## The

$\bigcirc$ 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 <br> kick-off BBQ at the <br> school. | X | X | X | X |
| Receive a booster <br> window sticker and name <br> listed in publications. | X | X | X | X |
| Receive a personalized <br> banner to hang in your <br> business. |  | X | X | X |
| Name and logo added to <br> a donor display at school. |  |  | X | X |
| Participate in a luncheon <br> with and be recognized <br> 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 402-723-442I. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around Io: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.


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 Io, 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-I2 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 4O2-723-4434. 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 FAFSA (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 www.heartlandschools.org, find Counselor Corner and click on Scholarships to access a current list!!
- ScholarshipQuest 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 FAFSA.
__ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
_ Apply for scholarships.
Juniors:
__ Prepare for the ACT.
_ Register by February io for the March ir SAT.
__ Register by March 3 for the April 8 ACT.

## ${ }^{*}$ ACT

## 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!


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## PEP

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PARENTS
    ENCOURAGING
        PARENTS
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## 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 \$ioo to get Chapter books for our classroom library. Using the Scholatic Book Order 2nd grade was able to purchase 59 books for the classroom.

## Elementary Principal SADIE HOUCK



## 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 Big Fish. 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 Big Fish 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 \#I. 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 $\mathrm{I}: \mathrm{ooPM}$.

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 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 $\mathrm{EV}_{3}$ 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

## Upcoming Dates

Feb 2 \& 4, 2017
$B \& G B B C N C$ 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 \& 162017
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

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


## Devyn Bell



L to $R$ Tanner Bottorf, Karab Foyner, and Trevor Goertzen

L to R: Kyle Wright, Bryce Allen, feff Kroeker, and Noab Hiebner

$L$ to R Noab Hiebner and Connor Peters


## 1st Semester and/or 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

## 12th Grade

Ashley Bailey
Angelica Bassett
Leslie Braun
Ben Driewer
Andrew Fhuere
Kristine Goertzen
Ethan Hall
Megan Kroeker
Ryne Mierau
Mark Perez
Kori Siebert
Ellie Steingard
Austin Stuhr
Addie Swartzendruber
Bailey Ulmer
Brooke Weisheit

## 11th Grade

Krynn Arbuck
Connor Boehr
Noah Boyd
Aaron Buller
Sadie Carr
Kyra Dick
Cheyenne Hiebner
Lane Huebert
Hayes Oswald
Kyle Ott
Bailey Peters
Connor Peters
Kristan Perez
Brittany Quiring
Taylor Quiring
Jaden Regier
Alexa Siebert
Devon Stamp
Lane Truitt
Isabelle Vanderneck
Josh Waldron

10 Grade
Kate Bergen
Ric Bulin
Olivia Casper
Brooklyn Epp
Emily Goertzen
Max Gumpoldsberger
Jade Hiebner
Katrina Hiebner
Noah Hiebner
Reid Huebert
Ben Mestl
Colton Monnier
Peyton Ott
Collin Rowe
Kristina Rowe
Delaney Siebert
9th Grade
Ali Amack
Devyn Bell
Timberly Carr
Rachael Dente
Katelyn Gage
Grace Janzen
Allison Kroeker
Becca Marcum
Odessa Ohrt
Cade Oswald
Halle Peters
Harmon Perez
Josh Quiring
Jackson Stebbing
Kalea Wetjen
Rhianna Wilhelm

## 8th Grade

Nolan Boehr
Kaelyn Buller
Ellyn Hall
Josh Caldwell
Justin Caldwell
Tobin Glinsmann
Mallorie Hiebner
Maverick Hiebner
Cora Johnson
Josie McCormick
Maddie Miller
Heath Perez
Lauren Quiring
Wyatt Regier
Cooper Regier
Jamie Rowe
Taylynn Scheil
Cassi Siebert
Gabi Siebert
Nema Stracener
Zach Wichman

## 7th Grade

Trajan Arbuck
Nathaly Argueta
Ashley Brown
Lisa Buller
Cindy Cerveny
Donald Ficken
Ella Friesen
Aaron Goertzen
Alex Goertzen
Mason Hiebner
Liz Mestl
Dawson Ohrt
Carson Ott
Mason Regier
Kale Wetjen

February 2017


2016-17 Heartland School Board Members


Board Members- Back Row; L to R: Gary Braun-Pres,, Paul Brune-Vice Pres., du Glenn Larson Front Row; L to R: Glen OttSec., Boyd Stubr fr. - Treas., b Kent Allen.

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

The Nebraska School Board Recognition week is January 22January 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 I, 2017
Dr. Seuss Day
March 3, 2017
NO SCHOOL
March 6 \& 7, 2017
Parent/Teacher Conference @ 4:30-8:30
March 9-1I, 2017
B BB StateTournament
March 13, 2017
School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
February 28, 2017
March I,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 4:0opm to 7:30pm and a band concert will be held at 7:45pm. Adult tickets are $\$ \mathbf{1 2} 200$, 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.



The Community Blood Bank will hold a Bloodmobile on
February 25, 2017 from ıо:00-2:00 at the Henderson Home Show.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences <br> PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6 \& 7, 2017 FROM 4:30-8:30PM.

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