## Huskies Leader

## From Brad Best, Superintendent...

## To our parents and supporters,

Another school year has closed and students and families are adjusting to new schedules and enjoying their time together. As usual, we continue to see a flurry of activity here at school, even during the summer months.

Some of the projects that we will be working on over the summer include an updating of the elementary play area. We will be looking for your help over a couple of days to install a new pre-school appropriate play area and also to replace the old wooden play structure with new equipment. This project will likely take place the week after the 4 th of July and we would love to have as many helpers, as possible. We will send out a message alert when the dates have been finalized with the company's supervisor and hope that you can help create an exciting new area for our younger students. In addition to the play structures, we will be installing new basketball goals on the elementary play surface and sprucing up the entire area.

The jr. high and high school classrooms will all receive air conditioning units to replace the old and noisy window air conditioners. The elementary classrooms were fitted with these units last summer and have worked wonderfully. Lockers will be painted, the last of the classrooms to receive new carpeting are on our list, as well as adding more color to the high school hallway. A new scoreboard for the football field and track will be installed this summer, as well. A huge thank you to Cornerstone Bank for donating the funds for this project! In other areas around the track, old bleachers will be removed, event sites may be moved, the fencing around the track perimeter completed, and hopeful updates to the concession stand and press box.

Our largest project will be the construction of a new bus storage building across the road to the north of the football field. Our current bus barn has structural issues and is not tall enough to handle the newer model buses. In the past, we have had to purchase low clearance buses and have notched the headers above the bay doors to fit them in the openings. That type of bus is no longer being made, so we need the new building to house the replacement buses available over the next number of years. We are hoping that the building is ready for use near the beginning of the next school year.

We appreciate your involvement with your child's education and enjoy working with all of you. I hope that you find some time to spend with family, whether it be a trip out of town or sitting in an easy chair and reading together. Please enjoy a safe, relaxing, and family-filled summer break!

IMPORTANT NOTICE
A Census Form for Heartland Community Schools was included in the April Newsletter. Please complete \& return this form to the school office no later than June 12,2015 even if your children do not attend Heartland Community Schools.

It is important that you fill out this form and return it to the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation!


## SPORTS PHYSICALS

A physical examination is required each year prior to participation in any athletic activity sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association. The physical examination is valid for one year from the date of the exam and may be performed any time after May i prior to the next school year. These physicals are for all students entering grades $7-12$ who will participate in sports for the 2015-16 school year. Payment of $\$ 25.00$ is required at the time of service. You will need to use the school physical form from Heartland as your verification.

## SEVENTH GRADE PHYSICAL

A physical examination is required upon entry into 7 th grade according to Nebraska LB59 law. The physical may be performed up to 6 months prior to the beginning of the school year in which your child is enrolled in 7 th grade.

The clinic is requesting a parent/guardian to please accompany the student to the exam. If the student plans to participate in sports, the sports physical will be completed at the same time the 7 th grade physical is performed.

All 7th grade students are required to have three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine, two doses of MMR vaccine and two doses of the Varicella vaccine or a history of having chicken pox. Immunizations are available at the clinic or for a reduced cost at area immunization clinics.

Once the physical exam and immunizations are completed, the original physical form(s) should be returned to the school. This can be done any time prior to the first day of school. The cost of this physical is $\$ 50.00$. Immunizations are not included in this charge.

## KINDERGARTEN PHYSICAL

A physical exam is required upon entry to kindergarten according to Nebraska LB59 law. This physical may be performed up to six months prior to the beginning of the school year in which your child is enrolled in kindergarten.

The following immunizations are required upon entrance to kindergarten: two doses of MMR, 3 doses of Hepatitis, at least 3 doses of DPT and IPV, and two doses of the Varicella vaccine (if your child has not had the chicken pox). Please bring your child's immunization records at the time of the physical so we can make sure their immunizations are current. Immunizations are available at the clinic or at area immunization clinics for a reduced cost.

Once the physical exam and immunizations are completed, the original physical form(s) should be returned to the school. This can be done any time prior to the first day of school. The cost of this physical is $\$ 75.00$. Immunizations are not included in this charge.

Physicals can be scheduled at Henderson Health Care between 8 a.m. and $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday through Friday. Payment is required at the time of service.

Physical forms are available in the high school office, at Henderson Health Care, or on the school web page www.heartlandschools.org under the "For Students" tab.

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## Art Club Hosts Annual Art Show and Silent Auction On May 5th

On May 5th, the Heartland Art Club hosted the annual high school art show and silent auction in the theater hallway of the school The art show was judged in two categories 3-D and 2-D. Junior, Owen Wurst received Best of Show in 3-D for his glass blown project. Sophomore, Cody Hoyt, received Best of Show in 2-D for his print. Honorable Mentions were: Andrew Fhuere, Owen Wurst, Kyra Dick, Ben Driewer, Ashley Bailey, Emilee Churchill, Cameron McQuade, and Angelica Bassett.


Back Row L to R: Cody Hoyt, Andrew Fhuere, Owen Wurst, Krya Dick \& Ben Driewer. Front Row; L to R: Ashley Bailey, Emilee Churchill \& Cameron Mcथuade


Angelica Bassett

## Summer Reading Program



Every Hero Has A Story is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program which begins June 9th and ends July 16th. The elementary library will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00pm, with a story time feature at 9:30am. Students who read ioo minutes per week can bring in their minutes and are eligible for reading incentive prizes and books. Transportation will be provided on Tuesdays for students who live in the Bradshaw area. Packets were sent home with students on the last day of school. Parents of preschoolers may pick up packets at the office or when they first attend.

Volunteers are needed to read, tell, or dramatize a story for the children during the story hour. Stories need not follow the summer library theme but may be on any book or topic appropriate for children. Especially needed are readers who want to share their own writing or life experiences involving stories.

If you would like to get involved in reading to children during the Summer Library Program, please call the school office at 402-723-4434.

## Summer Strength Training Schedule:

Start date: Monday, June ist
High School boys 6:30 AM
High School girls 7:30 AM
Jr. High boys \& girls 8:45 AM


We will run a 3 day workout. The workout days will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The weight deck will be open at the same times on Wednesday for a makeup day. The weight deck will not be open on Fridays.

The workout will consist of strength training and a speed/agility training session each day.

Please view the Heartland School calendar for a schedule of days the weight deck will not be open (Holidays and gym floor reconditioning). http://www.heartlandschools.org/

## Heartland Volleyball

 CampHeartland Volleyball Camp will be July 6-9 Please Register by June io. Contact Sarah
 Ostmeyer
(sostmeyer@heartlandschools.net) with questions.

Heartland Alumni Volleyball will be July ro - Please contact Sarah Ostmeyer (sostmeyer@heartlandschools.net) with questions or to register your team. You may have teammates who are not alumni of Heartland, Henderson, or Bradshaw.

## Upcoming Dates

August 3, 2015
7th Grade and new student orientation @ 7:00pm

August IO, 2015
School Board Meeting @ 8:00pm
August 13-14, 2015
Teacher Professional Development
August I7, 2015
First day of School Dismiss @ II:40am

Elementary Open House @ 6:00pm
September 7, 2015
Labor Day-NO SCHOOL
September 12, 2015
Yorkfest-Parade @ 10:00am
September, 21, 2015
Teacher Professional Day-No School
September 28, 2015
K-I2 Parent -Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30PM

October 5, 2015
K-I2 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30PM

And they're off!! Eighth grade science students ended the year with a STEM project designed to apply the science concepts they had been studying over the past two months of the school year. Students worked individually or with a partner to design and test balloon-powered racecars with the goal of traveling at least two meters. Most of the initial models were modified, tweaked, or abandoned all together in order to overcome the static friction holding the cars in place. After a week of experimenting, modifying, and perfecting, two competition days were held with trials on the gym floor as well as on carpet. Students applied many concepts in order to make this project successful, such as unbalanced forces, friction, speed, acceleration, gravity, and Newton's laws of motion. A car designed by Ben Mestl and Reid Huebert won three of the five competition categories: farthest on carpet ( 6.99 m ), farthest on the gym floor ( II .3 m ), and fastest on the gym floor ( $\mathrm{I} .67 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ). Luke Schaldecker and Peyton Ott won the other two categories: fastest on carpet ( $\mathrm{I} .6 \mathrm{~m} /$ s) and overall best design. Congratulations to all the eighth graders on a successful project.


## Heartland Students selected to attend Cornhusker Girls State.

Haley Hubert and Eve Vanderneck were selected to attend Cornhusker Girls State. This will be held May 3 -June 6 on the campus of the University of Nebraska Lincoln.


## College Planning News for Juniors

Class of 2016: There are many ways to receive scholarship and college planning information:
I. Email: All students have been added to a group called Class of 2016. I would like to have at least one parent also receiving emails. Please email me at lkoehler@heartlandschools.net with your email address that you frequently check. This will be a primary method of distributing info to seniors.
2. Remindıor: This is a texting service that will send short reminders/ announcements about deadlines and other info. Parents and students are encouraged to join. Text @dfcd2 to (402) 718 $_{18-8594}$ to start receiving messages.
3. Twitter and/or Facebook: "Like" or "Follow" these pages to tons of great college planning info: EducationQuest, John Baylor Test Prep, Heartland Schools, and ACTStudent.
4. $\mathbf{J r} / \mathbf{S r}$ Newsletter: A newsletter will be published once a month. It will be mailed or emailed to parents \& students.
5. Web Page: Go to www.heartlandschools.org - Click on 'Counselor Corner' to find info about college planning, financial aid, scholarships, dual credit classes and more.

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ELEMENTARY NEWS

## April/May Students of the Month:

Kdgt-Thiesen: Jimmy Neely; Kdgt-Peters: Miles Kliewer \& Maddox Regier; Ist Grade-Steever: Davin Antillon; ist Grade-Ratzlaff: Josie Friesen; 2nd GradeGoff: Victoria Shirley \& Tucker Robinson; 3rd GradeCrouch: Andrew Franz, Reese Regier, \& Devin Plummer; 4th Grade-Hiebner: Merrick Maltsberger; 5th GradeMaltsberger: Mason Regier \& Lisa Buller; 6th GradeVeerhusen: Madison Miller.


Fimmy Neely was selected as the overall Elementary Student of the Month

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## Teachers of the MonthApril/May 2015



L to R: Carrie Regier, Sarab Ostmeyer \& Tami Peters


Allie Boehr pictured with ber character board.

## High Ability Learner Club

Three Heartland teachers along with Elementary Principal Sadie Houck undertook the challenge of starting a High Ability Learner Club at Heartland this past school year. Tami Peters, Carrie Regier, and Sarah Ostmeyer invested time working with the identified students and saw the reward of their efforts last Thursday evening when the students presented "People of the Past and Present" at the school.

The evening featured students who had selected and researched famous individuals and created a board and presentation about them. The students were frozen as statues, dressed in character, until a donation was made at their presentation to benefit the club. The researched character then came to life with a presentation. After sharing their character's story with the audience, the student then returned to their statue position. The evening was a great combination of information and entertainment.

Elementary Principal Sadie Houck explained the program that was started at Heartland this year:
"High Ability Learner Clubs and organizations are designed to enrich and accelerate student experiences in order to actively engage them in learning. To participate in HAL at HCS, students must meet identification criteria which include several pieces data: standardized test scores (MAPs, DIBELS, NeSA, Curriculum Placement scores, etc.), classroom performance, and teacher observation/input.

The People of the Past and Present concept has been portrayed at many schools: Aurora, York, and Holdrege are all districts that put on a similar night of presentations. The People of the Past and Present is just the start of our school's HAL program, and who knows what will come next. Many teachers have shown an interest in developing ideas and finding new areas to cover in our HAL program, and I can't wait to see more implemented throughout the program.

The students that performed on Thursday represented a sample of those students that qualified to be a part of HAL. Our hope is to engage more and more students that qualify by implementing new programs and new areas of study that will interest them."

Beginning in January, students met two times a month for an hour each session to prepare for their final project of the "People of Past and Present" presentations. At the final presentations, there were 26 elementary students, five junior high students, and four high school students.

Congratulations to these teachers for implementing this new program at Heartland!

## THREE ATHLETES PLACE AT STATE TRACK MEET

The Heartland track and field team had three athletes place at the state track meet held at Omaha Burke Stadium this weekend. Ben Driewer placed $3^{\text {rd }}$ in the pole vault with a personal best height of $13^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$. Tierney Casper also placed in the pole vault by finishing in a tie for $6^{\text {th }}$ place with a height of ro'. Jordan Heinrichs leaped $20^{\prime} 1.5$ " to finish in $6^{\text {th }}$ place in the long jump.

The Heartland team failed to score in any running events. Tyler Brown finished in roth place in the prelims of the roo meter dash clocking II.50.

Tierney Casper recorded times of 13.50 in the 100 meter dash and 27.67 in the 200 meter dash, but failed to advance to the finals. Taylor Quiring ran a personal best time of 1:01.51, but finished in 9 th place in the 400 meter dash.

Austin Stuhr placed $1 \mathrm{o}^{\text {th }}$ in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.5 I and $\mathrm{I}^{\text {th }}$ in the 400 with a time of 53.29 . Freshman, Brittany Quiring finished in $9^{\text {th }}$ place in the 1600 meter run with a personal best time of 5:44.37.

The Heartland track team and coaches voted Tierney Casper and Jordan Heinrichs as the Most Valuable Athletes for the 2015 track season. The track team and coaches would like to thank everyone who helped at the district track meet this year.


## Heartland Community Schools 2015-2016 Suggested School Supply List

## KINDERGARTEN-Sherry Thiesen

1 Large Book Bag (easily zipped by child)
4- \#2 pencils, sharpened
Crayons (box of 8)
Fiskar scissors
Small Pencil Box
Standard size colored pencils (box of 12)
Classic color markers (box of 10)
4 Jumbo glue sticks
2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250 count)
3 ring binder, 1 " wide, (white with clear sleeve cover)
Oversized paint shirt - labeled (FOR ART)
Pencil top erasers
Ear buds for l-pad mini's
1-Pocket Folder
*markers and colored pencils may need to be replaced at semester. *PLEASE LABEL EACH ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME.

## GRADE 1-Mrs. Ratzlaff \& Mrs. Steever

Book bag
** 8 - \#2 plain pencils. Sharpened ${ }^{* *}$
** Pencil top erasers \& 1 large eraser **
4 -Vis-à-Vis overhead projector pens (per semester)
4 - colored fine tip expo dry erase markers
2-4 Jumbo glue sticks
Fiskar scissors
Large Pencil box-( $11 \frac{1}{2} \times 7$ or $131 / 2 \times 51 / 2$ )
1 small box of crayons
1 small bottle Elmer's glue
3 -Durable PLASTIC pocket folders with holes
1 box of sharpened colored pencils (per semester)
Highlighter
1 box fine tip classic colored markers
1 box broad tip classic colored markers
1-3-ring pencil pouch-Labeled
1-10 oz. bottle of Germ-X
2 -large boxes of soda crackers
Water bottle with POP-UP LID
1 Oversized paint shirt (FOR ART)-Labeled
1 container of Clorox wipes
1 set ear buds for mini I-pad-Labeled
2- large boxes of Kleenex (250 count)
** Indicates shared Items in Mrs. Steever's Room
Please label each item with your child's name

## GRADE 2-Mrs. Goff

Book bag
\#2 pencils-no mechanical pencils
Large Eraser
Pencil Top Erasers
2 pkgs. fine tipped dry erase markers (keep in package)
3 jumbo glue stick
Crayons (box of 24)
3 folders for loose papers
Colored pencils - Box of 10-12

2 -Large boxes of Kleenex
Scissors (Fiskar brand if possible)
Pencil box
1-4oz Bottle White School Glue
1 box broad tip Classic Colored Markers (keep markers in original box)
Labeled P.E. Shirt
1 Oversized paint shirt (FOR ART)
1 set of ear buds for mini l-pad
Please label each item with your child's name.
2 $^{\text {nd }}$ Grade-Mrs.Peters
1 Large book bag
1 Large eraser
Pencil top erasers
3 -Jumbo glue sticks
1 package twistable crayons (10)
1 package twistable colored pencils (12)
1 large box Kleenex (250)
Pencil Box
1 - $40 z$ bottle white school glue
Classic color markers (box of 10)
3 ring binder, 1 inch wide (white with a clear sleeve)
3 ring binder, 1 inch (any color/labeled)
1 pocket folder-labeled
1 box Clorox wipes
1 set of ear buds-labeled
Oversized paint shirt-labeled
PE shirt-labeled
Please DO NOT label items unless it is indicated. The class will use
all supplies.

GRADE 3-Mrs. Crouch
8 - \#2 Pencils -no mechanical pencils
Large box of Kleenex
Large Eraser and pencil top erasers
Sharpened colored pencils
1 box of fine tip Classic Colored Markers
1 box of broad tip Classic Colored Markers
1- Jumbo glue stick
1 Black Sharpie
Labeled P.E. shirt and shoes
Fiskar Scissors
Book bag
2 - spiral college ruled notebooks
3X5 Spiral Memo Notebook
Small pencil box
2 boxes of soda crackers
2 pkgs. of 4 Dry Erase Markers (fine tipped)
1 container Clorox wipes
Crayons-box of 24
Water bottle
1 Oversized paint shirt (FOR ART)
1 set of ear buds for I-pads
*NO LARGE 3-RING NOTEBOOKS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS
Please label each item with your child's name.

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## GRADE 4-Mrs. Hiebner

Pencils ( Regular or Mechanical)
Erasers (pencil top or large)
1 pencil box (approx. 8" x 5")
2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250+ count)
1 box of fine tip markers
1 box of broad tip classic colored markers
Crayons
Dry erase markers
2 Jumbo glue sticks
Highlighters
1 Package $81 / 2 \times 11$ dividers with 5 tabs
1 double pocket folder
Scissors
2-1" 3 ring binders ( plain with plastic slipcover)
3 composition notebooks-no spirals
Eraser or sock for dry erase board
2 packages wide ruled loose leaf paper
Oversized paint shirt - (FOR ART)
1 set of earbuds for I-pad (optional)
Disinfectant Wipes
Please label each item with your child's name.

## GRADE 5 -Mrs. Maltsberger

Pencils
Big pink eraser
1 Glue stick
2 red pens
1 box of colored pencils
Scissors (optional)
Markers
6 folders with inside pockets with 3 hole punch
2 Large boxes of Kleenex
Labeled P.E. Shoes, shirt \& deodorant
4 Highlighters -different colors
Crayons
Calculator
4 Expo Dry Erase markers
2 packages of loose leaf paper - wide ruled
2 composition notebooks
2 spiral notebooks
1 Oversized paint shirt (FOR ART)
3 ring binder
Please label each item with your child's name

## GRADE 6-Mr. Veerhusen

## Pencils

$7-3$ hole punch double pocket folders
1 box colored pencils
1 Highlighter

2 packages 3X5 cards
2 red pens
Large box of Kleenex
5 spiral notebooks
1 composition notebook
3 ring binder
1 regular size glue stick
Calculator
Scissors
Labeled P.E. Shoes, shirt \& deodorant
4 Expo Dry Erase Markers
1 Dry Erase Eraser
1 Black Sharpie (fine or extra fine point)
1 Oversized paint shirt (FOR ART)
Please label each item with your child's name.

JUNIOR HIGH SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST
Pencils-all math work done in pencil
Pens (blue or black please)
Red pens (2)
Markers (1 set)
Highlighters
1 box of colored pencils
Sketch book and a folder for art
$4 \times 6$ Lined Index cards
2 Boxes of Kleenex
Scientific Calculator (will not be provided)
Stop Watch (optional)
Pocket folder for each class (7)
3 Composition Books for Science, Math
3 Ring binder (1.5") with dividers $-7^{\text {th }}$ grade Geography
Paper/Notebook for each class (at least one spiral for current events)

GEOMETRY, PRE-CALCULUS, CALCULUS \& STATISTICS
3-Ring binder ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch heavy duty is best)
3-Ring divider tabs (3-5 subjects)
Pencils
Colored pencils or colored pens
Loose leaf notebook paper
Calculator-TI-84 Graphing for Pre-Calculus, \& Statistics
Book Cover

MATH STANDARDS \& PRE-ALGEBRA
100 page composition notebook
Pencils
Colored pencils or colored pens
Calculator
Book cover
June 2015

July 2015



## Bus Transportation Information for the 2015-16 School Year

As we plan our bus routes for the 2015-2016 school year, we would like every family that will be riding the school bus to fill out this form. This will enable the school to have a more accurate record of students riding the bus.

For those who live in Bradshaw, we plan to make several stops in town, rather than have one central pick-up location. After we finalize the bus routes, we will inform you of where the pick-up locations will be.

Please return this form to the school office by July 3, 2015. Thank you.
List every child in your family that will be riding the bus:

## Name

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Parent's Signature

## Community Preschoolers Learn about Bicycle Safety

Wednesday, May 20th, preschoolers from the Henderson and Bradshaw areas gathered for a bicycle safety evening. The event was sponsored by the Heartland Preschool Parent Advisory Committee. The preschoolers took their bicycles through a variety of stations including a bike safety check, a helmet safety talk, a bike obstacle course, and a bike decorating station. A hotdog supper was provided and the evening ended with a bicycle parade around the gym.


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