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Dear Parents, Patrons, and Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

This issue of our newsletter is the final one for the 2011-2012 school year. We will be sending out an abbreviated one towards the end of May with schedule of summer activities for students.

It is exciting to see the many accomplishments of the Heartland students in the FBLA, FFA, Music, and athletic competitions. I believe we can be extremely proud of these accomplishments. We have an excellent group of students with a lot of talent and we should be very thankful for their efforts.

A Fine Arts night has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for the art students to show their art work and for the music students to perform one last time before the commencement activities. The Art Club is having a silent auction, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., of some of their art work to raise funds for their activities. Please come and view their work and support the students by being part of the audience and by bidding on the student art work.

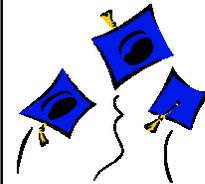
An Awards Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the theater, which will be a time to recognize their many accomplishments. Please come out and show your support to the Heartland students.

We want to continually work towards maintaining a positive educational atmosphere for our staff and students. When you look at the student accomplishments mentioned earlier, it is evident that the quality of education is high at Heartland and we can be thankful for the dedication of the staff and you, as parents, working together to provide these opportunities.

We want to recognize Sherryl Friesen, who is retiring, for her 27 years of service to the Heartland District. She is currently teaching 5th grade. Suzanne Ratzlaff retired at the end of the 1st quarter after 36 years as an elementary teacher, and Sandy Klassen is retiring after serving as a para professional for the past 22 years. She first worked in the building as part of the ESU 6 staff and then as a Heartland employee. There will be an open house, in their honor, held in the school cafeteria on Sunday, May 20, 2012, from 1-3 p.m. Thanks, Sherryl, Suzanne, and Sandy, for your combined service of 85 years to the students of the Heartland District.

We hope everyone makes an effort to end the year on a positive note and that each of you has a great summer.

Sincerely,
Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent



GRADUATION

The Heartland Community Schools Commencement activities will be held on Sunday, May 13, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. in the north (new) gym.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“Dream Big READ!” is the theme for this year’s Summer Reading Program which begins June 12th. The elementary library will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00-12:00am, with a story time feature at 9:30am on Tuesdays. Students who read 100 minutes per week can bring in their minutes and are eligible for reading incentive prizes and books. Transportation will be provided for students who live in the Bradshaw area. At the end of the school year, information packets will be sent home with the students. Parents of preschoolers may pick up packets at the office or when they first attend.



RETIREMENT PARTY

Please join us in the cafeteria at Heartland Community Schools on Sunday, May 20th to honor Dr. Norm Yoder, Suzanne Ratzlaff, Sherryl Friesen and Sandy Klassen as they begin their retirement. The reception will be from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Hope to see you all there!

SEVEN HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Seven Heartland FBLA members have qualified for the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The conference will be held June 28 to July 3. The following students will compete this summer: Cody Brown in Accounting II; Sondra Buller in Hospitality Management; Ashley Quiring in Accounting II; Allison Braun and Bailey Carr in Desktop Publishing; Kaitlyn Quiring in Word Processing I; and Colton Siebert in Introduction to Business.

BANQUET & PROM

On May 5th, 2012, we will hold the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a banquet meal for Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:30 p.m. in the Old gym. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for juniors and guest, complimentary for seniors. After the banquet, the students will do a walk-through from the cafeteria to the theater starting at 7:45 p.m. Pictures may be taken at this time. The 9-12 student body, parents and guests are invited to the Royalty ceremony held in the school theater starting at 8:15 p.m. The prom dance will be held in the South (Old) Gym starting at 9:00 p.m. Students will need to purchase a \$5.00 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All Heartland 9-12 students and guests are invited to the dance and post prom activities. All activities are chaperoned by parents. Any students leaving the prom early will need sponsor permission and parents will be called.



2011-2012 ACTIVITIES AWARDS NIGHT

On Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 we will honor our students with awards earned for the 2011-2012 school year. The ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater. After the awards, all students, parents/family, and community members are invited to an ice cream social in the cafeteria. The program will be as follows:

Welcome

Presentation of Awards

1. Scholastic
2. National Honor Society
3. Drama
4. FBLA
5. FFA
6. Science Club
7. Music
8. Art Club
9. Athletics
 - a. Football
 - b. Volleyball
 - c. Golf
 - d. Basketball
 - e. Track
10. Special Awards



**THE HEARTLAND FACULTY AND STAFF
WOULD LIKE TO THANK
DR. NORM YODER FOR HIS
27 YEARS OF SERVICE.
YOU WILL BE MISSED!**

On April 10th the art club hosted the Elementary Art Show from 2:30 to 4:30. Coming up on Tuesday, May 1st art club



will also be hosting the High School Art Show from 6:30 to 7:30. Several awards will be chosen by judges, including Best of Show in 2-D and 3-D as well as Honorable Mentions in both categories. A new addition to the art show this year is the silent auction. These activities will be located in the theatre hallway. Please come and bid to purchase your favorite piece of artwork done by the high school students. The bidding will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 7:15 pm.



ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Every day matters. That means that each school day contains something of value. It was true on the first day of school and it's true now, as classes wind down.

It is critical that your child be in school this time of year. Many events that occur at the end of the school year will play a significant role in how well your child does this year. Your child's passing or failure may even be at stake.

Here are just a few of the reasons your child must be in school:

- **Review work.** At this time of year, teachers devote class time to reviewing the entire school year. This is to prepare students for testing that covers the whole year. Often students prepare for two tests per class. They must prepare for state exams. Then they must prepare for the final given by their teacher. Being in class for review work is strongly linked to how well your child will do on exams.
- **Exams.** Your child needs to be in school on test dates. Make up dates for state exams and finals are limited.
- **Projects.** Some teachers require end-of-year projects. If your child is not in school, she will not be available to hear about due dates and resources for these projects. Nor will she be able to ask teachers for help if she is stuck.

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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 exam and may be performed any time after May 1 prior to the next school year. These physicals are for all students entering grades 8-12 who will participate in sports for the 2012-13 school year. Payment of \$25.00 is required at the time of service. A parent must accompany any student under 19 years of age.

SEVENTH GRADE PHYSICAL

A physical examination is required upon entry into 7th 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 7th 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 7th 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 Varicella vaccines or a history of having chicken pox. Immunizations are available at the clinic or at 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: 2 doses of MMR, 3 doses of Hepatitis, at least 3 doses of DPT and IPV, and two doses of Varivax (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 at 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.

HEARTLAND PRESCHOOL TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Heartland Preschool is now taking applications for the 2012-13 school year. There will again be two sessions, each running four days a week, Monday through Thursday. Mornings will be for 3-year-olds and the afternoons will be for 4 & 5-year-olds. Peers can attend two, three, or four sessions a week. There is a cost for the peers to attend preschool of approximately \$2.50/hour. Tuition can be paid by the month, quarter or semester, and is due prior to the start of each pay period. Reduced or free tuition is also available for those families who qualify. Please let me know if you want to apply for tuition assistance.

In selecting peer models for Heartland Preschool, the program teacher and administrator have to consider the numbers and individual needs of the students for which the program is designed. The peers who are believed to fit best into the sessions are the ones selected. Peers also need to be ones who will provide good language and social modeling for the children who are receiving specialized intervention. The children not selected as peer models can remain on the waiting list and might be added later in the school year or be considered again the following year if they are not kindergarten eligible by then. Every effort will be made to accommodate all parents who want their child in Heartland Preschool or to recommend other preschool programs in the area if necessary.

SUMMER LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a wonderful opportunity waiting for you to make a difference in the lives of young readers this summer!

"Dream Big READ!" is the theme of the Summer Library and Reading Program at the Heartland elementary school library this summer and volunteers are needed to make this reading theme come alive for children. Volunteers may read, tell, or dramatize a story for children during a 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 their own life experiences involving stories.



The library will be open at Heartland Community School on Tuesdays and Fridays, from June 12th to July 20th. Story hour will be at 9:30 A.M on Tuesdays. If you would like to get involved in reading to children during the Summer Library Program, please call the school office at 723-4434.

HEARTLAND FBLA SHINES AT THE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN OMAHA

Heartland FBLA students attended the Nebraska FBLA State Leadership Conference in Omaha on March 29-31. Heartland students earned 32 awards at this conference. The students attending the conference were: (Seniors) Cody Brown, Sondra Buller and Rachel King (Juniors) Ashley Bittinger, Jordan Bittinger, Mikaelyn Dick, Sara Brune, Janelle Huebert, Lincoln Ruybalid and Ashley Quiring (Sophomores) Allison Braun, Bailey Carr, Aubrey DeBraul, Sidney Dick, Jonathan Larson and Morgan Michel (Freshmen) Tyler Brown, Tierney Casper, Gina Grady, Cody Kroeker, Kaitlyn Quiring, Sheppard Ruybalid and Colton Siebert. Also attending was adviser Kristy Most.

The keynote speaker of the Opening General Session was Keith Hawkins. His message was titled "Go Human." He motivated students to go first when it comes to leading others. Keith created an environment that allowed students to interact with other students from different schools to have the opportunity to GO HUMAN and make a difference. The Opening Session concluded with the campaign speeches of 14 candidates running for 6 state officer positions.

The leadership conference was filled with competitive events ranging from Accounting I and Desktop Publishing to Introduction to Business and Word Processing, plus many more. The Second General Session was held Friday evening where Honorable Mention awards were announced recognizing those who placed in the top 4% of each event.

The Awards Program held on Saturday morning announced the top eight winners in each event and revealed who would represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas, this summer. Only the top two or three from each event earn the honor to compete on the national level, which is a great accomplishment. The installation of the 2012-13 State Officer Team was also conducted during this session.

Students earning awards were: Cody Brown - 1st Accounting II, 1st Economics, 3rd Entrepreneurship and Honorable Mention Spreadsheet Applications; Sondra Buller - Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA, 3rd Hospitality Management, 5th Marketing and 7th Digital Design and Promotion; Rachel King - 5th Marketing and 7th Digital Design and Promotion; Mikaelyn Dick - 7th Word Processing II; Janelle Huebert - Honorable Mention Health Care Administration; Ashley Quiring - 1st Word Processing II, 2nd Accounting II, 3rd Entrepreneurship, 4th Business Communications, 4th Business Procedures and 6th Business Calculations; Allison Braun - 2nd Accounting I, 2nd Word Processing II, 4th Desktop Publishing and Honorable Mention Introduction to Business; Bailey Carr - 4th Desktop Publishing; Aubrey DeBraul - 6th Keyboarding Knowledge and Honorable Mention Proofreading; Jonathan Larson - 8th Accounting I; Gina Grady - Honorable Mention Introduction to Business, Honorable Mention Word Processing I and Honorable Mention Spelling; Kaitlyn Quiring - 2nd

Word Processing I and Honorable Mention Introduction to Business; Sheppard Ruybalid - Honorable Mention Proofreading and Honorable Mention Spelling; Colton Siebert - 1st Introduction to Business, 5th Introduction to Technology Concepts and 6th Word Processing I.



Front Row: Cody Kroeker, Sheppard Ruybalid, Tyler Brown, Jonathan Larson, Colton Siebert, Lincoln Ruybalid, Cody Brown and Tierney Casper.

Back Row: Gina Grady, Janelle Huebert, Morgan Michel, Sidney Dick, Sara Brune, Jordan Bittinger, Rachel King, Ashley Quiring, Mikaelyn Dick, Bailey Carr, Ashley Bittinger, Aubrey DeBraul, Kaitlyn Quiring and Allison Braun.

Not Pictured: Sondra Buller.

HEARTLAND FFA MEMBERS ATTENDS NE STATE FFA CONVENTION

The Heartland FFA chapter recently visited Lincoln for the annual State FFA Convention. Some highlights of State Convention were state contests, state FFA choir, leadership workshops, keynote speakers, general sessions and the State Degree Ceremony.

The Nebraska State FFA Degree is the highest honor the Nebraska FFA Association can bestow upon its members. Receiving the Nebraska State FFA Degree from the Heartland FFA Chapter were Rick Siebert, Brenan Erb, Brielle van den Berg, Andrew Spader, Miranda Janzen, Micheal Brune, Morgan Tracy, Abigail Bechtel, Casey Goertzen and Cort Regier.

As a chapter, Heartland received a Gold rating in the National Chapter Award program and also received a certificate for being one of the top fundraising chapters in the State for the "I believe in the Future of Ag Campaign." Additionally, seven FFA members were selected to sing in the State FFA Choir. Those members were: Abigail Bechtel, Morgan Tracy, Emily Ott, Brenan Erb, Daniel Quiring, Aaron Jensen and Coby Steingard.

Heartland FFA Members also participated in the State Leadership Skills Events.

Receiving a Silver Medal was Rick Siebert in Job Interview. Miranda Janzen was awarded a Bronze Medal in Senior Public Speaking. Also participating in the State Leadership Skills Events and receiving a Bronze Plaque was the Ag Demonstration Team. Team members were Morgan Tracy, Steph Stamp, Brent Regier and Aaron Jensen.



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Many other Heartland FFA Members participated in the State Career Development Events. Below is a list of all members who participated and how they performed:

Ag Sales – 6th Place Team Blue

Rick Siebert – 6th purple
Andrew Spader – 10th purple
Abigail Bechtel – Blue
Daniel Quiring - White

Jr. Livestock Selection – Team Blue

Kelli Bergen – Purple
Kaeli Lundstrom – Blue
Brandon Boardman
Lydia Quiring

Meats – Team White

Brenan Erb – Blue
Aaron Jensen – White
Brent Regier – White
Matthew Hiebner

Sr. Livestock Selection

Brielle van den Berg – Red
Micheal Brune – White
Casey Goertzen
Cort Regier

Natural Resources

Sam Boardman – White
Ashton Kroeker
Maelyn Huebert
Emily Ott

Agronomy

Megan Boardman – White
Sam Boardman
Leah Friesen
Megan Friesen

Agriscience

Rachelle Allen
Paige Mestl
Parker Goertzen
Jordan Heinrichs

Welding

Casey Goertzen
Cort Regier
Matthew Hiebner

Encouraging Reading

EXPERTS RECOMMEND THAT KIDS KEEP READING OVER THE SUMMER

Research shows that one of the very best ways to reduce summer learning loss is to read. But how can you keep your middle schooler reading over the summer months? You can:

- **Visit the library.** Don't just check out books. Position your child in front of the magazine rack for 15 minutes and let him browse. If you are planning a summer trip, ask him to pick out a few audio books to listen to as you travel. Open up as many avenues for literacy as possible.
- **Think fun.** Boys, especially, tend to enjoy graphic novels. Summer is the perfect time to gobble them up. There may not be as much opportunity for light reading during the school year.
- **Challenge your child.** If your child's teacher hands out a summer reading list, make a deal with your child: If he reads one or two extra books on the list, you will give him a special treat or privilege.

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HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS -

Henderson/Bradshaw
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2012
Conference Room
7:00 PM
MINUTES

Members Present: Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Paul Brune, Boyd Stuhr, Jr., Glenn Larson, and Kent Allen (arrived 8:04 pm) Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr, and Cindy Huebert. Faculty: Justin Sand Patrons: Greg Boehr, Erik Wetjen, Jerry Huebert, James Ohrt, Rob Mierau, Jeff Peters, Gary Buller, Brian Bergen, Jason Quiring and Nate Goertzen.

I. Call to Order
President Brune called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. President Brune declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He also indicated the posting of the open meetings law at the front of the room.

III. Approval of Agenda

Action 1: Motion by Larson, second by Braun, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent.

IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

Several patrons were in attendance to discuss the no Sunday use of the facilities and the use of school vans for Sunday camps.

V. Sunday Use Policy

The board reviewed the policy related to Sunday use of the facilities.

Action 2: Motion by Stuhr, second by Larson, to allow the Henderson Youth Football group to use the school football field for up to three games this fall as scheduled by the league. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent.

VI. Consent Agenda

Action 3: Motion by Stuhr, second by Braun, to approve consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2012, the general fund claims, and financial reports. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent.

Action 4: Motion by Braun, second by Brune, to excuse Kent Allen. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent.

VII. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on the PTO Book Fair, NHS Read Across America Day with elementary students, kindergarten roundup, student testing, elementary room mother selection, student assessment, teacher inservice activities and student achievements and future technology plans.

VIII. Discussion with Neighboring Districts

No further discussions have taken place with neighboring school districts

IX. Review Plans for the Meeting on Conference Affiliation

Supt. Yoder reviewed the discussion plans for the meeting with interested schools on conference affiliation.

X. Current Legislation

The board reviewed current legislation.

XI. Policy Review

The board reviewed Section I – Instructional Program Policies IB –IED. They also held the first reading on revised policy IMD – Internet Safety and Acceptable Use as required by new legislation.

XII. Summer Projects

Action 5: Motion by Larson, second by Wilhelm, to approve the sanding and refinishing of the theater stage floor prior to installing new carpet. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 6: Motion by Braun, second by Stuhr, to approve the installation of new carpet in Room 8. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XIII. Review of Board Goals

The board discussed the possibility of providing additional shuttle service to Bradshaw and to consider sending a van or school bus to York for interested students in the fall.

Action 7: Motion by Larson, second by Stuhr, to approve sending a bus into York to pick up Heartland students beginning 2012-2013 school year.

XIV. NRCSA Conference

Several board members made plans to attend the NRCSA Conference in Kearney on March 22 and 23.

XV. Art Fund Raising Project

Action 8: Motion by Larson, second by Braun, to approve the art club holding a silent auction to have their art projects auctioned off. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVI. Personnel

Action 9: Motion by Braun, second by Stuhr, to accept the resignation of Bob Orlando, who is retiring at the end of April, and express sincere appreciation for his years of service to the Heartland district. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 10: Motion by Larson, second by Stuhr, to offer a contract to Tami Peters, to teach kindergarten, for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 11: Motion by Larson, second by Stuhr, to offer a contract to Tara Maltsberger, to teach 5th grade, for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 12: Motion by Braun, second by Larson, to offer certified contracts for the 2012-2013 school year as discussed. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 13: Motion by Allen, second by Larson, to approve extra curricular assignments for the 2012-2013 school year as discussed. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 14: Motion by Brune, second by Stuhr, to go into executive session at 10:26 p.m. to discuss the new Superintendents role.

President Brune declared to exit the executive session at 10:45 p.m.

XVII. Adjournment

President Brune adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1st - 7-12 Fine Arts Festival & Silent Auction 6:30 pm
- Vocal and Band Concert 7:30 pm
- May 5th - Prom
- May 7th - NHS Banquet 6:30 pm
- May 8th - Awards Night 7:00 pm
- May 8th - Seniors Last Day
- May 9th - NO SCHOOL - District Track Meet @ (H)
- May 13th - Commencement 2:30pm
- May 15th - Board of Education Meeting 8:00 pm
- May 15th - Elementary Field Day 12:30 pm
- May 18th - Last day of School Dismiss @ 11:30 am
- May 18-19th - State Track Meet in Omaha
- May 20th - Retirement Party
- May 21st-23rd - Band Trip to Kansas City
- May 22nd-23rd - State Golf TBA