X
Name and logo added to a donor display at school.			X	X
Participate in a luncheon with and be recognized by students.				X

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 402-723-4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around 10:00PM. 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.



Kate Bergen and **Lane Hueber**t were named
York News Times Athlete
of the Week.



2016-2017 Huskies Basketball Teams









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, 2017 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

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2016 Heartland Holiday Food Drive

NHS, FFA and FBLA collected 808 items and delivered food to 25 families. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.





HEARTLAND YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

The 2016-17 yearbook sales have begun! The yearbook will include all students from grades 7-12 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, 2017.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair for Heartland students grades K-12 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

February 28th 7:45-4:30

March 1st 7:45-4:30

March 2nd 7:45-4:30

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

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

All about scholarships!

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent in art, dance, music, or athletics. Some are based on financial need as determined by the <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

It's time to start applying for scholarships. Here's where you can find them:

- Counselor Corner on the HCS website! Just go to <u>www.heartlandschools.org</u>, find Counselor Corner and click on Scholarships to access a current list!!
- <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> Type to enter text **at EducationQuest.org** features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.
- Your school counselor's office. Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
- 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 <u>FAFSA</u>.
- Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- ___ Apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- ___ Prepare for the ACT.
- Register by February 10 for the March 11 SAT.
- Register by March 3 for the April 8 ACT.

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Free ACT Prep for Juniors

As a part of the statewide initiative to have all juniors take the ACT in place of NeSA tests, each junior will have unlimited access to online ACT prep! Each junior has been given a username and password to use to access the website. They can work on it whenever they have time! Parents - please encourage your junior to take advantage of this free opportunity to raise their ACT score! The ACT will be administered at HCS on April 19! Start the prep today!





ELEMENTARY NEWS



Free conference opportunity for parents of special needs students

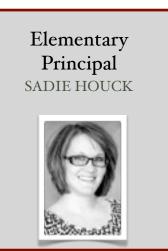
Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) is a conference sponsored and funded by the Nebraska Department of Education. It is open to all Nebraska parents who are raising a child with a verified disability who are enrolled in a Nebraska school and have an active IFSP/IEP.

PEP is a conference for parents by parents. It's purpose is to bring parents of children with disabilities together in an accepting and confidential environment, giving them the opportunity to share ideas, feelings and common concerns, and to obtain information on parenting and educating a child with a disability. Parents will go home with renewed energy, hope, and a desire to work closely with professionals who serve their child. This is an amazing opportunity to network with others.

This year the conference will be in Kearney on March 16-18. There is NO registration fee. Two nights lodging and most meals are provided. Space is limited and registration is encouraged by February 20. More information may be found at http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/index.html. Please contact Jennifer Buller at school with questions.

2nd Grade Purchases 59 Books for the Classroom

Meggan Friesen, 2nd grader in Mrs. Peters class, submitted a grant application to Kirby's school of dance for \$100 to get Chapter books for our classroom library. Using the Scholatic Book Order 2nd grade was able to purchase 59 books for the classroom.



Mrs. Maltsberger's 5th Grade Class Receives Postcards from Across the Nation

Fifth graders have been receiving postcards from around the nation in response to their travel journals. They were initially sent out to a friend or family member in another state. From there, the degrees of separation take over and we meet new people every day. One sender got creative and sent **Mariah Tessman** a dried, painted coconut! Yes, you can send a real coconut in the mail!



Mrs. Waegli's 4th Grade in the Library

Mrs. Waegli's fourth grade class is using iPads to access the library's card catalog. Students are searching for books according to their Lexile number. The card catalog allows for many specialized ways to find a book suited to each individual. HCS's Destiny card catalog can be accessed on the school's website under Quick Links.











On March 24th and 25th, Heartland students will present the musical **<u>Big Fish</u>**. Based on Daniel Wallace's 1998 novel *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions*, the musical also shares much in common with the 2003 Movie **<u>Big Fish</u>** directed by Tim Burton and screenplay by John August. The musical itself, written by John August and Andrew Lippa debuted on Broadway in 2013.

The story of this production revolves around Edward Bloom (**Ethan Hall**), who's outlandish stories have become an obstacle in the relationship with his son Will (**Connor Boehr**). Mediating this relationship is wife and mother Sandra Bloom (**Addie Swartzendruber**) and Will's fiance Josephine (**Kori Siebert**), who try to help the two men find common ground. Urgency to resolve their differences is added by the fact that Edward's health is failing and that Will is expecting a son of his own.

Through Edward's storytelling, we are introduced to several fantastic characters, including a Witch (**Megan Kroeker**) who can see his future, a Giant (**Aaron Buller**) who threatens his hometown, a Circus Ringmaster (**Zach Dente**) who holds the key to Edward's happiness, and a host of other personalities who teach Edward, and thereby Will, about life's secrets.

Students and teachers are hard at work to assemble a great show! Big production numbers, inventive choreography, inspiring and heartbreaking moments, and memorable characters are all being brought together to make **Big Fish** a musical to enjoyed by cast and audience alike!

Kindergarten Roundup Scheduled for February 24, 2017

Heartland Community Schools will hold their Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, February 24, 2017, in the Kindergarten Room #1. Children who will be five years of age by July 31, 2017 are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2017 and should consider attending Roundup.



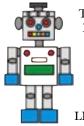
The purpose of Roundup is to provide an opportunity for next year's kindergarten students to meet Mrs. Thiesen and to meet other prospective kindergarteners. Two sessions will be held. The morning session will begin at 9:00AM and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00PM.

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 birth certificate that includes the state seal**.

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 402-471-2871. You can download a form or fill out an online request by going to 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 February 3, 2017. If you are planning on optioning your child into the district, all option papers must be turned in by March 15, 2017, for the 2017-18 school year. If you know of a child who will be five by July 31, 2017 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.

Robotics Team 2016-2017



This is the second year for Heartland Community Schools to have a First Lego League (FLL) Robotics team. Every year, FIRST ® releases a challenge based on a real world event. This year's challenge is called "ANIMAL ALLIES." The goal for all FLL teams is to find an innovative solution dealing with the interactions that occur between humans and animals. The teams identify a problem and come up with a solution while working through their core values. Students also program an EV3 robot to complete missions on the LEGO playing field. As part of the research process, team members went to the Central Nebraska Humane Society in Grand Island. Their time was spent touring the facility and spending time socializing with the dogs and cats. The

teams have worked with Margalee Thomas on programming robots and running them through mazes. Coaches Carrie Regier and Marietta Adams are returning for second year coaching the teams. The Cy-Dawgs

consist of Wyatt Panko, Owen Mierau, Dawson Ohrt, Tyler Lewis, Lisa Buller, Aaron Goertzen, Karla Cool, Ayden Rea, Kevin Quiring, and Austin Wichman. The Heartland Robobots consist of Cooper Regier, Tobin Glinsmann, Lauren Quiring, Taylynn Scheil, Zach Wichman, Heath Perez, Josh Caldwell, Justin Caldwell, and Jamie Rowe. The teams apreparing for their Qualifying Competition that was ionolumbus on January 28, 2017.



L to R Tobin Glinsmann and Cooper Regier

Heartland FFA Welding Competition



The Heartland FFA hosted their annual welding contest on Thursday, January 19, 2017. The contest consisted of three divisions, Oxy-Acetylene, MIG, and ARC. Each division had own winners, as well as an overall contest winner. There was also a meal provided during the competition.

All three divisions competed at the same time. The winner were as follows: Oxy-Acetylene-**Noah Hiebner**, MIG-**Bryce Allen**, and ARC-Kyle Wright. Wright was also the overall contest winner.

The Heartland FFA would like to thank everyone who came out and competed. They would also like to thank Jeff Kroeker for judging this year's competition, and to Farmers Coop for their donation to help offset some of the costs. Congratulations to the three winners.

Upcoming Dates

Feb 2 & 4, 2017B & G BB SNC vs.TBA

Feb 4, 2016

G & B BB SNC Semi Finals - @ Centennial

Feb 6, 2016

G & B BB SNC Finals - @ Centennial

Feb 10, 2017 No School

Feb II, 2017 ACT Test

Feb 13, 2017 School Board Meeting 7:00PM

> Feb. 13, 2017 No School

Teacher Professional Development

Feb 13, 14 & 16 2017 G BB Sub- Districts

Feb 20, 21 & 23, 2017 B BB Sub-Districts -TBA

Feb 24, 2017
G BB District Finals

Feb 27, 2017

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



L to R: Kyle Wright, Bryce Allen, Jeff Kroeker, and Noah Hiebner



L to R Noah Hiebner and Connor Peters



L to R Tanner Bottorf, Karab Joyner, and Trevor Goertzen



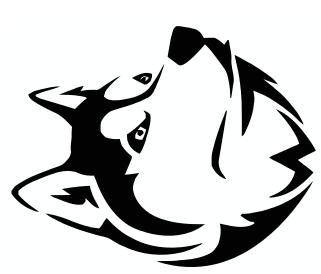
Devyn Bell

1st Semester and/or 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

12th Grade	10 Grade	8th Grade
Ashley Bailey	Kate Bergen	Nolan Boehr
Angelica Bassett	Ric Bulin	Kaelyn Buller
Leslie Braun	Olivia Casper	Ellyn Hall
Ben Driewer	Brooklyn Epp	Josh Caldwell
Andrew Fhuere	Emily Goertzen	Justin Caldwell
Kristine Goertzen	Max Gumpoldsberger	Tobin Glinsmann
Ethan Hall	Jade Hiebner	Mallorie Hiebner
Megan Kroeker	Katrina Hiebner	Maverick Hiebner
Ryne Mierau	Noah Hiebner	Cora Johnson
Mark Perez	Reid Huebert	Josie McCormick
Kori Siebert	Ben Mestl	Maddie Miller
Ellie Steingard	Colton Monnier	Heath Perez
Austin Stuhr	Peyton Ott	Lauren Quiring
Addie Swartzendruber	Collin Rowe	Wyatt Regier
Bailey Ulmer	Kristina Rowe	Cooper Regier
Brooke Weisheit	Delaney Siebert	Jamie Rowe
11th Grade	9th Grade	Taylynn Scheil
Krynn Arbuck	Ali Amack	Cassi Siebert
Connor Boehr	Devyn Bell	Gabi Siebert
Noah Boyd	Timberly Carr	Nema Stracener
Aaron Buller	Rachael Dente	Zach Wichman
Sadie Carr	Katelyn Gage	7th Grade
Kyra Dick	Grace Janzen	
Cheyenne Hiebner	Allison Kroeker	Trajan Arbuck
Lane Huebert	Becca Marcum	Nathaly Argueta
Hayes Oswald	Odessa Ohrt	Ashley Brown
Kyle Ott	Cade Oswald	Lisa Buller
Bailey Peters	Halle Peters	Cindy Cerveny
Connor Peters	Harmon Perez	Donald Ficken
Kristan Perez	Josh Quiring	Ella Friesen
Brittany Quiring Taylor Quiring	Jackson Stebbing	Aaron Goertzen
Jaden Regier	Kalea Wetjen	Alex Goertzen
Alexa Siebert	Rhianna Wilhelm	Mason Hiebner
Devon Stamp	Kilalila Willelli	Liz Mestl
Lane Truitt		Dawson Ohrt
Isabelle Vanderneck		Carson Ott
Josh Waldron		Mason Regier
		Kale Wetjen

Heartland Community Schools February Menu 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
All Grains are Whole Grain Rich.			1 PANCAKE WRAP	WAFFLES STATE 2	EGG TACO 3
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar Offered			CHILI CINNAMON ROLL	SPAGHETTI BOSCO STICK!	STEAK FINGERS MASHED POTATOES
Daily with Lunch.			FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR	GREEN BEANS	FRESH BAKED ROLL
A Variety of Fruit and Juice are offered			and the same of th	FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR	FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR
Daily with Breakfast.	CINNAMON ROLLS	SAUSAGE BISCUIT 7	BREAKFAST PIZZA	CHICKEN BISCUIT 9	10
A Variety of Low Fat and Fat Free Milk	SWEET &SOUR CHICKEN	CHICKEN FILET	PORK TENDERLOIN	HOMEMADE PIZZA	
is Offered Daily with Breakfast and	STEAMED RICE	SANDWICH	MASHED POTATOES	CORN	
Lunch.	BROCCOLI	FRIES	FRESH BAKED ROLL	100% JUICE SLUSHIES	
	FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR	STEAMED PEAS	FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR	FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR	
		FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR		Construction of the	



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LONG JOHNS

23

BREAKFAST PIZZA

22

CINNAMON ROLLS

7

WAFFLES

20

SAUSAGE BISCUIT

CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR

FRESH BAKED BREADSTICK

100% JUICE SLUSHIES

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR

GOULASH CORN

HAMBURGERS

FRIES

BEEF TACOS

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

HOMEMADE PIZZA

MASHED POTATOES FRESH BAKED ROLL

100% JUICE SLUSHIES

STEAMED BROCCOLI

FRESH BAKED

BREADSTICK

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR

28

MINI PANCAKES

27

PANCAKE WRAP

FRUIT &VEGETABLE BAR

CALIFORNIA BLEND

FRIES

VEGGIES

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR FRESH BAKED ROLL

BEEF ENCHILADAS

GREEN BEANS FRESH BAKED

MASHED POTATOES

CHICKEN NUGGETS

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR

LONG JOHNS

CHICKEN ALFREDO

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR

-RUIT &VEGGIE BAR

MAX CHEESE STICKS

TERIYAKI CHICKEN

STEAMED RICE

CHOCOLATE CHIP

CHICKEN BISCUIT

MINI PANCAKES

FRENCH TOAST

5

MARINARA SAUCE

GREEN PEAS

FRUIT &VEGGIE BAR

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Saturday 3	BKGBSNG-Inalsvs.TBA@Centennial	10 ACT Test = 10:00 AM JH B BB vs Friend - 10:00/11:00am @ Friend	۷	NHS Blood Drive Homeshow = 9:30 AM JH B BB Tourna- ment vs-TBA- 9:30/10:30am @ Harvard	m
Friday		No School	17 Creek @ Sandy Creek	PFA Week Kindergarærko:Odrrandi.Odpm G BB Districts Finals-TBA	No School Bellevue University Quiz Bowl
Thursday 2	B&GBBSNC-vs.TBA@Centennial	9 = 4:00 PM JH B BB vs Centennial 4:00/5:00pm @ (H) = 4:30 PM B & G BB vs Osceola-4:30/6:15/8:00 @ Osceola	16 G BB Sub-Districts-TBA = 4:00 PM JH B BB vs Harvard 4:00/5:00pm @ (H)	B BB Sub Districts – TBA FFA Week	2
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2016-17 Heartland School Board Members



Board Members-Back Row; L to R: Gary Braun-Pres., Paul Brune-Vice Pres., & Glenn Larson Front Row; L to R: Glen Ott-Sec., Boyd Stuhr Jr. - Treas., & Kent Allen.

Nebraska School Board Recognition Week is January 22 -28, 2017

The Nebraska School Board Recognition week is January 22-January 28. 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.**, Treasurer; **Kent Allen**, **Glenn Larson** and **Glen Ott**, Secretary.

March Reminders

March 1, 2017 Dr. Seuss Day

March 3, 2017 NO SCHOOL

March 6 & 7, 2017 Parent/Teacher Conference @ 4:30-8:30

> March 9-11, 2017 B BB StateTournament

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March 13, 2017 School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

> February 28, 2017 March 1,2,6,&7, 2017 Scholastic Book Fair

March 18, 2017 Smorgasbord @ 5:00 Band Concert @ 7:45PM

> March 20, 2017 NO SCHOOL

March 23-24, 2017 Musical

March 27, 2017

4th Grade Field Trip to Rowe Sanctuary/ Archway @ 8:15am

Bio/English Crane Field Trip @ 5:30am

Band German Smorgasbord

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017. The meal will be served from 4:00pm to 7:30pm and a band concert will be held at 7:45pm. 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 fingers) 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 25, 2017 from 10:00-2:00 at the Henderson Home Show.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6 & 7, 2017 FROM 4:30-8:30PM.

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