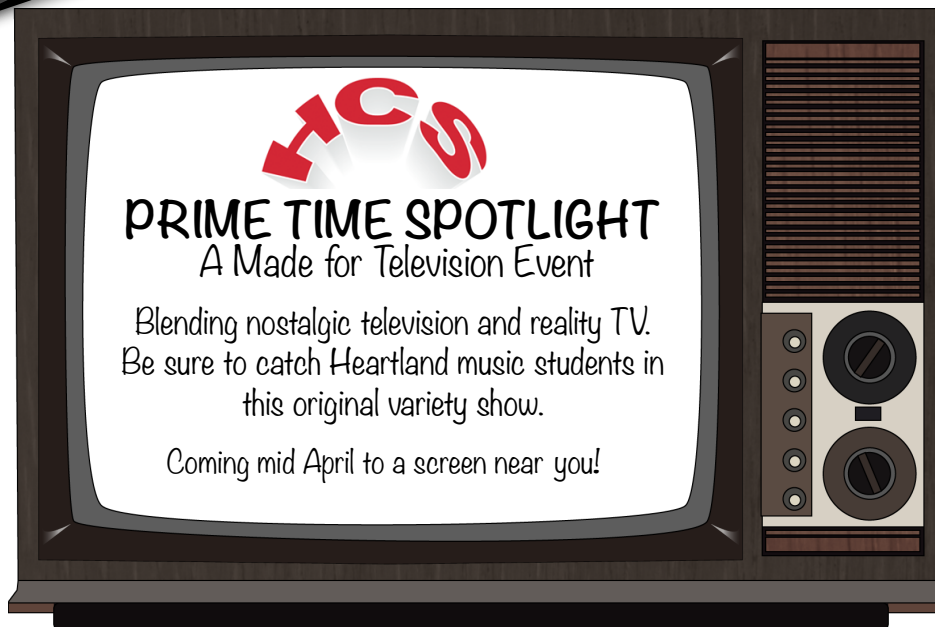




THE HUSKIE LEADER

March 2021 Heartland Community School News



OUR MISSION

Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw strives to provide challenging educational opportunities for ALL students to reach their highest level of excellence.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1

4:30 - 8:30 PM Parent / Teacher Conferences

March 2 - 6

G BB State Tournament
Lincoln

March 8

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

March 9

4:30 - 8:30 PM Parent / Teacher Conferences

March 9 - 13

B BB State Tournament
Lincoln

March 14

Daylight Saving Time begins

March 12

No School

March 15

NHS Blood Drive

March 22

No School - Teacher Professional Development

April 2 - 5

No School

April 23

ChILD Day
(watch for details)

NOTICE!!!

**May 21st is
CURRENTLY THE LAST
DAY OF SCHOOL**



Mr. Brad Best, Superintendent

As we move into the last quarter of the school year, we are hoping for warmer weather and continued good results from our battle against the COVID pandemic.

As the numbers of cases continue to decrease, we consider ways in which we can ease some of the protocols in place without “spoiling a good thing”. Our numbers have been very low, even having stretches of time in which no student or staff member has tested positive. On one hand, we realize that this is due to many factors outside of our control, but on the other, our protocols currently in place have made a difference in keeping everyone healthy. Every school and every community is different.

One of the questions I am asked most recently is “are you tired of all restrictions”? Definitely! You would be hard pressed to find anyone more ready to go back to “normal”. We don’t enjoy mandating masks, hand sanitizer, limiting crowds, etc., but we also have to follow guidelines by the health department, state department, and NSAA. We also want to make sure that what we are doing or not doing has the best chance of keeping our students and staff healthy. When it comes to reducing restrictions, the words of my parents ring in my ears: “Just because you can doesn’t mean you should”.

Our plan, right now, is to begin looking at ways to relax some of the protocols without putting our students and staff at risk. There are a few things in the lunchroom or with screening temperatures or by allowing for optional in-person parent/teacher conferences that we will consider to help relax some of the restrictions. Having large groups in our building is likely one limitation that we will wait a bit longer to implement. We also anticipate continuing to wear masks at school through the end of the school year. We will take our guidance from local health officials, but what we are currently doing is obviously working and we want to keep our students in session.

Our staff and students have done a great job looking out for each other and while patience is wearing thin in some areas, many of the restrictions are a regular part of our day and we have become used to those procedures. Once it warms up outside and activities move outdoors and once vaccinations become more widespread, other changes will be considered. For example, we are hoping for a fairly normal Prom and graduation ceremony this year as long as people remain healthy. We are fully confident that if we hang in there a bit longer, we will be able to resume school in August much like we have done in years prior.

Thank you for your continued support and know that we are spending many hours considering the best practices to get through this school year as safely as possible.

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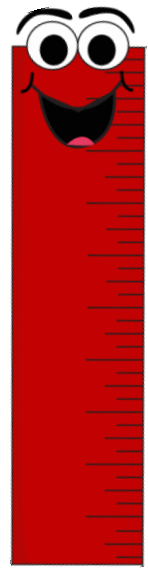
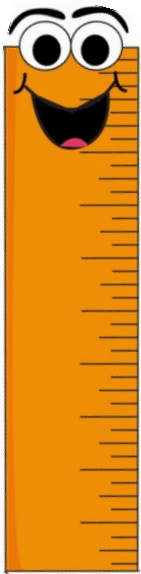
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Read Across America

March 1-March 5

Dr. Seuss Dress-Up Days!

March 1
Monday- Sleep Book
Wear your pajamas to school!
(Need to be appropriate to wear outside!)

March 2
Tuesday- Cat in the Hat
Wear a fun hat to school!

March 3
Wednesday- Wacky Wednesday
Dress mismatched or backwards!
Make your hair silly/crazy!

March 4
Thursday- One Fish, Two Fish
Wear your favorite color!

March 5
Friday- Favorite Book
Dress like your favorite book character!
(It doesn't have to be a Dr. Seuss book character either!)



Parent **Teacher** **Conferences**
Behavior **Teamwork** **Grades** **Communication** **Homework**
Progress **Goals** **Achieve**

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

March 1st & 9th
4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please register online for
Pre K-12th conferences!

Go to
www.heartlandschools.org
and click on the Parent
Teacher Conferences tab under
the Menu on the left side of
the page. Please remember to
indicate "in person" or
"virtual".

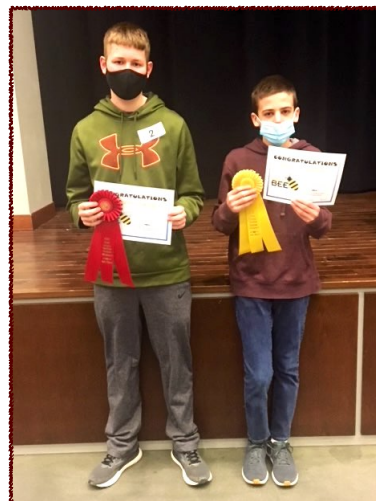
2021 York County Spelling Bee



Division I
Isabelle Buller



Division II
Tara Buzek - 1st Place
Camden Riggs - 4th Place



Division III
Austin Schmidt - 2nd Place
Jacob Buller - 4th Place

Hearthland students participated in the York County Spelling Bee at the Holthus Convention Center in York. Students representing Heartland included:

3rd/4th Grade Division: Isabelle Buller, Willabelle Panko, Sydney Rempel, Beckett Siebert

5th/6th Grade Division: Brian Bearinger, Tara Buzek, Eric Nun, Camden Riggs

7th/8th Grade Division: Jacob Buller, Zachary Miller, Emersyn Oswald, Austin Schmidt
Isabelle Buller, Camden Riggs and Jacob Buller received fourth place in their respective divisions. Austin Schmidt received second place. Tara Buzek received first place. Congratulations!



MARCH 14, 2021



**NHS
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100TH DAY CELEBRATIONS



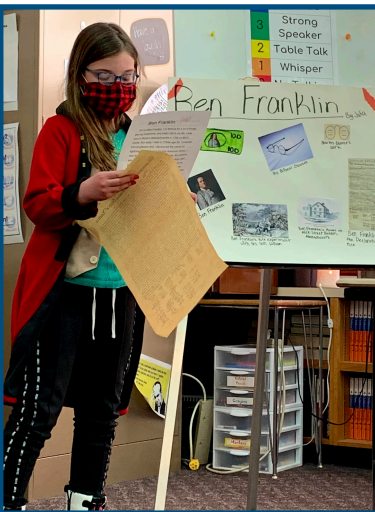


1st GRADE

We finally got to celebrate the 100th day of school, after getting pushed back due to snow days. In the morning Kindergarten, first, and second graders grouped up and spent the morning making 100's hats, monsters, caterpillars, and playing games using 100 items. Each first grader brought in a bag of 100 items and we discussed how much more room marbles took up compared to mini M&M's. We then



predicted how far 100 steps could get us from the classroom! Some of us made it to the cafeteria, others made it to the office. We finished the day doing STEM activities using 100 items, such as popsicle sticks, blocks, plastic tubes, and gears. We enjoyed being able to use items from the STEM library that was created last year!



5th grade Revolutionary Hero presentations



5TH GRADE FUN & LEARNING



Fifth grade students brightened the day for the residents and employees at Henderson Health Care by building snowmen. The smiles warmed our hearts!



Exploring our passions

Ever wonder where Post-It notes and masking tape came from? In the 1950s, 3M started "corporate genius hour" as a time for their employees to use their creativity. In fifth grade, we call it Genius Time and our goal is to create a world of geniuses! Fifth graders spend 50 minutes a week on a project of the students' choice.



Four senior members interviewed for their State FFA Degrees: Nolan Boehr, Maverick Hiebner, Maddie Miller, and Lauren Quiring. These members have been recommended by the Ag teachers of District 7 to receive the highest degree they can achieve while in high school. Members also completed 14 proficiency applications to be judged at the district level. These applications are a recap of the supervised agriculture education program (SAE). The following are the results:

- Kaden Siebert - Gold- Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance
- Wyatt Panko - Silver - Beef Production
- Lisa Buller - Silver - Vegetable Production
- Maddie Miller - Gold - Beef Production
- Merrick Maltsberger - Participant - Landscape Management
- Grace Regier - Silver - Vet Science
- Ruby Kliewer - Silver - Home and/or Occupational Safety
- Maddie Maltsberger - Gold - Health and Human Services
- Zach Quiring - Silver - Diversified Agriculture
- Lauren Quiring - Silver - Diversified Agriculture
- Carson Ott - Gold (State) - Specialty Animal
- Carson Ott - Gold (State) - Swine Production Entrepreneurship
- Alex Goertzen - Gold (State) - Swine Production Placement
- Mason Hiebner - Gold (State) - Grain Production



The fall semester provided limited opportunities for the Heartland Quiz Bowl teams and Mathematics teams to compete. Although the number of competitions were less and the set-up of the competitions were different, the members of each team represented Heartland well!

On September 16, 2020 five students competed in the Literature Bowl competition in Seward. It was a great day of competition and I'm always amazed at how well read our students are!

On October 7, 2020 3 young ladies competed in the Women's Quiz Bowl competition, also held in Seward. Due to conflicting schedules, we were only able to field a team of 3 (4 can compete), but they did great and I was impressed and proud of their performance. March is a busy month for the Quiz Bowl team. We will attend competitions at Lawrence-Nelson, SNC at David City and finish the month by competing at the ESU 6 competition to qualify for State Quiz Bowl.

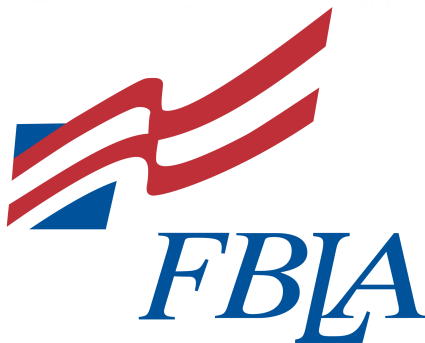
The Mathematics team was able to compete in the 31st Annual UNL Math Day in early December. The competition was virtual this year, but our students had a fun and successful day! The top team, consisting of Seniors Tobin Glinemann, Maverick Hiebner, Lauren Quiring and Cooper Regier, finished the day with a record of 3-1-1. The only loss was to class A school Millard North! The 2nd team consisting of Aaron Goertzen, Carson Ott, Kale Wetjen and Ava Tessman, finished the day with a record of 2-3, with losses to schools much larger than Heartland. It was a great day for the Heartland Mathematics department! The Mathematics team is planning to attend the annual Harvard Math Day competition at the end of March.

Although there has not been a lot of opportunity to compete, the students meet each week during lunch to prepare for future tournaments. We are hopeful that we will be able to attend the remaining scheduled events and maybe even pick up an additional date. ~Ms. Widick

Prom

We are planning on Prom 2021. As we plan, we know that anything can happen relating to COVID-19 that could cancel the prom. We are hoping that is not the case and are optimistically planning. Here's what you need to know:

- Prom - April 24
- Meal for Juniors and Seniors @ 6:45 PM
- Walkthrough 7:45 PM (Seating might be limited. The walkthrough might be streamed. We'll have to see.)
- Royalty 8:15 PM
- Dance 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM
- After Prom 12:00 AM - 2:00 AM
- Out of Town Dates - TBD, more than likely, this prom will be for Heartland students in grades 9 - 12 only



FBLA MEMBERS COMPETE VIRTUALLY - PERU STATE COLLEGE BUSINESS CONTEST

Twenty-three Heartland FBLA members competed virtually in the Peru State College Business Contest on February 3-5. This business competition gave the Heartland FBLA members the opportunity to take practice tests to prepare for the State Leadership Conference held during the month of March. Tests were taken in the following areas: Accounting, Business Communication, Business Ethics, Business Law, Business Math, Computer Concepts, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Introduction to Business, Marketing, Personal Finance, and Word Processing. The following students attended the competition: Ellyn Hall, Dawson Ohrt, Kale Wetjen, Liliana Alvarez, Tucker Bergen, Lilly Carr, Eloise Casper, Riley Goertzen, Felicity Johnson, Owen Mierau, Trev Peters, Garrett Regier, Ava Tessman, Kaylee Goertzen, Hayden Mierau, Naomi Onnen, Hunter Perez, Hudson Regier, Reese Regier, Ava Stebbing, Hendric Switzer, Mariah Tessman, and Nicholas Thiesen.

During the awards program on February 10, the following 8 members won 11 awards: **Ellyn Hall** - 1st place Business Ethics and 5th place Personal Finance; **Dawson Ohrt** 2nd Personal Finance and 4th Computer Concepts; **Kale Wetjen** 3rd Business Law and 3rd Economics; **Felicity Johnson** 2nd Accounting; **Kaylee Goertzen** 1st Word Processing; **Hendric Switzer** 4th Introduction to Business; **Mariah Tessman** 3rd Introduction to Business; and **Nicholas Thiesen** 2nd Introduction to Business.

Congratulations to these Heartland FBLA members!



Heartland Community Schools March 2021

1	Long John  Goulash Steamed Corn Garlic Bread	2	Waffles Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas	3	Breakfast Pizza Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	4	Mini Pancake Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	5	Apple Frudel  Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies	All grains are whole grain rich.
8	Coffee Cake Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Peas	9	Egg & Cheese Biscuit  French Dip Sandwich French Fries Green Beans	10	Loaded Hashbrown Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	11	Tornado Chicken Fajitas Steamed Corn Long John	12	NO SCHOOL	A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.
15	Sausage & Biscuit Sweet & Sour Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice	16	Cherry Frudel French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	17	Waffles  Chili Cinnamon Rolls Saltnes	18	Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	19	Strawberry Bagel  Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies	A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.
22	NO SCHOOL	23	Mini Pancake Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	24	Long John  Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	25	Coffee Cake Crispitos Nachos Steamed Broccoli	26	Apple Frudel  Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies	Menu is subject to change without notice.
29	Loaded Hashbrown Pig in the Blanket Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	30	Tornado Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Peas	31	Chocolate Chip French Toast  Hamburger Chips Cookie				All beef is donated and locally raised.	





March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 4:00 PM JH Quiz Bowl 4:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences	2 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	3 FFA District CDE	4 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	5 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	6 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)
7	8 SNC Quiz Bowl 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	9 4:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences	10 FFA District Livestock Judging	11 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	12 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) No School	13 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)
14 Daylight Saving Time	15 NHS Blood Drive 6:30 PM FBLA Bingo Night at Legacy Square	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 10:00 AM Track: Varsity vs. Doane College (Away)	20
21	22 No School-Teacher Professional Development	23 12:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Centuria Gibbon Public Schools Harvard Hastings St. Cecilia Lawrence Nelson Osceola Public Schools Shelton Superior Junior/Senior > Multiple Schools (Away)	24 Quiz Bowl	25	26 Passover	27
28 Palm Sunday	29 Math Day Holi	30 2:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Centennial Conestoga Cougars Freeman Milford Palmyra Thayer Central Community School Tri County > Multiple Schools (Away) 4:00 PM Golf: Boys Varsity Triangular @ Sutton (Away)	31 ESU Quiz Bowl	1 April Fools' Day 9:00 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Blue Hill Central Junior/Senior Dasher Fairbury Fillmore Central Grand Island Central Catholic Hastings Lawrence Nelson Red Cloud Sandy Creek Junior/Senior Shickley Sutton Thayer Central Community School > Multiple Schools (Away)	2 No School Good Friday	3

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPRING ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2021

VARSITY TRACK

Friday, March 19	—Invite @ Doane	10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 23	—Invite @ Sutton	12:00 PM
Tuesday, March 30	—Invite @ Wilber-Clatonia (Wilber)	2:00 PM
Tuesday, April 6	—Invite @ Sandy Creek	10:30 AM
Thursday, April 15	—Invite @ HEARTLAND	11:00 PM
Tuesday, April 20	—Invite @ Centennial (Utica)	2:00 PM
Monday, April 26	—Central Nebraska Track Invite @ Grand Island Northwest (Postpone to 27 th)	2:30 PM?
Monday, April 26	—Quad @ Centennial	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 1	—SNC Conference Meet @ Wilber-Clatonia (May 3rd Postponement Date)	10:00 AM
Thursday, May 6	—Invite @ Sutton	1:00 PM
Thursday, May 13(C)	Districts @ TBA (May 13/14 District Postponement Dates)	TBA
Fri/Sat, May 21-22.	—State Track Championships @ Omaha Burke	9:00AM

BOYS GOLF

Tuesday, March 30	—Triangular @ Sutton	4:00 PM
Thursday, April 1	—Invite @ Superior Country Club	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 7	—Invite @ Friend Country Club	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 13	—Invite @ Hidden Hills Country Club (Geneva)	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 14	—Invite @ Thornridge Golf Course (Milford)	9:30 AM
Monday, April 19	—Quad @ York Country Club	4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 21	—Invite @ David City Golf Course	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 27	—Scramble @ Red Cloud Golf Club	9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 4	—Invite @ Fox Follow Golf Course (Sutton)	9:00 AM
Thursday, May 6	—SNC Conference Meet @ Sandy Creek May 7th Postponement Date)	9:00 AM
Wednesday, May 12	—Invite @ Hebron Country Club	9:30 AM
Monday, May 17 OR Tuesday, May 18	—Districts @ TBA	TBA
Tue/Wed, May 25-26	—State Golf Championship	9:30 AM

JR. HIGH TRACK

Dual with Giltner	TBA	
Thursday, April 8	—Invite @ Sandy Creek	2:00 PM
Tuesday, April 13	—Invite @ HEARTLAND	12:30 PM
Thursday, April 22	—Invite @ Doniphan-Trumbull (Doniphan)	1:30 PM
Thursday, April 29	—Invite @ Fillmore Central (Geneva)	2:00 PM
Monday, May 3	—Invite @ Sutton	12:30 PM
Friday, May 7	—SNC Conference Meet @ Fairbury (May 10 th Postponement Date)	10:00 AM
Saturday, May 15	—State JH Track Meet @ Gothenburg	TBA

Online Scholastic Book Fair

March 1st - 14th

This year the Scholastic Book Fair will be online, beginning March 1st. **There are two ways to shop!** Go to your school Book Fair Homepage <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/heartlandcommunity>. Families can shop from The Scholastic Store Online, featuring over 6,000 items, or through the Virtual Book Fair, with over 200 of our top-selling books. All orders ship directly to your home.



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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 at 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 15, 2021 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

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